

MICROSOFT ANNOUNCES INNOVATIVE EDUCATORS FROM KUWAIT JOINING AN EXCLUSIVE GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Microsoft Kuwait has announced that Sarah Alameer, from the Naela Middle School for Girls, and Ahmad Ashour, from Ibn El Almeed Secondary School, have been selected as Microsoft Innovative Educators for 2014-2015 for their excellence in transforming learning environments. Sarah and Ahmad have demonstrated exceptional methods of using innovative teaching techniques and the use of technology within their classrooms.

Charles Nahas, Microsoft Kuwait General Manager, said "At Microsoft, we support an educational landscape that is geared towards curious minds. We believe in the power of the educator, and are keen to recognize their achievements. Schools must encourage innovative learning, thinking and collaboration, and it is the expert educators who can create

this environment. Microsoft educational programs are unique and we congratulate Sarah and Ahmad for being recognized globally and putting Kuwait on the global education map."

Joining an exclusive community of only 800 educators from over 100 countries, Sarah and Ahmad will have access to technology for both the classroom and curriculum to improve student learning. They will also advise Microsoft and other educational institutions in Kuwait on how to integrate technology in relevant ways. They will have access to webinars to learn about and provide feedback on new technologies and educational concepts. Effectively, they will be advocates on blogs and at conferences, events and trainings on how technologies can improve teaching and learning.

"Being selected as a Microsoft Innovative Educator from Kuwait is an honour. I look forward

to making the most of this learning opportunity, as well as continuing the engagement with like-minded educators," said Sarah Alameer at Naela Middle School for Girls, Kuwait "We look forward to sharing our experiences with other educators around the world, to continue finding innovative ways to equip students with the proper tools needed for success inside and outside the classroom."

"I am absolutely thrilled to have been selected as one of Microsoft Innovative Educator from Kuwait and offer more to my students and fellow teachers" said Ahmad Ashour at Ibn El Almeed Secondary School. "Being a teacher of chemistry and a presenter of educational programs on the Kuwait educational channel, I had the opportunity to take advantage of Microsoft software and tools in the field of teaching, which include One Note,

Microsoft Office and many others. I am happy to share experience from other educators which makes the learning journey more fun, interesting and effective for this I thank Microsoft."

In addition to gaining recognition, Microsoft Innovative Educators receive free Microsoft tools and technology including Office 365 Pro Plus, exclusive professional development opportunities, enhancement of personal brands and careers as thought-leaders through participation in case studies, speaking engagements and content development. They are also invited to attend Global Education Forum in Dubai, UAE on February 22-24, 2015, and are also eligible to earn an all-expense paid trip to the Microsoft Educator Global Exchange in Redmond, Washington in April 2015.



ELT teachers following the presentation.



School director Khalid Al-Sager



(Left to right) Awawdeh, Yazbek and Al-Naggar

JABER AL-ALI HOSTS WORKSHOP ON IPAD APPLICATIONS IN ELT

By: Hassan Abdul Bari

Under auspices of the school director, Khaled Al-Sager and with the attendance of assistant director for educational affairs, Fadhel Ghadhanfar and HOD, Mohammed Yazbek and the English Department

teachers, Jaber Al-Ali Secondary School for boys (of Mubarak Al-Kabeer Educational Area) yesterday hosted a workshop on iPad applications in English Language Teaching (ELT).

The workshop was presented by English teacher, Anas Hussein Al-Awawdeh who talked about various iPad appli-

cations that can be used in teaching English to help make English classes more enjoyable for both learners and teachers such as 'My ebook', 'Teacherkit', 'Slides', 'Quizmaker' and a number of interactive grammar quizzes from the British Council. Awawdeh explained how these applications could be used as major beneficial aids in pre-

senting English lessons, testing, preparing quizzes and even class management and organization. The workshop highly appealed to the audience that included many ELT teachers from Mubarak Al-Kabeer Area schools in addition to ELT supervisor, Mahmoud Al-Naggar who also helped enrich the discussion.



DARSHANA TV CHANNEL OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED

In a glittering ceremony Darshana TV's Kuwait Bureau was inaugurated by its Chairman Honorable Panakkad Sayid Sadiq Ali Shihab Thangal on 5th December 2014 at Rajadhani Palace Hotel. More than 100 invited guests were present while pressing the launching release button. Shihab Thangal in his inaugural address said Darshana TV's vision is to enrich people's lives with informative, educative and entertainment programs and lead through the moral path. In addition to this channel has benchmarked its quality standing and to be the most effective, creative and value based TV Channel in the State of Kerala. He stressed the channel's value in which honest reporting rather than manipulated reporting in the media. Thangal added that 2015 onwards the channel will be adding as a "News Channel" role in addition to present family and other entertainment programs.

Sayid Nasir Al-Mashoor, The Board Member of Darshana TV from Kuwait, presided the event, and said that at a time when religion, politics and caste creed diversities are being

exploited by vested interests to divide the society and human love, Darshana TV stands as a beacon of light to remove the darkness and unite the human kind with love, religious amity and peace.

Salam Valancheri, News Editor of Darshana TV introduced the channel's present status while saying that it has invested heavily in modern software, technical and broadcasting instruments with its ability to broadcast 24 hours programs, both indoor and outdoor. Sheriff Hudawi, a religious scholar and Manager of Human Resources explained future plan and said Darshana TV is trying to expand its relationships with the global medias.

Dr Ghalib Al-Mashoor Former Censor of Kuwait Ministry of Information and a freelance journalist who writes in Malayalam and English was declared as the Chief of Darshana TV's Kuwait Bureau.

Dr Ghalib in his welcome speech said that the Chairman Sadiq Ali Thangal is a visionary person who has provided

enlightening leadership to the Launch of Darshana TV with his profound knowledge of contemporary media trends and its need of time for a family oriented channel.

Sulaiman Al-Otaibi, a Kuwaiti Businessman, who has consented to be the sponsor for Darshana TV along with Senior Kuwaiti Citizen and Businessman Waleed Al-Alban, also graded the event. Many Leaders of various Indian Associations in Kuwait, Businessmen, Media personnels were attended the event.

Aziz Thikkodi, a freelance journalist who expressed vote of thanks was also the "comper" of the event. Aziz said since 2011, DARSHANA TV has sponsored several cultural events for various Indian Associations in Kuwait and there was an earlier function in which an "unofficial launching of DARSHANA TV" was held by Former Delhi Court Justice RajindarSachar when he was invited for a function by our present Chief Bureau Dr Ghalib Al-Mashoor as in the capacity of President of Indo-Kuwait Friendship Society.

Greetings



Happy Anniversary to a beautiful couple! May the freshness of love, always remain...

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KALA (ART) ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 'NIRAM 2014'

Kala (Art) Kuwait has announced that the winners of "Niram-2014" powered by "Shifa Al Jazeera Medical Center" Children's Day painting competition, under the patronage of Sunil Jain, Ambassador of India, Indian Embassy Kuwait. The prize distribution will take place at Indian Community School, Khaitan on Friday, 12th December 2014. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 2:30 pm.

Kala (Art) Kuwait has stated that this is the 10th anniversary of Niram is being held on the occasion of Children's Day, the birth day of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of independent India. It is worthwhile to note that students of different nationalities from all Indian Schools in Kuwait with the active participation of more than 2200 children in the competition. The School Managements as well as Indian Community including a number of business establishments have also voluntarily extended their total support to the event. According to the list of winners released by the organizers which are awarded as follows:

Group-A: Ist Prize- Gargi Vivek Dabare, UKG, Al-Wataniya English Private School (DPS), Fahaheel, IInd Prize- Abhirami Krishna Kakkattel, 1st Std, Al-Wataniya English Private School (DPS), Fahaheel & Jathan Shah 1st Std, Al-Wataniya English Private School (DPS), Fahaheel, IInd Prize- Rachana Jessintha Roby George, 1st Std, Carmel School & Ved Amitkumar Valani, 1st Std. IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Abbassiya.

Group-B: Ist Prize- Lakshmi Nanda, 3rd Std., IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Abbassiya, IInd Prize- Chelsea Maria Sunny, 4th Std, Carmel School & Devika Krishnakumar, 2nd Std., IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Abbassiya, IInd Prize- Nova Catherine Shygen, 4th Std, Gulf Indian School, Fahaheel & Geethikha Jayakumar, 4th Std, IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Abbassiya.

Group-C: Ist Prize- Siyana Sakeer K.M., 7th Std, United

Indian School, Abbassiya. IInd Prize- Anusree Dinesan, 8th Std, IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Abbassiya & Gayathri Suresh, 8th Std, Indian Community School, Sr. Salmiya, IInd Prize- Rusfidayamin, 8th Std., Kuwait Indian School, Abbassiya & Megha Nair, 8th Std, United Indian School, Abbassiya.

Group-D: Ist Prize- Sreerag Mahadevan, 10th Std, IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Abbassiya, IInd Prize- Likhitha Jayalekshmi, 10th Std., Indian Community School, Amman & Riya Mercy Jacob, 10th Std., Indian Community School, Khaitan, IInd Prize- Ferin Francis, 10th Std, United Indian School, Abbassiya.

Clay Sculpture: Ist Prize- Thaha Adeel Mohammed, 7th Std., India International School, Mangaf, IInd Prize - Anoushka Pillai, 6th Std, United Indian School, Abbassiya, IInd Prize- Yumna Kulsoom Adeel, 8th Std, India International School, Mangaf.

Open Canvas, Conceptual (for Parents & Gests): Ist Prize- Dr. Geetha Ravindran, IInd Prize - Dr. Anjol Saikia, IInd Prize- Mrs. Mumtaz Firoz.

Open Canvas, Realistic (for Parents & Gests): Ist Prize- Mr. Rajan K. R., IInd Prize - Mr. Hari V. Pillai, IInd Prize- Mr. Vidhugopan P. S.

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Merit Prize: Group-A: Abahy Vij, Arnav Kumbhare, Naallage Sandali Dinethra, Prarthana Biju & Tanvi Shivani Suvarna - Al-Wataniya English Private School (DPS). Bhavyashri Madhuraj, Emley Elizabeth Mathew, Evanna Sarah Brijesh & Hannah Theresa Seju - IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan. Syed Faisal Kamaludin - Indian Community School, Khaitan. Saranya - Indian Model School, Salmiya. Jarin Jamal - Jabriya Indian School.

Merit Prize: Group-B: A. Neha, Dhruv Shah & Swathi

Sreejith - Al-Wataniya English Private School. Anna Filena & Joanne Rebecca Varghese - Carmel School. Abhiram Vinod Kumar, Fida Ancy, Mridula Pallissery Ravindran, Najidah Abdul Nayaf & Sreya Pramod - IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan. Nida Adeel Mohammed & Sarah Mohammed - India International School. Aassim Muhammed Basheer - Indian Community School, Khaitan. Beneeta Benny - Integrated Indian School.

Merit Prize: Group-C: Neha Joseph Alapatt & Prianna Menezes - Carmel School. Gayathri Jayakumar, Meghna Pallissery Ravindran, Paul Jojo Keecheril & Vyshnav Kattikoth - IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan. Abitha Baiju - Indian English Academy (Donbosco). Ann Mariya Shenny, Gayathri Mohandas P & Sneha Das - United Indian School.

Merit Prize: Group-D: Naleena Murugesan - Carmel School, Dilruba Rukhsana - Gulf Indian School, Abu Amaan Pal, Apoorva Ramachandran & J.D.Pradhakshya - IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan. Mohamed Rifqi - Indian Community School, Khaitan, Tanbin Suffana - Integrated Indian School, Aadithya S. Krishnan - United Indian School

Overall Champion Prize: 1st Position achieved by IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Abbassiya, 2nd Position achieved by Al-Wataniya English Private School (DPS), Fahaheel, 3rd Position achieved by United Indian School, Abbassiya.

The organizers have stated that complete List covering 1st, 2nd, 3rd as well as Merit Prizes and Consolation Prizes (Total 249 Prizes) have already been forwarded to all the Schools. The List may also be available with website www.kalakuwait.net.

Kala(Art) Kuwait has congratulated all the winners and also thanked all the participants as well as School Managements, sponsors, all Indian Associations for their wholehearted support to make the event as great success and well supported by Kuwait's English & Malayalam dailies and Web Portals.