

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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9th September, 2021



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

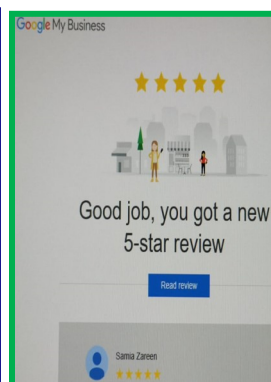
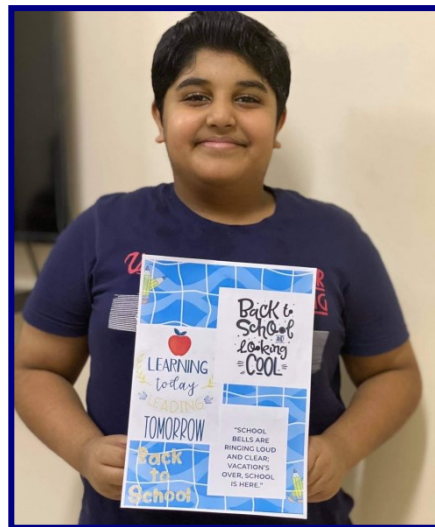
Dear WSS Parents,

Early Exit Slips

If you require to pick up your child from school early, or change home-time transport arrangement, you need to come to school at least **one hour before**, as it takes time to make safe exit arrangements. Please also **inform the teacher by email by 10am on the day**. Support Staff fetch your child from class for you & many go out on bus trips, so we need an hour to arrange the exit. Our regular finish time is 1:40pm, therefore you need to arrange early pick-up **no later than 12:40pm**. Thank you.



Learning is now well-underway. Here is a Y4H2 student enjoying Literacy Day activities with Ms. Dincy



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Saturday 11th Sept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSS Fee Counter open 8am to 2pm for convenient fee payment, book collecting & enrollment processes.
From Sunday 29th Aug. 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of new Academic Year 2021-2022. All students over age 12 should have a <u>valid (72 hours) negative PCR test</u> result before rejoining school on their first day. For our children's safety, all parents & visitors must have either a valid (72 hours) negative PCR Test or be vaccinated (2 doses) to pass the school gates. If you wish to enter, please be ready to show your Al Hosn or other evidence to Security. Thank you. Please click <u>accept the online Home-School Contract & BYOD Acceptable Use Contracts</u> that we will email to you before rejoining school. The Authorities are strongly recommending that all students over age 12 years are fully vaccinated (both doses) for their own safety. If your child attends the Blended programme (Face-to-Face), we are now able to provide water coolers, but please send in a personal water bottle & snack daily. The canteen will not be open. <u>Full T1 fees must be paid before any student has their class confirmed to be admitted for the new academic year</u> (for both Blended & Online DL (Distance Learning)). Please Budget accordingly—there will be no Payment Plans in T1 (no exceptions). Thank you.
Sunday 12th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to clear T1 fees & submit any outstanding documents (new admissions) to keep your booked seat. After this date we will assume that you do not want your seat & will offer it to the Waiting List.

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

Lets make the INTERNET a better place for our children!

64% Parents do not know what their children are doing online due to their busy schedule or less knowledge of Internet. Lets not be one of them and educate ourselves!

10 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

1 Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech **safely** and **positively**.

2 Take an **interest** in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.

3 Be the parent. You're in charge. Set **boundaries** and consider using filtering software.

4 Create a family media **agreement** with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.

5 Teach your child what **personal information** they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).

6 Help your child learn to **filter** information online and navigate fact from fiction.

7 Navigate digital **dilemmas** with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishments.

8 **Balance** green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.

9 Don't support your child to sign up for sites with **age restrictions** (e.g. 13+) if they're underage.

10 **Learn more:** Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.



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TIPS FOR STUDENTS

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND INTERNET SAFETY

1 LAWS Many sites and web tools are 13+. Most images and work online are protected by copyright.



2 TALK Tell your parents what you're doing online. Always ask a trusted adult if you're unsure of anything.



3 FRIENDS Don't add or meet online friends without parent permission. Don't trust everything friends tell you.



4 PRIVACY Keep personal info private: Your full name, Address, Phone number, Passwords, Your plans and birthday.



5 REPUTATION Don't post anything you wouldn't want teachers, family, friends, and future employers to see.



6 QUESTION You can't believe everything you read and see online. There's a lot of incorrect and biased info.



7 BULLYING Tell someone if you think cyberbullying is happening to you or other people you know.



8 ACCOUNTS Choose sensible email addresses and usernames. Use strong passwords and don't share them with others.



9 MANNERS Be polite and respectful at all times. Treat others online how you'd like to be treated.



10 UNPLUG Balance your screen time and green time. Get outdoors, move, play, and interact face to face.



If in doubt, **think** about and **talk** it out

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WSS Superstar Teamwork Champions!

My name is Rashaad Hasan and I have recently graduated from WSS. I am now studying in the American University of Sharjah doing a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering.

I am writing to you to acknowledge the great efforts of one of my teachers, Mr. Francis Virgil. Throughout my time at WSS, no one has helped me more in so many aspects as he has. He was always there for me when I needed guidance and support.

Although he was my math teacher in A levels, he helped me with much more than just math and I would not have achieved such high grades without his help. He helped to boost my morale and most of all he was always ready to answer my queries without hesitation.

I really share a special bond with Mr. Francis which I will cherish for my entire life. I assure you that everyone from my class admires Mr. Francis cause he truly cared about us and our future!

Thanking you,

Rashaad Hasan

Thank you - WSS



Dear Teachers,

As I enter a new phase in my life, I look back at all the challenges I've faced, all the experiences I've had and all the things I've learnt. Firstly, I owe it all to Allah, then my parents and sister, and then my wonderful teachers!!! Every one of my teachers has helped me channel my energy into my studies and made me love and enjoy whatever I have learnt!

Due to all of your hard work, I have reached where I am now, currently doing a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering at the American University of Sharjah. I have also received a 75% scholarship and I've started classes; which are actually quite fun and interesting.



I'd like to thank my subject teachers:

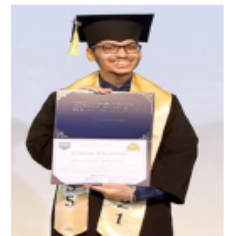
- Ms. Leena, for always being patient with me and making sure I understand everything no matter the cost.
- Ms. Swapnali, for fueling my interest in chemistry and giving me plenty of opportunities to broaden my view of chemistry.
- Ms. Divya, for understanding me and making me love physics more.
- Mr. Francis, for encouraging me to develop my understanding of Maths and for always being there for me when I need anything at all.
- Mr. Krishna, for always being understanding and helpful.
- Ms. Deepika, for always encouraging me to explore my interest in economics and for being someone who I could talk to when I needed help.

- Ms. Kamini, for being one of the first teachers who made me like and develop my passion for economics.
- Ms. Remya Lloyd, for not only helping me to improve my understanding of biology, but also helping me to develop my teaching skills and for being one of the greatest class teachers I have ever had!
- Ms. Ayesha, for being the most wonderful English teacher I've ever had. Thank you for being patient with me and for helping me develop my English to the level at which it is today.
- Ms. Sherin, for first instilling my love for pure Maths which I absolutely enjoy to this day, always being patient with me and understanding my hyper-nature.
- Ms. Marwa, who helped me a lot in understanding Arabic until I developed a liking towards it.
- Ms. Manju Solvin, who helped me a lot to put myself out there and take part in extracurriculars.

I would also like to thank Ms. Swarupa for helping me whenever I approached her and the wonderful science lab technicians who were always so nice, understanding and helpful. I would also like to give out a special thanks to Ms. Rejina for all her help in guiding me to the right course and university, and to Mr. Francis who helped me with more than just math; and for all his help, especially during my A levels, I am extremely grateful!

Furthermore, I would like to convey my appreciation for everyone who I might have missed out in this email, but have helped me at some point during my time at WSS.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Kesavan and Mr. Franklin for all their help and support, and Ms. Sreeja for always pushing me to achieve success and to be a leader.



Every one of you has made a huge difference in my life... I will miss you all so much and I hope to make you all proud one day In Shaa Allah!

Rashaad Hasan



BIG THANK YOU!!! To our superstar WSS Mothers & Fathers, who have worked so patiently & tirelessly to ensure our children are enrolled, ready for school and ready for their learning. Most of our children are now back on a F2F or Blended programme—super job!! Our students learn best when they are in school with their friends & Teachers, so well done for sending them in.

Most of our students now have their beautiful, smart uniform & they look GORGEOUS!! Thank you dear parents for supporting our uniform policy to ensure we are feel part of the same family, ready for our 'work in the office' preparing for the high standards of professional dress in their future.

We are hoping to have stocks of ties & scarves in the school Bookstore next week in case your child still needs to get these.

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

Huge thanks to our Traffic Police & Emiri Guard daily support to ensure drop-off & pick-up are safe from our children. We thank parents for their cooperation with these critical community helpers.



Dear Schools Principals,

Greetings & warmest wishes from SPEA.

In reference to Circular No. 44 of 2021 regarding Return to School Procedures 2021/2022, we inform you that all visitors including parents are required to present a complete COVID-19 vaccination card (at least two doses), or a negative PCR test result valid for no longer than 72 hours in order to enter the school.

Message from SPEA, 2/9/21

السادة/ مديري المدارس الخاصة المحترمين

يطيب لهيئة المشاركة للتعليم الخاص أن تبعث لكم أصدق التحيات وخالص الأمنيات...

بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، وإحاقاً بالتعميم رقم 44 لسنة 2021 بشأن إجراءات العودة للمدارس 2022/2021، نحيطكم علماً بأنه يشترط على كافة الزوار والمراجعين وأولياء الأمور إبراز بطاقة التطعيم ضد كوفيد-19 بشكل كامل (جرعتين على الأقل)، أو إبراز نتيجة فحص PCR سلبية صالحة لمدة 72 ساعة ليتمكنوا من الدخول إلى المدرسة.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير

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



Setting up the PE equipment for COVID-safe PE lessons, & ensuring that all equipment is sanitized after each lesson.



Junior Section News; Making WSS History—Our First FS1 Class!



Junior Section News; First Day for Y1 & FS1!

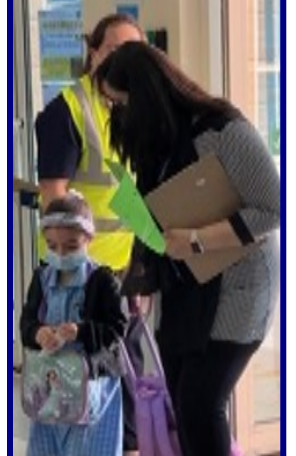


Junior Section News; Welcome to Year 1!



Y1D2 with Ms. Aysha Malik

Junior Section News; Hard at Work!



Junior Section News!

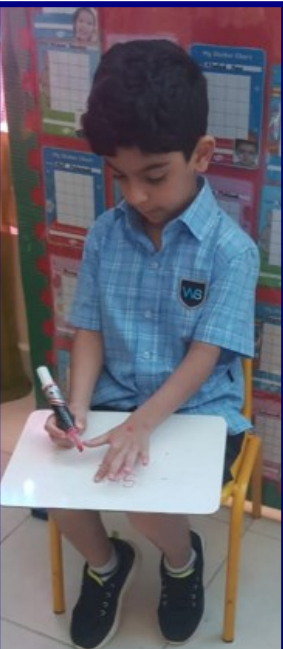


First Day in School

Y1F2 with Ms. Chithira



First Day in School



First Day in School

Junior Section News!

Learning journey of our super stars begins here, in FS1D1 with Ms. Karunya



It was Amazing 🥰🥰🥰

Fun with FS1 😊😊



Role play time with FS1 😊😊

Amazing.. 😊😊😊😊



Creative Time with FS1 😊😊😊

Great 👍👍



FS1

Aqua play Time 😊😊



Fun with FS1 😊😊😊

Great job 😊😊😊😊



Sort and play with FS1 😊😊

Well done little super stars 😊😊😊😊

Junior Section News; Learning Time!



First Day in School

Y1F2 with Ms. Chithira



First Day in School



First day at school

First day at school

Y1S1 with Ms. Sadiqa



Junior Section News; Learning Time!



FS2S2 with Ms. Kishwar & Ms. Maria



Junior Section News; Learning Time!



Primary Section News; Hard at Work!



Science Investigation – Seed Germination – Y5 S1 & F1



Preparing students for the future

With Ms. Anju

With Ms. Surbhi



My Name Art With Bubble Letters done by Y5 Students

Primary Section News; Learning Time!



With Ms. Susweta

Primary Section News; Learning Time!

Science Investigation – Seed Germination – Y5 S1 & F1



Preparing students for the future

With Ms. Anju

Science Investigation – Seed Germination – Y5H1



Omer

Ahmed

Zavyiar

Nhethra

Hareem

Duaa

Steven

Talha

Preparing students for the future

Science Investigation, Seed germination by Zoha from Y5F1



With Ms. Anju

With Ms. Surbhi

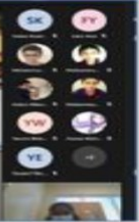
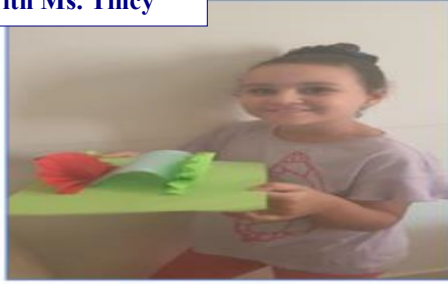


My Name Art
With Bubble
Letters done
by Y5 Students

Primary Section News

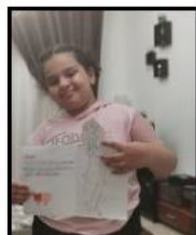
Y4F3 Literacy Day Activity

With Ms. Tincy



International Literacy Day Activities -Y4H2

With Ms. Dincy



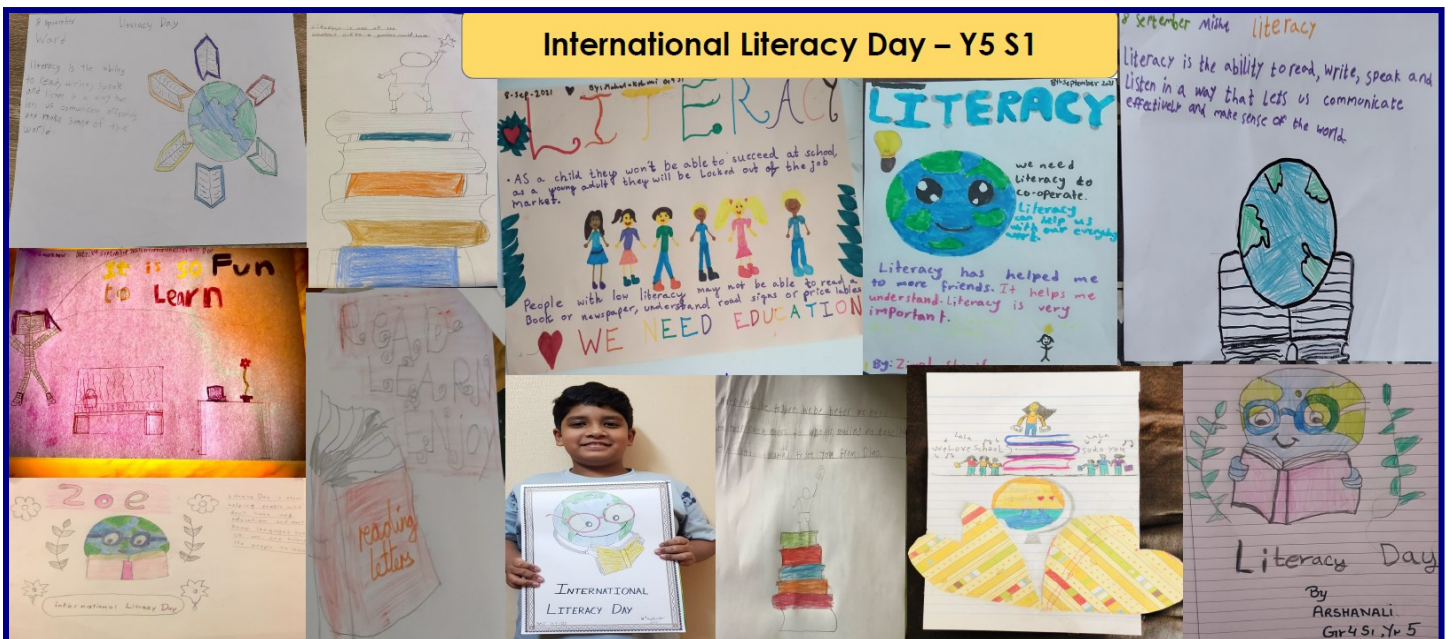
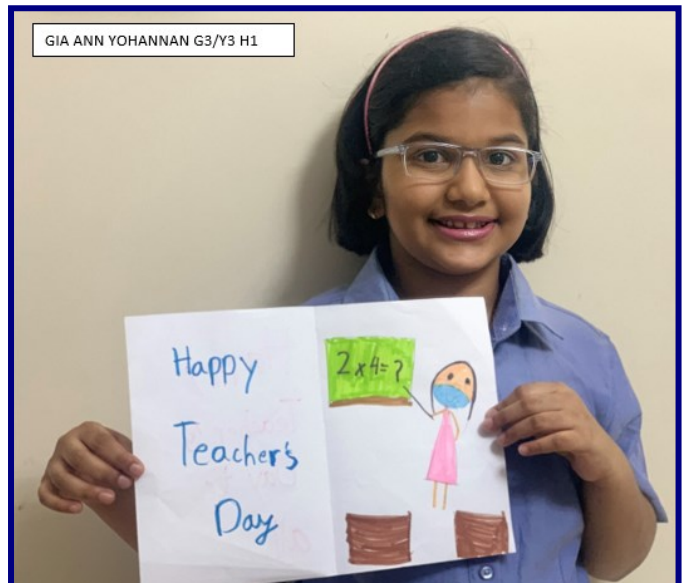
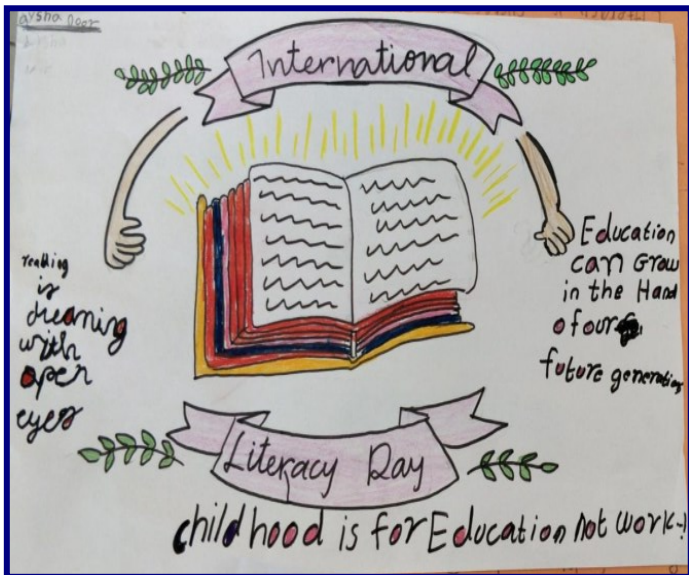
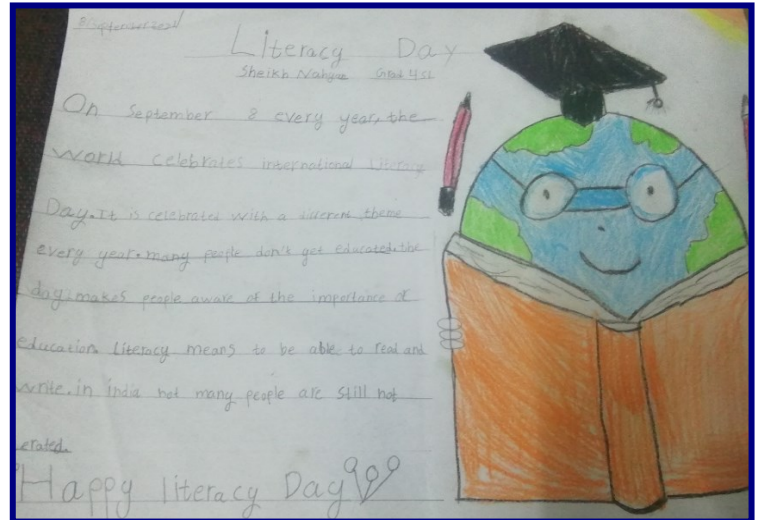
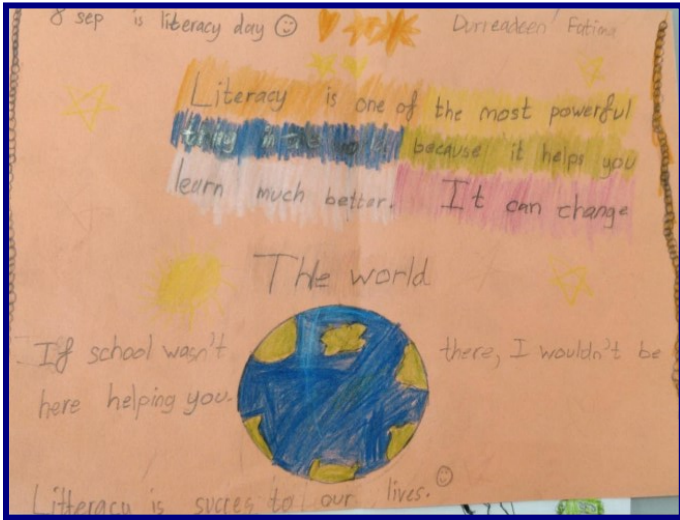
Primary Section News; Literacy Day!



Y4F1 with Ms. Deepthi



Primary Section News; Literacy Day!



Primary & Secondary Section News!

Y4H1 with Ms. Lavita

International Literacy Day Activities-Y4 H1



Fun Activity!

SCHOOL HAPPY QUOTES

I am excited to meet my friends and study

I am very nervous that I won't do well this year.

I have many goals this year so I can do well again.

Welcome Back
LEARN
WONDER
GROW
SHARE
DREAM
SMILE

Malika Y9GD1

Bhipesh Y9BS2

Vihaan Y9BS2

Secondary Section News; Hard at Work!



Secondary Section News



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Nakshatra Preemon from Y8 explaining all about STEAM lessons. STEAM lessons are designed based on different themes to develop Student's critical thinking, creativity & reasoning skills to promote environmental sustainability one of the pillars of National Agenda in line with UAE Vision 2021.

#wssstudents #lessons #Steam #develop #criticalthinking #creativity #designs #themes #skills #environmental #sustainability #NationalAgenda #uae #Vision2021 #GEMSGenius #gemscomingtogether #togetherwereturn #weareallresponsible

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Secondary Section News; STEAM at WSS!



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STAY TUNED



TO EXPLORE EXCITING
STEAM ACTIVITIES

WALL • E

IN WSS STEAM LESSONS

Coming Soon!



STEAM TEAM

INCHARGE - Ms. Manju Solvin

SCIENCE - Ms. Divyamol

ENGLISH - Mr. Pratik - YEAR 7 BOYS,

Ms. Sukanya - YEAR 7 GIRLS,

Ms. Anju YEAR 8 BOYS, Mr. Shoib YEAR 8 GIRLS

MATHS - Ms. Jini YEAR 8 GIRLS,

Ms. Payal YEAR 7 BOYS, Ms. Geethu YEAR 8 GIRLS,

Ms. Binju YEAR 8 BOYS



STEAM TEAM

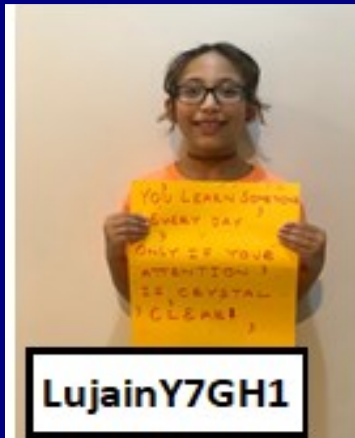
ARABIC - IN CHARGE - Ms. Shayma, Ms. Azza

YEAR 7 BOYS, Ms. Samah YEAR 7 GIRLS,

Ms. Iman YEAR 8 GIRLS AND BOYS

PE - Mr. Jishar, Mr. Sumosh, Ms. Asha

Secondary Section News; Fun Activity!



LujainY7GH1



MahnoorY7GH1



MariamY7GH1



MeralY7GH1



Mariam Y7GH1



NadaY7GH1

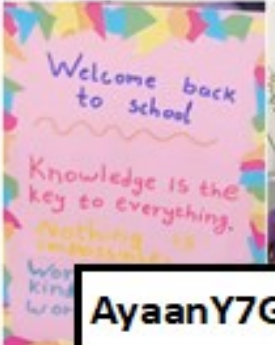


Ruqaya Y7GH1



NamariqY7GH1

Sara Y7GH1



AyaanY7GF1



SweedelY7GF1



AdeenaY7GF1



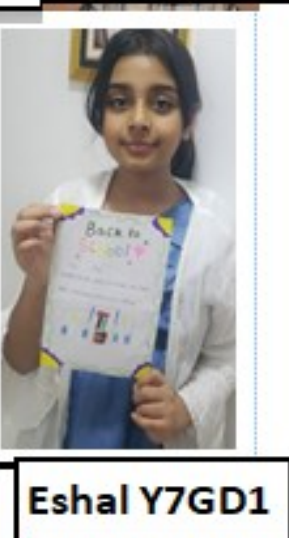
Lana Y7GF1



Simran Y7GF1



AksharaY7GD1



Eshal Y7GD1

Secondary Section News; Fun Activity!



Fatim Y7GD1



Faryal Y7GD1



Fatima Y7GD1



Fatima Y7GD1



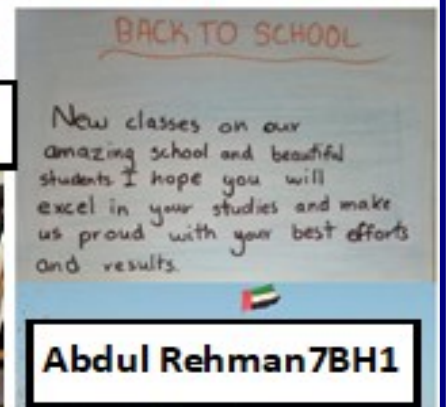
Rania Y7GD1



Zayan Y7BF1



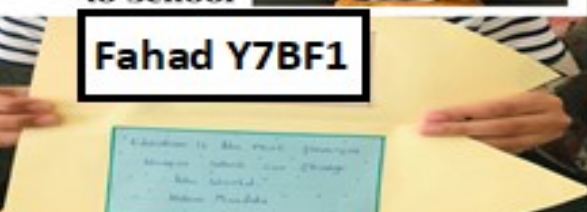
Ali Y7BS1



Abdul Rehman 7BH1



Back to school



Fahad Y7BF1



Faiq Y7BD1



Secondary Section News; Fun Activity!

Welcome to 8BD!



"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships"- Michael Jordan



Shahzaib Y8BD1



Y8BF1



Manasa Y8GH1



Hania Y8GH1



Ayesha Y8GD1



Naveera Y8GF1



Jawahir Y8GH1



**Hadiya Nadeem
Year 8 GD**

Secondary Section News; Fun Activity!



Takomborerwa Y8GF1



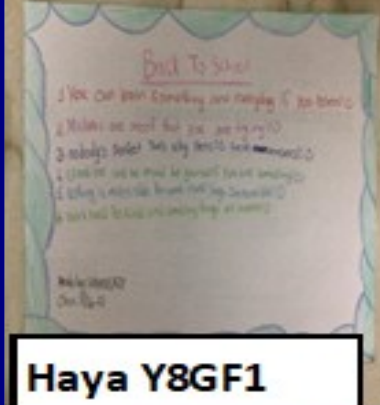
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Aena Y8GF1



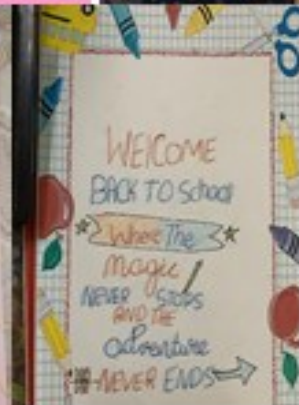
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Haya Y8GF1



Nabia Y8GS1



Arwa Y8GS1



Aman Y8GS1



Lala Y9GF1



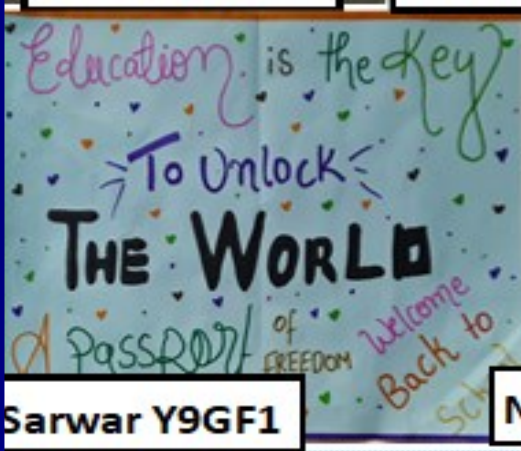
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Twisha Y9GF1



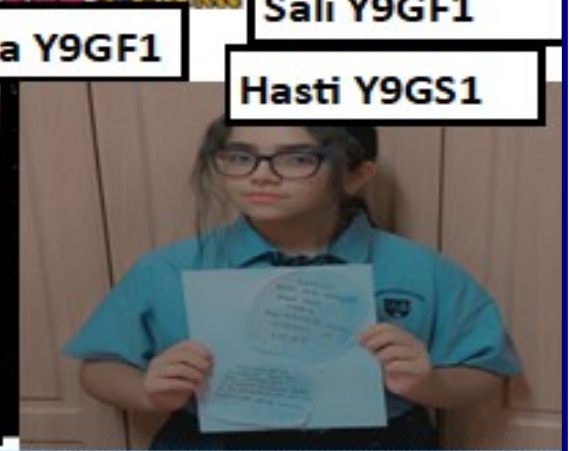
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Sarwar Y9GF1



Nazratun Y9GF1

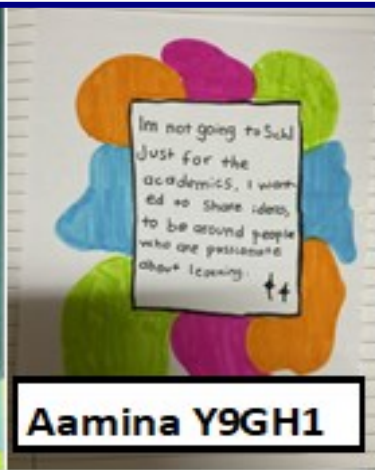


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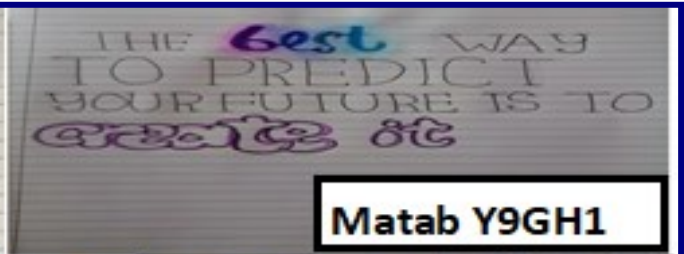
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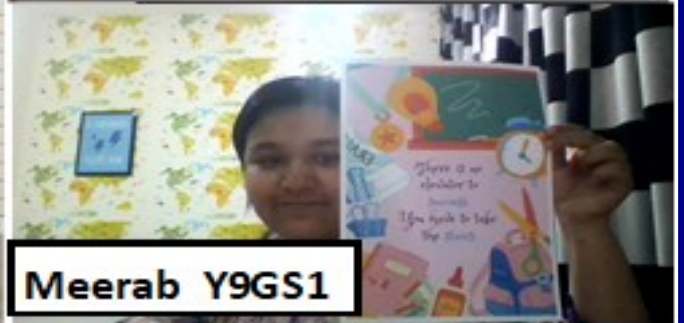
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Aamina Y9GH1



Matab Y9GH1



Meerab Y9GS1



Rameen Y9GH1



Vanshika Y9GS1



Syed Y9BD1



Shreyas Y9BD1



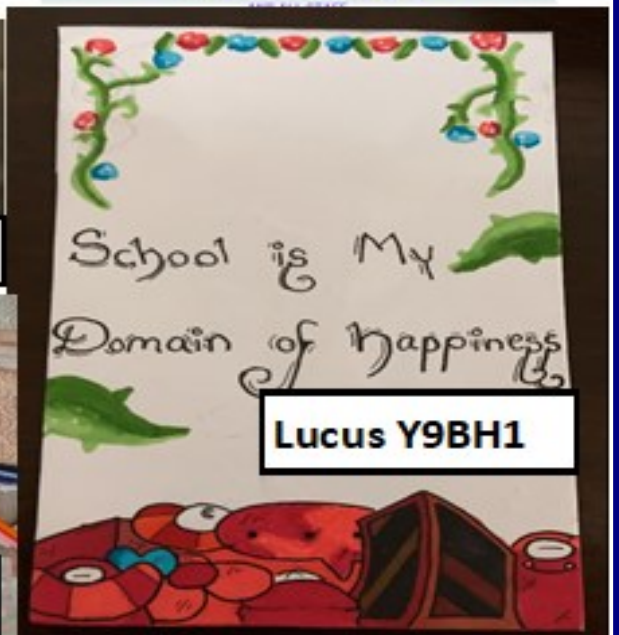
Mustafa Y9BD1



Ali Adnan Y9BD1



Hadi Y9BS1



Lucus Y9BH1