



DESERT SAFARI



On Thursday, 10th November 2016, our Grade 6 students had the opportunity to attend a desert safari, which was organised by the SLO Activities Department. This was an exciting outing for many as it transpired that some students, including teachers, had never been on a desert safari before. Students and teachers made their way to the 34 white jeeps that were parked and waiting each with a driver dressed in an Emirati Kandoura, to take everyone into the desert of Hatta.

Upon reaching the desert location, screams of anticipation were echoed as students expressed their excitement to start the adventure, however, not before each student was safely strapped in with their seatbelt. Safety first! After all 34 jeeps were together, one by one, they took off into the desert sunset. The jeeps cruised through the bumpy, golden, yellow, dunes amongst the sunset. After much fun in the sand dunes, it was time to start the next segment of the evening. The jeeps pulled up to an outdoor arena, whereby each student was greeted with a juice and welcomed into the Arabian style venue under the November, night sky. There were plenty of activities awaiting such as henna tattoos, camel rides, a playground, music, etc.

A buffet dinner was served with many popular and authentic, Arabic dishes available. Everyone gathered in their groups of friends at the tables dotted around the desert camp, all chatting and laughing. The students were then treated to a special traditional Egyptian dance by a male dancer, who got the crowd singing and dancing and even invited a few lucky students up on stage to emulate his dance moves. Just after 9:00 PM the students made their way back to school in their jeeps. After a long day, everyone was looking forward to the weekend to rest after the busy school week.

