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“I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.”

Jimmy Dean



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Director’s Message...

Dear Supporters and Parents,

As we conclude another rewarding first term, I am delighted to reflect on the achievements, celebrations, and meaningful moments that have enriched our community over the past months. This term has been a true testament to the dedication of our students, staff, families and partners who consistently come together with purpose and heart.

This spirit of unity was beautifully reflected as DCSN students proudly expressed their creativity and national pride through vibrant performances and activities in celebration of the UAE National Day, highlighting once again the importance of inclusion.

In the same spirit of advocacy, DCSN was also proud to participate in the AccessAbilities Expo, where we continued to champion inclusivity and raise awareness about the abilities and rights of People of Determination.

Our commitment to excellence extended beyond student life, as our staff successfully completed First Aid Training, an essential step that reinforces our dedication to safety, preparedness, and high-quality care for every child.

Another standout highlight of the term was the honour of welcoming HRH Prince Louis of Luxembourg and the Magrid delegation to DCSN. Their visit underscored the deep value of inclusive education and offered a wonderful opportunity to showcase the incredible progress and skills of our students.

Throughout the term, learning continued to flourish through enriching hands-on experiences, including gardening sessions with the LLFPM students, as well as a variety of Special Assemblies that celebrated the importance of community support, achievements, diversity, and inclusion.

We were also extremely proud to see one of our talented students shine on a broader stage through her participation in the Sheikha Latifa Awards, reflecting her creativity, perseverance, and enthusiasm for art.

Last but not least, DCSN’s gardens were filled with joy and festive spirit during our much-loved Family Winter Fair, a day where the entire DCSN community united in celebration, support, fun and togetherness.

As we look ahead to the coming term, I extend my sincere gratitude to each of you, our parents, supporters, and friends for your trust, encouragement, and continuous partnership. Together, we continue to create a nurturing environment where every student can learn, grow, and thrive.

Sincerely,

Mahshid Salehi
Dr. Mahshid Salehi

UAE’s 54th National Day

Honoring an exceptional nation with deep admiration



Dubai Center for Special Needs marked the 54th UAE National Day in the presence of its Chairman, Board Members and, alongside representatives from Dubai Police, Dubai Police Academy, Dubai Municipality, several supporting companies and parents. Guided by national initiatives that promote inclusion, the students of Dubai Center for Special Needs took the stage to underscore the importance of community engagement and inclusive participation. The celebration continued in the center’s gardens, where guests enjoyed traditional Emirati dishes, henna design activities, and the distinguished presence of the Dubai Police Academy horses, adding a memorable cultural element to the event.



Professional Development Day at the DCSN

A Day of Learning, Safety, and Growth.

This term, Dubai Center for Special Needs team gathered for a Professional Development Day focused on learning, growth, and safety. Staff took part in a Sensory Orientation Strategies session led by our Occupational Therapist, followed by hands-on training on cardiac arrest response, CPR, and AED conducted by the Hayat Institute. These sessions strengthened our team’s skills and reinforced our commitment to providing a safe environment for our students. DCSN was also proud to be part of the Dubai Health Authority’s “Dubai Heart Safe City” initiative, which aims to train 50,000 civilians in CPR and AED to help build a safer, more prepared community.



Welcoming HRH Prince Louis of Luxembourg at DCSN

A Meaningful Dialogue on Education, Research, and Inclusive Support

DCSN had the honor of welcoming His Royal Highness Prince Louis of Luxembourg, Archduke Alexander de Hasbourg, and Dr. Tahereh Pazouki for a special visit to the Centre. During their time at DCSN, the delegation shared insights into their innovative educational program, Magrid Learning Solution, developed in Luxembourg through extensive research with leading universities. They also toured the Centre and expressed their admiration for our students, staff and the wide range of services offered. This meaningful visit was a valuable exchange of knowledge and compassion, reminding us that inclusion knows no borders and that continuous improvement remains at the heart of our mission.





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Family Winter Fair

A day with ever lasting happy memories

This year's Annual Family Winter Fair at DCSN was a heartwarming celebration of joy, community, and the true spirit of togetherness. New additions, including extra games, lively inflatables, and expanded seating areas, brought fresh excitement and made the day even more enjoyable for families. The Centre buzzed with festive activities, cheerful music and the bright smiles of children and parents enjoying every moment. We said it before and we'll say it again: there are moments that remind us why we do what we do, moments filled with warmth, dedication, and genuine community spirit. This Winter Fair was one of those moments, thanks to you, our supporters, sponsors and every guest who joined us and helped create such a warm and magical atmosphere.



DCSN's Special Assemblies

Meaningful gatherings for a noble cause in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

DCSN enjoyed an enriching first term, welcoming a wonderful mix of guests, companies, supporters, and volunteers. We were especially delighted to receive our long-term friends, whose continued visits reflect the trust they place in our mission, and equally excited to meet new supporters who share our purpose of raising awareness about the Centre and helping us provide the best services and support to our students.

DCSN's guests had the chance to witness the students' remarkable talents during special assemblies, valuable moments of interaction where students gain confidence, learn, and grow through new experiences.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all sponsors, partners, and volunteers whose support strengthens our inclusive environment and leaves a meaningful impact on our students.





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LLFPM Students Join Forces to Bring DCSN Gardens & Library to Life

Cultivating Inclusion and Sustainability

Over two wonderful days, DCSN was delighted to welcome the students of LLFP Meydan for a joint inclusive and ecological initiative. Together, they prepared and leveled soil, planted aromatic herbs such as basil, thyme, parsley, and coriander, as well as fruit trees including lemon, fig, and olive. They also recycled plastic bottles into planters and created a Ying Yang sensory pathway, bringing our sensory and potager gardens to life with color and care. The collaboration extended to helping fix our library and preparing for the Family Winter Fair. The visit concluded with games, laughter, and a shared sense of gratitude, compassion, and inspiration. A heartfelt thank you to LLFPM for their enthusiasm, kindness, and teamwork in making inclusion a living experience.



Celebrating Creativity with Marks and Spencer

DCSN Students Explore Art and Inspiration on UAE National Day

DCSN students enjoyed a truly inspiring day as Marks and Spencer, in collaboration with artist Abdullah Lutfi, offered them the opportunity to learn his unique art style and recreate it in celebration of UAE National Day. The event took place at the M&S cafe in Dubai Festival City. Our students had a wonderful time exploring their creativity, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to Marks and Spencer for providing this special and memorable experience.




Sheikha Latifa Award for Childhood Creativity

Mahra Al Ahabbi: A Rising Star in Art

DCSN proudly celebrates Mahra Al Ahabbi, who won Second Place in the drawing competition at the Sheikha Latifa Award for Childhood Creativity. Her black-ink and watercolor portrait of UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, enhanced with a line from the UAE National Anthem, beautifully expresses unity, pride, and leadership. This achievement reflects the dedication of DCSN's staff and the determination of our students, who continue to excel year after year. Congratulations, Mahra!



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We hope you enjoyed the first issue of DCSN's magazine for the 2025–2026 academic year, showcasing exciting news, events, and accomplishments. For more updates and information, be sure to follow Dubai Center for Special Needs on Instagram and Facebook.