# **GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH**





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#### Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

As we come to the end of Term 1 & 2020, may I wish all our WSS community a very Happy New Year! Huge thanks to all the team of SPEA, Students, Parents, Teachers

& Admin. Staff who have worked so hard together to ensure our children's safety, wellbeing & continuing learning. Well done & blessings to all for a more peaceful, safe & Happy New Year!

**'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success** for all!'



Recycle your clean, plastic water bottles at WSS! The Nestle Recycling Challenge is here for all students and staff. We have currently 2 recycling boxes situated at the <u>Bus</u> <u>Bay entrance</u> and the <u>Main Entrance</u> waiting for your <u>Empty</u> <u>clean PET1 Plastic Water Bottles</u>. Please collect as many as possible and bring into school and deposit in the large clean Green Recycle Boxes. Last year we collected 54,000 in 4 weeks! Let's protect the environment and show the world what great recyclers we are!

#respect #communityspirit #neigh @WSSGivesUpPlastic @

#neighborliness #motivation
 @NestleRecycleChallenge

	Dates for Your Diary							
	Date	Details						
	Wed. 25th Nov- Thurs 10th Dec inclusive	<ul> <li>T1 exams</li> <li>KG1-G9 will go home at 10:30am after their exam</li> <li>G10-12 have exams in January, so will stay for normal lessons until 1:30pm</li> </ul>						
	Friday 11th Dec. until Sat. 2nd Jan. 2021	<ul> <li>School closed for students for Winter Break (3 weeks)</li> <li>Cashier &amp; Registration Offices open throughout on working days (except 24/12), 8am-3:30pm.</li> <li>Thursday 24/12/20; school closed.</li> <li>Cashier open on Sat. 2nd January, 8am- 1pm for convenient T2 Fee payment.</li> </ul>						
	Sunday 3rd Jan 2021	<ul> <li>T2 starts for students.</li> <li><u>KG timings will be 8am-11am (</u>extended by 30 minutes)</li> <li>T2 fees due by latest Sunday 3rd January.</li> </ul>						
	Tues. 16th Feb until Saturday 20th Feb.	• School closed for Mid-Term 2 Break						

#### The new WSS website is now live!

https://www.gemswestminsterschool-sharjah.com/



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

For details of policies & procedures, please refer to our Parent Handbook found at: <u>https://media.gemseducation.com/media/58401/</u> <u>parent-handbook-3620.pdf</u>



#### Whole School News; Thank you, dear Parents!



#### Whole School News; Recycle for your Environment!



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Dear WSS Family,

#### Subject; Partnerships for the Environment – Recycling Initiative

We are proud to announce that we have joined Simply Bottles Recycling Initiative by DGrade.

Simply Bottles is a DGrade initiative that involves working with schools to prevent plastic water bottles from going into landfill, and increases recycling rates through education, engagement and by facilitating plastic collection. We provide a solution and make sure your plastic is collected and up-cycled into clothing and accessories.

You can take part as well and involve your family, friends & neighbours by bringing your clean, empty plastic water bottles (PET #1) to WSS for recycling. We have placed special dedicated bins in school.

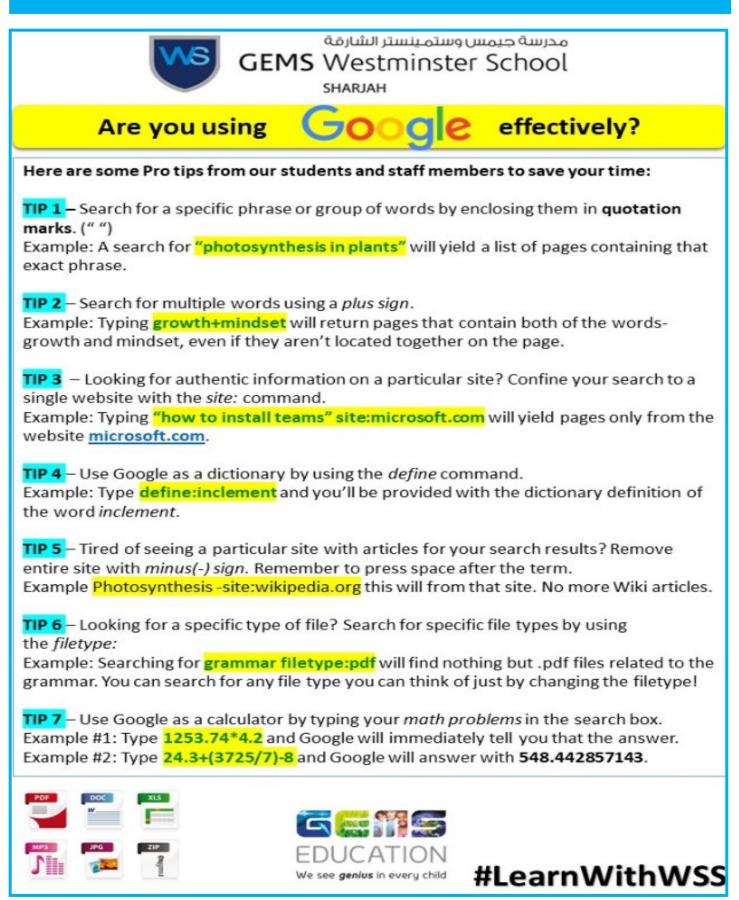
By Participating in this initiative we can help children to better understand the impact of plastic pollution and the benefits of recycling.

Drop off your clean, empty plastic water bottles in the WSS recycling bin today! Help us to support our school's sustainability goals & create a future generation of Eco-ambassadors!



Website: www.dgrade.com Instagram: @dgradeclothing Facebook: DGrade

## Whole School News; The Digital Decode



#### Whole School News; Threads!



OPENING ON THUR, 24th DEC 2020.

Shop #: 1001-1003, LEVEL - 2, Opp. Brands for Less.

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threads RETAIL SHOP AT Juma Aman Bldg. (Al Nadha 1-Dubai) WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10th DEC 2020.

#### **New Store Features:**

- O More Billing Counters & Fitting Rooms.
- Dedicated Service Area for each School.
- Token System Integrated with SMS Facility (First Come First Serve).
- Dedicated Customer Support Team.
- O Adequate Waiting Area (to follow Social) Distancing Measures).
- Ample Parking.
- O Open 7 days a Week from 10am to 10pm.



GEMS Westminster School -Sharjah uniforms will be available at the New Threads Store at Burjuman Mall and also at Rameez Mall - Sharjah

PURCHASE UNIFORM ONLINE & GET IN 8-10 WORKING DAYS.



#### WSS Superstar Champions!



Chess Champion Viswajeeth (G4D1) has won 6 matches out of 10 in a local Chess Championship! Congratulations!



Winners of Mr. Andrew's 'Random Act of Kindness' award!



Our wonderfully dedicated Medical Team were sent flowers by Corporate Office, in recognition of their continuous hard work to ensure that the WSS community remains as safe as possible. At times, we feel that the Authorities' rules & requests for documents are challenging. However, these are for our safety & we appreciate the Medical Team's care of us all. Thank you Doctors & Nurses, our frontline team!

#### WSS Superstar Literary Champions!





AHMED ARAFAT 6 BF1 MUHAMMAD HADI 7 BS1 ALI TABISH 7 BS1 SELLAPPERUMAGE TRISTEN 7 BS2 MANAHIL ALI 6 GD

Sai Prakash Alokkan (G9BH)

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#### WSS Superstar Literary Champions!

#### WSS Authors' Corner

#### The Little Dinosaur - Hamad Al Deep 6 BS1

(Story writing competition winner)

As I woke up in this sunny day, I heard the loud noises of the dinosaurs. And a beam of light that blinded me. As I went to put on my clothes I was caught up on the excitement of my new adventure. I went out for a walk and went to the diplodocuses biome. It was very beautiful as I saw the green grass and the giant animals itself. As I was walking by one of the diplodocuses I saw a blue spotted egg shaking on the ground, as it was about to hatch. I was very caught up in excitement that I totally forgot about the mother. She roared loud like a car's horn. And then pulled her hatchling away from me. Out of curiosity I walked behind the baby's mother. As she walked into a biome where there were thick leaves which made the weather get more humid. As I walked into that biome I saw the mother place down the hatchling in a small nest made out of leaves. I quickly crawled into the hatchlings nest to see nature and its way. After a couple of minutes, the egg started vibrating again. With a pulsating heart beat and with a feeling of joy, I watched the newborn hatch, as it saw the glimpse of light and the warm weather it smiled in joy. I raised my hand up to reach the dinosaur's head it pushed itself towards my hand. As the happiness was between the both of us the mother came back and was furious. I ran as fast as I could but my heart was racing with me. I quickly hid between two odd looking rocks and sat there. As the mother forgot about me I sneaked pass the biome to get back to my home. All the memories that had happened gave me an exciting feeling. I can't wait for tomorrow's adventure. It will be so much fun. In the meantime, I need to recharge my energy.



RECOMMENDED BOOK JANE EYRE BY CHARLOTTE BRONTE

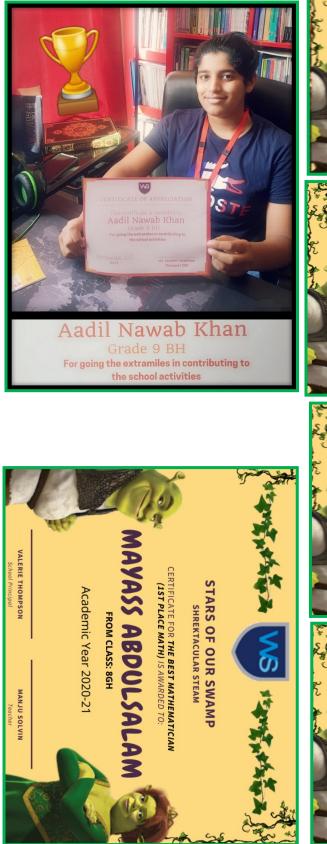
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Jane Eyre is a young orphan being raised by Mrs. Raeed, her cruel wealthy aunt. Mrs. Raeed and her children treat Jane cruelly and look down on her as a dependent. In the novel there are five distinct stages of Jane's growth from childhood to final maturity. The novel also contains a strong sense of morality at its core.

Literary news with Ms. Siji



#### WSS Superstar Champions!





You can give your child are a quality education and the values that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey

#### Whole School News



VP Mr. Andrew attended a SPEA SIA meeting on 24/11/20 with Sharjah Principals to share strategies for continuing successful learning during and after COVID with the Sharjah learning community. Ms. Lynn, our SPEA School Improvement Advisor led the meeting.

WSS celebrated the 49th UAE National Day on 29/11/20





























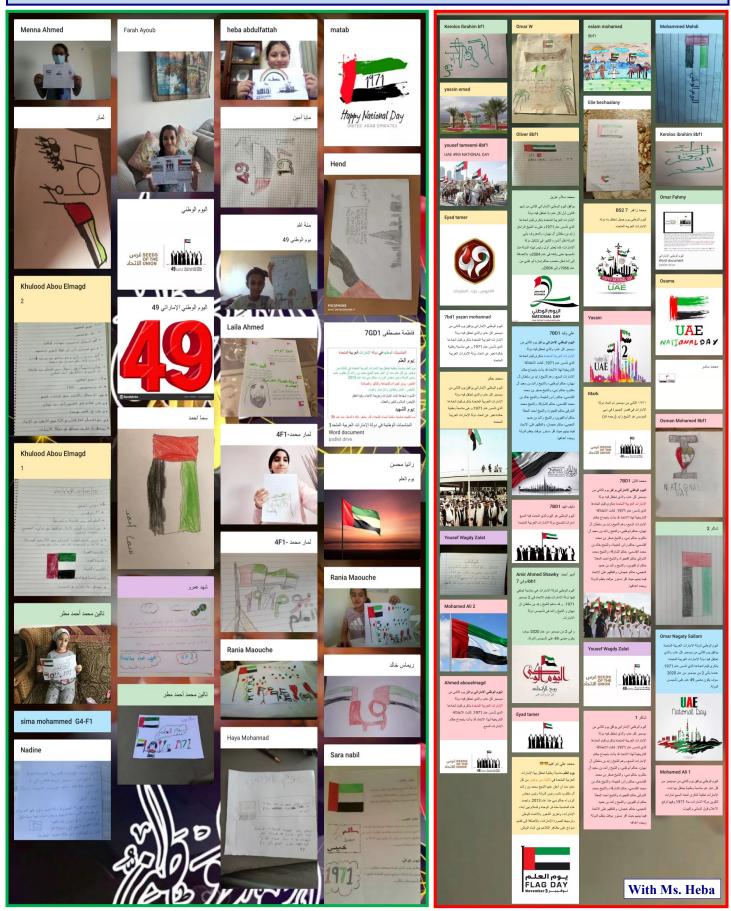






Wonderful confident video speech about the UAE National Day by Nimra (KG2H2). Below, G4F2 with Ms. Shabana









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Hala Tamer Abdelati Abdelfattah Sakar5GF1National Day PoemNational day lay in our heartlike flowers which lay near a riverthe national day is celebrated on 2nd Decemberthis date will never be forgottenas on 1971 the Emirates got unitedSheikh Zayed made us proud of the Emiratesso we need to do that too



Jana Mohammed 5GF1





Jannah Gamal – 5GF1





Fatimah-5GF1

Laila– 5GF1

# Celebrating UAE's 49th National Day with Team WSS!



# Junior Section News; Happy UAE National Day!

















KG1S1 UAE flag with fruits activity









**G1S1 celebrating UAE National Day** 



**G1S1 celebrating** UAE National Day

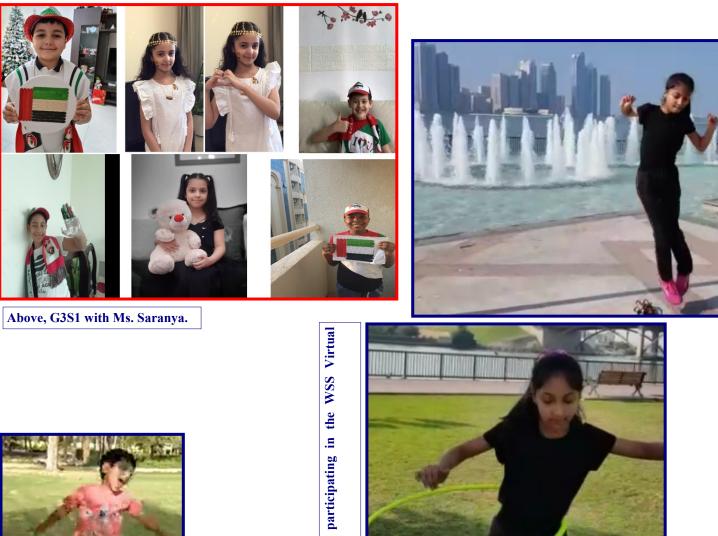


KG2S2 with Ms. Mariam

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# **Primary Section News; Virtual Fitness Challenge!**





Maryam (G4H1) participating in the WSS Virtual Sports Event.

George (G2F2) taking part in a virtual fitness event with his family.













Below, with Ms. Susweta













Above, G4F1 with M. Lakshmi

Above, G2S1 with Ms. Anshy



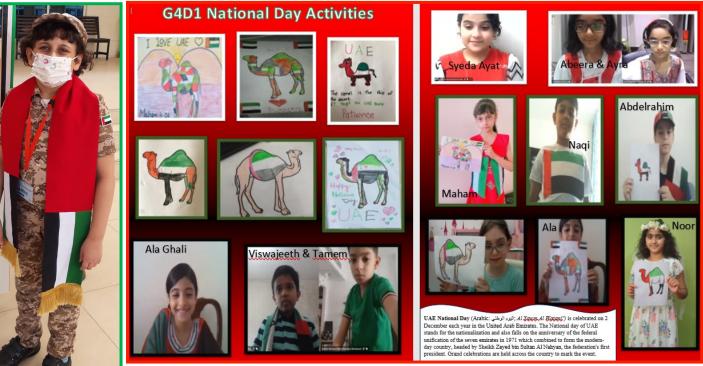




Above, G2S2 with Ms. Neema

Above, G2F2 with Ms. Azreen

Below, G4D1 with Ms. Sameena



## Secondary Section News; Inter-School MUN!

# **MODEL UNITED NATION**

Compiled & designed by Shaffa Zeenath, 11GH1

## **United Nations Simulation Conference 2020**

"UNSC was my first MUN and it helped me a lot with my fear of public speaking. The chairs were friendly and made sure that everyone delegates

were comfortable before the session started. MUN helps a lot with leadership skills, communication, and solving realworld problems." says Neha Vinod, from 12GF



Nateila Alemu of 10GD, had also experienced the thrills of attending an MUN, representing and understanding the many issues Ghana faced in relation to Drugs and Crime.

#### **Details of the Event**

- Date of event: 21st November, 2020
- School: GEMS Own Indian School, Dubai
- Names of Participants from WSS: Neha Vinod, Kawthar Aldemoety. Natiela Alemu



"It was an interesting experience. The way we young delegates handle critical problems of our world-wide community was thought provoking and gave my school learning a different perspective," informed Kawthar Aldemoety, currently in 10GD

#### Secondary Section News

12BS

**11BD** 

# **GMU Students** Experience

-It was an eye-opening experience. I honestly loved working in a team rather than going into it solo as I felt we could cover each other's weaknesses and comement our strengths. Overall, it was an amazing experience and I'd love to work with them again in the future.

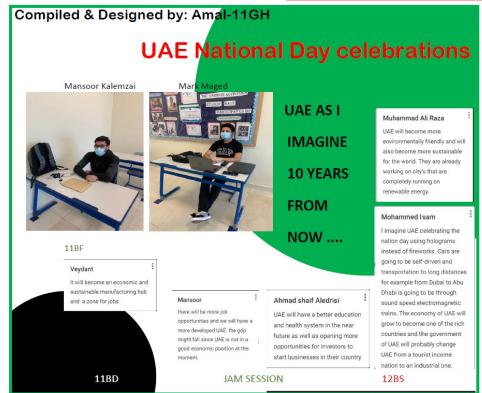
-Veydant D.P 11BF

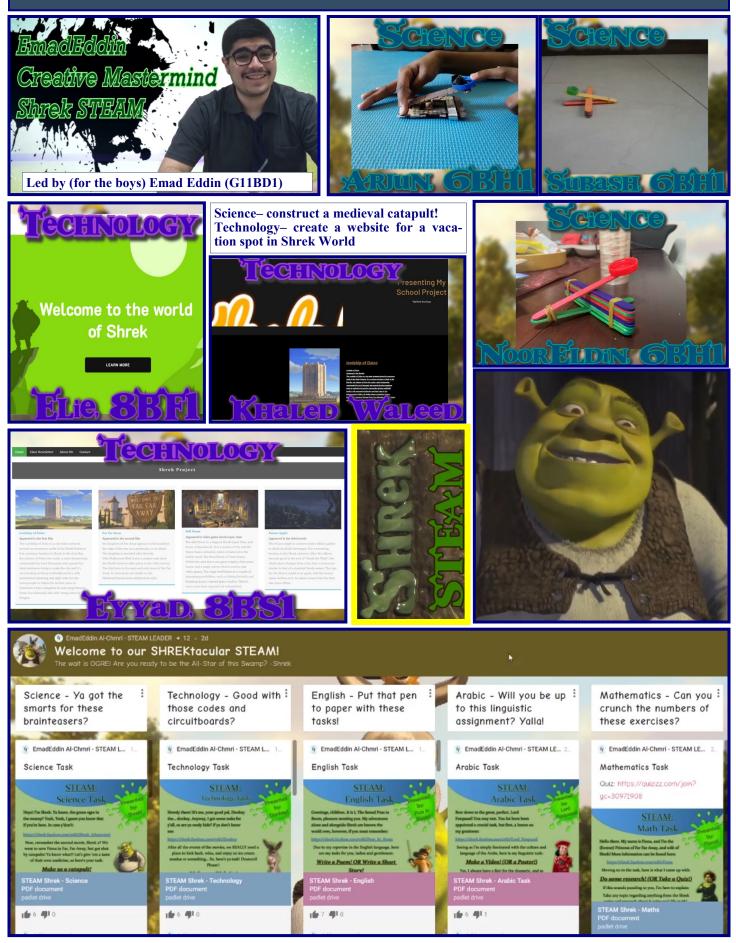
-It has been a pleasure to be part of this year's GMU maze competition, I really enjoyed working with a team and having the chance to share ideas together to maybe solve a global problem that have ruined the life of many people. We really enjoyed the experience of working as a team in a competition and to be innovative in finding solutions. I want to thank all my teacher those who helped informing and supporting us to make it this far. This global pandemic made it harder to make a coordinated project, but we did it and we got second place. Next year we will hopefully get to be first place.

-Mohammed Isam 11BF







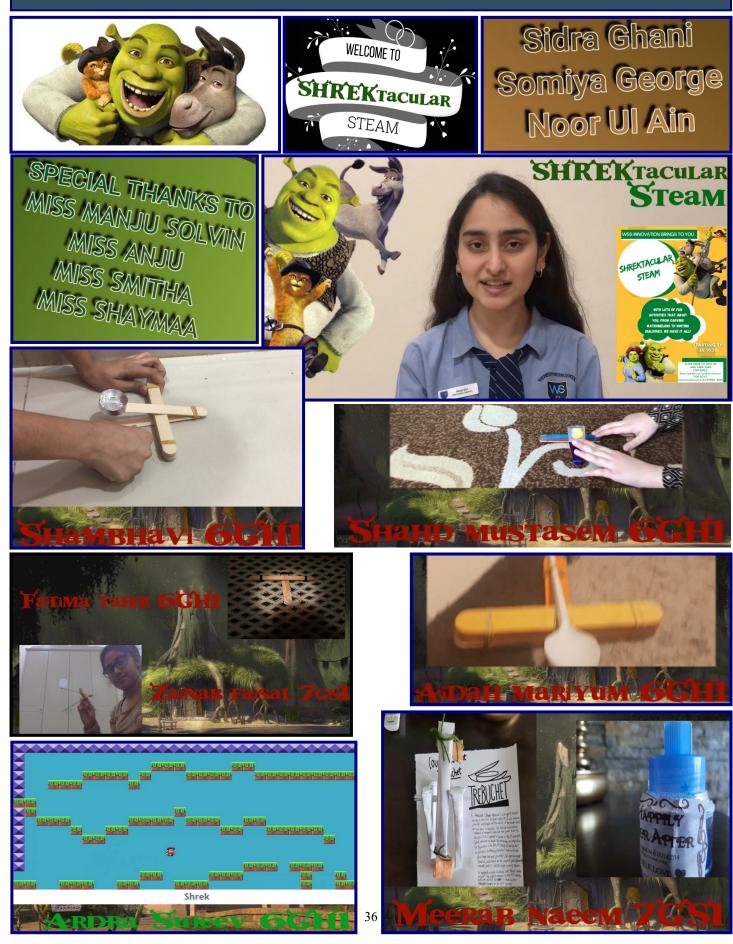


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English-write a Shrektacular poem using a given set of rhyming words. Below, results of the Maths Quiz.

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#### Cast

Led By	Ms. Manju Solvin
STEAM Leader	Sidra Ghani 12GF1
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#### STEAM Members

Edited by				
Member 5	Sana Ghani 12GF1			
Member 4	Noor Ul Ain 12GF1			
Member 3	Subul Ishtiaq 12GF1			
Member 2	Somiya Saji 12GF1			
Member 1	Aamina Shah 12GF1			

#### Sana Ghani 12GF1

Shrektastic was a collaborative programme between KS5 'Passport Programme' students and the KS3 'STEAM' Team.

This was totally led by our Sixth Formers this Term under the supervision of STEAM team.

Awesome job, Team WSS!

# Shrek 2

It all started When Shrek and Liona come back from their honeymoon, they find an invitation to a royal ball with Liona's parents to celebrate their marriage, an event Shrek is reluctant to participate in. Liona talks him into it, and along with Oonkey they travel to the kingdom of Lar Lar Away. They meet Liona's parents, King Harold and Queen Lillian, who are surprised and repulsed by Liona's choice of husband, since they had arranged that Prince Charming rescue her from the castle but now they see that her husband is an ogre.

At a shared meal, Shrek and Zarold get into a heated argument over how Shrek and Liona will raise their family, and Liona, disgusted at Shrek and her father's behavior, locks herself away in her room that evening, where she meets her Lairy Godmother, who is also surprised at Liona's new looks. Shrek worries that he has lost his true love, particularly after finding her childhood diary and reading that she was once infatuated with Prince Charming.



#### SHREK-1-Movie summary

Shrek is a grumpy, smelly and antisocial green ogre, who loves the solitude of his swamp. One night, he suddenly finds his land has been squatted by a mass of fairy-tale creatures, who have been banished by the evil Lord Farquaad of Duloc. Angrily, Shrek decides to confront Lord Farquaad, demanding his land back. he allows the talkative Donkey to tag along and guide him to Duloc

Farquaad does him a deal, telling him to rescue Princess Fiona from a dragon-guarded castle, to get his lovely swamp back. Shrek and Donkey go and rescue the Princess, desperately trying to avoid being burned by the dragon. Fiona is disgusted about being rescued by an ugly ogre, rather than Prince Charming. However, despite their differences, she and Shrek fall in love.



On the second night of their return journey, Donkey approaches Fiona and discovers that she's turned into an ogress. She explains that she's under a spell, which can only be broken by true love's first kiss. Shrek overhears the conversation as she is calling herself an «ugly beast» but misunderstands and thinks she doesn't love him because he's ugly. Just as she decides to tell Shrek the truth, the sun rises and she becomes a beautiful princess again.

Huda ghani 19 November 2020

#### Shrek the third

The movie begins with Charming doing a play and everyone laughing at him. he wanted revenge. Shrek and Fiona are in the castle at Far Far away land, Shrek unfortunately does not want to do his duties because he fails and embarrasses himself each time. After a long day Fiona hints that she wants a baby and Shrek quickly turns the conversation around, After a while a Knight comes barging in telling that King Harold has passed away, the king requested Shrek to be the new king but Shrek didn't want to and the king told him there only one other heir and that was Arthur, so Shrek and his friends went on a journey to Worcestershire Academy where he met Arthur, When they were about to leave Fiona said that she was pregnant but Shrek acted like he couldn't hear herWhile this was going on Charming went to the place where all the fairytale villains go and convinced them to defeat Shrek and take over the kingdom. while Shrek is sailing back to there Arthur decides that it is too much pressure for him and turns the wheel around causing them to land on a unknown island where they meet Arthur's old magic teacher who magicked them back to Far Far away land but Fiona and the princesses were already held captive by Charming, Charming decides to make a play where he has his happily ever after when he kills Shrek, Shrek later then revealed that Arthur wasn't supposed to be king and that left Arthur heartbroken then all Shrek's friends free each other and Fiona and the princesses Before Charming killed Shrek all of his friends came up from the roof and rescued him, After the fight Arthur says some inspiring words for the miserable villains which Which caused them all to drop their weapons, Arthur then became king And Shrek finally had his babies with Fiona and they lived Happily ever after

# SHREK SUMMARY BY MANASA 66H1

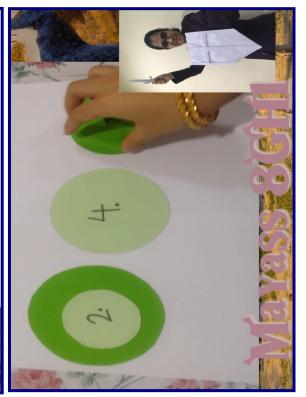
The first ever movie of Shrek, starts off by Shrek living alone, in his little swamp, with no people or ogres around him. One day, he finds a donkey, who ran away from the castle, asking for shelter. He finds the donkey very talkative and annoying. He decides to keep the donkey there for 1 night, but he does not allow the donkey in the house. He tells the donkey to sleep outside. He looks outside and sees many fairy tale characters moving about. He asks them to leave but they inform him that the Lord Farquaad, had moved them out of their homes. He decided to find a solution for this and goes to the castle to talk to the lord.

Meanwhile, the lord had been asking a magic mirror, to help him find love. The mirror had shown him 3 princesses, and he had chosen Princess Fiona. He wanted to find her as soon as possible, but the legend says that the tower that she was locked in was protected by a drawn

# Shrek 1

• When a green ogre named Shrek discovers his swamp has been 'washed out ' with all sorts of fairytale creatures by the scheming Lord Farquaad, Shrek sets out with a very loud donkey by his side to 'convince ' Farquaad to give Shrek his swamp back. Instead, a deal is made. Farquaad, who wants to become the King, sends Shrek to rescue Princess Fiona, who is waiting for her true love in a tower guarded by a fire dragon. But once they head back with Fiona, it starts to become visible that not only does Shrek an ugly ogre, begin to fall in love with the lovely princess, but Fiona is also hiding a secret.





# Secondary Section News; World Children's Day



G6BD2 with Ms. Jini







#### **Students Comments on National Day:**

#### Abdelrahman Amir Emara

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The United Arab Emirates,

sometimes simply called the

Western Asia located at the

eastern end of the Arabian

Emirates, is a sovereign state in

Peninsula. It borders Oman and

Saudi Arabia, and has maritime

borders in the Persian Gulf with

Qatar and Iran

WHITE: peace

RED: Bravery, Strength, Courage GREEN: Nature of joy, optimism BLACK: strength, oil

#### Ahmed Sulman

The United Arab Emirates (U.A.E) Flag Day is a national occasion where people of the UAE remember the efforts of the day is a day on which founders of their State, Sheikh celebrations mark the Zayed and Sheikh Rashid, and their brothers who sacrificed everything for the sake of their nation. It is a day when the occasion to reflect on the achievements of the era of the President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.[1]

The UAE flag represents meanings of justice, peace, tolerance, power and moderation, under which all Emiratis live a decent life and enjoy security and stability. This comes in continuation of the legacy of the late Sheikh Zaved bin Sultan Al Nahyan

Shahveer Shoaib 9BS1

UAE National Day is celebrated on 2 December each year in the United Arab Emirates. A national nationhood of a nation or state. It may be the date of independence, of becoming a republic, or a significant date for national spirit is renewed, and an a patron saint or a ruler (such as a birthday, accession, or removal). The national day is often a public holiday. The white flag is the universal sign of surrender, and green means safety while red invariably means danger.





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