

## ENGLISH

### WORDS OF THE MONTH

**resilience:** resilience is the ability to cope when things go wrong

**meticulous:** showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise

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## ART

### FAST FACT

Roman statues were made with detachable heads. One head could be taken off and replaced by yet another one.

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## EDITORIAL

### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It is most inspiring that more parents are choosing home-schooling. This is the first time that I am undertaking this adventure with my 7 year old daughter. This first month has been a learning experience for me. The transition from structured learning to a-vista-of-potential-harnessing has been both challenging and fun. I personally enjoy the freedom and the discovery of hidden potential in my daughter. Culturally, I am giving her something she would not get in mainstream schooling. I also have the prerogative to impart much-needed values to her, to enable her to become an asset to herself and society. Might I also add that the father-daughter bond really gets cemented.... I'm scared, though, when one day she will belong to the heart of another man!

Seems like kids are going around and exploring their country and supplementing their book-learning with real-life experiences across different cultures and environments. In this edition, Hamza writes about the exciting field trip of kayaking in the mangroves; Megha tells us something interesting about the ecosystems; soccer enthusiast Ammar reviews an indoor football stadium that people can rent; Omar shares a yummy recipe about banana ice-cream; Camila describes to us the colourful Chinese New Year; Zaraar shares some humour in the Joke section; Ananya displays her artistic abilities in Easy Art with butterflies; our delightful comic strip is by Shehrezad; Deen tells us more about Boy Scouts and Manaia reports back on the Readers' Cup.

Keep your contributions coming. Stay inspired!

**Vimal Singh**



# KAYAKING IN THE MANGROVES

By Hamza Sayeed ( 8 )



OPEN AIR CLASSROOM

A few weeks ago, a bunch of homeschoolers went kayaking in the mangroves. It was fun! If your kid is small, it may be tiring. But the good thing is they only give two person kayaks, but if there is an odd number of people that may be a problem.

The mangroves were in Abu Dhabi. There were many crabs, and they told us about the mangroves and how they affected the life that lived in Abu Dhabi.

First we did a little bit of kayaking, then we turned into a small little channel, then the instructor told us about the mangroves. Then we went back the way we came and went to a beach called Fox Beach.

There used to be foxes there but now, sadly, they are all gone. He said that a lot of mangroves in the world have been cut down to make room for fancy hotels by the sea. He said development can be good but it needs to be balanced out with protecting nature.



HAMZA POINTING OUT A CRAB IN ITS HOME

Mangroves are the places where many baby fish hatch and grow up so it is important to be gentle in those areas. And the tour brings you through some shallow areas so if you don't know how to kayak it can be harmful to the wildlife there.

If you are 6 and above and you are ready to do some arm work, I would recommend this trip.



## MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

### THE CHEVRON READERS' CUP

By Manaia Barns (14)

The Chevron Readers' Cup competition is an opportunity which enables young readers across the UAE to read some interesting books from the upcoming Emirates Festival of Literature. This competition is a celebration of young readers and their passion for books.

In this competition, students in teams of up to four, answer questions straight from the books themselves. This means the participants have to use their reading comprehension skills to answer the questions successfully. They have to take into account every detail of the books so when the time comes, they can answer any questions posed in the written test.

The people at the festival choose thought-provoking books with interesting underlying meanings and morals which can introduce new concepts to the readers. This competition is an awesome team-building and discovery experience. I highly recommend checking out the festival and if you do I hope you enjoy it!



## SCIENCE CORNER

### RAINFOREST DIORAMA

By Megha Kapoor(7.5)



Our science project was to make a rainforest diorama. We learnt about all the different animals and plants living in a rainforest.

We compared & observed the difference in the animal & plant life with other ecosystems like the ocean, desert & arctic. Co-existence of the animals & plants enables their survival.



## AROUND TOWN

AHDAF



By Ammar Qalyoubi (13)

Kick off your weekend with a new football experience. Visit Ahdaaf for the ultimate indoor football games. Book your football pitch online and score your way to victory with teams of 5x5 or 6x6.

Located at Al Qouz, Industrial Area 2, Al Marabea St., come along with friends and family and have a quick fun match.



By Shehrezad Ali Syed (10.5)





# HOBBIES

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Written by Deen Rashad (9)

We joined the Boy Scouts this year. I liked it because we went camping and did lots of adventures. We also played with our friends and learnt how to use a pocket knife and make a fire. We went on a hike where we made a periscope. We missed performing in the skits because we had to go to Sudan.

Boy Scouts is fun as it teaches you many things like being courteous, loyal, friendly, brave, clean, trustworthy and reverent.



LAUGHTER

# JOKES TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

By Zaraar Ali Syed (7.5)

**Q: What is big and green and sits in the corner?**

A: The Incredible Sulk.

**Q: What do footballers like to drink?**

A: Penal-tea.

**Q: Why are the floors of basketball courts wet?**

A: The players dribble a lot.

**Q: What is brown, prickly and squirts jam?**

A: A hedgehog eating a donut.

**Q: Which birds steal soap from the bath?**

A: Robber ducks.

**Q: Where would you find a present for your cat?**

A: A cat-alogue.

**Q: Which evil Star Wars hero wears a black helmet and goes quack quack?**

A: Duck Vader.

# 10 FACTS ABOUT THE CHINESE NEW YEAR 2019!

By Camila Barns (8)

1. The Chinese New Year is also called the Spring Festival.

2. The day it happens is determined by the moon.

3. In 2019, it happens on February 5th.

4. It is a day to pray for a good harvest season and to remember ancestors.

5. Every year has a zodiac animal. This year is the year of The Pig.

6. Children receive “lucky” money in red envelopes!
7. The most fireworks in the world are set off on the night of Chinese New Year to scare away monsters and bring good luck!

8. It is the longest Chinese holiday lasting 40 days in total.

9. No showering, sweeping or throwing garbage out on New Year’s Day to keep all good luck from being accidentally thrown out!

10. Chinese New Year is celebrated around the world. Did you know that 1 in every 5 people in the world is Chinese?

Happy Chinese New Year everyone!





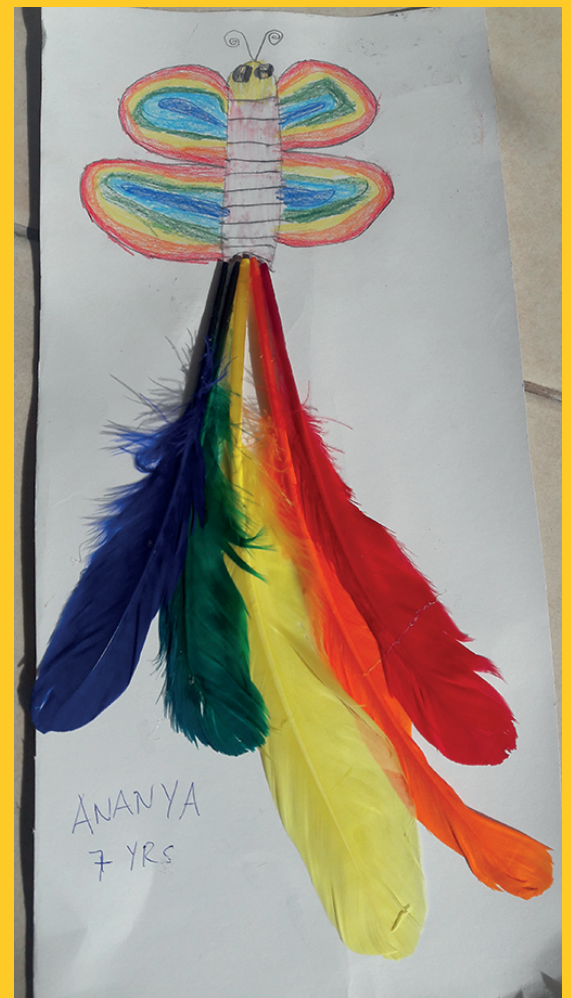
## CRAFTS

### BUTTERFLY ART

By Ananya Kapoor(7.5)

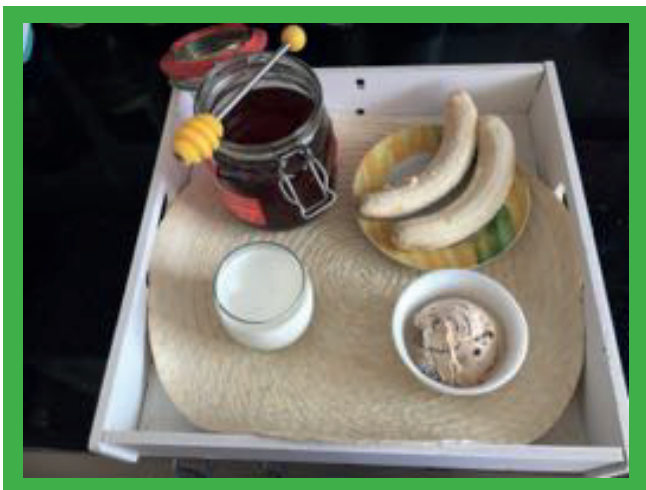
#### Steps

1. Make a butterfly outline.
2. Colour the butterfly as you wish.
3. Take some colourful feathers and stick at the bottom.



## BANANA ICE-CREAM SHAKE

By Omar Qalyoubi (12)



#### Ingredients

- 1 tsp honey
- 200ml milk
- 1 scoop of any flavoured ice-cream
- 2 bananas

Serves 2 cups



#### Steps

1. Cut the bananas in half and put in blender
2. Add milk to the blender
3. Add 1 scoop ice-cream
4. Add 1 tsp honey
5. Blend all ingredients until smooth

