



The Pandemic Palaver!

Featuring in this bumper edition:

E—Learning experience, articles, poems, heart-warming short stories, pictures from various school activities/events, and much more ...

Editorial:

Zooming to the end of the year!

Dear readers,

I would like to welcome you to the final edition of our beloved KNES gazette, for the current academic year (2019/2020). This has been one rollercoaster of a year packed with so many activities and celebrations for our students that only a worldwide crisis like this dreadful COVID -19, could slow us down here at KNES!

With the pandemic causing havoc across the globe, we were forced to take our students learning online. Although this seemed a daunting task, we here at KNES can proudly say it's been a roaring success! Not only has this pandemic shown that our students are able to adapt so quickly to changing environments, it has also brought out the maturity, focus, and passion hidden within every one of our students throughout the departments of the school, from EYFS, Primary school to Secondary school. Our teachers have been working creatively to put on the best possible lessons each week, and the quality/calibre of work, of which some are showcased in this gazette, has been fantastic. It shows just how our students strive for nothing less than excellence! We are very proud of all of our students who have simply got on with the work at hand; as well as their understanding during such a difficult and challenging time.

Earlier this year, our students enjoyed a cultural and historical trip across 3 major European countries. Travelling from Vienna to Slovakia and finally Hungary, our students were treated to some of Europe's most historic sites. From museums and cathedrals to royal castles and trips around the river Danube in Budapest, this was definitely a trip that will be remembered for many years at KNES.

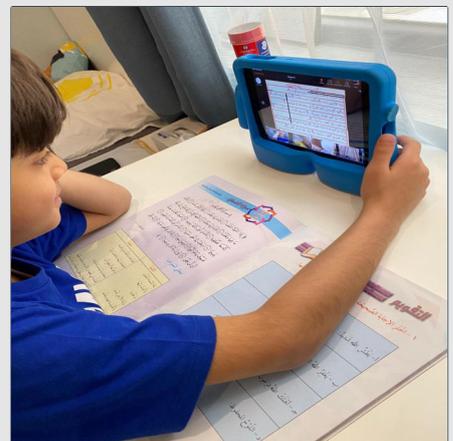
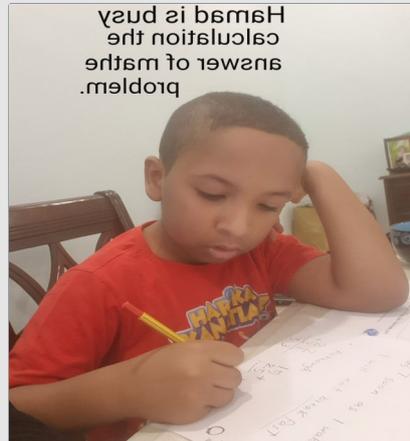
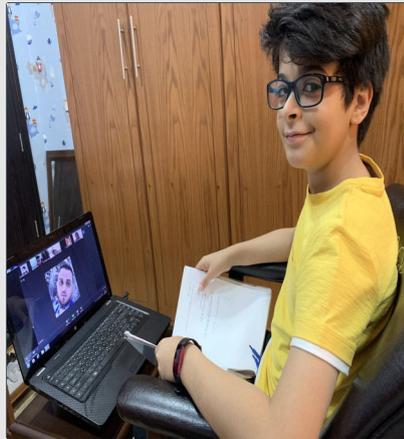
Furthermore, KNES was able to successfully collaborate with a school in the UK this year. The Cumberland Secondary School opened its classroom doors to our secondary students, who were "chuffed to bits" to be granted such an enlightening experience. Our students were able to witness firsthand what the educational culture is like within the schools in England. They were also treated to some of London's famous land site's including a visit to the British museum, whilst enjoying some recreational activities which included trips to London's biggest shopping mall and some sightseeing in and around London.

Kuwait National English School always strives for excellence and aims to bring out the best in our students. By offering a range of educational activities, support and guidance, we will always look to nurture a generation of future leaders.

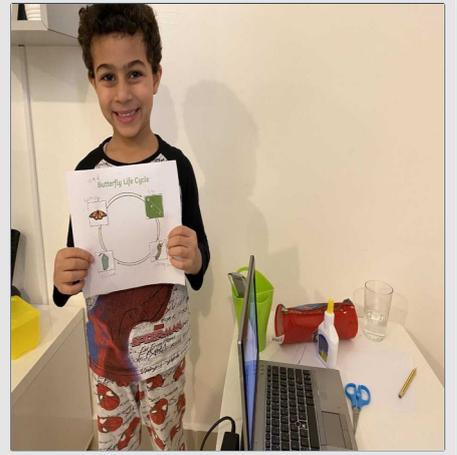
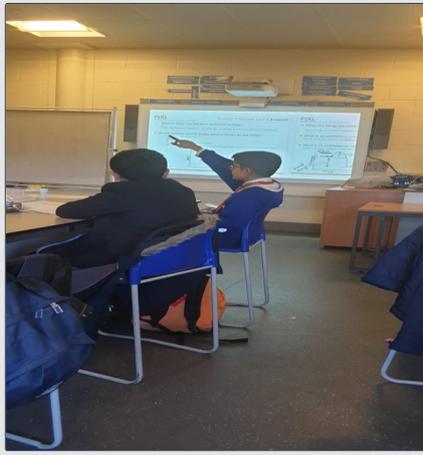
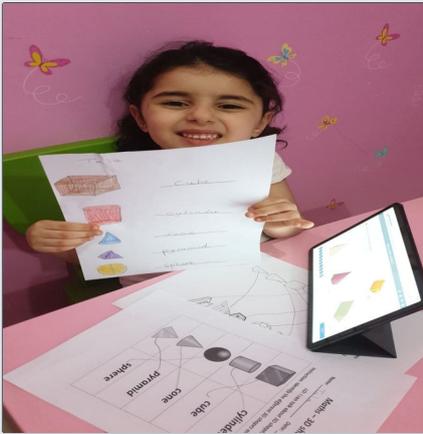
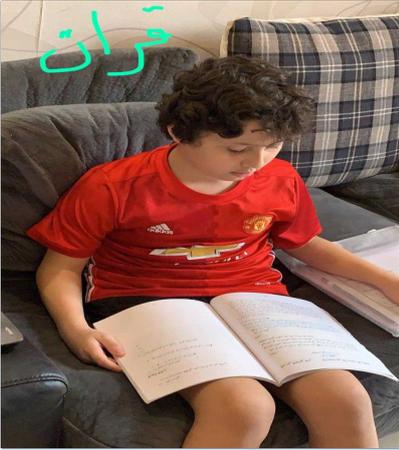
Everyone at KNES prays that this pandemic will end soon and that we will all be able to go back to school. We wish to thank our director, Madame Chantal Al Garabally, for leading the way in helping our students and teachers grow in the midst of a worldwide crisis. We look forward to seeing you in the next academic year. In the meantime, stay safe!



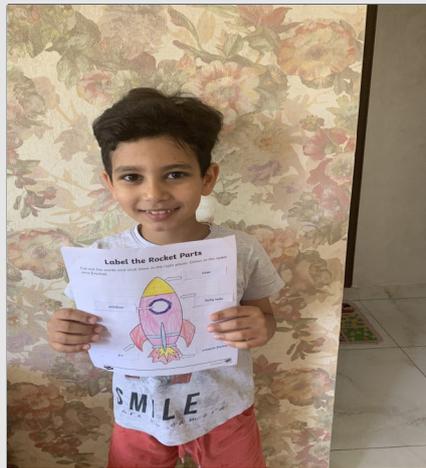
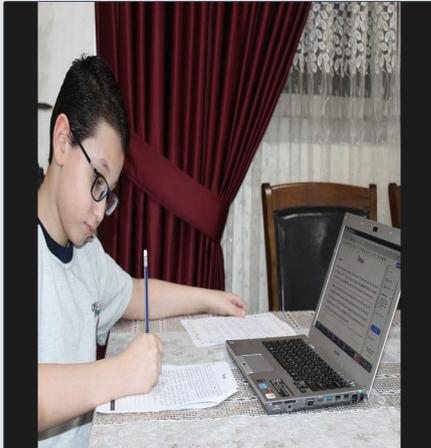
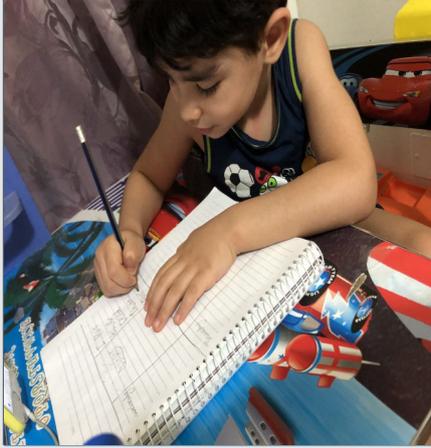
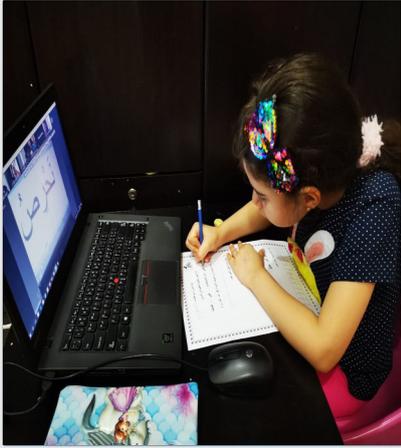
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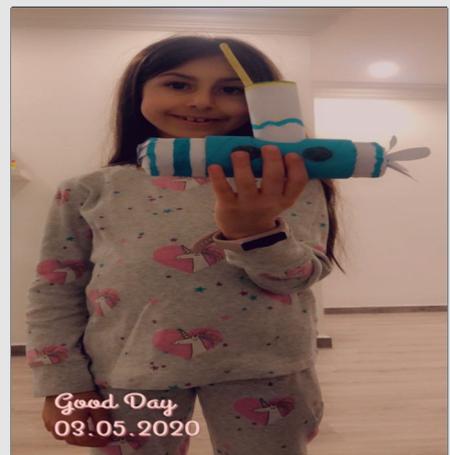
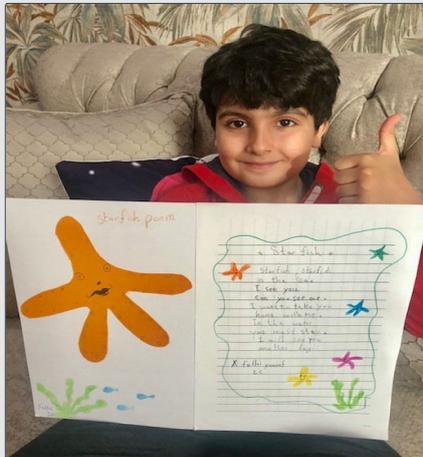
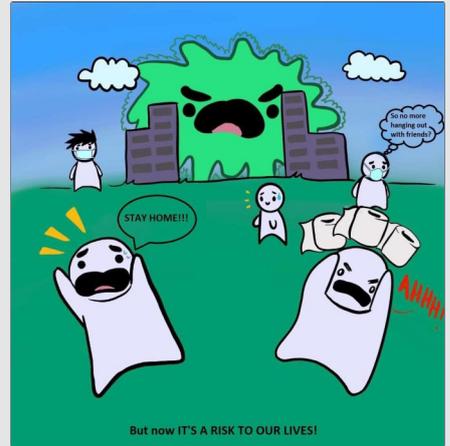
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E - Learning work

How can we stop from getting corona




STAY SAFE

- Wash your hands for 20 second every time you touch something
- keep a safe distance
- stay at home, avoid going out and forming a huge number of people such as being in crowds, which is one of the dangerous things
- avoid touching and hugging people/ animals
- Cover your mouth when you sneeze and cough
- if you feel any time type of fever or sick throat, go to the doctored AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!

Stay at home!

By: patricia 8a

E-LEARNING

Every day I learn... I feed my brain...
 Learn and keep your mind... in safe side...
 E-learning is beautiful... and more useful...
 Alphebets are baby e- learning... same fish are swim-
 ming...
 Right and Left are positions... keep wake up your
 attention...
 Never stop learning... its give you good challenge...
 I want to thank Mr.Zahir... I hope he teaches me every
 year...
 Nice to be student in KNES...
 Grade 3 are Heroes... but 3D are Super Heroes...
 - Fatemah Abdullah 3D

Name: Dania April 26, 2020

I like e-learning because we always do fun activities. I like coloring and cutting out pictures.



Online Learning 2D
 by Anya Diacone

Phone
 Learning online is so cool,
 I wake up every morning to do some school.

Computer
 I turn on my iPad video so I can see Mr. Ben,
 He shows me how to do the work, then...
 I love seeing my friends and doing online lessons.
 The time passes fast and I enjoyed my lessons.

iPad
 I also love singing cool and beautiful
 songs during online music class.
 This was a great time but it will pass...
 And we will be soon back to normal class.

Covid-19

As we all know there is a very serious virus that is spreading around the world. All the countries are on lock down and there is a curfew whose purpose is to keep you safe. Most of the schools and companies are using an application called Zoom and more than 100 people can join so it is a very useful application for every occasion. If you are bored at home you can play games, exercise and have fun with your family. We have to try to stop the spreading of corona virus by washing your hands with soap for at least twenty seconds every time you eat, play or do anything that may get you infected with the virus. Even when your parents go to the supermarket they are wearing masks and gloves to stay safe and when they come back home, they wipe the food cans or bag for no germs to come in your house and spread because that can cause covid-19. When your parents also go to the supermarket they wipe the trolleys handle even if they are wearing gloves, and when they go to work they have to wash their hands once every 30 minutes. So for your own good and safety please do not go outside and instead stay home and stay safe please.

Helena El Kourani 4A

#Corona Virus:#

The quiet World

In an effort to get people to look into each other's eyes more, and also to appease the mutes, the government has decided to allot each person exactly one hundred and sixty-seven words, every day.

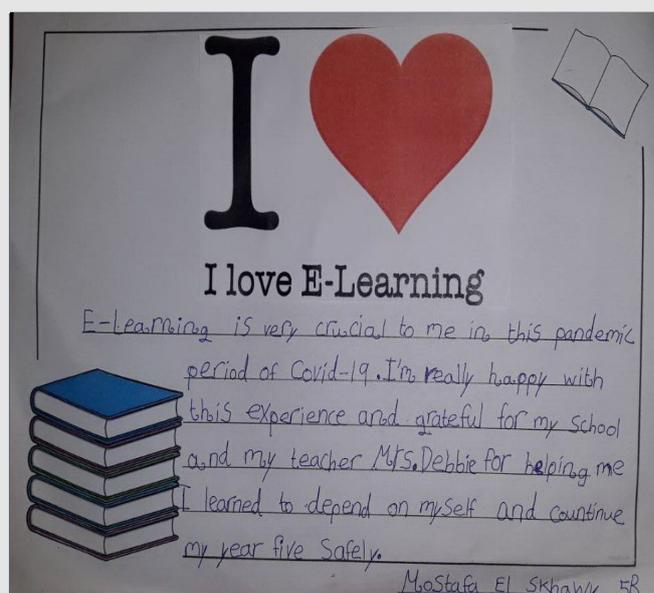
When the phone rings, I put it to my ears without saying hello. In the restaurant, I point at chicken noodle soup. I am adjusting well to the new way.

Late at night, I call my long distance lover, proudly say I only used fifty-nine today. I saved the rest for you.

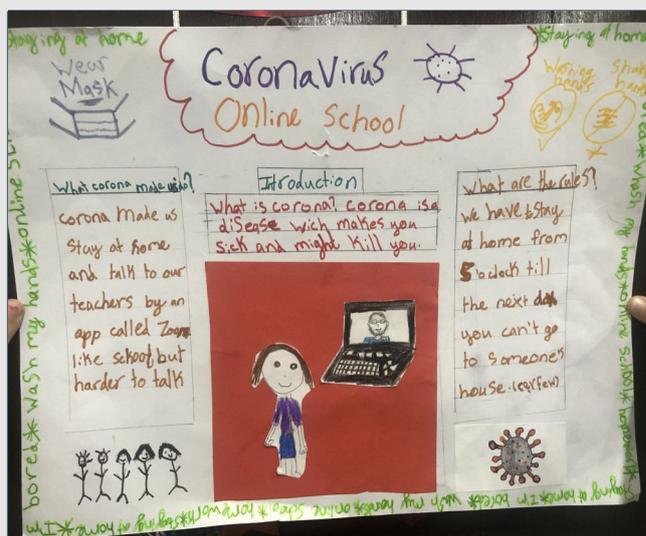
When she doesn't respond, I know she's used up all her words, so I slowly whisper I love you thirty-two and a third times. After that, we just sit on the line and listen to each other breathe.

E - Learning work

Bonjour et bienvenue à tous, je m'appelle Sagda
Voici la météo en France aujourd'hui !
Aujourd'hui, dans le nord de la France, il fait très beau ce matin. Malheureusement, il fera froid ce soir et dans l'après-midi (moins dix degrés). En ce moment, il fait vingt-deux degrés. Dans le nord-est à Lille, il y a du vent le matin et des orages dans l'après-midi. Il fera froid, environ douze degrés. Il fera dix degrés le soir. En ce moment, il y a du vent. Dans le sud-ouest de la France à Toulouse, il y a du soleil et une température de vingt degrés. Mais, il y a du brouillard pour l'après-midi et ce soir. Il fera vingt-cinq degrés pour le reste de la journée. Enfin, dans le sud-est. Il fait très mauvais. Il fait froid pour le reste de la journée. Il fera douze degrés toute la journée. En ce moment, il fait dix degrés. Rappelez-vous des consignes de confinement, lavez-vous les mains et portez un masque si vous en trouvez un ! Merci beaucoup



We are very proud of Leeyan Ashraf Mohamed, Year 5 pupil at Kuwait National English school. In this uncertain time of Covid - 19, we proudly announce that Leeyan was placed first amongst all English and Foreign Private Schools in Kuwait in the Arabic Language Reading Competition. The school Director and whole school community of Kuwait National English School congratulates her on this wonderful achievement and wishes her every success in future competitions.



In the current events that the whole world is facing COVID - 19, My school KNES has taken the necessary actions to support us to finish the rest of this academic year by providing us the distance learning.

E-learning is a big challenge for us since this is the first time for us to try it. For me it is something that I love to do and learn from it. I do not say that I am not missing the normal school days but all of us changed our habits and programmed our lives because of the virus. Now, we are staying more at home, spending more time with our family, doing more activities and spending good time on e-learning every morning with our teachers and friends learning new topics. I feel good for this new experience because it is teaching me how to depend on myself more, know more about my friends and my teacher. I actually I am also concentrating more but still miss playing with my friends and spending time in swimming classes, music and PE.

A message to my beautiful teacher:

Miss Ana,

I want to thank you for the support you are giving to me and my friends every day in the e-learning. You are helping us a lot, making us happy, and helping us to pass this school year easily and perfectly. I am seriously enjoying every second I am spending with you studying, reading and talking.

A big thank you to the best teacher. I wish you are my teacher for the next academic year.

I love you Miss Ana. - Karin Mahmoud - 3A

Picture gallery - Trips abroad.



A life-changing moment no one saw coming

People all around the world are isolated in their homes,
Unemployment and death rates are rising,
There was a period of time when going out was the norm,
The future of the world is declining.

Individuals left and right are getting infected;
Sporting/musical events worldwide have been put on hold,
There has not been a year, since the Spanish flu, where it had been this hectic,
That truly was the beginning for all hell to unfold.

The lockdown of countries around the world were asserted by governments,
Businesses nationally have been gradually closing down,
Isolation from society was considered imprisonment,
It seems to be that the coronavirus will lead us to a breakdown . What an ironic year it has been so far,
Individuals swore this was the year they finally became a star. - **Hussain Al Fodari 11B**

Corona virus

There is a virus
That brought the world to silence
Yea we can kill a fly
But we can't slay something invisible to the eye
People come and people go
Another problem added to our woes
As our problems grow and grow
Our world is black like a crow
Our world is slowly dying
Unfortunately, our world isn't flying
Civilisation dreaming of going outside
But we do not know what the government may hide
Out the window, you may seek
Watch the sun go down every week
We are made from flesh and bones
But soon we may turn into stones
- **Yousef Mlegy**

What is the coronavirus?

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a new virus.

The disease causes a respiratory illness (like the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever, and in more severe cases, difficulty breathing.

How has it spread?

The new coronavirus is a respiratory virus which spreads primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes; as well as through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose.

How can you stay safe?

Practice Social distancing
Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds at least
Avoid touching your nose, mouth and face
Cover your coughs and sneezes
Clean and disinfect household surfaces
Stay at home

References: World Health Organization



23rd April 2020

My heart goes out to all the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic. It definitely is the most shocking, devastating, and drastic event in my entire life. It has completely changed my view of things, in terms of living. It created an unresolvable fear in my mind, which is attached to me like a magnet. Due to these current circumstances, I have decided that I will be self-isolating myself in my house.

Recently, the school has informed us that we will commence e-learning from next week onwards. I will be able to see my friends, and most importantly it will help my independent learning, which is an essential skill needed for when I grow older and go to university. As teachers are not physically present in front of me, it makes work even more exhausting.

It is much more convenient and offers more flexibility, as the time period is going to be shortened due to the religious auspicious event called Ramadan. I am looking to improve my grade in each subject, as this is an exceptional opportunity to grab. I could be drinking mouth-watering beverages during my productive time, which I never thought would happen. What's more, I am seeking to diversify my time in this crucial period because it is mandatory to spend my time studying, putting aside my online gaming and so forth. I am awaiting for the news to mention that the COVID-19 pandemic will be brought to an end. Hopefully, I could visit my relatives in my home country and express my feelings about self-isolation, - **Danial Bajwa 10A**

E-LEARNING DURING COVID-19

A corrupting influence on morals or the intellect, a poison, a virus which has killed almost over 2.5 million all around the world. From cancelled conferences to disrupted supply chains, not a corner of the global economy is immune to the spread of COVID-19. It's not just a virus for the families who lost their dearest members; it's not just a virus for the workers who lost their jobs, who lost their incomes, who even lost the desire to be alive. It's not just a virus for those who fear hugging their own parents, who fear shaking hands with their own families, but it is as deadly as a war! It's as fatal as the end of the world. But, as we believe **"THE MOMENT WE REALIZE THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS BY THE WILL OF GOD, ALL OUR WORRIES BEGIN TO FADE AWAY"**.

A large number of Internet based training material are available today on communication skills, listening skills, body language, job interviews, group discussions, etc. Likewise, during these harsh times, KNES introduced e-learning to provide, flexible and on demand education to their students. On-my-behalf, E-learning was a brilliant experience, as online classes did not only keep me busy, but I was getting the required skills and qualification, which I could utilize in the upcoming university life. It's not true if I were to say that these quarantine times were not stressful. It was hard to cope with staying home for almost 3 months: not going anywhere, not meeting my friends and family at all; but e-learning taught me how to keep myself busy with different activities and how to de-stress from the entire situation.

E-learning provides everyone with their personal educational space, as at home we do not need to worry about dressing up, makeup, hair style, shoes, bags etc. but, our complete focus is on our education. E-learning has come to dominate the strategic thinking of employers, students, teachers, businesses over the past decade in several countries. Online classes have also increased flexibility of communication, and hence has become vital among teachers and students. I salute those teachers who are working their very best to provide us with everything needed, even during these difficult times. I salute those employees who are sitting in front of their laptops and working 24/7 for their families, but never complaining. The e-learning translates into a quality of education. Several challenges still occur as it requires quality... especially for distance learners! Unquestionably, the issue of distance learning has posed a challenge to the world of education because face to face interaction between the tutor, or instructor, and the learner is not possible. Taking the example of the US, or the UK, many students are enrolled in online education along with the fact that they have attracted a lot of demand from the globe due to the part time offer of the education. Lastly, I just hope that this deadly virus ends soon and brings our life back to normal.

IN THE TIME OF THE PANDEMIC- And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced, some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently, live differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

- Iqra Nawaz Year 12



E-learning ensures continuity of education

The year 2020 will be long remembered for one thing and that is a pandemic by the name of Covid-19 running riot among the nations and, for once perhaps, uniting mankind against a common enemy.

As a student, I find myself like millions of my peers around the world confined to the four walls of our homes. However, what this pandemic has not been able to achieve is a total disruption of education and learning which is due to the impact that e-learning has created. For a long time, online learning has been considered a shadow to classroom learning. Today it is perhaps the only way of ensuring education as the world battles the coronavirus. So what are the benefits that e-learning provides? *- continued on the next page*

During this pandemic, e-learning has showed us that there are many ways to deliver the message to the student. As students, we seek education in order to contribute to the growth of the human society.

E-Learning removes the boundaries of traditional classroom learning to reach the global environment. In e-learning, students learn and combine classroom activities by combining lessons, communication, and the Internet. By combining the Internet with teaching, e-Learning goes beyond traditional face-to-face classroom learning environments, allowing students to choose to learn in a variety of ways.

The purpose of e-Learning is to combine technology and communication to provide alternative methods for students in obtaining degrees without going to traditional classrooms or academic institutions. E-learning is suitable for improving our academic abilities acquired from elementary school to medical school. E-Learning makes student's learning fun by changing courses. The teacher combines images and contents to draw students' attention and interacts so that the students can retain the resources. Students receive immediate feedback so that they can rectify mistakes and misunderstandings. In e-learning, you can communicate with other students and e-learning teachers through chat rooms, instant messages, e-mails, and other common forums.

For now, e-learning is the only way forward, as far as education is concerned, and schools all around the world have admirably risen to the challenge.

- Ibrahim Al Hadiya (School Prefect) Year 12



QUARRANTINE AND THE MIND OF A 16 YEAR OLD.

The barricade on my window assures me that I'm not going anywhere. The sky painted a pretty pink and purple canvas, with the sun peeking out from the white, fluffy, cotton candy like clouds. Such a mesmerizing sight, yet no one can enjoy it.

From time to time you'll catch a head or two out in their balconies, their eyes staring up at the scene with glassy eyes. They'll wipe their tears now and then, little waddling children will come up to them, they'll pick them up and point to the sky, illustrating a new story. For some, the sky is a battlefield between pirates and the navy; for some, the sky is a peaceful picnic between friends; for some a reminder that the world has halted, yet nature is still having its moments.

At night it's a terrifying sight, there's not a single soul outside. You'll be lucky if you do see someone or hear voices, yet again it could be your mind playing tricks on you; darkness is a wonderful yet terrifying thing. For once I'm glad that the barricades is protecting me from what lurked outside. Looking out of my window, the buildings seem to be twice their size, the shadows that the lamp posts produce will make it easy for people, or things, to hide behind, attempting to lure you outside.

Being cooped up with your family to some is a blessing, to others it's a curse. You learn quirks or habits about your family members, and sometimes it becomes too much. Sometimes you snap! But there's nowhere to go. Nowhere to hide, so you bottle it all up, aching for a release. Aching for freedom!

People have taken up new hobbies, sewing, cooking, baking, reading; it helps with the anxiety, it helps quiet the voices in your head down, it helps escape from the cold, harsh reality. Which is why multi-player, action filled games are on the rise. It gives us humans a chance to 'socialize' but stay indoors.

The most terrifying thing? The lies. The numbers aren't correct, the deaths are higher than they have been informing us. The infected rates are higher than those that they've been telling us. Big Brother is hushing those who dare to speak up, but why? Why don't they want us to know? What is going on?

Speak up and you 'disappear'. So, it's better to stay quiet. Not a peep. The brave challenge Big Brother. Cowards! We are all cowards. But it's better not to poke the bear than to become dinner. -

- Rania Sundal

Dedications:



Dear readers,

Welcome to our final edition of the 2019/2020 academic year. To state the obvious, we are experiencing unprecedented events in the world now but to quote a popular proverb, “tough times don’t last but tough people do”. At KNES, we are tough, resilient and innovative. We have weathered the storm of COVID -19, and created a superb online learning platform, which ensured that our students continued to receive outstanding education without interruption.

In this special edition, our gazette has more pages, covering a variety of activities such as our fantastic E-Learning that has received excellent reviews from parents, news items, articles, pupil’s online work and experience, poems etc.

Several people contributed immensely to the success of this edition. Let me start by thanking our school Director, Madame Chantal Al Gharabally for her vision, drive, energy and unflinching support to my team and I. We appreciate the members of our senior management team, who are ever willing to lend us a hand, especially Dr. Raouf, Ms. Gaythree and Mr. Bernie. Thank you for nominating your staff to assist us. I wish to personally thank the staff that facilitated the influx of articles and students work to me -Ms. Autumn, Ms. Zoe, Ms. Rebecca, and Ms. Gabriella.

Thank you Oliver for your help with the proof reading and editing of some of the articles - you are a valued member of the group. Thank you Kishen for the editorial piece; like old wine, you’re getting better at this. My good friend Chacko was a revelation in this edition! You get my star prize for not only getting Iqra and Ibrahim to produce two beautiful articles, but also for your help with editing and the pictures you provided. Finally, I would like to show my appreciation to the KNES news team for your usual support especially our Head Boy, Yousef, for the great job on the magazine cover. You guys rock!

Michael Bardi (Editor-in-chief)

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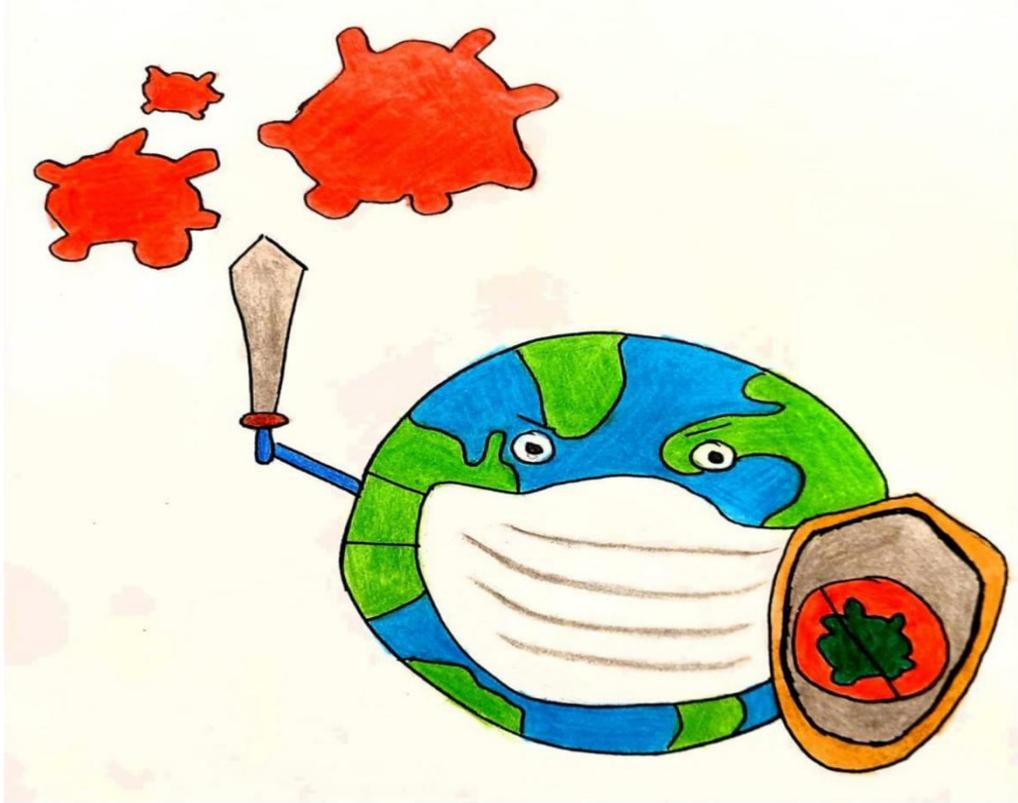
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ONLINE DEBATING



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Thank you for reading our magazine and we hope you enjoyed it. We look forward to seeing you again in September . Meanwhile, have a pleasant holiday and do not forget to stay safe!

