



KG 1 to Grade 7

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Subject: Junior Duke and Mini Duke Awards

Dear Parent,

In a fast-moving world it is imperative we train children in a community to take basic responsibilities and duties to a whole new level. We sometimes find it difficult to remember to give children the time and space to develop their independence through simple life skills - sometimes we are too busy and just need to get things done! Most certainly several programs ensure life skills training to train and develop individuals, we at JSSPS have introduced a program at the very level of school. This program will ensure that children learn to take responsibility for themselves.

Introducing The Junior Duke! - An award scheme for kindergarten to grade 8 students, to encourage and develop valuable life skills. We are happy to run the Junior Duke program for the second year starting from April 2024.

The Junior Duke and Mini Duke Awards give the children time and space to explore and develop their independence. There has been positive feedback from countless parents about the award challenges. Often, they are pleasantly surprised when they realize that their children are old enough to understand the intricacies of chess or to wash their sheets or to hike up a hill, and they feel that their eyes have been opened. Furthermore, parents have seen there is now much more scope for exciting family activities and adventures!

To encourage independence, confidence, resilience and self-motivation, JSS Private School is excited to run an Award Scheme called the **Junior Duke Award – A Life Skill Award** for students. This includes the Micro Duke, Mini Duke, Junior Duke and Senior Duke Awards and is aimed at helping children from **KG2 to grade 8** to learn and practice a large variety of life skills.

Each of these levels has a selection of challenges and, to complete a level, the children need to finish a pre-determined number of these successfully. **These include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Eco awareness, Drama, Music, Sport, and other life skills such as cookery and puncture repair.** The challenges will require a good deal of time and effort out with friends and family.

Students who have completed the award last year are entitled to register for the next level of the program award.

Students of KG1 may register for the Micro Duke level as they will be moving to KG2 in April.

Following are the various categories of the awards being offered for various grades.

Category of the Award	Grade	Head Teacher of the Respective Award	Teachers responsible for assessing the Booklets
Micro Duke	KG2	Mrs. Anshu Vakil	All respective class teachers will be the first point of assessing student work, after which the Head teacher of the respective award will assign a dot sticker to the student to maintain his/her class dot sheet.
Silver Mini Duke	Grade 1	Ms. Deepa Chandrappa	
Gold Mini Duke	Grade 2	Ms. Ranju Kashyap	
Bronze Junior Duke	Grade 3	Ms. Sana Ansari	
Silver Junior Duke	Grade 4	Ms. Indu Tyagi	
Gold Junior Duke	Grade 5	Ms. Sonia Khan	
Platinum Junior Duke	Grade 6	Ms. Sreelakshmi Sreeraj	
Silver Senior Duke	Grade 7	Ms. Prajakta Rabade	
Gold Senior Duke	Grade 8	Ms. Shwetal Sawatkar	

There are 14 progressive challenges in each award (Mini, Junior Duke)

10 life skills challenges + 4 International challenges Participants must complete 10 challenges.

For Senior Duke – (Silver and Gold) students must complete six challenges in all 1 from each category.

For Micro Duke Students to complete 7 challenges

Following are the themes for the respective awards.

	Bronze Junior Duke	Silver Junior Duke	Gold Junior Duke
1	Cookery	Swimming or Eggs	Swimming or Dishes
2	Art	First Aid	Budgeting
3	Swimming or mopping	Domestic Challenge	Cookery
4	First Aid	Time Management	First Aid
5	Eco Challenge	Computer Skills	Interest
6	Independence	Interest	Computer Skills
7	Sport	Eco Challenge	Music
8	Domestic Challenge	Cookery	Drama
9	Interest	Drama	Caring For Others
10	Modern Languages	Modern Language	Eco Challenge
11	My Country	My Country	My Country
12	Neighborliness	Neighborliness	Neighborliness
13	Sustainability	Sustainability	Sustainability
14	Worldly Wise	Worldly Wise	Worldly Wise
	Platinum Junior Duke	Silver Senior Duke	Gold Senior Duke
1	Caring For Others	Creative Skills	Creative Skills

2	Averting Disaster	Money Skills	Money Skills
3	Happiness	Home Skills	Home Skills
4	Cookery	Adventure Challenge	Adventure Challenge
5	Sport	First Aid Skills	First Aid Skills
6	Drama	Physical Challenge	Physical Challenge
7	Domestic Challenge		
8	Computer Skill		
9	Trip Planning		
10	Frist Aid		
11	My Country		
12	Neighborliness		
13	Sustainability		
14	Worldly Wise		

On completion of a level, a well-earned certificate and badge will be awarded. Children should aim to finish all of their challenges by June 2024. In September '24 students will be felicitated for their achievements and will be handed over their Certificates and Badges.

Micro Duke, Mini Duke and Junior Duke programs will have booklets for students to record their completed tasks. After completion of each task, the student should submit his/her booklet to the class teacher, who will have the same verified.

The Senior Duke – (Silver and Gold) are done on the online portal there is no booklet for these programs.

The cost of each level of the award program is **AED 110** with resource materials, badges and certificates.

If your child is interested in participating in the program, kindly submit the acknowledgement slip along with the registration fees in an envelope to your child's class teacher no later than **March 18th 2024**.

The resources will be made available for your child to commence with the program by **April 2024**.

We kindly encourage you to register with the program so that your child can benefit from the same.

Stay safe; Stay healthy; Stay connected.

Warm Regards

Sd/-..

Chitra Sharma
Principal

Acknowledgement Slip – to be filled in and handed over to the class teacher.

My child _____ of Grade/section _____ would be delighted to participate in the Junior Duke program _____ award (Please mention the category of the award).

Attached is **AED 110** towards the enrollment of the program.

To proceed with the award, please mention (Yes) _____ to show that you acknowledge that the Junior Duke takes no responsibility for injury or accident sustained throughout the Award (e.g. burns when cooking, injury through sport etc.). This information is a must to register for the program

Name of the Parent _____

Email id of the Parent _____

Contact number of the Parent _____