

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Happy New Year!!

SPEA Required 'COVID Contract'

We have been asked by SPEA to send home a 'COVID contract' for T2 for each of your children. The quick link has been emailed home to you & we ask that you **complete it urgently for each child at WSS**. It is just a simple agreement to follow all Authority COVID safety precautions & actions to keep your children safe. Thank you so much.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Sunday 3rd Jan 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T2 starts for students. KG timings will be 8am-11am (extended by 30 minutes) T2 fees due by latest Sunday 3rd January.
Sun 10th- Thurs. 21st Jan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T1 Report Cards in process. Will be released online shortly. Online TEAMS Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM) to discuss T1 Report Cards & general progress, achievement & 'Next Step' targets. Individual times will be sent by the Teacher shortly.
Tues. 16th to Sat. 20th Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Mid-Term 2 Break



Welcome back to WSS for Term 2! We are all happy to see the smiling faces, relaxed & rested students & smart uniform!

Thank you & well done to our many recycling champions for bringing their empty, clean water bottles to the recycling bins in school.



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

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



Do you need help with a new language?

Learning a new language is easy and fun with a free app **Duolingo**. It's a great tool for students and especially for those parents who want to support their children with Arabic, French or any new language.

App Review by WSS Parent

The app is available for **apple** as well as **android** devices. PC users can directly use the **duolingo** website and use it without installing it.

Just search for "duolingo" in your app store.



duolingo

When you first get started, and depending on the language, there may be a placement test if you already have some knowledge of the languages. By taking the placement test, you may be able to skip some of the more elementary lessons, like learning simple words and verb conjugations.

You always have the option to start from the beginning, of course. Additionally, you can study as many languages as you want at a time, and you can switch between courses at any time. And guess what? It's all free!- WSS Parent



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WSS Superstar Champions!



Budding WSS Young Innovator Albatool of 11GH

*Her idea that was shortlisted at
the 6th International forum on
Innovation and
entrepreneurship is*

The thought came upon how the numerous amounts of parents running extended families can swiftly go bankrupt. This triggers an incapability to manage needs, mainly focusing on food.

In addition, making an initiative to assist the neighboring societies with packed meals and delivering them to campaigns and health organizations. Adapting this process will not only aid people in need, but it will also give the society alternative meal options in small charges. This will offer assistance to numerous people as human kindness is still manageable on a daily basis through various platforms.

FW: Congratulations!! Sharjah Chamber Award for Innovators, 6th International Forum on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Salwa Mohamad El-Nassar
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CONGRATULATIONS!!

With hundreds of ideas registered for the award this year, our panel of judges worked hard to choose the best among them. Here we are congratulating all the shortlisted teams from the UAE Universities and Schools and selected universities from the region.

A special congratulation goes to every one of you, we are glad to inform you that your ideas have been successfully selected to participate in the Sharjah Chamber Award for Innovators (The competition of the 6th International Forum on Innovation and Entrepreneurship), that is organized by the University of Sharjah in collaboration with Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

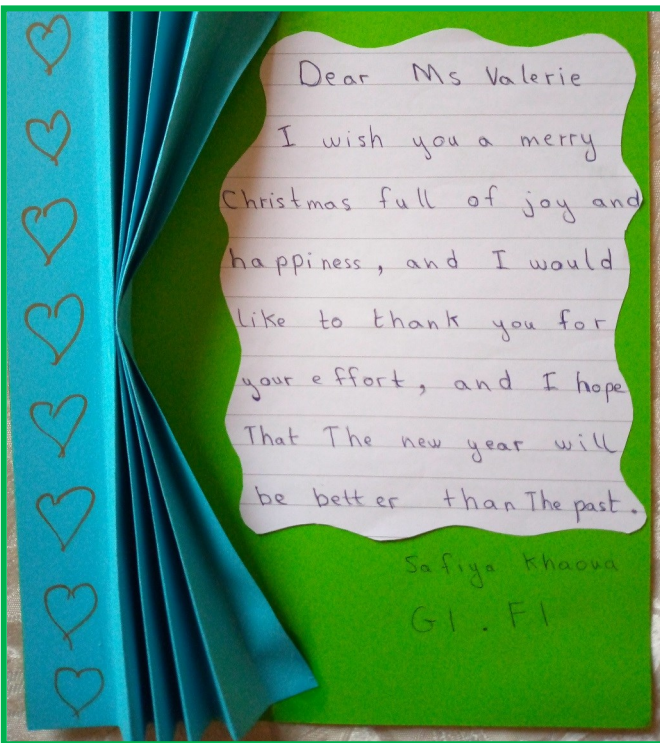
We wish all the shortlisted groups the very best of luck in winning and achieving their goals.

Congratulations to Albatool (G11GF) who has been shortlisted in the 6th International Forum on Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

WSS Superstar Champions!



Beautiful inside & out—Alyssa Manoj (G4-S2) had a haircut to donate her hair for cancer patients. What a kind, wonderful gesture!



Graduate student Shahriyar met the Principal & Secondary SLT during winter break to appreciate how the school had supported his personal development, before he flew out to USA on a 100% scholarship to the University of Michigan. We wish him, & all our Alumni, every continuing success.



Demā (G1F1) recycling her empty water bottles



WSS Superstar Champions!

Azfar Arshi sent praise to

Fadwa Eid



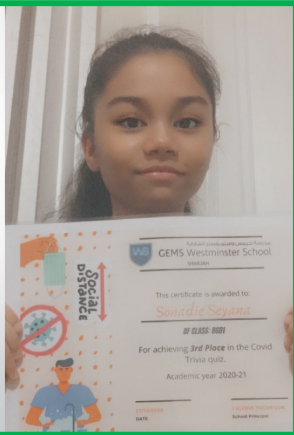
Thanks Teacher. You are an awesome teacher. We had a lot of fun drawing with you. It was a great time. Whatever you taught us, we will remember it our whole life. You are the best Teacher. We will Miss you.

Once again Thank You
By: Azfar Arshi
Bye Dear Teacher. Thank You!!!!

COVID TRIVIA 2 2ND PLACE
WINNER – ADAM MOHAMED
MAHER 6BH1

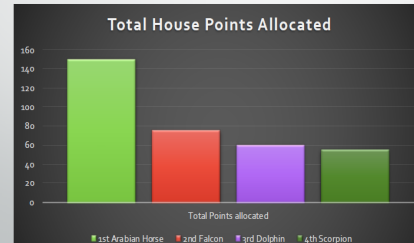


COVID TRIVIA 3RD PLACE
WINNER – SONADIE SEYANA
8GD1



TERM 1 INNOVATION HOUSE WINNERS

Rank	House	Total Points allocated
1st	Arabian Horse	150
2nd	Falcon	75
3rd	Dolphin	60
4th	Scorpion	55



STEAM Competition Winners,
with Ms. Manju Solvin.

STEAM

Category	Steam Winner's House - Boys	Steam Winner's House - Girls	Points Allocated
Science	Arabian Horse	Arabian Horse	15
Technology	Falcon	Arabian Horse	15
English	N/A	Dolphin	15
Arabic	N/A	Arabian Horse	15
Mathematics	N/A	Arabian Horse	15

WSS Superstar Champions!



COVID TRIVIA WINNER -
AHMED

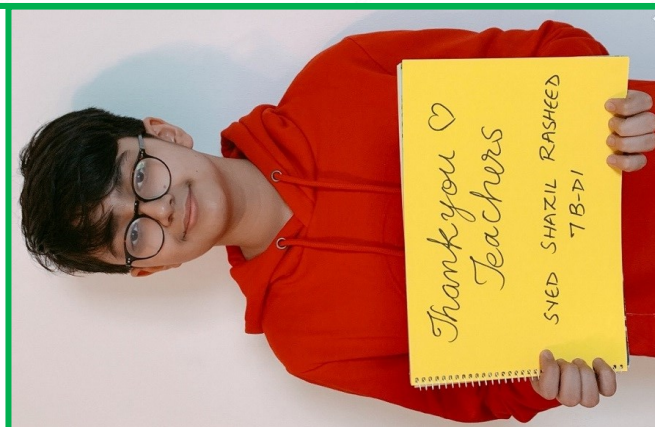


COVID TRIVIA 2 1ST PLACE
WINNER -SALMA AHMED
SAMIR 7GS1



WSS Staff Awards Meeting on 10/12/20

		Staff Awards; WSS Staff Stars of Term 1		Term 1: September-December 2020	
					
<p>Ms. Leena Sudeesan Teacher of the Term Secondary</p>	<p>Ms. Swarupa Kommareddi Teacher of the Term Secondary</p>	<p>Ms. Geraldine Marteja Teacher of the <u>Term</u> Junior</p>	<p>Ms. Anisa Jalal Assistant Teacher of the Term</p>		
					
<p>Mr. Ahmmed Mundoden Teacher of the Term Primary</p>	<p>Dr. Sidra Aijaz Admin. Staff Award of the Term</p>	<p>Dr. Ouafa Mand Admin. Staff Award of the Term</p>	<p>Mr. Gobi Govindasamy Support Staff of the Term</p>		



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

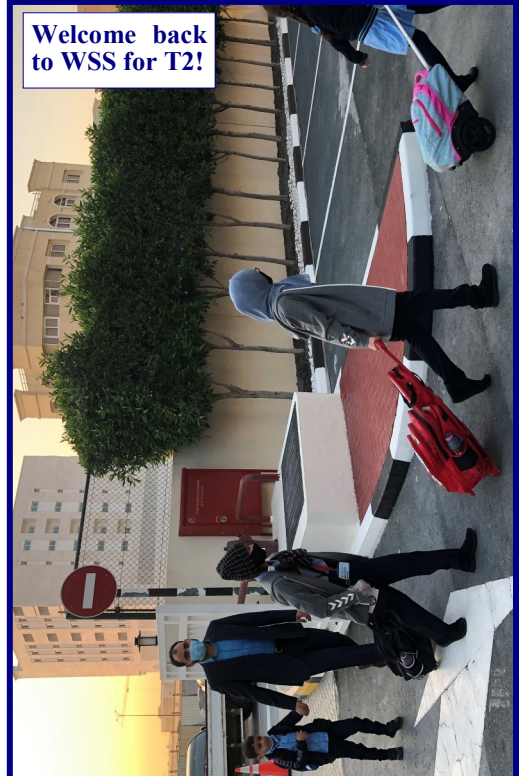
Message from Ms. Fadwa.

Below, a thank you video to all the parents from the Junior Section Arabic Team.

Thank you



Welcome back to WSS for T2!



WSS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Whole School News

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL - SHARJAH



THREADS RETAIL SHOP

Uniforms of GEMS Westminster School - Sharjah will be available at the following Threads Stores.
1. Burjuman Mall Threads Outlet
2. Ramez Mall Threads Outlet - Sharjah



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to stay safe.



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Welcome back to WSS for T2!



Junior Section News; Back to School for T2!



The Topic for T2 is 'Frozen' - very applicable for Winter!



Our Junior & Primary play spaces have been upgraded.



Junior Section News; Back to School for T2!



Junior Section News; Back to School for T2!

Fun Activity GR1 H2



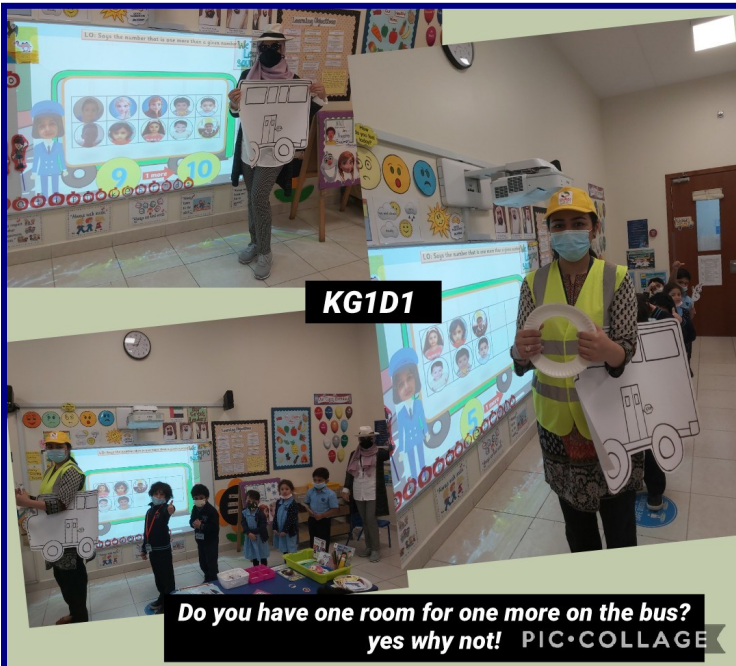
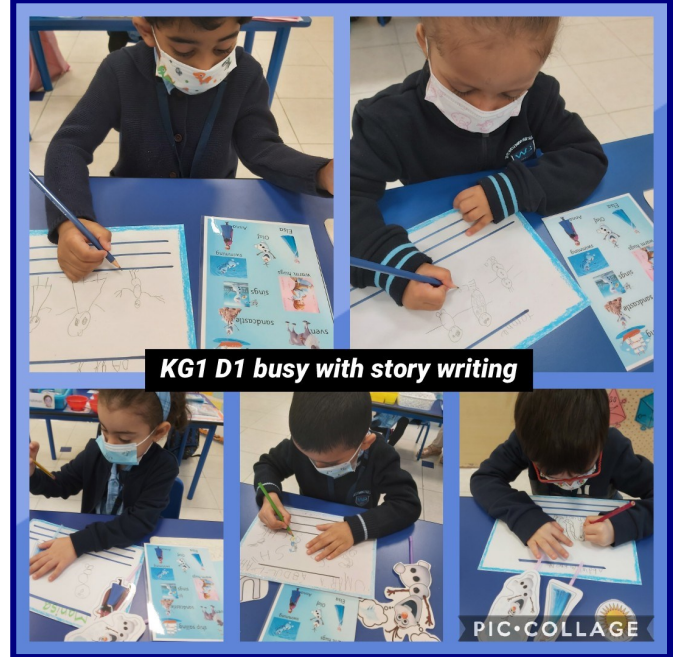
Multiplication GR1 H2

Learning activities with Ms. Sabiha

Junior Section News; Back to School for T2!



Learning activities with Ms. Nikhat



Primary Section News; Back to School for T2!



Ahmed Syed's (G2D1) beautiful painting which he did with his father.



Super cool recycling by Kassandra (G4S1) above & Left; Reese, who although on 100% RLP, still recycled all these bottles in the community recycling bin!



Menna – 4F2 ,doing the investigation on properties of different materials.



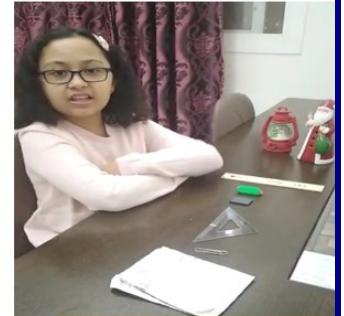
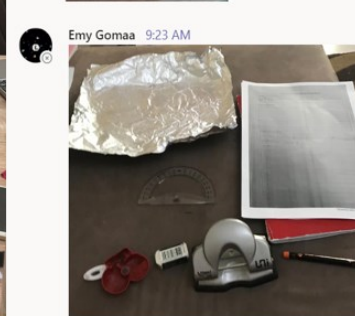
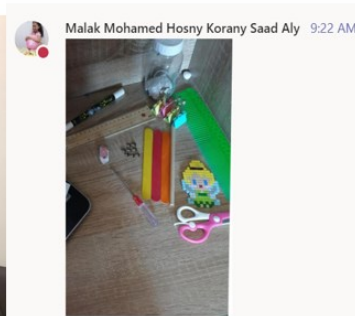
Primary Play spaces have been upgraded.



Primary Section News



INVESTIGATION ON PROPERTIES OF DIFFERENT MATERIALS – 4F2

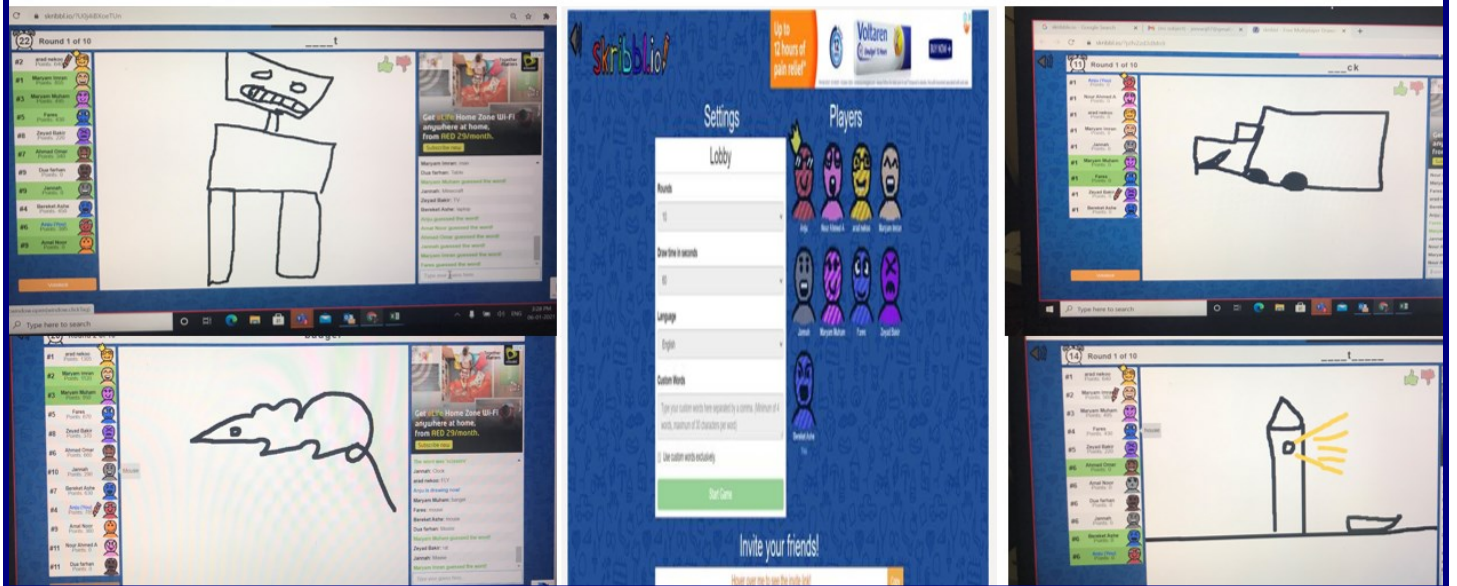


G4F2 investigated the properties of different materials in Science with Ms. Anju. Thank you to Serin (G4F2) who shared her interesting video on her experiments.

Primary Section News; Fun Time!

Greet & Chat Session – Draw and guess words with friends – 4H1

With Ms. Anju



Secondary Section News



Super Flag-pass video for UAE National Day by G10BF & Ms. Mural.

Six Years Later...

Hindsight is 20/20, so now, when I look back throughout my years at Gems Westminster School Sharjah, I can clearly see it for what it is: An ever-evolving institution striving for perfection, carrying out their passion for education with determination.

I vividly – and fondly – remember all of my experiences at WSS. Since the school was only recently established when I joined it, I was in a rare circumstance where not only did I grow up in the school, but I also had the pleasure of seeing the school grow up with me. Every year, every term, every day, the school had a certain air of advancement, development, improvement, and refinement. That distinctive atmosphere of unwavering ambition for excellence – which also was a constant source of motivation and inspiration for my peers and me – was, in fact, a direct reflection of the faculty.

WSS was for me, and will be for many future students, the central catalyst that will allow them to reach the peaks of their academic potentials, on top of cultivating their characters. An outstanding world-class education provided by passionate and competent educators accompanied with endless extracurricular opportunities would have been more than satisfactory to qualify for an exceptional experience, but as is often with WSS, good enough is simply not enough. WSS's leaders and educators went above and beyond to forge me into who I am today, and as a result of their commitment and diligence, I walked away from WSS with more than just my grades and extracurriculars. Beyond my academics; critical thinking, decision making, public speaking, leadership, aspiration, dedication, compassion, cooperation, empathy, humility, tolerance, initiative, discipline, conscientiousness, and open-mindedness are only a few examples of the qualities and skills that WSS nurtured within me, qualities that are not only a direct reflection to the core values of GEMS but also of the faculty at WSS.

I often forget that WSS is a relatively young institution, despite that thanks to the leadership of Principal Valerie Thompson and Vice-Principal Andrew Wilson, WSS became the foundation that allowed me to pursue my ambitions; thanks to the care, guidance and compassion of AP's Alfred F. Jeykumar and Sreeja Nair, WSS became the vessel for the cultivation of my character; and thanks to Mr Francis, Mrs Leena, Mrs Soumya, Mrs Gigi, Mrs Svaroupa, Mrs Ayesha, Mr Kesavan, and every other single exceptional teacher, educator, support staff, receptionist, nurse, coordinator, caretaker, bus driver, and janitor WSS became my second home.

Appreciation letter from successful, graduated student Shahriyar. We wish him & all our students every future success! Working hard to overcome the challenges that you are facing today will surely prepare you to successfully manage the hurdles that life will throw at you.

Secondary Section News

How Grade 12GF started...



SWEET Memories



How Term I Ended...

G12GF & G11GH

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Have a great winter break all of you guys Enjoy

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Secondary Section News

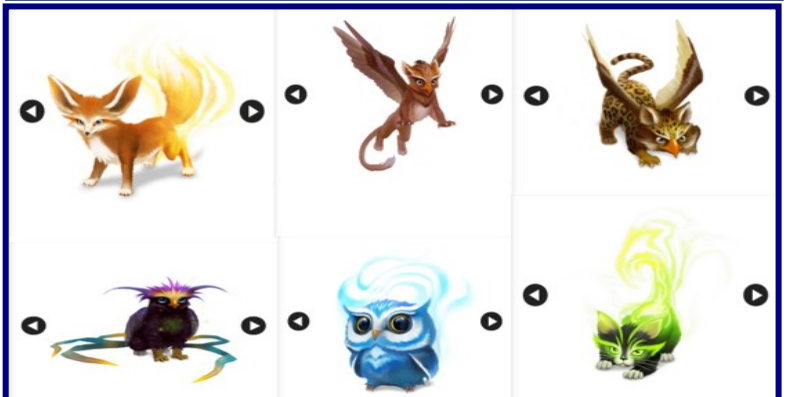
by the Artist of 7BF2, Shapovalov Danil



Ahmed Ali (G8BH) has been enjoying the gamification of ME lessons, leveling up his avatar character & collecting cool pets!



Ms. Susan & Ms. Chandani using the new MS TEAMS feature, Breakout Rooms, with their class. This feature is to enable student collaboration & group/pair work.



Thanks to all the team who were involved in organizing, running & attending our Mock examinations in school starting this week. Full COVID health & safety measures were in place for these critical exams to ensure that school will be able to provide valid Predicted Grades for examination application.



Secondary Section News; MS TEAMS Breakout Rooms!



Ms. Seenu with G6GS1 & Ms. Dincy with G5B using the new MS TEAMS feature, Breakout Rooms, with their class. This feature enables student collaboration & group/pair work.



IGCSE, A/S & 'A' Level Mocks

