

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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

Dear WSS Parents,

### Financial Responsibilities & Teacher Salaries

Many thanks to most of our parents who have now cleared T2 fees, or arranged a Payment Plan with the Principal. This helps us to meet our financial responsibilities, such as paying the Teachers' salaries & bills. If you have not yet cleared T2 fees, please note that the payment deadline was 3/1/22, so is now overdue. **The re-enrollment system will open shortly to hold your child's seat for September 2023, which requires clearing T2 fees in full (irrespective of Payment Plan), so kindly clear pending fees at the earliest so we can ensure the smooth operation of school. Thank you so much.**

### Term 2 MOE Books

Term 2 MOE Books are now available in the school book store. Please visit the school book store from Monday to Thursday 8:00am - 2:30 pm to collect books, or arrange for your child to collect.

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Monday 3/1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration is now open for September 2023 enrollment. Please register on our website if you wish to enroll a new child into WSS.</li> <li>If you have any queries, feel free to contact us for clarification.</li> </ul>
From Monday 17/1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New school timings for students; 7:30am-1:15/3:15pm</li> <li>Admin timings (Cashier, Registration Office, PRE, GRE etc) are 7am-4:30pm</li> </ul>
Thurs. 17th Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid-Term Break for students (Training Day for Teachers)</li> </ul>
Mon. 28th March to Sun. 10th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed for Spring Break</li> <li>All Leave dates are subject to SPEA change.</li> </ul>



### Successful Learning During DL

Students on DL are in their comfortable home environment. However, learning time always needs quiet and the right attitude. Learning is hard work & this time needs to be taken seriously. Please help your child to get the most from learning time by ensuring:

- Your child should be **smartly dressed for lessons** as they would be at school. This helps to set the right tone for learning (some students have been observed wearing PJs and sitting on their beds, which is inappropriate).
- Your child's **Profile picture should be formal & appropriate**, as joke pictures are distracting to others (we have seen some inappropriate images, which may be offensive to others).
- Your child needs a **quiet learning environment** to focus, study & engage in class activities. Avoid loud background music & TV programmes being on while your child is learning. Thank you.

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

# *Whole School News; Safe Return to School!*



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GEMS Westminister School  
SHARJAH

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## **Subject: Safe Return to School**

As we look forward to a return to F2F learning in school shortly, I want to thank you for your resilience and adaptability as we once again navigate the necessary changes to ensure our school community stays safe and learning never stops.

We want to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are taking every measure to ensure a safe return. All eligible teachers and support and admin staff have been vaccinated and will have submitted a negative PCR test before returning to school. Staff will continue to wear masks on school grounds and all our classrooms, offices and shared spaces including play areas and labs have been deep cleaned and sanitised.

Keeping our community safe requires all of us to play our part, so I request your support in ensuring that you and your children keep in mind a few important guidelines that have served us well throughout the pandemic and continue to be the best health and safety practice as we welcome students back on site.

- Everyone must continue to correctly wear face masks at school – this means covering both nose and mouth. Masks should only be removed while eating and drinking. Children under six are not required to wear a mask in the classroom.
- Social distancing is highly recommended wherever possible, maintaining a minimum distance of one metre.
- Practising good hand hygiene by regularly washing or sanitising hands.
- If your child feels unwell, please keep them at home and inform the school medical team for further support.
- To reduce the risk of exposure, meetings will be conducted via Teams wherever possible.
- If you are required to visit the school, you will need to show your vaccination certificate or Green Pass on the Al Hosn app. On the gate. If you are not vaccinated then you must provide a negative PCR test taken within 48 hours.
- It is strongly recommended that all eligible students receive booster vaccines as mandated by UAE health authorities. This will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 within schools and protect you and the wider school community from significant outbreaks.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school's safety.

Regards,

Ms. Valerie Thompson  
Principal/CEO

## WSS Superstar Champions!



Our Learning Coach Dr. Lisa has started awarding Star Pupil awards during her lesson observations. During the observation of Ms. Charmy's Business Studies session, Dr. Lisa awarded her superstar to Joel Paulose, for showing determination and engaging so well with his camera on. He showed great character by not giving up even when he found it challenging, showing grit and determination. Well done Joel!

Dear Teacher (Ms. Divya Rajesh),

It was indeed a pleasure meeting with you today and the kind of positive approach that seems to be absolutely blessed, I remain speechless with the unique part of your authenticity . If I am chanced to cast votings for best teacher of Gems Westminster -Sharjah,,, I can't tell you how prevelege I would stand to pronounce your calibre.

I have been watching you from year before and the best part was that you made learning absolute a fun loving with plenty of mindful teaching techniques like student to student interaction, group discussions, quiz and points scoring and much more., full of positive vibes. Your grace of teaching will never fade.,

You deserve one the best teacher appreciation from all your wards/parents..

Best wishes..

Nikita

At first I want to thank miss kishwar for her efforts towards my daughter Almas no words can express about the progress that my daughter achieved

You are so smart and kind and my daughter like you to much

Also want to thank miss Maria for her patient

It the first time to have child in kg

Thank you too much and I am waiting a lot of progress for my daughter 😊

Teacher Ahmed

Thank you very much for your interest& You are very honest

Don't care more about quantity than quality

You are a distinguished teacher who is keen on teaching students, you are patient and you are interested in continuous Activities.

A true testimony that you are the best example of the ideal teacher

Always keen to deliver your honorable educational message

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله أستاذ أحمد

شكرا جدا على اهتمامك

حضرتك أمين جدا

لا تهتم بالكم أكثر من الكيف

ولا يرضيك أن تخرج طالبة من حصتك ولم تفهم شيء ولا تهتم بتقسيمه المنهج وأنتك لا بد من الانتهاء منه ولكن الأهم عندك مصلحة البنات وأن

يستوعبوا كل النقاط المهمة مع التدريب المستمر شكرا على صبرك وطول البال جزاك الله خير الجزاء

شهادة حق أنك خير مثال للمعلم المثالي

ألف شكر أستاذ أحمد ربنا يوفقك

( خيركم من تعلم علما وعلمه)

وحضرتك ما بتقصر في توصيل علمك كاملا

# WSS Superstar Champions!

## Champions of Y5H2



**SHEREN FADI**

**Y5H2**



**ABDULRAHMAN SAIF SAEED**

**Y5H2**



With Ms. Lakshmi

**IQRA AZAM**

**Y5H2**

## Y3D2 - JESSICA PREJITH



## Y3D2 ABDUL RAHMAN ZUBAIR



With Ms. Lissy

## WSS Superstar Champions!



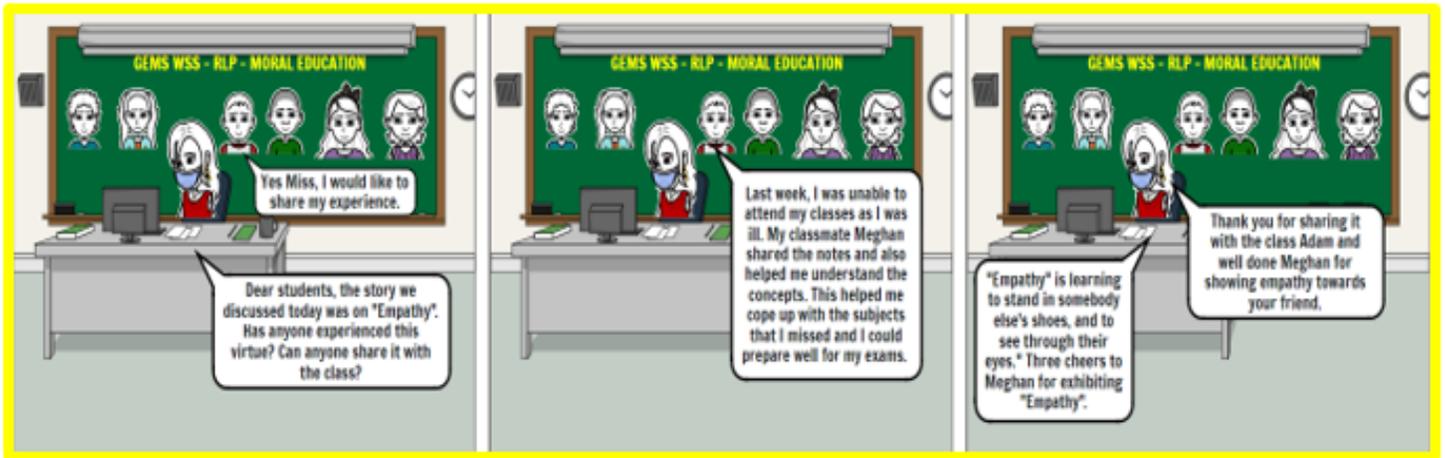
During a Lesson Observation, our Learning Coach Dr. Lisa was impressed with star student Maryam Gadelrab, who was engaged throughout the lesson & was willing to take the initiative and leadership to spotlight her work. When asked, she demonstrated to her peers and was receptive to feedback. She showed great passion and enthusiasm for her work. Well done to Maryam!



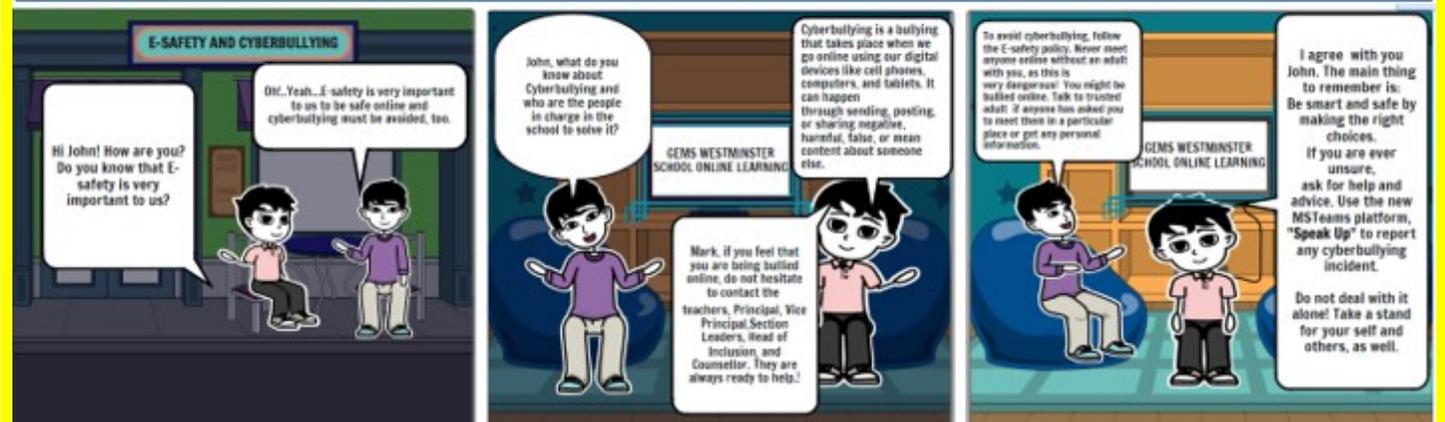
With Ms. Afra

# Whole School News; Reflections for the Week!

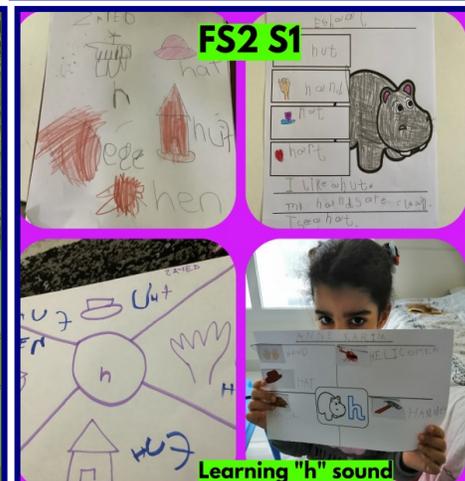
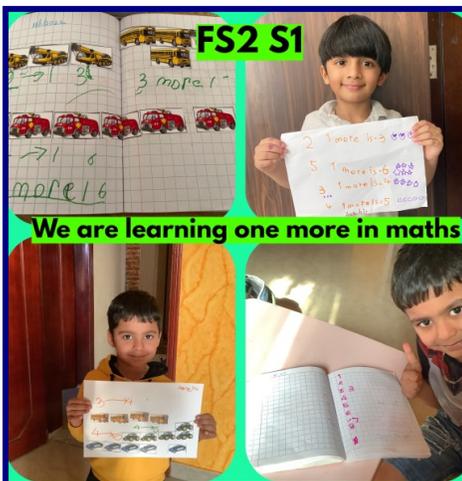
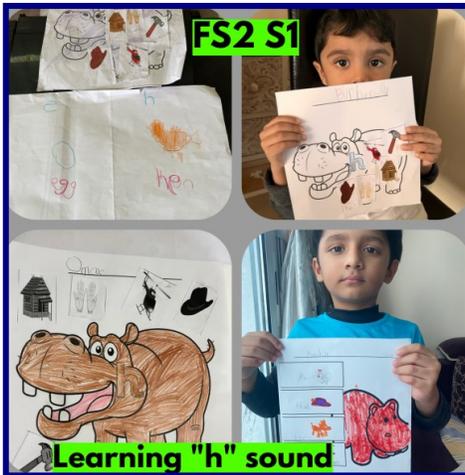
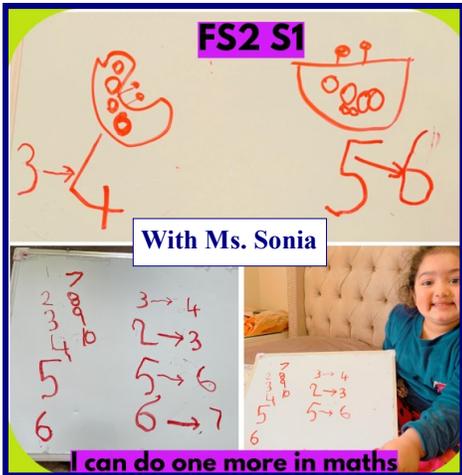
## EMPATHY - A QUALITY OF CHARACTER



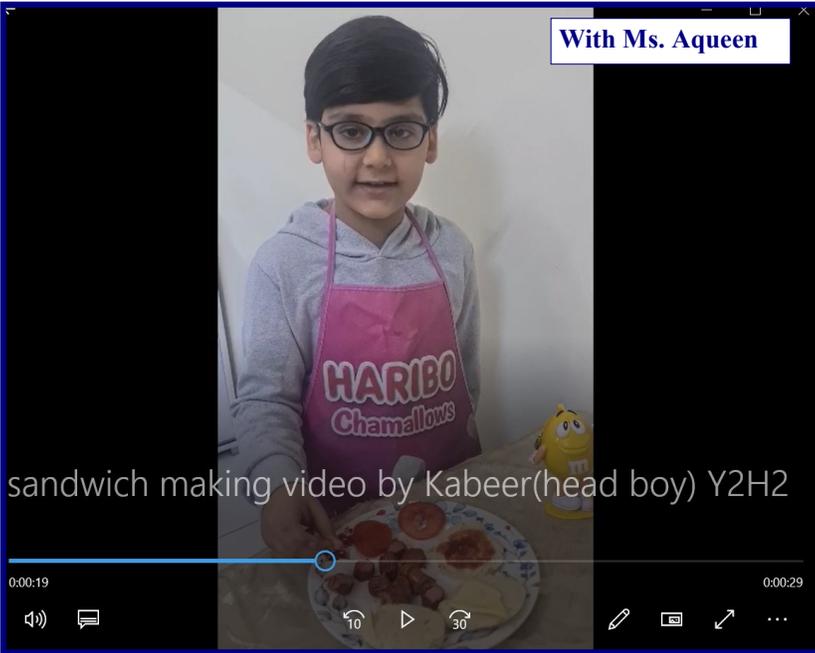
## E-SAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS



# Junior Section News: Learning in FS2!

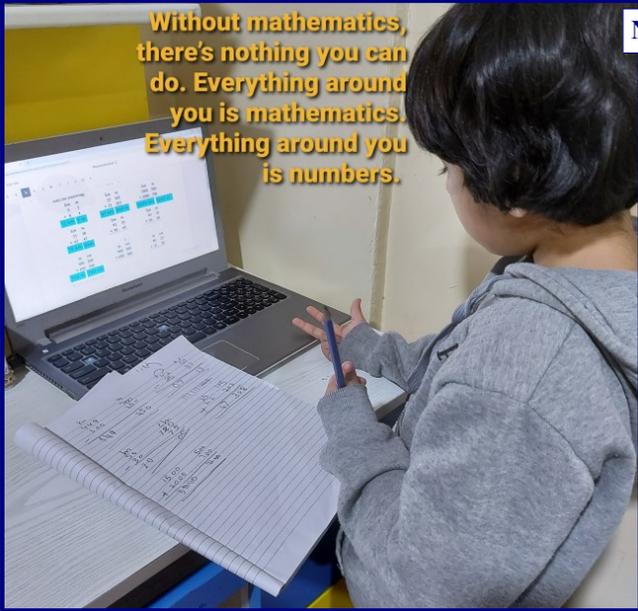


# Junior Section News

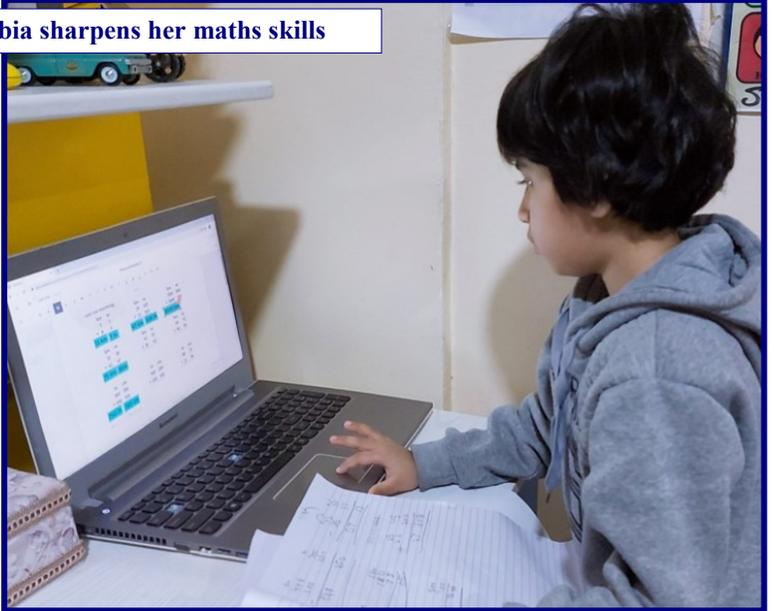


# Junior Section News

Without mathematics, there's nothing you can do. Everything around you is mathematics. Everything around you is numbers.



Nabia sharpens her maths skills



We can count one more to the given number

We made bread pizza

We love pizza

Arabic activity

We can count one more to the given number

Little chefs made bread pizzas

Our little helper made bread pizzas

We can sequence the story, "The zoo vet"

Our own community helper puppets

made community helper puppets

Superb work! Great, you did amazing this week!

Learning the letter sound "b"

Learning the letter sound "r"

# Junior & Primary Section News



Y2H2 with Ms. Aqueen

## Year 5F2 Reading Intervention

With Mr. Arvie

WSS Reading support encourage students to develop their reading skills. Students were actively participated during the session. They are now improving their reading speed, diction, pronunciation, and comprehension.

Students reflected the importance of a mother in the poem they read.



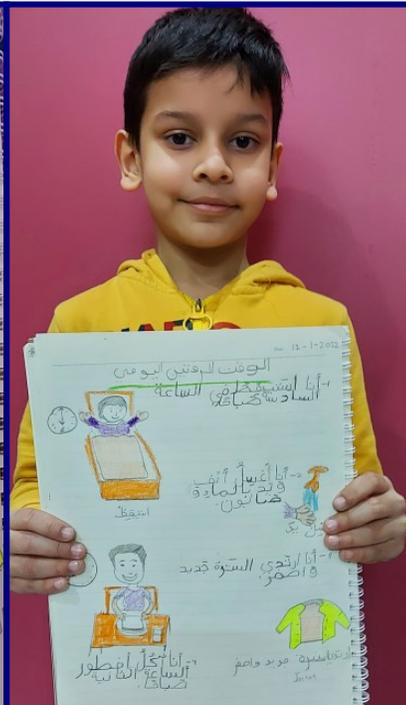
Travel through  
What things does your mother do for you? Find out in the poem what the poet says a mother can do for her child.

### My Mother By Catalina Velasques Ty

Who was it that risked life that she  
may give life to me?  
Who was it that braved a thousand storms  
That sheltered I might be?  
Who was it that rocked me in her arms  
That I to sleep might go?  
Who was it that watched me all night long  
Yet never let me know?

Who is it that would suffer more  
For every pain I bear?  
Who is it that would save me from  
The depths of dark despair?  
Who is it that would trust me still  
When all shall turn away?  
Who is it that would love me true  
And stand by me always?

# Junior & Primary Section News



Syed Taha (Y3S1) shares about his morning routine with a poster & video in Arabic for Ms. Eman Elsouly.

# Types of Angles made by Y5 H1 students

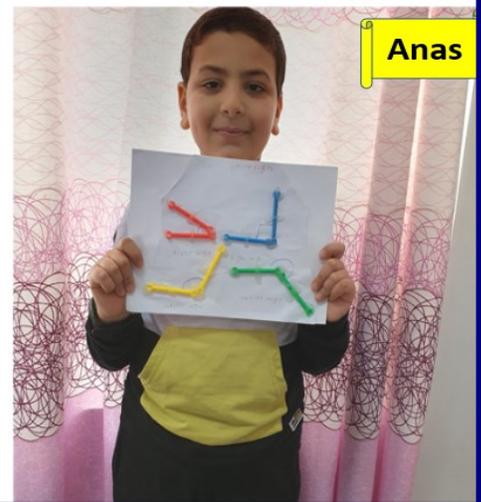
With Ms. Anju



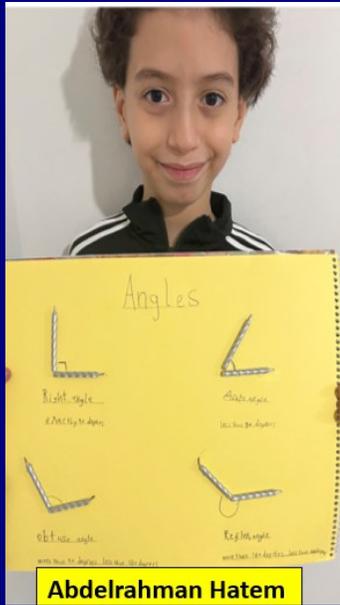
Ajer



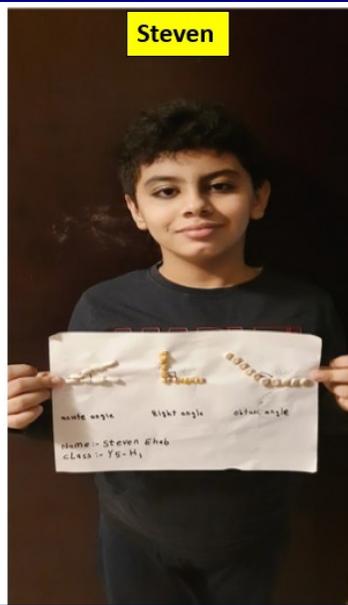
Lana



Anas



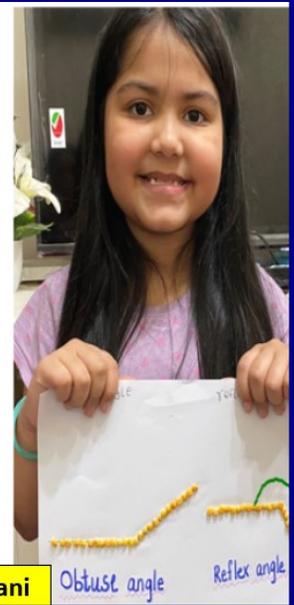
Abdelrahman Hatem



Steven



Avani



Obtuse angle Reflex angle



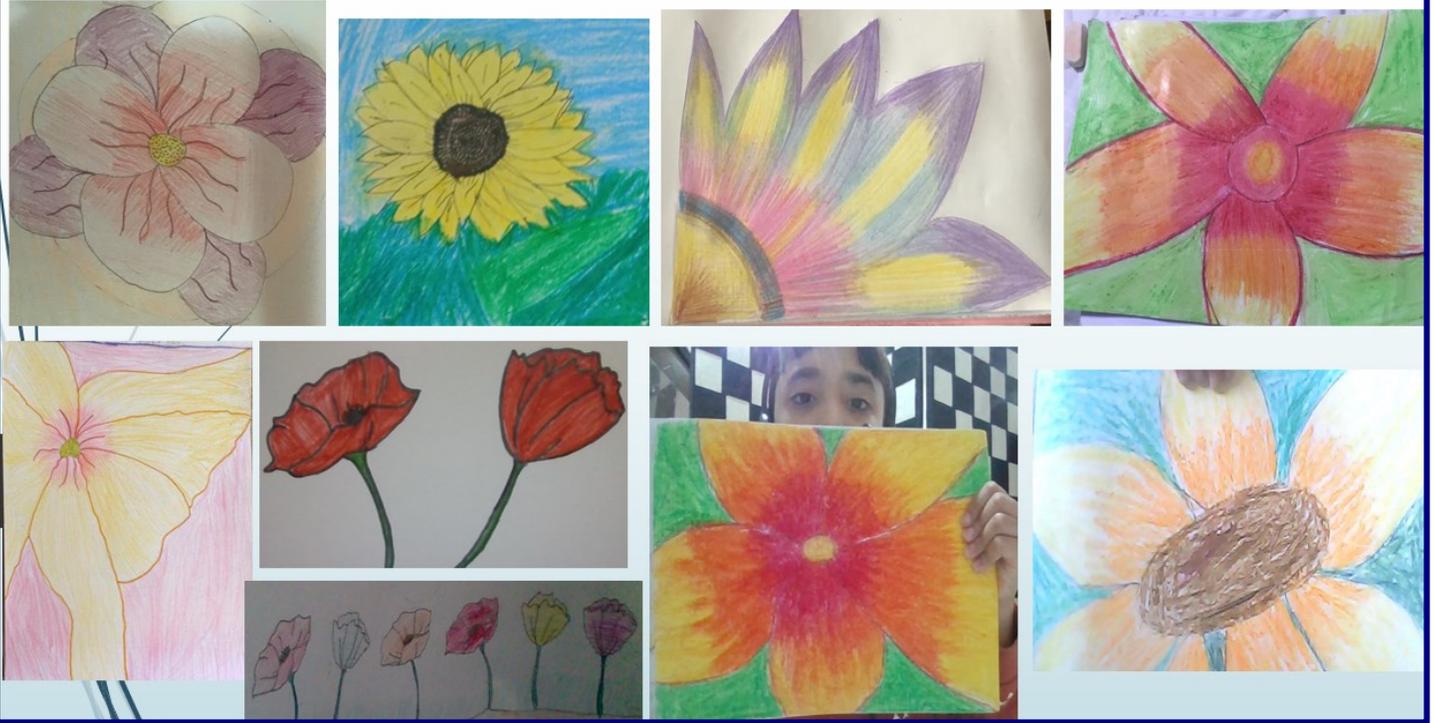
Taha explores the world through experimentation with Ms. Sangeetha!



Rayyan (Y5F1)

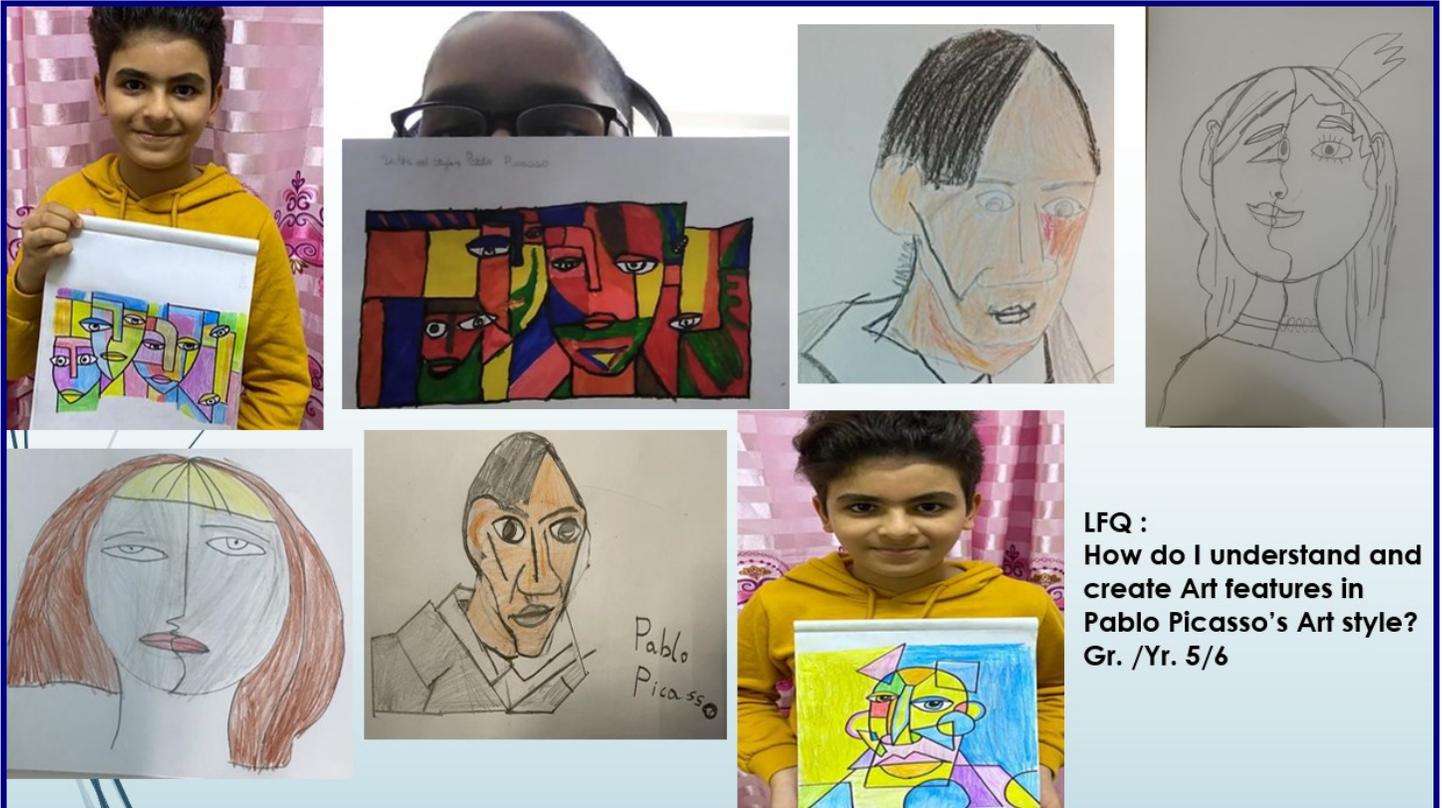
# Primary Section News: Creativity in Art!

LFQ: How do I design Flowers in Georgia Keefe Art style? Gr/Yr. 4/5



With Ms.

With Ms. Surbhi



LFQ :  
How do I understand and  
create Art features in  
Pablo Picasso's Art style?  
Gr. /Yr. 5/6

# Primary Section News: Creativity in Art & Science!



Y5D2 Science investigation lesson – investigating which substances dissolve in water to form a solution

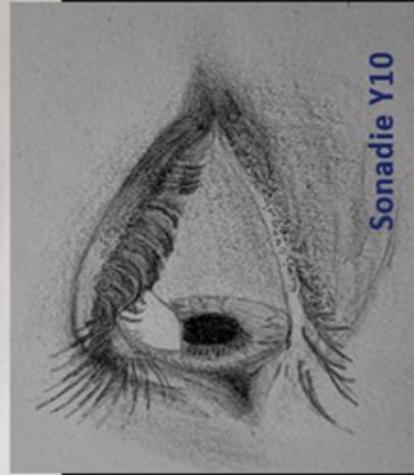


*Secondary Section News; Artistry & Creativity!*

**Art & Design  
Students' work**



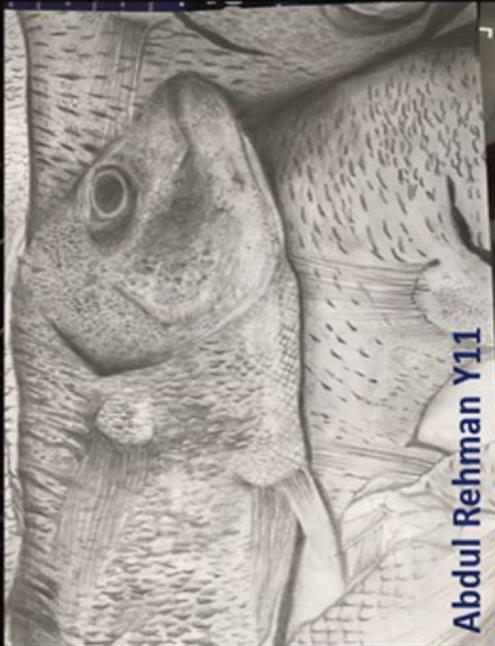
Nameer Y10



Sonadie Y10



Hassan Y11



Abdul Rehman Y11



Sonadie Y10

With Ms. Maha