

Colors of childhood.. messages of hope bloom for peace





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Introduction

Based on the firm belief of the Union for Human Rights Association in the importance of involving young generations in building a culture of peace and tolerance, this special supplement in the fourth issue of the Emirates Journal of Human Rights serves as a bright space for children's voices and their drawings that reflect their innocence and their clear vision of a world dominated by harmony and love.

Participants have expressed, through their brush and words, noble human values that affirm that the message of peace is universal, transcending borders and cultures, and resonates in the hearts of the young before the old. This exhibition is not just a showcase of artworks, but a testament that the culture of peace instilled by the founding father Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may God rest his soul, is still rooted in the hearts of our sons and daughters, becoming a beacon for a brighter future.

Name: Hidha Fatima

Age: 16 years

Nationality: India

Interests and hobbies: drawing, coloring, singing, and sports.

Her message:

«Amidst the haunting silence of a shattered city, where concrete crumbles and memories lie buried under dust, a small child sits quietly, feeding doves with pieces of bread. This image captures a profound truth that even in the darkest corners of human suffering, the light of compassion refuses to die. The child, untouched by hatred, becomes a symbol of pure humanity choosing to give, to nurture, and to love in a place stripped of all comfort. The doves, messengers of peace, gather not just for food, but as silent witnesses to the resilience of the human spirit. This scene whispers to our hearts: peace begins in the smallest hands, and even one act of kindness can defy the loudest noise of war.»

Association Comment:

The child Hidha Fatima presented a moving painting that shows that peace is born from the simplest actions, even amidst destruction and suffering. The child feeding the pigeons amidst the ruins conveys a profound humanitarian message: that giving and compassion can be the seeds of life in the face of the harshness of war. This participation deeply embodies that hope does not die, and that our shared humanity is the path to true peace. The painting is a creative artistic work that combines the power of the idea and the sincerity of the scene, where the child skillfully employed symbols to reflect the contrast between the cruelty of war and the innocence of childhood. The painting reveals the ability of art to be a witness to pain and a message of hope at the same time.



Name: Diya Harini Kumaraswamy

Age: 11 years

Nationality: India

Her message:

«War divides, peace unites. I wanted to convey war that brings death, inhuman conditions to live and life with fear daily. Whereas, peace unites everyone. It leads to joyful life, equally shared with every human. We should promote compassion and equality in schools and promote harmony.»

Association Comment:

The painting of the little girl Dia highlights the power of child art in conveying the most complex truths: that war only produces fear and destruction, while peace builds hope and brings people together on the values of compassion and equality. She has simply managed to encapsulate in half of the painting the meaning of division and inhumanity, and in the other half the meaning of joy and unity, presenting a powerful visual message that transcends words and affirms that a safe future begins by instilling a culture of peace in the minds and hearts of children.



Name: Roaa Abdulaziz Khairy Mansour

Age: 16 years

Nationality: Jordanian - Resident in Abu Dhabi

School: Qatar Al-Nada Secondary School - Public School

Hobbies: drawing, reading, and radio broadcasting in Arabic and English.

Achievements: Participation in the «My Talent» art program for over six years, winner of the Arab Reading Challenge, received several awards, and has participated in national and international competitions.

The painting: titled 'Eternal Peace'

Her message:

«This painting reflects a message of peace and humanity, where inner calm meets elements of heritage and environment to embody spiritual purity, while the green leaves symbolize life and renewal. My message is that peace begins from within and extends to include humanity and nature, in a harmony that illuminates our present and future.»

Association Comment:

Through this painting, the child Roaa created an embodiment of peace as a profound emotional state that begins within the individual and reflects on their natural and social environment. She presented an artistic vision that carries noble human dimensions, affirming that youth are capable of expressing great values in a creative manner. This participation reflects the new generation's awareness of the importance of peace as a foundation for sustainable development and human coexistence.



Name: Ali Mohammed Hashil Al-Nuaimi

Age: 9 years

Nationality: UAE

His message:

His message: Peace is the foundation of love and cooperation among people, and it is the path of goodness that we learned from our leaders in the United Arab Emirates. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may God rest his soul, taught us that peace builds nations and brings hearts closer. Our leaders today follow in his footsteps in spreading tolerance and love among peoples. As children of the Emirates, we must maintain peace in our schools and homes, and treat others with respect and compassion, so that we can be role models and spread goodness wherever we are.



Association Comment:

Through Ali's painting and his messages that are simple yet profound at the same time, he expressed an early awareness that peace is not an abstract idea but rather a daily practice that begins at home and school and extends to society and the world. What distinguishes his contribution is that it connects the national values established by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may God rest his soul, with the responsibility of the new generation to live these values and translate them into practical behavior. What Ali presented reflects the essence of the UAE's message in making peace a way of life, affirming that children, with their innocence, are capable of carrying this trust to be role models in spreading compassion, respect, and love wherever they are.



Name: Noora Mohammed Hashil Al-Nuaimi

Age: 17 years

Nationality: Emirati

Hobbies: drawing, crafts

Initiatives: The owner of the Happiness Cart initiative, which aims to spread happiness and positivity wherever it may be.

Association Comment:

In this painting, child Noura expressed her vision of peace through the drawing of a dove carrying an olive branch, a universal symbol of hope and harmony, while the background consisted of intertwined and spontaneous colors to reflect that peace illuminates life no matter the challenges. Noura explained that she learned about peace and tolerance from the leaders of the UAE, as this is the approach of our father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may God rest his soul. Through her participation, she highlights the awareness of Emirati youth regarding the necessity of being ambassadors of tolerance and happiness; her peace, represented by the dove, is not just a symbol, but a strong positive message that building peace starts by spreading joy and kindness in our immediate surroundings, extending its impact to the whole world.



Name: Amna Mani Muhammad Saif Al-Qubaisi

Age: 8 years

Nationality: Emirati

Her message:

«Peace = Purity»

Association Comment:

Through this innocent drawing, the girl Amna expressed a deep understanding that peace is inseparable from purity and clarity. She drew the yellow dove, a symbol of hope, carrying an olive branch, while the open hands embodied the idea that peace and clarity are values that every person should uphold. The involvement of children in these drawings reflects their early awareness of the importance of spreading a culture of peace, and confirms that these values are deeply rooted in our Emirati society.



Name: Sujithapriya S

Age: 16 years

Nationality: India

School: The Indian Academy-Dubai

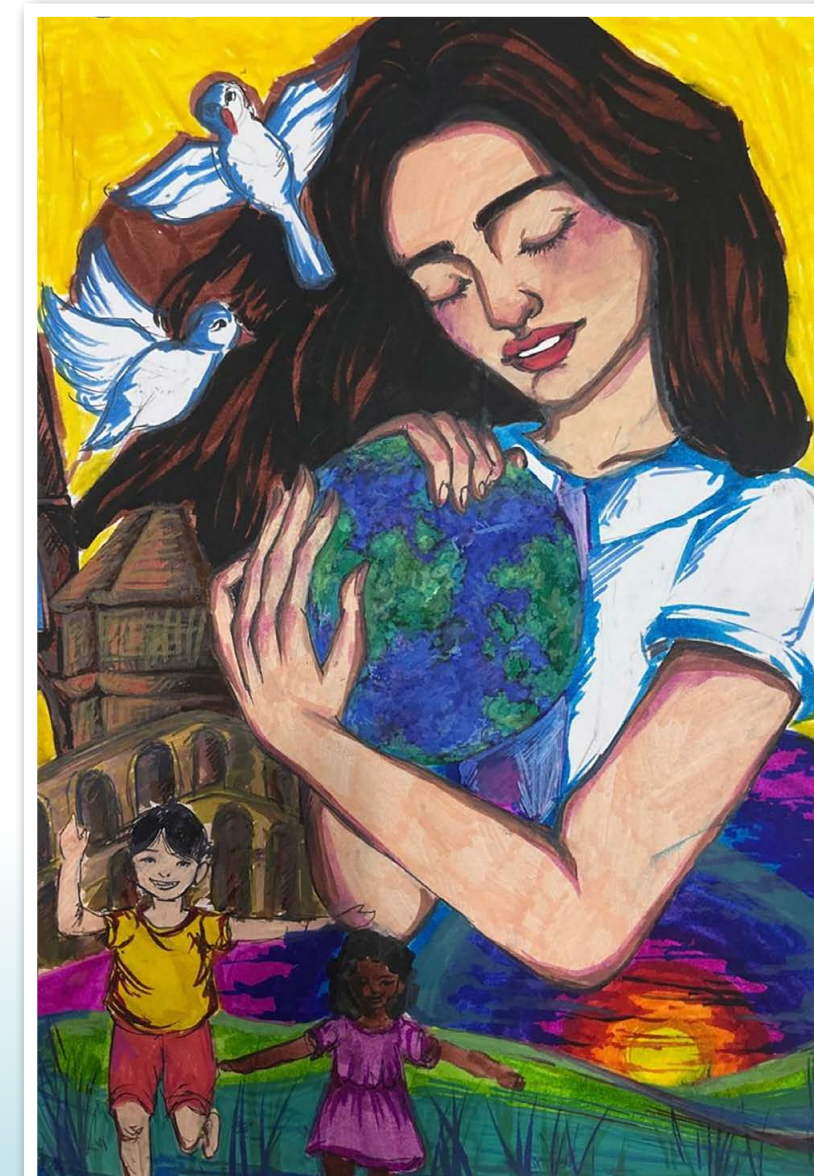
Title of the painting: Cradling Earth with Love

Her message:

My painting symbolizes peace and shared humanity. A woman cradling the Earth symbolizes compassion and care, reminding us that healing begins with empathy. Doves, a sign of peace, soar above, children play below, and famous architecture stands tall where each one portrays unity across countries and cultures. The vibrant sky, shifting from golden warmth to twilight hues, reflects hope rising from diversity. This painting is to remind us to protect what is innocent, cherish what is important, and nurture a world where love transcends boundaries. It's a call to action; to live gently and believe in collective harmony

Association Comment:

Child Sujithapriya presented a global artistic vision that makes the Earth a single embrace for humanity, where peace is embodied in empathy, unity in diversity, and love in shared care. Her message reflects that humanitarian values are not confined by borders, but are a common language that unites peoples and cultures. Her participation adds a global dimension to the annex and affirms that the youth generation is capable of carrying the message of peace with awareness and impactful art.



Name: Maahib Ahamed

Age: 5 years

Nationality: Sri Lankan

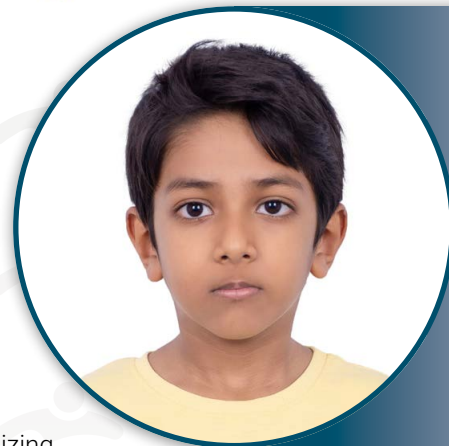
Interests and hobbies: drawing, building creative models, storytelling, playing outdoors, and exploring.

His message:

«Peace and humanity make the world bright like a rainbow.»

Association Comment:

The child Maahib Ahamed drew a colorful rainbow with words symbolizing great human values such as love, kindness, hope, friendship, respect, unity, and peace. The global peace symbol is placed in the center of the painting, surrounded by clouds that reflect purity, and beneath the rainbow, the phrase reads: "A Rainbow of Peace where humanity blooms." This childhood contribution emphasizes that peace, like a rainbow, lights up the world when human values come together. Through simple colors and sincere words, Maahib expressed the dream of all children: to live in a world sheltered by love and unity, where humanity blossoms like the colors of the spectrum.



Name: Lama Alaa El-Din Muridkous

Age: 10 years

Nationality: Syrian

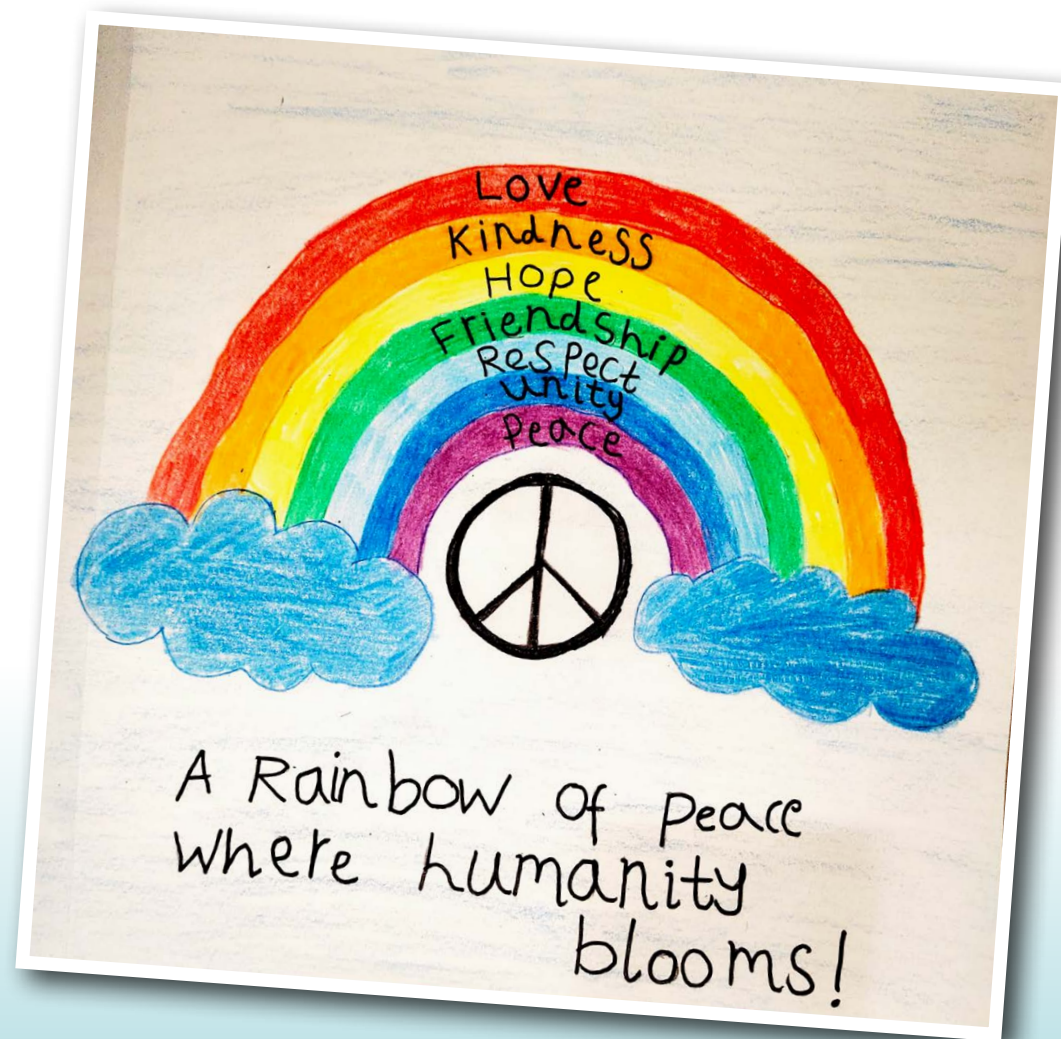
Hobbies: swimming, painting, cycling

Her message:

«Safety and peace are life.»

Association Comment:

In this painting, the child Lama expressed a simple childhood world where play and joy meet symbols of peace. A child can be seen running in the garden under the sun and among the flowers, while doves fly carrying olive branches as a message of love and reassurance. The bright colors and simplicity of expression reflect children's pure perspective on life, which they see as filled with joy when peace is present. Through her innocence and bright colors, Lama conveyed a sincere message that safety and peace are the secrets to happiness and continuity.



Name: Lamar Gaafar
Age: 12 years
Nationality: Syrian
Talent: drawing and gymnastics

Her message:

Your arrival was like the arrival of peace to my heart.

Association Comment:

In this painting, the girl Lamar chose to express peace from a profound symbolic angle, where the bright sun appeared on the horizon as a symbol of renewed hope, and a bird was shown flying beyond black bars as if liberating itself from the shackles of captivity and darkness. Meanwhile, the features of a human figure in the shadow next to the cage embody the moment of anticipation and waiting for freedom. With dark colors transitioning to brightness, Lamar presented a story of transition from suffering to liberation, making a single bird a symbol of an entire people's journey towards freedom, emphasizing that peace means opening the horizon to hope, and that freedom is the first step of humanity towards a better tomorrow.



Name: Hanan Jasem Mohammed Al Naqbi
Age: 11 years
Nationality: Emirati
Hobbies: drawing, design and technology, swimming, skiing, poetry
Achievements: won first place nationally in environmental graphics in the competition on the impacts of coral reef degradation on marine life and beaches with the regional organization for marine environment protection.

Her message:

Peace preserves the beauty of the earth and human life; the earth that is nourished by peace knows neither pollution nor destruction. Let us be ambassadors of peace and protectors of the earth

Association Comment:

In this painting, the child Hanan expressed the close relationship between peace and the beauty of nature, embodying half of the Earth in pure green and blue colors that reflect life and prosperity, while the other half appeared faded and polluted as a symbol of the consequences of the absence of peace. Meanwhile, the white dove soared, carrying an olive branch as a call to protect the Earth and humanity together, emphasizing that peace is the path to a balanced and sustainable life. This contribution demonstrates an early awareness of the importance of linking environmental protection with the promotion of a culture of peace, as Hanan affirmed that preserving the planet begins with spreading values of compassion and love among people, successfully conveying that peace is not just a human concept but a guarantee of the beauty of nature and the continuity of life, and a message that protecting the environment is an integral part of safeguarding global peace.



Name: Rashid Mohamed Sami Al-Nadi & Yasmin Mohamed Sami Al-Nadi

Age: 10 years

Nationality: Jordanian

Their message:

- «On International Peace Day, let us make our hearts a homeland of peace before we seek it in the world.»
- «Peace begins with a kind word, a forgiving heart, and a spirit that spreads love wherever it goes.»
- «Peace Day is a call to plant instead of destroy, and to love instead of harm.»
- «Peace is not the absence of war, but the presence of mercy and love in our hearts.»

Association Comment:

The first painting:

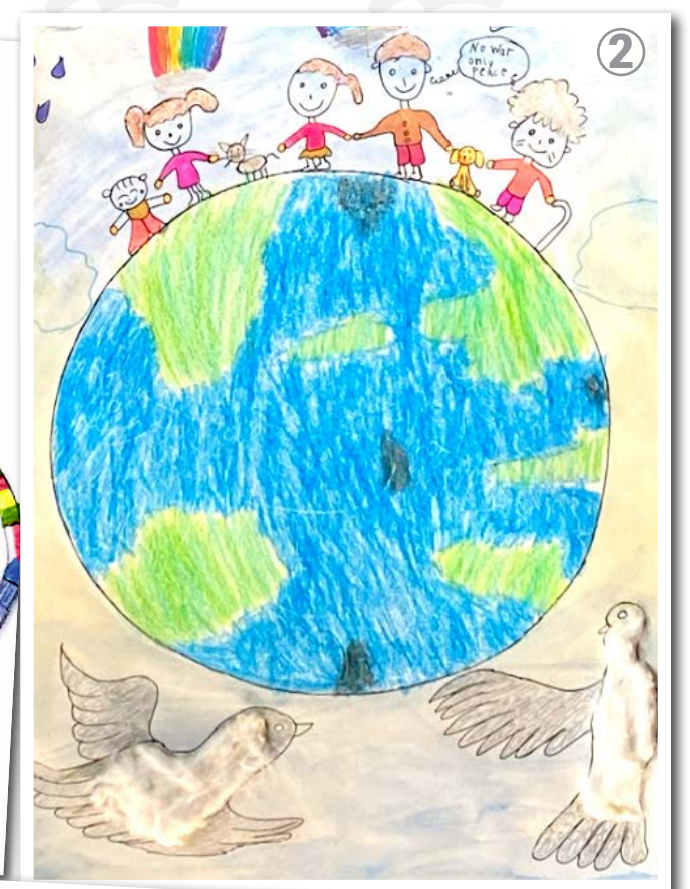
This painting reflects how children see the UAE as a steadfast symbol of global peace, embodied in the image of someone raising the flag while carrying a message of goodwill to the whole world. The white dove above the flag enhances the meaning that the UAE has not only made peace a part of its identity but has also turned it into a universal message that transcends borders. The raised hands and flags surrounding the globe complete the picture that peace is a collective call that can only be achieved through the cooperation of all peoples. This innocent participation summarizes the vision of the UAE: that building a safe and stable future for the world starts with spreading the values of tolerance and coexistence, values that were instilled by the founder Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may God rest his soul, and which our leadership continues to uphold today.

The second painting:

The second painting depicts the world as a large globe surrounded by children from various backgrounds holding each other's hands, while white doves, a symbol of peace, soar in the sky. An impactful childish phrase reads: «No war only peace». This painting reflects how children believe that their unity and innocence are enough to unite the world, and that peace is a natural right that should protect their childhood from the horrors of conflict.

The third painting:

In the third painting, we see children drawing the Earth as if they are embracing it with affection, surrounded by smiling faces, stars, and bright colors, with the slogan «World Peace» in the center. This painting carries the message that the world is one home, and that joy and hope only flourish when peace is the common language among all, where children become ambassadors of love and unity.



Name: Rawan Malik Karbaj

Age: 18

Nationality: Syria

Hobbies: Drawing, calligraphy, poetry, reading, swimming, and horseback riding

Association Comment:

This drawing by Rawan reflects the values of tolerance and compassion that characterize the UAE community, where humanitarian giving, care for the elderly and people of determination, and compassion for animals combine with the country's pioneering role in providing humanitarian aid. Through these noble values, the drawing affirms that peace begins with tolerance and compassion, and that the UAE continues to instill these values in the hearts of young generations, continuing to be a message of peace and humanity to the world.



The conclusion

What the children's drawings and letters in this supplement carry is not just innocent artistic expressions, but a living testimony to the awareness of the emerging generations that peace is the way to build a secure and prosperous future for all humanity. Our sons and daughters have affirmed that great human values – from compassion and love to tolerance and cooperation – are capable of taking root in small souls to yield a more just and beautiful world.

As the Union for Human Rights proudly embraces these creations, it reaffirms its commitment to supporting the efforts of the United Arab Emirates in spreading the culture of peace and tolerance worldwide, and collaborating with national and international institutions to entrench these noble values. Children are the ambassadors of tomorrow, and their drawings today are messages of hope that inspire us all to believe that peace is possible, and that its protection is a shared responsibility among generations.

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