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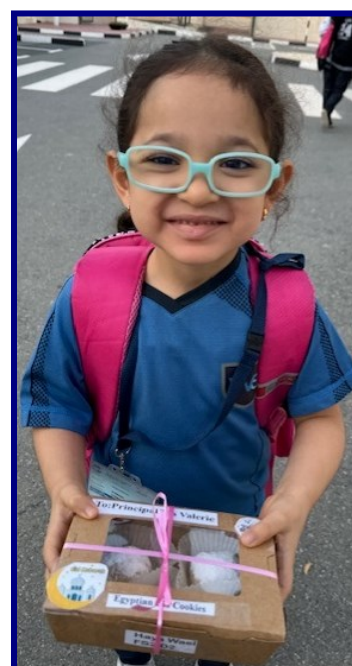
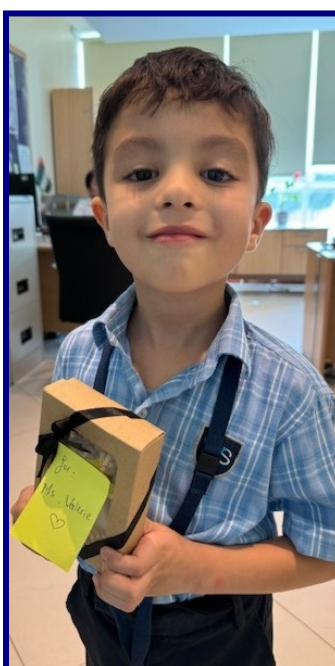
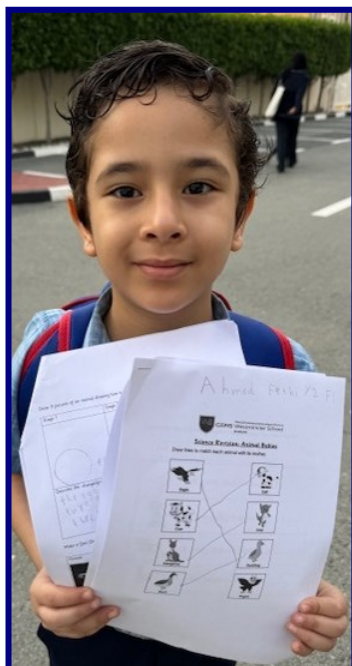
Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Many thanks for your support
through this Term. Happy
holidays & Eid Mubarak!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Mon. 15/4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to book seats online for September is Monday April 15th.
Thurs 2nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to pay the re-enrollment fee is Thurs. 2nd May. Regardless of any system-generated email, the <u>re-enrollment fee is non-refundable for any reason</u>, as per the Sharjah Authority Circular. Please note that any un-booked/unpaid seats would be given to the Waiting List.
Friday 29/3/24 to Sunday 14/4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Spring Break (2 weeks) Online T3 fee payment recommended to avoid queues. However, the Cashier will be open in school on Saturday 13/4/24, 8am-1pm for parent convenience Term 3 fees due by latest Monday 15th April. Thank you.
Sunday 21/4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am-1:30pm; T2 Report PTM
Mon. 3/6/24 to Thurs. 13/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T3 Final, in-school compulsory promotional exams. (subject to SPEA approval & change).



Our Vision; 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All'

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 27
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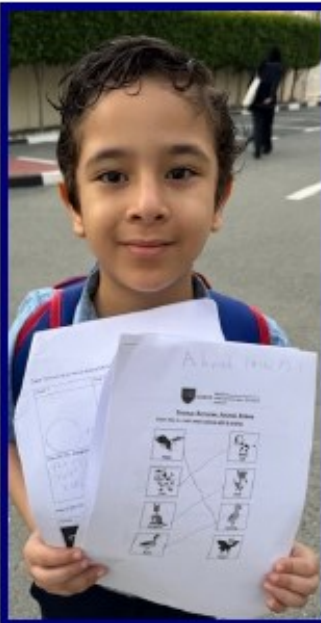
رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

شكراً جزيلاً لدعمكم خلال هذا المصطلح.
أجازة سعيدة!

المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الاثنين، 15/4/24	آخر موعد لحجز المقاعد عبر الإنترنت لشهر سبتمبر هو يوم الاثنين 15 أبريل.
الخميس 2 مايو	آخر موعد لدفع رسوم إعادة التسجيل هو يوم الخميس، 2 مايو.
	يغض النظر عن أي بريد إلكتروني يصدره النظام، فإن رسوم إعادة التسجيل غير قابلة للاسترداد لأي سبب من الأسباب، وفقاً لتعميم هيئة الشارقة.
	يرجى ملاحظة أنه سيتم منح أي مقاعد غير محجوزة/غير مدفوعة الأجر إلى قائمة الانتظار.
من الجمعة 29/3/24 إلى الأحد 14/4/24	المدرسة مغلقة لعدة أيام (أسبوعين) يوصى بدفع رسوم T3 عبر الإنترنت لتجنب قوائم الانتظار. ومع ذلك، سيكون أمين الصندوق مفتوحاً في المدرسة يوم السبت 13/4/24، من الساعة 8 صباحاً حتى 1 ظهراً لراحة أولياء الأمور.
	رسوم الفصل الدراسي الثالث مستحقة بحلول يوم الاثنين 15 أبريل.
الأحد 21/4/24	9 صباحاً - 1:30 ظهراً! تقرير PTM T2
الاثنين، 6/3/24 إلى الخميس، 13/6/23	T3 النهائي، الامتحانات الترويجية الإلزامية داخل المدرسة. (تخضع لموافقة SPEA وتغييرها).



رؤيتنا: "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ نجاح للجميع"

☞ The most important gifts you can give your child are a **quality education** and the **values** that will guide them through life ☞

Sunny Varkey

Whole School News

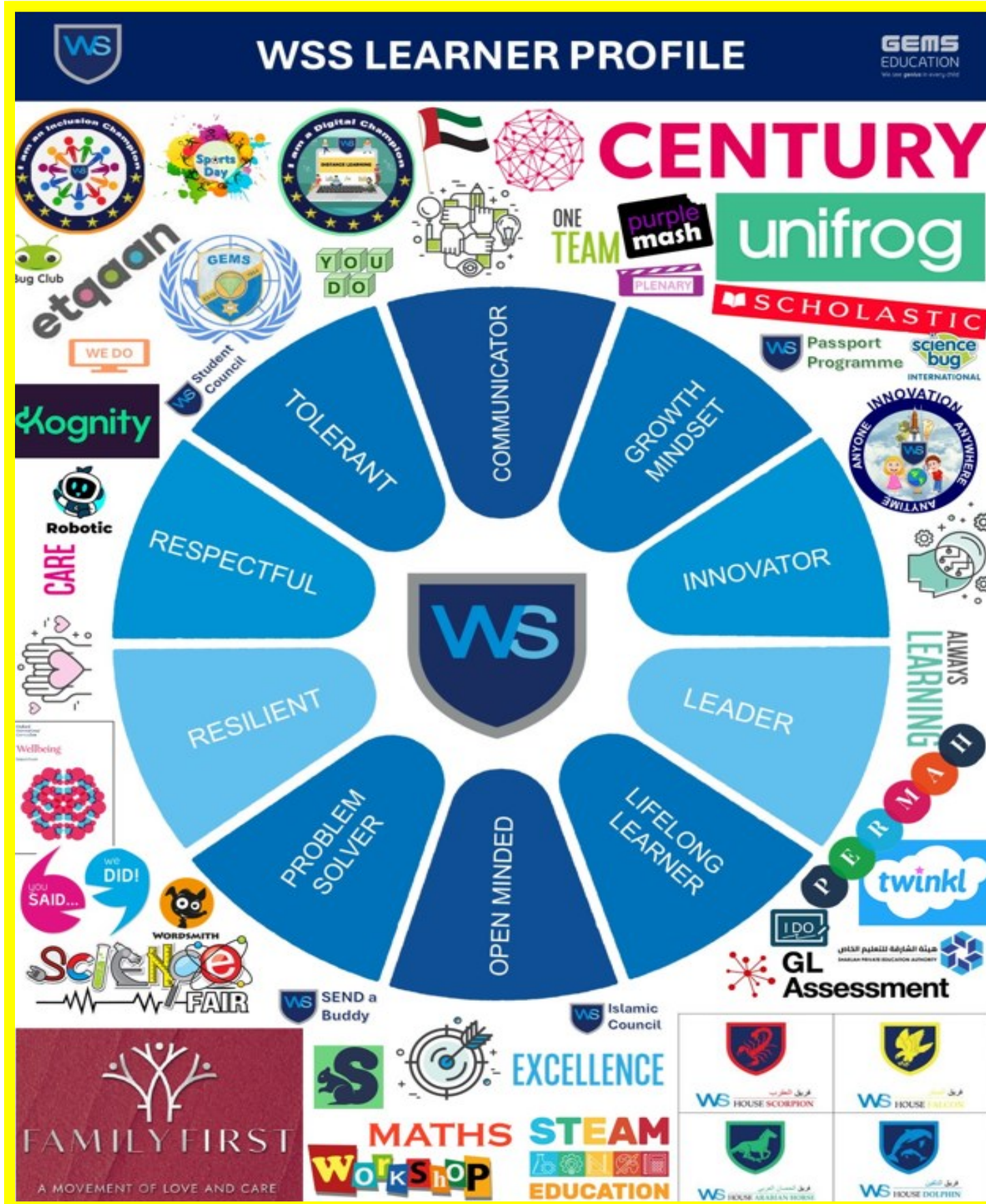
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Find our updated **Parent Handbook** through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.



Whole School News; The WSS Learner Profile & How we Promote it!





**Tanush
Menon of
Y8BS**



As a family, we believe that Tanush's learning at home is an extension of his academic schedule at School and hence it is important that we create the right atmosphere wherein he undertakes his study at home with the same seriousness. Understanding this importance, as parents we are conscious of our role in Tanush's learning journey. Here are a few aspects that we consider important.

Sense of ownership – *We ensure Tanush develops the sense of ownership in the tasks he does at home. Letting him know on the larger picture and the benefits brings in great motivation in him. This helps him take initiative in learning.*

Planning and having a schedule – *We discuss on the priorities each week and plan a schedule for study. It is important to have a clear plan. This being said, we ensure that the schedule is not rigid and has enough flexibility to accommodate breaks as needed. Our objective here is to help him manage his time better.*

Creating the right space for learning – *For Tanush to focus on his learning at home, we make sure that he is equipped with the required resources. We make sure that there is no distraction when he is actively learning. It is important to create the right ambience for self-study.*

Correlate learning with real life examples – *As parents, we talk through the topics of his study and clarify any doubts that Tanush has with practical real-life examples. We have noticed that Tanush understands and relates to theory faster when it is correlated with examples.*

Appreciate and provide constructive feedback – *As parents we take cognizance of small achievements of Tanush at home and appreciate him accordingly. Providing constructive feedback at each stage plays a key role in his learning and track progress.*

Whole School News



One of our superstar teachers receiving her prize from our Teaching & Learning Coach Ms. Christine for going 'Above & Beyond'. Well done & thank you!

After nearly 11 years of commitment & service to SLT & the WSS Secondary community, Ms. Sreeja leaves us for a promotion to Vice Principal of a sister GEMS school in Dubai. We acknowledge & appreciate the tremendous contribution she has made through hard work, a growth mindset, implementing innovative strategies & her expertise with data. It is never easy to lose a family member, but we are proud of her successful leadership journey & wish her every continuing success in her new school. Thank you dear Ms. Sreeja.



Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions; Earth Hour!

Sustainable action as a part in the Earth hour by **Rudranshi of Y6 GD**, highlighting the importance of individual contributions in safeguarding the planet for future generations.



Isa Shaneid of Y5F1 captured the moment in their community when he joined the Earth Hour 2024.

Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions; Earth Hour!

Y3D1 - Earth Hour 2024

There is no planet B , the Earth is what we all have in common



Recycling superstar champion!



Whole School News; Ramadan Acts of Kindness!

Huge thanks to our many parents, students & staff who donated food items so generously for those in need as part of our Ramadan Acts of Kindness drive this month. The distribution was held on 27/3/24 by the Islamic Council & Student Leaders, & was much appreciated. Thank you of the Islamic Team for organizing.



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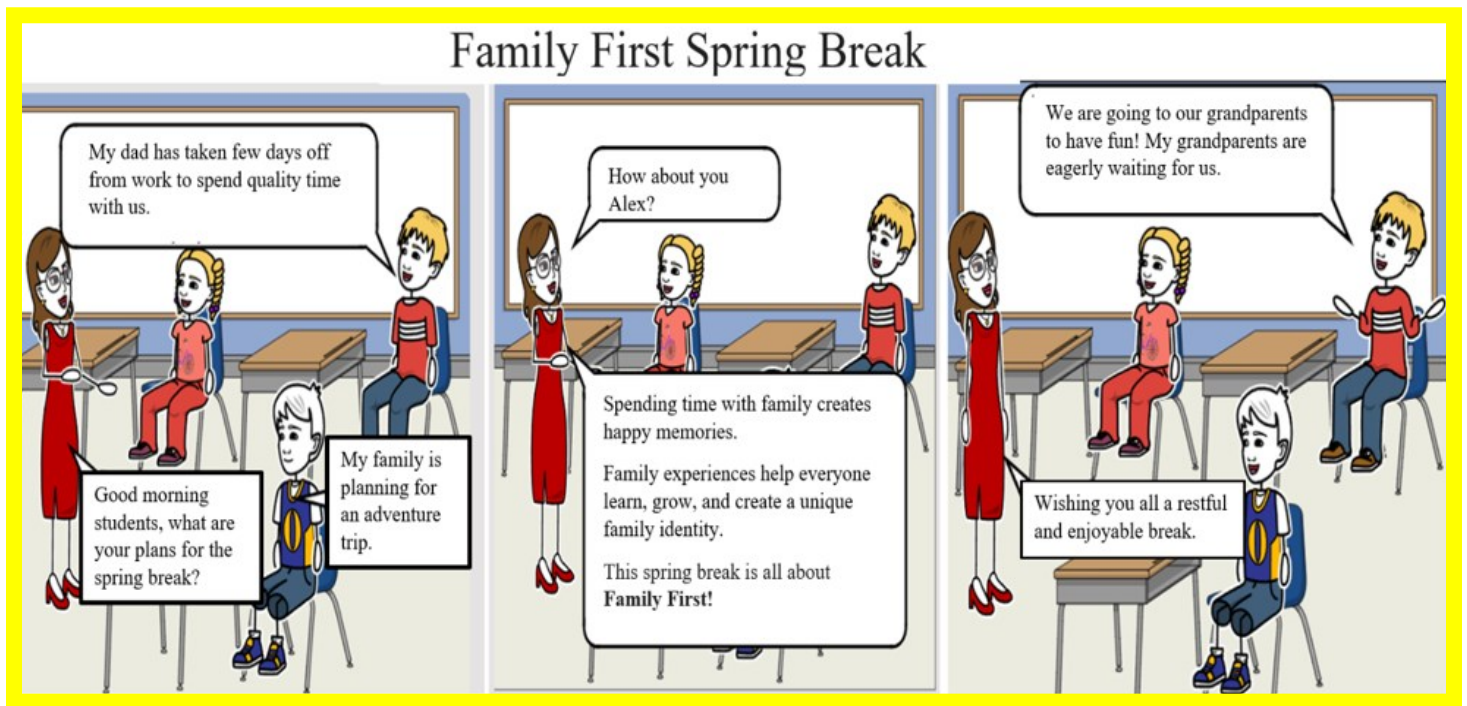
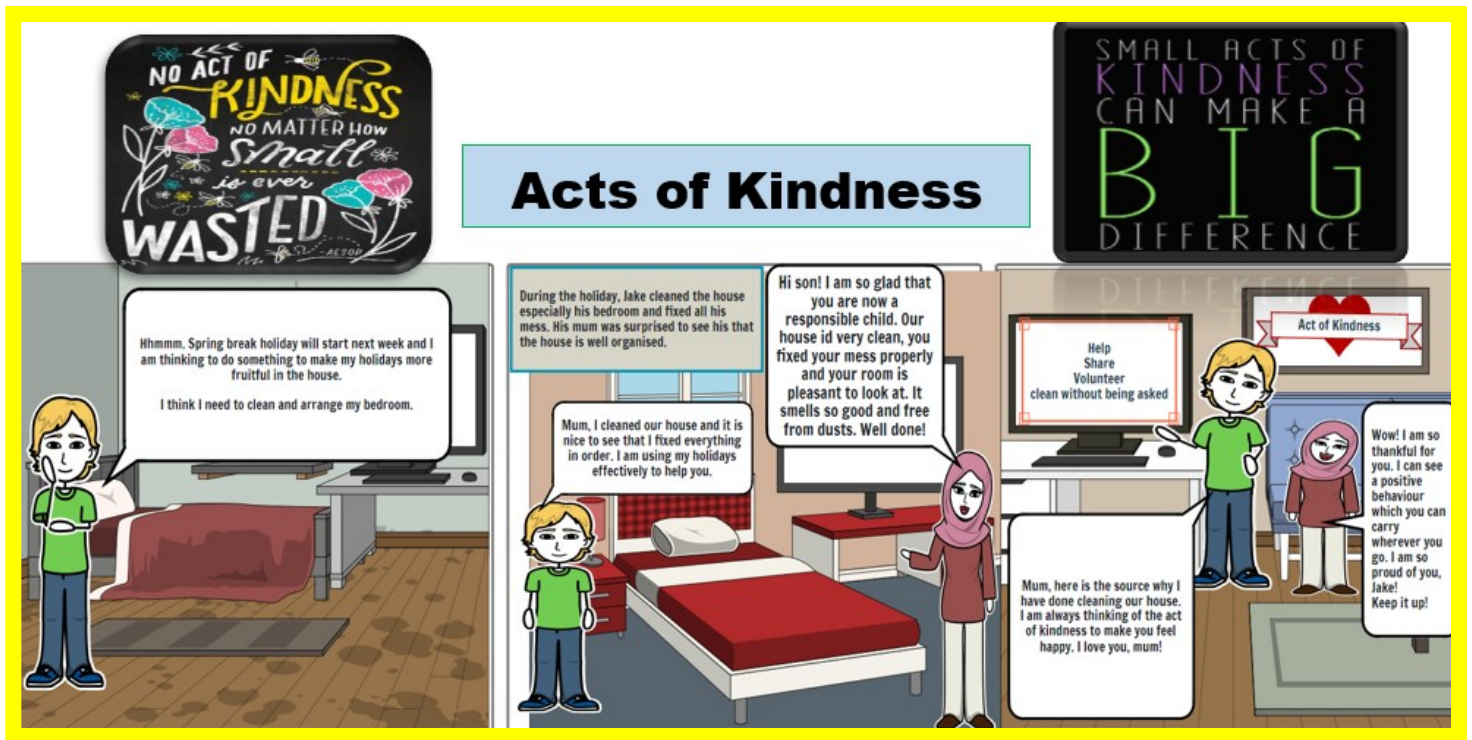


Feels happy to give charity

Whole School News; Ramadan Acts of Kindness!



Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!



Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



Hi miss punnya;
i want to thank u for ur continuous support and encouragements for Rizza , u are her role model.

It was really transformed term i can't believe its over, And again i want to thank u for ur patience and develop them, u deserve appreciation for what our kids are being now, not only in learning also in social environments , they became more independent and more focused.

I was suffering from Rizza's shyness Also u improve here in this
Really thanks from the bottom of my heart ❤️

Rizza mom

Junior Section News; FS1H Learning Activities!

We are happy to receive Literacy Week certificates 🥰



FS1 had made an amazing book all about their experience with germinating tomato seedlings. They explained the process very clearly to Ms. Valerie, who was very impressed with the young horticulturists confidence & enthusiasm!



Junior Section News; Y1S2 Learning Activities!

We're happy to Recieve certificate for the World Book day Participation



We are learning about الفعل



Science Revision



Enjoyable Team Activity in PE lesson



Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!

Y2D1 Class activity Picture

TR: Jinitra Rajesh

TA: Asma Mohamed



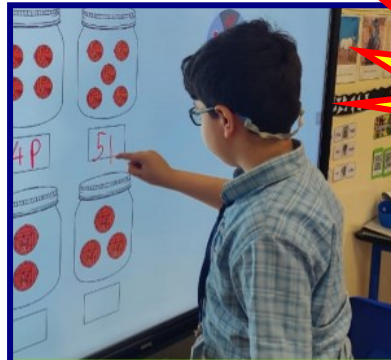
Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



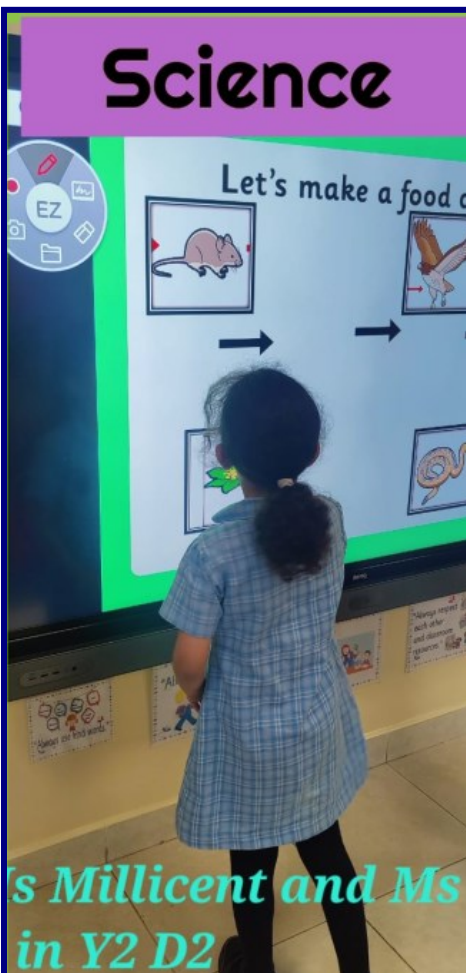
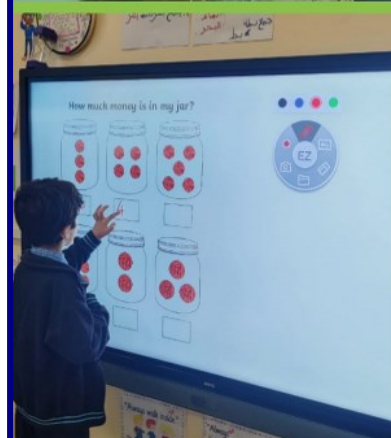
Junior Section News; Y2D2 Learning Activities!



Project: Recycling Plant



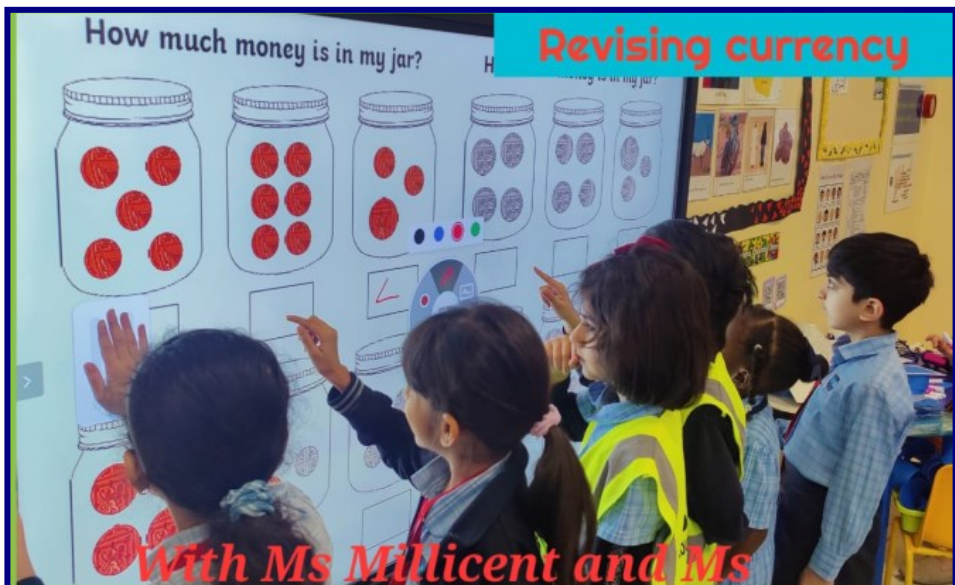
Student Teacher!



Science

Let's make a food chain

Ms Millicent and Ms Tahira in Y2 D2

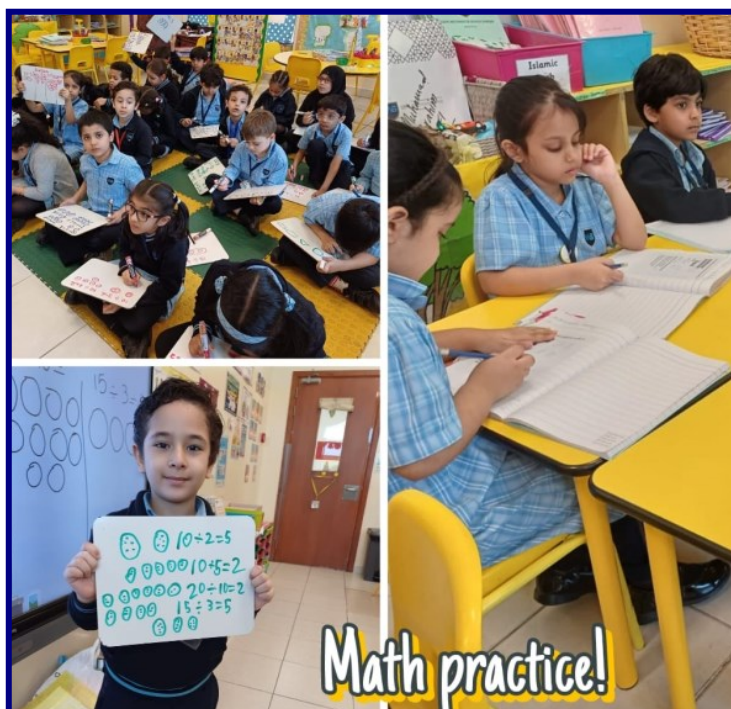
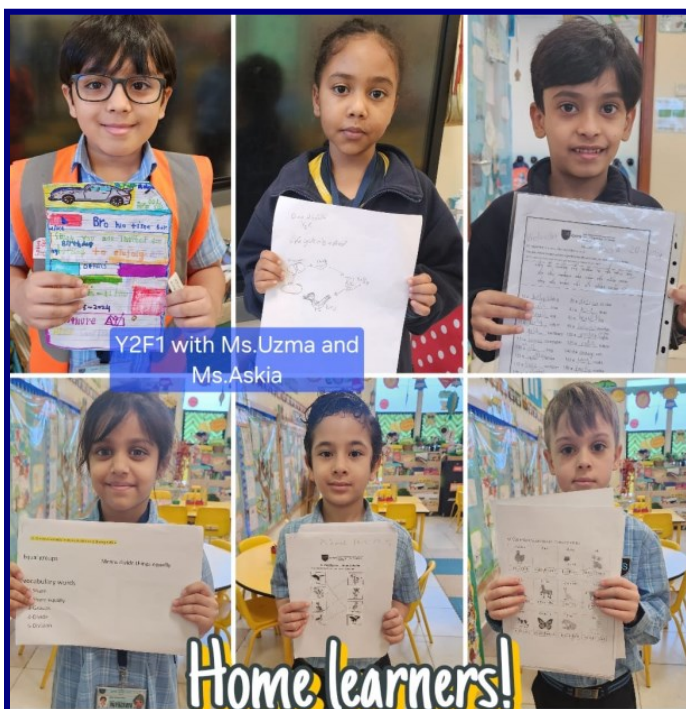


Revising currency

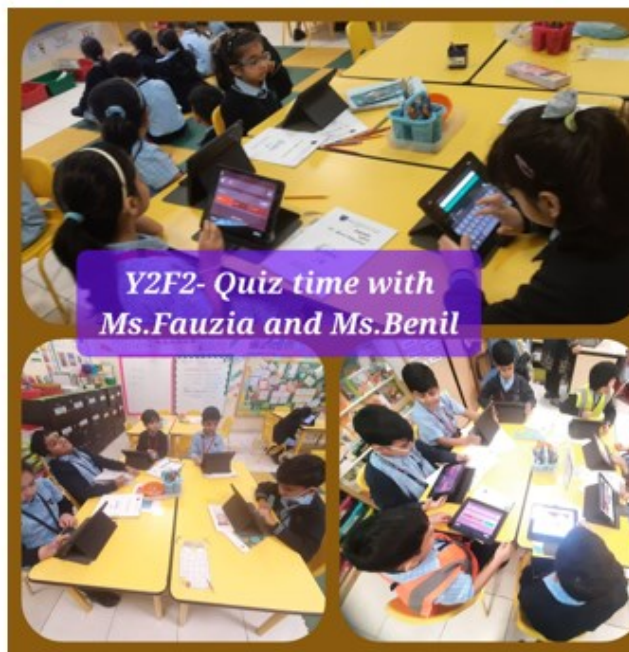
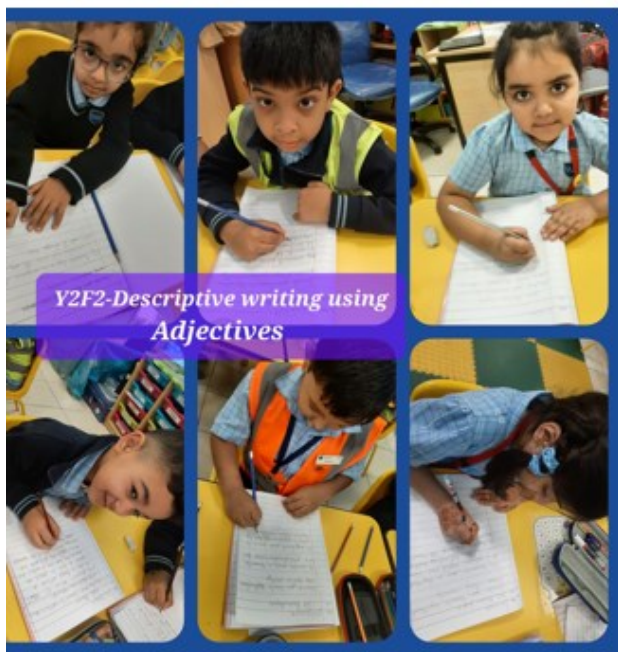
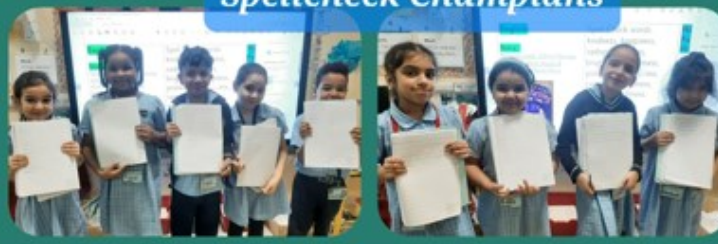
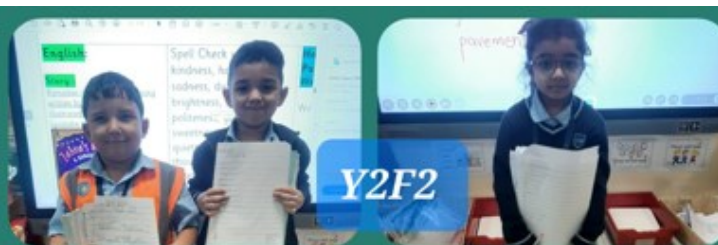
With Ms Millicent and Ms Tahira in Y2 D2



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



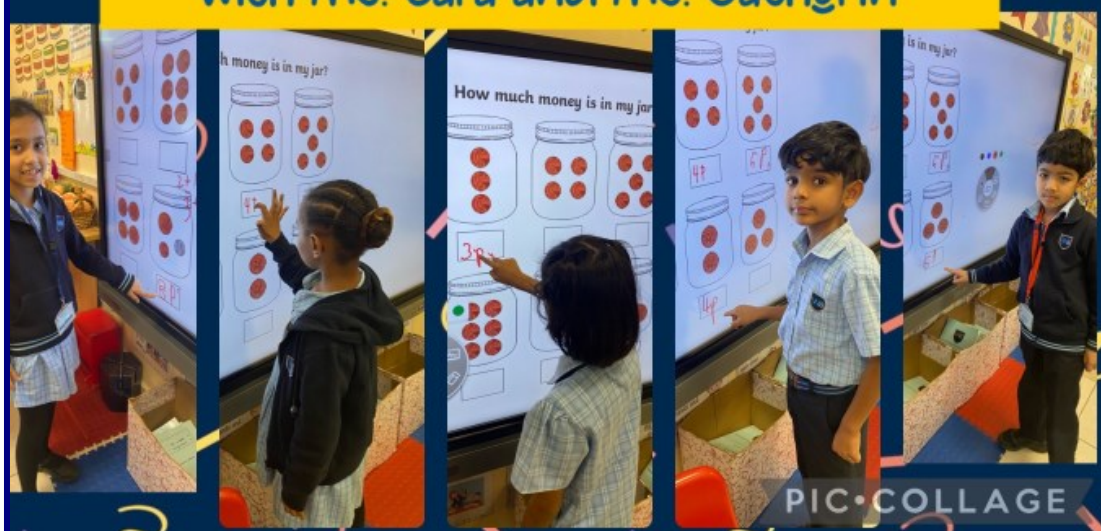
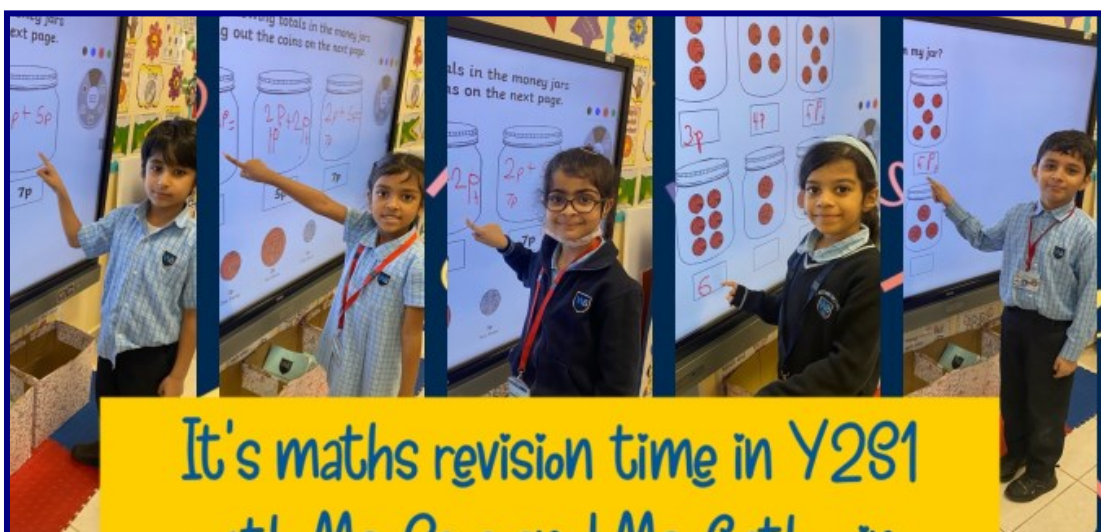
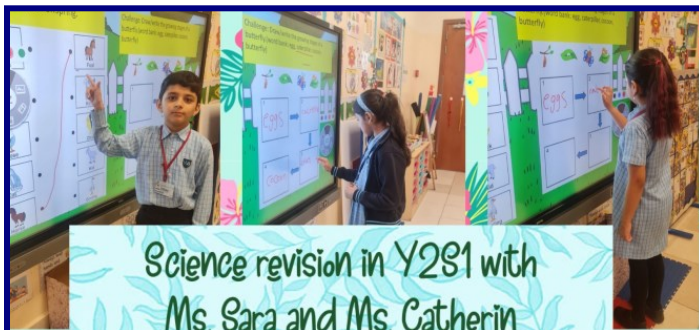
Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

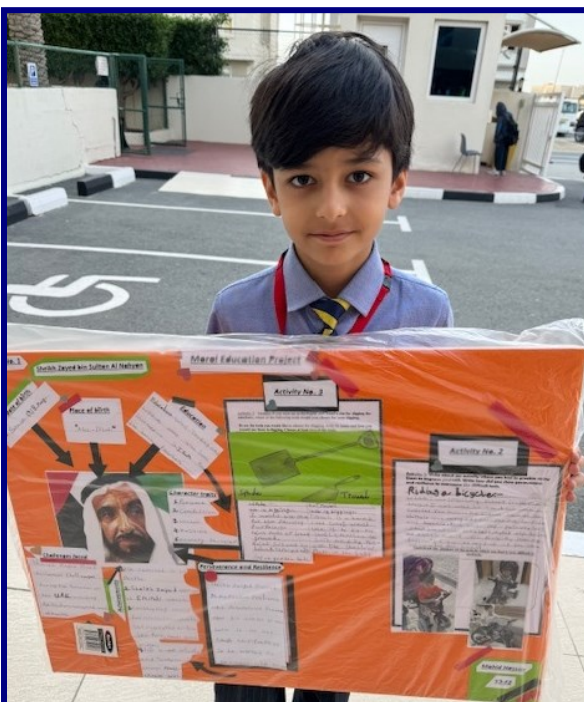
Y6 GD Abeeha and her mom active participants of primary fitness challenge.



First of all I would like to say Heartiest Congratulations to you and to all the WSS team for successfully completing second fun filled term of this year. ❤️🌟

Thank you so much for all the countless efforts and kind support throughout the term. 🥰👍

May WSS keep on rocking and shining with you and your super staff. 🌟👍



Congratulations to Primary Fitness Challenge champions Erwin Kian & his father (Y4H2)



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

From: Uzma Khan <uzma_18@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 8:22 PM
To: Priya Prasad <priya.p1_wss@gemsedu.com>

Dear Miss. Priya,

I'm hoping all is well with you. I appreciate you keeping me informed about Rayyan's progress in Math. It's nice to know that he is doing so well in the class, which makes me very happy. I appreciate you being such a great math teacher. We appreciate you overseeing Rayyan's work and offering helpful feedback so he can develop into the best version of himself. Thank you so much for your valuable input.

Kind Regards,

Uzma khan

Glowing Achiever
-Positive teacher
champ-Ms. Priya



From: Adham Tamer <adhamtamer2012@gmail.com>
To: Priya Prasad <priya.p1_wss@gemsedu.com>
Subject: Re: positive note-MATHS

You don't often get email from adhamtamer2012@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear teacher,

I hope this email finds you well!

I am grateful for your kind words and delighted to hear about my ward's positive contributions to the math class.

Your acknowledgment of their strong work ethic and adaptability to new challenges is truly appreciated. I am pleased to know that they are actively contributing to a positive classroom dynamic.

I appreciate your offer to stay in touch. Kindly feel free to reach out whenever necessary. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Best regards!

ENGLISH

Linguistic Talent Week 2024

Secondary Department of English



Spelling Punctuation and Grammar
Online competition with your own device.

Dress up like your favourite character
and be ready to show your acting skills.



Read a passage from home. All you
need is a Microsoft Teams account.
Oh Wait! You already have one 😊

Show power of your speech
and persuasive skills with
preapproved topics



Class rounds: April 15 to April 18
Final rounds: April 22 & April 23

Speak to your
English Teacher
for more details.



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