

Overheard in the Souk the grapevine

● It is quite common to be driving down one of the many ring roads in Kuwait and be met with congestion that causes traffic to slow to a crawl and sometimes, halt completely.

Then suddenly, one may find that the overcrowding has dissipated and the source of the jam remains unknown.

Researchers studying traffic flow point out that if there are enough cars on a highway, any minor disruptions to the flow of traffic can cause a chain reaction that amplifies until it produces a wave of stopped or slowed traffic.

The solution is for drivers to anticipate higher traffic densities ahead and slow

down to leave more room in front of them instead of snuggling up to the car ahead and abruptly braking. This may sound like sheer common sense, but look around and you may find it lacking.

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● The love month is here! This is the favourite month of lovers and the hopeless romantics out there but it's the month dreaded by those who have been single for ages and celebrated by those who are simply happy being single forever. Love will find you as they always tell those who constantly look for their soulmate who might just be out there.

Finding true love is never easy, it is a quest that requires time, energy and determination. It might seem to you that everyone around you is in a happy relationship and that only you struggle to find that significant other.

However, although luck and patience are key ingredients when it comes to finding true love, that doesn't mean that there aren't some steps you can take towards finding your true love.

But as they say, before finding love, be sure that you love yourself and you have love in your heart. How can you give love and be loved if you don't have love?

Hey, don't lose hope! Who knows, you

might just get lucky this love month so welcome February and embrace it with open arms with the hope of finding that one great love.

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● The National Assembly finally succeeded in debating the grilling request submitted against the Minister of Information and Minister of Youth Affairs. Even though the minister saw the grilling motion as unconstitutional due to its lack of clarification, he agreed to stand on the podium in order to clarify and reveal what he described as facts to the general public about irregularities that he has been ac-

cused of committing in his ministries.

The debate took over 12 hours with both sides naming, shaming and trading accusations. Finally the minister and his supporters demanded the Parliament to give the minister more time to correct the problems surrounding Kuwaiti sports activity and other irregularities found in the ministries. However, the proponent of the interpellation motion and their supporters presented no-confidence motion against the minister in an attempt to remove him out of power. We are waiting to see whether or not the minister will survive the motion when this will be debated in a special session next week.

Tongues Way

BSK



A photo from the event

BSK students tackle Mutla'a Ridge

A group of twenty-two Sixth Form students and 10 teachers embarked on a journey from the comforts of the suburb of Salwa and the British School of Kuwait (BSK) for the desert and the heights of Mutla'a Ridge. The torrents of rain around Thursday lunchtime filled the conversations with rumours of cancellation, but as the saying goes, there is no such thing as bad weather, only incorrect clothing. The rain cleared, the sun shone and the students and staff headed to Mutla'a Ridge for

their first night of camping.

High up on the ridge with a view of the city lights as the sun began to set the students wrestled with their tents in challenging wind speeds. Food was cooked, camp fires were sung around and sleep was needed before their first day of trekking.

The students rose before the sun to a chilly morning and clear sky. They began their journey along the ridge before finding a safe route down. Even those whose

feet were blistered from wearing new boots for the first time made it all the way to the end which was about 30 kms. It was an epic day and all felt a strong sense of achievement and even enjoyment by the time it came to food and sleep.

The next morning students rose again this time feeling slightly more experienced but more tired. With a total of 12 kms to walk, they made their way across the sand to various heights with panoramic views be-

fore reaching their final destination and successfully completing their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Adventurous Journey Practice.

The students faced navigational, physical, social and emotional challenges but managed these challenges carefully and thoughtfully and were a credit to themselves. They are now better prepared physically and mentally for their overseas trip to Sri Lanka at the end of February.



A photo from the event

FAIPS successfully holds 2nd Inter-School Quiz Competition

Quizzing is a forte that FAIPS proudly seeks to exploit time and again. With an aim to identify young quizzers and instill in them a thirst for knowledge and awareness 'Catch Them Young'— an Inter-School Quiz Program was created to pick out such enthusiastic quizzers from classes IV and V.

On January 5th, 2017 the IBS (International British School) venue was abuzz with students who had

come to witness and participate in the 2nd Inter-School Quiz Competition, a battle of knowledge and wit displayed by the youngsters of different Indian schools in Kuwait.

Following a preliminary round held in the month of December, six out of the ten Indian Schools that qualified for the finals were the- Indian English Academy, Gulf Indian School, Indian Learners Own Academy,

Indian Educational School, Indian Community School and the host school, FAIPS-DPS.

Under the able guidance of the quiz master Ms. Sarmistha Roy, the quiz progressed taking the participants through different nerve-wracking rounds including one by the Principal of FAIPS. After a volley of questions ranging from Sports, Current affairs, Entertainment and Literature, the winners of the 2nd

Inter-School Quiz Competition emerged following the Buzzer Round. Indian English Academy (Don Bosco) came 1st, followed by FAIPS-DPS in the 2nd position and Indian Community School Khaitan in the 3rd place.

The Chief Guest, K.G. Alexander and the Guest of Honours, Jaffar and Zoheb, Kidzania gave away the prizes to the winners and participants.



A photo from the event.

ICSK Junior holds special assembly to mark Republic Day of India

The air was full of patriotic fervour as the enthusiastic students of ICSK Junior celebrated 68th Republic day of India with assemblies reflecting the theme on Jan 23 and 24, 2017. The corridors and class rooms were decorated to ring in the festive spirit.

Assemblies began with the recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran followed by the school prayer.

The tri-colour was hoisted by the principal in charge Mrs Sheryl Dennis and the students took the pledge in honour of our incredible country. Thought for the day depicted the importance of this day.

The tiny tots from KG performed a wonderful dance praising the Mother land, followed by a speech reminding citizens about our duties towards our country. A

patriotic song which followed the dance highlighted the unique features of our land and how proud we are to be called Indians.

A street play was performed depicting the value of fundamental duties and fundamental rights of Indian citizens. A wonderful dance performance to the foot tapping dance numbers was the highlight of the show.

Principal, Mrs Sheryl Dennis addressed the assembly and asked some questions about our constitution. Master Arjun received loud cheers as he said the complete preamble of the constitution without any errors.

The prizes for the winners CCA Competitions for the month of January were given after which the assembly was dispersed with the singing of Indian National Anthem.