

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

COVID Vaccination

We have been eagerly waiting for the COVID vaccination to be available so that life can go back to 'normal', & now, happily, it is here! We are grateful to live in a country where our health & safety is such a priority, & we are very proud to support the UAE government's Vaccination Drive; so far, about 80 WSS staff have been vaccinated, including the Principal, Vice Principal & most of SLT, with more to complete it shortly. Community vaccination is surely a significant factor in school reopening & life getting back on track. Have you done your vaccination?



COVID Health & Safety Rules (see also p2-5)

To protect our children's health & safety, & that of the whole WSS community, it is critical that parents:

- 1) Never send your child to school when having any one COVID symptom—keep sick children at home.
- 2) Never send your child to school if he/she is:
 - A confirmed COVID 19 case
 - A suspected COVID19 case
 - A Close Contact of a confirmed/Suspected case
- 3) Parents must report any immediate family confirmed case & the child's suspected status to the school.
- 4) If in doubt, contact the school Clinic before sending your child to school.

Failure to follow these COVID rules puts all our health into danger, so is a disciplinary issue & the child would be put onto 100% RLP. Together let's support community health!

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Headache
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conjunctivitis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore Throat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/>	New loss of taste and smell
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rash on skin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discoloration of fingers and toes

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thurs 21st Jan to Wed. 3rd Feb. inclusive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students on 100% online RLP for 2 weeks. • Cashier & Registration offices open as usual, 7:30am-3:30pm
From 18/1/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note that Term 2 MOE books are now available in the school bookstore, Sundays-Thursdays, 8:00am-3:00pm.
Wed. 3rd Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T2 fees were due on Sunday 3/1/21. If you have not yet cleared T2 fees, kindly do so urgently. Regretfully, we will have to start Fee Defaulter exclusions from Blended & RLP from 3/2/21. • To avoid disruption of learning, if you require a T2 Payment Plan, please clear January fees, then request the Cashier for a Payment Plan form at jelin.j_wss@gemsedu.com Thank you.
Tues. 16th to Sat. 20th Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closed for Mid-Term 2 Break
Fri. 26th March to Sat. 10th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T2 Spring Break (2 weeks)

For any **Phoenix classroom issue**, please email it to phoenixclassroom_wss@gemsedu.com with the following details:

- Student Name:
- Class:
- Student ID:
- Issue:

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





سياسة البقاء في المنزل في حال الشعور بالمرض

البقاء في المنزل في حال الشعور بالمرض هو أفضل ما يمكنكم فعله للحد من انتشار فيروس كوفيد - ١٩ ، ويجب أن تتبع المدرسة سياسة "البقاء في المنزل في حال الشعور بالمرض" سعياً للحفاظ على سلامة الجميع في المدرسة.

١ . متى يجب على الطالب البقاء في المنزل؟

من الضروري أن يبقى الطالب في المنزل إذا ظهرت عليه إحدى الأعراض التالية (على سبيل المثال لا الحصر):

- حتى (درجة حرارة أكبر من ٣٧,٥ درجة مئوية، ٩٩,٥ فهرنهايت درجة مئوية).
- سعال جاف.
- التعب أو آلام الجسم.
- التهاب الحلق.
- إمسهال أو قيء.
- التهاب الملتحمة / التهاب باطن الجفن في العين.
- صداع الرأس.
- فقدان حاسة التذوق أو الشم.
- طفح جلدي أو تغير لون أصابع اليدين أو القدمين.
- صعوبة التنفس أو ضيق التنفس.
- ألم أو ضغط في الصدر.
- فقدان الكلام أو الحركة.
- سيلان الأنف.
- إذا كانت نتيجة فحص الـ Covid-19 PCR إيجابية.
- مخالطة شخص أثبتت إصابته بفيروس Covid-19.

Whole School News; SPEA 'Stay at home if unwell' Policy

٢. ماذا تفعل إذا كان لدى الطالب أي من الأعراض المذكورة أعلاه؟

- إبقاء الطالب في المنزل.
- يجب على ولي الأمر التواصل مع المدرسة وإبلاغ المعلم / المساعدة الإدارية / ممرضة المدرسة.
- أو في حال كانت الأعراض مرتبطة بـ COVID-19، أو خضع الطالب لفحص COVID-19 أو كان على اتصال مباشر/مخالط بحالة إيجابية COVID-19، يجب على ولي الأمر إبقاء الطالب في المنزل وإرسال بريد إلكتروني على الفور إلى المدرسة.

٣. ماذا سيحدث إذا جاء طالب مريض إلى المدرسة؟

- لن يسمح للطالب الذي ظهرت عليه الأعراض بالصعود إلى الحافلة أو دخول المدرسة.
- إذا ظهرت الأعراض خلال ساعات الدوام المدرسي، فسيتم عزل الطالب وإرساله إلى العيادة أو غرفة العزل.
- يجب على أولياء الأمور استلام الطالب في غضون ٣٠ دقيقة (بأسرع وقت ممكن) من تلقي مكالمة الإخطار من الفريق الطبي إذا كان الطالب مستقرًا، وإذا كان غير مستقر طبيًا، فسيتم استدعاء سيارة إسعاف.
- إذا تم تحديد الطالب كحالة مشتبها بها لـ COVID-19 (بناءً على معايير وزارة الصحة ووقاية المجتمع)، فسيطلب منه إجراء فحص COVID-19 ولن يُسمح له بالتواجد في المدرسة حتى يقدم نتيجة سلبية.

٤. متى يمكن للطالب الالتحاق بالمدرسة في الحالات التالية؟

- بالنسبة للأمراض غير المرتبطة بكوفيد ١٩ أو نتيجة سلبية لفحص PCR: إذا كان الطالب خاليًا من الأعراض لمدة ٢٤ ساعة على الأقل قبل الانضمام إلى المدرسة دون استخدام أي دواء لتخفيف الحمى، فيمكنه الانضمام إلى المدرسة (مع تقديم نتيجة سلبية لفحص PCR)

- في حال الاختلاط بمرضى كوفيد ١٩: بعد إتمام ١٤ يومًا من الحجر الصحي وعدم ظهور أعراض يمكنه الانضمام إلى المدرسة.

- في حال كانت نتيجة كوفيد ١٩ إيجابية: فقط عند تقديم شهادة انتهاء فترة العزل تكون صادرة من منشأة معتمدة من وزارة الصحة ووقاية المجتمع.

ملاحظة هامة: تنطبق هذه السياسة على جميع الموظفين في المدرسة (معلمين/إداريين/ فنيين/ عمال النظافة/ سائقي الحافلات/ مشرفي الحافلات) وغيرهم من العاملين في المدرسة.

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“Stay home if un-well” Policy

Staying at home if you are sick is still the best thing you can do to stop any future spread of Covid-19. Schools must strictly follow the “Stay home if un-well” policy to ensure that everyone is safe at school.

1. When should the student stay at home?

The student must stay at home if he/she is showing any one of (but not limited to) the following symptoms:

- Fever (Temperature greater than 99.5°F, 37.5°C)
- Dry cough.
- Tiredness, body ache or pain.
- Sore throat.
- Diarrhoea or vomiting.
- Conjunctivitis.
- Headache.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Rash on skin or discolouration on fingers or toes.
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.
- Chest pain or pressure.
- Loss of speech or movement.
- Runny nose.
- Had a positive Covid-19 PCR test.
- A close contact of a person who tested positive for Covid-19.

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2. What to do if the student has one of the above symptoms/conditions?

- Keep the student at home.
- The parent must inform the class teacher/ the Admin Assistant/ the School Nurse.
- If the symptoms are related to Covid19, or if the student underwent a COVID-19 test, or is close contact to covid19 positive case, the parent must keep the child at home and immediately inform the school by email.

3. What will happen if a sick student comes to school?

- The student with symptoms will not be allowed to board the school bus or enter the school.
- If the symptoms appeared during the school hours, the student would be triaged and sent to the clinic or isolation room.
- The parents must collect the student within 30 minutes (as soon as possible) from receiving the notification call from the medical team of the school if the student is stable, if the student is medically unstable, an ambulance will be called.
- If the student was identified as a Covid-19 suspected case (based on MOHAP criteria), he/she will be required to have Covid-19 test and will not be allowed in school until providing a negative result.

4. When can the student join the school physically?

- For Non-COVID-19 Related illness or Covid-19 Negative PCR:

If the student is free of symptoms for at least 24 hours before joining the school without using any fever-reducing medication, he/she can re-join school (if PCR test done-submit PCR negative report)

- For Covid-19 Close contact:

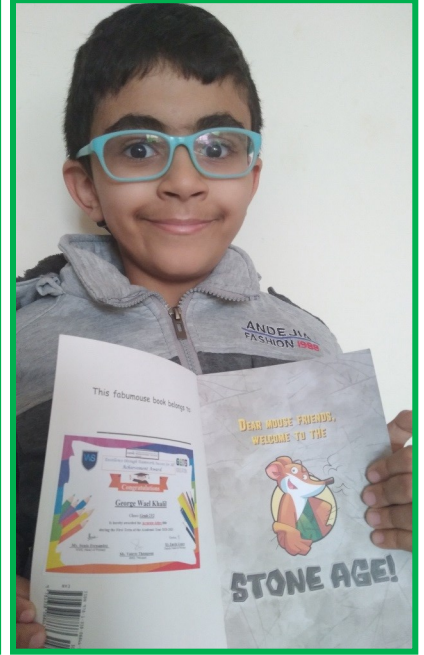
After completing 14 days quarantine and having no symptoms, he/she can join the school.

- For Covid-19 PCR positive:

Only upon submission of the de-isolation certificate from a Ministry of Health and Prevention approved health care facility.

Important notice: This policy applies to all school staff (Teachers/ Administration/ Technical/ Cleaners/ Bus Drivers/ Bus Supervisors) and all others working at school.

WSS Superstar Champions!

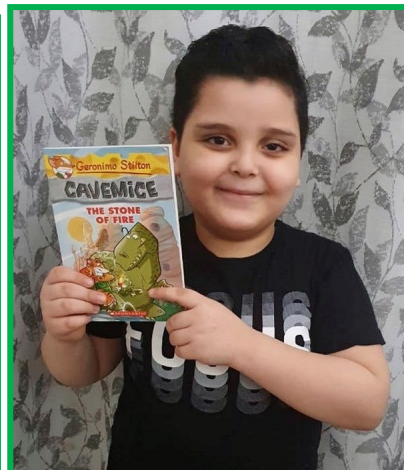


Recycling Champion Superstars Fatima (KG1S1) with her proud father, Maryma Imran (G4H1) & Muhammad Ahmad Imran (G1H1). Thank you for your commitment to our environment! Above right, George (G2F2) won a book prize for his super T1 uniform.



Congratulations to Gleeve Miranda (G4F2) who received an Achievement Certificate for Noteworthy Netiquette. Congratulations too, to Adham & Azizi (G3S1). Below is Moh'd Amr (G2F2), awarded for 'Eminent Explore of T1'.

Positive parent feedback on PTM, "Thank you very much, miss Nikhat for explaining to me the full picture of my daughter's academic and social level, and thank you for containing her and for any problem that happened ...During the meeting, PTM explained all the evaluation to me extensively and with utmost honesty and sincerity. I wish you success, just as you wish my daughter success and progress ...my feedback for this meeting is excellentI hope you best wishes."



Achievement Award



Name: Lili Ashebir Alemu

Grade : 4H1

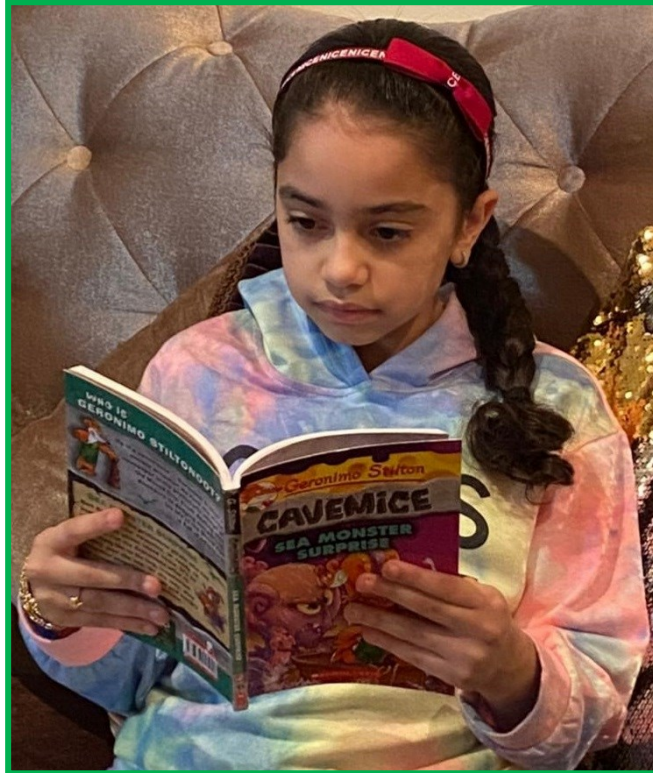
Award: Authentic Author

WSS Superstar Champions!



Yazeed Mohamed Mahareef of 2S2

Eminent Explorer



Mais Mahmoud Alateah of 2S2

Authentic Author



Congratulations to Retal (G2F2.) who was awarded a book for being 'Authentic Author' for Term 1.



Achievement Award



Name: Maryam Muhammad

Grade : 4H1

Award: Accurate Attire.



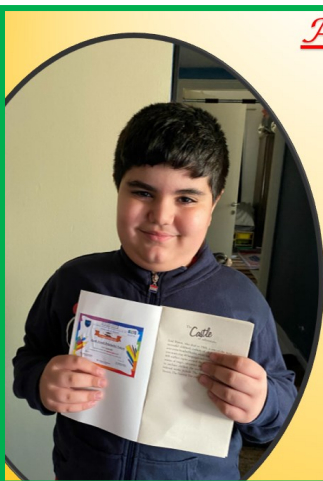
Achievement Award



Name: Hana Hany

Grade : 4H1

Award: Noteworthy Netiquettes



Achievement Award



Name: Arad Arash

Grade : 4H1

Award: Eminent Explorer



Achievement Award



Name: Amal Noor

Grade : 4H1

Award: Math Wizard

WSS Superstar Champions!

G3 F1 ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE AWARDEES

With Ms. Susweta



Achievement Term-1 Award G3 S2



Yasmina Mohamed Mostafa (G2D1)



Hammad is awarded the **Authentic Author** title



Mohab is awarded the **Accurate Attire** title



Dana



Ayat is awarded the **Tech Wiz** title

G3 S2

With Ms. Phyllis

WSS Superstar Champions; T1 Achievement Awards!



Syeda Ayesha



Hafsa Shaikh

G3F2 T1 Superstar Champions with Ms. Tincy



Mostafa Ahmed
G3 F2
Thanks



G4S2 Superstars with Ms. Vajayanthi.



WSS Superstar Champions; T1 Achievement Awards!



Mursaleen



Fahd



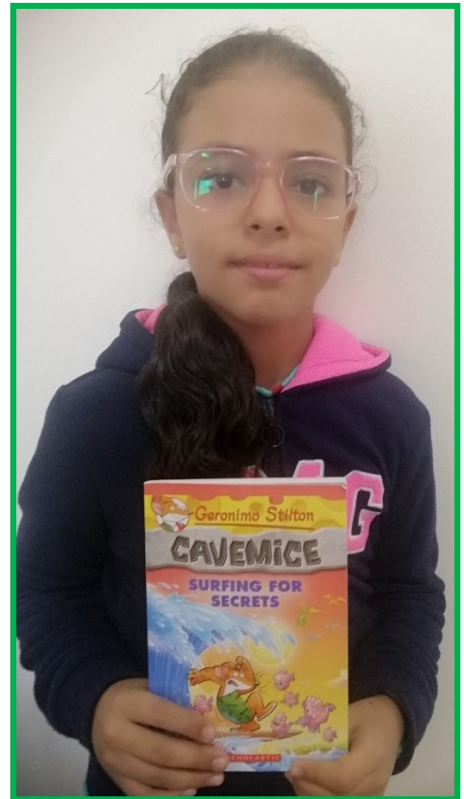
Tanush Menon Kesavan_4H2

With Ms. Deepthy R.



Mohaver Sami Mohamed Abdalla_4H2

G4D2 T1 Superstar Champions with Ms. Lincy. Above right, & below right Mariam Ahmed & Mariam Hamed (G2F2) with Ms. Radhika.



Junior Section News



COVID Health & Safety; students have their own table assigned, with individual resources to engage, challenge, reinforce & apply lesson concepts.

Junior Section News

Fun Activity – GR1 H2



Class Activities- GR1 H2



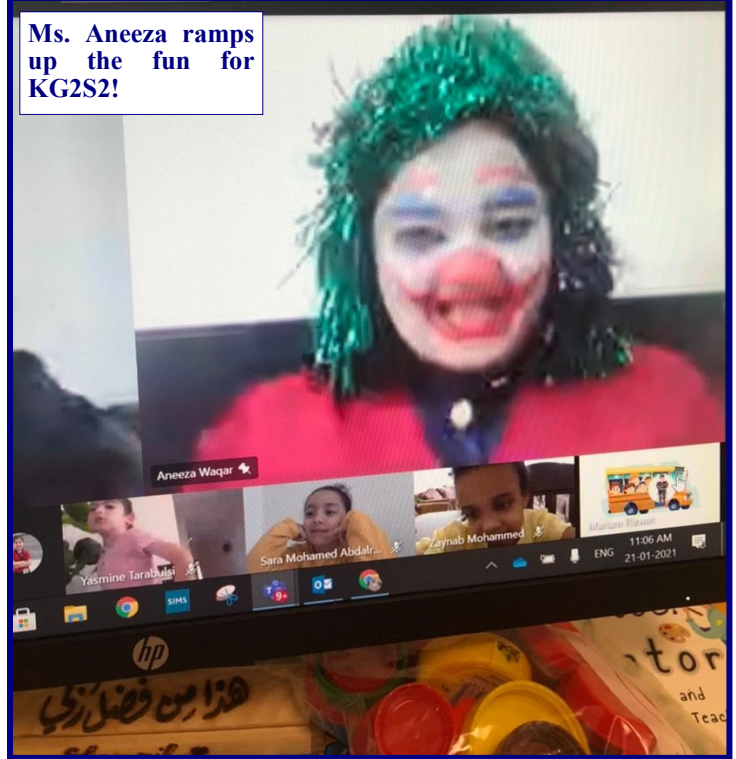
With Ms. Fathima

Junior Section News

Superheroes of GR1 H2 With Ms. Fathima



Ms. Aneeza ramps up the fun for KG2S2!



Fun time with Ms. Nikhat

KG1D1

**Pretend Play
Busy enacting**



KG1 D1

fun session



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Junior Section News



KG1D1



Learning sound "b"

PIC·COLLAG



KG1D1

KG1D1 learning sound "j"

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KG1D1

Linking 3D shapes with real life objects

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KG1 D1

KG1D1 busy learning with 3D shapes

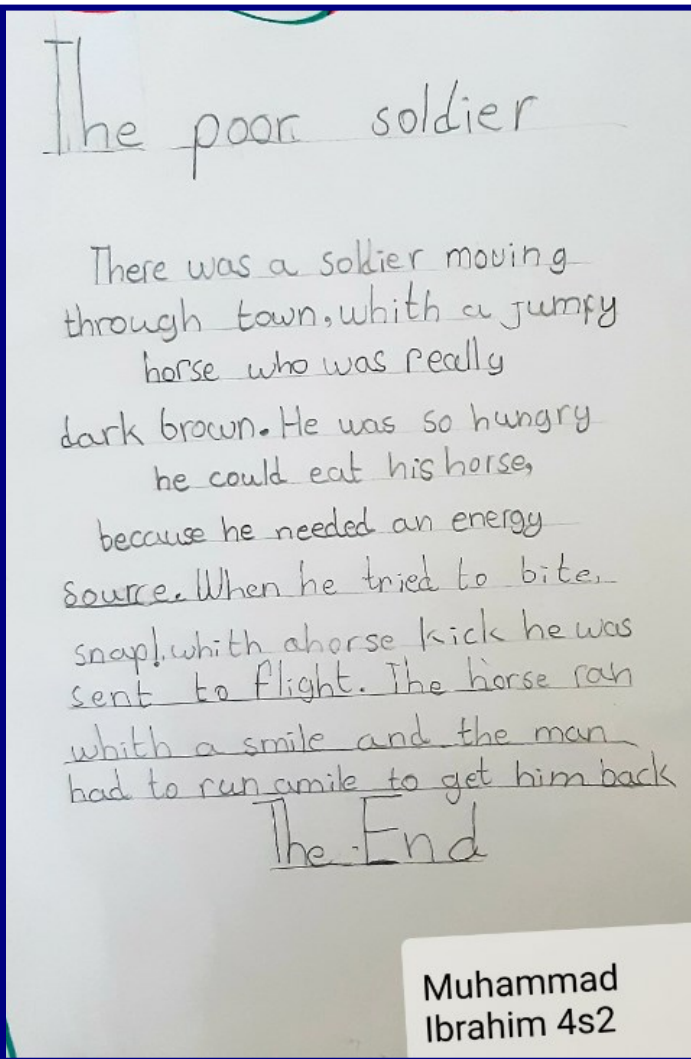
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KG1D1 busy learning with 3D shapes

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Primary Section News





A poem written by Muhammad Ibrahim Haq (G4S) with Ms. Vaijyanthi. Students are learning figurative language. Muh'd made an amazing attempt at using personification and hyperbole in his writing!! Right, Reading Day activities with G4D2 & Ms. Lincy.





Primary Section News

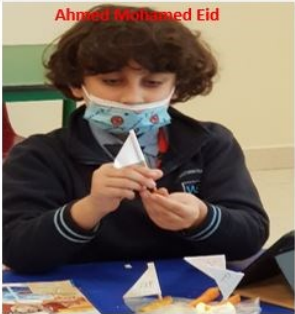
G2D1 Students did their science observation about different food groups


Nailah Balansay Khatheeb 10:50



Ariana Michael 10:43


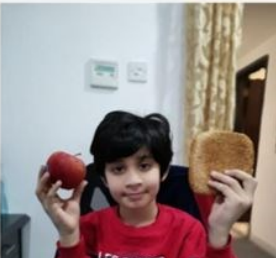
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Riva Khan 10:31



Ahmed Mohamed Eid


Shanzay Khokhar 10:43


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Umar Sajad Afzal 10:39



Tia Mohammad



Muhammad Irfan 10:52


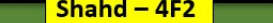
With Ms. Divya


Science Investigation


LFQ: How do I to find the best type of gloves which keep our hands warm on a cold day?

Amal – 4H1


Alyan – 4H1


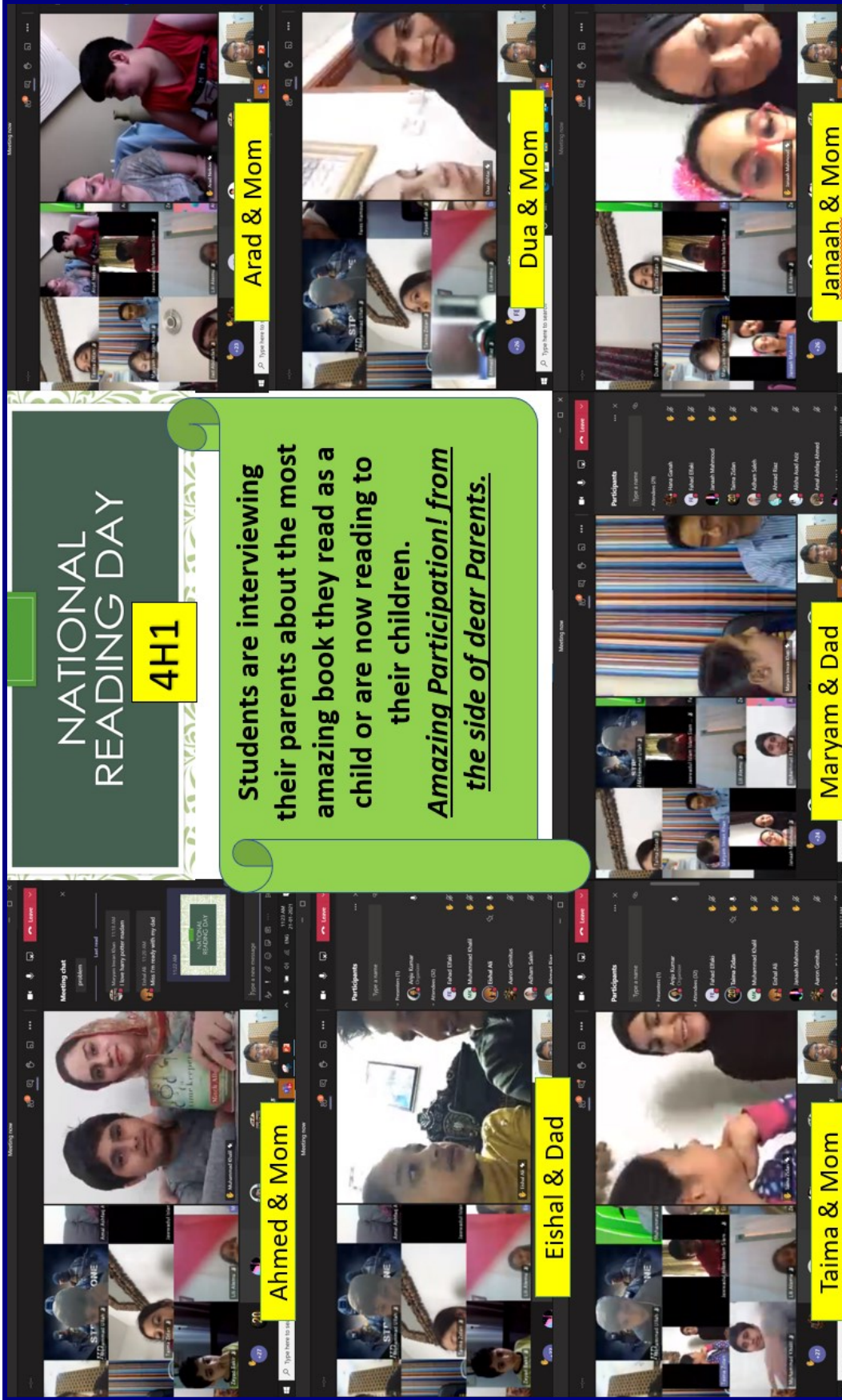
Shahd – 4F2


Adyan – 4H1


Khadija – 4H1


With Ms. Anju

Primary Section News; Reading Day with Parents!



With Ms. Anju

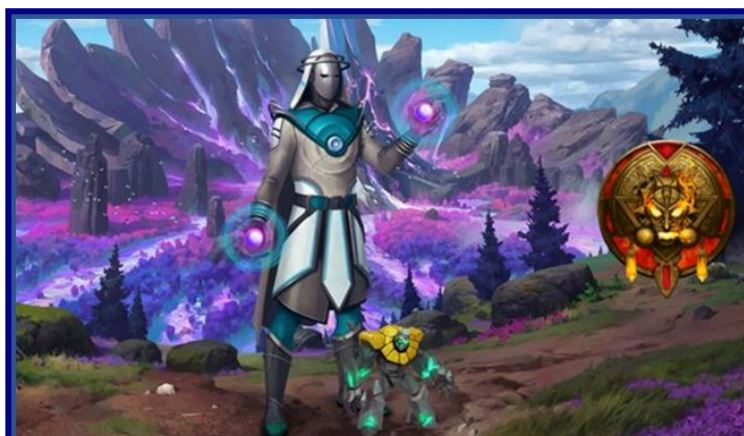
Secondary Section News; PTM!



PTM with parent of Syed Shazil of 7BD & Ms. Susan. Thank you to all parents who attended these important communication sessions to discuss students' progress, achievement & 'Next Steps'.



IGCSE, A/S & 'A' Level Mock exams continue. These will support Teachers to provide Predicted exam grades for University admission application.



Commando

OMAR AL
DEEBA
8BH
Level 6

XP - 10 110
AP - 27
GP - 2 608
HP - 30

This is my account on Classcraft, it's really fun. The characters & the pets are super cool. I love this game, and every week I just can't wait to level up and get new gear and pets, every day when I wake up I always use psionic aura on someone just so I can get 175 XP, this game is so fun and I recommend you to try and achieve the highest level in this game. Thank you, Ms. for Classcraft Moral Education.