

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #12
11th November, 2021



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

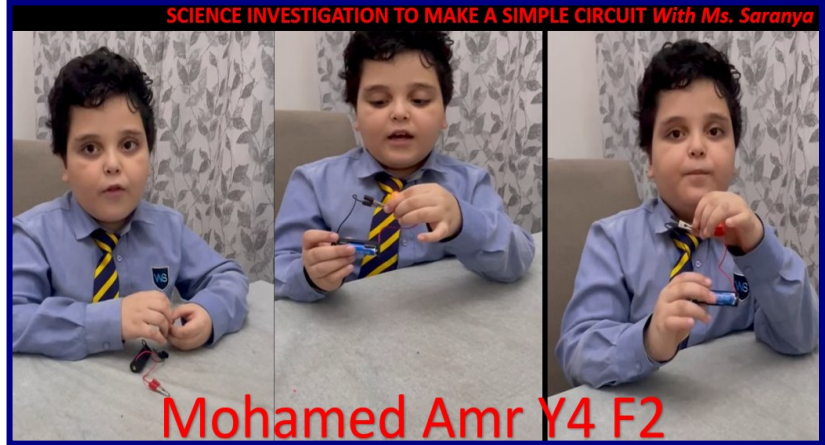
Student Lockers (Y3-13)

Unfortunately, from time-to-time personal items may get lost in school. We do have CCTV cameras, around school to help investigate missing items, but it is much better to avoid upset by storing personal items in a school locker between lessons, during PE & at other times when personal items are not supervised. If you want your Y3-13 child to have a locker, please email your Form/Class teacher. Thanks.

This week we have been very busy applying our learning to real life, with Primary Science Week & Junior Community Helpers' Day! We hope that you enjoy sharing our learning activities!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Wed. 24th Nov.	• Whole school moves to T1 Exam Timings (7:45am -12:15pm). Exact exam arrangements will be informed by the Teacher.
Mon. 29th Nov.	• Probable day for UAE National Day celebrations in school. Students may come dressed in UAE flag colours. We are not allowed to share food due to COVID safety, but students may bring traditional food for themselves (optional).
Wed. 1st & Thurs. 2nd Dec	• Possible holiday for UAE's 50th National Day. Dates TBC
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.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 12
11 نوفمبر 2021



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومبسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الأعضاء، الشارقة

خزائن الطلاب (من السنة 3 لسنة 13)

لسوء الحظ ، قد تضع الأشياء الشخصية
حول المدرسة CCTV من وقت لآخر في المدرسة. لدينا كاميرات
للمساعدة في التحقيق في العناصر المفقودة ، ولكن من الأفضل بكثير
تجنب الاتزاع من خلال تخزين العناصر الشخصية في خزائن المدرسة
وفي أوقات أخرى عندما لا يتم الإشراف على PE بين الدروس ، وأثناء
العناصر الشخصية. إذا كنت تريد أن يكون لطفك في الصف الثالث 13
عامًا خزائن ، يرجى إرسال رسالة بريد إلكتروني إلى مدرس النموذج /
الفصل شكرًا

لقد انشغلنا هذا الأسبوع في تطبيق ما تعلمناه في الحياة الواقعية ، مع
أسبوع العلوم الأساسي ويوم مساعي مجتمع المبتدئين! نأمل أن

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
• مواعيد اختبار الفصل الأول (7:45 صباحاً - 12:15 ظهراً) سوف يتم الإبلاغ بالترتيبات من قبل معلم الفصل.	الأربعاء 24 نوفمبر
• اليوم المحتمل لاحتفالات اليوم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة في المدرسة. يمكن للطلاب القدوم وهم يرتدون ألوان علم دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة. لا يُسمح لنا بمشاركة الطعام نظراً لسلامة كوفيد19 ولكن يمكن للطلاب إحضار الطعام التقليدي لأنفسهم (اختياري).	الأثنين 29 نوفمبر
• عطلة محتملة في اليوم الوطني الخمسين لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة تُحد التواريخ لاحقاً	الأربعاء 1 ، الخميس 2 من ديسمبر
• المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء.	الأحد 12 لغاية الخميس 30 ديسمبر
• الأحد التالي من يناير هو أول يوم يعود للطلاب للفصل الدراسي الثاني رسوم T2 مستحقة ، شكرًا لك	



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

How do I talk to my kids about violence on TV and in movies or games?

Violence is everywhere: in video games, movies, books, music videos, cartoons, and even in News. And kids are being exposed at younger and younger ages. Talking about media violence helps to manage its impact on your child. Here are some ideas for those conversations:

- ✓ **Help your kids express their feelings.** Urge them to identify the feelings that are triggered by seeing violent media: anger, sadness, or even excitement. Creating a safe and nonjudgmental space for exploring those feelings helps their emotional maturity.
- ✓ **Help your kids tap into feelings of empathy.** The more media violence kids are exposed to, the more "normal" it appears. Repeated viewings can desensitize your kids to others' pain and suffering. Ask them how they'd feel in real life if someone they knew was badly hurt.
- ✓ **Remind them that real violence isn't a joke.** A lot of violence is played for laughs. But when people get hurt, that's not entertainment. With older kids, you can talk about how certain situations (in slapstick comedy, for example) inspire conflicting emotional reactions. Put yourselves in the victim's place.
- ✓ **Teach positive conflict resolution.** Explain your values regarding violent behavior and the importance of handling clashes nonviolently. Tell kids what the consequences in society - and in your own house - will be for any aggressive behavior. & **Explain consequences,** Discuss the true consequences of violence, and point out how unrealistic it is for people to get away with violent behavior.



Source: Common sense Media

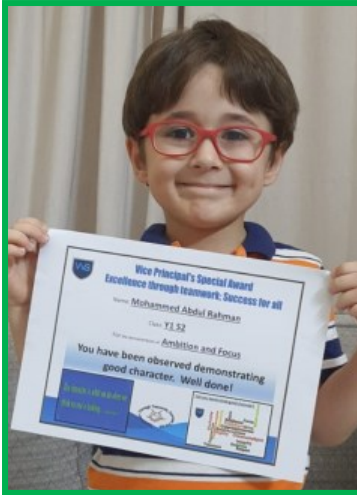


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#ParentTalk

#LearnWithWSS

WSS Superstar Champions!



FS2 S1

With Ms. Sonia M.



We filled up our marble jar

WSS Superstar Recycling Champions!



WSS Superstar Recycling Champions!



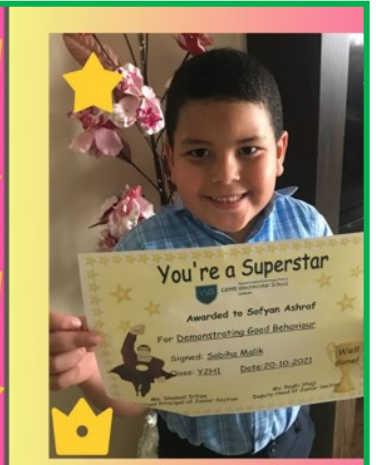
WSS Superstar Champions!



Iqra Azam Y5 H2



Azeem Ahmad Y5 H2



ABHISHEK & DANESH - Y8B


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GEMS Westminster School
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Junior Section Student Council

Awarded to:

Sarah Samir Alrawi

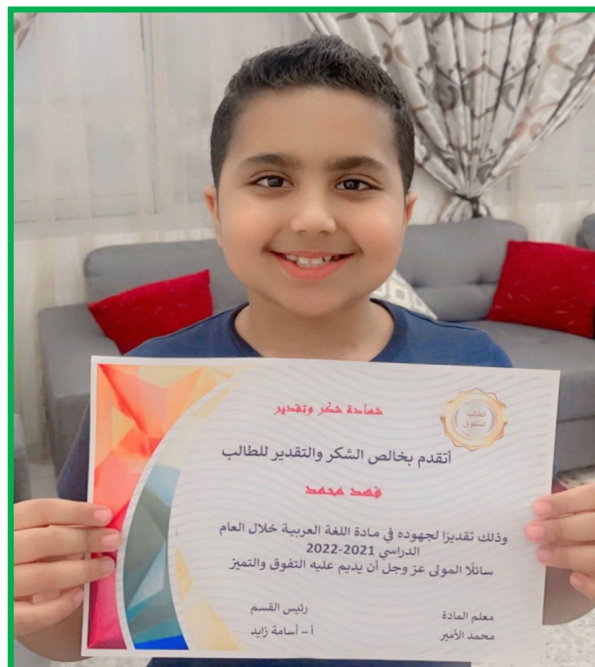
For Demonstrating Leadership Skills

Y1/H3
Class

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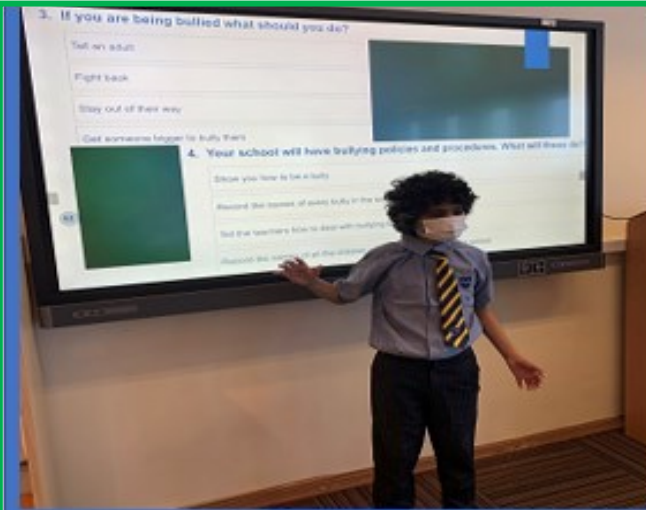
Farah Khan
Class Teacher

Ms. Valerie Thompson
Principal



WSS Superstar PSHE Champions!

With Ms. Siji



NAMISH NARAYAN Y7BF2

LECTURING ABOUT BULLYING IN PSHE CLASS.

TEAM QUIZ WINNERS - PSHE



AIDEN, NAMISH, DEAVON & ANIKAIT - Y7B



NANDINI, MRIDINI, JANUKI, & JOVANNA – Y9G



KEVIN, SHERWIN, ARJUN & YASHASVI Y 8B



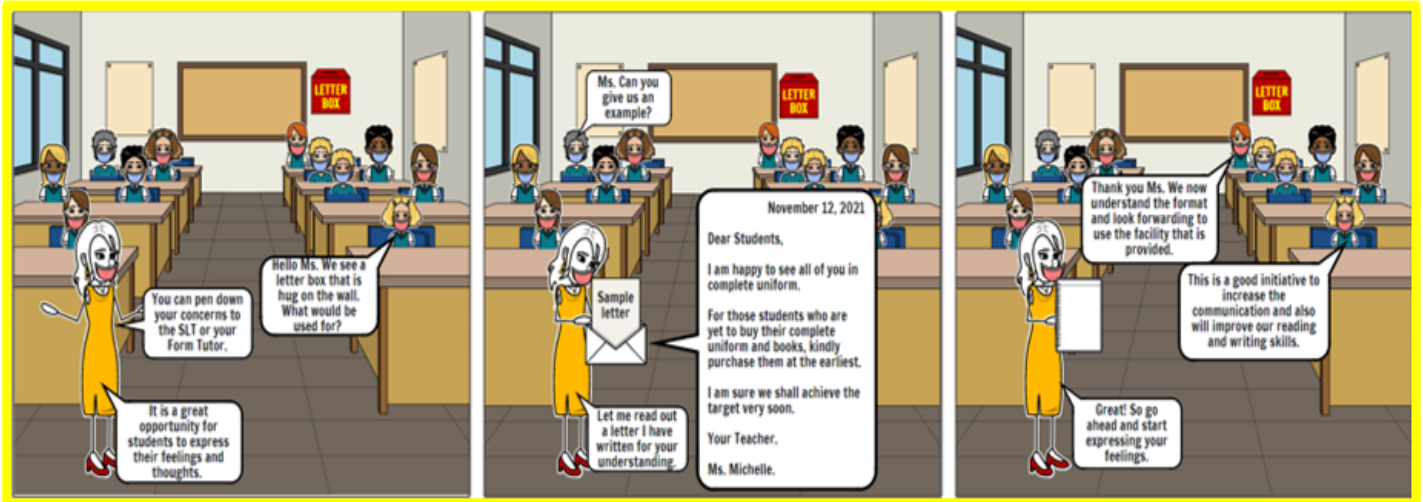
KYLE, ELLIE & EVAN Y8B



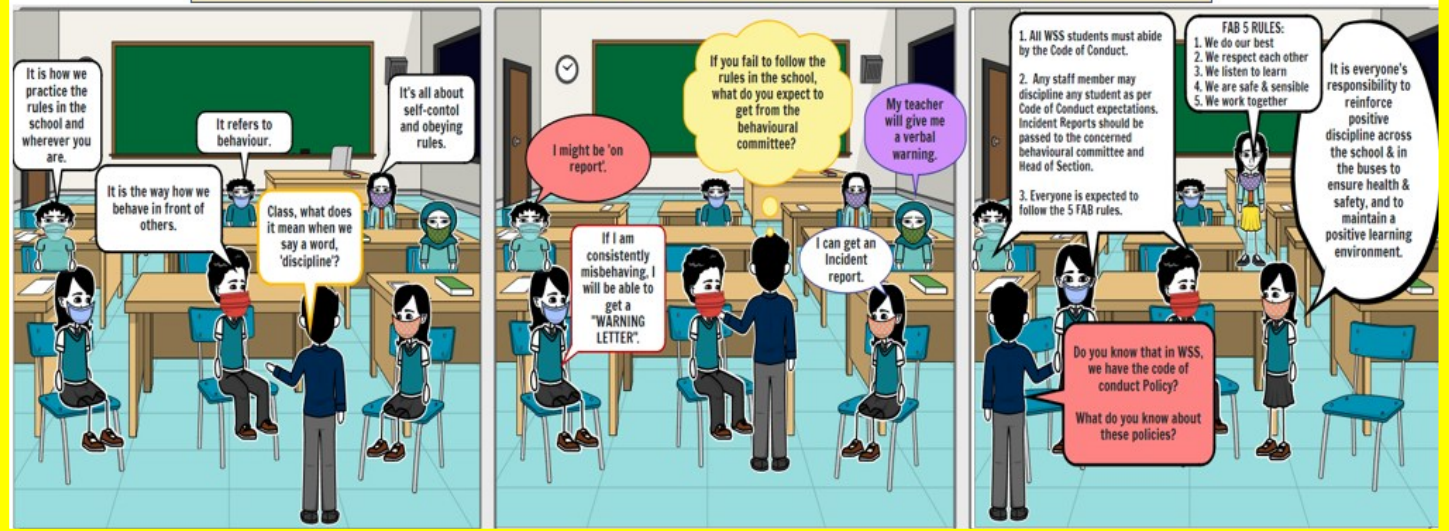
ARDRA, MANASA, ANUSHKA & TANISHA -Y8G

Student Voice

STUDENT LETTER BOX



DISCIPLINE AND CODE OF CONDUCT



Whole School News; GEMS & Student Voice!



One Secondary student from each GEMS school was invited to SSC GEMS Corporate Office to meet with GEMS Group CEO Mr. Dino Varkey to participate in a Student Voice initiative. Our WSS representative was Head Girl Joanne Mathews (Y13GH). The initiative organiser shared with the Principal how impressed they were by our student's confidence, communication skills & positive attitude. Well don Joanne!



Just wanted to thank you for giving me the opportunity to join with other student leaders from GEMS Schools in meeting the CEO of GEMS Education, Mr. Dino Varkey.

It was a new and wonderful experience, and though initially apprehensive, I came back elated and excited. I was able to hear from the student leaders of the other schools about initiatives and projects that have been implemented in their schools and am really inspired to consider executing similar initiatives in our school as well. It was a great opportunity and honor to be in a meeting with people who are keen to listen to the student community and are open to new ideas and changes that would make our time at school worthwhile.

Thank you once again for letting me be a part of the Student CEO Panel. I truly appreciate it.

Regards,
Joanne Mathews Year13GH – Head Girl

Junior Section News: FS2!



FS2 S1 Learning in OLA



FS2 S1 Arabic activity



FS2 S1 Learning in OLA



FS2 S1 Arabic class



Ready for science week

With Ms. Sonia M.



FS2 S1

Junior Section News




We are learning about 2D shapes

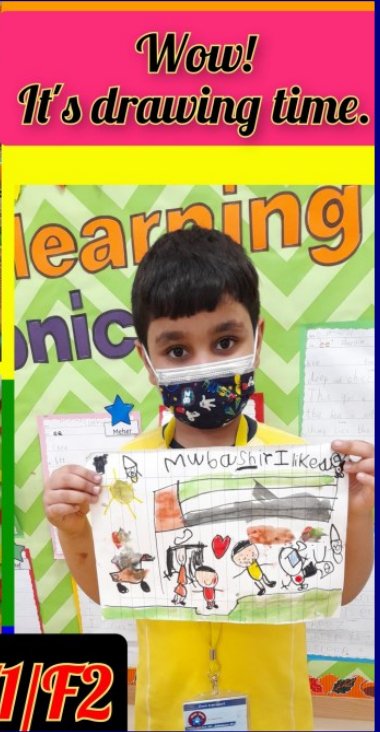


Y1/F2

Wow! It's drawing time.



learning



Y1/F2

Fun and learn with MS Christine & MS Karunya



Find a friend @ FS1 😊😊



Design a house with FS1 😊😊



Wow... Great!

Junior Section News!



Happy Flag Day

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With Ms. Kishwar



Math Outdoor Learning Area
Y2S1

With Ms. Sara



Y2S1 Reading Time



Personalized Lesson Y2

Math session – 2D Shapes

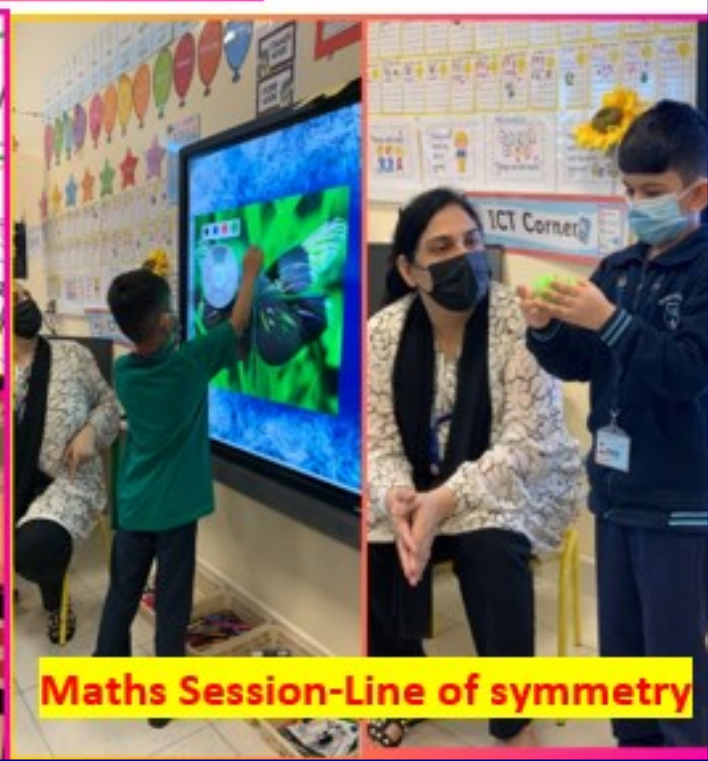


Develop fine motor skills with FS1 🥰🥰🥰

With Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima

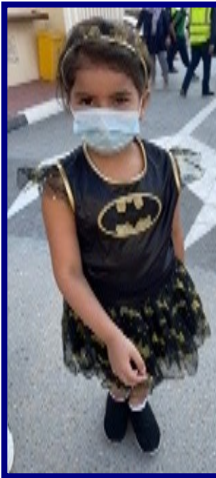


Science session- animal classification



Maths Session-Line of symmetry

Junior Section News; Community Helpers!



FS2 D1

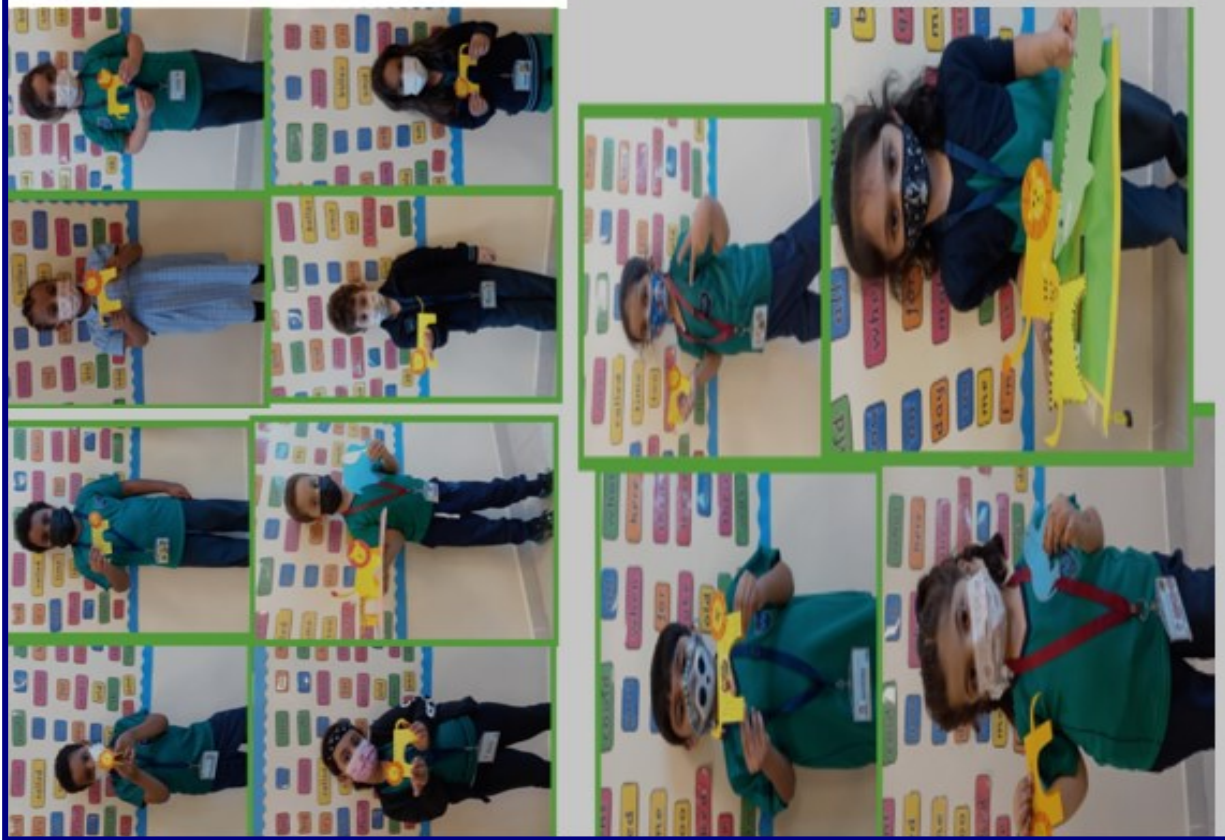
We are scientists



FS2 D1 busy in OLA

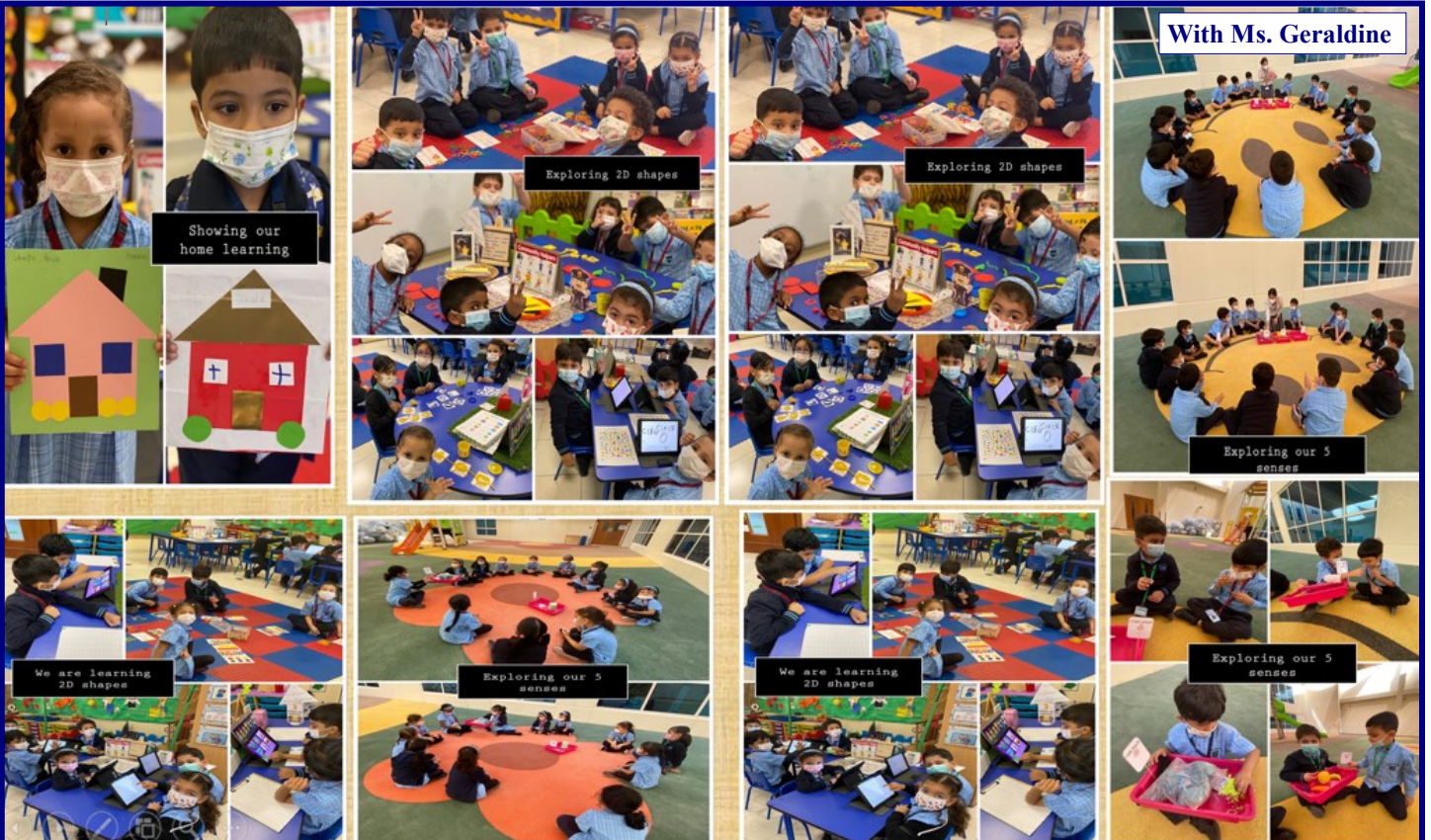


Junior Section News!



Y2H2 Fun activity session with Ms. Jinitra and Ms. Aqueen

Y2 H2 Effective usage of ICT for learning



With Ms. Geraldine

Showing our home learning

Exploring 2D shapes

Exploring 2D shapes

Exploring our 5 senses

We are learning 2D shapes

Exploring our 5 senses

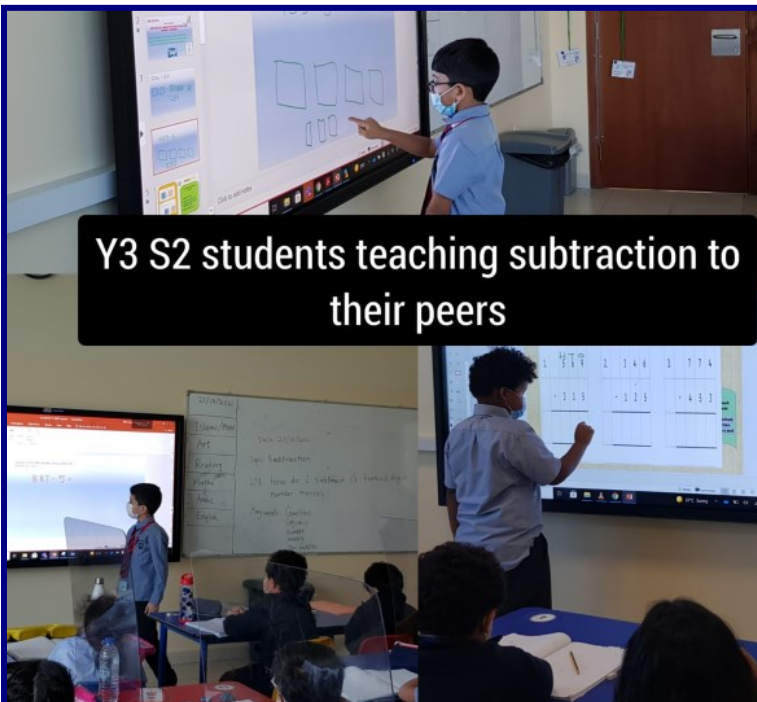
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Junior Section News; Community Helpers!



Primary Section News!



Primary Section News; Student Voice!

Y3 S2 with Ms. Rizmiya

Y3 H2 with Ms. Anju

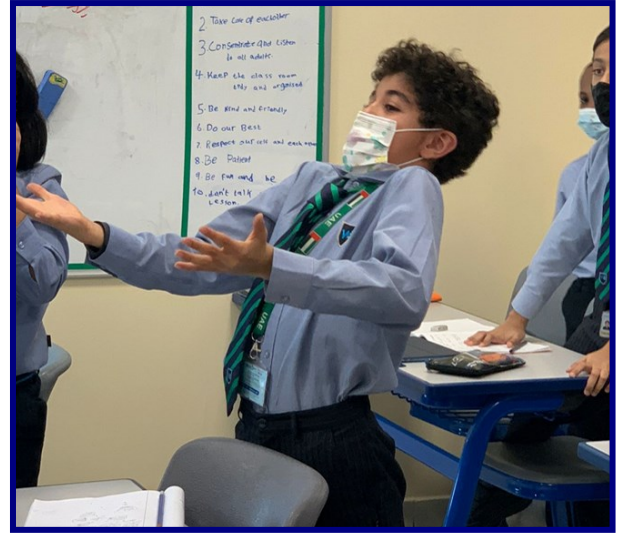
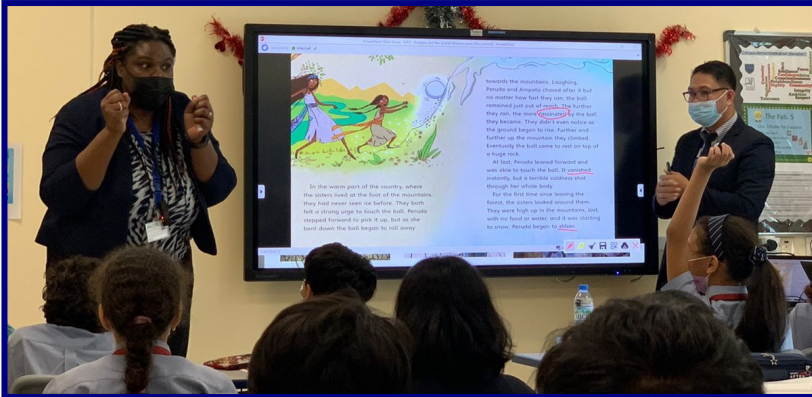


Primary classrooms now each have their own mailbox for students to share their feedback (WWW & EBI) with their teachers, SLT & the Principal (the Principal has already replied to one letter requesting an Expo. Trip, with the happy news that these are arranged for T2). As writing is a big focus for us this year, students must write a proper formal letter, with all the features of this writing format.

Y3 H1 ICT Research Activity on World Science Day



Primary Section News



Mr. Arvie & Dr. Lisa our Learning Coach did a team teaching session on guided reading with Y5H2. Here students are learning about 'Freeze Frame'.



The team teaching of Dr. Lisa and Mr. Arvie during the Guided Reading session in Year 5H2.



Planning and preparation

Setting up the class with Fab.5 rules and recording



Pre-reading

Post-reading with progress check through comprehension



Mind mapping

Freeze frames

Hot seating/ student lead learning



Interpreting, inferring, and reflecting

Differentiated tasks

Challenge and plenary

Primary Section News

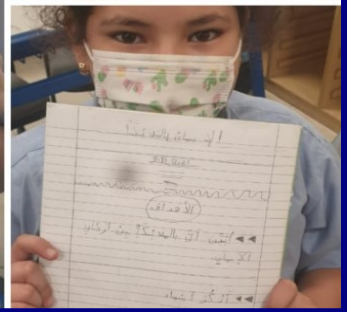
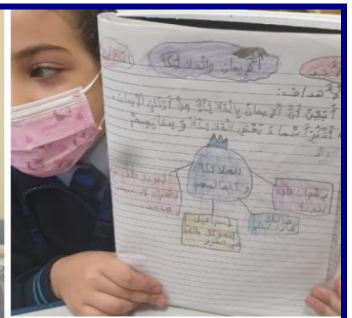
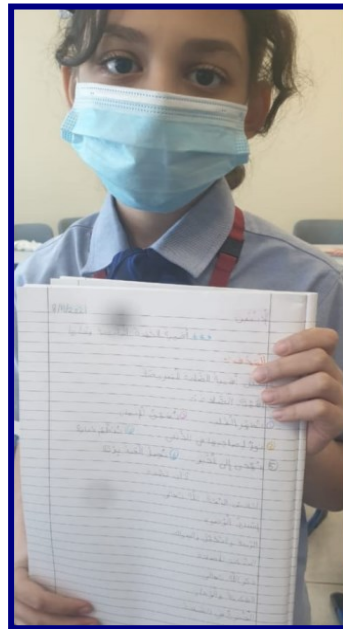
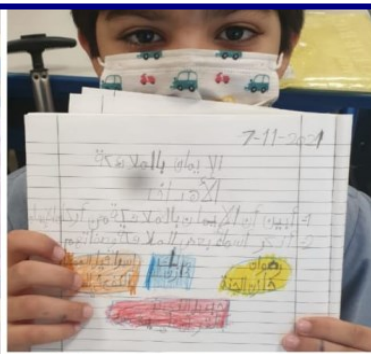
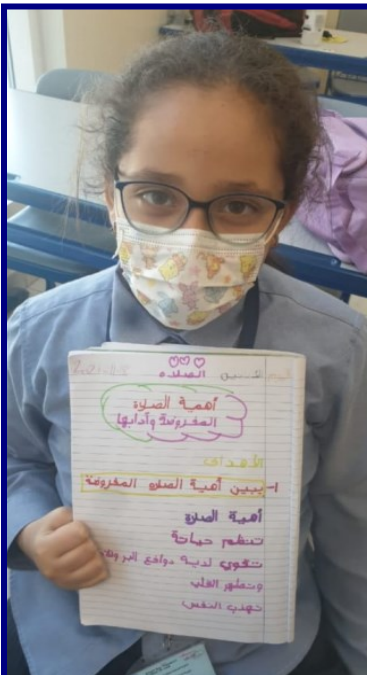
Raising standards of reading across the school is a big focus for us at WSS this year to bridge the COVID gap. Here, Ms. Majedah has designed special activities to promote Y6 reading skills.



Y6GH1&Y6BD1&S1



Student pictures to improve reading



Awesome work of Arab Islamic students of Y4D2 & F2, & Y5D1 with Mr. Ahmed

Primary Section News



The Emirati student Noora Rostom
Y6GD1

With Ms. Hend



Recycling projects



Mustafa Nael
Y6B h1



Omar Ahmed Shawky
Y6B s1



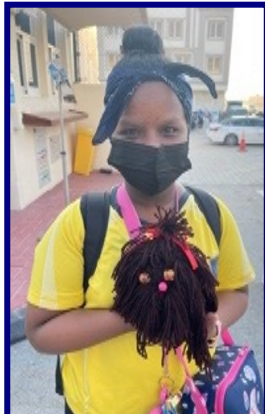
Meera Thani
Y6g s1



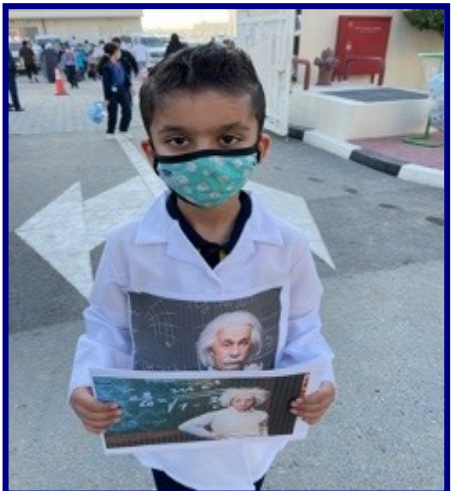
Thank you for your efforts in
the Arabic language



Primary Section News; Science Week!



Primary Section News; Science Week!



Primary Section News; Science Week!

World Science Day –Y4F3



With Ms. Tincy



With Ms. Saranya



Nabia as Albert Einstein
Gr. 2 S2 Y3

Primary Section News; Science Week!

Science Day activities- YGBH

CRAFT FROM WASTE



With Ms. Subha

Primary Section News; Science Week!

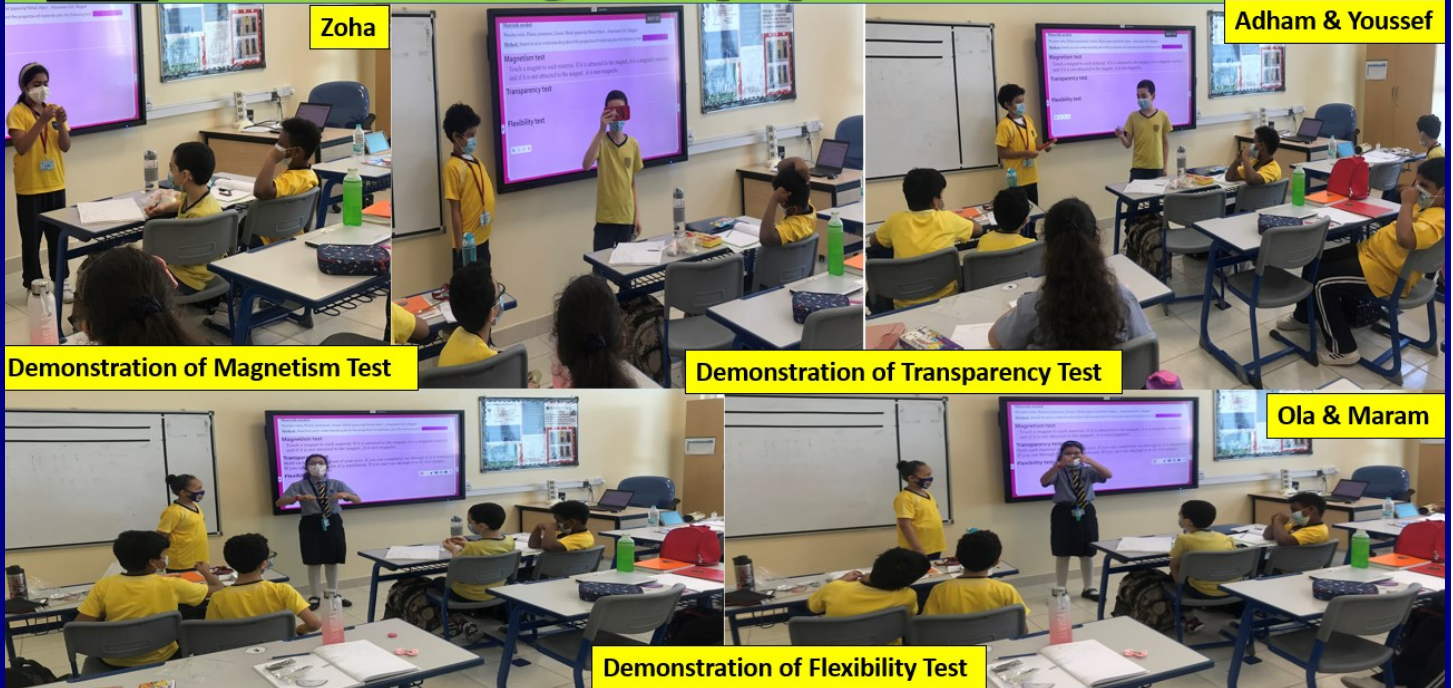
Y5 H2 & Y5 F2 - Investigating the properties of different materials



Science Lesson – Y5 F1

With Ms. Anju

LFQ: How do I investigate the properties of different materials?



Primary Section News; Science Week!



Investigating plant growth in Y3H2



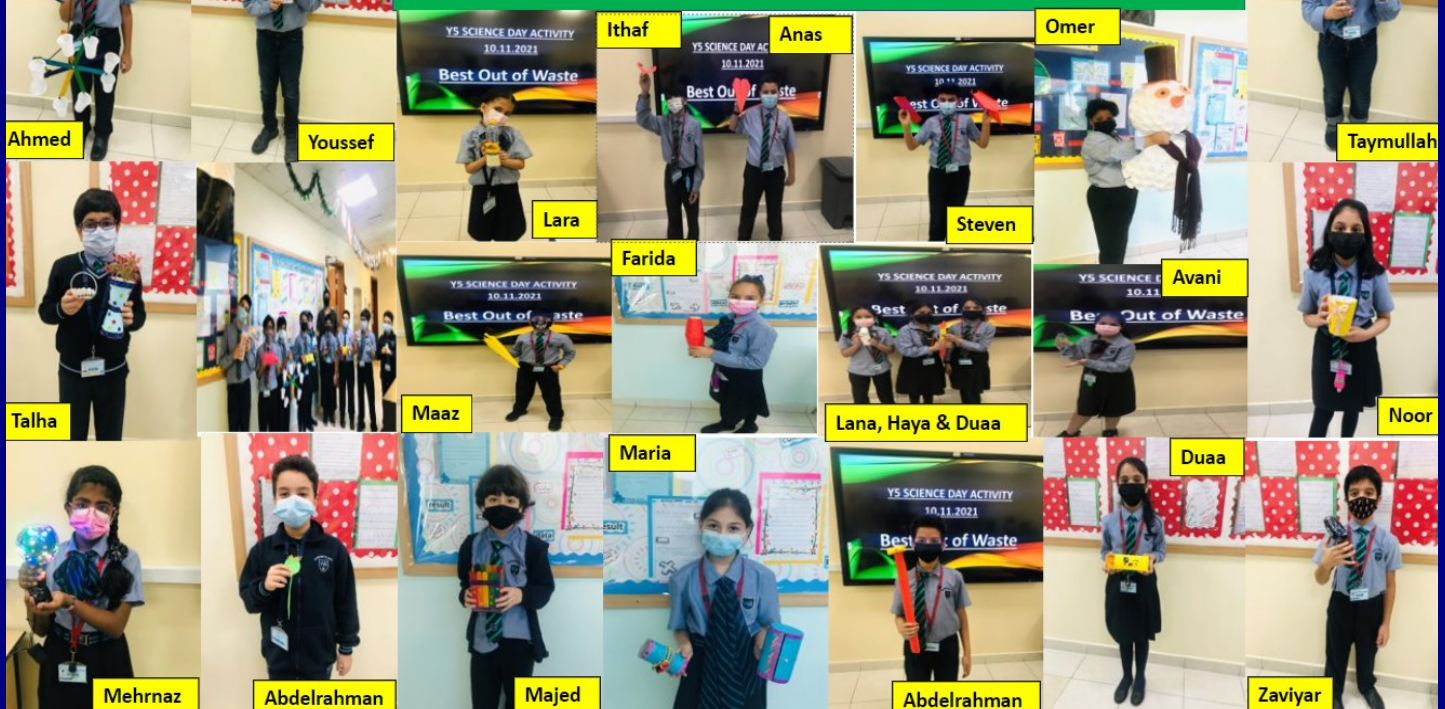
Primary Section News; Science Week!

WORLD'S SCIENCE DAY-Y4D1



With Ms. Susweta

Science Day Activity – Best Out of Waste Y5 H1



With Ms. Anju

Primary Section News; Science Week!

WORLD SCIENCE DAY ACTIVITIES

Y5H2- Best out of waste



Y5F2- BEST OUT OF WASTE

With Ms. Lakshmi

Primary Section News; Science Week!



Science day Pictures; Y6 GF With Ms. Shirmila



With Ms. Lissy



3D2 PLAY TIME

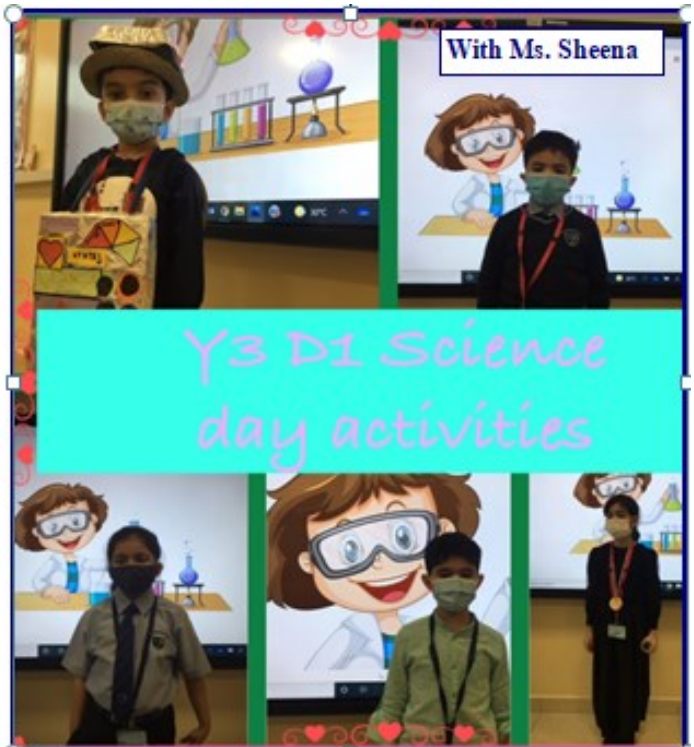
SCIENCE DAY ACTIVITY



SCIENCE SEED GERMINATION

Primary Section News; Science Week!

Y3 F2 World Science Day Class Activity with Ms. Azreen



Secondary Section News; Student Wellbeing!

Wall Decor #StudentWellBeing



Hana Y7GS1



Alishay7GS



Rafeef7GS



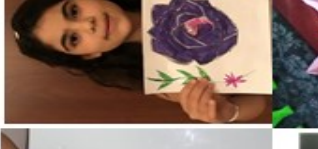
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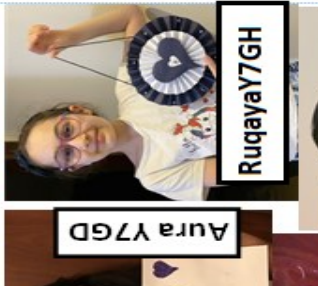
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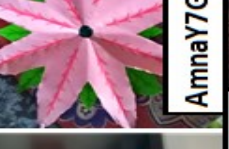
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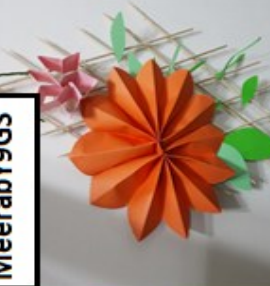
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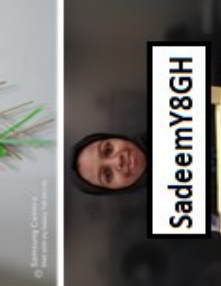
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INVESTITURE CEREMONY

By Shaffa Zeenath, Amal Barami and Joanne Mathews Y13GH



Head Boy and Head Girl



"With great power, comes great responsibility."

INVESTITURE CEREMONY



“A great person attracts great people and knows how to hold them together” - Johann Wolfgang



A huge shoutout to the media, decoration, training and Senior Leadership team for making this event come true!



By Shaffa Zeenath, Amal Barami and Joanne Mathews Y13GH

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

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Head Girl, Joanne Mathews, with Deputy Head Girl, Loujain Feras

Head Boy, Saim Sheikh with Deputy Head Boy, Zuhair Ateeq

1) Arabic Leaders:
Nourhan Tamer and Muhammad Sameer

Digital Leaders:
Jeeya Joshi and Muhammad Shazeb

2) Wellbeing Leaders:
Abeer Ahmed and Samir Amir

Sixth form Leaders:
Gatika Suneel and Omar Hani

3) Character Leaders:
Shaffa Zeenath and Mohammed Ayoub

National Agenda Leaders:
Mariam Hafez and Anas Asad

4) E-safety Leaders:
Noor Azizi and Hamad Mohammed

Happiness Leaders:
Magmoona Athar and Taha Hydar



Secondary Section News; Student Leaders' Investiture, 4/11/21!

INVESTITURE CEREMONY
HOUSE CAPTAINS AND DEPUTY HOUSE CAPTAINS
 By Shafra Zeenath, Aneel Barani and Joanna Mathews Y13GH



Y10 & Y11 Artwork with Ms. Maha