

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #18
13th January, 2022



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

New School Timings (from 17/1/22)

Thank you to all parents who kindly took the time to complete the survey about their preferred new school timings, considering the loss of one day's learning due to the 3-day weekend. The majority of parents selected **7:30am-1:15/3:15pm**. While extending the day may not be ideal, we felt it the best option to maximise F2F teaching (the most effective & continuous learning happens in class). The new timings are a trial for T2 & we will review for T3.



New WSS Government Relations Executive (GRE)

We are happy to introduce our new GRE to you following Ms. Lama's leaving. We thank Ms. Lama for her sincere & dedicated service to WSS & the parent community,

and welcome Ms. Abir, who joins us with many years of Sharjah GRE experience. If you need to contact her, the email is: abir.g_wss@gemsedu.com

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Monday 3rd January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online fee payment for fees is recommended for safer, convenient fee payment. All students over age 12 must rejoin with a (96-hour validity) negative PCR Test Result to re-join school for their first day after the holiday
From Monday 17/1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New school timings for students; 7:30am-1:15/3:15pm Admin timings (Cashier, Registration Office, PRE, GRE etc) are 7am-4:30pm
Monday 17/1/22 to Thurs. 20/1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will be on full DL (except for Board Mock Exams)
Mon. 28th March to Sun. 10th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Spring Break All Leave dates are subject to SPEA change.

FS2 S2 Super Chefs making Mug Cake



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 18
13 يناير 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

**مواعيد المدرسة الجديدة (من)
17/1/22**

شكراً لجميع أولياء الأمور
الذين تفضلوا بتخصيص الوقت لإكمال الاستبيان
حول مواعيد المدرسة الجديدة المفضلة لديهم ، مع
الأخذ في الاعتبار فقدان التمتع ليوم واحد بسبب
عطلة نهاية الأسبوع لمدة 3 أيام. اختار غالبية
الآباء 7:30 صباحاً - 15:15/3:15 مساءً. في حين
أن تمديد اليوم قد لا يكون مثالياً ، فقد شعرنا أنه
الخيار الأفضل لتعظيم تعليم وجهها لوجه (يحدث
التمتع الأكثر فاعلية واستمرارية في الفصل).
التوقيعات الجديدة هي نسخة تجريبية للترم 2
وسنراجعها في الترم 3.

**مسؤول تنفيذي جديد للعلاقات الحكومية في WSS
(GRE)**



يسعدنا أن نقدم لك برنامج
GRE الجديد بعد مغادرة
السيدة لما. نشكر السيدة لما
على خدمتها المخلصة
والمثابرة إلى WSS ومجتمع
الآباء ، ونرحب بالسيدة عبير
، التي تنضم إلينا مع سنوات
عديدة من تجربة الشارقة
GRE. إذا كنت بحاجة إلى
الاتصال بها ، فإن البريد
الإلكتروني هو:

abir.g_wss@gemsedu.com

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
لدفع الرسوم بطريقة آمنة ومريحة. • يجب على جميع الطلاب الذين تزيد أعمارهم عن 12 عامًا للانضمام مرة أخرى إلى المدرسة بإحضار نتيجة PCR سلبية (صلاحية لمدة 96 ساعة) لإعادة الانضمام ليومهم الأول بعد الإجازة.	الاثنين 3 يناير 2022
مواعيد المدرسة الجديدة للطلاب : 7:30 صباحاً - 1:15/3:15 مساءً • أوقات الإدارة أمين الصندوق ، مكتب التسجيل ، PRE ، GRE ، إلخ هي من 7 صباحاً حتى 4:30 مساءً	من الاثنين 17/1/22
ستكون المدرسة في تعلم عن بعد كاملاً باستثناء (الامتحانات الوهمية)	الاثنين 17/1/22 إلى الخميس 20/1/22
المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الربيع • تخضع جميع تواريخ الإجازة لتغيير SPEA	الاثنين 28 مارس إلى الأحد 10 أبريل

FS2 S2 Super Chefs making Mug Cake





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





DON'T FEEL WELL? STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK


Tell your mom, dad, or caregiver before you come to school. Tell your teacher or an adult if you become sick at school



cough


Shortness of breath
or problem breathing


chills


sore throat


loss of taste
or smell




muscle pain

OTHER SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:




fever, runny nose, diarrhea, feeling nauseous
or vomiting, feeling tired, headache,
and poor appetite

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





IMPORTANT!



- If your child shows any symptoms please let them stay at home.
- If your child had a PCR test and awaiting results: Inform WSS Clinic; wss_medicalteam@gemsedu.com
- Please let your child quarantine for 10 days if they are close contacts and inform School Clinic; wss_medicalteam@gemsedu.com
- Kindly avoid large gatherings & parties to keep you and your family safe.



GEMS Westminster School

SHARJAH

Vision:

Digital Curiosity and Confidence; Success for All

Mission:



Teachers and students are curious, collaborative and innovative when approaching all types of Digital Technology.

E-maturity; Embracing change, we grow exponentially beyond expectations.

Adaptability is the key to success!

Making some progress every day, however big or small we continually evolve as Digital Citizens and Learners.

We are **reflective** life-long learners. We enjoy feedback and thinking about our next steps.

Open to trying new things even when we are not completely sure how to do it yet.

Resilience and Responsibility: we apply a Growth Mindset when things don't work first time and learn from our errors, using them as helpful signposts in our learning.

Knowing when to say 'I don't know **YET**', we embrace the opportunity to find out



The Fab. 5

Our 5 Rules for Success

1. We do our best
2. We respect each other
3. We listen to learn
4. We are safe and sensible
5. We work together



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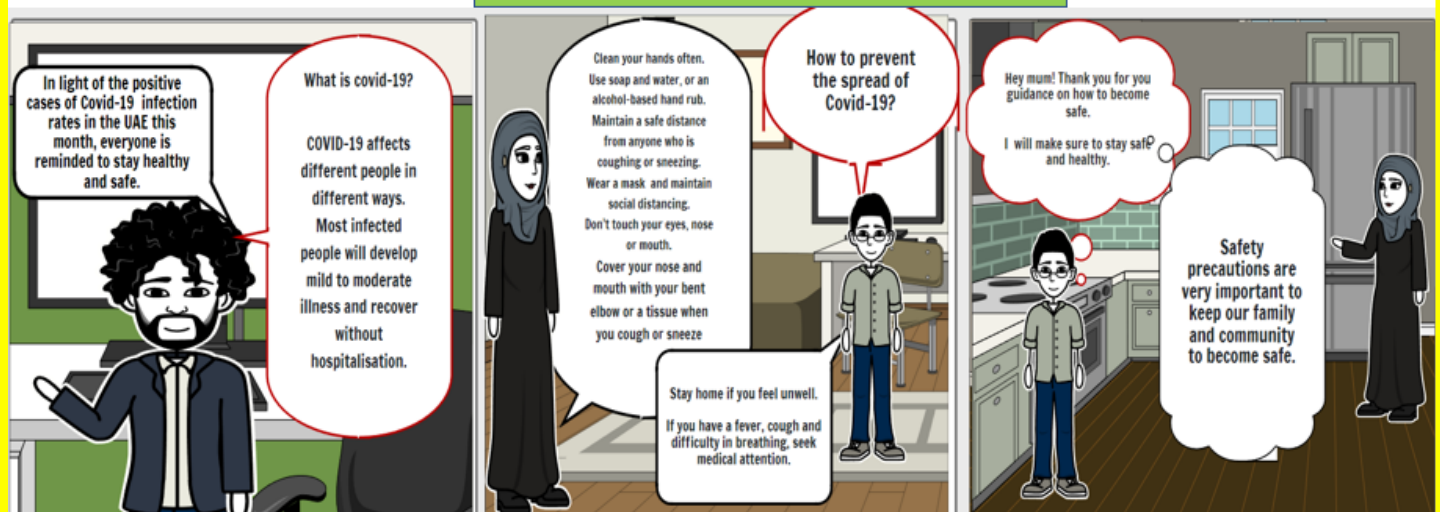


Whole School News

THE NEW WEEKEND



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR COVID-19



WSS Superstar DL Champions!

Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:52 AM

To: Anju Kumar <anju.k_wss@gemsedu.com>

Subject:

Dear Mrs Anju really I need thank you for your great efforts and your caring for all of the students and thank you for your interest and your concern that all the students understand the lessons. ❤️❤️❤️

Dear Mr. Waleed ,

I hope this mail finds you well.

Thanks a lot for your efforts in term 1 and supporting all the students who you teach including my son John Fady G9 BF1.

Thanks for making the online classes as face to face classes interesting beside useful to help the students remember all the elements of the lessons.

Thanks for your regular revisions in grammar and all Arabic language branches.
so all the students like Arabic and your lessons as they like you.

Wish you have a happy and safe new year

Best regards,

Nermin
The mother of John

Dear Miss.Raquel and Miss.Hajina,

I am writing to say a BIG THANK YOU for all your hard work and dedication is truly appreciated. Thank you for all your amazing feedback and being so supportive.

Since we were running out of time during the PTM I missed out on a few things.

Thank you for always pushing Viaan to go above and beyond in his academics to make him grow. Thank you for all the wonderful PPT's for all the subjects which are easily understood and engaging fun activities.

I really appreciate you taking your time in marking his works and I could also see each and every line marked and the mistakes were also spotted when his copy books were sent home. Could you please share a few tips on how I can support him with reading comprehension.

Please write to me at any point of time if you have any concerns.

Regards,
Amala

WSS Superstar Champions!

Congratulations to Ms. Israa, who continues her lifelong learning with this impressive qualification.



Mohamed Ahmed
Y5 S2



Junior Section News; FS2!

learning All About Number 6.



FS2 S2

With Ms. Maria

FS2/S2 busy in Fine Motor Skills Session.



Phonics Session Learning Sound "h"



Little Chefs making Yummy Mug Cakes FS2 S2.



Junior Section News; FS2



With Ms. Soni M.



Junior Section News; Year of the 50th!

Year 1 H2 - Celebrating the Year of 50th
Naming rulers and talking about the history of UAE

With Ms. Beena



Celebrating year of 50th 🇦🇪



Year 1 H2 - Celebrating the Year of 50th
Exhibiting the famous landmarks and describing them.



Celebrating year of 50th 🇦🇪

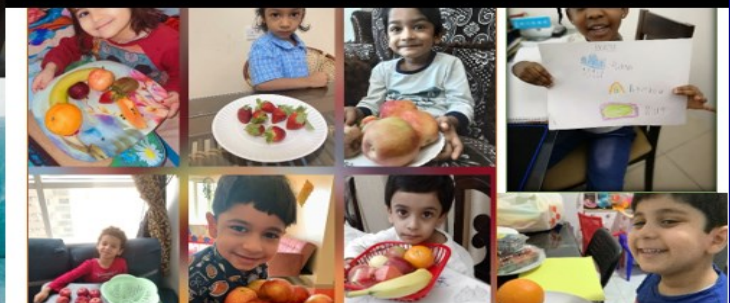
FS2 H1 muq cake making

With M



With Ms. Jobelle

FS2 H1 learning about letter sounds



FS2 H1 learning about letter numbers

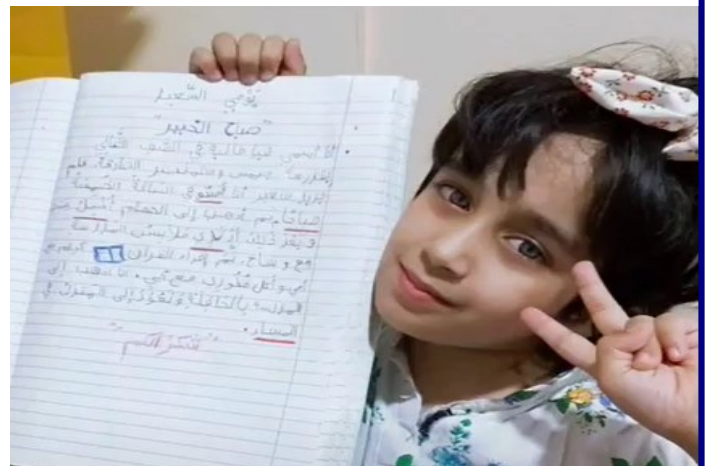
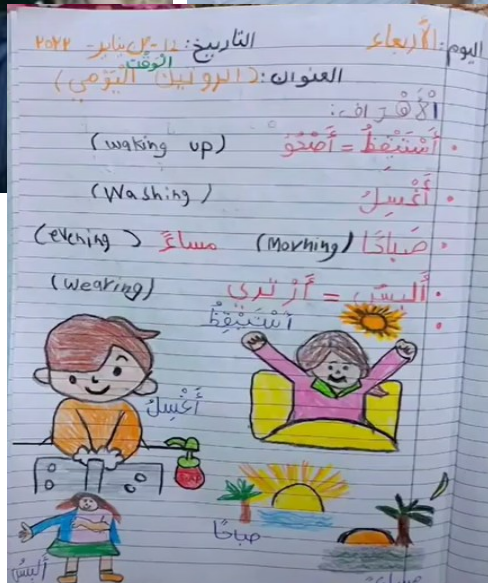
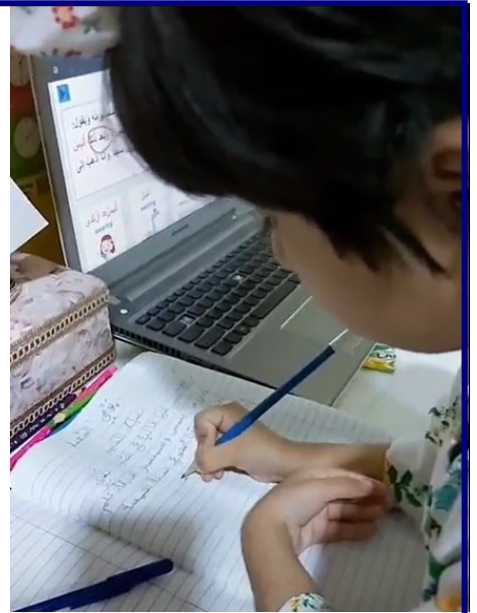
Junior Section News; Loving Arabic!



Nabia Asif Gr2 S2 Y3



Arabic (My favourite subject)
Busy as a bee



Can recognize and name 3D shapes
cube, cuboid



Good Job!
Holiday project



Good Job!
Holiday project



Well done!
Holiday project



Well done!
Holiday project



Well done!
Holiday project



Well done!
Holiday project



Well done!
Holiday project

Y1S1 with Ms. Sadiqa

Primary Section News

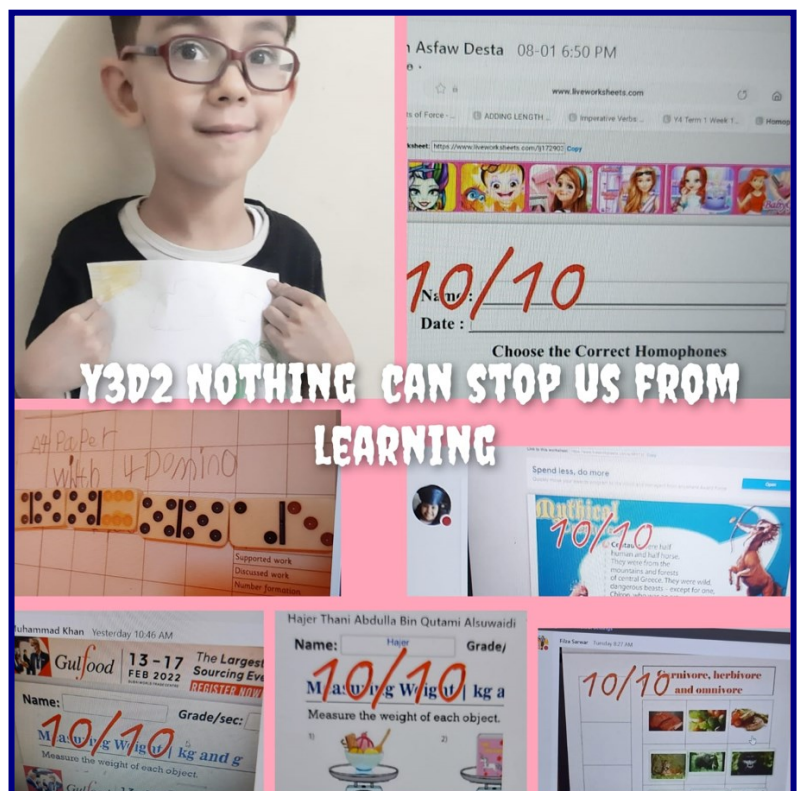
Y4 S2 having the online FREEZE FRAME activity



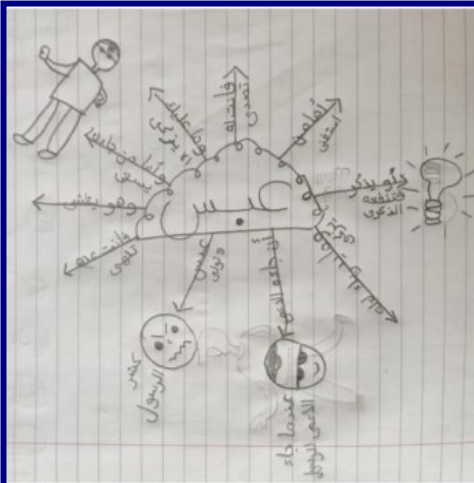
Y3D2 with Ms. Lissy



With Ms. Anju



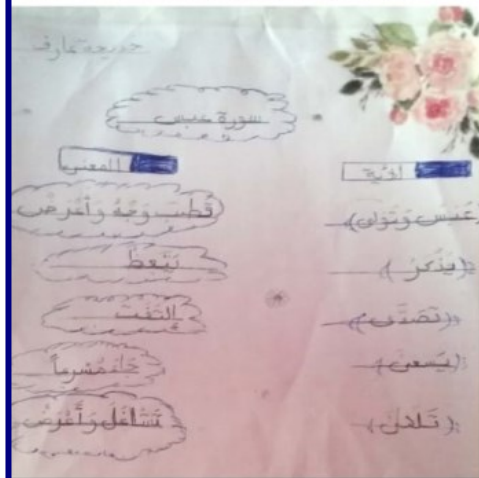
Primary Section News; Learning Arabic!



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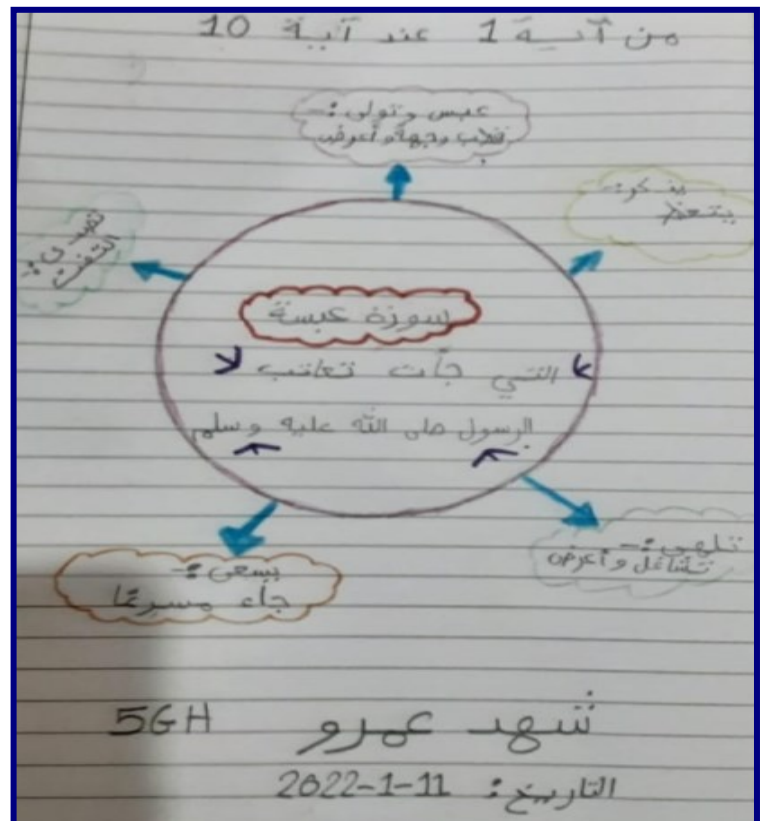
Y5 with Mr. Ahmed Abdellah



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4	10

الله أكبر



MEET YOUR GCSEPOD STUDENT AMBASSADORS

KS4: From Year10-11 students, the below names have been selected as Ambassadors to use the unlimited resources from GCSEPOD. They can have access to it from 16th January to 16th February. They have been selected because they have done the active learning in GCSEPOD during winter holidays. The students will receive a certificate and a guide about using the resources in their email which is registered with school.

AHMED YASSINE HADRY - Y11BH1

IBRAHIM JEHANZIEB MOHAHHAD - Y11BH1

OMAR AL DEEB - Y10BS1

BIANCA PAJOOYAN PRECILLA - Y10GD1

FATIMA ABDUL RAUF - Y10GH1

Dear KS4 students: You can be the next Ambassador, if you are actively using the GCSEPOD for learning and completing the tasks assigned by your subjects teachers. If you are doing it, you can nominate yourself by writing at: ayesha.a4_wss@gemsedu.com



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