GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH









Newsletter Issue #8 14th October, 2021





Message from the Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents.

100% Return to School

This week's exciting news has been the Authority's approval for a full return to school for all children by latest 31/10/21.

We thank SPEA for their incredible support & guidance throughout the challenges of a COVID pandem-

ic. Please note the information letters with details of your child's return has been emailed home. Please note that **COVID** safety protocols related to your child's health & return to class in case of any COVID symptom remain place for our children's & community safety. Your cooperation appreciated. **Thank** you.





Nabia's wonderful & meticulous project on the life of the Prophet (PBUH)

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nates for Your Diarw **Details** Date **Thursday** School closed for the Prophet's (PBUH) Birthday 21st Oct. Sun. 24th & School closed for Mid-Term Break Mon. 25th School resumes for students on Tuesday 26th Oc-Oct. **By latest** Deadline for all students to return to school for Sunday 31st 100% F2F programme is 31/10/21. Return to October 100% F2F will be gradual over the next few weeks to ensure safety. Critical exceptions to continue with 100% Online DL (temporary or until further notice) must submit an approved Medical Certificate related to being overseas due to illness, a critical medical condition such as immune disease, or be living with a vulnerable person (also please provide a Medical Certificate). Documents must be submitted to the WSS Medical Team for approval on a case-by-case basis, as per Authority guidelines. The Online DL programme will change & the Junior Shift system will stop from the date of full return for each year group (by latest 31/10/21). Online students will receive all materials through Phoenix, but be able to join classes via TEAMS as observers only. Teachers will not be able to engage with them during classes, as they will have full onsite classes to manage. We strongly recommended that parents get all eligible children COVID vaccinated for additional safety & peace of mind. Wearing masks in school remains compulsory. The Canteen will remain closed, so students should bring snack & water bottle. Exact details of your child's 100% return to school has been emailed. Since buses & Drivers were reduced during COVID, it will take BBT some time to bring the bus service back up to pre-COVID levels. Therefore, for some time there will be limited bus seats available. If you require Bus transportation, please contact BBT Mr. Thomas to book seats at the earliest, since it will take time to organise. Optional, paid FS Babysitting will be available from the date of your child's year group 100% return to school (by latest 31/10/21) until end of the school day. Please email the PRE for a form, if **Babysitting** required aiysha.k wss@gemsedu.com

School closed for Winter Break.

Term 2. T2 fees are due, thank you.

Sunday 2nd January is students first day back for

Dec.

Sun. 12th to

Thurs. 30th

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة

EDUCATION

النشرة الإخبارية رقم 8 14 أكتوبر 2021







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- ية عبر TEAMS كمراقبين، وم
- نظّرًا لنظيل عند الحافلات والسانقين خلال كوفيد 19. فسوف يستغرة الأمر بعض الوقت من BBT لإعدة خدمة الحافلات إلى مستويات ما
- نبوذج الخدمة aiysha.k_wss@gemsedu.com

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- - - يبقى ارتداء الأقتعة في العدرسة الزامياً.
- - من الأحد 12 إلى الخميس
 - المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء
- يعود الطلاب للمدرسة يوم الأحد الثاني من يناير لبدء الفصل الدراسي الثاني. يجب دفع الرسوم المستحة للفصل الدراسي الثاني ، شكرًا لكم.



يرجى ملاحظة أن البروتوكولات المنطقة يكوفيد 19 ويصحة الدراسي في حله وجود اي من اعراض كونيد 19 لا نزال ساريه من اجل سائمه اطفلنا شكرا لتعاونكم



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

Learn, Play and Be part of World Food Programme (WFP) with Freerice.com

World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian organization, saving lives in emergencies and using food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability and prosperity for people recovering from conflict, disasters and the impact of climate change.



How can we Contribute?



Freerice is an educational trivia game that helps you get smarter while making a difference for people around the world. Every question you answer correctly in the game triggers a financial payment to the World Food Programme (WFP) to support its work saving and changing lives around the world. So basically it is absolutely free! Once you have created a profile, you can create a private group, invite your friends and compete to see who can raise the most rice! Good Luck & feel good; you are going to make a difference!

NOTE: GEMS Education and WSS do not own any website/tool given in our Newsletter. Our team reviews the online tool/site, and suggest them for students and parents.



#DigitalResilience

#LearnWithWSS

WSS Superstar Champions!



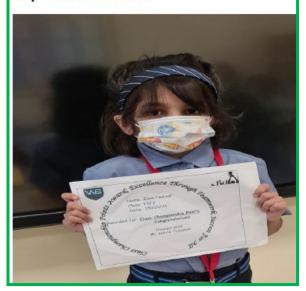
Congratulations to our life-long learners Mr. Arvie, Mr. Jowie & Ms. Rochelle who completed and graduated in Master of Arts in Education at St. Paul University recently! Wonderful to see their commitment to ongoing professional development.

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Zoya Nabeel - Y3F2



Respected Teacher Rajina Arumadi Good morning

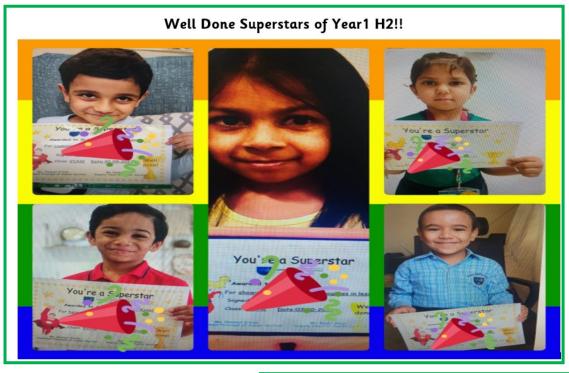
I am here to appreciate your dedication love, care and attention you are giving to my child each day. Thank you very much for being a great teacher to her. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Thanks to every member of GEMS WSS team also which has skillfully maintained the quality of education even in the hardest period of time.

Thank you and may you keep up the good work! GOD bless you

Regards Bareera's Mother

WSS Superstar Champions!



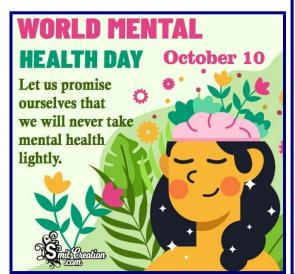






The most important gifts you can give your child are a quality education and the values that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey



Whole School News

FITNESS AND WELLNESS

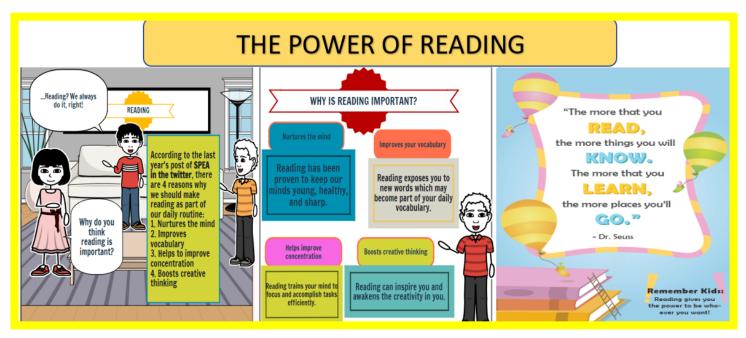


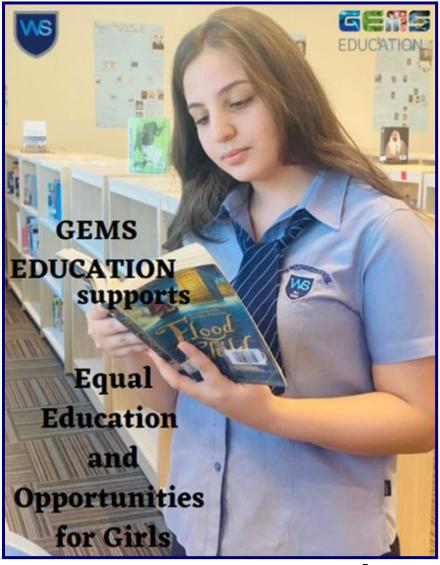
Find our updated Parent Handbook through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.

Grade	Age Criteria as	Born In
Pre-KG/Nursery	3 -4Years	1/9/2018 to 31/8/2019
KG1/Reception	4-5 Years	1/9/2017 to 31/8/2018
KG2/Year 1	5-6 Years	1/9/2016 to 31/8/2017
Grade 1/Year 2	6 -8 Years	1/9/2015 to 31/8/2016
Grade 2/Year 3	7 - 8 Years	1/9/2014 to 31/8/2015
Grade 3/Year 4	8–9 Years	1/9/2013 to 31/8/2014
Grade 4/Year 5	9– 10 Years	1/9/2012 to 31/8/2013
Grade 5/Year 6	10- 11 Years	1/9/2011 to 31/8/2012
Grade 6/Year 7	11- 12 Years	1/9/2010 to 31/8/2011
Grade 7/Year 8	12 – 13 Years	1/9/2009 to 31/8/2010
Grade 8/Year 9	13- 14 Years	1/9/2008 to 31/8/2009
Grade 9/Year 10	14 – 15 Years	1/9/2007 to 31/8/2008
Grade 10/Year 11	15 – 16 Years	1/9/2006 to 31/8/2007
Grade 11/Year 12	16 - 17 Years	1/9/2005 to 31/8/2006
Grade 12/Year 13	17 – 18 Years	1/9/2004 to 31/8/2005

Our online Registration system for new admissions will open shortly for September 2022. Please note the above age cut-off dates FYI, if you are interested in enrolling additional children into WSS.

Whole School News







Thank you for sharing some wonderful projects about the forthcoming Prophet's Birthday (PBUH). School will be, closed for the Public Holiday—probably on Thursday 21st October (TBC)

Whole School News: Recycling Competition!

Go on team WSS! – 11th Nov to 9th Dec 2021

WSS has been selected by <u>Simply</u>

<u>Bottles</u> to participate in the <u>Mai Dubai</u>

<u>Water schools recycling challenge.</u>

In **2019** we recycled 54,000 bottle in 4 weeks and were the biggest school recyclers in the UAE by numbers.

In **2021** we were the Runners in the UAE Nestle recycling challenge!

We know you are amazing!

Over the next 5 weeks please collect and bring in as many <u>PET1 Empty</u> <u>Plastic Water Bottles</u> as possible and drop into one of 4 bins at entrances to the school.



#GiveUpPlastic #WSSGiveUpPlastic Lets show #respect for our learning environment! Good Luck 2

It's RECYCLING TIME AGAIN! Win 5000aed products for your class. #GiveUpPlastic #WSSGiveUpPlastic











The recycling bins will be found at the Bus bay entrance, Boys East Forecourt, Girls and EYFS West forecourt and in front of the main entrance.

Thanks in advance!



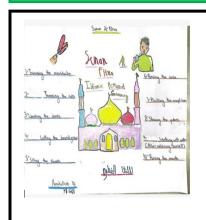
https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/ un/28/a-million-a-minute-worlds-plastic-bottlebinge-as-dangerous-as-climate-change

Whole School News!



We encourage life-long learning in all our students & staff. Here, Mr. Osama attends SPEA training on 14/10/21.

صباح الخير انا والده بارثنيا يونان بالصف الخامس بنات شعبه اس انا حابه اشكرك جدا جدا ميس هند مدرسة اللغة العربية لأني مبسوطة جدا من تفاعل بارثنيا معاها وأيضا هي تعرف توصل المعلومة صح للأولاد بجد شكرا كثير لمجهودها الرائع مع الاولاد شكدا































Recycling Superstar!

Year1 H2 being a part of Green Day by knowing the importance of planting trees and saving earth.

With Ms. Beena



Junior Section News; Y1 S1!



With Ms. Sadiqa

Junior Section News; E-Safety Sessions!





Junior Section News; In the WSS Garden for 'Go Green Day', 7/10/21













Junior Section News; In the WSS Garden for 'Go Green Day', 7/10/21











Junior Section News; Y2 Activities!





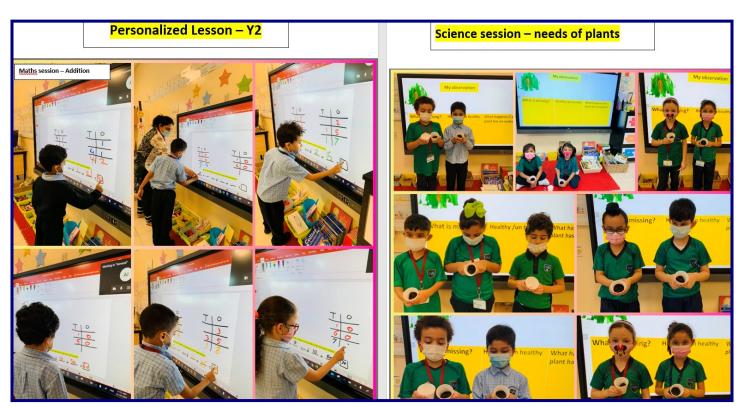
Junior Section News; Y2 Activities!





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Junior Section News; Student Voice!

Student voice- Y2



With Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima







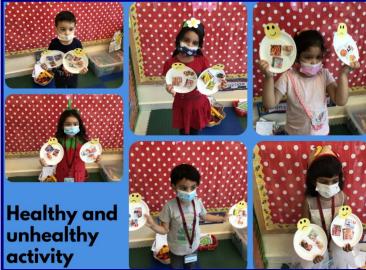






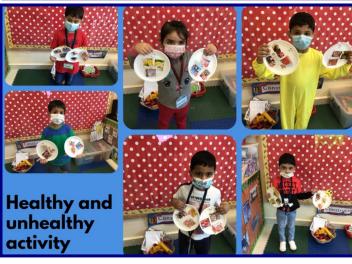
Junior Section News; Healthy Lifestyle!













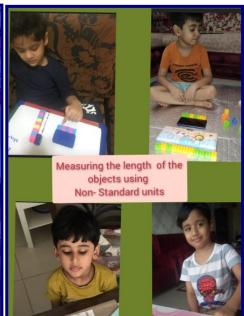
FS2 S1 with Ms. Sonia Marshall

Junior Section News; FS1!

Fun & learn with Ms. Christine & Ms. Karunya











Fun Activity

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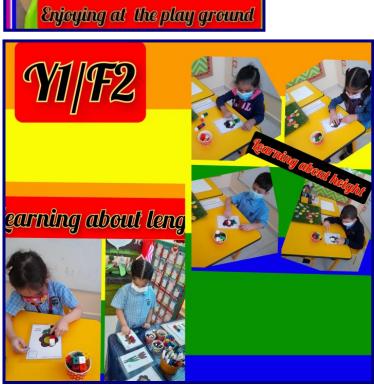
Measuring the Height of the objects using Non-Standard units





Learning about parts of plants and their functions

















With Ms. Nikhat

Junior Section News; Y1 D1!



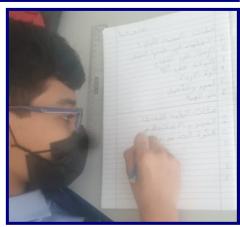
With Ms. Geraldine

Primary Section News





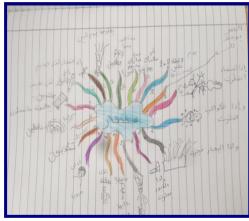




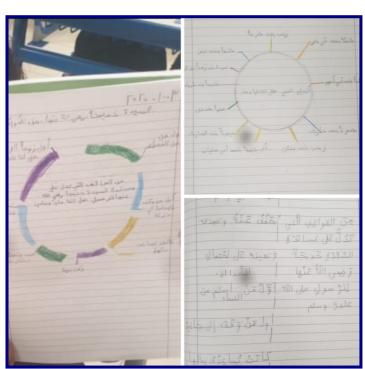


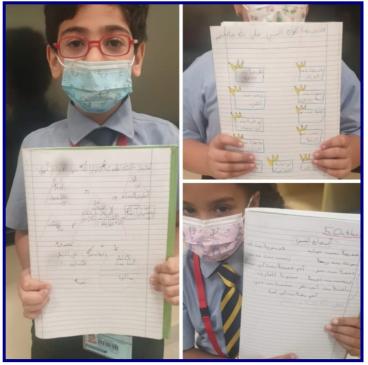




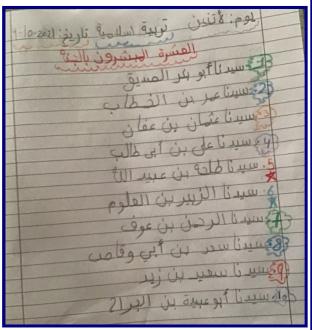


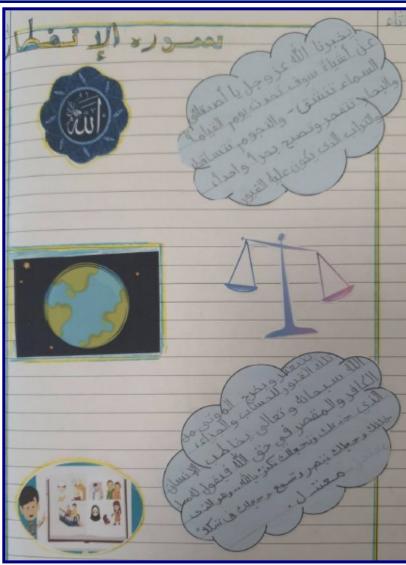
Awesome work completed by Arab Islamic students for Mr. Ahmed





Primary Section News









Sharing good values with Mr. Abdalla Elenani

Primary & Secondary Section News













Thanks to Ms. Maha for supporting our students with their Noom competition entries to design & build model buildings & transport for an imaginary planet.

The winner will receive an invitation to the Al Thuraya Astronomy Centre





Beautiful projects on the Prophet (PBUH)



Recycling champions—musical shakers made from plastic bottles)

Secondary Section News



The SCIENCE department has re-started Practical's for AS classes this week. All the practical classes went smoothly with all required COVID-19 safety protocols, and students actively participated in the learning.



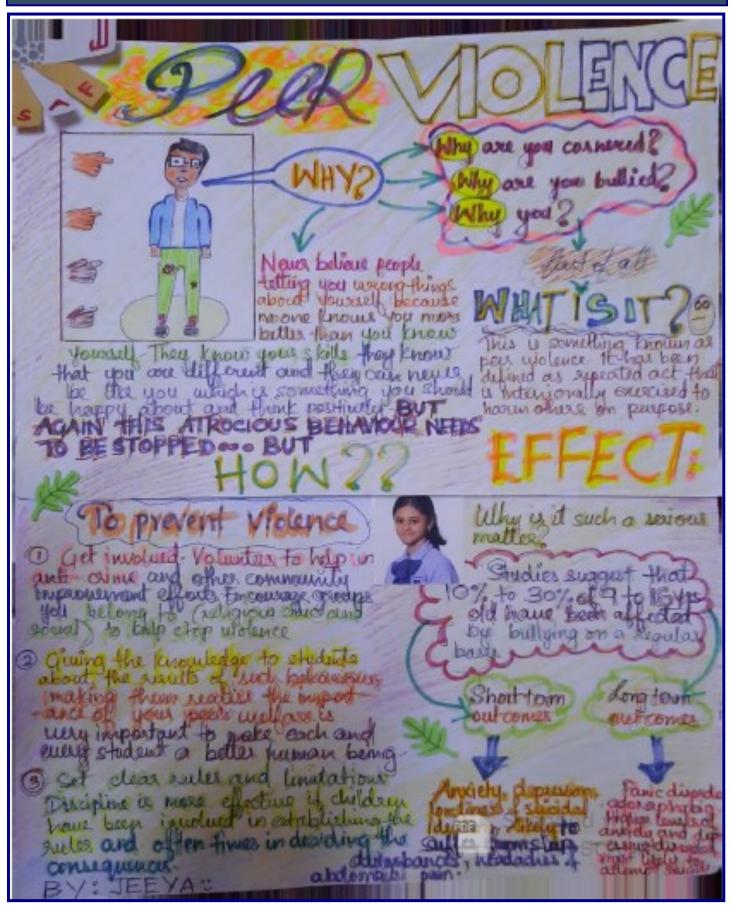




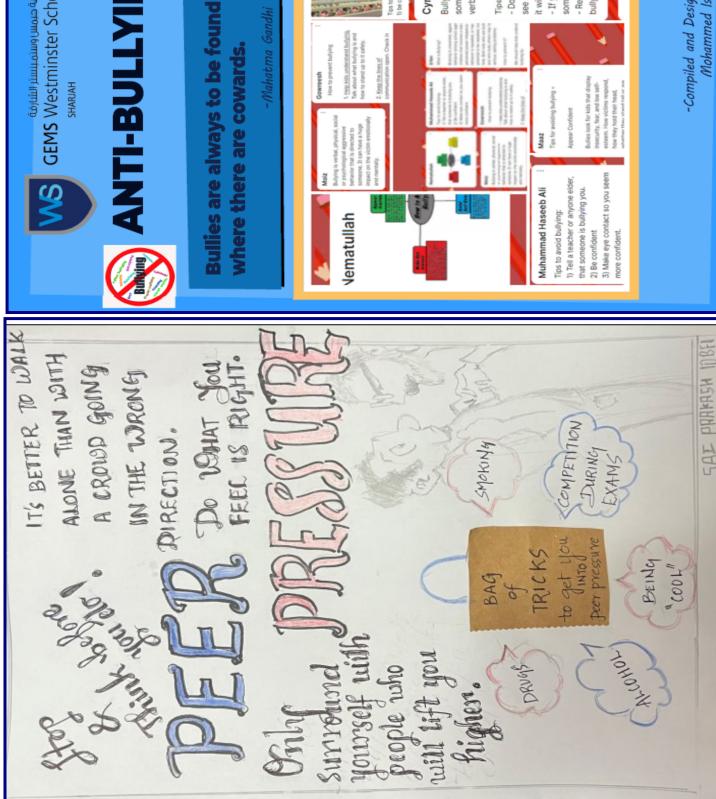


You said—We did! Our Sixth Formers have been asking for a more 'user-friendly' Sixth Form Common Room. Here it is!

Secondary Section News; Anti-Bullying!



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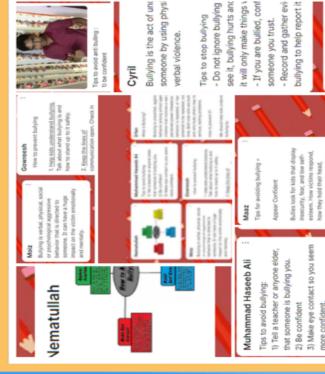


GEMS Westminster School

ANTI-BULLYING



where there are cowards.



Mohammed Isam 12/13 BD Compiled and Designed by:

WELLBEING ACTIVITY

STUDENTS GIVE PRAISE AND GRATITUDE TO THEIR TEACHERS AND FRIENDS AS

PART OF A WELLBEING

ACTIVITY



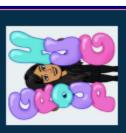
Dear Miss Suniths,

Thankyou for being the best teacher, and thankyou for always understanding me and helping me through school. I om lucky to be your student this and year and the past. You're not only my teacher, you are my friend, teacher and guide, all ralled into I person. I will always be grateful to you for your support and kindness.





I don't need a special day to say how much I love yall. But here goes. U guys are one of the best things that happened to me. Talking with you chasse any and every thing away. I can't thank you enough for everything. Virtual group hugil! Asserting for everything.



Dear

Thank you for being my special friend from your awesome recommendations to you just being there. I'm really glad to have a friend like you!

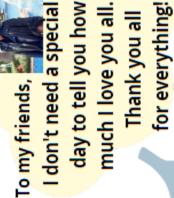


To Aman,
Thanks for your
insightful words of
wisdom, and our
heart-to-heart
conversations.

Thursday Activity: Friend's thank you

Compiled by Amal Barami & Shaffa Zeenath of Y13GH

messages





To Duaa,
Thank you for the joy, love and support that you bring to my life.

Hola Duaal Hola Diagram of thank you, for always being there for me and you che helping me through school and life. Good friends are a away. I

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Villa lave, Thanses Thisland Vier SSM





