

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #15  
2nd December, 2021



Message from the  
Principal/CEO  
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

**Healthy Lifestyle Policy**

At WSS, we promote a healthy lifestyle. While our children may love cake, sweets, fizzy drinks & chips, these are unhealthy 'hyper food' & should be avoided in school. We are not sharing food in school at the moment due to COVID, however, once we get back to normal, please **send only healthy snack treats to school**, such as fruit kebabs & fruit baskets if you want to send in Birthday treats etc. for the class. Thank you for helping us instill life-long healthy eating habits.

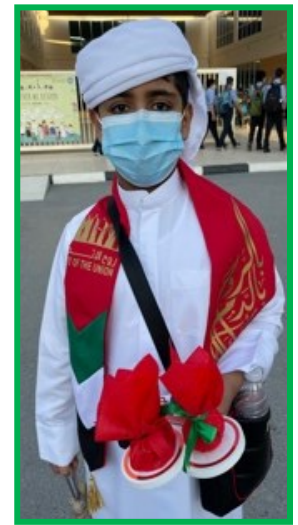
**Parent Satisfaction Survey**

Thank you to the 31.5% of parents who have already taken the time to share supportive & positive survey comments, as well as specific & useful points for development. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so. Thank you so much.

**Happy 50th UAE National Day!!**

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Wed. 24th Nov. to Thurs. 9th Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole school on T1 Exam Timings (7:45am-12:15pm). Exact exam arrangements have been informed by the Teacher.</li> </ul>
Wed. 1st & Thurs. 2nd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed for UAE's 50th National Day. Congratulations to UAE's rulers, people &amp; all residents. May prosperity, peace &amp; tolerance continue to thrive!</li> </ul>
Sun. 12th to Thurs. 30th Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed for Winter Break.</li> <li>Online fee payment for fees is recommended for safe, convenient fee payment.</li> <li>Sunday 2nd January is students first day back for Term 2. T2 fees are due, thank you.</li> <li>All students over age 12 must rejoin with a (72-hour validity) negative PCR Test Result</li> </ul>



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

# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم  
2 ديسمبر 2021



رسالة من  
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي  
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الشارقة الاعزاء،

## الأمن والسلامة

تشجع في WSS أسلوب حياة صحي في حين أن أطفالنا قد يحبون الكعك والطويات والمشروبات الغازية ورقائق البطاطس ، إلا أن هذه "أطعمة مفرطة" غير صحية ويجب تجنبها في المدرسة نحن لا نشارك الطعام في المدرسة في الوقت الحالي بسبب COVID. ومع ذلك ، بمجرد أن نعود إلى الوضع الطبيعي ، يرجى إرسال وجبات خفيفة صحية فقط إلى المدرسة ، مثل كعاب الفاكهة وسلال الفاكهة إذا كنت ترغب في إرسال هدايا عيد الميالك وما إلى ذلك الفصل تشرك على مساعدتنا في غرس عادات الأكل الصحية مدى الحياة.

## استثيان رضا أولياء الأمور

شكراً لـ 31.5% من أولياء الأمور الذين أمضوا الوقت بالفعل في مشاركة تعليقات استطلاع الرأي الداعمة والإيجابية ، بالإضافة إلى نقاط محددة ومفيدة للتطوير إذا لم تكن قد أكلت الاستبيان به ، فيرجى القيام بذلك. شكرا جزيلاً

## 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 كوفيد-19 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 الثاني من يناير هو أول يوم يعود للطلاب للفصل الدراسي الثاني رسوم T2 مستحقة ، شكراً لكم	

Happy 50th UAE National Day!!



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

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; Commemoration Day, 30/11/21

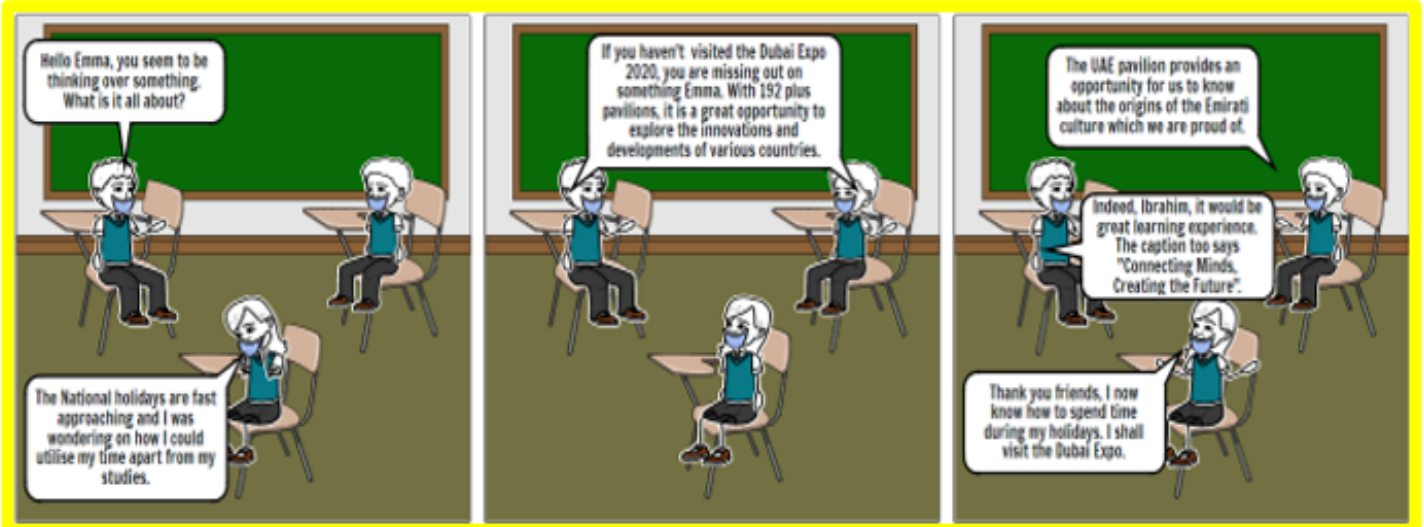
WSS staff observe a 1-minute silence then the UAE flag-raising at 11:30am in honour of Commemoration Day on 30/11/21

Find our updated Parent Handbook through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.

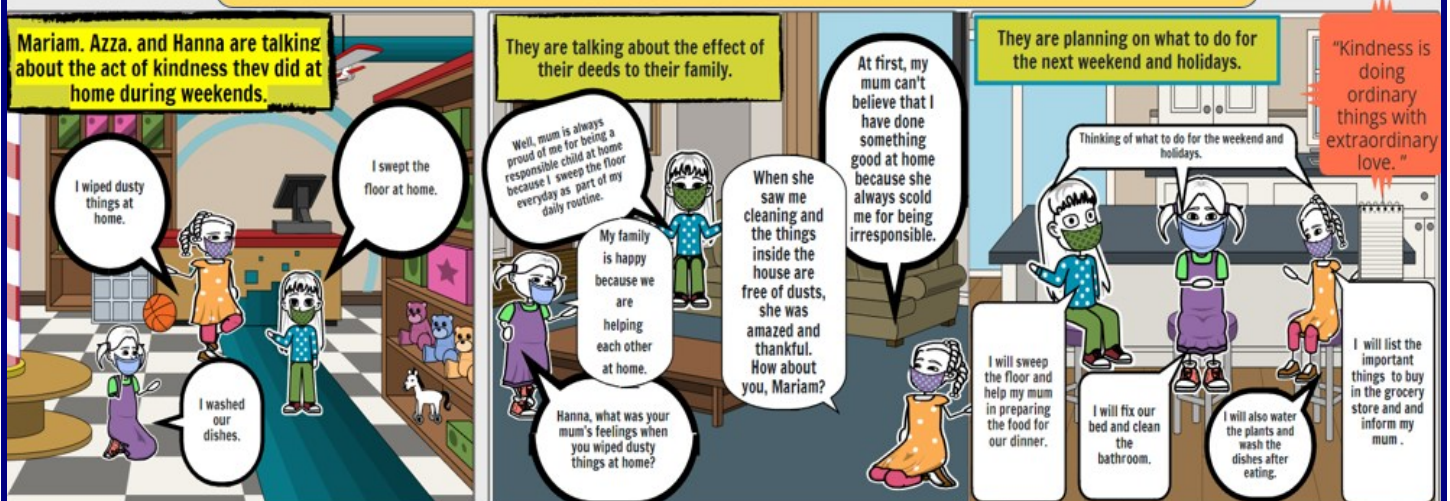


# Whole School News

## EXPLORE THE EXPO 2020



## Acts of Kindness and Helpfulness



# Whole School News; SCOPE—Student Voices for Change!

**Category: Delegation SCOPE**

**Event Type: Live Event**

**Description:** Research on the countries allotted and use it to solve real-world climate change and world crisis problems. Think, collaborate, argue, question and present solutions to impress every eye watching

**Participants (Seniors):** **Fathima Aathika-Y9GD**  
**Mashal Afzal-Y9GD**  
**Jannathul Mohammed -Y9GH**



As a part of the School 'Conference of Parties, EXPO' WSS students participated in SCOPE, a forum for students' voices and actions against climate change, conducted by GEMS Legacy School. The team of WSS students participated in SCOPE 2021 in various events & different categories.

**Category: Design the Line**

**Event Type: Sustainable fashion in an age of Technology**

**Participants (Juniors):** **ZAINAB FAISAL MUHAMMAD FAISAL-Y9GS1**

**Participants (Seniors):** **EVA MARIA TONY – Y11GS**  
**KIRTIKA SINGH-Y10GH**

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We are waiting for the winners list to come, however, we can say how proud we are of our students' confidence & engagement!

Special thanks to Ms. Laneetha, Ms. Saritha and Ms. Indira for their tremendous contribution and support.

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**Sc-25-contingent code**

**SCOPE 2021 DESIGN THE LINE- GROUP 1**

**Theme: Sustainable Fashion in an Age of Technology**

Done by:  
ZainabFaisal  
Year: 9GS1

**Scope Project -2021** **Contingent Code SC -25**

**Group 2-**  
**Theme: Sustainable Indian Wedding Designs**

**OUR DESIGNERS!**

Kirtika Singh  
Y10GH

*I'm Kirtika Singh. I always loved to dress as a youngster which made my interest in fashion designing grow throughout the years. This was a great opportunity to put my art and fashion designing sense to test.*

Eva Tony  
Y11GF

*Hello, My name is Eva Tony. My interest in fashion has always been there since I was a child, and this was a great way to embrace and enjoy it. Making Indian wedding clothes out of repurposed, reused, and recycled materials was a challenge for me, producing two outfits alongside my friend was a difficult task but we enjoyed every bit of it*

**Materials used.**

- Rice sack for the body and some decorations.
- Newspaper for the bottom.
- Some ribbons, straws & paper flowers.

**Pitching**

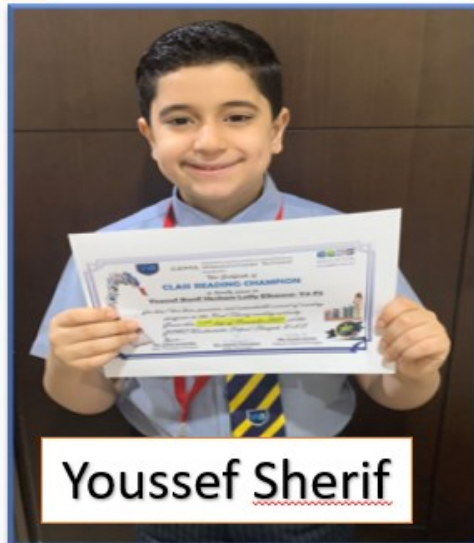
**Resources used :**

- ◆ Repurposed sofa cover
- ◆ reused plastic bags ( from supermarkets)
- ◆ recycled jute
- ◆ bottle caps
- ◆ reused black plastic bags (from storage)
- ◆ marker pens
- ◆ Repurposed curtain net

**Ideating**

# WSS Superstar Character Champions!

## Champions of Y4F3



## Class Reading Champion- Youssef Sameh Elsayed Elshahat Ismail Zagahry (Y4 S1)



# WSS Superstar Character & Reading Champions!

Certificate of Appreciation-Actively Participated in the World Science Day Activities  
Talyah Mohamed Abdellatif & Liam Ross Tian (Y4 S1)



**Aima Imran**  
Y5 S1



**Nathan Andrew**  
Y5 S2



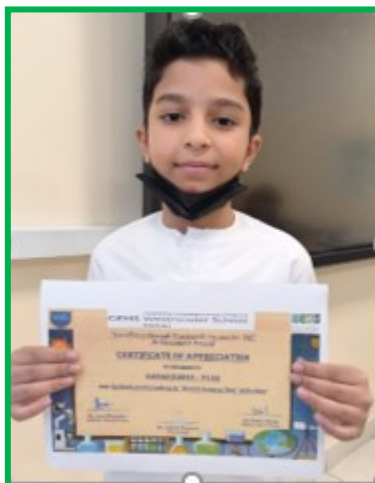
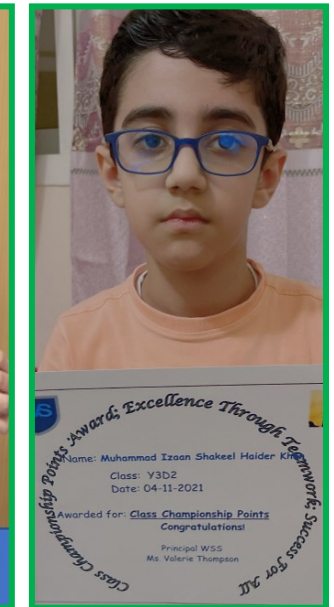
**Joudi Ahmed**  
Y5 S2



**Sama Husham**  
Y5 S2



**Khalid Mohammad**  
Y5 S2



Y5D2 Hanan Numan –Certificate for participating in science day activities. Y5D2 Emaan Afroze Vice principal's special certificate and for participating in science day activities. Well done Emaan and Hanan.

# WSS Recycling & Environmental Superstar Champions!





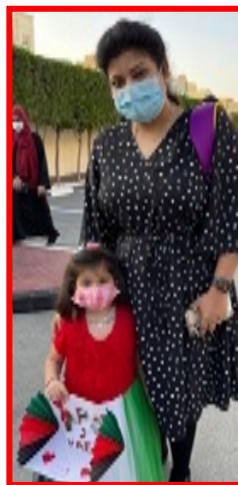
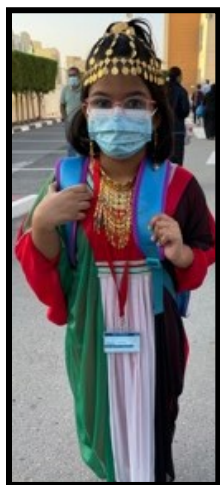
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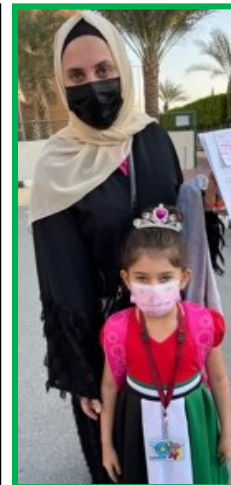
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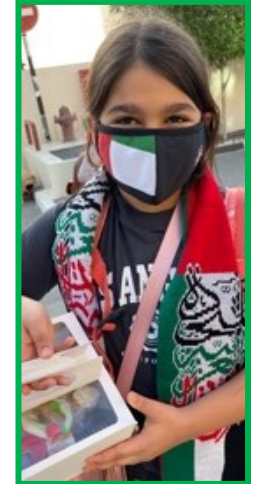
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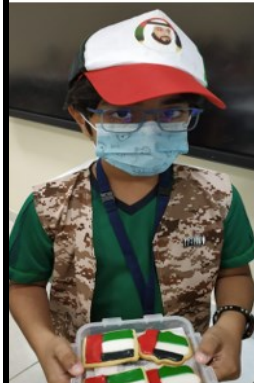
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## HOME MADE COOKIES COMPETITION



Christopher



Mohamed Mutasim



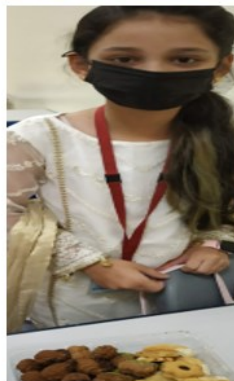
Sarah



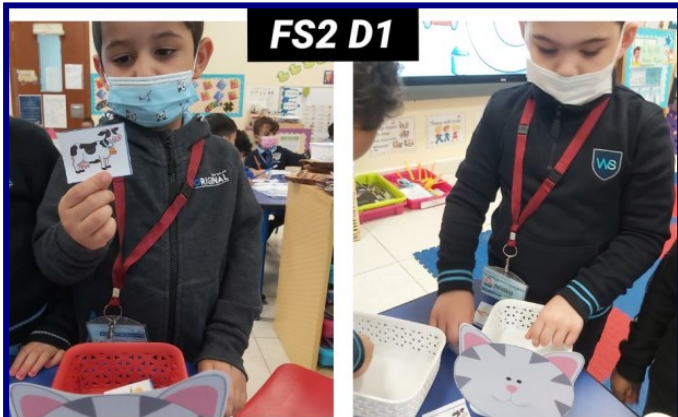
Rumeha



Act of  
RESPECT &  
KINDNESS  
Hana  
Ahmed -  
Y5H2



# Junior Section News



**FS2 D1**

**FS2 D1 feeding the cat with "c" sound pictures**



**FS2 D1**



**Learning "c" sound**



**With Ms. Nikhat**



**FS2 D1**



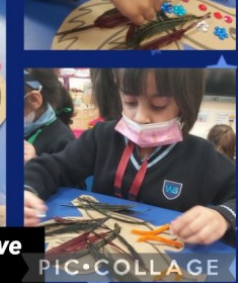
**Learning in OLA**



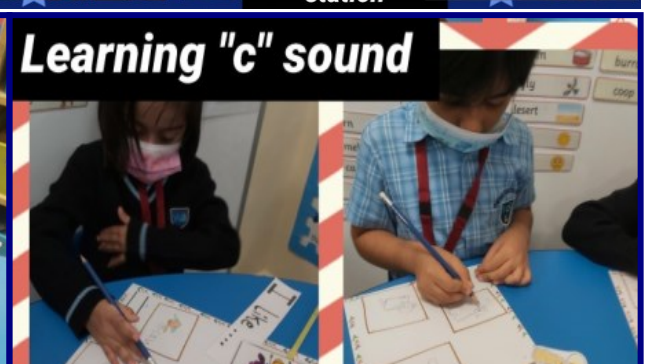
**FS2 D1**



**At the creative station**



**FS2 D1**



**Learning "c" sound**



# Junior Section News



With Ms. Sonia M.



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



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



With Ms. Himaya



With Ms. Raquel

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



Y2H2 with Ms. Aqueen

**Speak up session – Students talk about 50<sup>th</sup> UAE National Day**



Y2H1 with Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima

## Junior & Primary Section News!



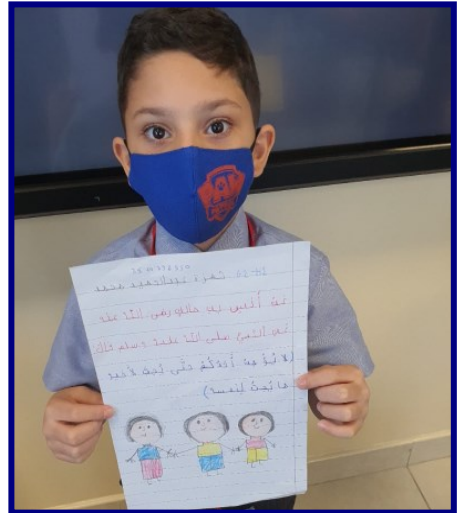
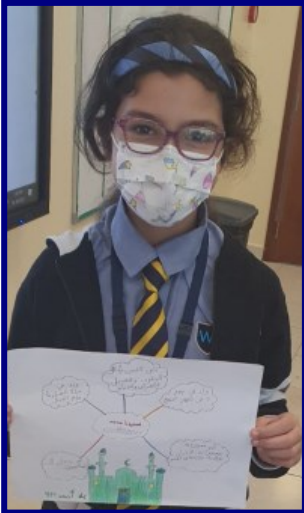
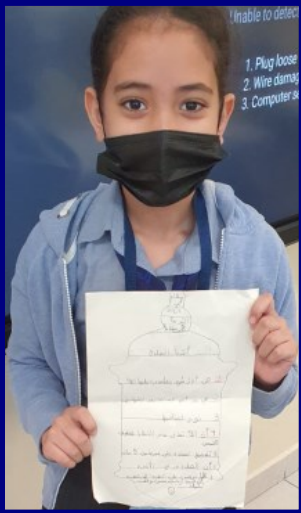
**We have done lots of Activities.**



## UAE National Day Celebration – Y5 H1



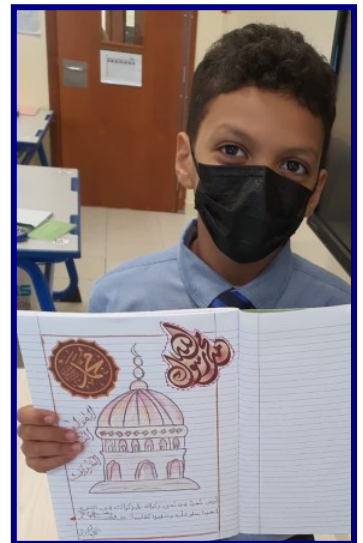
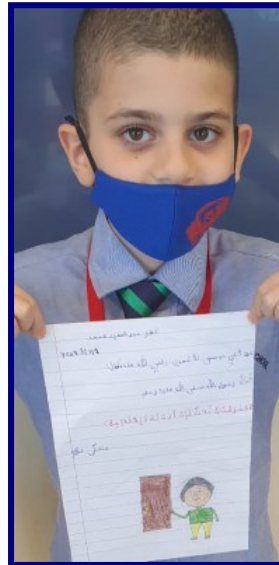
# Primary Section News



With Mr. Abdalla Elenani



With Ms. Loannie



# Primary Section News: Celebrating UAE's 50th National Day!

## Year 3 F1 UAE National Day Celebration

With Ms. Anshy



## National Day Celebration

With Ms. Anju



## Y3H2

With Ms. Lissy



## Y3D2 ND CELEBRATION



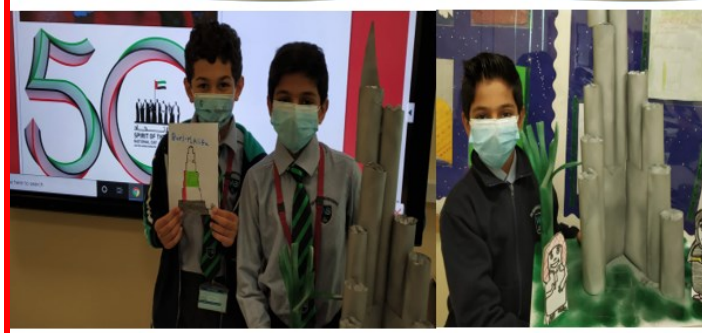
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With Ms. Lincy



Y5H2 ROLE PLAY AS A TOURIST GUIDE



Malik & Muhammad Mustafa



Aasiya & Kamar



Minahil

Sandeep



Ali & Shaan

With Ms. Lakshmi



Y4F1 with Ms. Deepthi V.



## Secondary Section News; Passport to Success Programme!



# WSS PASSPORT TO SUCCESS

Sixth Form IGCSE Progress Mentor student activity led by Ms. Reema as part of WSS Passport to Success community service & leadership training programme



*Gatika Suneel of Y12GF inspiring IGCSE students by sharing success story.*



STEAM CLUB PRESENTS

# TEACHERS WSS ESCAPE ROOM WINNERS



Miss Bennith



Miss Rahnas



Miss Sony



Miss Roshni



Miss Sreedevi



Miss Sherin



Miss Sunumol



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GEMS Westminster School

## ESCAPE ROOM WINNERS



### Top 3 Girls

1st : Maha Y8 GF1

2nd : Mariam Nael Y8 GF1

3rd : Muskaan Muhammad Y8 GF1

### Top 3 Boys



1st : Omar Mohammed Y8 BH2

2nd : Badr Abdelmoemen Y8 BH2

3rd : Hesham Fadi Y8 BH2

## GIRLS

Aena Asad Y8GF1

Muskaan sarfraz 7GF1

Habiba Tamer Y8GF1

Riija Iqbal Y8GF1

Insharah Wagas Y8GF1

Takomberwa Muwani Y6GF1

Manahil Rizvi Y8GH1

Dema Ahmed Y7GH1

Leemar Isam Y9GS1

Shahd Mutasem Odeh 7GH1

## BOYS

Abdelrahman Y8BH2

All Y8BF1

Rayyan Rehman Y8BH2

Ahmed Raza Y8BH2

Abdullah Abdulameer Y8BH2

Omar Ayman Y8BF1

Mohammed Souli YBF1

Kyle Andrew Y8BD

Mohammed Yousif Y8BD

Yazan Mohammed Y8BF1

BY DUAA KHAN AND AYESHA SHAHID (YR 12GF)