## ISC-Ruwais Celebrates the UAE 41st National Day



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On the 29<sup>th</sup> of November the International School of Choueifat in Ruwais Celebrated the UAE 41<sup>st</sup> National day in all 3 campuses: The Infant School, The Junior School, and The Senior School. All 3 campuses were decorated ahead of time in preparation for the event. In the Infant and Junior campuses, the students also participated in the decoration process by displaying the art work they have prepared for that day. We were extremely pleased that Mrs. Hamda Al Hamily – Head of Private Education in the Western Region – could join us in celebrating the event.

In the Infant School (KG1 – KG2), the celebration started early in the morning where every student was given a UAE hat and a balloon. Students lined up for the National Anthem morning assembly wearing their hats, and waving the flags that they had made themselves in class during that week. The teaching and drilling on that day was focused on UAE related topics; for example, the teachers were going over the colors of the UAE flag, the letters U, A, E, etc. During the break time the students had their faces painted with the colors of the UAE flag and national songs were played throughout the break. Teachers, class assistants, and senior students all participated in helping with the face painting activity.















In the Junior School, students in grade 1 were given a UAE hat, a balloon, and made their own UAE crowns during the art periods on that week. Students in grades 2 to 4 received a UAE scarf, a UAE flag, and a balloon each. The celebration took place during the break time (from 12:05 – 1:30) where all students from grades 1 – 4 gathered in the gym hall waving their flags and chanting for the UAE. The celebration started by all students singing the National Anthem. Following that, different students participated on stage by reading poetry for the UAE, singing a song for the UAE, and performing the traditional Yola dance on stage.

The main celebration took place in the Senior campus where students from grades 5 – 12, a few parents, teachers, and staff members gathered in the field to celebrate the UAE 41st national day. The event started with the National Anthem followed by an introduction about the UAE's history and culture that was presented by our students Noora Al Khalagi in Gr. 12 and Noof Al Khalaki in Gr. 10. After the introduction. a number of students performed the traditional Yola dance which was followed by a number of activities such as face painting, Henna, Quiz about UAE facts, and a UAE food tasting stall where many of the Emirati students and their families brought traditional food and desserts to share with all those who were celebrating the event. In the football field, a traditional UAE tent was set up and a number of ladies were serving food to everyone inside the tent as well. Traditional UAE music played throughout the whole event which lasted for two and a half hours. We wish the United Arab Emirates a happy 41<sup>st</sup> National Day Anniversary and we look forward to celebrating next year's National Day.

