

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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25th November, 2021



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

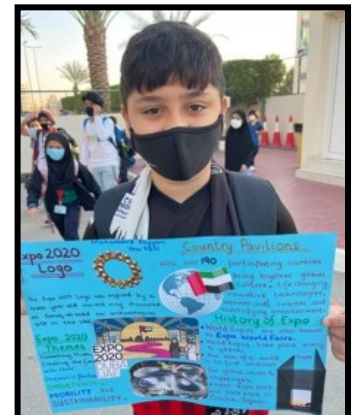
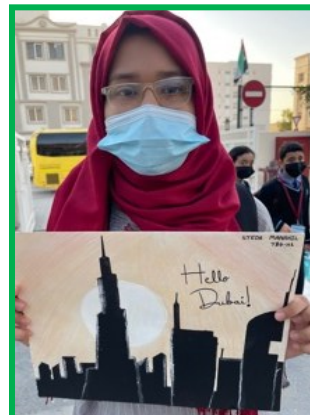
Dear WSS Parents,

COVID Safety

We have had a couple of confirmed COVID cases this week. Do please remind your children to wear **their mask at all times in school** (over the nose), & model safe behaviour by wearing your mask over your nose too. We breath germs in & out through our nose, so it is not safe to have our nose uncovered. Please take extra care to **follow all COVID protocols** related to Quarantine, Isolation & safe return to school, as emailed to you by the school Doctors. **If your child is COVID vaccinated, please upload the report via the Parent Portal**, as the Authorities require this information. Thank you for your hard work, patience & support to keep WSS safe for our children.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Wed. 24th Nov. to Thurs. 9th Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school on T1 Exam Timings (7:45am-12:15pm). Exact exam arrangements have been informed by the Teacher.
Mon. 29th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAE National Day celebrations in school, unless otherwise informed by the Teacher. 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"> School closed for UAE's 50th National Day.
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 #14
25 نوفمبر 2021



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

الاحترزازات الوقائية من كوفيد 19

لدينا بضع حالات مؤكدة من
COVID هذا الأسبوع. يرجى تذكر

أطفالك بارتداء أقنعتهم في جميع الأوقات في المدرسة (فوق
الأنف) ، وإظهار السلوك الآمن من خلال ارتداء القناع على فمك
أيضاً. نتفقد الجراثيم من خلال أنفنا ، لذلك ليس من الآمن كشف
أنفنا. يرجى توخي الحذر الشديد لمتابعة جميع بروتوكولات
COVID المتعلقة بالحجر الصحي والعزل والعودة الآمنة إلى
المدرسة ، كما أرسلها لك الطاقم الطبي لدى مدرستنا عبر البريد
الإلكتروني إذا كان طفلك قد تم تطعيمه ضد فيروس كورونا ،
فيرجى تحميل التقرير عبر بوابة الوالدين ، حيث تطلب الهيئات
العليا هذه المعلومات شكراً لكم على عملكم الشاق وصبركم
ودعمكم الدائم لنا وحفاظكم على WSS أمننا لأطفالنا.

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 أزياء 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 ، شكراً لكم	



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

Whole School News; Parent Satisfaction Survey!



مدرسة جيمس وستمنستر للتجارة
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 ملاحظاتك 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! الآباء 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 وراضي 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! الآباء 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 وراضي 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 Satisfaction Survey!

7-8	Average score. Parent is 'Passive' متوسط درجة. الوالد "غير فعال"	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. لا راضٍ ولا غير راضٍ. 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.
0-6	Low score. Parent is a 'Detractor' Parent would not recommend WSS to family/friends. درجة منخفضة. الوالد هو "منتقد" لن يوصي الوالدان بـ WSS للعائلة / الأصدقاء.	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. الوالد / 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.

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 / الرئيس التنفيذي WSS



How to guide Children with Viral Social Media Stunts?

Learn why kids participate in viral social media challenges and how you can help them make responsible decisions. Source: Common Sense media.

We see a lot of people wearing, doing, or saying something, and we want to try it, too. Today, challenges on social media can take the form of viral video stunts. And since kids are sensitive to peer pressure and FOMO (fear of missing out), they're often the first to want to try them.

If you're looking for advice on talking to your kid about the latest social media challenge, check out these tips and conversation starters:

1. Talk about it: Though we can't always be with our older kids and teens to prevent dangerous behavior, our words can stay with them.

Ask: "Have you ever thought about doing an online challenge?" Listen for hesitation, and let them know it's OK for them to check in with you first before participating.

2. Get them to think it through: Help your kid think through the challenge and decide if it's safe or not. Some challenges are not only wrong, but may have serious legal consequences when other people and property are harmed.

Ask: "What is this challenge asking you to do?" Encourage them to walk through each step and figure out where things could go wrong.

3. Acknowledge peer pressure: Kids might feel pushed into participating in viral trends for different reasons. Maybe it was a dare, want attention, or their friends are doing it.

Ask: "Why do you really want to do this? Is this a video of yourself that you really want out in the world?" Talk to them about how their online videos can affect them in the future.

4. Stay (somewhat) up to date: Ask your kid about what's happening in their lives -- even when it seems like they don't want you to. Sometimes kids are more willing to talk about other kids than about themselves. Pose questions about friends, school, and trends.

Ask: "Have you seen this video online...? What do you think why one should do it or not do it?" Keep an open mind and intervene if you're concerned about the latest craze.

5. Embrace the good ones: Help your kid to find -or maybe even start- a positive online challenge. Social media trends can spread happiness and motivate positive change.

Ask: "What kinds of challenges could do some good in the world / community?" Help your kids brainstorm fun and safe options that everyone can take part in.

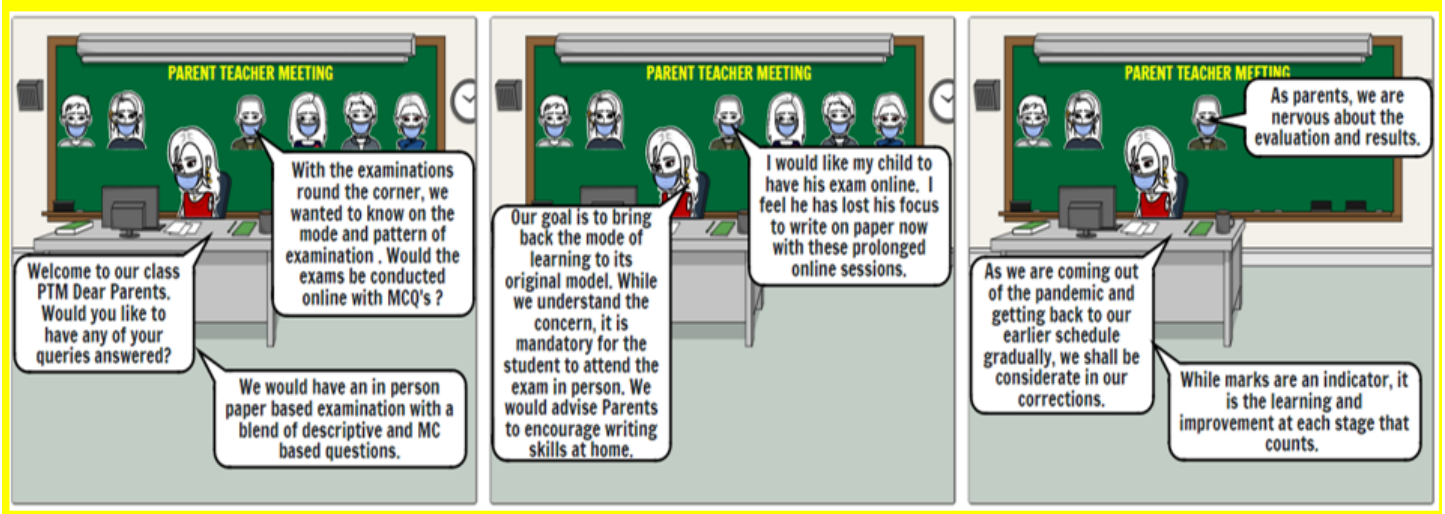
6. Model responsible online habits: Some parents and caregivers are the ones recording their kids as they try these challenges. Make sure your involvement sends the message you intend.

Ask: "How can I help you with your idea?" Help your kids make the distinction between what is realistic and what may be dangerous so they can stay safe.

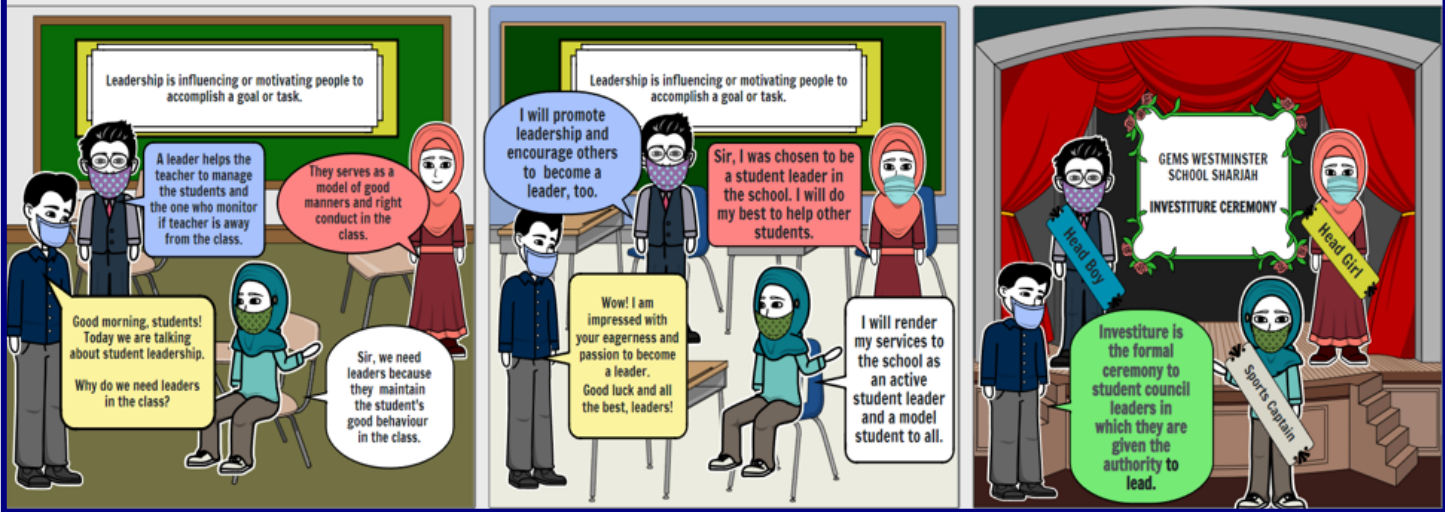


Whole School News

UNDERSTANDING ASSESSMENTS



STUDENT'S LEADERSHIP



Whole School News; Celebrating UAE's 50th National Day!



The UAE 50th National Day with Y8 BD1.

A day packed with traditional dance, poster making & traditional customs.

Whole School News; Celebrating UAE's 50th National Day!



PREPERATIONS BY YEAR 12/13



Prepared by: Muhammad
Rushdan
Y12/BS1



WSS Superstar Champions; Future Scientists Programme at GMU!



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GULF MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER

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



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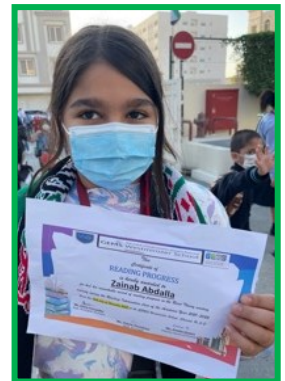
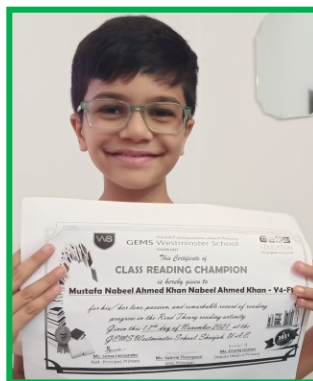
Congratulations to 3 WSS Science Superstars Elen Abrahamyan (Y13), Razim Moh'd Rizvi (Y12) & Sadia Hossain (Y12) for being selected for the 2021/2022 Future Scientist of the UAE programme run by Gulf Medical School! The level of competition was high so they did very well to be selected to participate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



The Principal attended the inaugural Future Scientist Class of 2023 ceremony at Gulf Medical University on 20/11/21. Students & professors introduced themselves & toured the university. Students will be spending time with the researchers in the Labs, gaining valuable experience to bolster their CV & gain valuable research skills in a real-life context. We wish them every success on this 2-year work-experience programme.



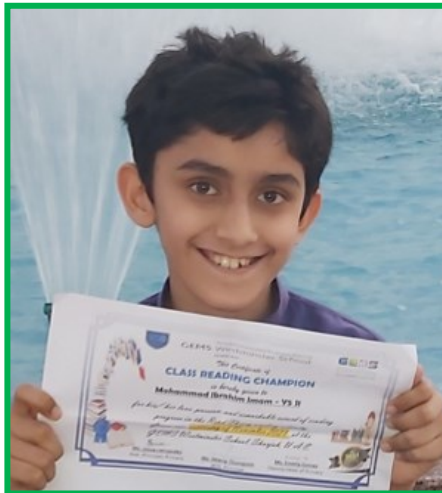
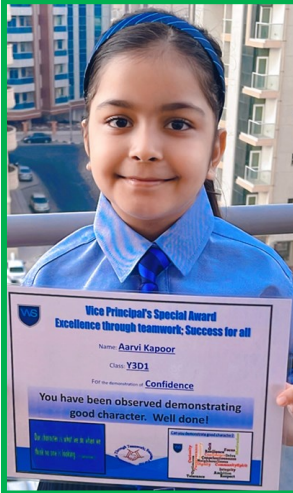
WSS Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to Dhrupad Sanoop (FS2 F2) who received a special certificate of appreciation as well as a Book of Records, which is conducted by India Book of Records (Superstar Dhrupad was able to recall the capital of 61 countries in 1 minute 43 seconds at the age 3.9 months!). The event was held in April 2021, the results declared in June & Dhrupad received the gift box two weeks ago. While it is not an international record, it is the first step towards him achieving his potential.



WSS Superstar Character Champions!



Year 5 students who have shown a very good progress in reading with Mr. Arvie



Mahnoor Jawwad Butt
Y5F1



Abdulla Thani
Y5F1



Zainab Abdalla
Y5F2

To: Nirmala Venkatesh <nirmala.v_wss@gemsedu.com>

Subject: THANK YOU..RESPECTED TEACHER

Respected Mam

Hi

Litreally i have no words to thank you alot...you amazed me alot everytime.....(Ma Sha Allah)

I am really Thankful to God and very proud of Arshali that he is under your supervision..

I have never seen that much dedicated teacher in my entire life.. God Bless u

Thanks alot dear mam for doing extra effort by sending these ppt's and revision sheet to me thru email..will never forget your gesture and will always remember you in my prayers...

By the way just to inform you that my other 2 kids are now able to use phoenix..the problem is solved for them..

And on the otherhand you have solved the problem for Arshali...really appreciate...

Lots of

Respect and Regards

Munira Syed Imran

WSS Superstar Character Champions!



Reading Champion
Sandeep Kumar - Y5 H2



Winner of Seerah Poster
Muhammad Faiz-Y5 H2



Vice Principal's Special Award
Mohamed Emad -Y5 H2



Class Champion
Isam Alvi -Y5 H2



Class Champion
Lara Ahmed -Y5 H2



Class Champion
Muhammad Mustafa -Y5



Class Champion
Yahya Amro -Y5 H2



Class Champion
Mariam Hisham -Y5 H2



Positive Behaviour
Moustafa Ossama - Y5



Well done Honesty Superstar
Syed (8BH2) who handed in
lost & found money

WSS Superstar Character Champions!

Y5D2 Class champions

With Ms. Deepthy



GEMS Westminster School
SHARJAH

EDUCATION
We see genius in every child

This Certificate of
CLASS READING CHAMPION
is hereby given to
Alyss Kawashima - Y6GF

for his/her love, passion, and remarkable record of reading progress in the Read Theory reading activity.
Given this **17th day of November 2021**, at the
GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah, U.A.E.

2021

Ms. Sonia Fernandez
Asst. Principal, Primary

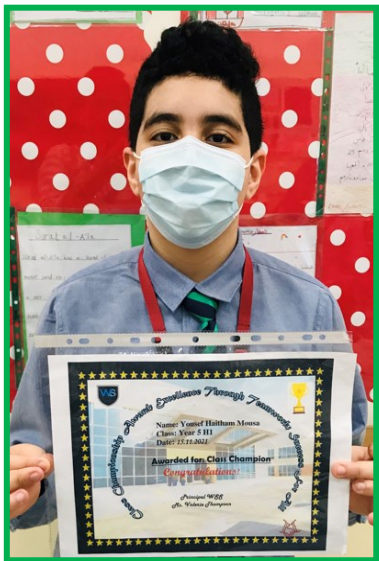
Ms. Valerie Thompson
WSS, Principal

Ms. Emelia Gomes
Deputy Head of Primary

WSS Superstar Character Champions!

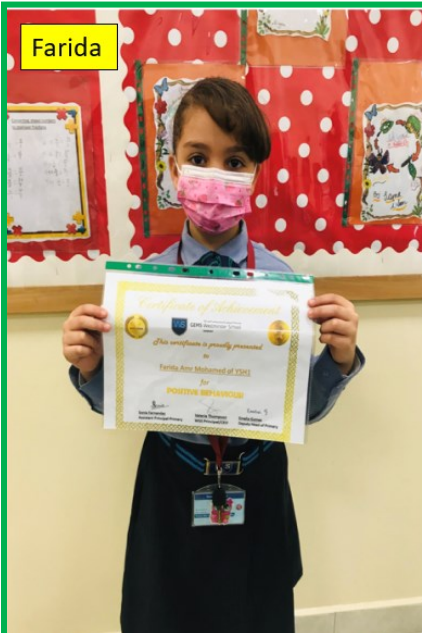


Helping Hero Farhan Azam (Y9 BD) helping a Support Staff to get the trolley bags of students from the bus. Thank you for your caring and helpful mentality!



Y3D2 CHAMPIONS

WSS Superstar Recycling Champions!



Farida



Ahmed

WSS Superstar Recycling Champions!



WSS staff & students have already collected more than 42 bags of plastic bottle, which is approximately 5000 bottles! Awesome job so far—let's keep it up!



Congratulations to SS Ms. Sithy Rizana (Ms. Roshana), who is a true environmental hero!! She has collected over 2,000 plastic bottles for recycling!



Junior Section News; Student Leaders Investiture, 23/11/21!



Y2 Investiture Ceremony Invitations



Junior Section News; Student Leaders Investiture, 23/11/21!



Junior Section News; Student Leaders Investiture, 23/11/21!



Junior Section News



Junior Section News; Fun in FS1!

Fun & learn with MS Christine & MS Karunya @ FS1

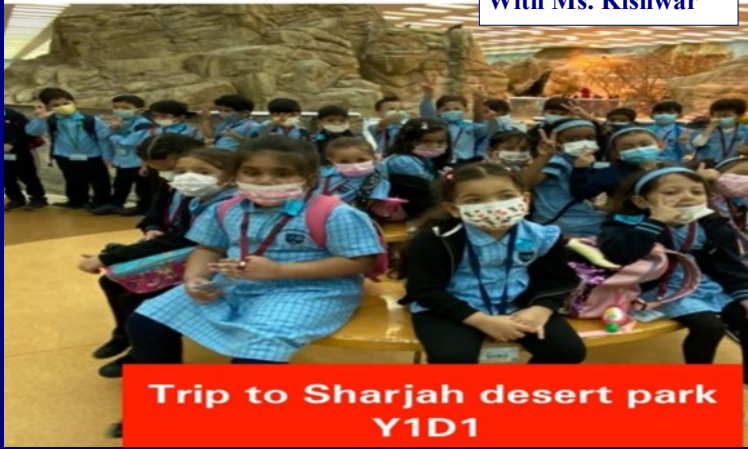


Junior Section News



Our first field trip to Sharjah desert park. Y1D1

With Ms. Kishwar



Trip to Sharjah desert park Y1D1



Tolerance Day – 16th November

Year1/H2 – We enjoy celebrating differences!!!!

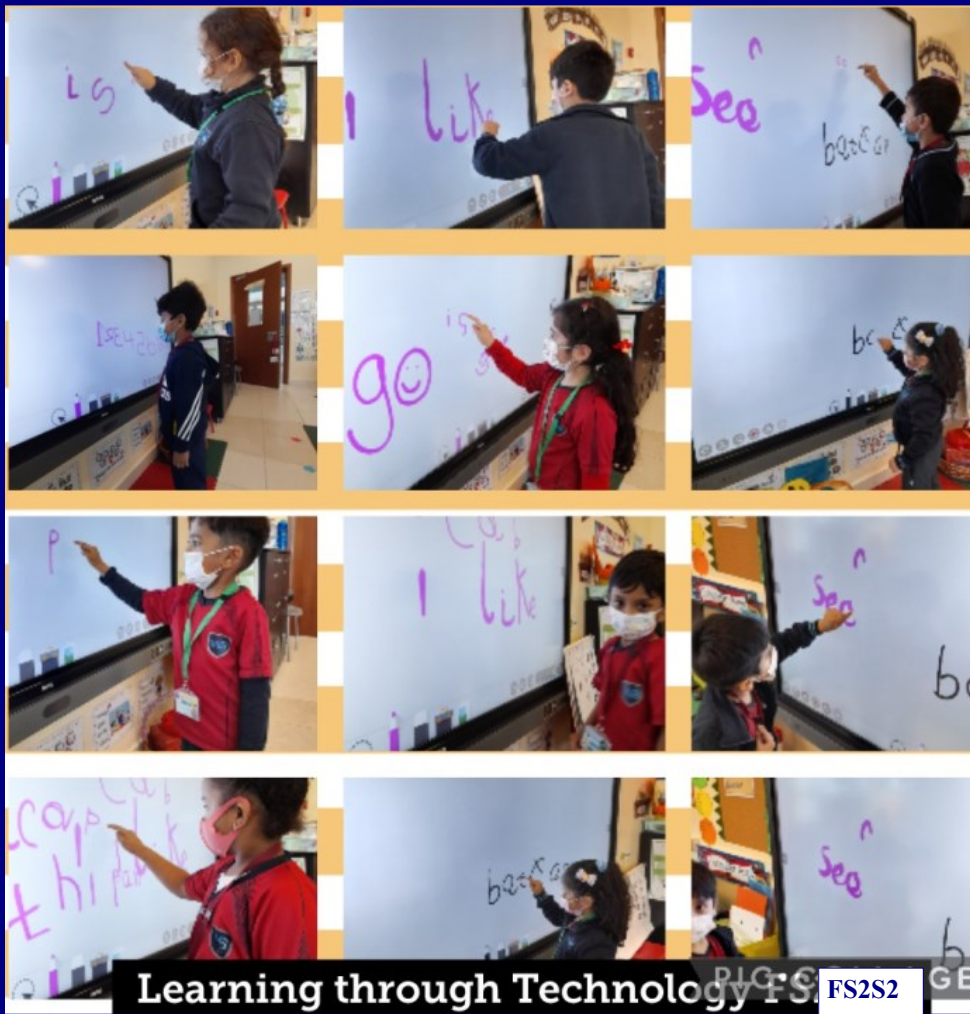
With Ms. Beena



Trip to Sharjah Dessert Park.

With Ms. Geraldine

Junior Section News



Learning through Technology FS2



Little stars busy



Students Wellbeing – Fun Activity Y2



With Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima

Junior Section News

Y2F1

Students explaining their work on Life Cycle of animals, plants and humans.



Y2F1 with Ms. Raquel and Ms. Hajina



With Ms. Sonia M.

FS2 S1



Trip to Arabia's Wildlife Centre

Primary Section News; Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony, 22/11/21!



Primary Section News; Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony, 22/11/21!



Dear Madam Val, Mr Andrew and Ms Sonia,
I would like to thank you very much for this amazing arranged ceremony with incredible teachers and students. I am so happy and excited for being my son one of this leaders, I wish good luck to all of you. I hope all our dreams come true and celebrate our kids successful together with our supporting, powerful teachers.
Wish to all best life full with happiness success and vitality.
Thanks again for bringing happiness to our hearts. You made my day.
Marwa Fahd's Deputy Head of boys mum

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Regards,
Marwa Ragab

Primary Section News; Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony, 22/11/21!



Primary Section News; Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony, 22/11/21!



Primary Section News

Year 3 F1

With Ms. Anshy

"Preparing Students for the Future" Learning through investigation.



With Ms. Lissy

Secondary Section News; Tolerance at WSS!



KS3 Student session - Classcraft Moral Education Quest on Tolerance

International Day for Tolerance - 16 November



“Tolerance is respect, acceptance, and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures” Happy Int Day for Tolerance.

“The highest result of education is tolerance.” Helen Keller



**Why is International Day for Tolerance celebrated?
KS3 Student session – Quest**



On 21/11/21, GEMS launched its Alumni App. Y12 -13 attended the launch ceremony & listened to a speech by our GEMS Group COE Mr. Dino Varkey as he shared some of the useful features to support ongoing growth & success beyond school.

Secondary Section News; Passport to Success Programme!



Business Club - Debate Competition
(Sixth Form & IGCSE Boys)



Secondary Section News; Passport to Success Programme!

Business Club STUDENT LED LESSONS

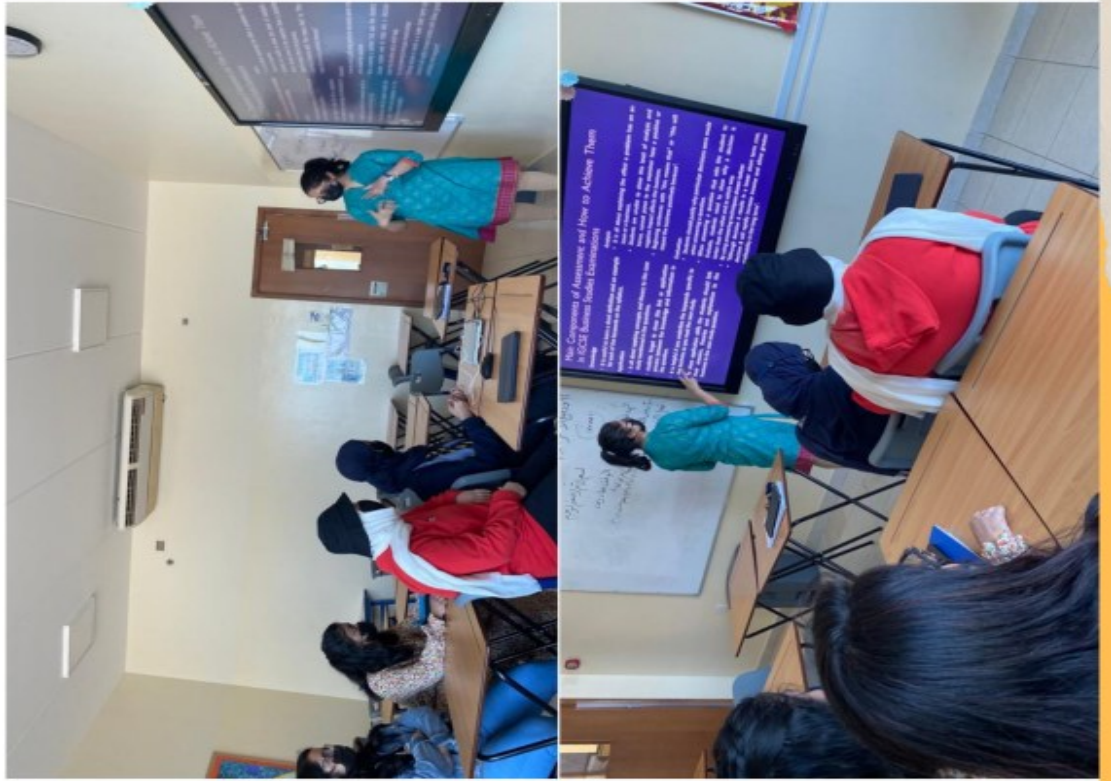


By Sixth
Form
Students

For IGCSE
candidates



Business Club Student Led Lesson by Cadence - Sixth Form Student



Secondary Section News; Passport to Success Programme!

BUSINESS CLUB! *Student Led- Lessons*



UN International Day for Tolerance - 16 November, with Ms. Susan

"Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human."

UN International Day for Tolerance - celebrated on Tuesday, 16th November, a time for our students to spread awareness of the importance of respecting & accepting our difference; & appreciating our rich cultures.

Activates included:

- **Moral Education session on Tolerance**
- **Fun activities on padlet wall - led by Sixth Formers – MEP Club**
- **Classcraft Moral Education Tolerance Quest – Student led sessions.**

Secondary Section News; Celebrating UAE's 50th National Day!

UAE NATIONAL DAY

LEAD BY : Y12/13 IN ROOM NUM: F12

