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Academic Achievements 2019-2020

GEMS

United Indian School
ABU DHABI



جيمس

مدرسة جيمس الهندية المتحدة
أبوظبي

Grade 10 results of CBSE Board Exam Congratulations!

School Toppers

Toppers



Candace Sara Ciju
97.4%



Shreehan Santosh Kate
97.2%



Mihir Mahesh Mukhi
96.8%

French Topper



Adhwaith Mahesh
100%



Candace Sara Ciju
100%



Mihir Mahesh Mukhi
100%



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100%



Tavnoor Kaur
100%

Social Studies Topper

Malayalam Toppers



Ridha Khadeeja Subair
99%



Dhanya Anilkumar
99%

Hindi Topper



Shreehan Santosh Kate
96%

Science Topper

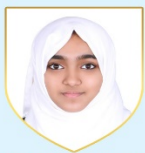


Shreehan Santosh Kate
97%

English Toppers



Chris Davis Suju
99%



Sana Muhammad
99%



Shreehan Santosh Kate
99%

Grade 12 results of CBSE Board Exam Congratulations!

School Toppers

Science Topper



Mariam Khadeeja
95.8%

Commerce Topper



Afreen nizam
91.6%

Humanities Topper



Angela Salomi Sabu
95.4%



Sumaya Hayatullah
95.4%

Physics Toppers



Gokul Somarajan Nair
95%



Karthik Murali
95%



Paras Thakur
95%



Vaishnav Suresh
95%



Shahbaaz Rahim
95%



Sachin Rajamoni
95%



Renjith Jayakrishnan
95%

Chemistry Toppers



Gokul Somarajan Nair
95%



Karthik Murali
95%



Paras Thakur
95%



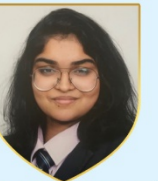
Shahbaaz Rahim
95%



Sachin Rajamoni
95%



Renjith Jayakrishnan
95%



Priya Siva Prasad
95%



Mariam Khadeeja
95%



Nasneen Musadic
95%



Muqaddas
95%

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School Toppers

Biology Topper

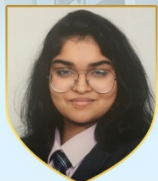
Gokul Somarajan Nair
97%

Mathematics Toppers

Gokul Somarajan Nair
95%Karthik Murali
95%Karthik Murali
95%Akshara Prem
95%

Computer Science Toppers

English Toppers

Priya Siva Prasad
99%Saeha Rishadat
99%Waezah Tazmeen
99%

Business Studies Toppers

Shivamally Ajeesh
97%Angela Salomi Sabu
97%

Economics topper

Afreen nizam
98%

Sociology Topper

Angela Salomi Sabu
96%

Accountancy Topper

Sradha Ramesh
86%

Psychology topper

Angela Salomi Sabu
100%

Fine Arts topper

Afreen nizam
100%

Physical Education Topper

Rehan Abdu Salim
99%

- Sports achievements

No sports events were conducted due to Covid.

- PTA activities

Open Houses were conducted to share students' progress (strengths, learning gaps and action plan to improve).

Parents volunteered to support environment-related events and Jewels of Kindness actions at home.

- Important SMC decisions
 1. Clubs and catch up classes were introduced into the curriculum. The Arabic catch up session was well appreciated by the parents. Many different games, sports and activity based clubs are introduced to further boost the students' interest.
 2. Partnering with British Council for IELTS sessions and scholarships from universities to meet international standards.
 3. Board Classes - Weekly examination (Sunday morning) for 1 ½ hour is being conducted with Mock exams in December.
- No. of students

Grade	Sections	Strength
KG1	20	433
KG2	21	511
1	14	393
2	10	276
3	13	373
4	9	261
5	6	185
6	5	151
7	5	124
8	5	152
9	6	155
10	5	125
11	4	98
12	5	115
Total	128	3352

- Innovations

Teaching and learning went online which required innovative teaching, learning and assessment to be done on online applications.

Teachers used multi-modal approaches to gauge learning and assess students.

Assessments went online in the form on MCQ and short answer questions on MS Forms. Long answers were scanned and sent to teachers on MS Assignment for feedback.

Open Houses were conducted online.

All events/competitions were conducted online.

Teacher wellbeing strategies were put in place to support their development in online learning set up.

- Events/Activities

1. NMS Kalos Ritmo 2020_ 2nd Primary Inter-School Virtual Callisthenic Drill Display

The Primary F2F students of grades 4 and 5 triumphantly celebrated their **championship** win in the NMS Kalos Ritmo 2020- Inter-School Virtual Callisthenic Drill Display Competition, hosted by Gems New Millennium School on Wednesday, 28th October 2020. Under the able guidance of our PE and cinematography team, GEMS UIS won the first position, defeating 5 other competing schools. Our students proved that COVID or not, there is no staying away from physical exercise.



2. Prodigy artist of UIS

Meet the **prodigy artist** of GEMS UIS, **Miss Sushmita Das of class 5B**. She is just 10 years old and has already accumulated more than **100 accolades** for her **breathtaking artwork** at various **inter-school, national and international level competitions**.

3. Sastra Pratibha Contest 2020 organized by Science Forum UAE

The **Sastra Prathibha Contest** is an examination that aims at encouraging students to test their knowledge and application of science. It is a part of national level contests for students organized in India by the Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) and Science India Forum (SIF) in UAE. **Sajini Vardharajan** of class 5 has **bagged the**

prestigious title of Topper at the Sastra Prathiba Contest 2020. She ranked **first amongst hundreds of other competitors from different schools all over UAE.**

4. Emirate Literature Festival – ENBD Poetry Elocution

Rohit Shibu of 4G rode The Crocodile, a poem by Roald Dahl, all the way to the finals. He is **in the top three prize winners** in the **junior category of all over UAE inter-school Poetry Elocution competition after winning his way through tough preliminary rounds.** Final standings of the competition will be announced on March 14, 2021.

5. Emirates Literature Festival- Chevron Readers’ Cup

Our all-girls team of **voracious readers, Deborah Ciju Kurian, Sajini Vardharajan, Irene Robin and Enayah Fathima** have scaled the ladder to **place first in the Chevron Readers’ Cup from amongst 200 participating teams.** In a neck-to-neck battle against schools from **all over the UAE,** they’ve impressed all with their **analysis of 5 books** by top-selling authors of this year’s Literature Festival in UAE.



6. Shakespeare creative writing story writing competition

Enayah Fathima of 4G was one of the top 10 qualifiers from 200 entries for the Shakespeare Creative Writing Competition organized by DPS Ajam. Enayah is also one of the winners of the readers’ cup and a budding writer who is soon set to be published.

7. Youngest writing contest

Nayora Vibin of 5F won the 1st position in the Youngest magazine critical writing competition in the month of July. Aryan K Ranjith of 5C won the 3rd position in the same competition in the same month.

8. Student led club initiatives for language development.

- a. **The Writer’s Club led by Ms. Sajini Varadarajan** of Grade 5C-Aspiring writers came together to co-author a series of short stories in collaboration.

- b. **The Orator's Club led by Ms. Deborah Ciju Kurian of Grade 5D-** Budding orators met, deliberated, practiced and presented their speech. The club worked on the communication skills of our students so that they beam with confidence while interacting and in public speaking.
- c. **The Recycler's Club led by Sarah Maryam of Grade 5A-** The main objective of the recycling club is to instill recycling habits and enable our student to enhance their outreach efforts with various community service projects, focused around "reduce, reuse, and recycle." Sarah featured in the local newspaper for her recycling hobby.



- 9. Gems United Indian School participated in **SCOPE** (School 'Conference of Parties' Expo) 2020, **a forum for students' voice and action against climate change organized by KGS, Dubai** on 24th and 25th October. Among 30 participating schools across UAE, our students from **Cycle 1 swept several winning positions at this event.**
 - a. **Chris Joseph Deepak and Sushmita Das from Grade 5 bagged the 1st Position in the art event, 'Easels of Earth'.**
 - b. **Sajini Varadharajan of Grade 5 bagged the fourth position in the creative story writing event, 'Story of Us' with her original: Smile! Mr. Ocelot**



10. The Nightingale of GEMS UIS

Meet our singing sensation, **Ms. Afina Arul of class 5E**, whose melodious voice has landed her with a **prestigious offer on behalf of the Tamil Nadu state government**. Not only has Afina recorded her **own album of devotional songs in 2019** but has also **featured on various radio and TV shows**. She is also the voice you hear when you access selective poems from the digital Tamil Nadu state board textbooks. She was **one of the winners of the Indian Republic Day online celebration** organized by the **Embassy of India, Abu Dhabi**. She was **awarded a cash prize of AED 100, a certificate and a book called 'History of India**.



10. The frontline orator at GEMS UIS

Deborah Ciju is not just a strong orator but also a guide and mentor. Training under the reputed Toastmasters, Abu Dhabi, Deborah has placed first in the inter-class elocution competition; represented the school at Chrysalis, ENBD Elocution competition and even the Chevron readers' cup. She and her team have placed first in the readers' club amongst 200 and more competing teams. She has spread her love for oration to her fellow batch mates too through the orators' club, where about 30 orators have trained and gained confidence to shine their way to victory confidently.

Name of Event	Description
Republic Day Celebration - Kindergarten Section	Kindergarten group celebrated Republic Day on 26th January 2021 to instill patriotism within the enormous minds of our Kinder Bytes. This initiative gave them a sense of belonging to their home country and further strengthened their roots. Our students were encouraged to depict their patriotism via drawings and this creativity was judged later by none other than our very own parents.
Republic Day Celebration - Primary Section	Primary Section: Indian Tricolor unfurled in digital space at GEMS UIS: The 72nd Indian Republic Day was celebrated in all its solemnity and grandeur at GEMS UIS by the staff and students on 26th January, 2021 virtually. Students took pride in celebrating the spirit of unity and brotherhood bringing out the nationalistic flavor imbibed in them. The virtual celebrations echoed with patriotic fervor as students danced to the tunes of patriotism, sang patriotic songs, and wore tri-colored clothes to mark the occasion. It was indeed a tribute and salute to our heroes of past and present times.
Republic Day Celebration - Middle & Senior School	26th Jan celebrations at Gems UIS often meant a decorated campus in ribbons and balloons of our national flag and students proudly singing the anthem. However, this year it added a twist to the 72nd Republic Day celebrations. The fervor remained the same among the students opting for a virtual route. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity with great splendor. Malayalam Maestros of GEMS UIS enthrall in Poetry Recitation Competition. The Malayalam department of GEMS UIS conducted the Poem Recitation Competition for grades 6 to 9 on 7th January, 2021. The participants were divided into two categories – category 1 (grades 6 and 7) and category 2 (grades 8 and 9). All the participants performed with expression, thoughts, feelings, rhyme and rhythm thus winning accolades for their houses. The judges appreciated and applauded the performances of the students. This was followed by announcing of the winners. The confidence, expression and talent of the young ones made the event truly memorable.
GEMS UIS Twinkle Toes Dancing to the Beat – Primary Section	Solo Dance Competition Finals! Why walk when you can dance? With the aim of honing the dancing skills of the students, GEMS UIS organized the Virtual Inter-Class Solo Dance Competition Finals for Primary Grades 1& 2. The vibrant dancers set the screen on fire with their energetic performances. Judges and spectators bore witness to the enthusiasm and energy of the dancers as they enthralled everyone with their performances.

GEMS UIS presents - Young Budding Mathemagicians Contest! - Primary Section	<p>We at GEMS UIS organized the virtual Math Show and Speak Competition for our Primary Grades 1 and 2. Students presented a variety of Math models on various Math related concepts. This competition aimed at harping on the presentation skills of students, boosting their confidence, developing subject interest and knowledge through exploration, research and analysis. Students demonstrated their Math finesse and creativity, power packed with enthusiasm and presentation skills leaving the judges spellbound.</p>
Malayalam Poetry Recitation Contest - Primary Section	<p>Poets of GEMS UIS Battle it out Verses V/s Verses in Malayalam Poetry Recitation Contest Poetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty in words. Having said so, we at GUIIS conducted the Prelims of Malayalam Poetry Recitation Competition Virtually for grades 1 to 5. Spectators bore witness to the enthusiasm and energy of the contestants as they enthralled the judges with their performance. This competition aimed at harping on the recitation skills of students, boosting their confidence, developing verbal skills and exposure to poetry.</p>
English Solo Singing Competition - Primary Section	<p>Was organized to bring out the singing talent in students. The mellifluous songs pulled the heartstrings of the audience.</p>
First virtual Inter School Hindi Pratibha Sangam - Primary Section	<p>‘Reading through books is not the only medium of learning but fun filled activities and competitions enhance the learning process’. Keeping this in mind the Hindi Department of GEMS United Indian school organized the Interschool Hindi Pratibha Sangam’ on 9th and 10th of December 2020. Pratibha Sangam opened up new opportunities for students of 38 schools in the UAE to showcase their special talents to the world from the comforts of their homes. The school was a witness to the myriad of activities that was conducted for the juniors as well as the seniors. Various competitions were held with a fusion of talent, imagination, creativity and alertness. Whether it was mono acting, poem recitation or advertisement making, the activities helped to bring out the uniqueness of each individual. The students left everyone awestruck as they presented their talent so immaculately and effortlessly. They were applauded for their superb performance by our esteemed judges Dr. Alka Mahotra, Ms. Sheela Sharma, Ms. Sunita Sharma and Mr. Vivekanand Upadhyay. Winners were awarded with certificates by our elated Principal K. George Mathew. The program culminated with vote of thanks and the rendition of the National Anthem.</p>
GEMS UIS firmly believes in and stands for “Human Rights is Humanity” - Middle & Senior School	<p>10th December, a day that is commemorated as Human Rights Day all over the world, the Social Studies and Commerce Department of GUIIS celebrated Human Rights uniquely through Vocalize 2020. An event where 12 proficient students poured their hearts out on various pertinent issues. Judged by two gifted mothers, the students showcased their ability to speak with conviction and express their views on the impact of Human Rights on each person’s life. The judges were thoroughly impressed with the amount of research engaged in by the students and the manner in which they articulated their thoughts passionately going by the tag line for the event – GET UP! STAND UP! VOCALIZE YOUR RIGHTS! Candace Ciju from grade 11 and Pranav Krishnan of class 9, bagged first place,</p>

	followed by the first runner up Furaiz Shah and second runner up Deepshika Karkera from class 8. The confidence, persuasion and fervor with which the young activists vocalized their thoughts truly made this event enriching and memorable.
GEMS UIS proudly conducts the first Virtual inter-school Art Competition - Middle & Senior School	- "Shaping Creativity 2020" an Inter-School Art competition was conducted by the Art department of GEMS United School for the 24th year. The competition spanned over 2 days with the opening ceremony being held on 8th December 2020 and the closing ceremony on 10th December 2020. It was overwhelming to see students of Grades 3 to 12 from over 43 schools in the UAE participating in this event. The Inter – School Art Competition saw young artists paint the town red with their creativity as their young minds were triggered with topics like 'The Valley of Peace' and UAE 2050 'Your Dream, You and Your Environment'. The exceptional artwork was judged by well-known artists from the UAE, Ms. Khulood Al Jabri, Ms.Azza Al Aubaisi, Ms. Alya Al Suwaaidi and Mr.Ramesh Ravi. At the closing ceremony, the participants and attendees were entertained through music and dance by the young talents of GEMS UIS. There was a thunderous applause to cheer the young artists who were awarded with a certificate and trophy. Artistic ability, an eye for detail and above all passion made the event a grand success and truly memorable.

- Write up on all efforts made in the field of environment education

GEMS UIS celebrates 'Sustainability for the win' - Middle & Senior School

Sustainability week was celebrated at GEMS UIS from 24th January to 28th January 2021. Students enthusiastically learned about the United Nations'17 Sustainable Development Goals over the week. A special assembly was conducted on Thursday 28th January for Grades 6-12 on sustainability and sustainable practices through inspirational speeches, seminars and skits. UIS Sustainable Business Pitch Competition was introduced wherein students can innovatively think and involve to produce market-based sustainable product to build a better world.

SCOPE EXPO 2020

GEMS UIS brought home a massive victory from the 'Students' Conference Of Parties EXPO' (SCOPE 2020), organized by the Kindergarten Starters, Dubai, on the 24th and 25th of October, 2020. This inter-school event provides a platform to stimulate creative thinking skills and expressions in different categories and empowered with high levels of climate change awareness, deep climate change research and collaborative global problem-solving skills on Sustainable Development goals.

SCOPE DELEGATION: Best Delegation and Best Drafted Resolution



FIRST POSITION

Climate Action Delegation, which was centered around the theme, 'Sustainable Development Goal 13 (SDG 13) - Climate Action to keep climate change @1.5°.' Each representing a particular country and a team of five each assigned the roles of, Climate and Environment Minister, Economic and Social Welfare Minister, NGO Worker, Entrepreneur, and Educator.

STORY OF US
Creative writing
SENIORS




NANDHINI BALAJIKANNAN
4th Position

THERE IS NO PLANET B!
Public speaking



SHRUTI AGANATHAN

STORY OF US
Creative writing
JUNIORS



SAJINI VARADHARAJAN
4th Position



First Position in 'Easels of Earth' - SCOPE 2020



SUSHMITA DAS



CHRIS JOSEPH DEEPAK

Third Position in 'Easels of Earth' - SCOPE 2020



SAINATH MANIKANDAN



DAN THOMAS DEEPAK