

“Languages Without Borders”

Celebrating International Mother Language Day

International Mother Language Day is a UNESCO initiative that began in 2000 to honor the 1952 Bengali Language Movement in Bangladesh. Its core mission is to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used around the world, while fostering unity in diversity and encouraging international understanding. This important day serves as a reminder of the value of peace, tolerance, respect, and the safeguarding of mother languages globally.

Language is the foundation of communication, and communication is what enables progress and transformation in human society. The ability—or inability—to use certain languages can open or close doors for individuals and communities across the world. Today, there is growing recognition of the vital role languages play in development, in promoting cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue, in achieving inclusive and quality education, and in preserving our shared cultural heritage.

This year, ISAlmere proudly took part in this global commemoration. Our entrance hall was beautifully decorated with quotes in various languages contributed by Secondary students and teachers, while Primary students created a vibrant collage representing their home languages. To mark the occasion, we also recorded and presented a video titled *“Languages Without Borders”* during our monthly Assembly.

By participating in this annual recognition, we reaffirm the essential role of language in shaping identity, preserving cultural heritage, and fostering understanding across cultures—cornerstones of the inclusive and globally minded community we strive to build at ISAlmere.

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