

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Many, many thanks to all those parents who have clicked approval for the BYOD & Acceptable Use agreements. We really appreciate your support. Next

year, we will put all these documents together in one email to make it easier for parents. Thank you.



KG1/FS2 D1

Children busy with Ramadan crafts



KG1/FS2/3/2 LEARNING ABOUT HOW TO GROW A PLANT.



Dates for Your Diary

| Date | Details |
|-----------------------|---|
| Mon. 12th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> System re-enrolment facility open. Deadline book your seat online & also to pay the AED500/- Seat Booking Fee is 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 enrolment at WSS at any time, however the seat booking fee is non-refundable (but deductible from T1 Fees, Sept-Dec. '21). |
| Tuesday 13th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramadan. School gate opens at 8:45am. Timings for KG Blended students; 9am-11am Timings for KG 100% Online students; 11am-1pm Timings for G1-9: 9am-1pm Timings for G10-12; As per exam schedule |
| Sunday 20th June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to apply for a TC if leaving WSS is Sunday 20th June. After this date the GRE is not available for late TC processing & there would be delays in processing. |
| Thurs. 1st July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students' last day of the academic year (TBC). |
| Sunday 29th Aug. 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Academic Year 2021-2022 starts. Full T1 fees are due before any student is assigned a lass & admitted for the new academic year. Please Budget accordingly—there will be no Payment Plans in T1. |



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

Online gaming – Is it Good or Bad for my child?

Online video games can be a way to help supplement your child's learning and teach them key life skills. Although online gaming is a form of entertainment, with parents' support and guidance it can help children develop their creativity, nurture relationships with friends and improve strategic thinking.

It can also help them build perseverance to attain goals, build resilience and improve their communications skills so they know how to respect other people's points of view.



Scan the code to watch the video or Read our list of ways that gaming has been proven to benefit children:

- **A great source to develop early learning skills for younger children**

Studies have shown that certain games can help younger children improve early reading skills with the support of parents and teachers. Games like 'Times Table Rock Stars' that is used in primary schools and pre-school apps like 'Endless Alphabet' can be great tools to help children learn in a more engaging way.

- **Enhances memory, brain's speed, and concentration**

Games that are immersive and require strategy and problem-solving skills to win, require players to remember and take in a lot of information. Regularly playing these types of games can help improve children's short and long-term memory and help the brain process information quicker. Also, games capture players' imagination helping them to stay focused on certain tasks and builds their perseverance to achieve a goal.

- **Improved multi-tasking skills**

Games that require players to find items while fighting off other opponents call for attention to detail and quick reactions. Studies have shown that playing these types of games can help children develop their multi-tasking skills.

- **Build skills for future careers**

The more complex multiplayer games help teach players how to be strategic, analytical to assess risk and reward and react quickly to changes in the game. All these skills that they use can be transferable to real-world jobs that rely on problem-solving, analytical skills and strategic thinking. Online multiplayer games offer a new way to understand culture and perspectives; they either have to work in a team or lose the game.

- **Group play provides social benefits**

Whether children are playing multiplayer games with friends or using apps like 'Heads up' with the family in the living room, these types of games can help nurture relationships through shared moments and improve their social skills. For some who children who feel lonely due to COVID restrictions, it can be a way for them to social and make friends talk after school time.

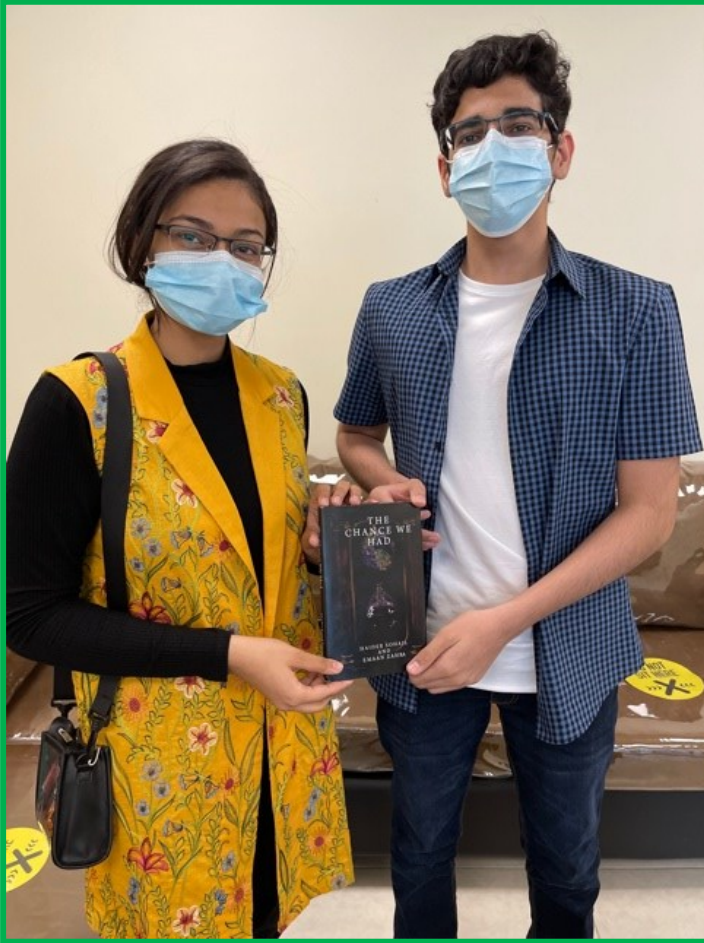


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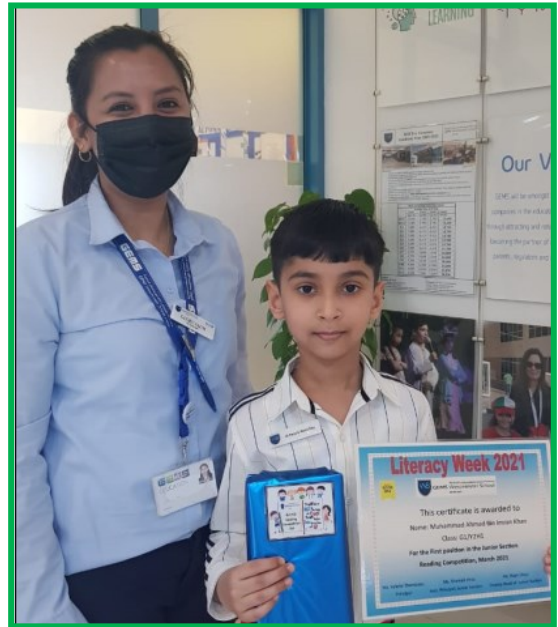


#DigitalResilience #LearnWithWSS

WSS Superstar Champions!



Ex-WSS students, Haider Sohail & Emaan Zahra have published a novel called 'The Chance We Had.' published by Aakhrash Publications. The story is an inspirational tale about respecting planet Earth, & the consequences of failing in this mission. Congratulations to proud Mother, Ms. Sabiha. Below, superstar student Nabia!



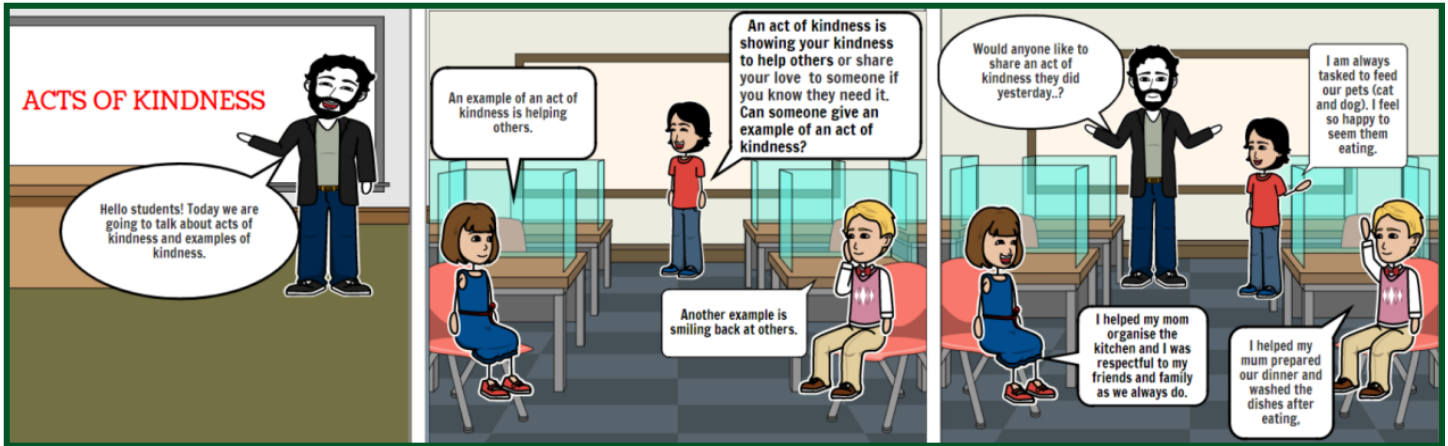
WSS Superstar Champions!

Congratulations to Fatimah Zia (G10/Y11) who has been shortlisted in the TWS Inter-School Art Competition Secondary The given theme was identity 'My place in today's world'. This is her painting entitled 'Studying to save lives one day.' Thanks to Ms. Maha for supporting.



Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!

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



Thank you to the Junior Section Team who generously donated Ramadan packages to the Support Staff on 19/4/21.



Whole School News

The most important gifts you can give your child are a **quality education** and the **values** that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey

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



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This has been our first ever experience with GEMS, and so far, I have been very pleased and satisfied. The school management has been outstanding, from the time of registration and in terms of Covid19, the teachers have been amazing, very in detail towards their students. Overall, I have made a good decision by moving to Gems. Extremely satisfied. I am pleased to say that what has impressed me most is that the teachers' pay attention to all the students, I have been extremely impressed.

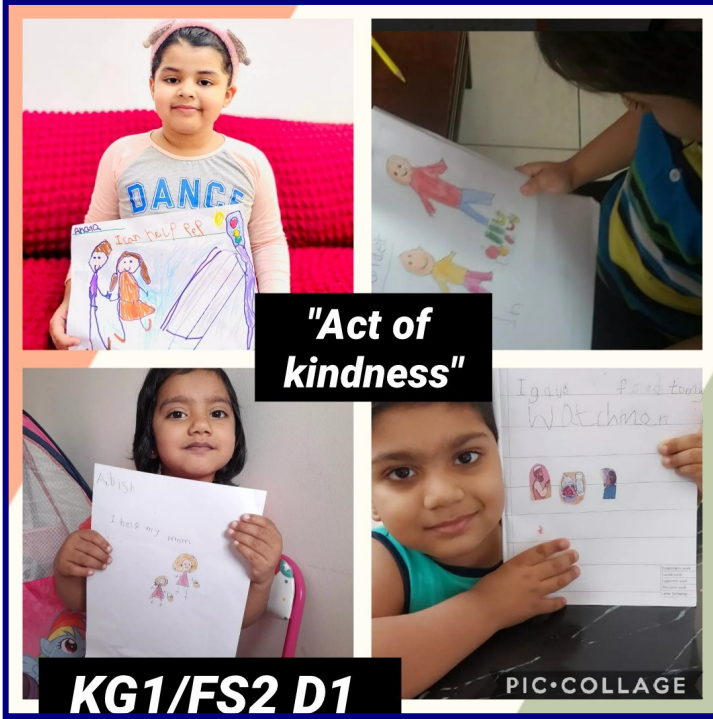


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Mr. Abdul Sattar parent of Maria Abdul Sattar, from G6/Y7

Junior Section News



"Act of kindness"

KG1/FS2 D1

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KG1/FS2 D1

Fun session

PIC•COLLAGE



KG1/FS2 D1 using everyday language related to time

PIC•COLLAGE



"Act of kindness"

KG1/FS2 D1

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KG1/FS2 D1

With Ms. Nikhat

Junior Section News; Ramadan Kareem!



Junior Section News

Speak up sessions – Topic favourite toy and subject (G1/Y2H2)



Winners of Literacy week – G1/Y2H2



With Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima

Junior Section News; Welcoming Ramadan!

Fun Activity – Ramadan lantern craft (G1/Y2H2)

With Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima



Students of KG 2/Y1 D1 welcoming Ramadan!!

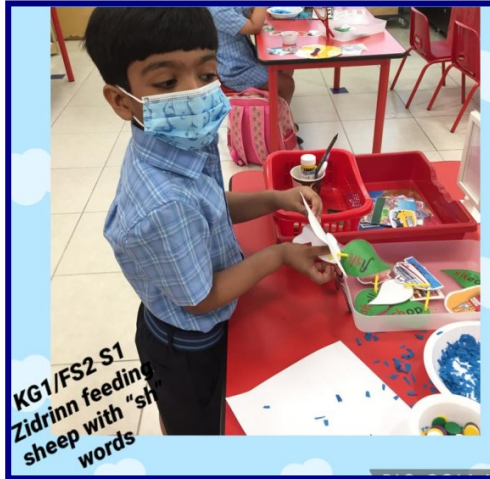
With Ms. Beena



Junior Section News



KG1/FS2 S1 Abiha writing numbers



KG1/FS2 S1 Zidriinn feeding sheep with "sh" words



KG1/FS2 S1 Zaki feeding the sheep with "sh" words



KG1/FS2 S1 with Ms Shamail

With Ms. Sonia



KG1/FS2 S1 Anaya feeding the sheep with "sh" words



KG1/FS2 S1 Shahab's Iftar plate



KG1/FS2 S1 Zimal's Iftar plate



KG1/FS2 S1 Zimal is sequencing the story.

Junior Section News



KG1/FS2 S1 Fatima is learning to grow plant

With Ms. Sonia



KG1/FS2 S1 Zimal is learning to grow plant



KG1/FS2 S1 Zimal is feeding Chimp with "ch" words



KG1/FS2 S1 Anaya is sequencing the story.



KG1/FS2 S1 Anaya is feeding the Chimp with "ch" words



KG1/FS2 S1 Shahab is learning to grow plant



KG1/FS2 S1 Shahab is feeding Chimp with "ch" words



Like to drink
vinto.



I like to eat
sas, marrow and

With Ms. Maria



I like to eat
healthy food
in iftar.

I like to eat
apple, banana,
garlic bread
and juice.

I like to eat
apple, banana,
garlic bread
and juice.

Iftar
roll, samosa, juice

KG1 FS2/S2 MAKING IFTAR PLATE

I like apple

Fish, rice,
chicken,
date, soup, juice

I like apple,
fries

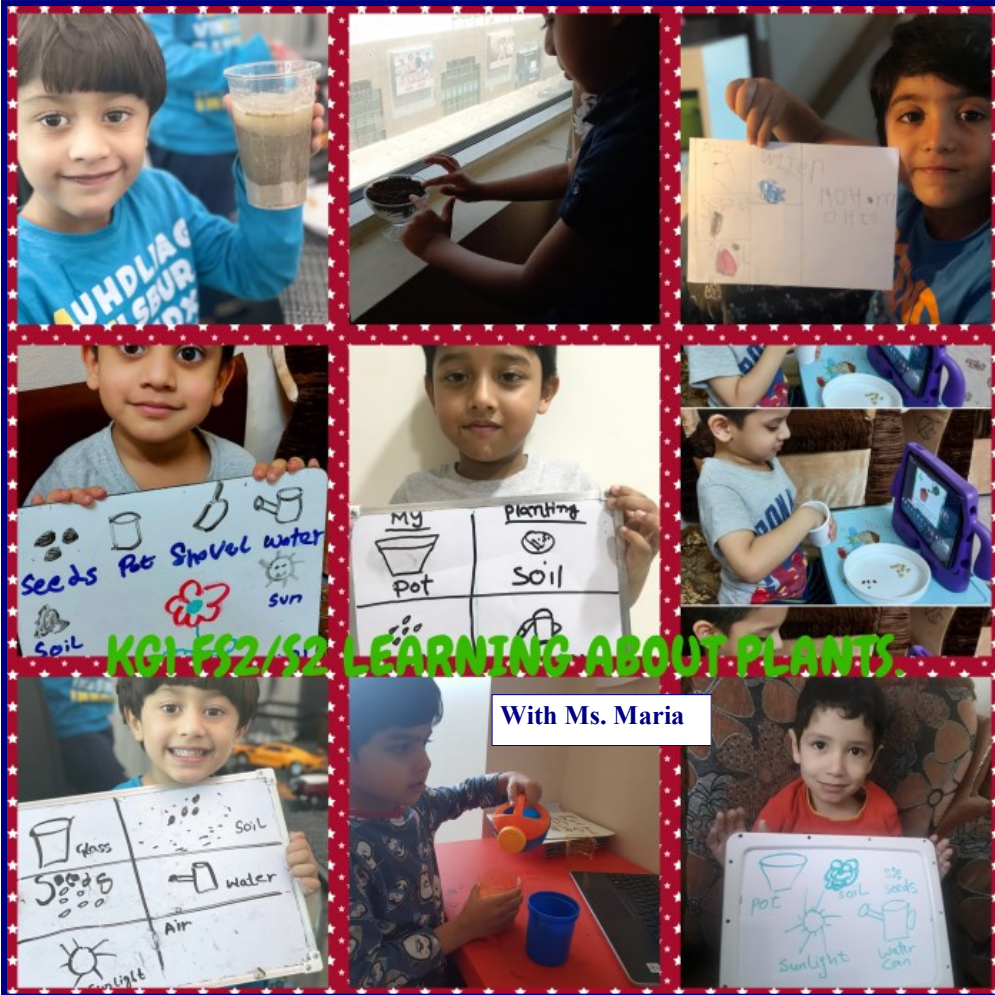
Visit to the North Star

North Star, North Star.
Are you near or are you far?
Can we come there in our car?
Can I bring my chocolate bar?
Is it allowed to bring a big juice jar?
Have I left the door ajar?
Do I have a scar?

With Ms. Sidra

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G1S1, GEMS WESTMINISTER SHARJAH

Junior Section News



With Ms. Maria



J.S Morning Class Assembly

Quran recitation

Ramadan Kareem

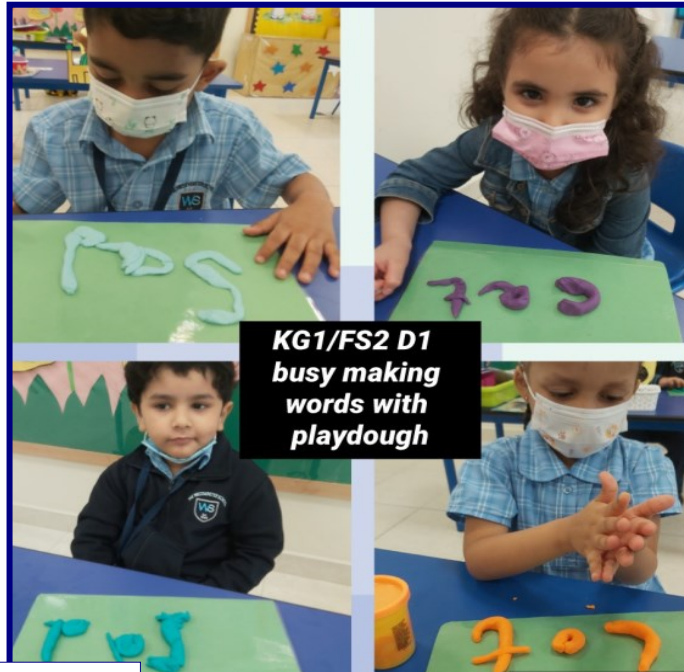
Ramadan Sale

We need money to go for shopping

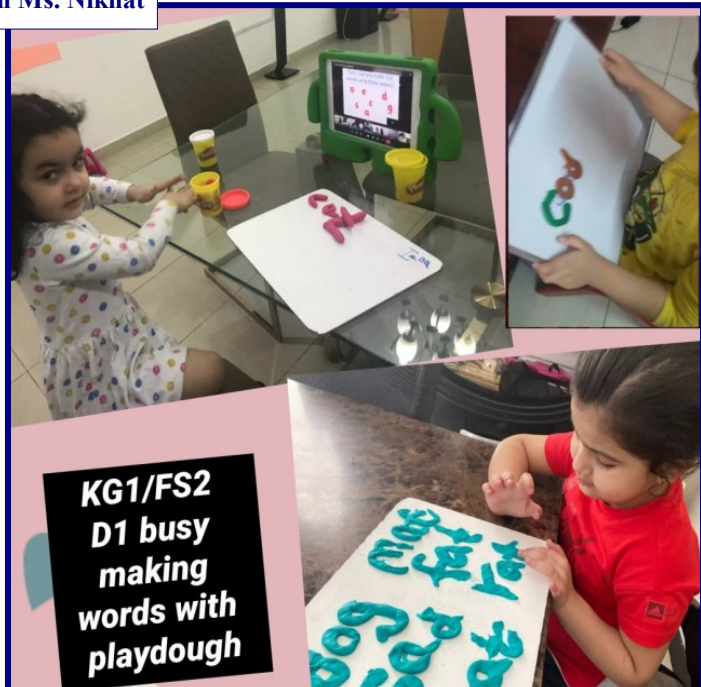
Money is needed to buy things and for many other uses

KG2Y1S1

Junior Section News



With Ms. Nikhat



Junior Section News

Activities of the week: KG1/FS2 D2

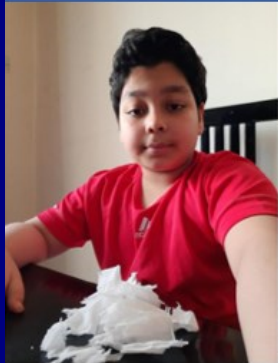
With Ms. Karunya



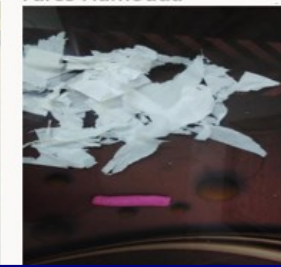
Primary Section News

Science Lesson – Reversible & Irreversible Changes – G4/Y5 H1

With Ms. Anju



Preparing Students for the Future.



With Ms. Doaa Romih

Studying traveling of light in a Periscope. Vansh 5BH1

Mohammed Ansari Monday 11:12 AM



Primary Section News



With Ms. Surbhi

Secondary Section News

Taiba Ahmed 11:50 AM



Bianca Precilla 11:55 AM

عطلة
في عطلتي أخصص اليوم من المنزل لأن فيروس كورونا لا يضيء العطل مع عائلتي. أشاهد التلفاز مع أخي في أوقات فراغي أحياناً أتلعب هيايالي منزل الرسم في رأيي، الأعياد ممتعة ومعبودة

With Ms. Reem

Ayesha Mateen 11:43 AM



Secondary Section News

عطلتي

With Ms. Reem

كانت عطلتي جيدة جدًا ، لقد استمتعت حقًا ، على الرغم من أنني لم أسافر بسبب فيروس كورونا لكنني مازلت أستمتع به كثيرًا ، فقد ذهبنا إلى الشواطئ العديد من الامتيازات وتناولنا الكثير من الطعام اللذيذ



Zainab Zubair Ahmad 8gf1/y9

Fariha Khot 11:41 AM



عطلتي

FARIHA 8GF1

انا سعيدة جدًا لأنني اكتب عن الموضوع عطلتي. قضيت عطلتي في المنزل مع عائلتي. قضيت وقتنا معهم وشاهدت افلام معهم. حاولت صنع الفن مع اختي. كنت اقرا وكتب كثيرا. وساعدت امي بالطعام وصنعت حلوى وكعك. في رأيي اني مكث في المنزل لأن والدي ارادنا ان نكون آمنين والا يرضيا بسبب الفيروس



Ayesha Tazeem 11:47 AM

قضيت عطلتي بشكل جيد للغاية ، وآمل أن تكون عطلاتك جيدة أيضًا. واتمنى لكم رمضان سعيدا مقدما!

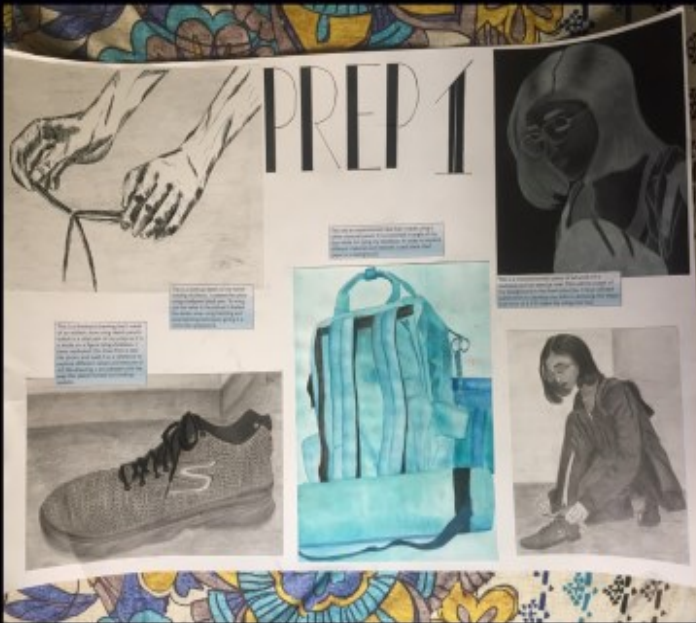
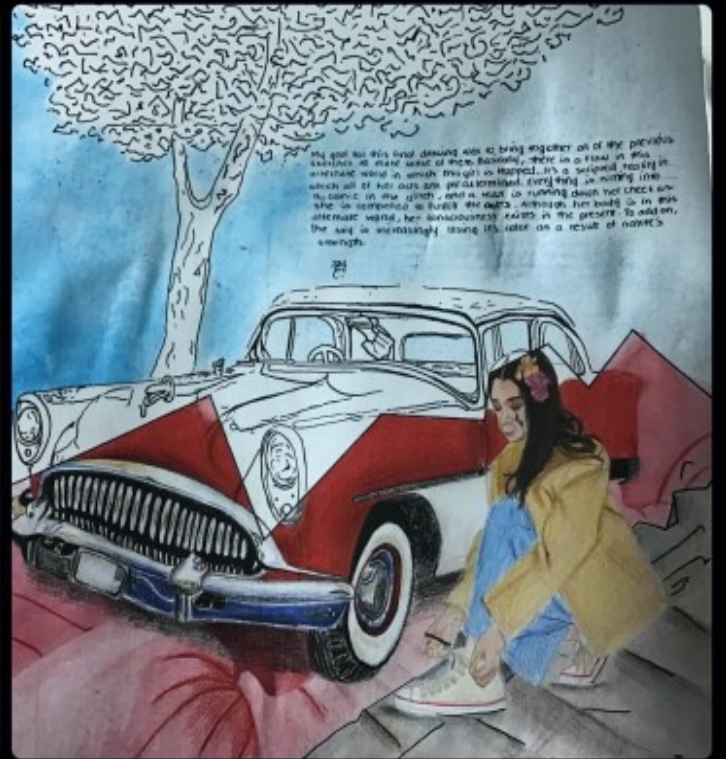
عطلة

في عطلة الربيع ، خرجت مع عائلتي وأبناء عمومي. كما أنني لعبت ألعابًا مع أبناء عمومي. لقد جاءوا أيضًا إلى منزلنا لمدة 3 أيام واستمتعنا باللعب ومشاهدة التلفزيون وممارسة الألعاب. ذهبنا بقية إجازتي مع أبي وأخي في المنزل. كان والدي في المكتب. في الليل عندما كان نهارًا يأتي ، كنا نتحدث ونشاهد التلفزيون معًا.

On spring vacation, I went outside, with my family and cousins. I also played games with my cousins. They also came to our house for 3 days and we had fun playing, watching TV and playing games. The rest of my vacations went with my mom and brother in-home (my dad used to be in the office). At night when my day used to come, we used to talk and watch TV together.

Zainab Ali
Id no: 7216
Grade: 8-G/F1

Secondary Section News



Beautiful artwork by Zara , Amna and Hassan with Ms. Maha. Their Term 2 art work topic was about tying a shoe; they had to create different observational studies about shoe details and textures, hands, lace and create a theme based on the topic.. They also explored different mediums and integrate different techniques .