

However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.
-Stephen Hawking



NMS celebrates KG graduation

The New Millennium School celebrated the 14th Kindergarten graduation yesterday and felicitated 193 students who spread cheer donning scholar caps and performing cultural programs.

The kindergarteners performed a skit depicting the life of little girl whose bond with technology becomes stronger as her career-oriented parents fail to make sufficient time for the child.

"This theme was chosen to show parents how important it is to make time for children and their overall development," NMS Principal Arun Kumar Sharma told *DT News*.

Managing Director Geetha Pillai highlighted the need for parent-teacher cooperation for overall development of the children.



Award recipients with dignitaries and faculty

AGU celebrates Sports Day

The students of the Arabian Gulf University (AGU) celebrated the activities of Sports Day on Tuesday at the university's headquarters in Manama, held under the auspices of the Student Welfare Department in the Deanship of Student Affairs.

Social Supervisor at the Deanship of Student Affairs, Aysha Al-Subaiei, said that Sports Day constitutes a break from the daily routine, integrating exercise and sport into our lifestyles.

"University students and staff alike were introduced to the benefits of sports through a range of activities and exercises, both educational and recreational, that enhance linking the concept of exercise to a healthy life," she said.

Sports Day included about 9 stations, each with a special programme. The first station measured body mass index (BMI), followed by sports stations in which students participated in games and competitions through which they collected points which qualified them to win many prizes.

Student Khalid Mohammed, one of the participants in the event, praised the organisation and coordination among the stations. He indicated the importance of integrating exercise in a student's life and noted that the student participation proved their need for a healthy order of life, not to mention demonstrated their sportsmanship and determination in the event's various stations.

A number of outside parties participated in the event, such as a martial arts centre, which allowed participants to experience boxing during the event and offered a week-long free membership at the club; in addition to the participation of a healthy juice shop to promote a healthy diet.



Part of the Sports Day events



In a room of green,
Glimpses of light sift
through swaying curtains.
Setting them aflame, now
and again
In lustrous hue.



Trembling body lies on ruffled bed.
Groans escape parched
mouth.
Wisps of hair play on naked scalp, Veins
of brain throb in agony
As life pulses away in weak chime;
Ebbing out in faltering breath.

Fingers press outcurved stomach
As if willing out flesh that breathed
within.
Soul which had yet to gain
Form, but now remained clothed
In her blood and vein,
Trustfully merged to dying skin.
Hands clutched the unborn.
Pining for it to open eyes and see.
Hold the flush of newly moulded skin
to breast.
Hear the steadiness of easeful breath-
ing
Of her child just grasping on to being.
Hold it close and wish it love
If only, only a second before
She bade it farewell
Into endless slumber.

Night and day, she stays awake
Clutching at cradle of unearthed spirit.
Soothing him through a void he would
know
from first gasp.
Assuring lifeblood of undying love
Apologizing for the need to leave
before they could embrace.

And when body had borne torture
which could not be withstood by frag-
ile bone and blood,
Awake to the final pulse of subsistence
Yet aware of the stillness of bereave-
ment
That awaited,
Tired eyes close forever, hands still
pressed
to the beat of fresh heart in womb.

Hours later, he arrives
A boy, as she had known he would be
Drenched in blood of dead placenta.
Cries of new life search for hands that
envelope, and draw to loving breast
For lips that smile a tired welcome and
Whispers names of love.

She lay lifeless. Pallid eyes stare, unsee-
ing, upon life that writhes for Mother.
Victim of malignant disease. Dead and
gone.
Cries unheard.



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