

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #4  
16th September, 2021



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

Dear WSS Parents,

### School Day Starts at 7:45am

Please note that the school day starts at 7:45am with Registration time. This is an important part of the day where

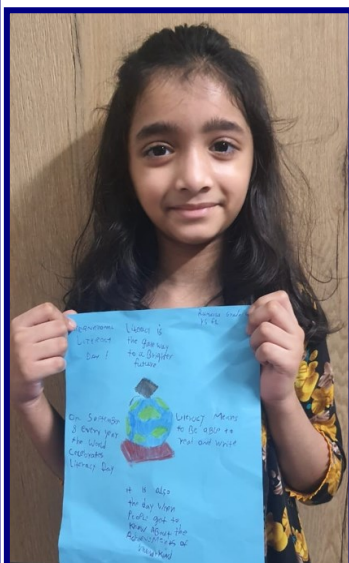
teachers get to know your children, listen to them & share important notices & activities. Please ensure that your child is in school by 7:45am punctually each day. Thank you..

### Uniform Ties & Scarves

A smart, professional-looking tie/scarf is a compulsory part of our uniform, showing that our young business people are ready for their 'office'. These items are now available for purchase in the school Bookstore. If your Y3-13 child does not yet have a tie/scarf please visit the Bookstore or send the money with your child. Ties cost AED24/-. Scarves cost AED28/-. Thank you.

### Student & Parent ID cards

We will be printing new student & parent ID cards as soon as classes settle, hopefully by the end of September.



## Dates for Your Diary

| Date                          | Details  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Saturday 18th Sept.           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSS Fee Counter open 8am to 2pm for convenient fee payment.</li> </ul>  |
| From Sunday 29th Aug. 2021    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start of new Academic Year 2021-2022.</li> <li>All students over age 12 should have a <u>valid (72 hours) negative PCR test</u> result before rejoining school on their first day.</li> <li>For our children's safety, all parents &amp; visitors must have either a <u>valid (72 hours) negative PCR Test</u> or be vaccinated (2 doses) to pass the school gates. If you wish to enter, please be ready to show your AI Hoshn or other evidence to Security. Thank you.</li> <li>Please click <u>accept the online Home-School Contract &amp; BYOD Acceptable Use Contracts</u> that we will email to you before rejoining school.</li> <li>The Authorities are strongly recommending that all students over age 12 years are fully vaccinated (both doses) for their own safety.</li> <li>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 &amp; snack daily. The canteen will not be open.</li> <li>Full T1 fees must be paid before any student has their class confirmed to be admitted for the new <u>academic year</u> (for both Blended &amp; Online DL (Distance Learning)).</li> <li>Please Budget accordingly—there will be no Payment Plans in T1 (no exceptions). Thank you.</li> </ul> |
| Sun. 24th & Mon. 25th Oct.    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed for Mid-Term Break</li> <li>School resumes as usual for students on Tuesday 26th Oct.</li> </ul>  |
| Sun. 12th to Thurs. 30th Dec. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed for Winter Break.</li> <li>Sunday 2nd January is the first day back for Term 2 for students. T2 fees due., thank you.</li> </ul>  |

### Entry into School

You are most welcome to visit WSS; we are here to help! Please note that parents & visitors need to enter the school premises through **main Gate #1**, where Security are there to assist, check Vaccination Record/PCR Result & see that a mask is worn (as per Authority rules). This is for everyone's safety. The Bus gates at the rear are not a safe entry point & visitors are not allowed to enter there. Thank you for your cooperation to promote safety at WSS.

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

# Secondary Section News



مدرسة جيمس وستمينستر الشارقة  
GEMS Westminster School  
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## JOIN THE EMIRATES LITFEST!

One Festival of Literature  
Four exciting competitions!

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أربع مسابقات رائعة!

بادروا للاشتراك الآن [elfdubai.org](http://elfdubai.org)

Open to Primary &  
Secondary Students

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|   |  |   |  |  |  |   |  |
| <b>Short Story Writing Competition</b>  | <b>RGS Guildford Dubai Children's Letter Writing Competition</b>                                       | <b>Readers' Cup</b>   | <b>Emirates NBD Poetry For All</b>   | <b>مسابقة بنك الإمارات دبي للشعر للجميع</b>                                      | <b>مسابقة كأس القراء</b>   | <b>مسابقة مدرسة رويال جراهر جيلدفورد دبي لكتابة الرسائل الخطية</b>              | <b>مسابقة كتابة القصة</b>  |
| "Here comes the sun" is the inspiration for your story. For students in four age categories up to 25. | The Letter Writing Competition celebrates both the aesthetic of handwriting and well-crafted messages. | Join your school team and compete for the Cup. For students in two age categories up to 16. | Bring poetry to life through your performance. For students in two age categories from 8-18 years. | شاركوا في مسابقة العروض الشعرية الحية للطلبة في فئتين عمريتين من 8 إلى 18 عاماً. | انافسوا على كأس مع فرق المدارس الأخرى للطلبة في فئتين عمريتين من 8 إلى 16 عاماً. | تحقّق مسابقة كتابة الرسائل بجمال الكتابة بخط اليد ومحتوى الرسائل المصممة جيداً. | «ها هي تشرق الشمس» مصدر الإلهام لقصصكم للطلبة من الفئات العمرية المختلفة حتى 25 عاماً. |
| <b>Closing date:</b><br>3 November 2021   | <b>Closing date:</b><br>8 December 2021  | <b>Closing date:</b><br>13 October 2021   | <b>Closing date:</b><br>15 November 2021   | <b>الموعد النهائي لتسليم المشاركات:</b><br>15 نوفمبر 2021                        | <b>الموعد النهائي لتسليم المشاركات:</b><br>13 أكتوبر 2021                        | <b>الموعد النهائي لتسليم المشاركات:</b><br>8 ديسمبر 2021                        | <b>الموعد النهائي لتسليم المشاركات:</b><br>3 نوفمبر 2021                               |

Award ceremony: February 2022

حفل توزيع الجوائز: فبراير 2022

For more information about the contest click [HERE](#)

<https://www.elfdubai.org/en/education#C1>



Do you know you can monitor your children's activity without touching their devices?

## Lets explore Parental Control Settings

**Scan the code and select the device type you want to monitor.**



### **Monitoring Apps for Android & Apple devices:**

These apps will help you to monitor and limit their screen time. However, Monitoring means establishing firm guidelines and limits for your child to keep track of what is going on in his or her social world. Monitoring also means establishing clear expectations about what your child should always tell you AND that they can always talk to you about the things going on in their life.

**NOTE: GEMS Education and WSS do not own any website/tool given in our Newsletter. Our team reviews the online tool/site, and suggest them for students and parents.**



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**#DigitalResilience #LearnWithWSS**

# WSS Superstar Champions!



Celebrating success through life-long learning. Mr. Arvie above with his TESOL/TEFL course certificate that he completed over the summer, & left, with our Learning Coach Dr. Lisa being awarded her 'Spotlight on Excellence' raffle prize for the week.



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



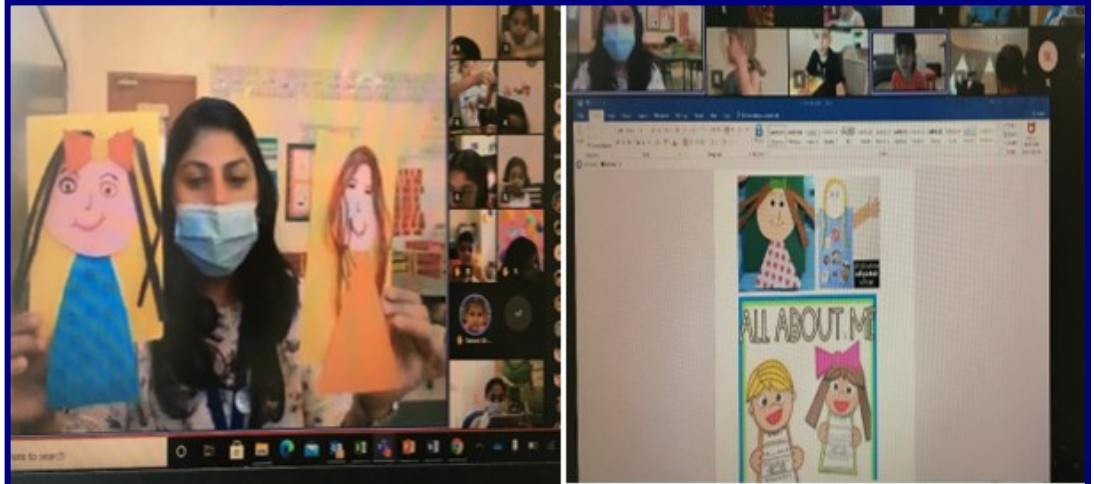
Find our updated Parent Handbook through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be fa-



# Junior Section News



Happy Birthday Syed Talha (Y1H3)!



Happy Birthday to our little princess!

## Activity "ALL ABOUT ME" in Y1 H3 with Ms. Farah



Let's say Hurray for FS1!



Y1H3 celebrated birthday of Syed Talha. Bless you!

# Junior Section News; Learning Time!



With Ms. Maria



# Junior Section News; Wellbeing Activities in Y2!

Student Wellbeing- Y2



Student Wellbeing- Y2



## Personalization of learning

PE Session – Y2



Math Session-2D Shapes- Y2





# Junior Section News; Wellbeing Activities!

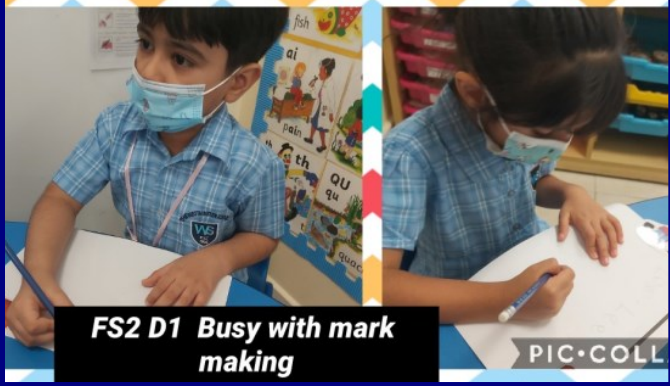


Y1H3 with Ms. Farah



With Ms. Nikhat

# Junior Section News!



**FS2 D1 Busy with mark making**

PIC·COLL



**FS2 D1 First day of school**



With Ms. Nikhat



**FS2 D1 Creating patterns**



**FS2 D1 Enjoyed creating log portrait**



PIC·COLLAGE

# Junior Section News!



With Ms. Kishwar



Our new FS1 class with Ms. Christine & Ms. Karunya.



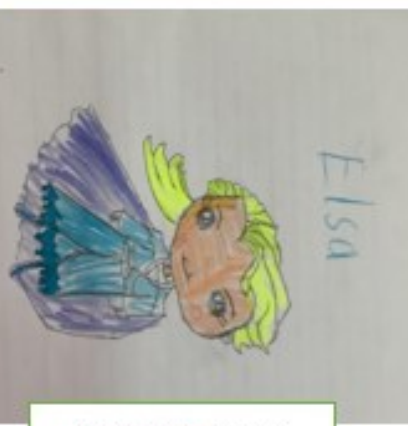
# Primary Section News; Literacy Day!

English Literacy Week- Y3F2

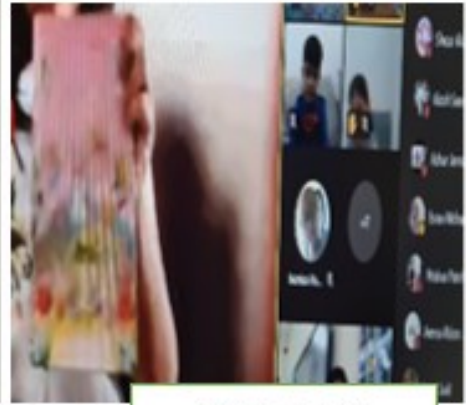
Y3 Literacy Day with Ms. Azreen



Prisha- Y3F2



Manissa- Y3F2



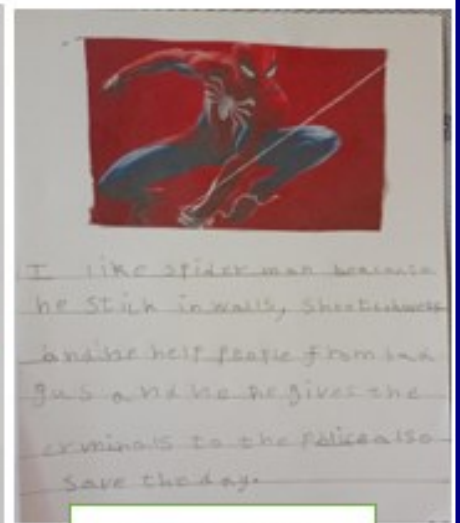
Aizah- Y3F2



Sheikh Jilani-Y3F2



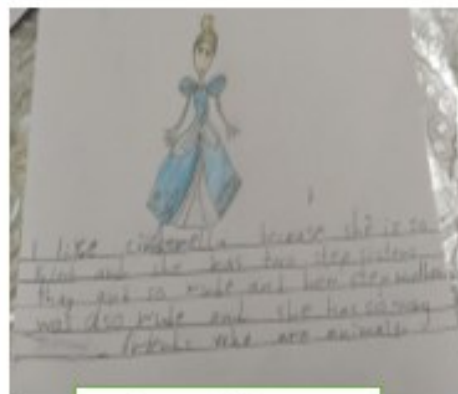
Bassam- Y3F2



Zayed -Y3F2



Rouzan- Y3F2



Sheza Akif- Y3F2



Azhar Jamal- Y3F2

# Primary Section News; Literacy Day!

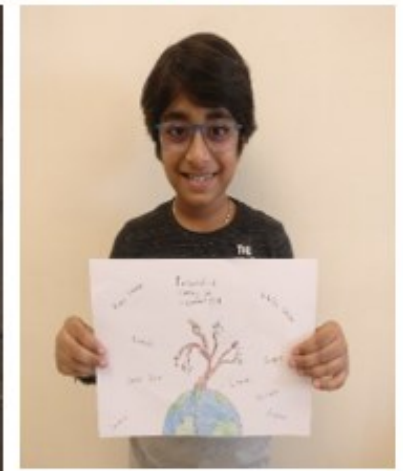


Y5 Literacy Day with Mr. Arvie

# Primary Section News; Literacy Day!

## Year 5 F2 and H2 International Literacy Day Celebration.

Students were able to create their poster and write their thoughts about the importance of Literacy in the real life settings.



Y5 Literacy Day with Mr. Arvie

# Primary Section News; Literacy Day!



Y3 Literacy Day with Ms. Azreen



Students' work in the classroom (designing an instruction card to protect against COVID-19) With Ms. Hend

يوم الأربعاء 21-9-2021  
تصميم بطاقة إرشادية

الاحتياطات  
عزيمية الوقاية من فايروس كورونا

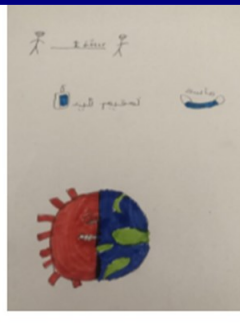
يجب ارتداء الكمامة في المدرسة والتمكث  
العامه للوقاية من فيروس كورونا.

الاحتمال  
تجنب مصافحة  
ارتداء الكمامة  
تجنب الحشود

Fares Emad 5Bh1 Mansoor Ali 5Bs1



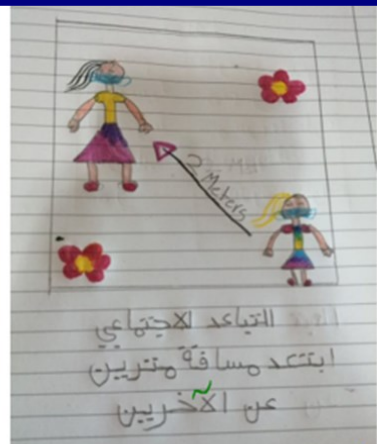
Ahmad Yasser 5Bs1



Aly Fahmy 5Bh1



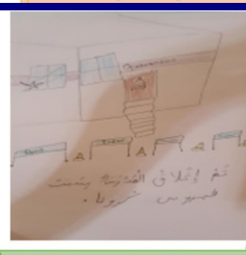
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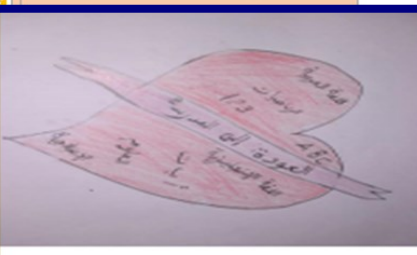
Karin Wassim 5Gd1



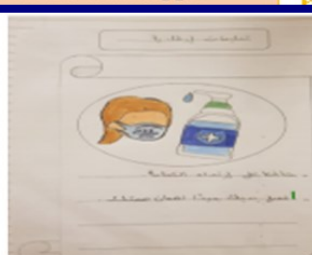
Aya EL Drayfi 5Gd1



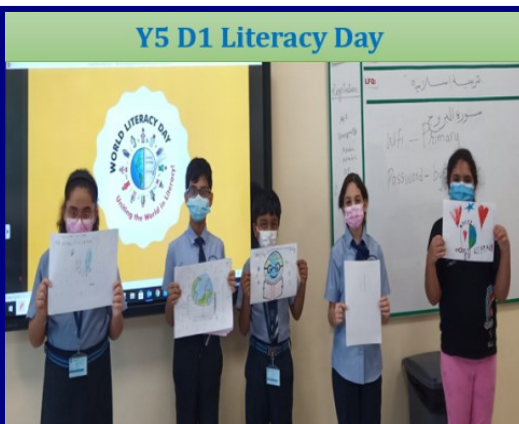
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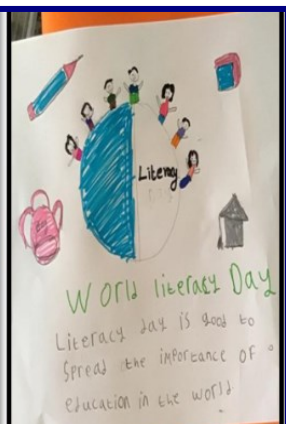
Remas Khaled 5Gd1



Jana Mahmood 5Gd1

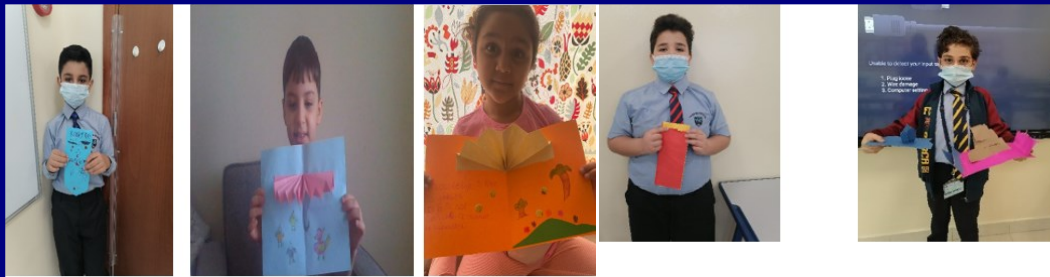


Y5 D1 Literacy Day

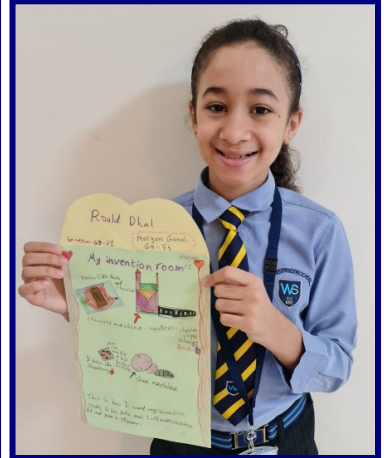


Literacy Day with Ms. Lincy

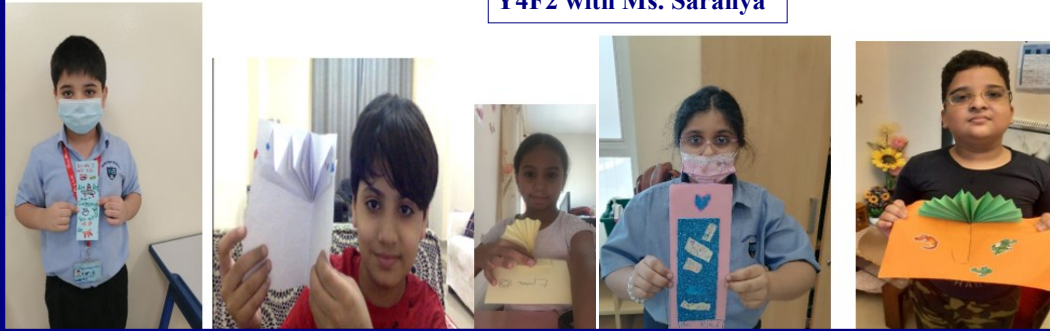
# Primary Section News; Roald Dahl Literacy Week!



Y4F2 with Ms. Saranya



Maryam (Y5F1) with her lovely Roald Dahl activity as part of Primary Literacy Week



**Literacy day**

**SAIF**

International Literacy Day is an international observance, celebrated each year on 8 September. It also promotes the reading, the writing skills, makes us best children at school on literacy day is the important day in school and it has so many fun educational challenges.

**Oniru**

**Zoha**

**WORLD LITERACY DAY!**

**Happy Literacy Day**

Education in our daily lives helps us to improve our skills to read and write that way is to improve the quality of our lives. It is important to have a good education. It is important to have a good education. It is important to have a good education. It is important to have a good education.

AKRON 432.Y6

**Maram**

**LITERACY WEEK**

**ZAHRA**

**Maryam**

**Start**

**WORLD LITERACY DAY**

**Literacy gives us the power to change our lives.**

Reading helps us to learn, to grow, to become better people. It helps us to understand the world around us. It helps us to become better people. It helps us to become better people.

**Ryan**

**LOOK WHO GOT CAUGHT BEHIND!**

**Kamal**

Literacy is the solution to all our problems.

**International Literacy Day**

**Y5 S2 Literacy Day**

**International Literacy Day**

**WORLD LITERACY DAY**

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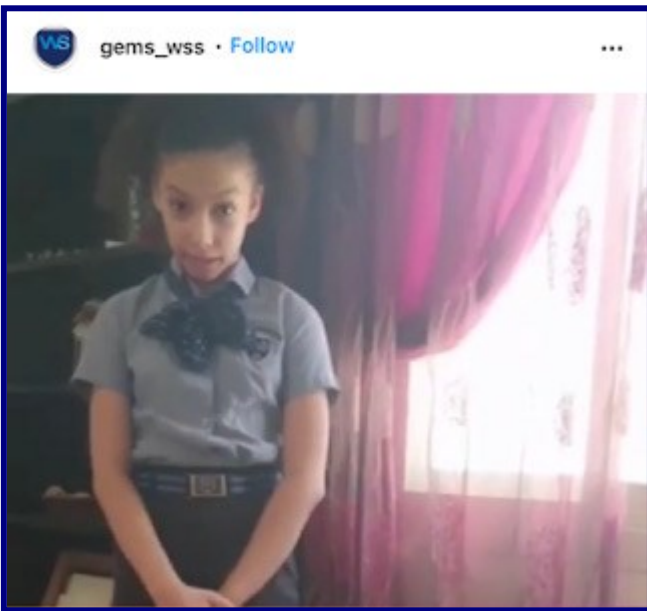
**WORLD LITERACY DAY**

With Ms. Shabana

With Ms. Lincy



# Primary Section News



Hala Ayyad from Y6 speaking about her first day in school in the French language on Instagram. She was very enthusiastic and appreciated her French teacher Ms. Maha.

Make sure to use Pritt to stick everything down

## Book Cover COLLAGE

**MATILDA LOVES READING!**

would like to pick up and read?  
Use old newspapers and magazines to

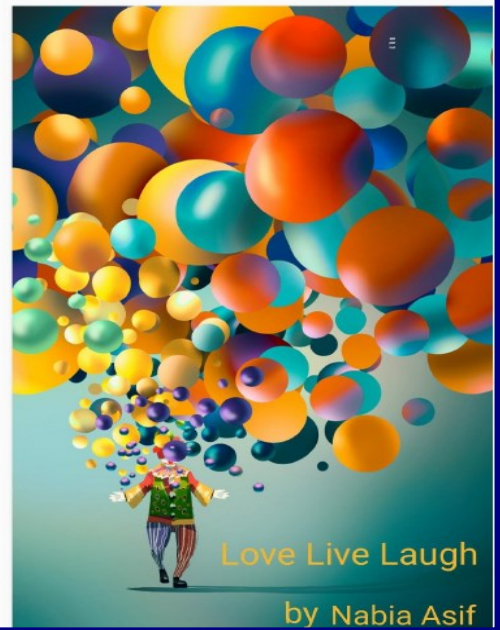
Can you create a cover for a book that you think Matilda



create a collage on the blank cover below. Use your imagination, it can be a cover for a book you've read – or it can be a cover for a book you've made up yourself!

Write a few lines about your chosen book – why do you like this book and/or what is the story about?

This book is my imagination. Part of my life should be colour full like this cover page.  
Live your life  
Laugh with others  
Love for all



## ROALD DAHL DAY Y4D1



With Ms. Susweta

# Primary Section News; Literacy & Investigation Skills in Y3!



## Prepare Students for the Future

With Ms. Anshy

## Science Investigation – Y3F1



Year 5F2 and Year 5H2 Roald Dahl Day Celebration (13<sup>th</sup> September 2021). Students were able to create their storyboard and Willy Wonka's inventing room based from the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



# Primary Section News; Literacy Skills in Y4 & Y5!

## Roald Dahl Day Activities –Y4 H1

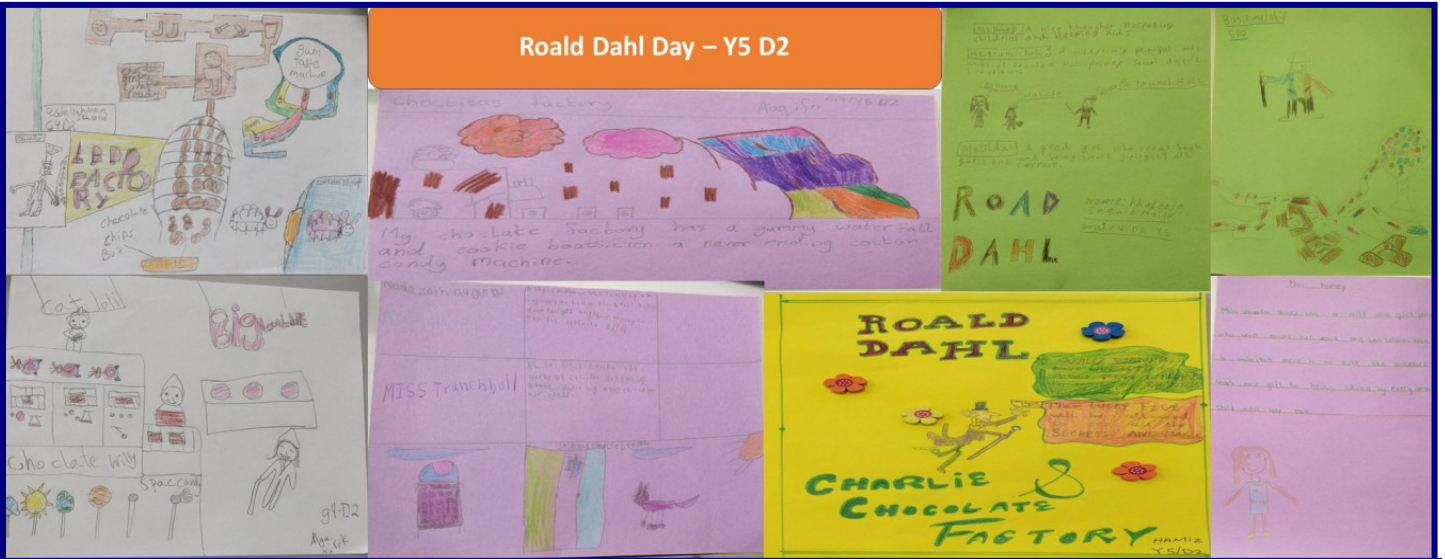
With Ms. Lavita



With Mr. Arvie

# Primary Section News; Literacy Skills in Y5!

## Roald Dahl Day – Y5 D2

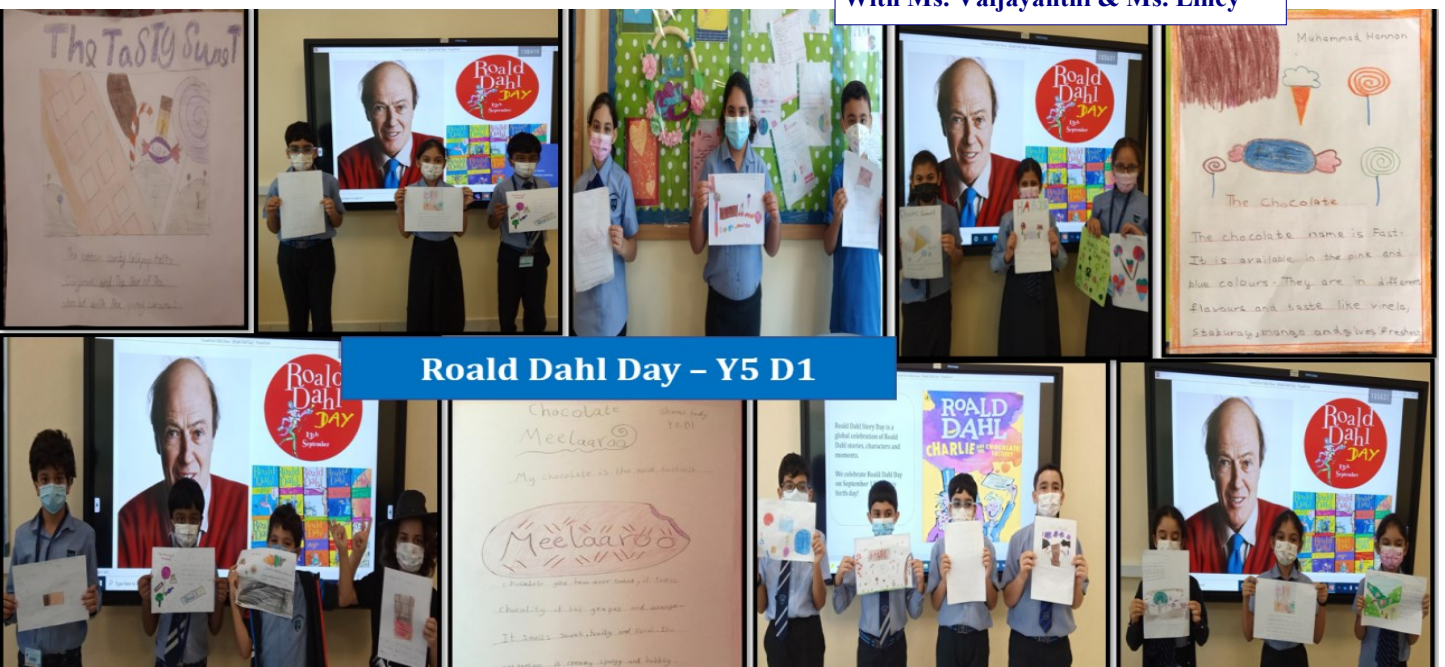


## Roald Dahl Day – Y5 S1



With Ms. Vajayanthi & Ms. Lincy

## Roald Dahl Day – Y5 D1



# Primary Section News; Literacy Skills in Y5!

With Ms. Vaijayanthi



## Roald Dahl Day -Y5 S2

*Secondary Section News; Fun Activity!*

**Fun Activity– Literacy Week– Bookstand**

**#StudentWellBeing**

**AlishaY7GS1**



**AnuthmeeY7GS1**



**Yara Y7GS1**



**Muh Shahvaiz**

**Retaj Y7GS1**



**Mariam Y7GH1**



**Aura Y7GD1**



**Amaan Ali and Ayaan Ali Y7BH1**

**Rania Y7GD1**



**ChenuliY7GH1**



**Fatima Y7GD1**



**AvianaY7GD1**



**Elina Y7GD1**



**Fatima Y7GD1**



**Hania Y7GH1**



**Karol Y7GH1**

# Secondary Section News; Fun Activity!



Lili Y7GH1



Rugaya Y7GH1



Muskaan Y8GF1



Lujain Y7GH1



Zaema Y7GH1



Anushka Y8GF1

Naveera Y8GF1



Hidaya Y8GF1



Umika Y8GF1

Aena Y8GF1



Mariam Y8GF1



Takomborerwa Y8GF1



Nabia Y8GS1



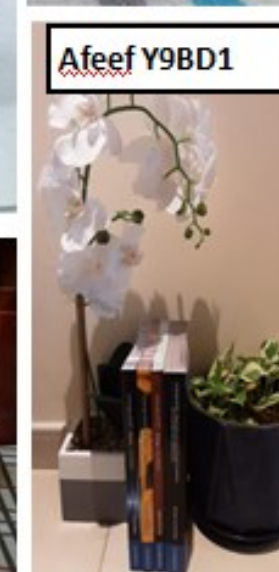
Afeef Y9BD1



Alizza Y8GS1



Rania Y8GS1





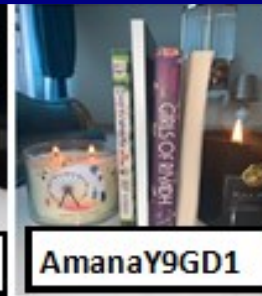
# Secondary Section News; Fun Activity!



Javeria Y9GF1



Abeer Y9BS2



Amana Y9GD1



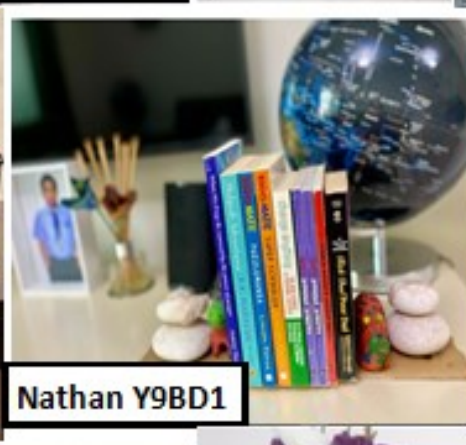
Jasim Y9BD1



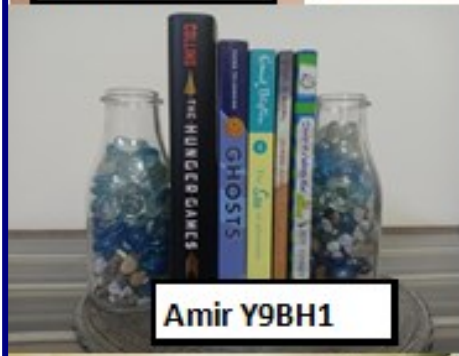
Leen Y9GF1



Akio Y9BF1



Nathan Y9BD1



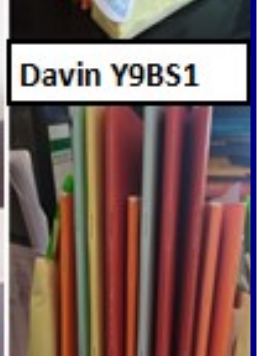
Amir Y9BH1



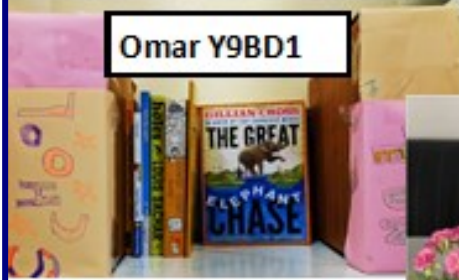
Lucas Y9BH1



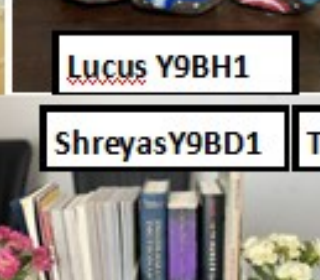
Umair Y9BH1



Davin Y9BS1



Omar Y9BD1



Shreyas Y9BD1



Tatheer Y9GH1



Shamma Y9GD1



Vanessa Y9GD1



Tristen Y9BS2

