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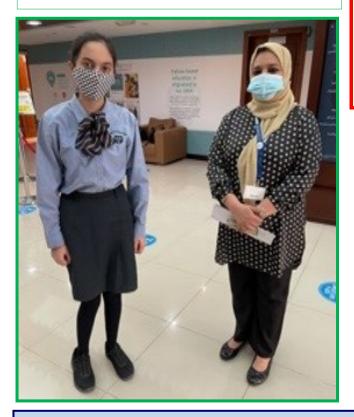
Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

We have enjoyed a wonderfully busy & productive week of continuing learning, support sessions, Junior & Primary achievement Assemblies, a Junior 'Meet & Greet' day & Junior Concerts! I hope that you were able to attend some of these joyful occasions & share in our pride due to our children's success & achievement.

We have more exciting, fun activities planned for next week, including the much-awaited G12/Y13 Graduation ceremony.

Environmental Superstars ready for the Environmental competition shortlist ceremony



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Date	Details
Sunday 20th June	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	 Students' last day of the academic year. Our learning programme will continue after exams right until 1/7/21. Finish time for students 11am. 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).
From Sunday 29th Aug. 2021	 Start of new Academic Year 2021-2022. Students who have travelled must have completed 10 days? guaranting before rejoining school

- 10 days' quarantine before rejoining school.
- All students over age 12 years must bring a negative PCR Test (validity 48 hours) to rejoin school..
- Full T1 fees must be paid before any student has their class confirmed or admitted for the new aca-
- Please Budget accordingly—there will be no Payment Plans in T1 (no exceptions). Thank you.



Superhero onr all Happy Fathers' Day to thers!!

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

WSS Superstar Champions; BEE'AH Competition!





WSS WINS SPECIAL APPRECIATION IN BEE'AH CONTEST

The prestigious **BEE'AH** contest of the academic year based on the 'The Future of Sustainability in the UAE' was declared its result recently . The UAE – wide competition received more than 700 entries from various participating schools and out of the stiff competition, 15 were shortlisted. WSS was one among them, and our school students won Special appreciation certificates in two categories





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TEAM LEAD-LEEN SULAIMAN GR7Y8GF1

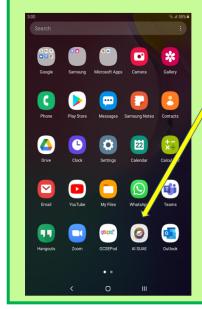




Congratulations to our innovative & creative students, & to teachers Ms. Laneetha, Ms. Remya & Ms. Deepthi K for their tremendous encouragement & support!

WSS Superstar Champions; BEE'AH Competition!

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- Raghda Ihab-G7Y8 GF1, Aadhil Nawab khan-G9Y10BH
- Fathima Barami-G7Y8GF1, Fathima Hazmer -G8Y9GH
- Leen Sulaiman- G7Y8GF1, Maryam Abu-G9Y10GH1
- Parwana-G9Y10GH1

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- Aemel Aemy -G10Y11GS
- Abeer Ifthikar- G10Y11GS
- Gathika Suneel- G10Y11GS
- Dua Fathima- G10Y11GD

Well done & congratulations!







The Principal Ms. Valerie was presented with an achievement certificate on behalf of the whole WSS team, issued by the VP Cluster Lead Ms. Ranju & presented to Ms. Valerie at **GEMS Corporate** Office by CEO Mr. Dino Varkey. This was in recognition of ongoing school successes & development.



Thank you dear parent for your positive message of appreciation & video. Ms. Susweta was very happy!

Dear Ms. Beena and Ms. Sidra,

I really wanted to thank you both for your tireless efforts in making sure that our kids learn the maximum possible in this pandemic period.

I was very skeptical about Aaira attending her classes online as KG2 was definitely a huge step ahead for the kids, but the support that I have received from the teachers in ensuring that she shows progress is commendable.

I could see a huge difference in my child from what she was in KG1. Her reading skills have become really impressive and she is also trying her best to achieve the objective of writing.

I really appreciate all the love, patience and dedication you have shown towards my kid and I really wished that she could have got a chance to attend her classes and learn even better under your guidance.

Lots of Love from Aaira..

Regards, Sheeba

Character Award and Classcraft Moral Education



AroojG7Y8GS1



Rohit G7Y8BD1





Omar G6Y7BD1



Parental Engagement Certificate





Dear Mr. Osama.

This is Ruqaya Ahmed G5GH1 father I am sending this email to express my gratitude to the WSS school managment, Arabic section and Mr. Mohamed for his effort with students during this year.

I have noticed a big difference with my daughter since she was struggling with Arabic but this year she is completely different and she loved Arabic subject and started reading Arabic in addition to that he always encouraging her to express herself since she is very shy and and quite person and she's now interacting during the class and she feels more confident.

I would like to request if the school can assign Ruqaya in Mr. Mohamed class in G6 next year would be great for as it would help Ruqaya to continue the development with Mr. Mohamed.

Thank you again for all your efforts.

Regards, Ahmed Sallam

Thank you !!!!

You has truly made his day. Uffan is very lucky to have an understanding friend, a supportive, wonderful, brilliant, an honest and generous teacher "Dincy Danial".

You are really flexible and a balanced teacher. Uffan has enjoyed G5\Y6 H2 in your delightful and versatile supervision. Thanks a lot once again and good luck for a wonderful life ahead.



Preparing students for future

WSS READING CHAMPIONS OF 2020-2021

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or a duty. It should be offered as a gift"

Reading is a way to expand the mind and open the eyes of each and every individual. During the academic year of 2020- 2021, our KS3 blossoms have **READ 13211** high volume of books and **SPENT 4504 HOURS AND 55 MINUTES** in Online Reading. With immense proud and pleasure WSS Congratulates the READING CHAMPIONS OF KS3 for their exemplary performance who have bagged **GOLD CERTIFICATE** from Scholastic Programme for scoring 70 percent and above in more than 50 online quizzes.

CONGRATULATIONS LITTLE SCHOLARS!!

s/NO	GRADE	NAME	Certificate earned
1.	6GS/7GS	JUMANA MOHAMED ABDELREHIM	GOLD
2.	6BD2/7BD2	ZIAD ASHRAF ABDELKAREM	GOLD
3.	6BF1/7BF1	AHMED ARAFAT	GOLD
4.	6BF/7BF1	QAZI HAMZA	GOLD
5.	7BH1/8BH1	AMIR AHMED	GOLD
6.	7BH1/8BH1	THIVIRU DILMITH	GOLD
7.	7BS1/8BS1	ABDULRAHMANWASEEM	GOLD
8.	7BS1/8BS1	MOHAMMAD WAEL	GOLD
9.	7BS1/8BS1	MOHAMMED HADI	GOLD
10.	7BS2/8BS2	BHIPESH SUNEEL	GOLD
11.	7BS2/8BS2	VIHAAN SINHA	GOLD
12.	7BS2/8BS2	MUHAMMAD KHURRAN	GOLD
13.	7GF/8GF1	AREEBA AHSAN	GOLD
14.	8BD/9BD1	OMAR ASHRAF KARIM	GOLD
15.	7BD/8BD	SYED SHAZIL RAHEED	GOLD







ZIAD ASHRAF GR6/YR7BD2



JUMANA GR6/YR7GS

Dear teacher

I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to you and the whole staff of WSS. It has been a wonderful online learning experience. You and everyone has been so supportive in these difficult times of pandemic of covid 19. Alisha has learned alot from you and all her other teachers. Thank you for your cooperation and coordination. You have helped Alisha learn a lot in this school year. Hope to see you next year in school.

Thanks and regards







@Ms. Asmaa, Mr Ahmed, Ms Maha, Ms Nancy all the amazing team work made this year a successful one

@Ms Valerie, thanks a lot for those incredible teachers

and the outstanding management.

cooperation.

WSS Superstar Champions; G4/Y5 Achievement Assembly, 22/6/21!





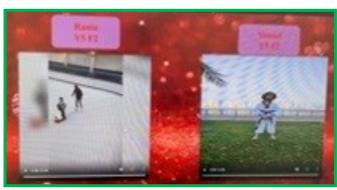










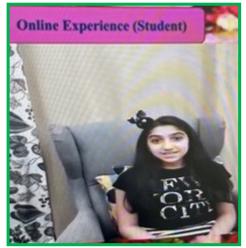


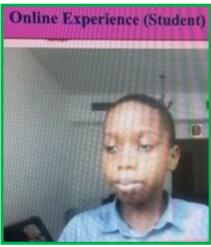






WSS Superstar Champions; G4/Y5 Achievement Assembly, 22/6/21!

































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With Ms. Lakshmi

WSS Superstar Champions; Achievement Assemblies, 22/6/21!

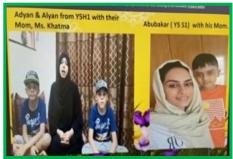










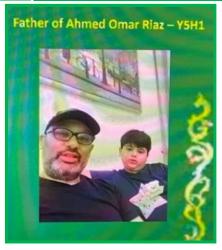












Dear Ms Manjari,

Good Evening..

Thanks for sharing Certificate of Aaliyan .

- Thank you for being the guiding light, for our kids and parents as well as , for always being nice to our child. Thanks for everything that you do.
- Teachers like you are one in a million! Thank you so much!

Regards,

Aaliyan Parents G5BD1

WSS Superstar Champions; Home-School Teamwork!

Dear Miss Priti

I would like to thank you for all the extra effort you make to help our kids.

With all your patience, creativity and love, our kids achieved a lot this year.

Thank you again because you care so much about them, you have directed them to trust themselves in all they do especially online studying was not easy.

Thanks to all and wish you the best of luck

Thanks & Regards

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Thank you dear parents for taking the time to share a positive appreciation message to your teachers. It is so encouraging & motivating to continue the hard work & commitment.

Respected Madam

We would like to thank you Miss Susweta for inspiring our child to come out of his shell.

Farhan really appreciates your continuous support to empower and guide him through this academic year.

Thank you for being so patient with him.I am also glad for teachers like you who make a difference in a child's life.

As a parent, I know perfect teachers are hard to find, But for me" You" are the "Best" teacher for my child. Your advice and belief in him has really helped me and given him the confidence he needed way forward.

Although it was a very unique experience for students to complete the lessons through online sessions, You all have done a great job during the live online session.

We appreciate your dedication for all the students, you have being very supportive, loving and caring teacher.

Kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Sadia (Mother of Farhan Jasim)

Dear Ms. Deepthi,

A short note to summarise our experience during the current academic year.

"A year which most of us would want to put behind in terms of the pandemic. This being said, we congratulate the Management and Staff of GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah for ensuring the continuity of education without compromising on the quality of delivery.

The safety standards followed at the School premises were exemplary and ensured a safe environment for students. We were impressed to see all the safety protocols being followed without any lapses.

A special note of appreciation for Ms. Deepthy and Tanush's subject Teachers. They have gone the extra mile to make his learning fun filled with new learning methodologies. Goes without saying that the role of the support staff too was crucial in setting up the School and achieving operational efficiency. Kudos to them as well!

Thank you all once again and we look forward to a promising year ahead.

Happy Holidays! Stay Safe, Stay Healthy ."

Thanks and Regards

S. Kesavan Unni & Sarada K Unni

(Parents of Tanush K Menon)

G4 Y5 H2

Dear <u>maam</u> (Ms. Azza Abuzaid).

Salam va allykum!

How are you maam?

Would like to thankyou so much for your support and helping Dhivith to be successful, this year, he learnt so much in Arabic, he can read well and has loved the subject, it's all because of you. Your patience and

Thankyou maam very grateful. Praying you will be there with him in grade 7.

Regards.

Cimshy

Dhiviths mom

Good Day!

I would just like to thank you for Mr. Ismail for his class today for grade 5G - D1 as he had a very nice was of teaching that grabbed my attention, where he chooses a wise way of sending the information or the point, a pleasant way talking with the girls and as an overall performance.

This was just a simple thanks and appreciation message that i wanted to pass. A very good role model for the Arabic teachers and Arabic subjects.

Kind Regards,

Heba Ali

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

Sunny Varkey



Thank you to Marwan G10/Y11 BD) for his kind appreciation video to his teachers.

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



Whole School News



On 24/6/21, the Principal & Vice Principal attended our SPEA School Improvement (SIA) Lead Ms. Lynn's Innovation Hub meeting with other Sharjah school leaders. 3 schools presented a report on their Innovation project. WSS' Mr. Andrew presented about our Twinning project with UK school QEGS, which included teaching English students Arabic & question-&-answer videos about Ramadan & other Islamic values. Huge thanks to Mr. Andrew & Mr. Osama for leading on this exciting initiative. We hope to extend the initiative into other subjects next year.



Whole School News





Appreciation for our wonderful G2/Y3 Team



Thank you to Nabia who shared a very sweet video & poster, celebrating her superhero father on Fathers' Day.







Students Wellbeing

Father's Day -Celebration

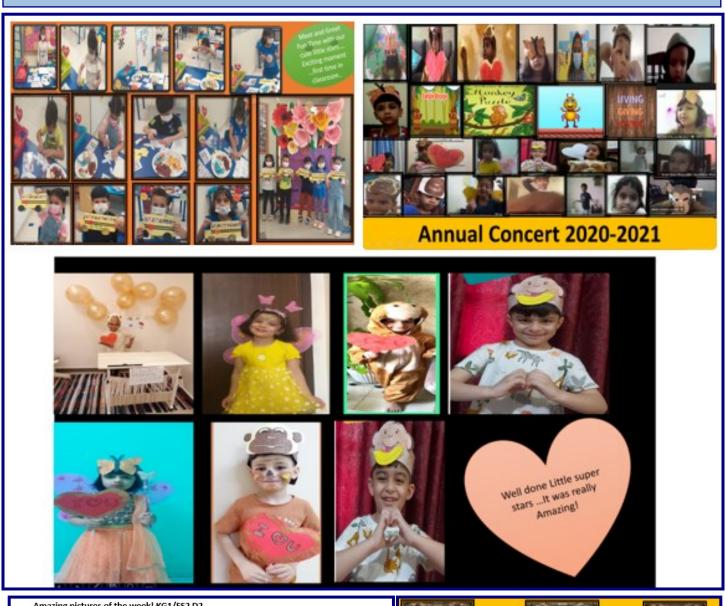


Fun Activity



With Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima. Happy Fathers' Day!







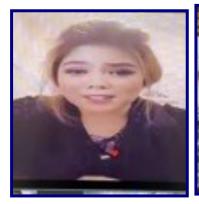


KG1/FS2 D2 with Ms. Karunya

Junior Section News: KG2/Y1 Graduation!

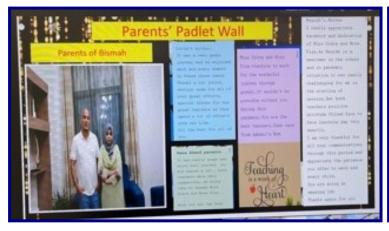


















Junior Section News: KG2/Y1 Graduation!





Dear Ms. valerie

I would like to appreciate all the teachers and technical staff. Hard work and dedication of the teachers are really excellent. Especially Ms. Divya, Ms. Eman, Ms. Asma, Ms. Azrin and Ms. Namitha their efforts towards the students are remarkable. Ms. Divya taught maths in very logical way and made the students understand in a proper way, very smartly she engaged the students during English lessons. She is one of the best teacher in WSS, Because of her excellent way of teaching students never lose their interest during the lesson. Thank You very much for your efforts and love.

From,

Irfan Younas

Parents

Rida Irfan

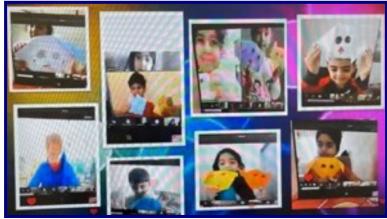
D1 G2



Sarah preparing for her concert speech. She did such a great job dramatizing her lines!

Junior Section News: KG2/Y1 Graduation!





























































Greet and meet session-G1Y2H2





Welcome to your WSS classroom! Happy students & happy teachers!

Dear Ms. Himaya and Ms. Soumya,

Thank you very much for a wonderful event with our children. We understand that doing a virtual concert is not an easy task especially with kindergarteners. Tremendous efforts you both have put in this event from making the propts. to conducting practice sessions is very evident. We have no words to thank you enough. We, along with Aleesha's grand parents from Sri Lanka enjoyed the concert with great pleasure. Aleesha too enjoyed her first ever concert.

Thank you again from bottom of our hearts.

PFA pictures of Aleesha in her costume.

Best Regards Shabnam

Loving learning with Ms. Sadiqa!

Dear teacher.

A big Thank you to you and Ms. Hiba for putting all your efforts to make children do their best. Today's concert was wonderful and I know it wasn't an easy job for teachers to prepare them online but you did it. 👍

For yesterday, I am pleased to share that you and Ms. Hiba made Saaim feel special, he was so happy to meet you all and was willing to go to school again and again.

Once again a big round of applause for you both to do it successfully 💍.

I am unable to find Ms. Hiba email ID ,apologies for that. Please pay my regards to her.

Regards,

Saba Amin

Primary Section News; Online Concerts!





















Concert with Ms.

KG1/FS2 F2 Syeda Hiba

Grade A/ Year 5 Achievement Assembly Lift referred in the secret bushin. Assembly Lift referred in the secret bus

Deputy Head







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Primary & Secondary Section News



Dear miss.

I found the life skills sessions extremely helpful, I enjoyed it very much! It helped me find information on university application as well as helped me have more confidence in myself. It taught me life skills I can use in the near future as well as what to expect from the world outside. It was very informative and comforting to hear your educational and personal experiences and this will help prepare me for the future.

Thanking you, Semer



Primary Section News

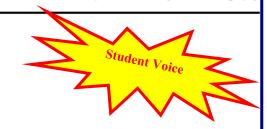
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Graduation Ceremony

Thanks Giving Note

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Dilki Ayansa

Thank you so much for being such a wonderful teachers. You all were teaching us like a mothers. We love you so much Ms. Vandana and all. I will never forget you all when I become a woman. Thank you for teaching us good things and I gained a lot of knowledge from you. Thanks Maam and we love you.

Yeyn Mamon

thank you miss Vandana, miss Sasi, and miss Shirmila, for helping me do good in my studies and helping me when I don't understand the subject

Hooria Irfan

Special thanks to: Ms. Valarie and the leadership team! My teachers My parents and everyone who helped my through this academic year! Thank You!

Ms. Sonia Fernandez

Dear students,

You have now been graduated from KS2 to KS3 in the midst of a global pandemic. No doubt your life was disrupted. No doubt there was added stress. No doubt there was uncertainty. Despite these challenges, or more accurately because of them, you are stronger. You are a stronger student having tested yourself.

Congratulations to all of you! I wish you continued success and happiness in all you do. I know how hard you have worked and I am so proud of you. Believe in yourselves as I believe in you

Good luck, to all of you! Love you all my dear girls :)

layan

I am gratefull

Sevin G5S1

I thank all my teachers from grade 5 it was a hard jouney with online classes but i still didn't give up and countied. Again i thanks my teachers very much they teached very nicely and i understind every word they said! I thank my parents too. Stay safe and bye!

Simran

I am grate full to have you all. Thank you for teaching

Mahnoor Usman- 5GH1

I am grateful for all my teachers with their cooperation during the Covid-19 pandemic.

NYSHA

I am grateful for my parents and teachers that have been teaching thank uou for so much

To my dearest teachers and all other staff, I am so great full for all that i am today. Thank you teachers for believing in me .

Eshall Girish

Jana hamdy

2 years ago the pandemic has started life was so hard for me cause I was in Canada so I had to do the COVID test and fly to

Secondary Section News; Student Wellbeing!



Secondary Section News; GEMS Alumni Programme for G12/Y13!







ALUMNI PROGRAMME

Congratulations on reaching this exciting milestone.

We hope to follow your success through the GEMS Alumni app as you embark on this promising chapter of your life.

Enjoy these great features exclusive to the GEMS Alumni App

GLOBAL NETWORK

Search for friends and peers from your alma mater or any GEMS school and connect with them

INSPIRING STORIES

Hear inspiring stories from your fellow alumni or share your post-GEMS story with the community

EXCLUSIVE CONTENT

Have your academic, professional and personal questions answered by GEMS alumni

WORLDWIDE CHAPTERS

Always have a piece of home wherever you go with the range of alumni chapters around the world and in the world's top universities

So what are you waiting for? JOIN THE PROGRAMME TODAY



Scan the QR code to download the app and find out more about the programme

