

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

COVID Information

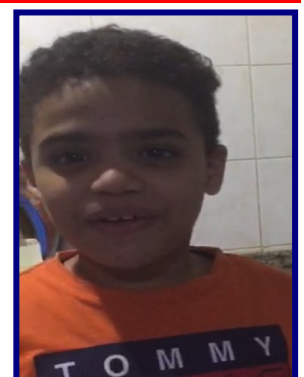
The Authorities have just shared a circular requesting us to remind parents of the importance & legal requirement of informing school & the Authorities in case of any positive COVID or Close Contact case. It is a legal requirement with a potential fine if parents fail to do so. Please take care. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Tues. 11th to Thurs. 13th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-day school closure for Eid Al Fitr. Eid Mubarak!
From Tues. 13th April to Mon. 10th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramadan. School gate opens at 8:45am. Timings for KG Blended students; 9am-11am Timings for KG 100% Online students; 11am-1pm Timings for G1-9; 9am-1pm Timings for G10-12; As per exam schedule
Sunday 20th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to apply for a TC if leaving WSS is Sunday 20th June. After this date the GRE is not available for late TC processing & there would be delays in processing.
Thurs. 1st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students' last day of the academic year (TBC). Seats will not be held beyond the last day of T3 if T3 fees remain pending. Any paid Seat Booking Fee would be lost. Seats would be given to the Waiting list, & if parents decide later that they want a seat, this would be subject to availability, & not guaranteed. You may change your mind about enrolment at WSS at any time, however the seat booking fee is non-refundable (but deductible from T1 Fees, Sept-Dec. '21).
From Sunday 29th Aug. 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Academic Year 2021-2022 starts. Students who have travelled must have completed 10 days' quarantine before rejoining school. All students over 12 years must bring a negative PCR Test (validity 72 hours) to rejoin school. Full T1 fees are due before any student is assigned a lass & admitted for the new academic year. Please Budget accordingly—there will be no Payment Plans in T1.



It is such a pleasure to see enthusiastic learners sharing videos about their home experiments & exciting discoveries! Here are Fares & Malak (G4/Y5 HI & F2)



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

WSS Superstar, TWS Dubai Inter-School Quran Competition Champions!

WS THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

Winners for First Place

Seniors
Maryam Khalil

Juniors
Ahmed Arafat

Sub-Juniors
Zeyad Said



We are proud to announce that WSS students won first & third places in the Westminster School, Dubai Inter-School Quran Competition on 2/5/21. Congratulations to Zeyad & Saad!! Thank you to parents, & Ms. Mukhsana & her wonderful Islamic Team for their support.

WS THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

Winners for Third Place

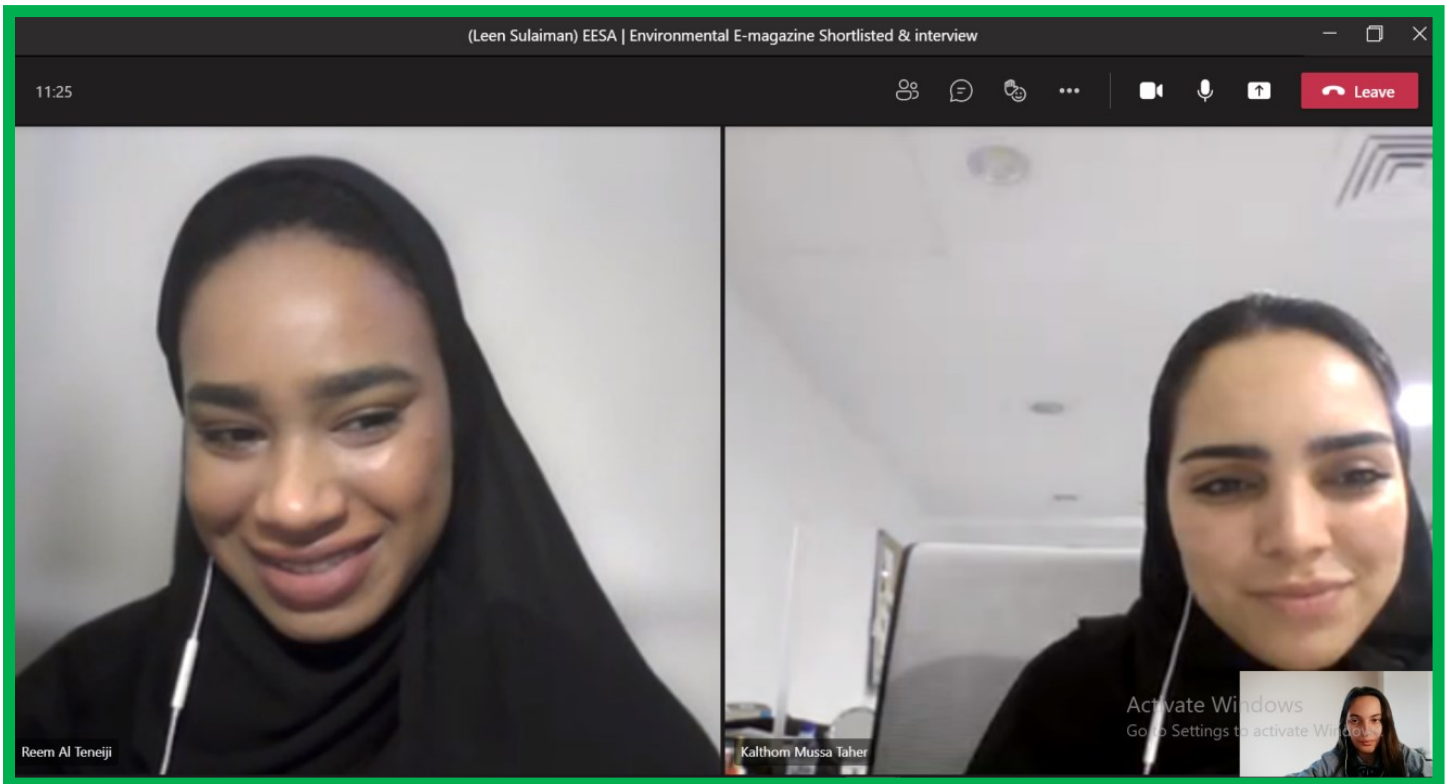
Seniors
Saad Sajjad

Juniors
Shamoil Ali

Sub-Juniors
Faisal Ahmed



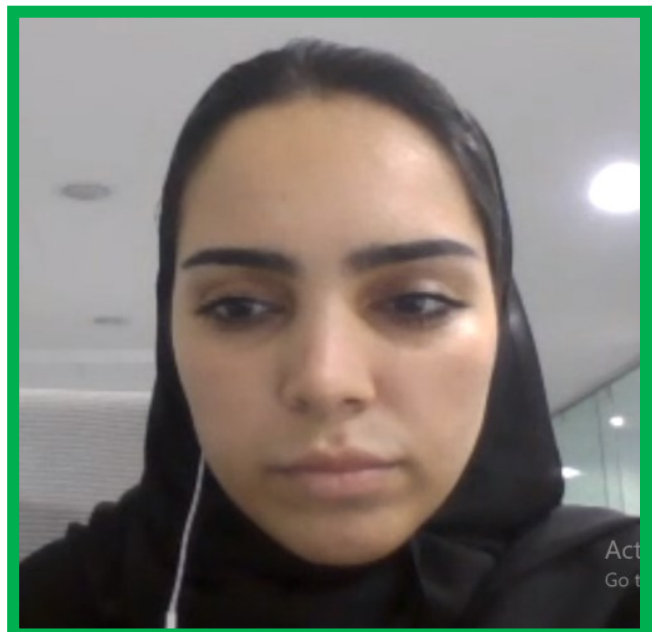
WSS Superstar Environmental Competition Champions!



We are proud to share that we have received confirmation from BEEAH that our students' competition entry has been awarded one of the winners' categories.

Congratulations to our enthusiastic Environmental Team students Reem & Kalthoom for being one of the shortlisted entries! There will be a final award ceremony to announce the winners of the Environmental Excellence Schools Award (EESA), held at the House of Wisdom in Sharjah, on Monday 7 June 2021. in a live ceremony that will also be shown outside.

Pictures here show our superstar students Reem & Kalthoom during their competition interview. Thanks to Ms. Laneetha for her support.



WSS Superstar Champions!



إحياءً لذكرى وفاة المغفور له الشيخ / زايد بن سلطان آل نهيان ...
طيب الله ثراه - الموافق 19 رمضان



المركز الأول / أنس رشاد كمال

فئة جزء عمّ وتبارك - أولاد

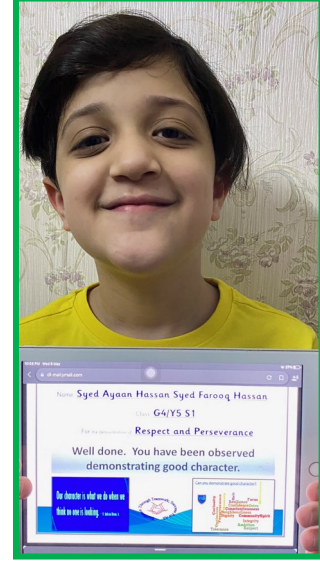
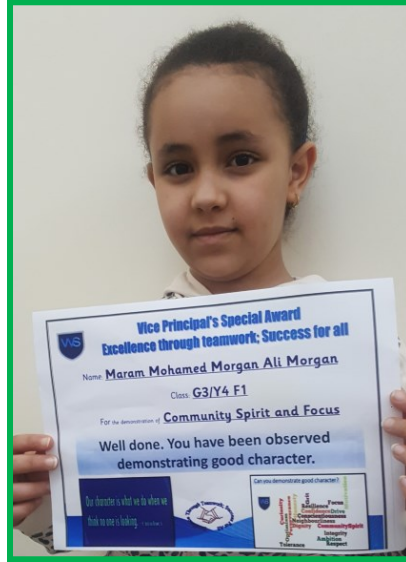
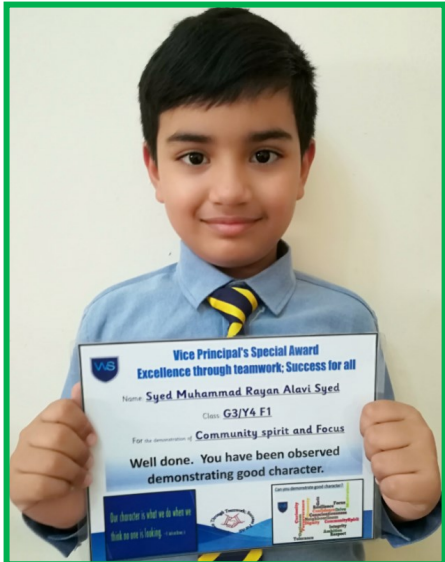
حفل تكريم الفائزين بمسابقة القرآن الكريم
الدورة 13 (عن بعد)

As a part of the Environmental Excellence School Award (EESA) competition conducted by BEEAH , WSS students participated in the following two categories

1. Middle section (KS3)- for THE BEST ENVIRONMENTAL E-MAGAZINE
2. Secondary section (KS4)- for THE BEST ENVIRONMENTAL APP

We are proud to share that our students were shortlisted and had a virtual interview for the second round for both categories.

The Judging committee will be announcing the final winners by holding a virtual award ceremony to congratulate them on Monday 7th June,2021 at 10:00am. Let's hope for further positive results so we come out with flying colours!



WSS Superstar Champions!

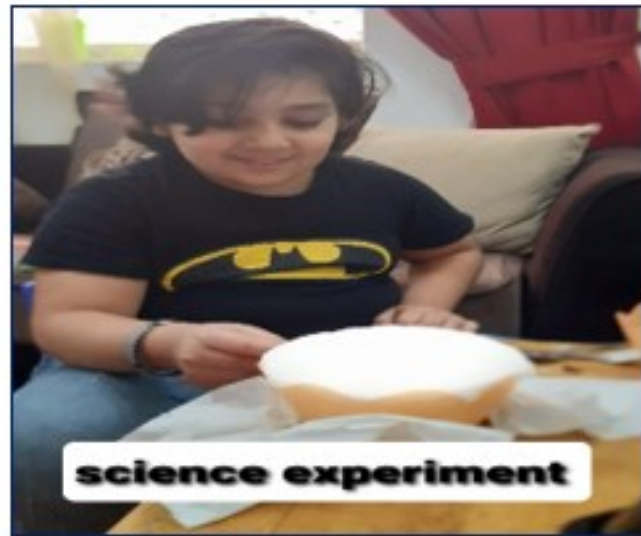
Achievement Certificates – G4/Y5 H2



Congratulations Ayaan and Maryam for achievement certificate of Term 2.
Ayaan - Maths Wizard of Term2 and Maryam – Authentic Author Term 2.



Congratulations Tanush G4/Y5 H2 for Vice Principal's special certificate.



Ali Essa G4/Y45H2 demonstrating that irreversible changes produce new materials.

Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!
Awarded for demonstrating Good Character
(Respect, Kindness & Community Spirit)

Student Wellbeing

Creating money box to save money as a part of charity during the holy month of Ramadan.

With Ms. Beena and Ms. Sidra



Whole School News

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

Sunny Varkey

Our 7 years journey at WSS has just been a stepping stone time and time again towards growth and achievements. 2020 affecting everyone globally yet WSS stood strong & held the children with such confidence & once again never let the children lower their inner strengths along with progress goals attainments & results all at their best. Heartiest gratitude, deepest appreciations, and wishes in abundance to everyone who has been a positive part of this commendable pillar of success.

Mr. and Mrs. Nawab Khan parents
of Aadil Nawab Khan, from
G9/Y10.



Parents of Aadil (G9/Y10) share their Testimonial. Thank you so much for your encouraging, motivational feedback!

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



Panel 1:

Mum and Dad, what is Ramadan?

Can you explain the holy month of Ramadan to me?

Ramadan is the ninth month on the Islamic calendar, which marks important holidays and events for Muslims (people who practice Islam).

During Ramadan people fast, or refrain from eating and drinking, while it's light outside. Once the sun sets, families meet for big meals that may include stew, rice, dates, lentils, and more. People also have a morning meal before the sun rises.

Panel 2:

Ramadan is a time to focus on our faith and also perform generous acts.

People raise money and donate supplies to help others in need. And many fast to remind themselves about those in the world who don't have enough to eat.

Aside from fasting and praying, what else can we do to observe Ramadan?

Panel 3:

Yes...Mariam, we have read from SPEA twitter post that you need to master your self-discipline this holy month. As a student, follow these tips to make the most of your time and be productive during Ramadan.

I am a student and I attend classes. Shall I also fast and follow the prayer timings?

How to manage your time and studies in Ramadan?

1. Plan ahead and begin each day with a well-balanced *Sahur*.
2. Set realistic study goals considering your energy levels.
3. Schedule lessons that require greater concentration before noon.
4. Avoid multitasking and focus on one task at a time to save energy.
5. Get ample rest and sleep.

GEMS Blended session MORAL EDUCATION

Panel 1:

Yes Teacher. My parents also spoke about the importance of Neighbourliness during these tough times.

That's true Maria, we must help each other in whatever way we can. This quality will help us "Stay Strong". We will listen to another achiever next week. Have a nice day!

Panel 2:

Yes, Liza's gesture helped me to update my work and understand the topics that I had missed.

Thank you Liza and Henry for sharing. Would anyone like to share their thoughts on this topic?

Panel 3:

My friend Henry could not attend his class for two weeks as he was ill. I shared my class work and ensured that he is up to date with his lessons.

Good Morning students, let us welcome Liza, who will share her experience on receiving an appreciation award on "Neighbourliness".

23 April 2021

Subject: 100 Million Meals Campaign

Dear parents,

Ramadan Kareem! I hope this email finds you well and safe.

With the beginning of Ramadan 'Month of Giving' underway, I am writing to inform you that WSS is extending its support to the **100 Million Meals** campaign launched by the UAE government. As a school we strongly believe in this important humanitarian cause, and we would like to encourage you to contribute in whatever way you can. Every AED 1 donated will feed one person and ensure they do not go hungry.

100 Million Meals embodies the UAE's commitment to its core values of giving, especially during the holy Month of Ramadan – a time of goodness, righteousness and charity. As you know, the UAE plays a significant humanitarian role globally, and the vision and directives of the country's leadership have paved the way for effective and sustainable implementation of philanthropy.

The campaign provides food aid to the most vulnerable populations in 20 countries across the Middle East, Africa and Asia, with a goal of providing basic food items that are sufficient to prepare up to 100 million meals. Donations will help those in most need in countries including Sudan, Lebanon, Jordan, Pakistan, Angola, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Tanzania, Senegal, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Palestine.

Donations can be made in the following ways:

Publicly-announced channels

1. Online via www.100millionmeals.ae, available to those residing both within and outside the UAE
2. Direct bank transfer to the campaign's account with Dubai Islamic Bank (IBAN: AE080240001520977815201)
3. Via SMS by sending "Meal" to the correct numbers listed on the du and Etisalat websites
4. Through the call centre – large monetary donations can be made by contacting the campaign team toll-free on 800 4999

School campaign

Our school has created an online donation campaign via the "YallaGive" platform. Simply visit the following link to make your donation: [add the school campaign link here](#) – only if your school has created an online donation campaign via "Yalla Give"

23 أبريل 2021

الموضوع: حملة 100 مليون وجبة

أولياء الأمور الأحرار،

رمضان كريم! أتمنى أن تصكم رسالتي هذه وأنتم في أحسن حال وطيبين تام.

مع بداية شهر رمضان الكريم "شهر الخير"، أكتب إليكم لإبلاغكم أن إدخال اسم المدرسة [توسع دعماً لحملة 100 مليون وجبة التي أطلقتها حكومة دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة. تؤمن كؤوسنا تلبية مدى أهمية هذه المبادرة الإنسانية، ونود أن نحثكم على المساهمة بأي طريقة ممكنة. إن كل درهم يتم التبرع به لإيداع الحملة سيسهم شخصاً ويضمن عدم تعرضه للجوع.

حملة الـ 100 مليون وجبة تحصد التبرع دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة بقيمة الأساس في الغذاء، خاصة خلال شهر رمضان المبارك - وقت الخير والصلاح والعمل الخيري، كما تعلمون، من دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة تلعب دوراً أساسياً في توفير الغذاء العالمي، والهدف توفير المواد الغذائية الأساسية لمنطقة الشرق الأوسط وأفريقيا وآسيا، بهدف توفير المواد الغذائية الأساسية الكافية لإعداد ما يصل إلى 100 مليون وجبة. ستساعد تبرعاتكم أولئك الذين هم في أمس الحاجة إليها في دول مثل السودان وليبنان والأردن وبوركينا فاسو وأنغولا ورواندا وسريلانكا وغانا وتانزانيا والصين ومصر والهند وباكستان وبنغلاديش وفلسطين.

تقدم الحملة مساعدات غذائية للفقراء السكنية الأكثر معاناة في 20 دولة في منطقة الشرق الأوسط وأفريقيا وآسيا، بهدف توفير المواد الغذائية الأساسية الكافية لإعداد ما يصل إلى 100 مليون وجبة. ستساعد تبرعاتكم أولئك الذين هم في أمس الحاجة إليها في دول مثل السودان وليبنان والأردن وبوركينا فاسو وأنغولا ورواندا وسريلانكا وغانا وتانزانيا والصين ومصر والهند وباكستان وبنغلاديش وفلسطين.

يمكن التبرع بالطرق التالية:

القنوات المعلنة للحملة

1. عبر الإنترنت عبر موقع www.100millionmeals.ae وهو متاح للمقيمين داخل دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة وخارجها
2. تحويل مصرفي مباشر إلى حساب الحملة لدى بنك دبي الإسلامي IBAN : AE080240001520977815201
3. عن طريق الرسائل النصية القصيرة عن طريق إرسال "وجبة" إلى الأرقام الصحيحة المدرجة في موقع دو واتصالات
4. من خلال مركز الاتصال - يمكن تقديم التبرعات النقدية الكبيرة عن طريق الاتصال بطريق الحملة على الرقم المجاني 8004999

الحملة المدرسية
أنشأت مدرستنا حملة تبرع عبر الإنترنت عبر منصة "Yalla Give"
ما عليك سوى زيارة الرابط التالي لتقديم تبرعاتك. أخصص رابط الحملة المدرسية هنا - فقط إذا أنشأت مدرستك حملة تبرع عبر الإنترنت عبر "Yalla Give"
" Give

Continued.

We invite all our families to contribute to this worthy campaign, which has the power to make a real difference and change people's lives for the better. The campaign is already underway and will continue until the end of Ramadan, so we encourage you to act without delay. Your support will, as always, be greatly appreciated, and even the smallest amount matters. Together, we can achieve great things.

Finally, let me share a few words from Sara Al Nuaimi, Director of Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives, who says: "I highly urge everyone to take part in the initiative, whether they are in the private or public sector, corporate or individuals. Ramadan is the time of the year that we feel the suffering of other people and help them, even in the smallest amount we can."

"Within few hours' flight from the UAE, there are 52 million people who are hungry. In the world, every 10 seconds, a child dies because of hunger. We here in the UAE, are blessed and privileged. It's time to give a hand to people in need outside the country through this campaign."

Warmest regards,

Ms. Valerie Thompson
WSS Principal/CEO

أحر التحيات،

[اسم المدير]
[العضو الوظيفي]

ندعو جميع عائلاتنا المساهمة في هذه الحملة التي تمتلك القدرة على إحداث تغيير حقيقي وإلزامه بحياة الناس لأفضل. الحملة جارية بالفعل وستستمر حتى نهاية شهر رمضان، لذلك نشجعكم على التبرع دون تأخير. سيكون دعمكم كما هو الحال دائماً، موضع تقدير كبير، حيث إن أصغر مبلغ سيكون له بالغ الأثر. يمكننا تحقيق أهداف عظيمة.

أخيراً، أسمحوا لي أن أشارككم بضع من كلمات سارة النعيمي، مديرة إدارة محمد بن راشد آل مكتوم العالمية، والتي تقول: "إنني أحث الجميع بشدة على المشاركة في المبادرة، سواء كانوا في القطاع الخاص أو العام، الشركات أو الأفراد. رمضان هو الوقت من العام الذي نشعر فيه بمعاناة الآخرين ونساعدهم، حتى بأقل قدر ممكن."

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أحر التحيات،

[اسم المدير]
[العضو الوظيفي]

The UAE's 100 million meals Charity Initiative

Junior Section News; 'My First Fast!'



ZAIGHAM & MUHIB FAST TOGETHER



Muhammad (G1/Y2 H1) opening his first fast .

STORY OF My FIRST FAST

This Ramadan I keep my first fast. I invited my friend Muhib we both do iftar together. My mom made yummy food for me and my friend. I received so many gifts I was so happy.



Muhammad zaigham's First Roza.



Junior Section News; Scintillating Science!



Students having fun with floating and sinking activity



Students sequencing story characters on the broom

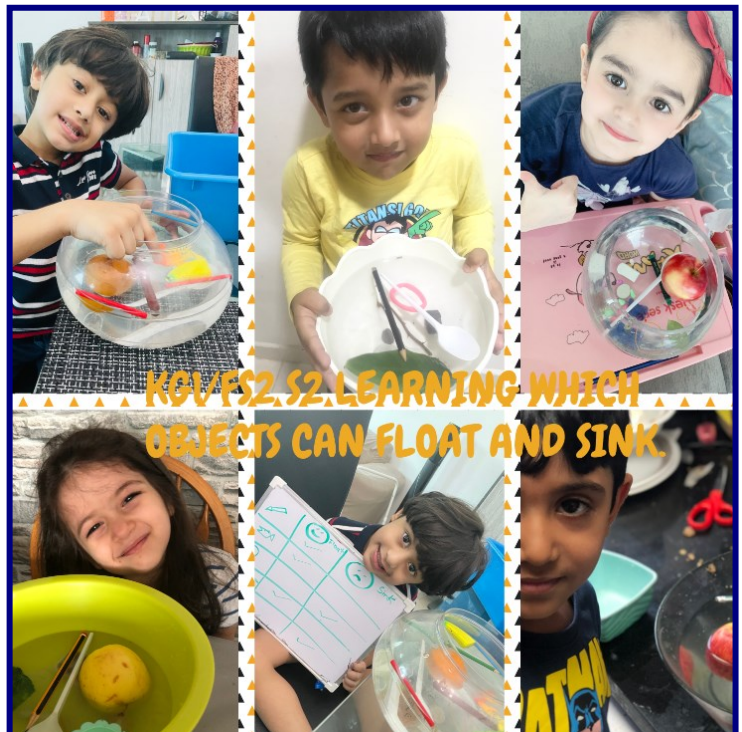


Children observing sinking and floating objects

Practical scientific exploration continues both in school & at home with fun floating & sinking experiments with Ms. Himaya & KG1/FS2 H1., & KG1/FS2S2 & Ms. Maria.



KG1/FS2 S2 LEARNING WHICH OBJECTS CAN FLOAT AND SINK



KG1/FS2 S2 LEARNING WHICH OBJECTS CAN FLOAT AND SINK

Junior Section News; Wellbeing Activities!



KG1/FS2 S2 MAKING YUMMY SANDWICH.



KG1/FS2 S2 MAKING YUMMY SANDWICH.



With Ms. Maria.

Student Wellbeing

Creating money box to save money as a part of charity during the holy month of Ramadan.

KG2/Y1 D1 with Ms. Beena

With Ms. Beena and Ms. Sidra



Fun activity. .
Making money box 🍌

Students wellbeing



G1/Y2 H2 with Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima



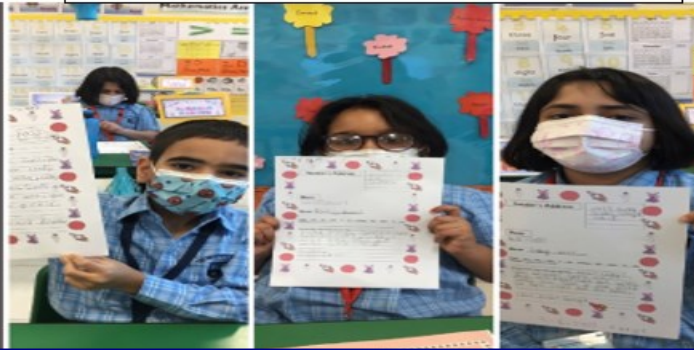
Junior Section News!

Preparing for future

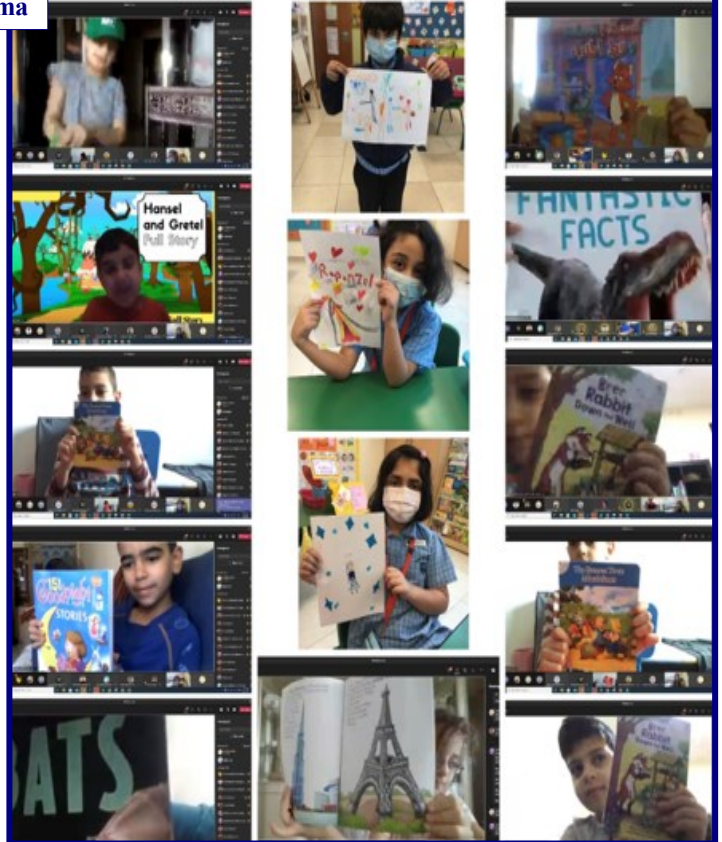
G1/Y2 H2 with Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima



Personalization of learning



Students voice



KG1/FS2 D1

Children busy in creative activities

With Ms. Nikhat



KG1/FS2 D1

Fun session

PIC-COLLAGES



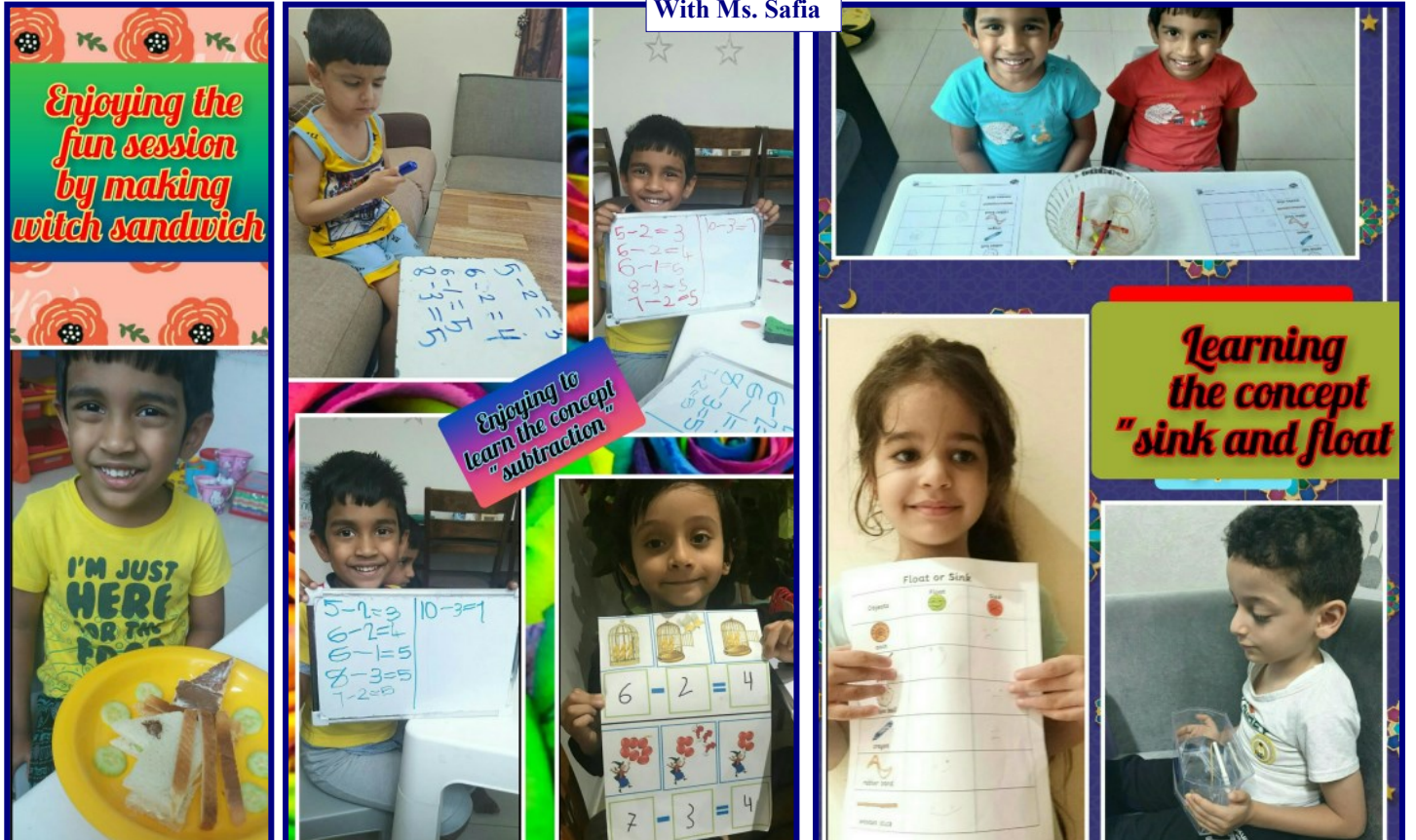
Junior Section News!



Room on the Broom

Learning the digraphs "ai" and "oa"

With Ms. Safia



Enjoying the fun session by making witch sandwich

Enjoying to learn the concept "subtraction"

Learning the concept "sink and float"

Junior Section News!



**KG1/FS2 D1
Fun session**

With Ms. Nikhat



KG1/FS2 D1

**Children observing objects
which float or sink**



**Children
observing objects
which float or sink**

KG1/FS2 D1



Through creative play we are learning problem solving skills



KG1/FS2 D1

Learning to subtract two single digit numbers



Through creative play we are learning problem solving skills

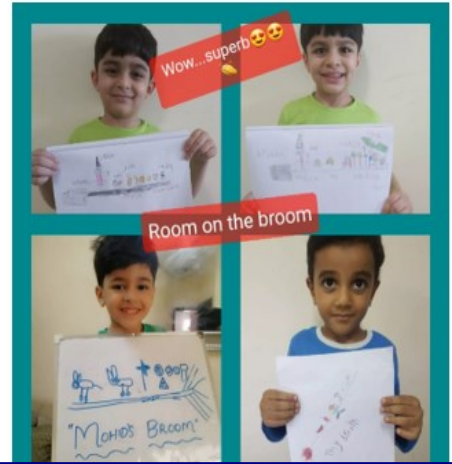
Junior Section News!

Activities of the Week: KG1/FS2 D2

With Ms. Sania & Ms. Karunya



Wow...Amazing little super stars...



Junior Section News!

With KG1/FS2 F1 & Ms. Syeda Jawwad



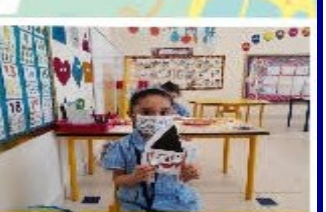
Students observing object sinking and floating



Helping by making yummy sandwiches



Participating fine motors skills



Primary Section News

Science Investigation

LFQ: How do I demonstrate Mixing & Dissolving are Reversible Changes ?

G4/Y5 F2



Class experiments & a wonderful video on the irreversible changes when we cook eggs with Ms. Anju!

Science Investigation

LFQ: How do I demonstrate Mixing & Dissolving are Reversible Changes ?

G4/Y5 H1

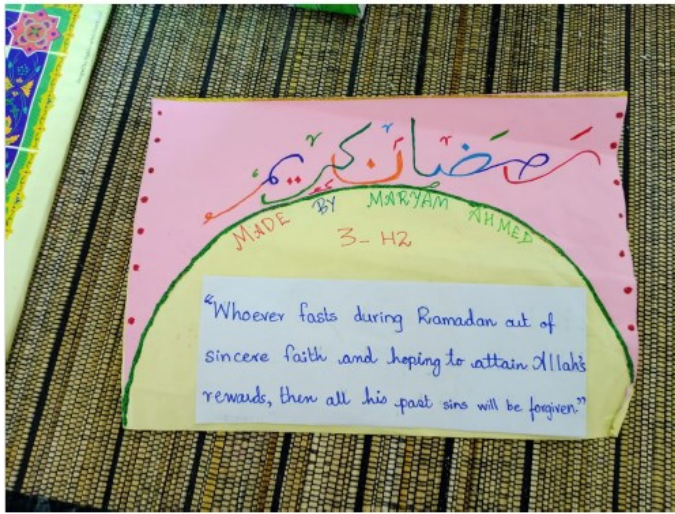


Primary & Secondary Section News; Ramadan Activities!

With Ms. Khatma

Eshaal Talha 4s1

Day 1 Ramadan poster



ALMAS RAZA Grade 4h2



Islamic Education

Ramadan's Challenges 2021

KHATMA NOUREEN MAR 05, 2019 05:39AM

With Ms. Khatma

Ayesha Shabir Year 9GD1

Day 7: Tell someone a fact about Ramadan

RAMADAN FACTS

Day 7: Tell someone a fact about Ramadan

FACT NUMBER 1:

Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic Calendar observed by Muslims as a month of fasting, kindness, sincerity and giving much of the time to worshipping Allah.

FACT NUMBER 2:

During Ramadan, Muslim-majority countries observe work stoppages to allow Muslims to do additional worshiping to their Lord, Allah.

FACT NUMBER 3:

Ramadan is not only a month that upholding the skills of fasting but also creates self-discipline, self-control, sacrifice and sympathy to one.



Secondary Section News; Ramadan Activities!



Muhammad Hadi 7BS1

Iftar Menu:

Iftar Menu:



During Ramadan, iftar is the meal that breaks the fast after sunset each day .

Dates:
Dates are the fruit of the date palm tree, which is grown in many tropical regions of the world.



Robzah Water:
A drink like water.



Any Main course:
Like Biryani, chicken, meat. Chicken Biryani.



Pakora:
is a crispy vegetable mix fry food made.



Ayesha Shabir Year 9GD1

Day 5: Making an iftar menu

With Ms. Khatma



Iftar menu
Word document
PADLET DRIVE

Ayesha Shabir Year 9GD1

Day 3:

Recite 1 page of Quran (submitted to Islamic teacher, Miss Khatma) through mail

Ayesha Shabir Year 9GD1

Day 1: Create a Ramadan Poster



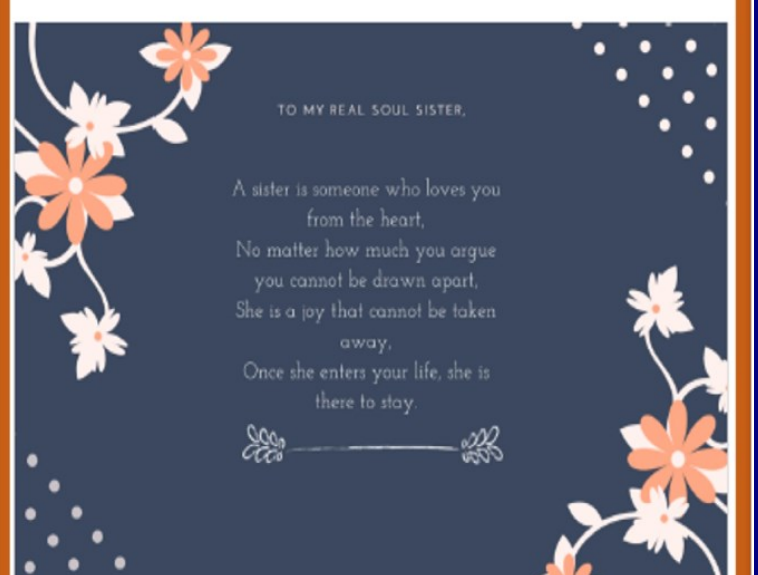
Secondary Section News; Student Wellbeing!

G9/Y10 GF Girls has made beautiful cards with a loving siblings quote as a present for their siblings

Astafa fatima - 9GF



Syeda Fatima-9GF



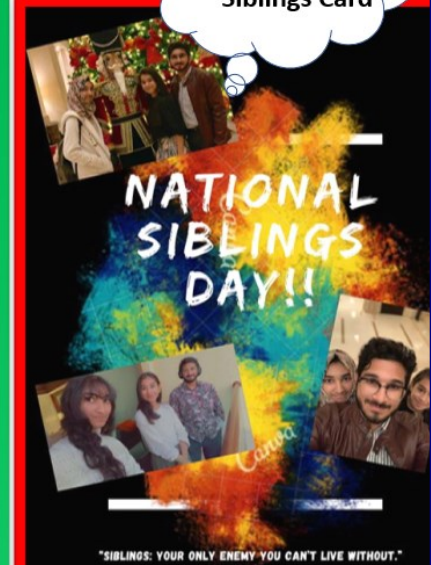
Coordinating twin costumes is so much fun!!

G10/Y11 Gs girls had a photoshoot with their siblings in twin costumes and shared their childhood memories

Huda Solanki Gr 9/ Yr 10 GH



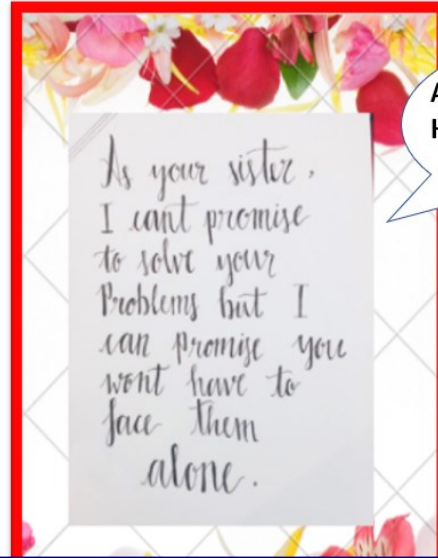
Gr 9/ Yr 10 GS Siblings Card



Secondary Section News; Student Wellbeing!



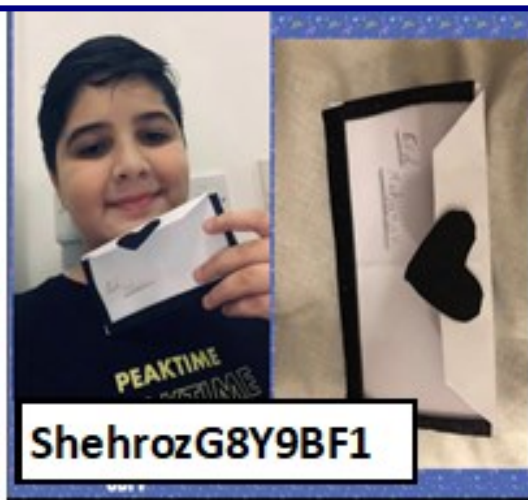
Gr 9/ Yr 10 GF Zuha Raees recreated her childhood photo with her sibling



Amoona Gr 9/ Yr 10 GF Handmade siblings card



Abdul G8Y9BF1



ShehrozG8Y9BF1



Mia G8Y9GD1

Secondary Section News; Celebrating Earth Day!

On account of **Earth day** G9/Y10 GF Girl had a JAM session



Ways to take better care of the earth



Ways you could use less waste



Earth day- G9/Y10 Girls made best out of waste

How could you reduce, reuse and recycle

Kanush Pirkash 9GH BEST OUT OF WASTE



Maanya Gr 9/ Yr 10 GH
DIY storage box

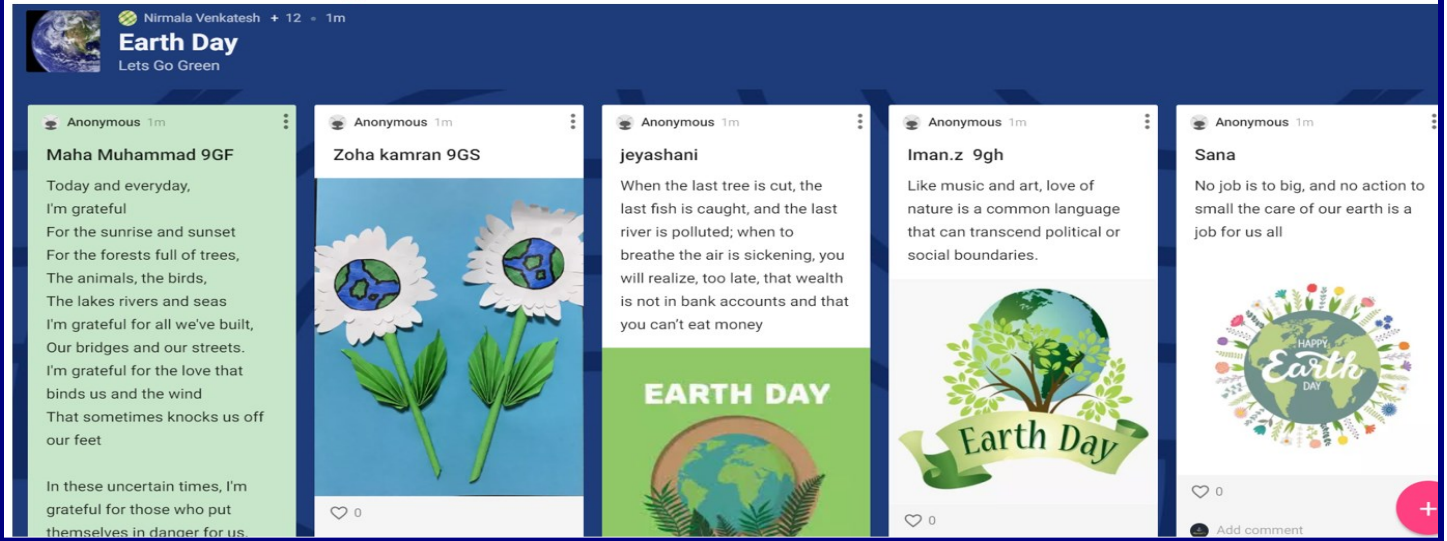


Erin's contribution towards Earth day - Grade 9GS/Year 10



Secondary Section News; Celebrating Earth Day!

On account of Earth Day G9/Y10 Girls has made **Digital Posters** to create awareness in **Protecting Mother Earth**



Noor's animated poster to raise awareness as part of the Earth Day celebrations. It includes statistics, ways we can help, and a QR code that can be scanned to take you to an interesting website

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Carbon emissions contribute to climate change, which can have serious consequences for humans and their environment. The burning of fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. These carbon emissions raise global temperatures by trapping solar energy in the atmosphere. This alters water supplies and weather patterns, changes the growing season for food crops and threatens coastal communities with increasing sea levels. Here is some things you can do to stop carbon

Fatiha

Look deep into the nature , and then you will understand everything better about the earth and the nature.

Posters- **Protect Mother Earth**

On account of **Earth day** G9/Y10 GF Girl had a debate session on **How could you make your school more environment friendly?**



Secondary Section News; Wellbeing Fun Activity!

Fun Activity– EID Gift box/ Greeting card #StudentWellbeing



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION continues... #StudentWellbeing

