

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #13
18th November, 2021



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Parent Satisfaction Survey

Parent voice is a valued aspect of the WSS team. GEMS will soon be releasing the GEMS Parent Satisfaction Survey, so that you can engage positively to share your feedback to support, encourage & promote school development. Please judge us on school-level issues only & avoid judging us on issues beyond school direct control, such as fees, transport & authority rules. Please see **p3-4 for judgment guidelines**. Many thanks—we appreciate you taking the time to let us know how you feel!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Wed. 24th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school moves to T1 Exam Timings (7:45am -12:15pm). Exact exam arrangements will be informed by the Teacher.
Mon. 29th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible holiday for UAE's 50th National Day. Dates TBC
Sun. 12th to Thurs. 30th Dec.	<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.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 13
18 نوفمبر 2021



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاطمة تاجير
أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

استبهايان رضا أولياء الأمور

بعد صوت أولياء الأمور جاتنا قدينا في فريق WSS استصدر GEMS قريتنا استبهايان رضا أولياء الأمور عن GEMS ، بحيث يمكنك المشاركة بشكل إيجابي لمشاركة ملاحظتك لدعم وتشجيع تطوير المدرسة يرجى الحكم علينا بناءً على مشكلات مستوى المدرسة ، وتجنب الحكم علينا بشأن قضايا خارجة عن سيطرة المدرسة مباشرة ، مثل الرسوم ووسائل النقل وقوانين الهياكل العليا ، يرجى الاطلاع على P2-3 للحصول على إرشادات الحكم - شكرًا جزيلًا - نحن نقدر لك قضاء بعض الوقت لإعلامنا بالحقائق أنت تشعر.

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
• مواعيد اختبار الفصل الأول (7:45 صباحاً - 12:15 ظهراً) سوف يتم الإبلاغ بالترتيبات من قبل معلم الفصل .	<u>الأربعاء 24 نوفمبر</u>
• 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 نظرًا لسلامة كوفيد19 ولكن يمكن للطلاب إحضار الطعام التقليدي لتقسيم (اختياري).	<u>الأثنين 29 نوفمبر</u>
• عطلة محتملة في اليوم الوطني الخمسين لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة تُحدد التواريخ لاحقاً	<u>الأربعاء 1 ، الخميس 2 من ديسمبر</u>
• المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء .	<u>الأحد 12 لغاية الخميس 30 ديسمبر</u>
• الأحد الثاني من يناير هو أول يوم يعود للطلاب للفصل الدراسي الثاني رسوم . T2 مستحقة، شكرًا	



رؤيتنا؛ «التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ نجاح للجميع»

Whole School News; Parent Survey Judgment Guidelines!



مدرسة جنيس وستمنستر الشارقة
GEMS Westminister School
SHARJAH

Date: November, 2021

Dear Parents,

Subject: GEMS Parent Survey

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 ملاحظتك المتوازنة والمنتظمة حول ما يعمل بشكل جيد، وما الذي يمكن تحسينه أكثر. " من أجل الحصول على المزيد من ملاحظات الوالدين، ستصدر GEMS قريباً 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 أعلى نتيجة! الأباء هم المروجون ويوصون WSS للعائلة والأصدقاء بشدة.	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. Parent feels that school is fully committed to improvement & high standards. سعيد جداً وراضٍ عن المدرسة والإدارة في جميع المجالات التي تقع تحت سيطرة المدرسة. تم الرد على أي استفسارات / مشكلات على الفور وحلها. يحرز الطفل تقدماً جيداً للغاية وهو سعيد جداً بالمعلم وحضور الدروس. يشعر ولي الأمر أن المدرسة ملتزمة تماماً بالتحسين والمعايير العالية.
9	Good score! Parent is a Promotor . Parent would recommend WSS to family & friends نتيجة جيدة! الأباء هم المروجون ويوصون WSS للعائلة والأصدقاء بشدة.	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 standards. بشكل عام سعيد وراضٍ عن المدرسة والإدارة في معظم المناطق التي تقع تحت سيطرة المدرسة. تم الرد على أي استفسارات / مشكلات وحلها حيثما أمكن ذلك. الطفل يحرز تقدماً جيداً ويسعد بالمدرس وحضور الدروس. يشعر ولي الأمر أن المدرسة ملتزمة عموماً بالتحسين والمعايير العالية.

Whole School News; Parent Survey Judgment Guidelines!

7-8	<p>Average score. Parent is 'Passive'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">متوسط درجة. والد "غير فعال"</p>	<p>Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Child's generally likes school & learning, but individual needs are only partially met for reasons within the school's control. Parent unsure whether they wish to continue at WSS due to aspects of the learning environment that are within the school's control.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">لا راض ولا غير راض. يحب الطفل عموماً المدرسة والتعلم، ولكن يتم تلبية الاحتياجات الفردية جزئياً 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.</p>
0-6	<p>Low score. Parent is a 'Detractor'</p> <p>Parent would not recommend WSS to family/friends.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">درجة منخفضة. والد هو "منتقد" لن يوصي الوالدان بـ WSS للعائلة / الأصدقاء.</p>	<p>Parent/child not comfortable with the WSS learning environment/management/Teachers for reasons within the school's control. School does not respond to queries/issues or solve them where possible. Parent feels that school is not fully committed to improvement & high standards.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">والد / الطفل غير مرتاح لبيئة التعلم / الإدارة / المعلمين الخاصة بـ WSS لأسباب تحت سيطرة المدرسة. لا تستجيب المدرسة للاستفسارات / المشكلات أو تحلها حيثما أمكن ذلك. يشعر ولي الأمر أن المدرسة ليست ملتزمة تماماً بالتحسين والمعايير العالية.</p>

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 تلقي ملاحظاتك لدعم تحقيق رؤيتنا، "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح للجميع!

شكراً لك الأباء الأعزاء.

مع تحياتي،

السيدة فاليري طومسون
مدير / WSS الرئيس التنفيذي



GEMS Westminster School
Sharjah



50TH

NATIONAL DAY

**SHARAKAH SCHOOLS KNIGHT
ARTS CHALLENGE 2021**

On the occasion of the UAE 50th National Day, we would like to invite the secondary students to join our celebration by participating in "Sharakah Schools Knight Arts Challenge 2021" by creating artwork, drawing or painting related to the occasion.

Participants are kindly requested to send us a picture of their work on [@aus_sharakah](#) Instagram account no later than the 27th of November. The winners will be decided based on the highest number of likes on Instagram. The winners list will be announced by the 2nd of December!

Valuable prizes will be offered to the first three knights!

Happy 50th
NATIONAL DAY
United Arab Emirates



WSS Superstar Champions!

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO

MR. MOHAMED ELDIB

ARABIC TEACHER

AS

HAMZAH BELAL

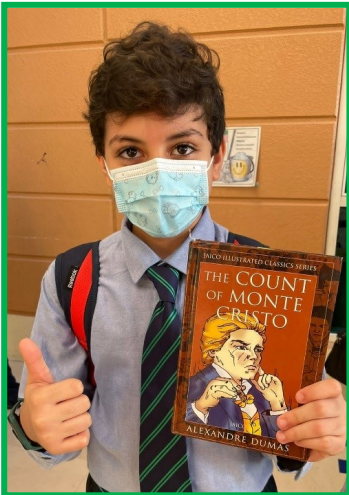
THE BEST TEACHER FOR OUR WARD

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK, GOOD ATTITUDE, DEDICATIONS AND COMMITMENT TO OUR WARD.

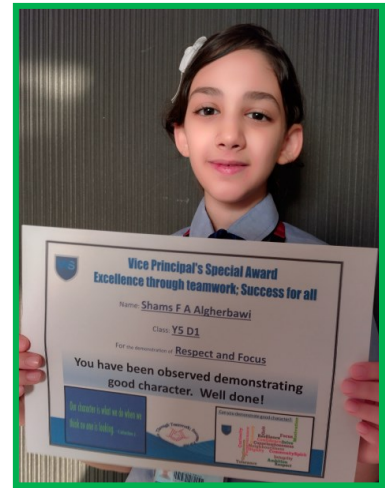
THE SUCCESS AND GROWTH OF OUR WARDS DEPENDS ON TEACHERS LIKE YOU.

THANKS FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO OUR CHILD

HAMZAH BELAL FAMILY



Well done to Ahmed (Y8BS2) for modelling the super-smart skill of reading quality classic books. Not only are they entertaining, but they make us smarter!



★ Class Champions of Year 5H1. ★

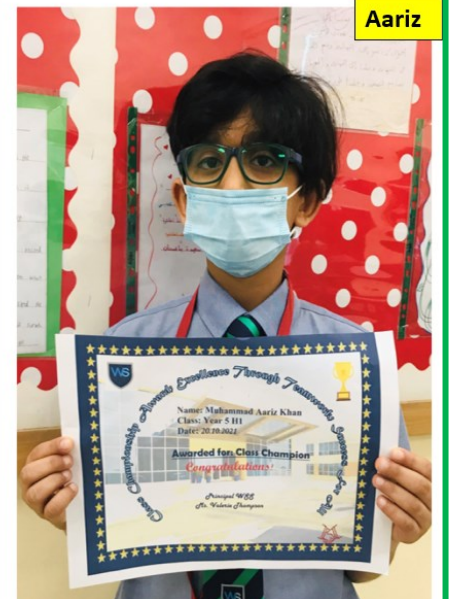
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WSS Superstar Champions!

★ Class Champions of Year 5H1. ★



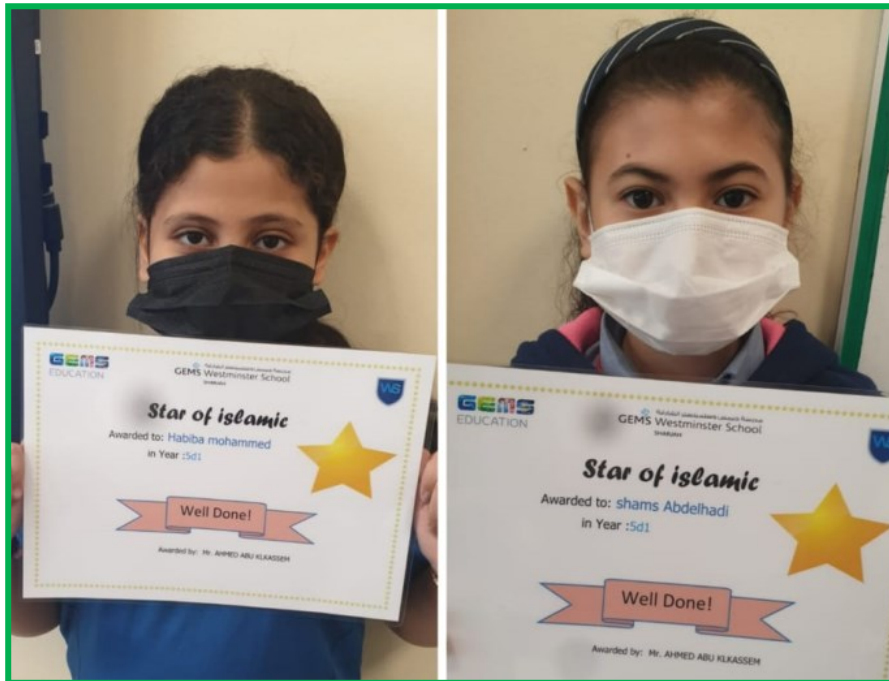
It was great seeing Amir (Y8BS1) helping an injured student carry his bag up the stairs. Well done for your kind character, Amir!

WSS Superstar Champions!



New Junior Section Student Leaders Head Girl & Head Boy met the Principal on 18/11/21 to talk about their new leadership role & what it means to them. They spoke very confidently & smartly!

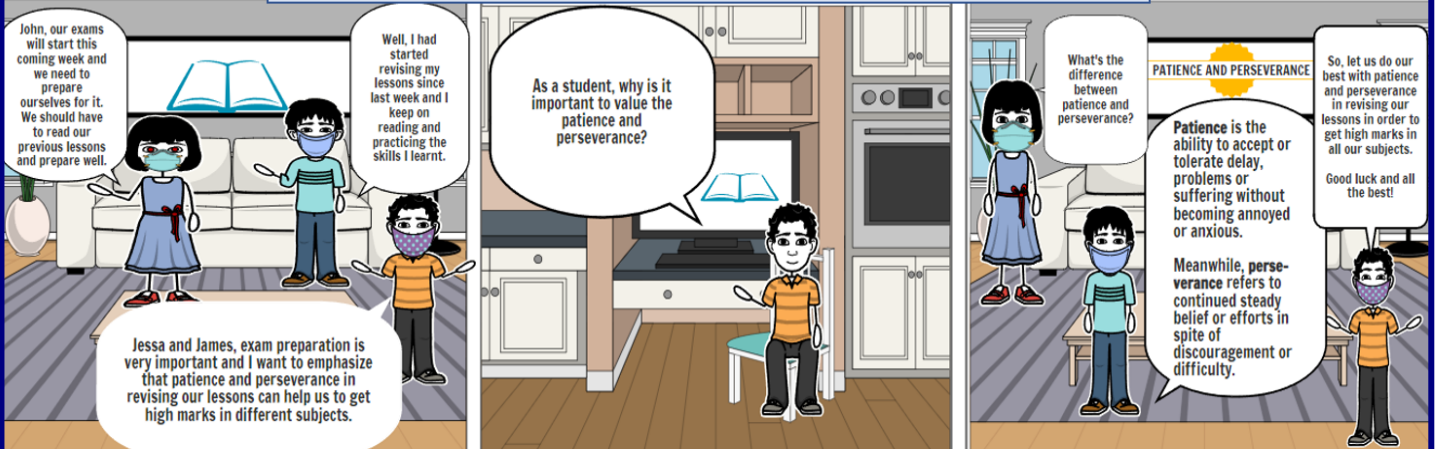
WSS Superstar Champions!



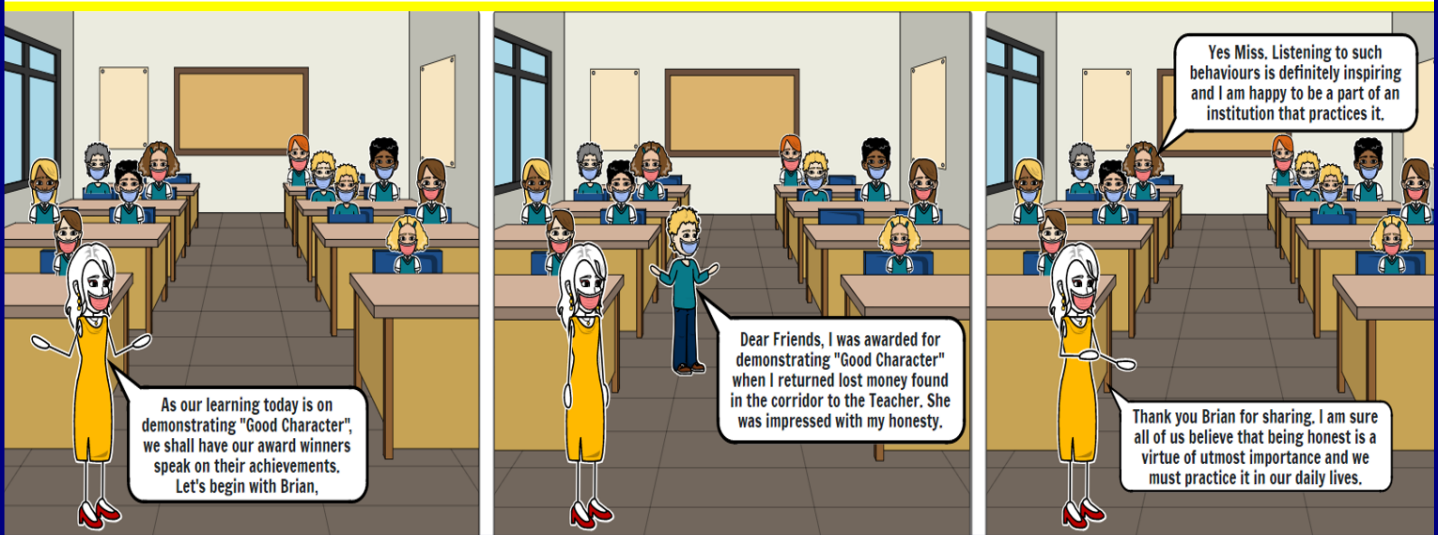
WSS Superstar Recycling Champions!



PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE



DEMONSTRATING GOOD CHARACTER



Progress of the WSS Organic Garden

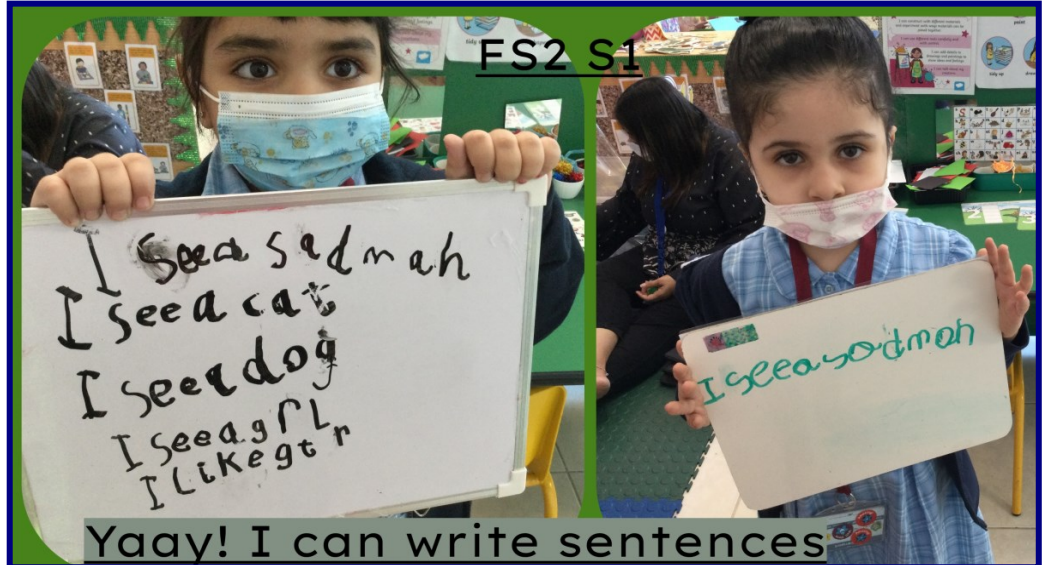


Preparing for the UAE's 50th National Day

Junior Section News



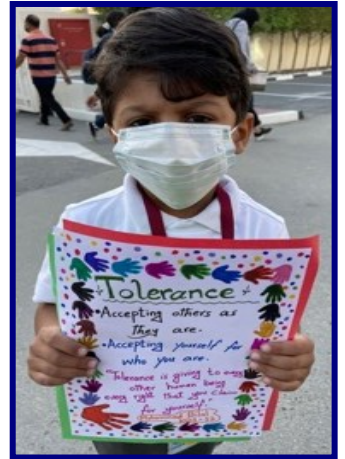
Learning about 3-D shapes. When the Principal asked them about their project & what they had been learning, they were all able to confidently talk about the 3-D shapes & the difference between 2-D shapes!



With Ms. Sonia M.

We can draw and write about UAE

Junior Section News; International Tolerance Day!



We can count camel's hump

With Ms. Sonia M.

Junior Section News; International Tolerance Day!



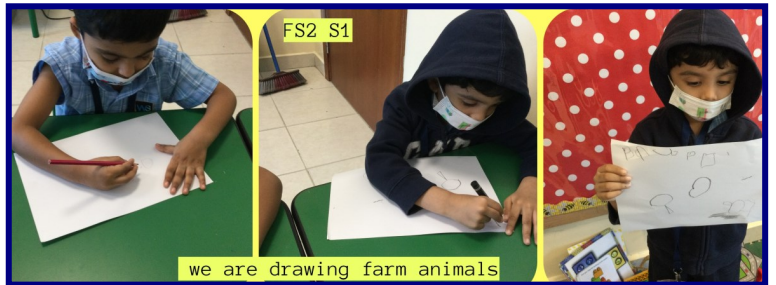
Junior Section News; Community Helpers!



With Ms. Sadiqa



We are doing numbers activity



With Ms. Sonia M.

Junior Section News; Community Helpers!



With Ms. Uzma



With Ms. Sadiqa



With Ms. Christine & Ms. Karunya

Junior Section News; International Tolerance Day!



Celebrating Tolerance day



Y1/f1

Personalized lesson –



English session – Nouns and verbs

With Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima

Junior Section News!



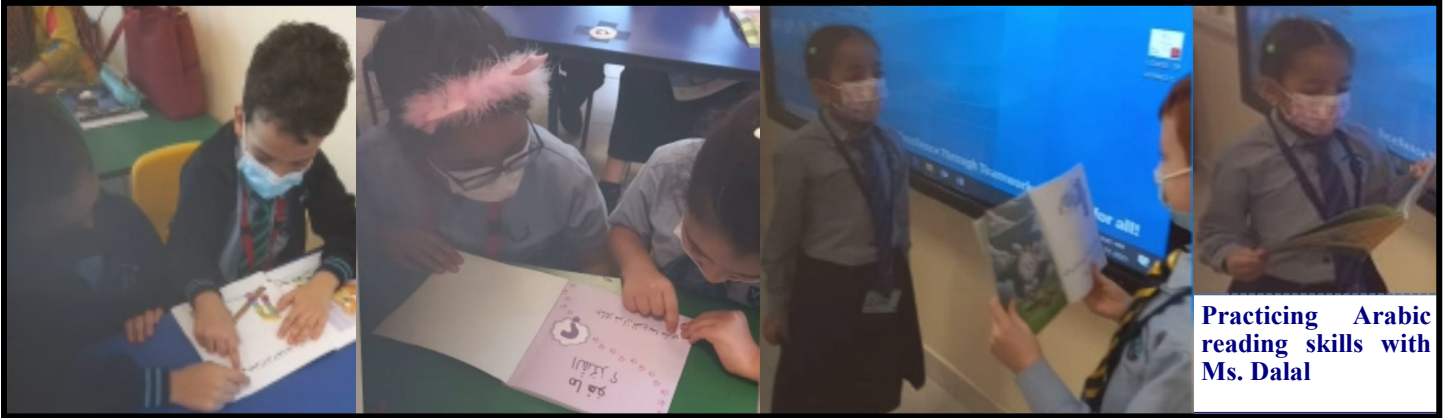
With Ms. Chithira

Primary Section News

How Can We Be More Sustainable?



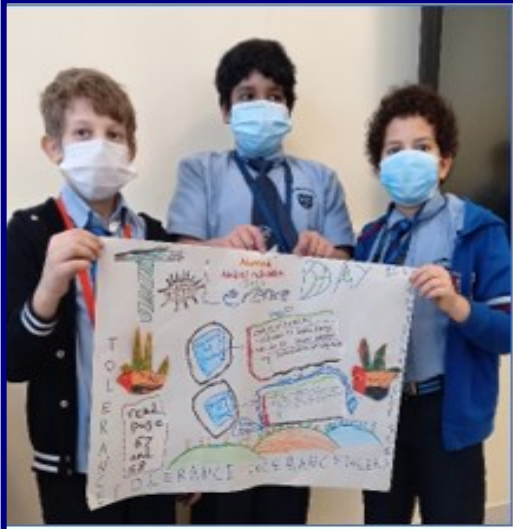
Primary Section News



Times Table Drill During Registration Time – Y5H1



Primary Section News; International Day of Tolerance!



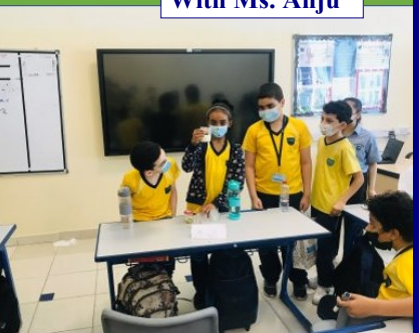
Tolerance Day Activities Y5D2



With Ms. Deepthy R.

Lelyan of Y5F1 Demonstrating an Experiment on Density during Science Day.

With Ms. Anju



Primary Section News; International Day of Tolerance!

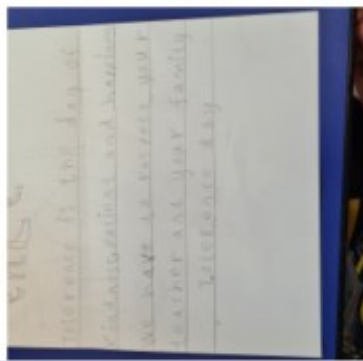
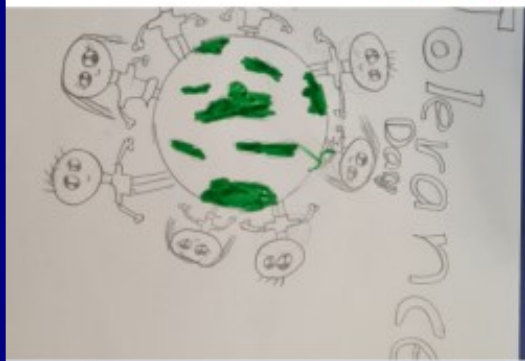
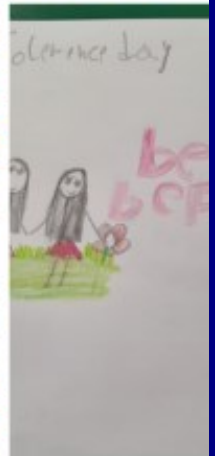
Tolerance Day Activity
Y3H1 with Ms. Sarada



Primary Section News; International Day of Tolerance!



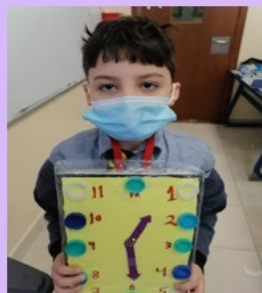
With Ms. Azreen



Primary Section News; International Tolerance Day!

Y4 D1 TOLERANCE DAY CELEBRATION

With Ms. Susweta



With Ms. Saranya

Primary Section News; Science Day!

With Ms. Sameena



Glimpses of Y5D1 World Science Day

Students have made useful things out of waste materials (plastic or paper cups) and spoke about the properties and advantages of materials used in their product



Year 4F1 Science Day Activity

Primary Section News!



With Ms. Afra

Secondary Section News



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GULF MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
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The Future Scientists of the UAE program is starting in October 2021



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Congratulations to 3 WSS Science Superstars Elen Abrahamyan (Y13), Razim Moh'd Rizvi (Y12) & Sadia Hossain (Y12) for being selected for the 2021/2022 Future Scientist of the UAE programme run by Gulf Medical School! The level of competition was high so they did very well to be selected to participate in this prestigious programme.

GEMS WESTMINSTER SHARJAH

PASTA DAY



Razim Rizvi Yr 12 BS
A mouth watering pasta made with my family. Layerd wih cheese and macaroni, the perfect recipie for deliciousness.



Pasta day @ WSS



**Bhagya Shri
12-GF**

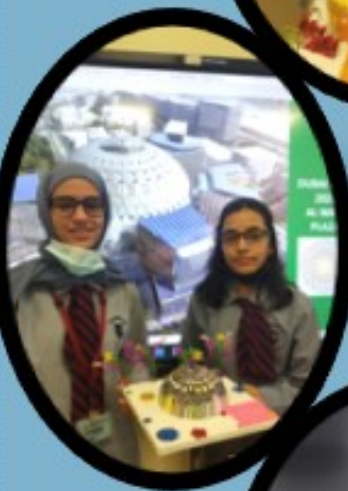


Secondary Section News; STEAM!

STEAM—MATHS-YEAR 8 GIRLS - EXPO 2020 PAVILLIONS AND AL WASL PLAZA

With Ms. Geethu

WITH MS GEETHU



Secondary Section News; MUN Participation!



PARTICIPANTS UNSC- MUN-

As level students

- DUAA FATHIMA
- NATIELA ASHEBIR
- ISRAF RAHMAN
- RAZIM MOHAMAD
- RAWAN SALEH



Experience of the participants.

This being my first MUN has been an enriching experience for me, from debating with fellow delegates to making new friendships it was all worth it. Initially, I was quite reluctant to participate in the MUN and surprisingly, this is my first debate competition, as I would never be too confident about my debating skills. However, this experience has led me to realize that we all underestimate ourselves a lot and we are more capable than we think. I am sure this is going to help me inculcate improved communication skills and enhance my confidence. Overall, it was worth the time and was a knowledgeable experience.

Duaa Fatima



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