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UAE astronauts inspire kids at summer camp

Al Matrooshi and Al Mulla share insights into space travel and their training regimen

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What does it take to become an astronaut? Young students at the Museum of the Future's summer camp found out first-hand when UAE astronauts Mohammad Al Mulla and Nora Al Ma-

trooshi shared their incredible journeys with them.

The Museum of the Future hosted the visit for its Future Heroes Summer Camp held in collaboration with the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre.

Camp runs until August 1

Now in its third year, the camp runs until August 1, 2024. Designed for children aged 6 to 13, it combines hands-on workshops, guided tours, and immersive experiences to foster creativity and encourage innovation.

Campers were thrilled to hear about the astronauts' experiences and training. The astronauts shared insights into space travel, sparking the children's curiosity.

UAE's first woman astronaut

Al Matrooshi is the first Emirati woman astronaut. She holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from UAE University and has undergone training at Vaasa University of Applied Sciences in Finland. She has worked as an engineer at the National Petro-

leum Construction Company. Currently a member of Nasa's Astronaut Candidate Class of 2021, Al Mulla holds a bachelor's degree in law and economics as well as an Executive Masters of Public Administration from the Mohammad Bin Rashid School of Government.

Before becoming an astronaut, he served as the head of Training Department at the Air Wing Centre of Dubai Police. Al Mulla's journey embodies dedication and perseverance, making him a role model for aspiring astronauts.



■ UAE astronauts Mohammad Al Mulla and Nora Al Matrooshi with children at the Museum of the Future's summer camp.