

Students of JSS PS come together to reflect and celebrate UAE Flag Day.



November 2nd 2017 students and staff of JSS PS came together to commemorate the accession of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan . Flag Day was introduced in 2013 by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Vice President and Ruler of Dubai.

It was a moment for celebration and commemoration, to remember the extraordinary piece of nation-building undertaken almost 46 years ago by the late Sheikh Zayed, the UAE's Founding Father, and to celebrate the country as it is today under Sheikh Khalifa, the President.

Just like the lyrics to the national anthem Ischy Biladi (Long Live My Nation), the UAE's flag radiates important messages about the country and its core principles. The flag itself was designed by Abdullah Mohammad Al Maainah, who was then just a teenager. His submission beat more than 1,000 other entries in a competition to design the ensign for a fledgling country. Mr Al Maainah was unaware his entry had won until the

day of union itself, when he saw the flag fluttering inside the grounds of Mushrif Palace. Only two flags were raised in December 1971, one at the palace in Abu Dhabi, the other at Union House in Dubai.

Students of JSS PS were extremely proud to raise the UAE flag high on this occasion. It was a visual treat to see the student body stand in perfect attention while the flag was being raised and the UAE National Anthem was played.

The Senior Head Girl Ms. Sruthi Srinivasa and Deputy head boy Dhevarsh Priyadarshan informed the students about the importance of Flag Day and the meaning of the flag colours.

The UAE Flag is a reflection of the country's core principles . Its red band symbolizes unity, its green, white and black stripes represent hope, peace and power respectively. The modern UAE remains true to those values today. The country's leadership understands the power in union. The nation itself is a beacon of hope in the Middle East.

The country's leadership is determined to build the best possible future for all who live here and, on the occasion of Flag Day, there is, it is fair to say, much to celebrate. We thank the UAE leaders for being an epitome of tolerance and allowing people of so many nationalities to live happily and peacefully together.



