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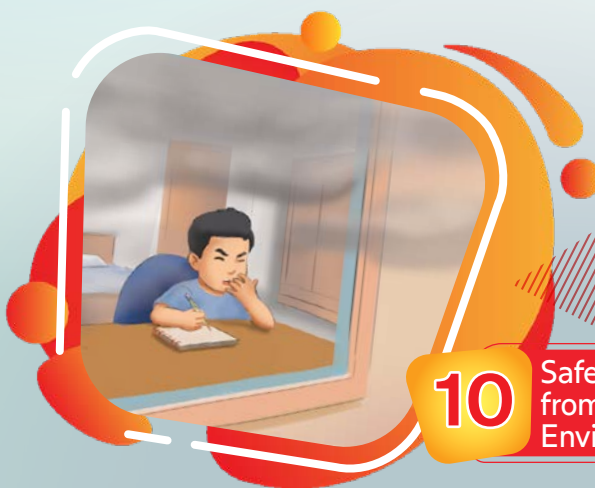
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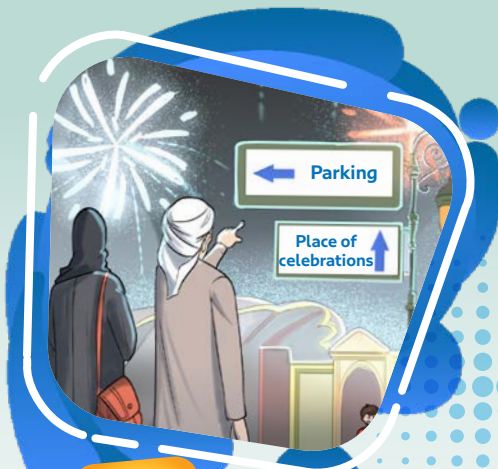
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**Sweet Words**

**Ring in the new year with joy, and achievements celebration**

**“Hello my friends...**

We bid farewell to a beautiful year filled with fond memories and remarkable achievements for our nation. As we welcome the new year with optimism, excitement, and a determination to achieve even more success, we hold on to hope as our guide and hard work as our path. We live in a country that doesn't acknowledge impossibilities, and we stand together behind wise leadership, committed to reaching the highest ranks and never giving up on being “Number One” in all aspects of life.

As we enter the new year, our goals multiply and diversify across personal, family, and community levels, and above all, in our beloved country. We must maintain disciplined behaviour, preserve the environment from pollution, and protect our planet from the causes of climate change.

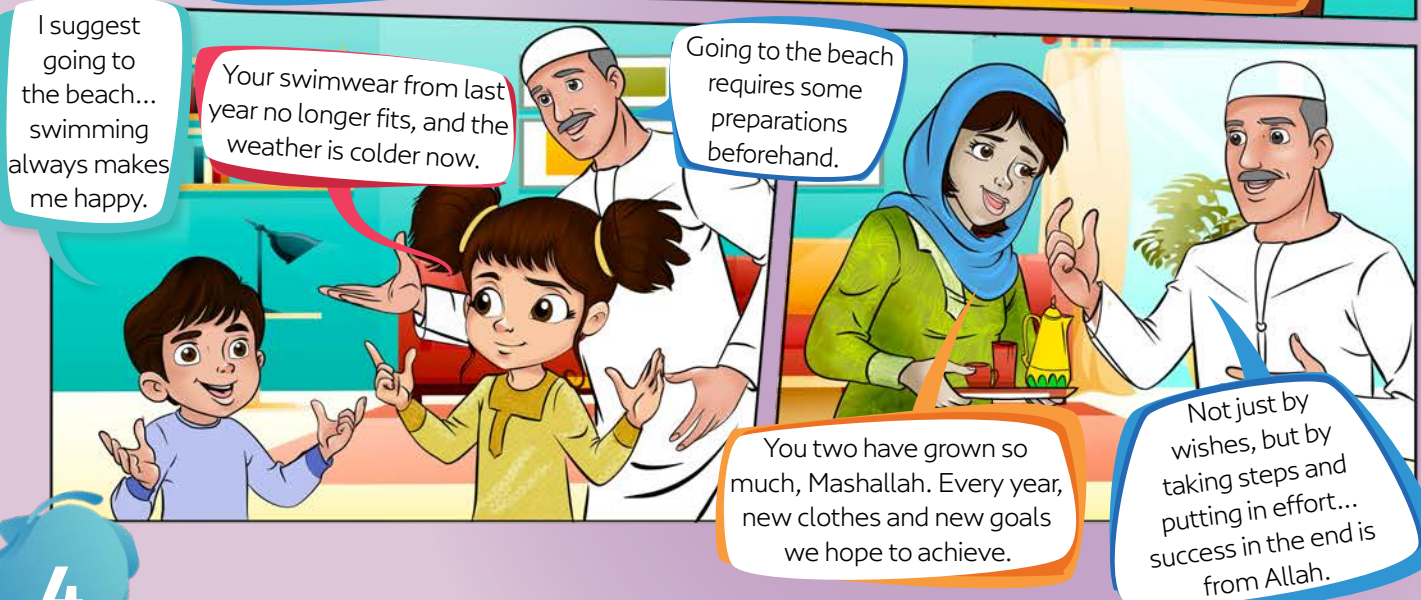
The year 2024 is a blank page where we write our goals and strive to achieve them not just by wishing but by taking the necessary steps and being well-prepared, dedicated, and hardworking. We must remember that any journey, no matter how long, begins with a step towards our bright future through the will of Allah. May Allah fulfil our wishes in the new year, safeguard our country, bless our loved ones, and grant us health and peace of mind. We pray this year becomes a time of goodness and happiness for all and a beacon of hope for our country and the world. May each year bring joy to you and fill your lives with smiles.

**Salama**

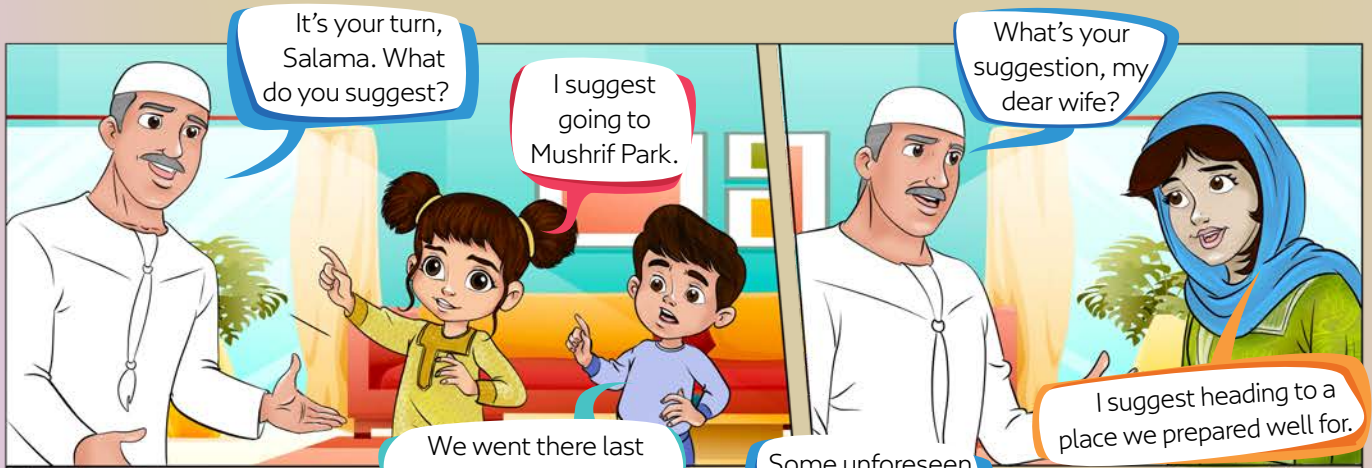
# Celebrate New Year in the desert

Illustrated by: Muhammed Mansour

I'm Salama









# Learn weather-wise tips to drive safely

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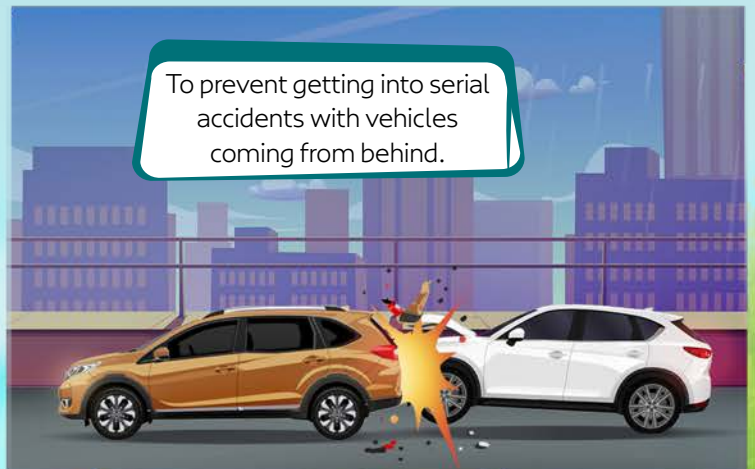
Ensure the car windows and mirrors are clean and use the wipers to improve visibility.



Leave a safe distance and avoid sudden speeding or trying to overtake other vehicles.



In case of an emergency, it is important to bring the vehicle to a complete stop off the road and away from traffic.



To prevent getting into serial accidents with vehicles coming from behind.



Thank God, we reached our home safely.

Safe driving during weather changes ensures safety for everyone on the road.



# Dubai Metro: Unique mass mobility icon, vital link within the city (1)

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai, said: “Dubai Metro is an integral part of Dubai’s essence, intertwined with its daily life and connected to all its neighbourhoods and residents through it. It has been used by two billion people since its launch in 2009 and will be utilised by billions more in the coming decades.” His Highness made this statement to mark the endorsement by His Highness of the Dubai Metro’s Blue Line route, which spans 30 km, half underground at depths reaching up to 70 meters and costing AED18 billion.



### Dubai Metro Blue Line

The Blue Line of Dubai Metro is intended to serve about one million inhabitants of Dubai Creek Harbour, Festival City, and urban areas like the Silicon Oasis and the Academic City. The new line is expected to lift around 320,000 passengers daily. The tunnel tedious works are set to begin in 2025, trials are scheduled in 2028, and the official launch is planned for 2029. With the addition of the Blue Line, the total length of the Dubai Metro network is set to reach 131 km, featuring 78 stations and 168 trains.





### The first rail crossing over Dubai Creek

The upcoming Blue Line route in Dubai will include the first-ever rail crossing over Dubai Creek. This section of the track will span 1.3 km in length. The project is set to have the most prominent underground interchange station in the Dubai Metro system, covering a vast area of 44,000 square meters in International City. Additionally, the project includes an interchange station that connects the existing metro networks on the Red Line (Al Rashidiya) and the Green Line (Al Khor). The station in Dubai Creek Harbour will be iconic, and another station will have a unique architectural design.

### Eco-friendly Dubai Metro

The Dubai Metro was developed with sustainability as a top priority. By providing a convenient mode of transportation for work and entertainment, it helps reduce the number of cars on the road. As the network continues to grow, it is expected to become a vital, eco-friendly solution for public transport, connecting locals and tourists alike to various destinations throughout Dubai.

### Integrated transport network

Dubai has a world-class integrated transportation network serves as a model for future cities. It invests in infrastructure projects and operates and maintains them in line with top global standards to ensure the provision of sustainable and high-quality services. As a result, Dubai is positioned as the world's best city to live, work and visit.

### Golden RTA

RTA has become the first organization in the world to receive the highest number of gold certificates from Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for a transport project with v4 BD + C: NC classification. This remarkable achievement is attributed to several factors such as carefully selecting the best locations for stations, implementing strategies to save power and water consumption, reducing carbon emissions, using suitable and recyclable building materials, and minimizing construction waste.

### Smooth and Safe Transport for passengers

RTA is currently implementing its strategic plan to improve the public transportation systems in Dubai. The goal is to increase the usage of public transport to 30% by 2030. To achieve this, RTA is working to enhance and expand the public transport routes, primarily focusing on the Dubai Metro. The backbone of the transportation system connects essential areas in the emirate, providing a smooth and safe journey to passengers.





# Safe Evacuation Protocols from Smoke-Filled Environments

A Joint Initiative with the General Directorate of Civil Defense in Dubai  
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Champion **Nader**



A fire broke out in the neighbouring house, causing smoke to enter our young friend's room.

please hurry up! We need to leave the house immediately as the smoke is spreading.



I think someone is in trouble, and I need to call the civil defense immediately.

Thankfully, we managed to contain the fire it spread further.

It was the right decision for your father to take you out immediately.

The smoke panicked me, and I felt breathless.



Smoke can be a deadly foe, as most fire-related injuries are caused by inhaling smoke. Smoke can be a deadly foe, as most fire-related injuries are caused by inhaling smoke.

In a fire, always use emergency exits, not elevators.

That's a smart tip to avoid getting trapped during a power outage.



When there's smoke, it's safer to bend or crawl because smoke rises to the top of the room.



Move cautiously and use a wet cloth to cover your nose and breathe.

If you can't leave or use your phone, get to a window to signal for help.



Shout and wave something white or colorful.

Never jump from a high floor and wait for the civil defense to arrive.



Thanks for the invaluable advice.

Let's organise a training course on safe smoke evacuation techniques.

That's a brilliant idea. We'll make it happen, God willing.





# Hatta's Winter Fest: An Epic of Fun

**Faris** and

**Shaheen**

Hey Faris, where have you been? I missed hanging out with you

I went on a fantastic trip with my dad around our beloved country. What did you do in my absence?

I went to Hatta's Winter Festival, where I had lots of fun enjoying music, cool lights, and sports activities.

I met three amazing characters at Wadi Hub - Modhesh, Dana, and «The Anokhi». They shared their insights on how to take care of our planet.

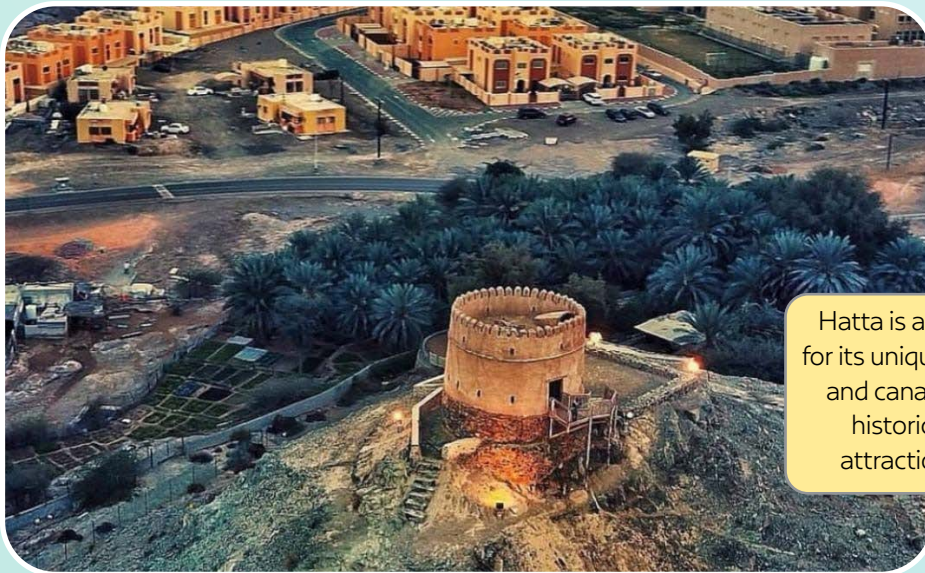
This place was called «Lake Lim» at the festival. It was the centre of everything! There were community gatherings and fun contests about our culture and history.

There was an incredible mountain show at Lake Lim with fantastic dancing! I participated in many activities, such as shooting arrows and axes, sliding on tracks, swinging on a giant swing, and climbing a wall.

Oh no, I missed the festival. I wish I could have been there with you to see all that magic.

don't worry! There's still much to see in Hatta, especially during the cool.





Hatta is a popular destination for its unique nature, mountains, and canals. It also has many historic sites and tourist attractions worth visiting.



Visitors can ride bikes on mountain trails, zip-line, and climb mountains.

At Hatta Wadi Hub, visitors can enjoy kayaking and canoeing on Hatta Dam, exploring the heritage village, and hiking at the hill park.

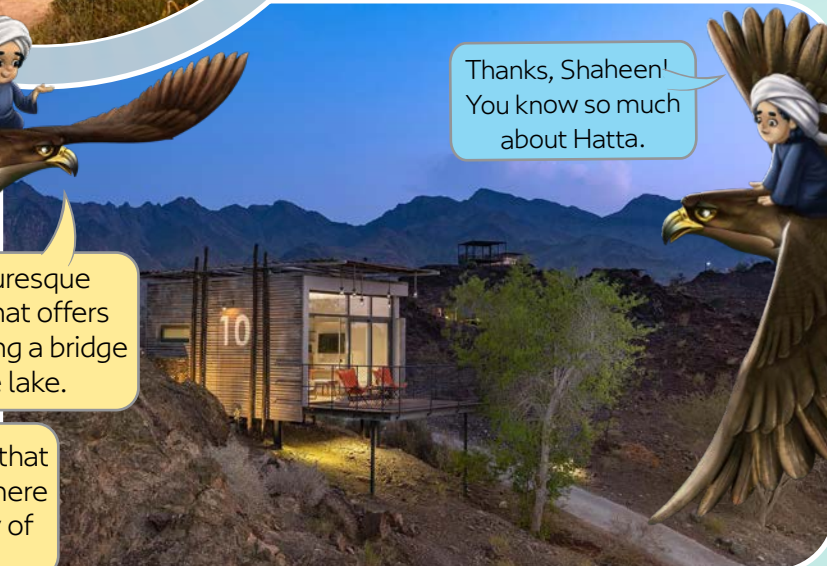


Lake Lim is a picturesque natural attraction that offers fun activities, including a bridge to walk over the lake.

Hatta has campsites that offer a great atmosphere for camping any day of the week .

Thanks, Shaheen!  
You know so much about Hatta.

No problem, Faris. We'll go to Hatta a lot this winter, God willing!





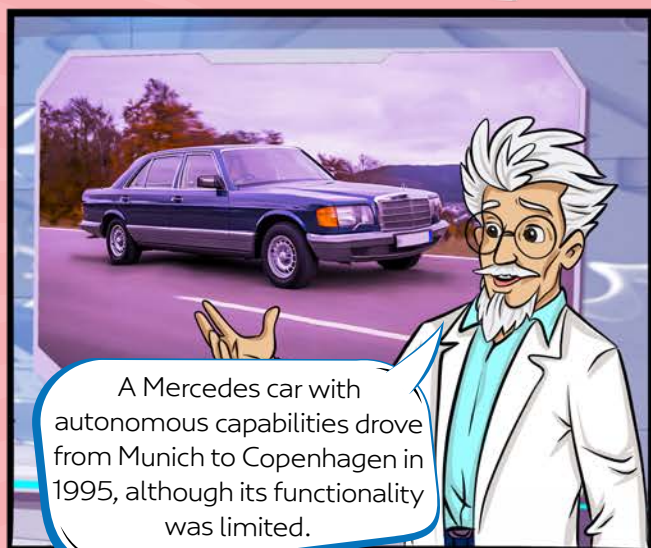
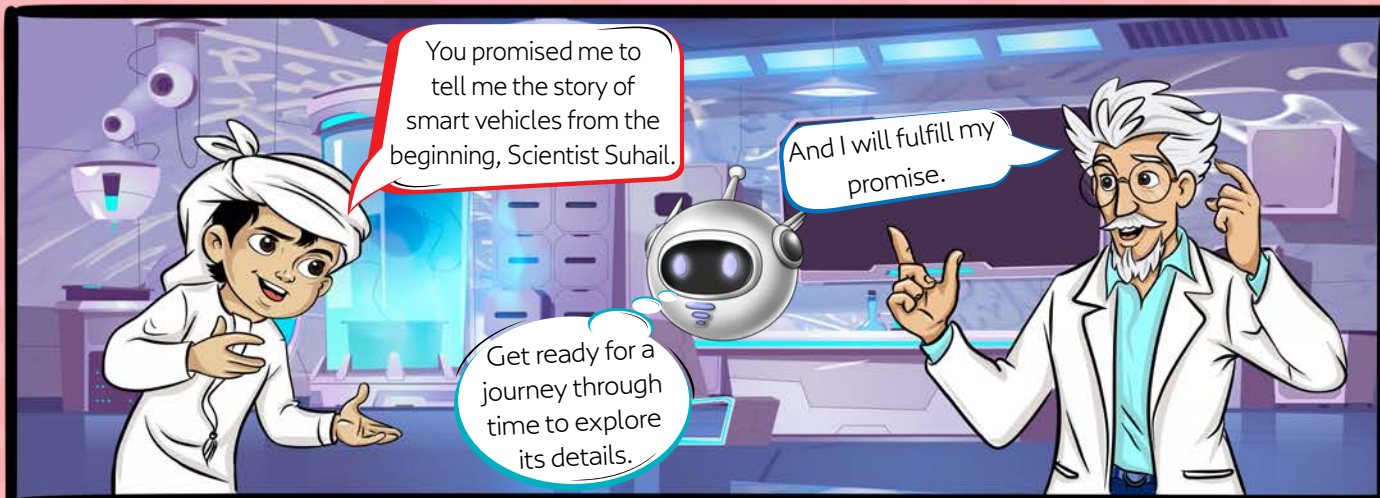
# Explore the capabilities of Smart Vehicles

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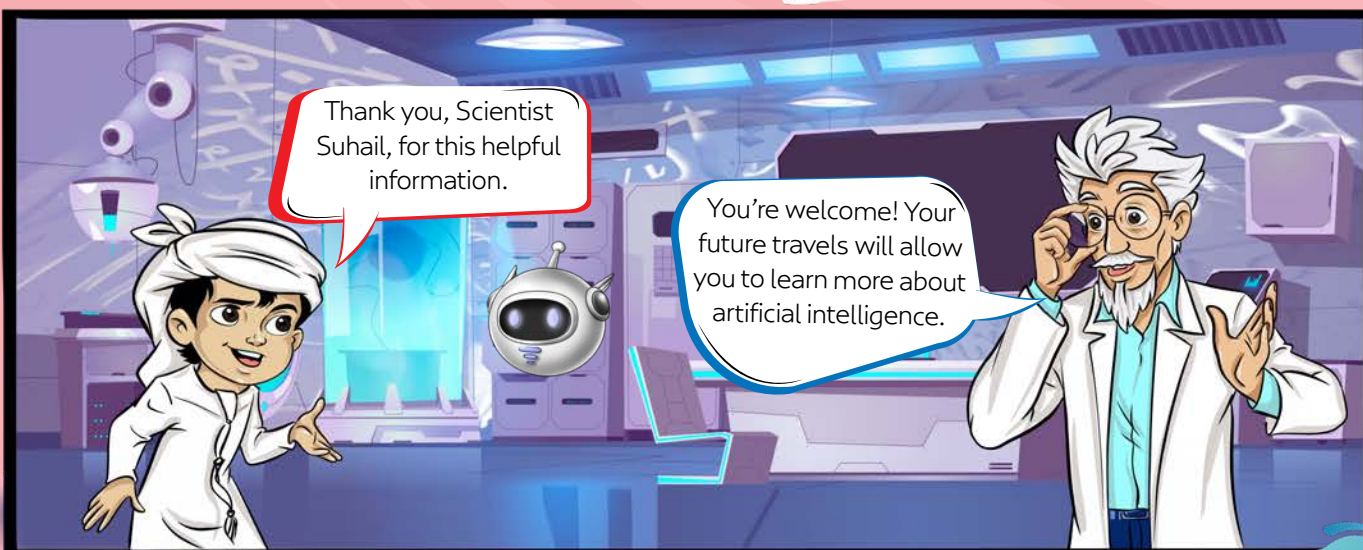
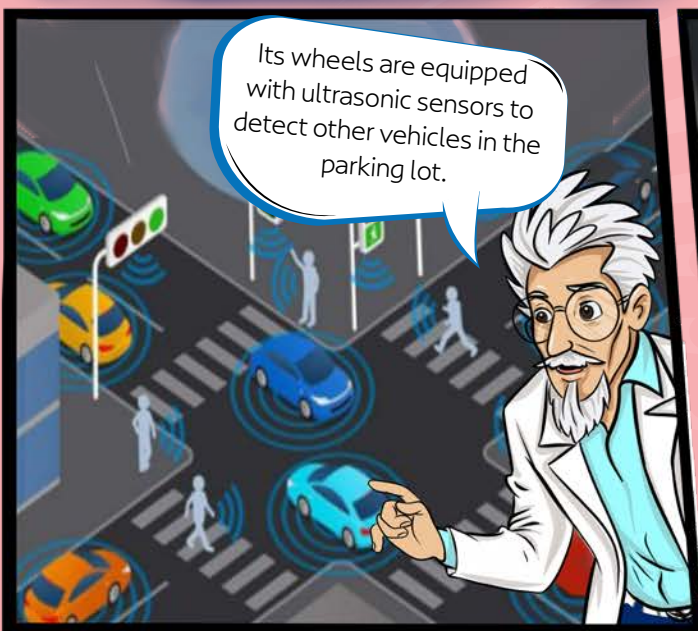
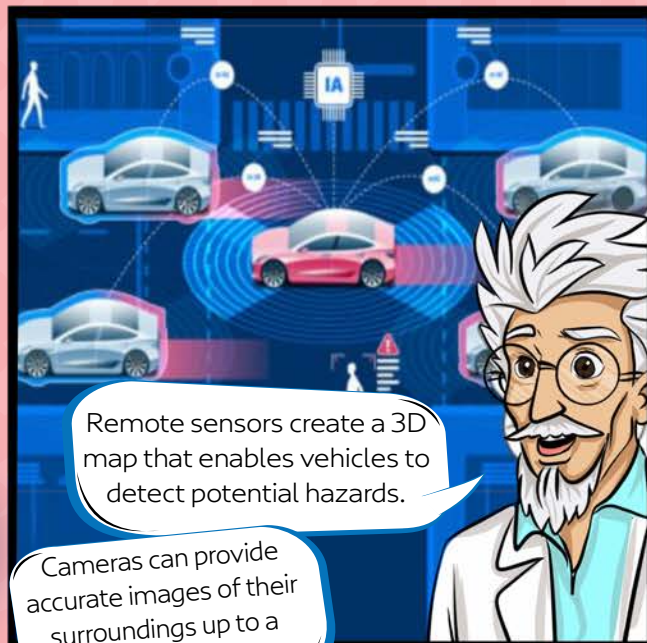


Foreseeing

the future







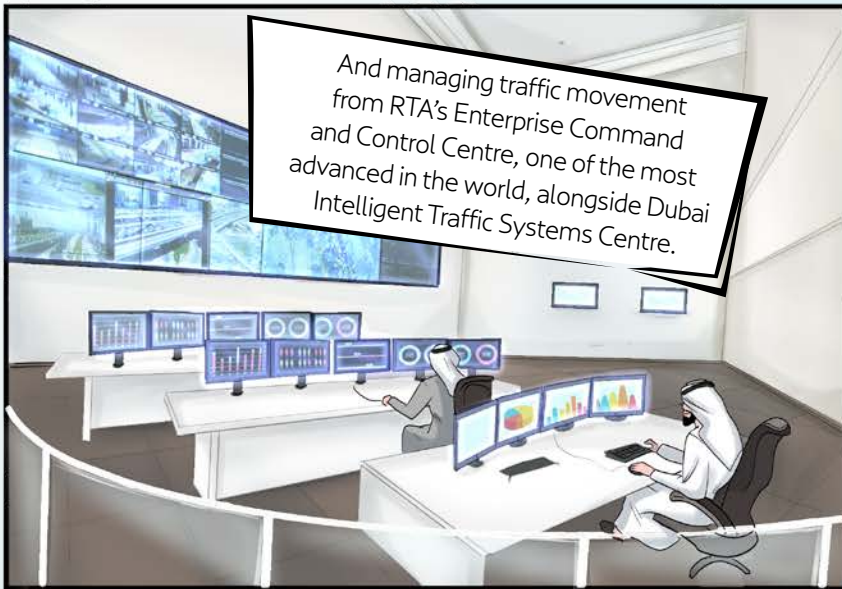


# Smart Planning Sparks Joyful New Year Celebrations

Illustrated by: Abdel Fattah Helmy







And managing traffic movement from RTA's Enterprise Command and Control Centre, one of the most advanced in the world, alongside Dubai Intelligent Traffic Systems Centre.



RTA offered free buses for shuttling visitors between parking spaces and metro stations

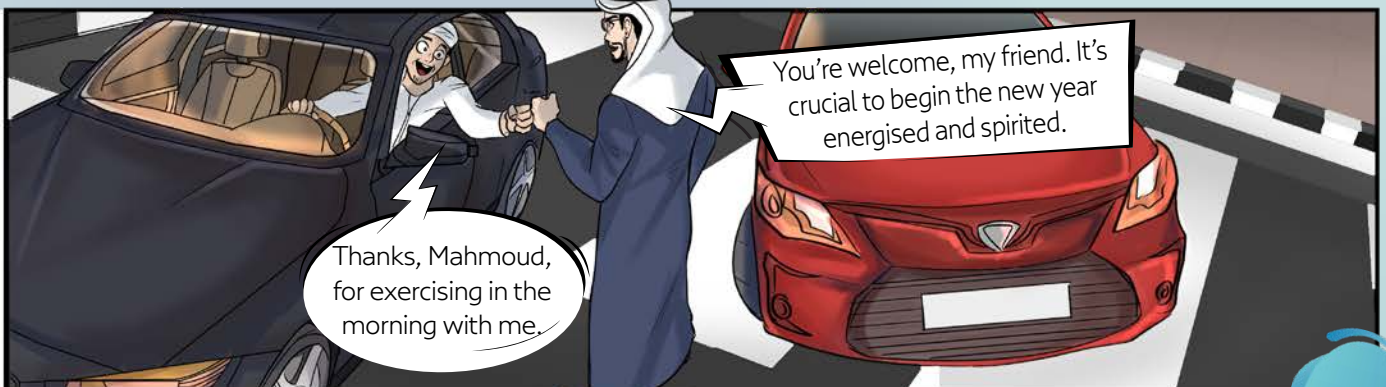


And instruction signs to ease pedestrian traffic, along with smart screens to keep road users updated on traffic situations.



Extra parking was allocated outside the main event zone, with public transport buses facilitating travel to and from the event location.

A fleet of 210 buses eased the transportation of visitors from the event sites to parking and metro stations to facilitate the exit process.



You're welcome, my friend. It's crucial to begin the new year energised and spirited.

Thanks, Mahmoud, for exercising in the morning with me.



# Obtaining Electric Scooter permit ensure safety

Illustrated by: Hossam Abdel Ghani

Inspector **Hamad**





# School Transport by RTA and Careem: A Hit with 4.84 Satisfaction Rating Serving 750 Schools and 1,150 Parents

**Mahboub**



Since its launch in April 2023, the school transportation service provided by Dubai Roads and Transport Authority and Careem has been a big success, scoring an impressive 4.84 out of 5 in customer satisfaction. More than 1,150 parents and 750 schools in Dubai are using this service.

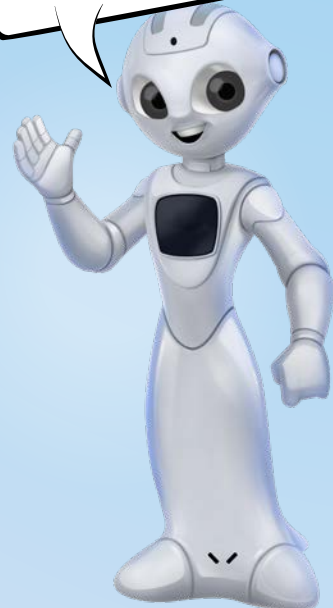
This service provides a cheaper and safer way to get to school by car, with a cost that is 34.5% lower than the usual car rides you can book on the Careem app. In addition to being cost-effective, it offers a safe and quick way for kids to travel.



For this service, 3,500 vehicles have been deployed, 40% of all cars on the Careem app. The drivers are chosen based on their safety record and have no complaints about driving.



The drivers receive special training to ensure their ability to take kids to and from school safely. If a child is under ten, they must be accompanied by an adult. Starting in 2024, an option to have an attendant ride-along will also be available.



Using the Careem app on a smartphone or tablet, any student can book a ride, regardless of their age.





# Childhood Obesity: Understanding Risks and Prevention

Illustrated by: Abdel Fattah Helmy

Prepared by: Hamda Al Mansouri  
Dubai Health Authority

Miss

Weqaya

Dear friends, our topic today is very important, so I decided to talk to you directly.

Unfortunately, many children nowadays suffer from fat building up in their bodies. Causing health problems and mental difficulties.

These include feeling bad about themselves, being bullied, and being left out.

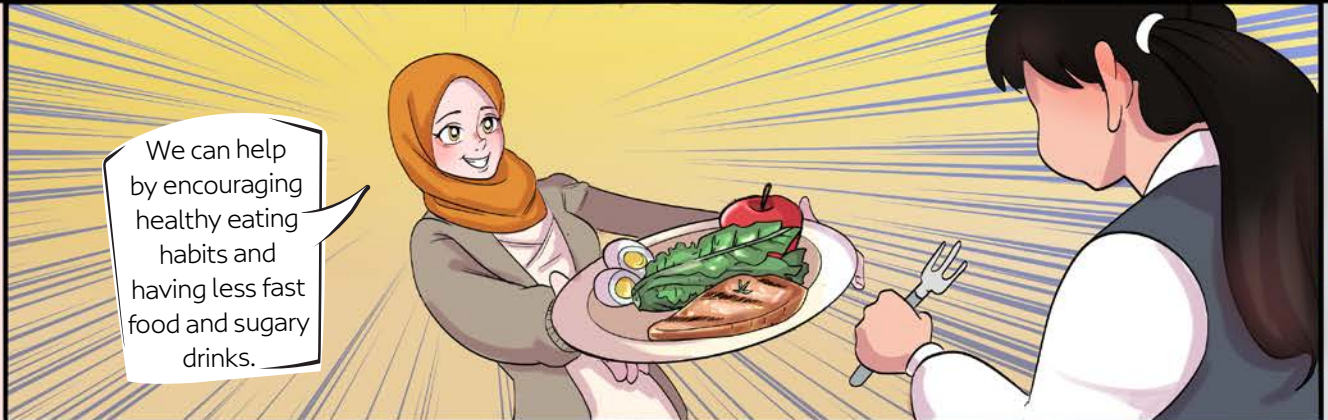
Various factors contribute to children becoming obese, such as consuming unhealthy food, lack of physical activity, and prolonged periods of inactivity.

Some children may have a higher risk of developing obesity due to genetic factors, such as insulin problems.





To address obesity in children, it is imperative that everyone works together and cooperates towards this goal.



We can help by encouraging healthy eating habits and having less fast food and sugary drinks.



It's essential to exercise regularly and limit screen time from devices like TVs, computers, and tablets.



Having a healthy body and eliminating obesity can boost happiness and confidence levels



# Learn Hospitality Etiquette from Granny

Illustrations: Youssef Halim

Grandma

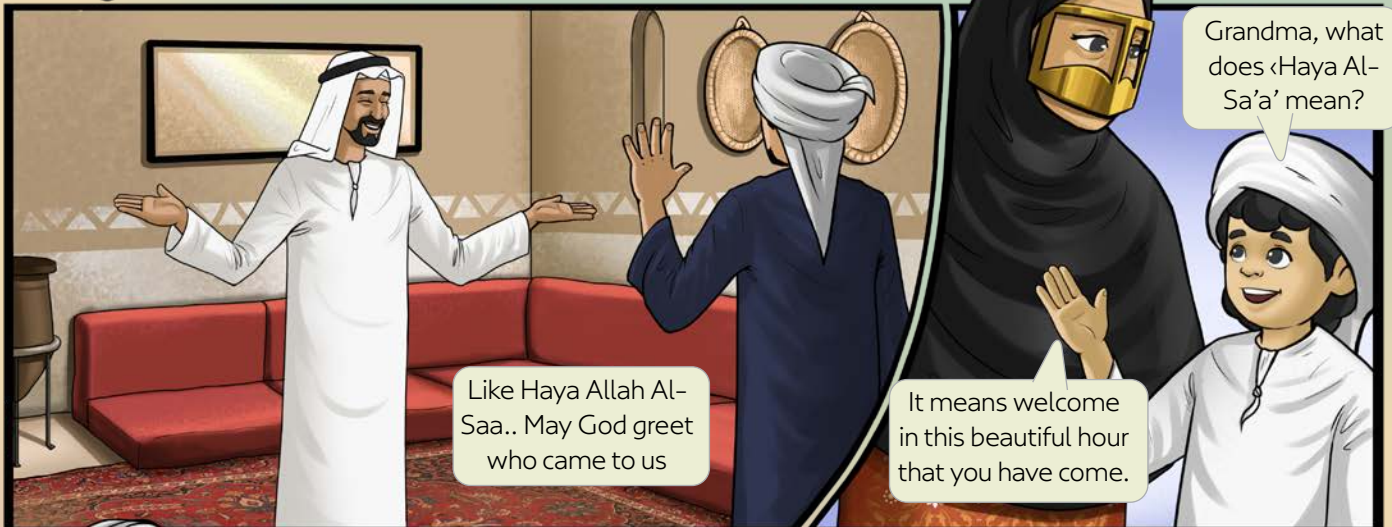
Aousha



Grandma, what did you use to say when receiving your guests in the past?

Upon welcoming them, we greeted our visitors with a warm smile and a cheerful demeanour to convey our joy at their arrival.

There are certain ways people express happiness when welcoming a guest.



Like Haya Allah AL-Saa.. May God greet who came to us

Grandma, what does 'Haya Al-Sa'a' mean?

It means welcome in this beautiful hour that you have come.



Here's another phrase: Millions of hellos aren't enough. It means that we need millions of welcoming expressions.

How do the guests respond to this beautiful speech?

The guest says: Hello Billion. May God bless you.



# Understanding the Pillar of Islam

In cooperation with the Community Development Authority



My friends, there are five pillars of Islam: Declaration of Faith (There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah), Prayer, Zakat, Pilgrimage to Mecca and Fasting in the month of Ramadan. Let's communicate these principles through sign language.

Sanad



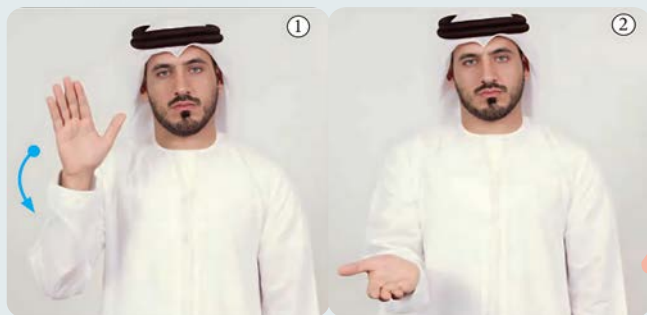
This sign represents the dual testimonies: There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.



This sign represents prayer.



These two signs represent Charity.



These two signs represent Pilgrimage, which is obligatory for those who have the means.



This sign indicates fasting.





# Explore Plastic Perils to Stay Safe

Illustrated by: Muhammed Mansour

Aliaa

The Eco-friendly





About one million birds and 100,000 whales and seals die annually due to waste pollution.

Eating or heating food in plastic containers can release harmful chemicals into your food.

Recycling plastic is a complex process requiring specialized machinery and much money.

Excessive deposition of plastic waste in the soil can render it unsuitable for construction and building purposes.



How can we address this big issue?

I'll explain our plan to resolve this issue when we get back to school.