

## **FAIPS (DPS) FIRST GRADERS “REACHING FOR THE STARS”**

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Grade 1 children of FAIPS-DPS celebrated their Annual Day on Thursday, 24 November 2022, in the school premises. Titled ‘Reach for the stars’, the visual extravaganza showcased the talents of 545 participants and infused the school’s vision of overall development. The excitement in the air was palpable as it was the first time these children set foot on stage.

The celebrations were kicked off with the Kuwait National Anthem followed by the recital of the Holy Quran and lighting of the lamp. The Principal Mr. Ravi Ayanoli addressed the gathering and welcomed the Chief Guests Dr. Jaffer Ali Parol, Research Scientist at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and Mr. Reaven D’souza, Founding Managing Director of Times Kuwait. Mr. Ayyoob Kachery, Regional Director and Partner of Grand Hyper Market Chain, Mr. Abdulkadir Al-Machhour, Group Sales Manager at Alshaya Group and Ms. Noura Alajmi, Arabic Inspector from the Ministry of Education graced the occasion with their esteemed presence. In his address, the principal shared the difficulties faced by the teachers after the pandemic and urged the parents to be supportive and to have a proper understanding of the school rules and policies to provide a meaningful education for their wards.

In rich costumes and gripping dialogues, the little children amazed the audience with their compering skills. The inaugural dance set the tone for the programme. With vibrant colours and rhythmic steps, the kids showcased glimpses of cultural richness of India. The little singers enthralled the audience with their impeccable rendition of songs. Emphasizing the importance of exercise and fitness, the children put up a spectacular performance of their Zumba and acrobatic skills. While the Arabic dance was a flamboyant crowd-pleaser, the parents also joined in for some foot-tapping disco numbers and to the Punjabi *dhol*.

The children wrapped up the performances by reminding the audience to keep their eyes on the stars and feet on the ground. The programme ended with the chief guests addressing the gathering and encouraging the children to be compassionate and empathetic in their journey ahead. While extending the gratitude the Headmistress Ms. Seema Bhatnagar called all teachers who put their heart and soul to make the programme a grand success on to the stage and thanked each and everyone for their involvement and support.



