

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #11
4th November, 2021



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Own Transport Pick-up Arrangements

We know that it is pleasant to sit & chat with friends at the end of the school day, but with

over 3,150 students in school, it is critical to reduce crowding at OT pick-up at home time. Please pick-up quickly, & take your children home as soon as you can, so that crowds are minimized. Thank you.

Mask-wearing

It is compulsory for all persons to wear a mask at all times in school (inside & outside). Parents please help us keep your children safe by setting a perfect example yourself. Thank you.

'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All'

This is our school vision, built on trust that school will always strive to do better, & mutual respect in the way we deal with each other. We will always listen to parent feedback & work on improving our service to you, but expect that feedback to be given to us in a polite, respectful way. **Shouting & screaming at staff is never acceptable**, & does not make us smarter! We thank our dear parents who remained respectful through our trial of various home-time pick-up arrangements this week, as we worked through problems of managing a higher number of students than usual & concerns with crowding & safety. Thank you!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Sun. 12th to Thurs. 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Winter Break. Sunday 2nd January is students first day back for Term 2. T2 fees are due, thank you.

Happy UAE Flag Day (3/11/21)!



Happy Diwali to all who celebrate!



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 11
4 نوفمبر 2021



الموايد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء. يعود الطلاب للمدرسة يوم الأحد الثاني من يناير لبدء الفصل الدراسي الثاني. يجب دفع الرسوم المستحقة للفصل الدراسي الثاني، شكرًا لكم. 	آخر يوم الأحد 31 أكتوبر



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فائزة توفيق

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

ترتيبات استلام الطلاب من المدرسة

نحن نعلم أنه من الممتع الجلوس والردشة مع الأصدقاء في نهاية اليوم الدراسي، ولكن مع وجود أكثر من 3150 طالبًا في المدرسة، من الأهمية بمكان تقليل الازدحام في وقت الاستقبال في ساحة الانتظار يرجى الاستلام بسرعة، واصطحب أطفالك إلى المنزل في أسرع وقت ممكن، حتى يتم تقليل الازدحام شكرًا لكم.

ارتداء القناع

يجب على جميع الأشخاص ارتداء القناع في جميع الأوقات في المدرسة (في الداخل والخارج) يرجى من أولياء الأمور مساعدتنا في الحفاظ على سلامة الأطفال من خلال تقديم مثل الأعلى لأطفالنا شكرًا لكم.

"التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي: نجاح للجميع"

هذه هي رؤيتنا المدرسية، المبنية على الثقة في أن المدرسة ستسعي دائمًا إلى القيام بعمل أفضل، والاحترام المتبادل في الطريقة التي نتعامل بها مع بعضنا البعض سنستمتع دائمًا إلى ملاحظات أولياء الأمور ونعمل على تحسين خدماتنا لكم، ولكن نتوقع أن يتم تقديم هذه الملاحظات إلينا بطريقة مهذبة ومحترمة. **والصراخ على الموظفين أمر غير مقبول أبدًا، ولا تجعلنا نكسر!** نشكر أولياء الأمور الأعزاء الذين كلوا متعاونين معنا خلال تجربتنا لترتيبات استلام الطلاب هذا الأسبوع.



يوم علم دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة سعيد

(3/11/21)

عيد ديوالي سعيد لكل من يحتفل!

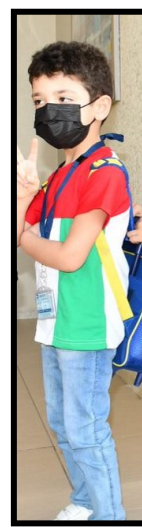


رؤيتنا: "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ نجاح للجميع"

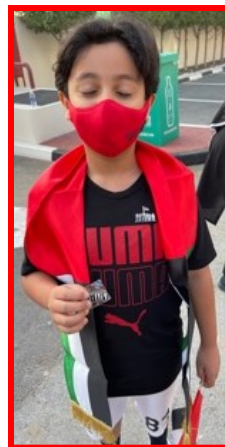
Whole School News; UAE Flag Day, 3/11/21!



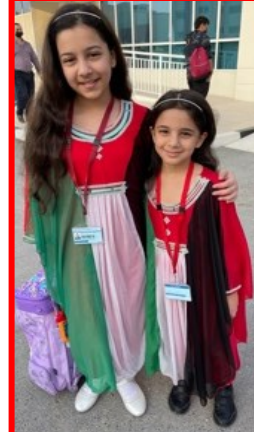
At 10:55am the UAE flag was lowered, then at 11am the whole school showed appreciation & respect to the UAE by raising the flag & singing the UAE National Anthem.. SLT, Admin. & student leaders attended the flag hoisting ceremony.



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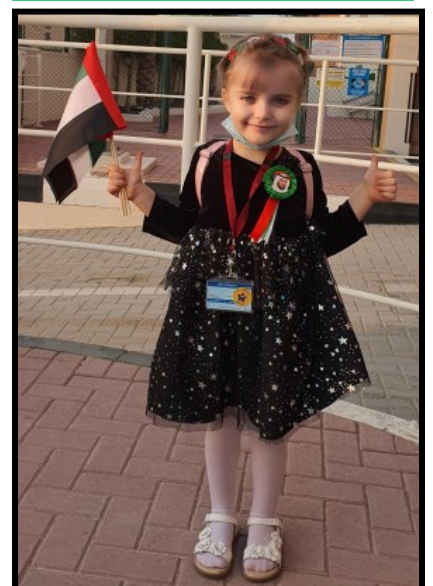
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Enjoying the cooler weather outside for a healthy PE lesson!



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Talented musicians Leyana (Y5F2) and her sister Dayana (Year 10) play the UAE National Anthem on keyboard and violin

Whole School News; UAE Flag Day, 3/11/21!



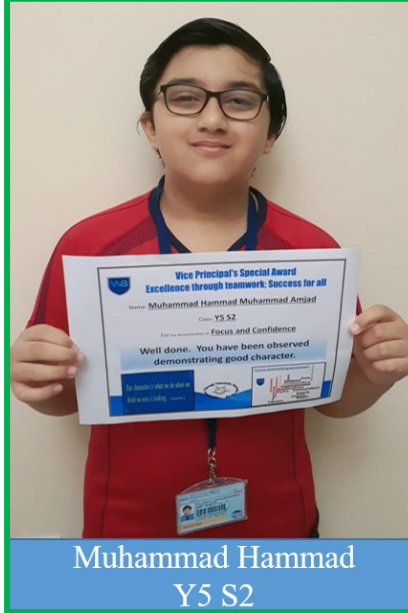
Sara Salem Bin Al Sharma (Y4H1) (in Red) on the main page of a Government newspaper.



CELEBRATION OF UAE FLAG DAY -YR11BD



WSS Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to Duaa Fathima Khan (Y12GF) who was presented with a special award from The Karnataka state, India Association for academic excellency based on her outstanding IGCSE grades last year (7 A*). The selection was done from amongst all the students who are from Karnataka around UAE.

Duaa said, "It was a great honor to be represented for this award and for our school being mentioned :)."



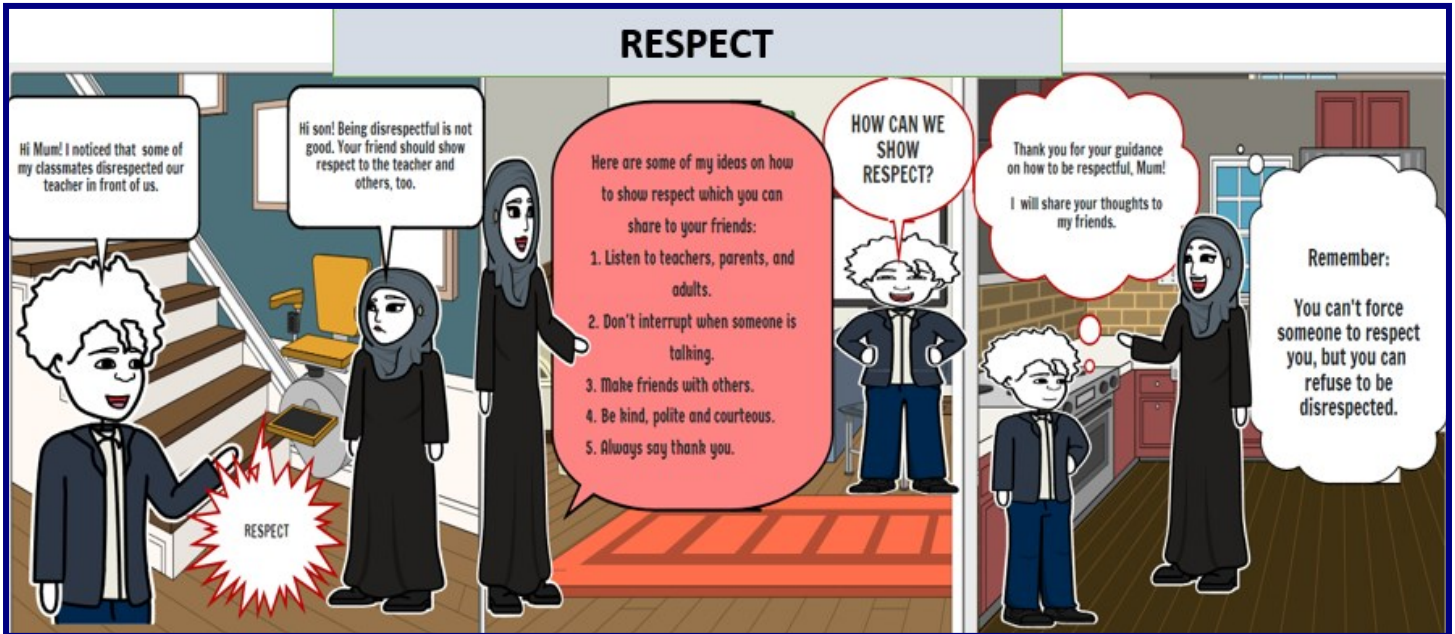
WSS Superstar Champions; Student Leaders!

WSS Secondary Student Council List, 2021-22			
#	LEADERSHIP ROLES	Student	Class
1	Head Boy	Saim Sheikh	Y13 BD
2	Deputy Head Boy	Zuhair Ateeq	Y12 BS
3	Well-Being Leader	Sarim Amir Kamran	Y13 BD
4	Sixth Form Leader	Omar Hani	Y13 BD
5	Sports Captain	Mansoor Kalemzai	Y13 BD
6	Deputy Sports Captain	Malik Sanwal	Y13 BD
7	Falcon House captain	Mohammed ali Reza	Y12 BH
8	Deputy Falcon House captain	Hunain Ali Reza	Y12 BH
9	Arabian House captain	Mohammed Isam	Y13 BD
10	Deputy Arabian House captain	Abdul Moiz Imran	Y12 BH
11	Dolphin House captain	Hamza Saeed	Y13 BD
12	Deputy Dolphin House captain	Muhammed Haseeb Ali	Y12 BH
13	Scorpion House captain	Chirayu Rohankar	Y13 BD
14	Deputy Scorpion House captain	Ahmed Raza	Y12 BH
15	Character Leader	Mohammed Ayoub	Y13 BD
16	National Agenda Leader	Anas Asad Siddiqui	Y13 BD
17	Arabic Leader	Muhammad Sameer Ali	Y11 BF
18	Digital Leader	Muhammad Shahzeb	Y13 BD
19	Happiness Leader	Taha Hyder	Y9 BF
20	E-Safety Student Leader	Hamad Mohammad Umer	Y9 BD

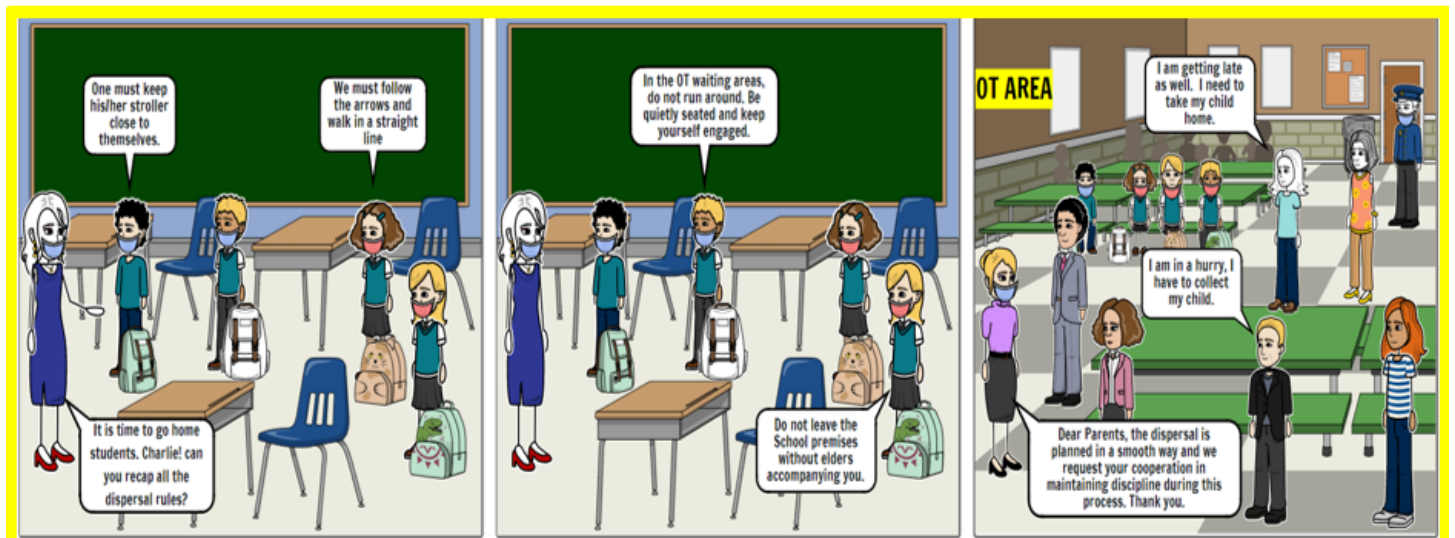
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1	Head Girl	Joanne Mathew	Y13 GH
2	Deputy Head Girl	Loujain Mryoud	Y13 GH
3	Well-Being Leader	Abeer Ahmed	Y12 GH
4	Sixth Form Leader	Gatika	Y12 GH
5	Sports Captain	Gloria Thomas	Y11 GF
6	Deputy Sports Captain	Tharinsa Thasandie	Y12 GF
7	Falcon House Captain	Iman Khan	Y13 GH
8	Deputy Falcon House Captain	Humayra Tasim	Y12 GF
9	Arabian House Captain	Noor Ghani	Y12 GH
10	Deputy Arabian House Captain	Zuha Nawaz	Y11G
11	Dolphin House Captain	Kawthar Abdel	Y12 GH
12	Deputy Dolphin House Captain	Mashal Afgah	Y10 GD
13	Scorpion House Captain	Dua Fathima	Y13 GH
14	Deputy Scorpion House Captain	Maanya Srias	Y11 GS
15	Character Leader	Shaffa Nazeer	Y13 GH1
16	National Agenda Leader	Mariam Ahmed	Y13 GH1
17	Arabic Leader	Nourhan	Y13 GH
18	Digital Leader	Jeeya Joshi	Y13 GH
19	Happiness Leader	Maymoona Athar	Y9 GS
20	E-Safety Student Leader	Noor Mustafa M R Azizi	Y11 GF



Whole School News



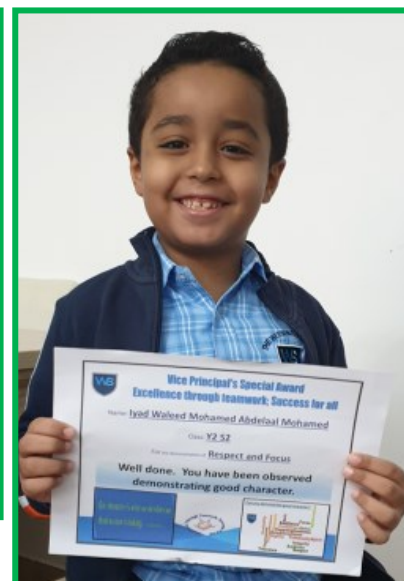
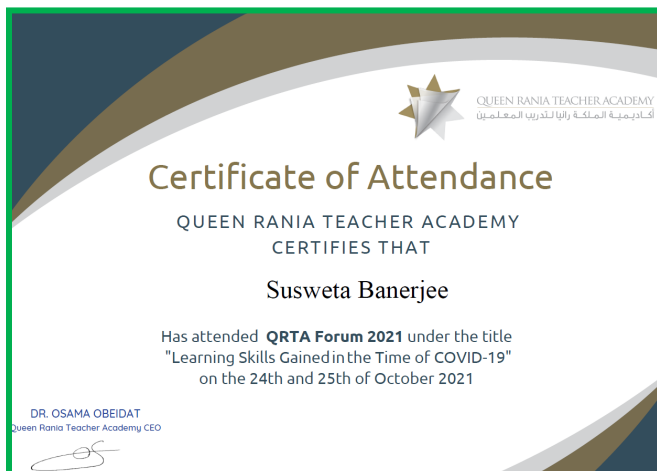
HAVING A SMOOTH AFTER SCHOOL DISPERSAL



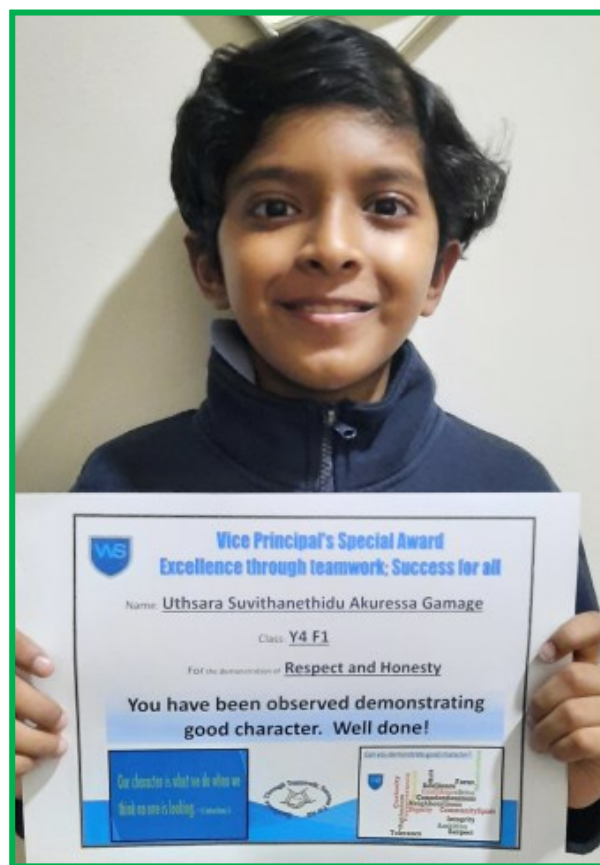
WSS Superstar Recycling Champions!



WSS Superstar Champions!



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WSS Superstar Champions!



Muhammad Zohaib Y3S1

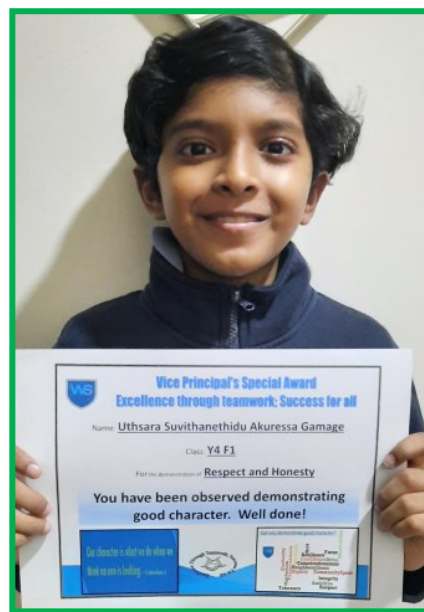
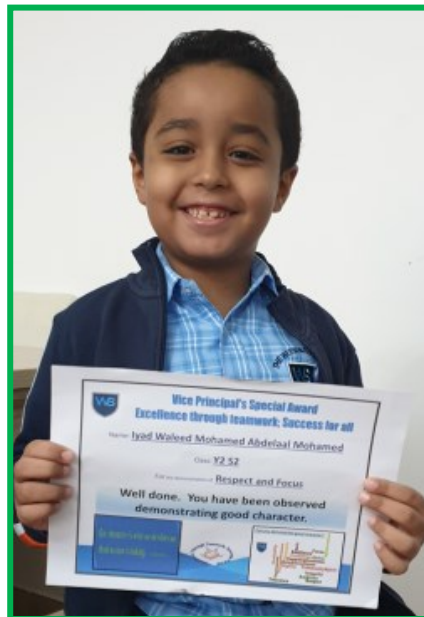


Hibah Binti Y3S1

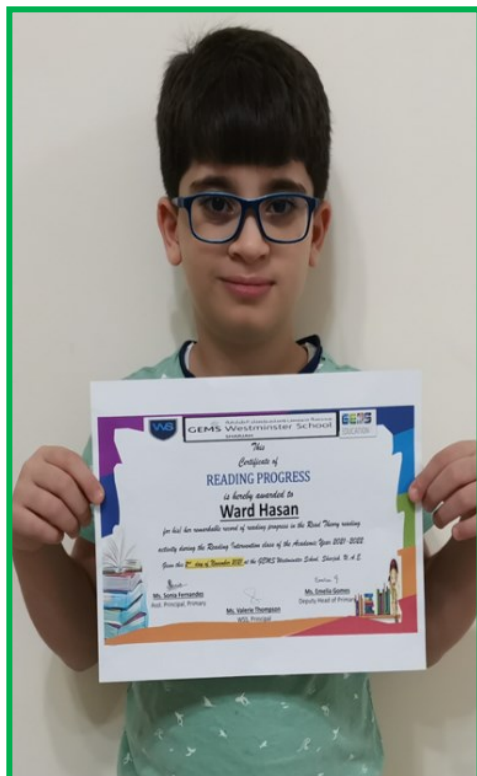


**Meral Nagah
Y5 S2**

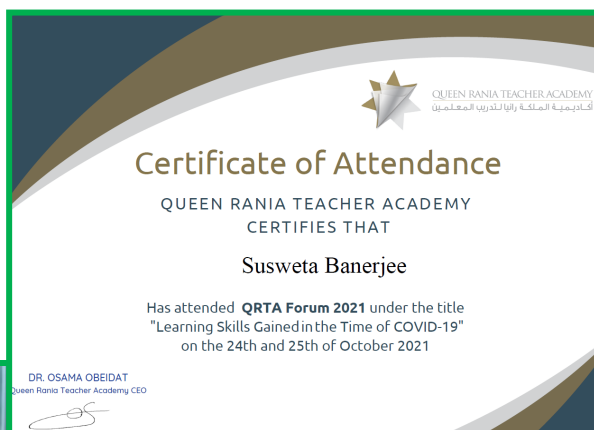
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WSS Superstar Champions!



Ward Hasan
Y5 S1



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Act of kindness

Hana Ahmed -Y5H2
shared the badges
with her teachers
and SLT's



Character Award #StudentWellBeing



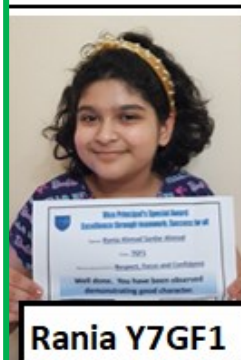
Ali Hassan Y7BH1



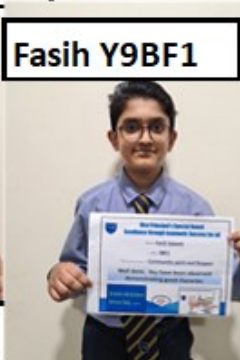
Alman Y7BS2



Anuthmee Y7GS1



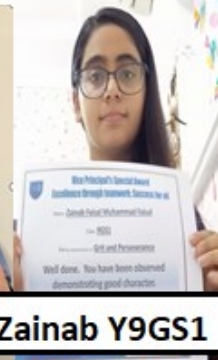
Rania Y7GF1



Fasih Y9BF1



Muh, Hashim



Zainab Y9GS1



Kiara Y4-D1

Kyle Y8-BD



☞ 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; Happy Diwali!



For the first time at WSS,
beautiful Rangoli created
by our talented teachers
for all to enjoy!

With Ms. Rajina



Find our updated Parent Hand-
book through this QR code.
Check-out school policies & pro-
cedures to be familiar & com-
fortable with our system.



Junior Section News; FS1!

Amazing week with MS Christine & MS Karunya @ FS1



Junior Section News

Personalized lesson – Y2

Grammar session- common & proper nouns



With Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima



Math session - Subtraction



English session – story time



Great video of confident story-reading
by Adam (Y1H2)!



Learning through Technology FS2 S2.

We are making story characters "The Little Red Hen"

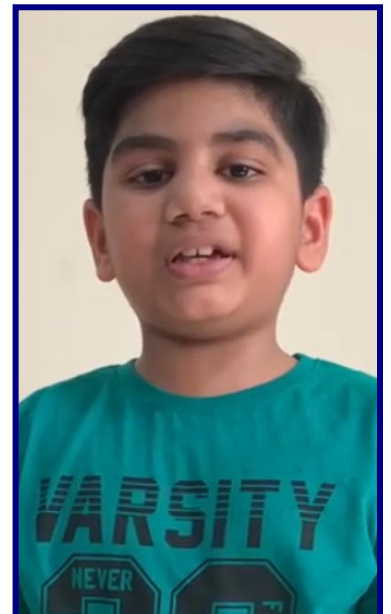
Junior Section News

Y2 H2 Math OLA session with Ms. Jinitra

With Ms. Jinitra & Ms. Aqueen



Hanks to Liyaana & Aadam (Y2D1) for their interesting Flag Day videos



Junior Section News



Y2D1 with Ms. Fauzia



Y2F1 maths & science learning activities



Y1H1

We celebrated flag day :)

With Ms. Uzma



Y1H1

making flags

Junior Section News; Y1!



Junior Section News

Y2H1 with Ms. Sabiha
& Ms. Fathima

Personalized lessons- Y2



FS2H1 with Ms. Jobelle



Junior Section News!

Math session with Ms. Jinitra Y2H2



With Ms. Jinitra & Ms. Aqueen



With Ms. Nikhat & Ms. Afroz



FS2 D1 We are proud to show our homelearning



FS2 D1 learning sound "m"



Junior Section News!

JAE Flag Day celebrations in Year 1 H2

With Ms. Beena



Happy Flag Day



Y2S1
English Lesson



With Ms. Sara

Junior Section News!



Y1D2 with Ms. Aysha Malik



Junior Section News!



With Ms. Sonia M.



Primary Section News



With Ms. Lincy



Y5 DF students enjoyed playing the Emirati games Khose Bhose and Karabi in their SST lesson.



Science project by Umar (Y6BF)

With Ms. Lakshmi

RESPECT & PRIDE

Y5 H2 Students celebrating UAE Flag Day



Primary Section News; Y4!



Primary Section News; Y5!



With Ms. Afra

UAE Flag Day Activities Y5D2



Primary Section News; Flag Day Activities!



Primary Section News; Flag Day Activities!



Y3S1 with Ms. Anshy



Primary Section News; Flag Day Activities!

FLAG DAY :Y4DI

With Ms. Susweta



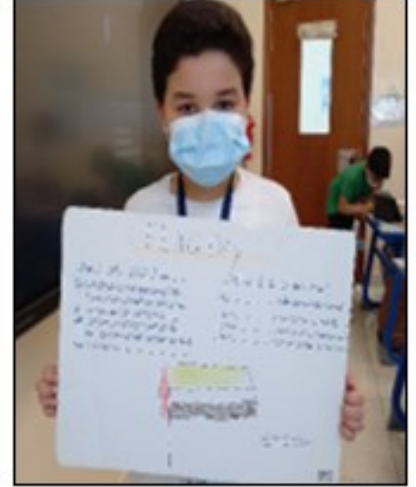
Y4F3 Flag Day Activities



Primary Section News; Flag Day Activities!

UAE Flag Day Activities Y5D2

Y5D2 with Ms. Deepthy

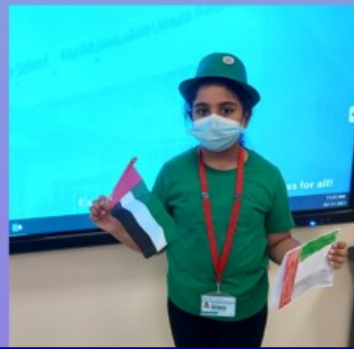
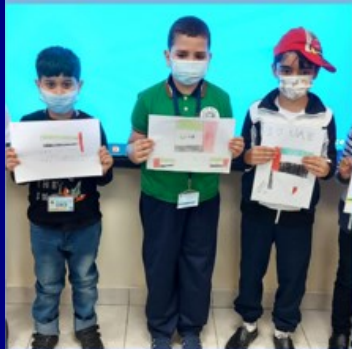


Y3S1 Flag Day Activity

Primary Section News



With Ms. Lissy

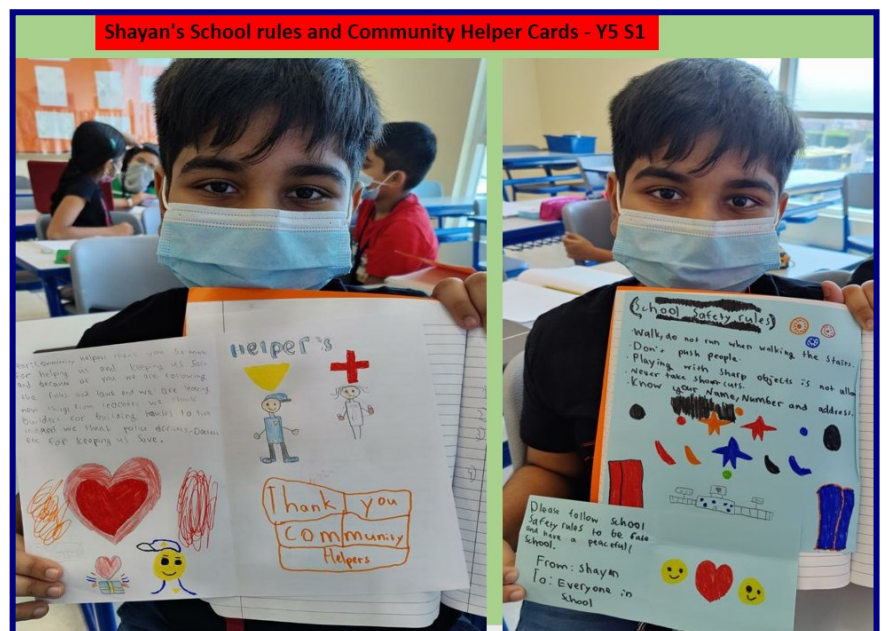


Year 5 H1 On UAE Flag Day.

With Ms. Anju



Primary Section News



With Ms. Afra

Primary & Secondary Section News!



Y4H1 with Ms. Lavita

UAE Flag Day project & the UAE flag prepared using recycle material.
Mustafa; Evan & Rayan of Y8 BD1

Secondary Section News: Student Leaders Investiture!

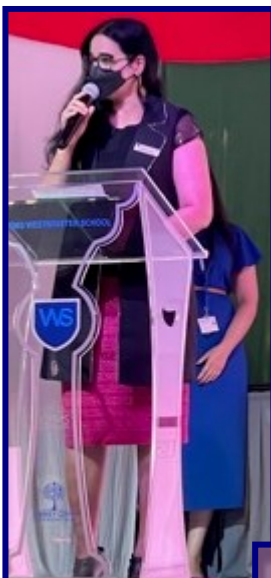


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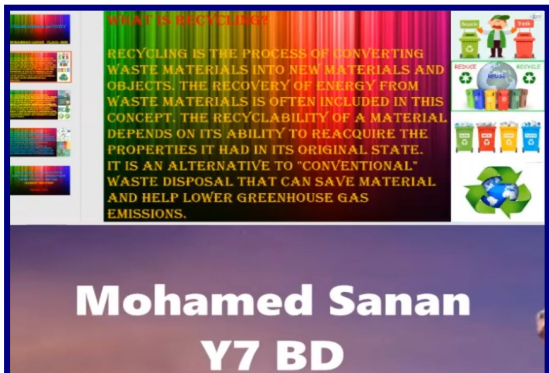
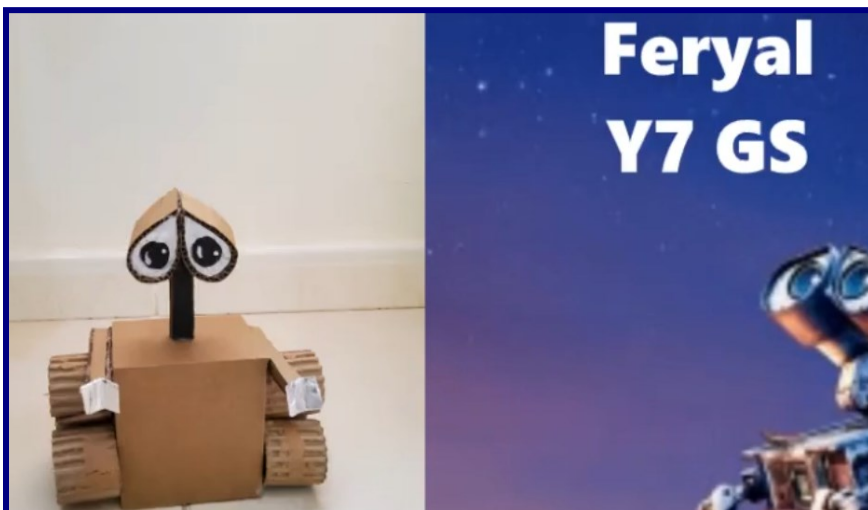
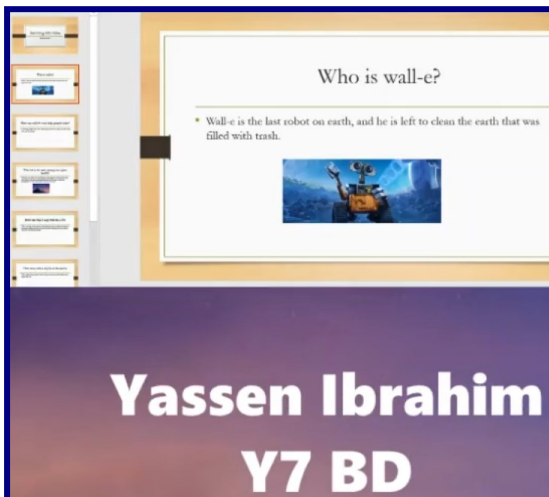
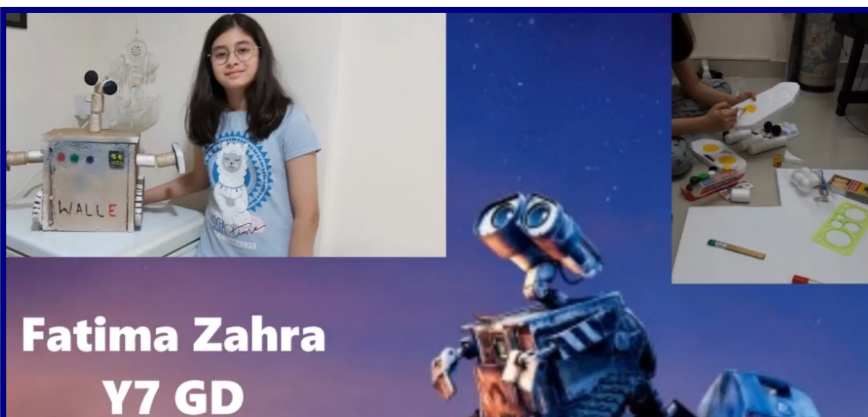
Investiture 2021-22

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more
and become more, you are a leader."
- John Quincy Adams*

Secondary Section News: Student Leaders Investiture!



Secondary Section News: STEAM Highlights!



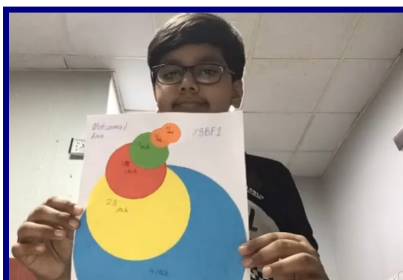
Secondary Section News: STEAM Highlights!



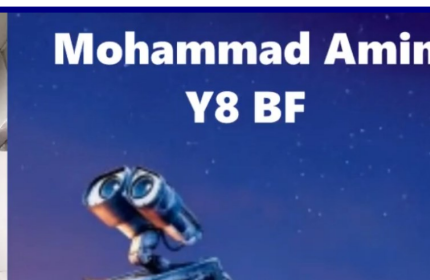
Princess Kheite
Y7 GF



Akash Moorkoth
Y8



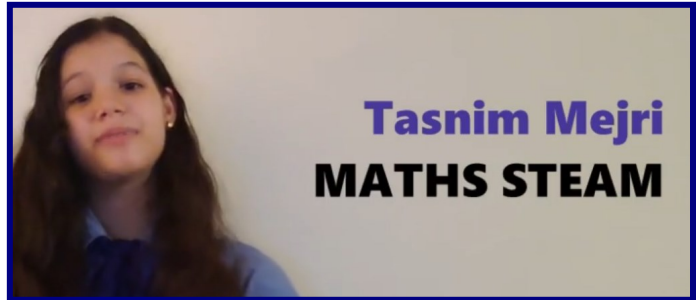
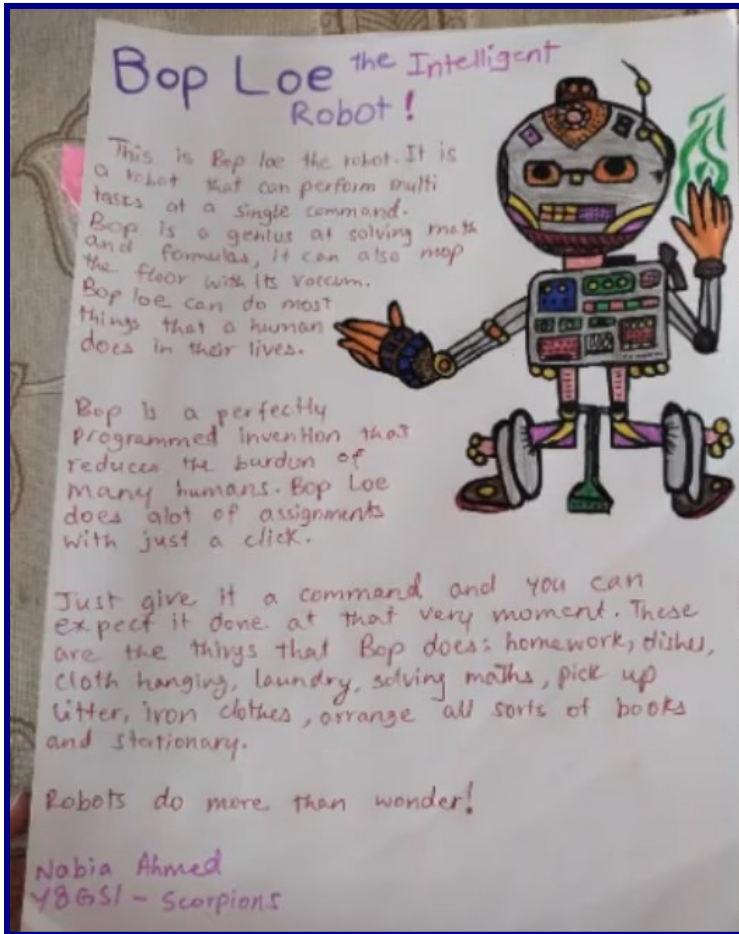
Mohammad Amin
Y8 BF



I got inspiration for my robot from the movie Wall-E. I saw so many different robots, so I had an idea to make my own. My robot is supposed to be used in libraries. It can be used to return books. I hope this can help change our everyday life in the future.



Secondary Section News: STEAM Highlights!



Thanks to Nakshatra (Y8 GD1) for her celebratory video of the WALL-E STEAM Project highlights! There were many more projects in the video that we have space for here! Well done to all involved & thanks to the STEAM-Team Teachers! Thanks also to the students on the video who talked about their experience of learning through this activity.

Secondary Section News: What's Next for STEAM?



Below, students share their experience of participating in the Breast Cancer Awareness Event:

Dear Ms. Swarupa,

Hope you are doing well! I wanted to thank you for giving me & several other girls of Year 13 - a chance to host the Breast Cancer Day event. It was a great opportunity for all of us to learn leadership & management skills, and this wouldn't have been possible without your continuous support.

Thank you for your encouragement & we hope to host more events like this in the future.

Sincerely,
Emaan Ali
12/13 GH

Dear Miss Swarupa,

Helping plan the breast cancer event was the best welcome school gift for me personally!

It was such a fun event to partake in; from decorating the auditorium to spreading important information around about breast cancer, all this planning made me proud of being a WSS student.

I was glad to be working with so many of my friends and I feel as though this has helped me see how teamwork influences us in a completely different light. I feel that being apart of the organisation team for the event has instilled a sense of solidarity between me and my classmates.

The lessons I have learned from this opportunity will surely help me grow as a person in the future so I am and will always be grateful to be apart of something that I know many people enjoyed!

Regards,
Shaffa Zeenath of 13GH1

Secondary Section News; Breast Cancer Awareness—Pink Day!!



Secondary Section News; Breast Cancer Awareness—*Pink Day!!*



The girls were invited to a Pink-Yoga Day session with the Principal Ms. Valerie. We enjoyed 30 minutes of healthy bend & stretch! Thank you to Ms. Swarupa & our new Student Leaders for their enthusiastic, smooth organisation & useful awareness session.



Secondary Section News: Breast Cancer Awareness—*Pink Day!!*

Good evening miss,

I would like to thank you for giving our class the opportunity of hosting the breast cancer awareness event. The experience of hosting the entire event was truly informative and educational while also being extremely fun and interactive. There was focus on every individual to participate in organising the program to achieve as much as possible from it.

The students who attended the event were educated about the subject, made aware of the risks and were well informed about the clinical measures to be taken in the future to avoid any medical complications. Besides being informative and educative, it was also a fun-filled afternoon where we took care that the students did not return home with much anxiety. Our class did our very best to put in the efforts to achieve the required goal of the program and it was a successful event.

We, as a class, would like to thank our head teachers for giving us this opportunity to have hosted a very important event which would benefit not only those attending it, but also those hosting it. We were truly enthusiastic about organising and hosting this event and we look forward to organising more events as such for the betterment of our entire school and society.

Thank you and regards,
Nusaibah Hasan

Good Evening,

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women. I would like to thank all my teachers and supervisors for supporting us senior students in organizing the spectacular and educational breast cancer awareness event on 31st of October. We were all able to increase awareness of the disease that devastates the lives of so many people, by telling our students about facts and symptoms. Special thanks to Miss Val, who took her time out and helped improve our strength, balance and flexibility by yoga. We all had a fun filled day, and are looking forward to having many similar experiences ahead

Thank You,
Sameen 13GH



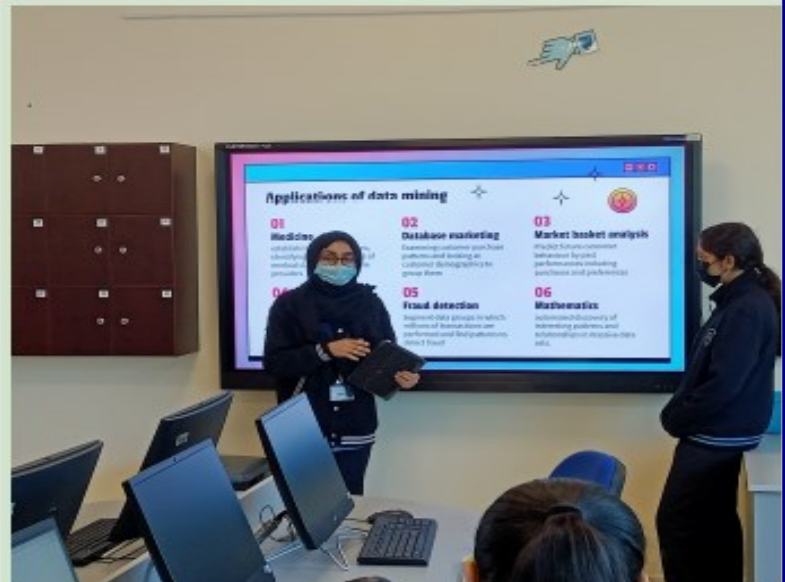
Flag Day Celebration-Y7GF1 with Ms. Shany Fernandez

Secondary Section News: Student-led Learning!

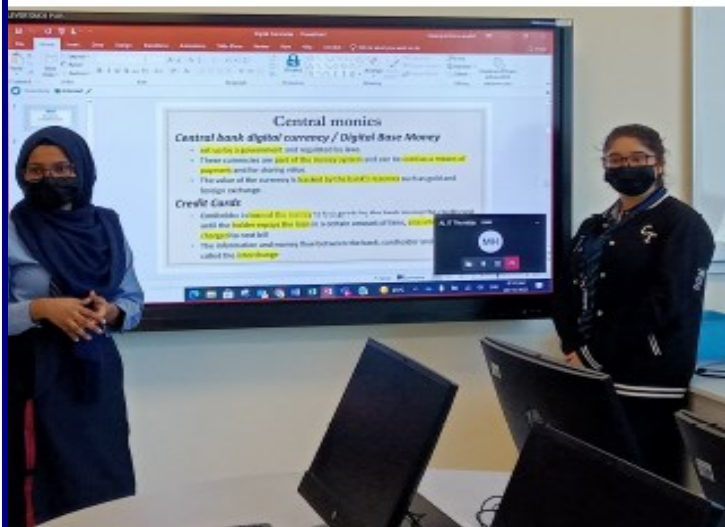
STUDENT LED LEARNING

Compiled by Shaffa Zeenath, YR13GH

Cadence D'souza, 13GH



Amal Mandha & Habsa Binte presenting about Data Mining



Digital currencies lesson by Shaffa and Cadence

IT A Level class, 28th October

Reviews from classmate
My favorite part was how interactive the sessions were - Albatool

The powerpoints were so nicely done! I enjoyed both of the lessons - Eshal



MEET YOUR GCSEPOD STUDENT AMBASSADORS

KS4: From Year10-11 students, the below names have been selected as Ambassadors to use the unlimited resources from GCSEPOD. They can have access to it from 3rd November till 25th November. They have been selected because they have done the active learning in GCSEPOD. The students will receive a certificate and a guide about using the resources in their email which is registered with school.

ABDEL RAHMAN JAFAR MOHD - 11BD

OMAR RAHMOU ALRAHMOU - 11BF

JOHN ZAKY HANAA - 10BF

ISSAM MOHAMMED TABBAA - 11BH

ALVEENA HUMA KASHIF - YR11GS

JOSH FRANKLIN ALFRED FRANKLIN - 11BH

Dear KS4 students: You can be the next Ambassador, if you are actively using the GCSEPOD for learning and completing the tasks assigned by your subjects teachers. If you are doing it, you can nominate yourself by writing at: ayesha.a4_wss@gemsedu.com



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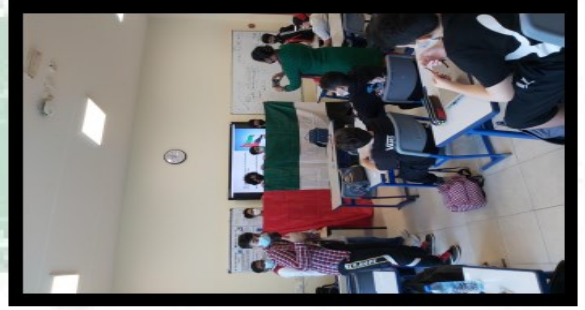
Importance of flag day

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