GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH









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Message from the Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

E-Safety

We have been working very hard to promote E-Safety for the wellbeing & safety of our children online. Please note the below

link to a wonderful video on E-Safety that you may wish to share with your children, 'Rules to Stay safe on the Internet', made by talented students Emaduddin (G11/Y12 BD1) and Mayass (G8/Y9 GH1). Thank you to the whole family for the fun, accessible & useful video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VPWd07UikcY8fqNDh5JWusPmfv0LuIy7/view?usp=sharing



Developing writing skills in 4 steps with AbdelRahman.

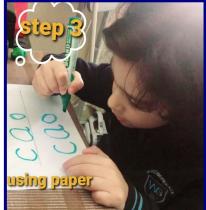
pates for Your Diary

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Date	Details
Mon. 2st to Thurs. 25th March In- clusive	• Sharjah schools on 100% online RLP, as per Authority instructions. Blended Programme in school resumes from Sunday 11th April for Term 3 (TBC by Authorities).
Sunday Feb. 7th Mon. 12th April	 System re-enrollment facility opens for Sept. '21 seats. Deadline book your seat online & also to pay the AED500/- Seat Booking Fee is Thursday Monday 12th April. After this date seats will be given to the Waiting List. Seats Booking Fee can only be paid subject to clearance of full T2 fees. Seats will not be held beyond the last day of T3 if T3 fees remain pending. Any paid Seat Booking Fee would be lost. Seats would be given to the Waiting list, & if parents decide later that they want a seat, this would be subject to availability, & not guaranteed. You may change your mind about enrollment at WSS at any time, however the seat booking fee is non-refundable (but it will be deducted from T1 Fees, Sept-Dec. '21).
Fri. 26th March to Sat. 10th	 T2 Spring Break (2 weeks) Cashier open on Sat. 10th April, 8am-2pm for convenient T3 fee payment.

Sunday 11th April first day back for T3 for stu-







dents. T3 fees due.



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



April

Whole School News; The Digital Decode; Top Tips for Parents!



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Do you want to be E-Smart? Do you want to learn different ways to protect your children online?



Join us for our Exclusive session for WSS Parents.
Click on the REGISTER buttor or Scan the code using your QR code Scanner before Thursday March 4, 2021.

REGISTER

WSS Coffee Session

Online safety awareness

By Ms. Rema Premchand

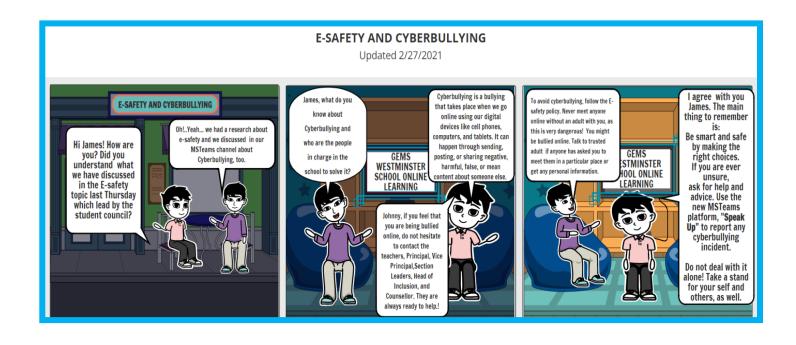
Head of inclusion, Digital Safety Leader

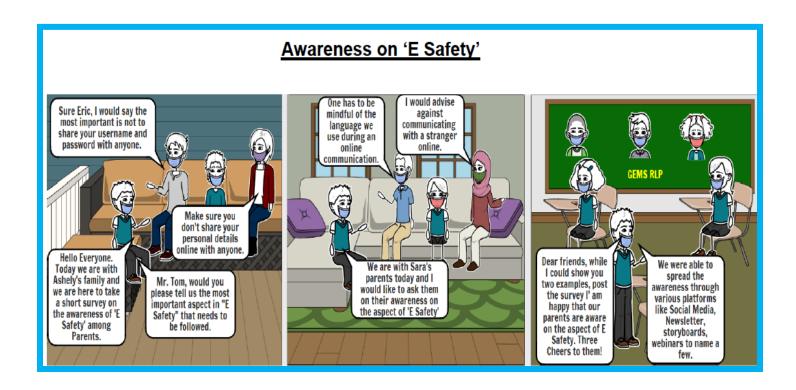
GEMS Westminster School Sharjah





Whole School News; The Digital Decode; Top Tips for Parents & Students!





Superstar Champions; Finalists in the AKNS 'Majlis' Event!

WSS superstars student leaders Nourhan (G11/Y12 GH) and Shaffa (G11/Y12 GH) were selected as finalists to present their views on 'Technology Remakes Humanity' topic. In an inter-school 'Majlis' event for Student Voice hosted by AKNS Dubai recently. Our students were praised by the organizers for their contribution! Congratulations Nourhan & Shaffa!



AKNS Virtual Majlis

Compiled by Shaffa Zeenath of 11GH1

MEET THE



Nounhan Tamer



Shaffa said that this event allowed her to understand the impact technology had on her life and she learnt a lot on the situations in countries which face a digital divide and that she'd surely participate in a

similar event



Event: Virtual Majlis

School: GEMS Al Khaleei

National School

Length: 1h 25m

Link:https://youtu.be/Nlf

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attend virtual events in times like these to help stop the spread of STUDENT COVID-19



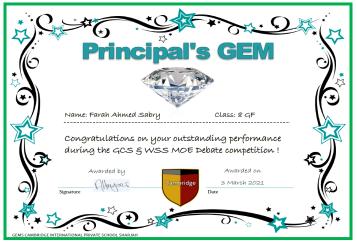


Superstar Champions; Commended Participants in the Cambridge School Sharjah Inter-School Arabic Debate!

Congratulate the WSS G8/Y9 students who were honoured in the GEMS Cambridge School Inter-School Arabic Debate competition held on 25/2/21 for their active participation that was praised by the Principal of the Cambridge School.

Special thanks to the teachers Mr. Walid Al-Bayoumi & Mr. Ahmed Kamal who trained the students & Ms. Sreeja and Mr. Franklin for attending.

Special congratulations to student John Fady for his excellent performance, his fluent Arabic language, his strong opinions and his courage made us so proud!!













WSS Superstar Champions!

Star student nominees:

S.No	Month	Grade	Year	Section	Star Student Of the month	Reason with #Character@WSS #Virtues@WSS
1	February	11	12	BD	EMAD EDDIN ABDULSALAM ALCHMRI	For being academically good in Mocks. #Confidence@WSS
2	February		12	BF	Omar Islam Ahmed Elsaid Hani	For being academically good in Mocks. #Ambition@WSS
3	February	11	12	GH	Shaffa Zeenath Abdul Nazeer	For being academically good in Mocks. #Focus@WSS
4	February	12	13	BS	Victor Bort	For being regular to registration sessions and active in class participation. #Respect@WSS
5	February	12	13	GF	Mariia Babych	For being academically good in Mocks. #Motivation@WSS

Winners in SPEA's Primary Section Creative Competition

We are proud to share the good news that WSS students have won another 2 awards in SPEA's Primary Section virtual creative competition, the <u>Sharjah Treasures Competition</u> (<u>Highly Commended wards</u>). Congratulations! To the students & to Ms. Maha who supported.

- Niranjana Binu (was G/Y6 5G, now G6/Y7)
- Muhammed Zidan (was G 5/Y6 B, now G6/Y7)





Student Wellbeing

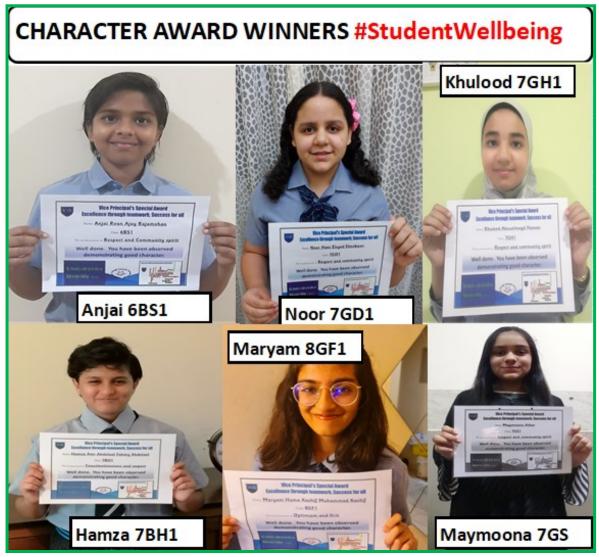


WSS Superstar Champions!



We are very proud to share that WSS student Kavisna (G12/Y13) has won the grand prize of \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ for being the winner of a University Quiz held on 27th February with Scholarly Education. She beat more than 200 other participants!! Congratulations Kavisna!!





PRIMARY - Teacher's Feedback on Student Council Member's presentation on E- Safety









































Student Name	Grade and Section
Hania Imam Syed Nayyar Imam	G5 / Y6 GH1
Duaa Bint E Majid Kaleem Qureshi	G5 / Y6 GH1
Kupakwashe Muwani	G5 / Y6 GH1
Dana Abdulrahman Jassim Abdulrahman Alblooshi	G5 / Y6 GD1
Abdul Muizz Bin Shamil	G5 / Y6 BH1
Fatima Zahra Qamruddin Shazad	G5 / Y6 GD1
Zaema Ahmed Jamal Khan	G5 / Y6 GH1
Karim Mohamed Elsayed Elmitwalli Rakha	G5 / Y6 BD2
Sithum Kavinda Nethan Rajaratnam	G5 / Y6 BD1
BASMALA OSAMA MOHAMED AWAD	G5 / Y6 GF1
Yara Dawoud Abdulsalam Al Nuaimi	G5 / Y6 GS1
Basma Samir Abdulrazzaq Al Rawe	G5 / Y6 GF1
Meral Ahmed Mohsen Amin Mohamed	G5 / Y6 GH1
Omar Mahmoud Khalil Saad Khalil Abdal	G5 / Y6 BH2
Ahmed Kamran	G5 / Y6 BH2
Abdullah Sabry Mohamed Edris Saleh	G5 / Y6 BH1
VANSH CHAUDHARY	G5 / Y6 BH1
Muhammad Arham Shoaib Mushtaq	G5 / Y6 BD2
Rameez Ahmed Mohammad Rafiq	G5 / Y6 BS1
Syed Aliyan Abbas Jaffery Syed Mohsin Abbas Jaffery	G5 / Y6 BD2
Hania Ferzaad Khan	G5 / Y6 GD1

Thank you & well done to these star Student Leaders for delivering such brilliant E-Safety sessions to their peers! Great job!

E- SAFETY - TEACHER'S FEEDBACK

Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!

Awarded for demonstrating Good Character (Respect, Kindness & Community Spirit)

2. Kindness camel nominees:

<u>S.No</u>	Month	Grade	Year	Section	Name	Reason with #Character@WSS #Virtues@WSS
						for helping students in coordinating class activities.
1	February	11	12	BD	Saim Shaikh Mohammad Amjad Shaikh	#Neighbourliness@WSS
						For helping other students in their subject doubts.
2	February	11	12	BF	Mohammed Isam Abdullah Alhamdallah	#Dignity@WSS
						For being supportive and empathetic towards her teachers and classmates.
3	February	11	12	GH	Iman Khan	#Optimism@WSS
					Rashaad Hasan Ajmal Hasan	For volunteering in Passport programme-Mentoring sessions
4	February	12	13	BS		#StudentVoice@WSS
						For volunteering in Passport programme-Mentoring sessions
5	February	12	13	GF	Sidra Ghani	#Tolerance@WSS



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; Twinning with a UK School!

Twinning

WSS has Twinned (teamed up) with one of the best non-private schools in the UK, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School (QEGS). This is to give our students further opportunities to engage with international students in a learning context. We are hoping that this initiative will be the start of a long-standing, educational relationship for the exchange of culture, ideas, expertise & experiences. Here we see Mr. Osama teaching an Arabic lesson to QEGS students & Teachers.



Junior Section News; Important Equivalency Info!



28th February, 2021

Dear Parent,

Subject: GRADE-YEAR EQUIVALENCY @ WSS

GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah follows the internationally recognized British Curriculum and prepares its students to take the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level and A Level Examinations of the Universities of Cambridge and London (UK).

What Changes in September 2021?

- start using the UK naming system 'Years' instead of 'Grades' over the next year or so. Please note that At WSS our curriculum & admission ages are fully aligned to MOE/SPEA requirements.
 In line with SPEA requirements, Sharjah English National Curriculum (British) schools will gradually
 - the name 'Year' & 'Grade' do not refer to the same age (eg. Grade One is equivalent to Year 2). Please see the table below for a full list of Grade-Year equivalency. We will be fully moving to the Year naming system in September 2021

Stages of school education: Educati $\stackrel{\leftarrow}{+}$ UAE for UK curriculum schools starts at age 3 and ends at age 18.

Grade in WSS (at per Sharjah naming system)	Nursery (evailable in W55 from September 2021)	KG1	KG2	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
AGE REQUIREMENT Year (ENC schools in UK) in England	FS1 (Nursery)	FS2 (Reception)	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
AGE REQUIREMENT in England	3 VEARS	4 YEARS	SYEARS	6 YEARS	7 YEARS	8 YEARS	9 VEARS	10 VEARS	11 YEARS	12 VEARS	13 VEARS	14 VEARS	15 VEARS	16 VEARS	17 VEARS

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English	FS1	FS2	٧1 (72	73	74	75	У.е	۲7	78	۲9	V10	Y11	Y12	Y13
American	Pre- KG	KG1	KG2	61	G2	G3	64	GS	99	G7	88	69	G10	G11	G12
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Remember to compare Year 2 to with Grade 1

In which Year group will your child be next academic year, 2021-22?

This Academic Year (2020- 2021) my child is in:	Next Academic Year (2021-22) my child will be in:
N/A Attended an outside Nursery or did not attend school. Age less than 3	Nursery (Pre-KG/FS1) New Year Group for WSS Age 3 by 31/8/21
Attended an outside Nursery or did not attend school. Age less than 4	Reception (KG1/FS2) • Age 4 by 31/8/21 (if a new admission for 2021-2022)
KG1 (FS2/Reception)	Year 1 (KG2) • Age 5 by 31/8/21 (if a new admission for 2021-2022)
KG2 (Year 1)	Year 2 (Grade 1) • Age 6 by 31/8/21 (if a new admission for 2021-2022)
Grade 1 (Year 2)	Year 3 (Grade 2) • Age 7 by 31/8/21 (ff a new admission for 2021-2022)

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us. Thank you.

Junior Section Team.









with Ms. Neha







KG1/FS2 S1 Fun session

With Ms. Neha & Ms. Sonia









Junior Section News; E-Safety KG1-2 (FS2-Y1) Student Sessions!



Shahab (KG1S1)



E.LEARNING SAFETY



E-Safety & Mom



Mariam Wahaj is telling about E-



Hibah Binti Irfan G1S1

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KG1D2 E -Safety drawing by





KG1 S1



zohaib g1 s1 dont talk to strangers if someone says to give your password dont do it











KG1 S1



SYEDA MINHA KG1 F2







Sarah KG1D1











Zack is telling about E-Safety







E-Safety and Dad



KG1 S1





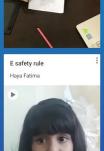






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Junior Section News; E-Safety G1 (Y2) Student Sessions!







Miss Jinitra taught us today. She taught us about E-Safety and its importance. I wish I knew this before so I will never download any random game and put everyone's

that you know about E-Safety and its importance now you will be

Abdul Hadi: Yes mama. I will.

Mama: Can you tell me what you ed in the class about E-

Abdul Hadi: Sure mama, Here is my

WHAT IS E-SAFETY (ELECTRONIC SAFETY)?

E-Safety means to be safe and responsible on the internet. This includes using the internet (mobile, tablets, laptops, or computers) for browsing and downloading anything. (e.g online games or

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT?

It is important to understand the risk involved in using the internet

S - SPEAK - To somebody if you need help

F - FRIENDS - Are real people we

E - ENJOY - Have fun and stay stay

Dua fatima



Nabia Asif





internet have certain advantages and disadvantages.

ADVANTAGES Banking, billing, shopping and

paying school fees. Communication purpose . Mapping for address. and rhymes).

DISADVANTAGES

. Addiction. Mind distraction , less focused on

. Health issues (physically and Device backing viruses loss of identity and personal information.

SAFETY RULES ADVICE

Never click on any advertisement or icon which may pop up on your screen without informing parents (adults), if you do so your identity personal information be stolen, may be credit card fraud or device may hack .

No talking to strangers as he/she may misguide kids . The stranger is not necessarily a good person or a bad person

he/she just some one YOU DON'T KNOW. Taha and Talha = Thanku Baba for

always protecting us , we love you. Baba = I love you too my dear kids.

Mohib Fahad

E SAFETY-Responsible use of





SYED TAHA AHMED ABC OF INTERNET SAFETY







Syed Taha Ahmed







E SAFETY RULES



Mohibullah and his mother.

Mohibullah: Mommy may I type your phone number in this

Mommy: Not until I know what this vebsite is about.

Mohibullah: This website shares a story of three people robbing

and threatening people and then they get captured by police! There is also a lot of

fights in the story.

Mommy: These stories are not suitable for your age.

Mohibullah: But there is so much fun and action in these stories.

Mommy: NO! you can't play games that are not suitable for your age,

games that are at your age and because they can

sometimes even harm you. steal your private information and sometimes even harm you.

Mohibullah: I am sorry mommy, I won't do it again and I will always follow the SMART rules.

Mommy: I am proud of you my little

Mohibullah : ok Mommy, thank you for keeping me safe, I love you

Mommy: I love you too!



- Cyber bulling
- Invasion of privacy Addiction to games

1 Digiduck's big decisions 2 #Goldilocks 3 Once upon a time online

APPAIN SAFETY

Rayan Ali

E-safety poster



and father.

Nahia Asif



Mother: What are these games? Why do you like them?

Jawad: It is about super heros and

Father: I don't think these games

are suitable for your age. Jawad: Why? They look fun and I

can make many friends.

Mother: Jawad you can't play games not your age. Your cousins

are older than you. You should play

Father: Online games not safe for you. It is dangerous to chat with

Mother: Strangers can say bad

things to hurt you. They can also

steal your information and know

family secerts and try to push you

you to play them. Only play games

Jawad: Ok I understand and I will

play games my age and never chat

Mother and father: Your welcome.

Father: Also these games are violent for a little boy. It will harm

your age and never chat with

fighting in wars.

games your age.

strangers.

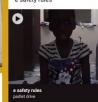
Jawad: Why?

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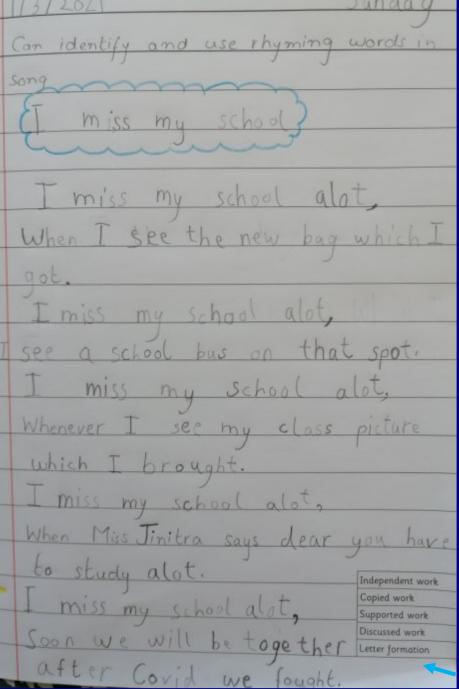














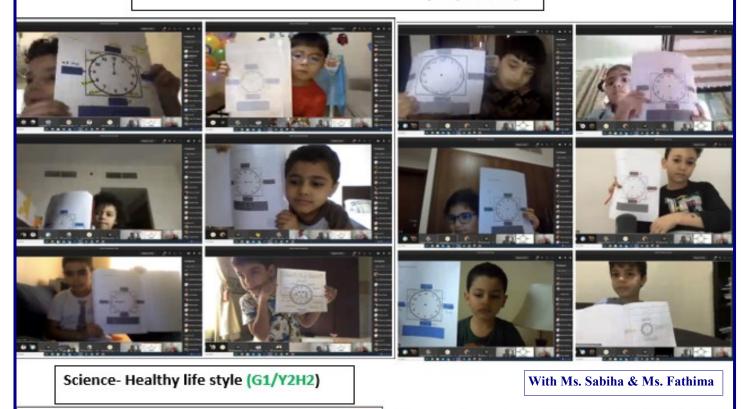


With Ms. Nikhat

A thoughtful poem called 'I Miss My School' by budding poet Mohib (G1/Y2 S2).



Maths session - Read the clock (G1/Y2H2)















With Ms. Rajina



Junior Section News; E-Safety & Fun Activity!





Junior Section News; Fun Activity!











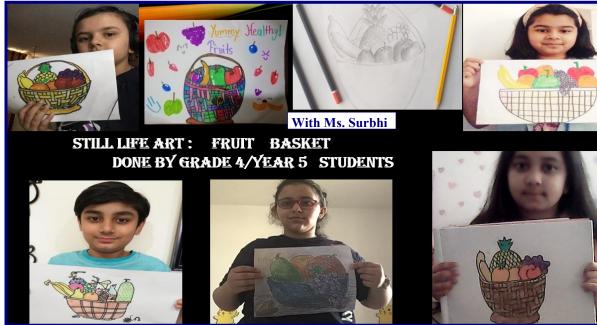


Primary Section News





Super G2/Y3 Islamic Education work with Mr. Elenani.



Getting acquainted with the future.





"HOPE MISSION TO PROBE"

- مسبار الأمل •
- Launched: 20th July 2020
- The first probe to provide a complete picture of the Martian atmosphere and its layers when it reaches the red planet's orbit in 2021.
- Takes 7-9 months to reach mars.
- Compact and hexagonal shape around 1500kg.
- The mission design, development, and operations are led by the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre.



By ZOHA G3/Y4 F1

Primary Section News

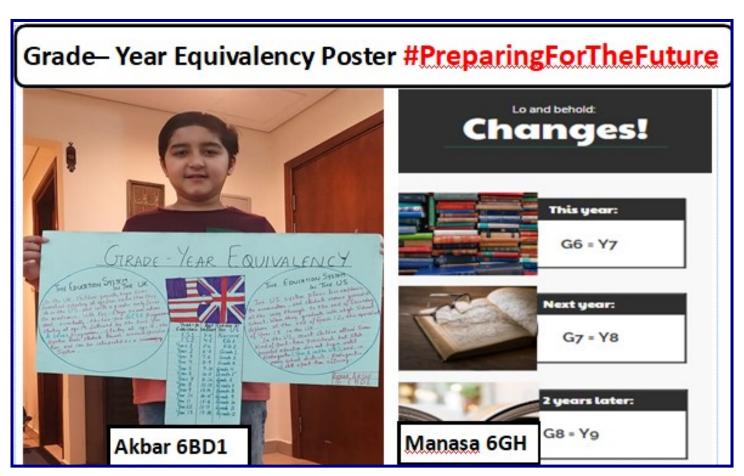
Grade 4 selected students have started their Intervention programme in preparation for the **PIRLS 2021** (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study).





Primary & Secondary Section News; Student Wellbeing & Equalisation!





Secondary Section News; E-Safety Presentation by Nabia!





Children are playing games on their gadgets like ipads and are an easy target of cyber attack.

Advertisement shown between the intervals of games can be inappropriate and contents can be filthy too. Also links/hyper links are proposed to click which can lead to high risk. Unknowingly children can click any unfamiliar link which can't annihilate them as well as devices.

<u>lpad</u> camera can be avoided by putting <u>ipad</u> cover or simply pasting a piece of tape on the camera.







Face recognition is an attractive feature of cellphones nowadays for both users and sellers.

It's a latest way of marketing to show age appropriate advertisements to lure customers. However the similar feature is being misused by showing inappropriate content especially to young generation.

Give camera permission ONLY to those apps for which you are actually using your camera. NEVER on camera for all apps.





Smart TV connected with internet is another example of security breach.

These not only capturing your content priority but can also act as a constant spy.

After watching, make sure to turn power off without any failure that's how we are not only securing ourselves but also the electricity.





Do you really think you are alone with your device?

A system with active internet could be a constant watch!

Never leave your laptop open while not in use.



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Student Wellbeing

International Women's & march 8th

Choose any of the

activities to celebrate "International Women's Day"

- 1- #Student Voice- "My inspiration"- make a poster to display who inspires you (can be an international figure) and why? Share the pictures with the form tutor
- 2- UAE Mars Mission- research and learn about UAE MARS MISSION- contribution made by women. Post it in the pad let link.
- 3- a DIY piece of work with an appreciation note to any of your classmate/teachers. Share the pictures with your form tutors.









by: shaima altigani 11GH

Secondary Section News; Fun Wellbeing Activities!

