

HEADLINES

High attendance in schools during Ramadan.

Schools across UAE, mostly Dubai have taken a unique stance this year to ensure that students do not miss out on their academics on the auspicious occasion of Ramadan. With the onset of the holy Ramadan, many students attend school while fasting. To assure that student's comfort is taken care of, as well as their academics are not hampered, the schools have taken up certain measures. A few traffic snarls were observed around the adjoining areas of certain schools, adjusting to the new school timings, however traffic guards were proactive to ensure that there were no hindrances. Exhibiting a progressive outlook, many schools in several vicinities decided to align their school timings to avoid unnecessary traffic congestion. On the first day of Ramadan, schools witnessed full attendance with the shortened school duration. A significant number of schools altered the physical education (PE) lesson plan to suit the physical abilities of students on fast. Also, prayer timings during school hours are being revised and a dedicated fasting room is allotted to ensure no staff or student's learning experiences are hampered. With the approaching school assessment season, a lot of older students have maintained their attendance in spite of the fasting and the celebrations around. Other significant initiatives included in the Ramadan Calendar include community services like donating foods and clothes to the needy through the Red Crescent Society. Community iftars and fund raising for the food of school workers are some of the practices embraced by several schools. The primary wing of many schools is trying to inculcate values in non-Muslim students of not eating in front of fasting students.



GCC NEWS

Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah dies at the age of 86. Sheikh Meshaal al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah named his successor at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. There will be an official 40-day mourning period and all government departments will remain closed for three days.



Education and Technology in UAE

It is a moment of pride to announce the enormous feat achieved by Saad Muhammad Safer, a senior student of DPS Dubai who has developed a mobile application to track the attendance of students. The app will help to with the punctuality and safety of the child while simplifying the administrative process. The app is also meant to provide real-time updates to parents on the student's attendance. According to

dent database of the school and the RFID (radio frequency identification) system. Whenever the ID card of the student gets punched a sms is sent to the phone number linked to the name of student ID. Saad further mentions that the app works using Python.



FACT-O-LOGY

In this newly introduced section we invite contributions from our teachers and students on facts, trivia, riddles, quizzes or any other content which may be engaging for our readers.

The content should not be more than 100 words. For this edition let us learn about French history shared by our esteemed French Teacher Virti Doshi.

IMPORTANT INVENTIONS FROM FRANCE

Lots of important inventions came from France, including the stethoscope, the pencil sharpener, the braille, and the haird-ryer.

Lots of things we still use to this day were invented in France, for example:

Antoine Lavoisier discovered oxygen in 1778 and hydrogen in 1783.



Louis Pasteur and Claude Bernard developed pasteurization in 1862, which involves using heat to make products such as milk last longer. Another significant Louis Pasteur discovery was natural antibiosis, which led to the development of modern antibiotics by Alexander Fleming.



The calculator was invented in France by Blaise Pascal in 1642.



René Laennec invented the stethoscope, commonly used for listening to people's hearts, in 1816 in Paris.



Vaccines, including the rabies vaccine (Louis Pasteur) and the tuberculosis vaccine (Albert Calmette and Camille Guérin) were developed in France.



TRIVIA

Did you know

The total population of UAE is 9.97 million. 11.6% of the population are Emirati citizens. The remaining population consists of expatriates. Majority of expat population consists of South Asians.

RIDDLES



I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

What word in the English language does the following: the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great, while the entire word signifies a great woman. What is the word?

A girl has as many brothers as sisters, but each brother has only half as many brothers as sisters. How many brothers and sisters are there in the family?

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Wishing Everyone a peaceful and happy Ramadan with good health and wisdom.

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