## GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH









Newsletter Issue #10 28th October, 2021





Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

#### Our Children's Safe Viewing Material

Our children are naturally curious & may also be influenced by their friends & popu-

lar culture. As parents we need to be constantly vigilant monitoring what our children are viewing on TV & online. Popular at the moment is a show called 'Squid Games' which has a very violent theme, which makes it not at all suitable for our children.

#### Security & Safety; CCTV

Please note that there is CCTV in operation around the school premises & grounds. Footage is used by the management for quality assurance purposes, security, as well as to support incident investigation.







#### pates for Your Diarw Date **Details** By latest Deadline for all students to return to school for Sunday 31st 100% F2F programme is 31/10/21. As per SPEA, October there are only 3 approved reasons for exemption & who may attend the online DL programme. Having a critical medical condition (eg. immune disease, having COVID). Living with a medically vulnerable person. Approval & access to online DL is subject to submitting a Medical Certificate attested by MOH approving school exemption. If the student is overseas for a valid medical/ COVID reason. In this case, evidence of the valid reason must be submitted & approved to access online DL As per SPEA, 'Not having Bus Transport' is not an approved reason to be absent from school from 31/10/21 & DL would have to be disconnected from 31/10/21, otherwise school would be fined.

• Exempted 100% online DL students will receive all materials through Phoenix & 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.

**SPEA** approval to continue DL

If your child has a valid reason to remain online, please forward a signed letter detailing the reason for your request & the child's details plus evidence document (such as a Medical Certificate) to the Principal. We will apply for special

 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.

Wed. 3rd Nov.

UAE Flag Day. Classes will celebrate & learn about the UAE Flag Day.

Sun. 12th to Thurs. 30th Dec. School closed for Winter Break.

Sunday 2nd January is students first day back for Term 2. T2 fees are due, thank you.

#### Health & Safety; Glass

We have had several accidents recently due to broken glass containers. Please avoid sending glass water bottles & food containers to school. Plastic re-useable ones are much safer for our children. Thank you.

## مدرسة جيمس ويستمننستر الشارقة



## النشرة الإخبارية رقم 10







المدرسة لبرنامج التط

لتطم الحضوري سيكون



## المواعيد

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<ul> <li>الموحد النهائي لجميع الطلاب للعودة إلى الحضوري هو 12/10/21 العودة إلى كريح خلال الأضائية المثالة القدمة إد</li> </ul>	آخر يوم الأحد 31 أكتوبر

- العفر الأول هو وجود حلة طبية حرجة (مثل مرض المناعة). العَرُ الثَّانِي هُوَ الْعِيْنَ مِعَ شَخْصَ صَعِيفٌ طَبِياً. تَحْصَعَ الموافقُهُ والوصول إلى DJعبر الإنترنت إلى تقايم شهدة طبية مصدقةً من وزارة الصحة للموافقة على الإعفاء المدرسي.
- وفقًا لـ SPEA، "عدم وجود حاظة نقل" ليس سببًا للَّتَغِبِ عَنِ المدرسة اعْتِبَازًا مِن 31/10/21 و DLيجِب فصل من 31/10/21 ، وإلا سيتم تغريم المدرسة.
  - ذا كان لدى طفك أسباب قابلة للتطبيق للبقاء على الإنترنت ، فيرجى إرسال الدليل إلى معامك قبل 31/10/21 لتجنب قطع برنامج التعلم عبر الإنترنت.
- سيتلقى طلاب DLعبر الإنترنت المعفون بنسبة 100٪ جميع المواد من خلال Phoenix والانضمام إلى الفصول الدراس عبر TEAMSكمراتبين فقط لن يتمكن المعادون من النقاعل معهم أثناء الفصول الدراسية ، حيث سيكون لديهم فصول دراسية كاملة في الموقع الادارتها.
- بر برنامج النعم عن بعد من تاريخ العودة الكاملة لكل ص طول 31/10/21). سينضم الطلاب اللذين يدرسون عن بعد إِلَى الْفَصُولُ الدَّرَاسِيَّةُ عَبَرُ TEAMS كَمَرَاقْبِينَ، وَسَ لقون جميع المواد من خلال Phoenix ومع ذلك، أن يتمكن المعلمون من التفاعل معهم أنتاء الفصول الدراسية، حيث سيكون لديهم فصول دراسية كاملة في المدرسة لإدارتها.
  - توصي بشدة أولياء الامور أن يحصِل جميع الطلاب المؤهلين على تطعيم كوفيد 10 لمزيد من الأمان ورآحة البال.
    - يبقى ارتداء الأقنعة في المدرسة الزامياً.
- سيبقى المقصف مغلقًا، لذا يجب على الطلاب إحضار وجبة خفيفة وزجاجة ماء
  - سيتم مشاركة التفاصيل لعودة الطلاب للتعليم الحضوري في
- نظرًا لنظيل عند الحافلات والسانة بن خلال كوفيد 19، فسوف يستغرق الأمر بعض الوقت من BBT لإعدة خدمة الحافلات ال مُستويّات ما قَبْلُ كُوفَيد 19، لبعض الوقتُ سيكون هِنك عد محدود من مقاعد الحافلات المناحة. إذا كنت بحاجة إلى وسيلة نعَلُ بِالحاطَّةِ، فيرجِي الاتصال بِالإستَادُ تَو مقاحد في أقرب وقَّت ، حيث سيستغرق الأمر وقثًا لتنظيم حافلات وسانقين إضافيين.
  - يوم العم الامتراتي : ستحتقل المدرسة بيوم العم الامتراتي.
    - من الأحد 12 إلى المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاع

3 نوفسر يوم

الخديس 30

يعود الطلاب للعدرسة يوم الأحد الثاني من يناير البدء لِدِرَاسِي الثَّاتِي. يَجِبُ دَفَعُ الرسومِ المُستَحَةُ للفَصَلُ ال

#### رسلة من المديرة / الرنيس التنفيذي السيدة فليري توميسون

ا أولياء أمور منرسة جيمس ويا الشارقة الأعزاء،



#### المشاهدة الآمنة لأطفالنا

أطفلنا فضوليون بطبيعتهم وقد يتأثرون أيضأا بأصدقانهم وثقافتهم الشعبية. كآباء ، يجب أن تكون يقظين باستمرار في مراقبة ما يشاهده أطفلنا على التلفزأيون وعلى الإنترنت. شانع في الوقت الحلي عرض يسمى "Squid Games" والذي يتميز بموضوع عنيف للغاية ، مما يجعه أغير مناسب على الإطلاق لأطفلنا.

#### السائمة والأمن؛ CCTV

يرجى ملاحظة أن هنك دأدرة تلغزيونية مظقة تعمل حول مباني وأراضى المدرسة يتم استُخدام اللقطات من قبل الإدارة لأغراض ضمان الجودة ، والأمن ، أوكذلك لدعم التحقيق في الحدث.







#### Whole School News; Parent Survey, November 2021!



Date: 28/10/21

Dear Parents,

Subject: GEMS Parent Survey

Your opinion matters! GEMS will shortly be sending home a Parent Survey. We request that you kindly complete. Thank you.

At WSS, we are committed to engaging with our parents to achieve our vision, 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success for All'. We aim to provide the very best possible learning experience and outcomes for your child, so value your balanced, regular feedback on what is working well, and what can be improved further. In order to gain further parent feedback, GEMS will shortly issue a Parent Survey link to your registered email. We would highly appreciate you taking some of your valuable time to complete this to share your valuable insights.

في WSS ، نحن ملتزمون بالتواصل مع أولياء الأمور لتحقيق رؤيتنا، "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح للجميع. نحن نهدف إلى تقديم أفضل تجربة تعليمية ونتائج ممكنة لطفلك، لذا نقدر ملاحظاتك المتوازنة والمنتظمة حول ما يعمل بشكل جيد، وما الذي يمكن تحسينه أكثر. " من أجل الحصول على المزيد من ملاحظات الوالدين، ستصدر GEMS قريبًا رابط استطلاع رأي أولياء إلى بريدك الإلكتروني المسجل، نحن نقدر تقديراً عالياً أنك استغرقت بعض الوقت الثمين لإكمال هذا لمشاركة أفكارك القيمة.

FYI, please note:

Score	What this means	Some examples for scoring
10	Top score! Parent is a Promotor & would highly recommend WSS to family & friends	Very happy & satisfied with school & management in all areas that are within school's control. Any queries/issues have been responded to promptly & solved. Child is making very good progress & is very happy with Teacher & to attend lessons.
	<mark>أعلى نتيجة!</mark> الأباء هم المروجون ويوصون	Parent feels that school is fully committed to improvement & high standards.
	WSSللعائلة والأصدقاء بشدة.	<mark>سعيد جدًا وراض</mark> عن المدرسة والإدارة في جميع المجالات التي تقع تحت
		سيطرة المدرسةً. تم الرد على أي استفسارات / مشكلات على الفور وحلها.
		يحرز الطفل تقدمًا جيدًا للغاية وهو سعيد جدًا بالمعلم وحضور الدروس.
		يشعر ولي الأمر أن المدرسة ملتزمة تمامًا بالتحسين والمعايير العالية.
9	Good score! Parent is a Promotor. Parent would recommend WSS to family & friends	Generally happy & satisfied with school & management in most areas that are within school's control. Any queries/issues have been responded to & solved where possible. Child is making good progress & is happy with Teacher & to attend lessons. Parent feels that school is generally committed to improvement & high
	الأباء هم المروجون ويوصون WSSللعائلة والأصدقاء بشدة.	standards. بشكل علم سعيد وراض عن المدرسة والإدارة في معظم المناطق التي تقع تحت
		سيطرة المدرسة. تم الرّد على أي استفسارات / مشكلات وحلها حيثما أمكن
		ذلك. الطفل يحرز تقدمًا جيدًا ويسعد بالمدرس وحضور الدروس. يشعر ولي
		الأمر أن المدرسة ملتزمة عمومًا بالتحسين والمعايير العالية.

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7-8	Average score. Parent is 'Passive'	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Child's generally likes school & learning, but individual needs are only partially met for
	متوسط درجة.	reasons within the school's control. Parent unsure whether they
	الوالد "غير فعال"	wish to continue at WSS due to aspects of the learning
		environment that are within the school's control.
		لا راض ولا غير راض. يحب الطفل عمومًا المدرسة والتعلم، ولكن يتم تلبية
		الاحتياجات الفردية جزئيًا فقط لأسباب تخضع لسيطرة المدرسة. الوالد غير
		متأكد مما إذا كانوا يرغبون في الاستمرار في WSS بسبب جوانب بيئة التعلم التي
		تقع تحت سيطرة المدرسة.
0-6	Low score.	Parent/child not comfortable with the WSS learning
	Parent is a 'Detractor'	environment/management/Teachers for reasons within the
	Parent would not	school's control. School does not respond to queries/issues or
	recommend WSS to	solve them where possible. Parent feels that school is not fully
	family/friends.	committed to improvement & high standards.
	درجة منخفضة.	الوالد / الطفل غير مرتاح لبيئة التعلم / الإدارة / المعلمين الخاصة بـ WSS
	الوالد هو "منتقد"	لأسباب تحت سيطرة المدرسة. لا تستجيب المدرسة للاستفسارات /
	لن يوصى الوالدان بـ WSS للعائلة /	المشكلات أو تحلها حيثما أمكن ذلك. يشعر ولي الأمر أن المدرسة ليست
	الأصدقاء.	ملتزمة تمامًا بالتحسين والمعايير العالية.

We look forward to your feedback to support achievement of our vision, 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success for All!'

Thank you, dear parents.

Regards,

Ms. Valerie Thompson WSS Principal/CEO

نتطلع إلى تلقى ملاحظاتك لدعم تحقيق رؤيتنا، "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح للجميع!

شكرا لك الأباء الأعزاء.

مع تحياتي،

السيدة فاليري طومسون مدير / WSS الرئيس التنفيذي



# Do your kids use the device only to play games and watch videos?

# Lets give them something better (Educational) to play and watch.

Young children need a variety of academic and social-emotional skills to succeed inside and outside the classroom. That's why PBS KIDS has a whole-child approach to preparing children, offering media that supports key developmental areas — from communication and critical thinking skills to literacy and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning.





Children can watch on-demand educational videos, and even a live stream of the PBS KIDS 24/7 channel. No subscription required.



Children can enjoy nearly **200 educational games**, which can be accessed through their website

FOR PARENTS: www.pbs.org/parents



FOR CHILDREN: www.pbskids.org

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.



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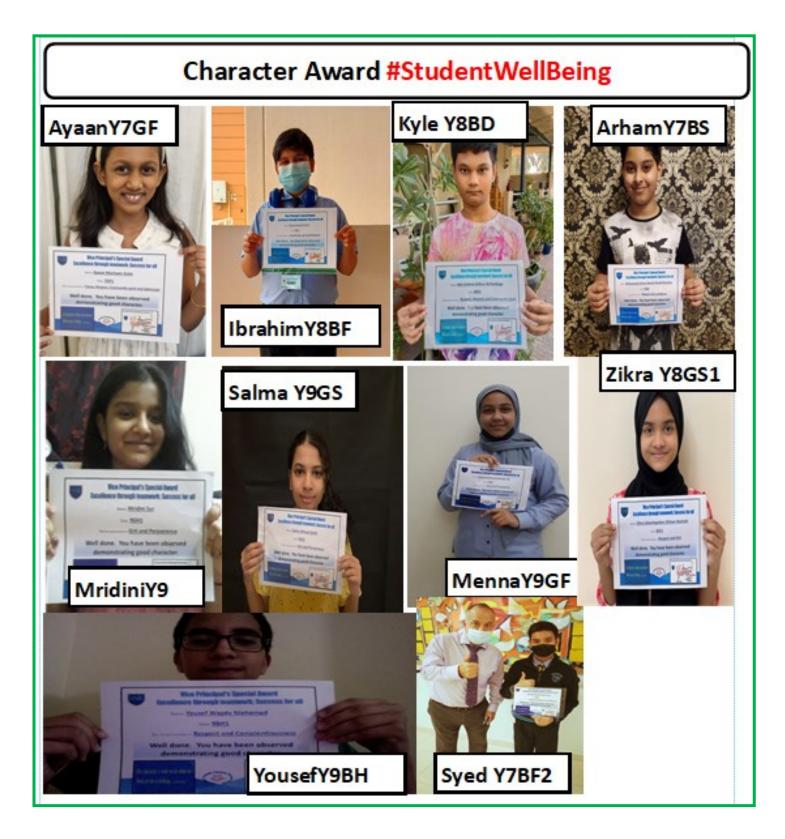
































The most important gifts you can give your child are a quality education and the values that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey



The Principal Ms. Valerie & Vice Principal Mr. Andrew attended a SPEA HUB meeting on 26/10/21, with other British Curriculum Principals with Ms. Lynn, our SPEA School Improvement Advisor. The Agenda was around raising student Achievement.

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

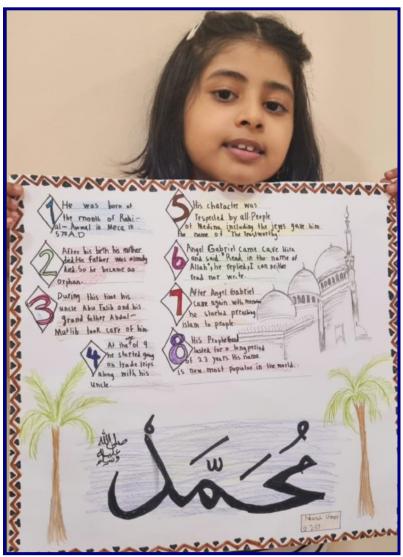


#### Whole School News

Reading is a big, whole-school focus at WSS this year. Baseline assessment evidence shows that reading skills have suffered as part of the 'COVID gap'. & we will be working hard with students & parents to bridge this learning gap.

Parents have a very big role to play in modelling reading & how to handle books to their children from a very early age, such as by & setting a bedtime reading routine. Here is little one-year-old Nancy Rose, Mr. Andrew's daughter, looking super engrossed in her story, who already knows how to hold a book & that books are filled with wonder, fun & new experiences! Parents, do you have a bonding daily reading schedule with your children?





#### Whole School News

#### **BACK TO THE CLASSROOM**













Recycling Superstars!







## Whole School News; Back to School After Mid-Term!

















## Whole School News; Back to School After Mid-Term!















video about how she investigated the germination of seeds. Science with Ms. Jinitra & Ms. Aqueen.

WSS is a family school! Here we have proud grandparents brining their grandchildren to school before travelling back home to India



#### Junior Section News







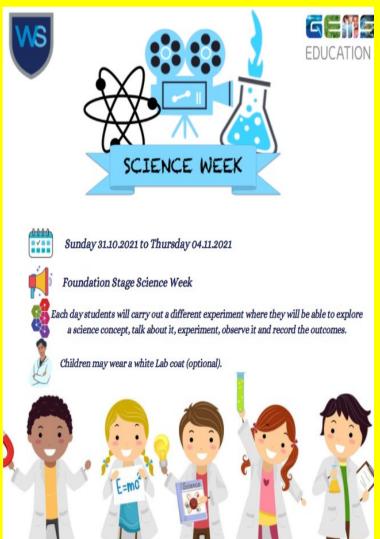


#### **Junior Section News**



Thank you to Nabia (Y2 S3) for sharing her videos & spiritual values with us!







#### Junior Section News; Fun in FS1!

# Fun and learn with MS Christine & Ms Karunya @FS1 Explore pattern with FS1 Great... Birthday celebration of our little super star @ FS1 & & & Fun time @ FS1 😎 😅 Fun time @ FS1 Wow....Amazing.. Sensory bottles made by our little stars 😻 😉 🖏

## Junior Section News





#### Junior Section News; FS2!













#### Junior Section News; Preparing for UAE Flag Day, 3/11/21!



UAE Flag Day marks the anniversary of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan becoming the President of the United Arab Emirates in 2004.

Every year on the 3rd of November, people across all the Emirates celebrate this special national occasion, in which they reaffirm their allegiance to the UAE flag, which is a symbol of the country's unity and aspirations for a better future.

On Wednesday, the 3rd of November 2021, Junior Section children are welcome to wear any of the colours of the UAE National Flag; Black, Red, White or Green.



The following activities will be conducted during the day in the classrooms.

Activity

JAM (Just-a-Minute) session

Topic: UAE Flag Day.

We will also talk about the Expo 2020.

Students can share 1-minute video related to the UAE Flag Day with their teacher, to upload on Social Media.

Paper badge activity: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbkzC4MwQEk

Flag making - Students will make the UAE flag in the class using different materials.

Henna designs activity



#### **Primary Section News**



**#UAE\_Flag\_Day** 

On Wednesday 3rd of November, 2021

Primary students are welcome to wear any of the colours of the UAE National Flag; Black, Red, White or Green to school (optional).

#### The following Activities will be conducted during the day in the classrooms:

Flag Card - Students will draw and create UAE Flag Cards with poster colours. Year 3

Year 4 UAE Flag - Students will create UAE Flag/Badges using different materials and poster colours.

Year 5 Flag Poster - Students will research facts about UAE and create posters on the same.

Year 6 JAM Session - Students will prepare and deliver a one-minute speech about the IMPORTANCE OF UAE FLAG

(Materials for the activities like cards, colours, innovative materials, posters, etc. to be brought by the students)

Students can also prepare a one-minute video related to UAE Flag Day/Expo 2020 to be uploaded on Social Media. Kindly Share the video with the Form Tutors.

## Primary Section News



Khadija of Y6GH explaining the importance of following Fab five rules.

Learning Maths the fun way.





Students actively involved in group discussion

Y6GH with Ms. Subha

## Primary Section News; Student Leadership!

#### Sharing classroom rules to the classmates Zaviyar and Nhethra from Y5 H1

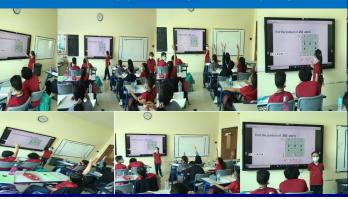


Math Flip Lesson by Yousif Muhanad & Raffay from Y5 S2 LFQ: How do I Multiply 3 and 4 digit numbers by 1 digit number.



Exploring a traditional Emirati game with Mr. Arvie in his Social Studies lesson.

Math Flip Lesson by Joudi from Y5 S2 LFQ: How do I Multiply 3 and 4 digit numbers by 1 digit number.



Math Flip Lesson by Steven, Anas, Maaz and Ola from Y5 H1 LFQ: How do I Multiply 3 and 4 digit numbers by 1 digit number.



Mr. Arvie's Social Studies Y5D1 and Y5F2 class for Non-Arabs enjoys playing the Emirati traditional game called,

#### "Khosa bosa"

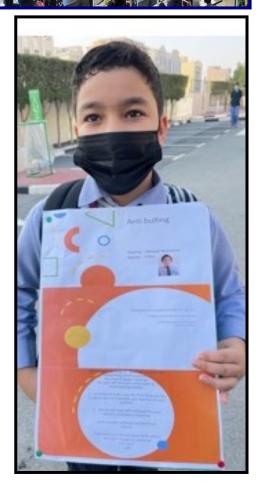
This game consists of four or five children creating a circle singing khosa bosa yen nabusa, and while singing they point on their fingers till the song stops on one finger and it should be closed. And they continue until all fingers are closed.



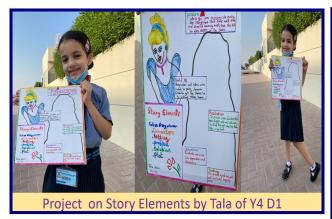




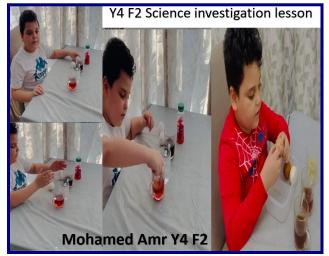




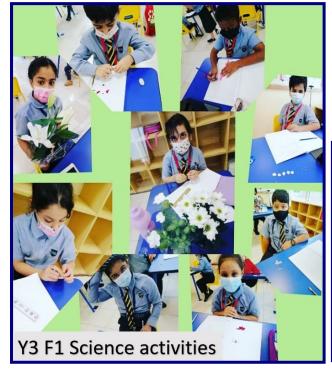
## Primary Section News!













With Ms. Afra

#### Secondary Section News; Teamwork!



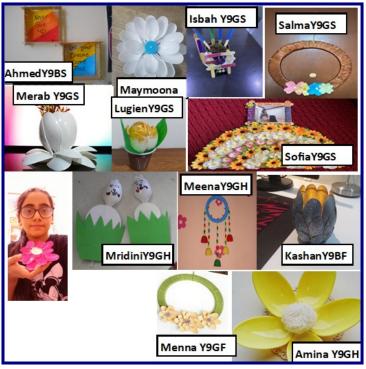
"It was very exciting getting to see all the stunning artworks made by the students themselves, and the time I spent decorating the board with all my friends — using all the amazing artworks gathered — was just nothing short of pure fun. A very big thanks to all who participated in the contest! "

- Kawthar ElSayed Year 12GF1

#### Secondary Section News; Student Wellbeing!









## Secondary Section News





#### Secondary Section News; Innovation through STEAM!









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