#### GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH









Newsletter Issue #6 30th September, 2021





Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

#### **Health & Safety**

Please be reminded that it is an Authority requirement to inform the class teacher & clinic of any COVID-symptom

absence of your child, plus in the case of your child being a Close Contact or Confirmed Case of COVID, even if your child is on the 100% online DL programme. If your child is absent or sent home from school for having any COVID symptom, your child must submit a negative PCR test plus Medical Report stating illness to the Clinic before rejoining class.

Please note that WSS staff are contactable by email/school landline during the working week only, not at weekends. Therefore, if you need to contact the Medical team or teacher about a health-related issue, feel free to email them, however, you would only get a reply on the next working day. Thank you.

Health & Safety; Electrical Safety & Fire Hazzards

Please ensure that your child brings his/her device to school fully





charged. It is unsafe (fire hazard), so not allowed, to bring extension cables/boards from home. In case of a short battery life, we do have some extension towers for emergency recharging in school. Thank you.

Registration for New Admissions for September 2022 Please note that the online system to Register for new seats for admission for September 2022 will open mid -October. Since seats will be limited, if you want your children to move to WSS for September 2022, do please Register early. Admission Interviews would start from January 2022.

#### pates for Your Diary

Date	Details
From Sunday 29th Aug. 2021	• 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 App, or other evidence to Security. Thank you.
Sun. 24th & Mon. 25th Oct.	<ul> <li>School closed for Mid-Term Break</li> <li>School resumes for students as per their DL Online or Blended Programme on Tuesday 26th October.</li> </ul>
Sun. 12th to Thurs. 30th	<ul> <li>School closed for Winter Break.</li> <li>Sunday 2nd January is students first day back for Term 2. T2 fees are due, thank you.</li> </ul>

Nabia (Y2 S2) practicing her Arabic skills.



Celebrating the opening of EXPO 2020!





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Details

ن أجل سلامة أطفالنا ، يجب أن يكون لدى جميع أولياء الأمور والزوار

نشكر تعاونكم

لخاص بهم يوم الثلاثاء 26 اكتوبر. تستأنف المدرسة للطلاب وفقًا

المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة منتصف الفصل الدراسي

الأحد الثاني من يناير هو اليوم لعودة الطلبة للفصل الدراسي الثاني.



و الحاصلين على التطعيم (الجرعدين)



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الأعزاء WSSأولياء أمور

الصحة والأمان

الإنترنت بنسبة 100٪. إذا كان طفك نَيًّا أَو تُم إرسله إلى المنزل مِن

قرير طبي يوضح العرض إلى العيدة قبل الانضمام إلى المُصل.

يق البريد WSS يرجى ملاحظة أنه يمكن الانتصال يني / الخط الارضي للمدرسة خلال أسبوع العمل فة

حنَّ في حالاتُ الطوارئ في المدرسة شكرا لكم





القبول من يناير 2022.

### Nabia skills S2) practicing her



لبرنامج DL Online اي Blended

المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء







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

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

#### Dear Parents,

#### **Important Communication**

We send all our important emails, notices, usernames & passwords etc. home to you via email, using the Primary Contact that you have given us. If this email changes, or the Primary Contact is not checking emails, then you will miss very important communication from school. Do please update school (PRE aiysha.k wss@gemsedu.com) in case your Primary Contacts change. Thank you.

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

COVID Symptoms
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We know that the following COVID-19 symptoms can be present in many other illnesses. However, due to the need for extra safety measures in the community during this pandemic, the <u>Authorities require school to follow strict actions in case a child has any one COVID symptom. Before any child returns to school parents need to:</u>

- 1. Provide negative PCR test result (72 hours validity)
- 2. Submit a Doctors Medical Certificate saying reason for absence & that the child is fit to rejoin school.
- 3. Bring child to the WSS Clinic for assessment before the child rejoins class.

We thank parents for their kind cooperation to support us to comply with Authority rules to keep our children safe.

Fever
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- Dry Cough
- Tiredness
- Body Pain
- Nasal Congestion / Runny Nose
- Headache
- Conjunctivitis
- Sore Throat
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell
- Rash on skin
- Discoloration of fingers and toes

#### Whole School News; International Teachers' Day, 5/10/21!





Dear Parents and Students

# Subject: International Teacher's Day Celebration 5th October 2021

5, families around the world will come together to show gratitude for the teachers who have made a International Teachers Day (also known as World Teachers' Day) is right around the corner. On October difference in their lives.

teachers need to fully contribute to the recovery process under the theme "Teachers at the Heart of One and a half years into the COVID-19 crisis, the 2021 World Teachers' Day will focus on the support Education Recovery'

students. These 15 social distance-friendly suggestions for celebrating International Teachers Day are a great way to give back to the educators who have helped your child learn and grow. I trust that all the parents & students will stand with me to appreciate all the wonderful teachers of our school who have Teachers have gone above and beyond this year to make school a safe and enlightening place for their selped the students to achieve their best.

- Send a themed teacher appreciation e-card as a quick reminder of how much you care
- Share five reasons why you and your child are grateful for their teacher
- 3. Record your child sharing a talent or singing a song and send it to their teacher.
- Write an email detailing what you've appreciated about your child's teacher this year
- Make a teacher appreciation scrapbook page as a memento of your child's gratitude.
- 6. Put together a bookmark your teacher is sure to appreciate using this free print-out
- 7. Make a <u>pop-up card</u> with your child as a creative and delightful way to thank your teacher for brightening their students' days
- 8. Help your child make a drawing that expresses their gratitude, then scan and send it to their teacher
- 9. Work with other parents to make a memory book sharing all the fun your class has had so far.
- 10. Help your child fill out this thank you questionnaire, then mail it to their teacher
- 11. Put together this cute card to say thank you for "bee-ing" your child's teacher.
- 12. If you need inspiration for what to say in a thank-you card, use these short teacher appreciation messages to share your gratitude.
- 13. Print out these teacher-themed coloring pages with some crayons or colored pencils for a relaxing gift.



15. Work with other parents to make a memory book sharing all the fun your class has had so far. Remember to thank school administrators, assistant teachers, and staff, too—on International Teachers Day, all educators should be celebrated!

Thank you

Warm Regards,











#### Top tips to deal with Cyber bullying

#### **Tips for parents**

If your child is being bullied, **don't panic**. Explain to your child that the bullying is not their fault and together you will sort this out.

- Speak-Up; Encourage your children to report any type of incident that they feel is bullying or have hurt their feelings. They can share their concern from GEMS Classroom (see next page) or the Speak-Up form attached to Microsoft Teams Classroom.
- Bullying is never acceptable; and should always be taken seriously. It is never your child's fault if they've been bullied.
- Try and establish the facts. It can be helpful to keep a diary of events. If the bullying is online, save or copy images and text.
- 4. Find out what your child wants to happen. Help to identify steps you can take; and the skills they have to help sort out the situation. Make sure you always keep them informed about any actions you decide to take.
- 5. You may be tempted to tell your child to retaliate but this can have unpredictable results. Your child might get into trouble or get even more hurt. Rather role play non-violent ways they can respond to children that are bullying them (e.g. "I don't like it when you say that to me / do that to me. Stop."); show them how to block or unfriend people if the bullying is online and help them identify other friends or adults that can support them.
- Encourage your child to get involved in activities that build their confidence and esteem, and help them to form friendships outside of school (or wherever the bullying is taking place).

Encourage your children to share their concerns without hesitation. If they are not able to find time during school hours ask them to use GEMS Classroom to report any form of bullying or any other online safety related concerns. See next page to learn the process.







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#### **ESafety Reporting guide for students**

How to report incidents/ concerns?

Using your browser,

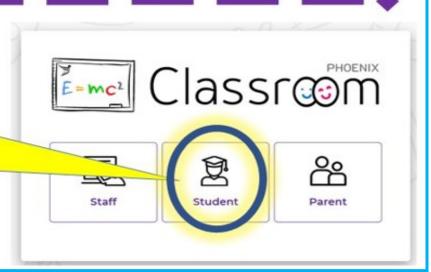
Go to> Gems.ae

Click on Classroom



Click on Student

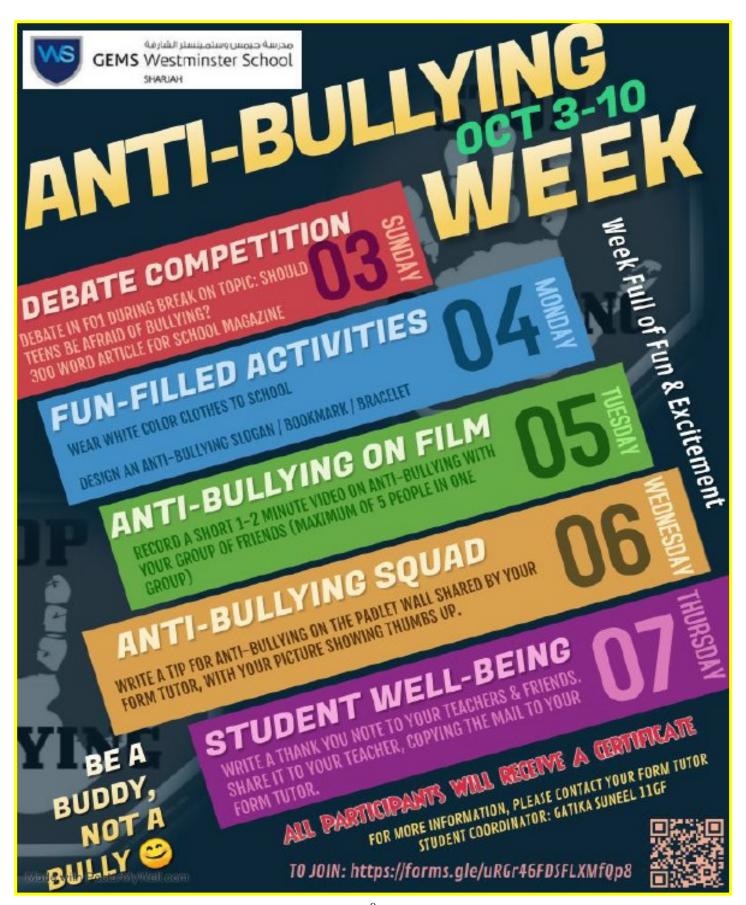
Use your ELearning id (TEAMS ID) and Password to sign in.



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



#### Whole School News; Anti-Bullying Week!



#### WSS Superstar Home-School Teamwork Champions!

Dear Ms. Rejina,

It was a pleasure meeting you on 23.09.21 to have your guidance with regard to the subjects that my son has chosen in Grand 11 and the future prospects for pursuing the same. Your advice in this regard helped us a lot in clarifying our doubts. We really appreciate that.





Congratulations to Davin (Y9BS1) for qualifying for a Gold medal and Gold trophy in a Summer Reading competition. He also received a certificate for being a 'Voracious Reader'. Reading feeds the mind for ongoing success!

Dear Mr. Krishna,

Hope you will be fine with these hearty warm greetings!

First of all, let me convey my hearty thanks to you for the constant efforts that been taken to improve the quality of learning with parents interactions through valued online meeting.

Here comes few words to express special gratitude towards your kind nature and as a teacher you have been the best at your knowledge which is to be valued at stage 1.. To add on, I have never heard any teacher being so genuinely concerned about students work progress and sending weekly reminders to know if students are finding any difficulties in learning or whether to clear the doubts if any..

I consider my child fortunate to grow under your superstitious teaching technique and my child is absolutely doing well with your timely guidance/follow-up ... to the end of this msg, I duly appreciate your serious commitments towards your job stand with enough of dedication/patience ... you are 1 of the best teacher in the list of global award winning.

I wish you all the best success and a bright future ahead..

Thanking you, Sincerely

Nkita

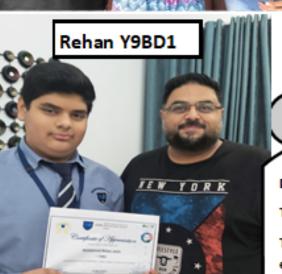
#### WSS Superstar Parent Champions!



#### STAR PARENTS OF WSS









Thank you! Thank you for creating that positive bond starting from the very first day of her online classes. The fact that you did recognize her on the screen and to call her by name brought her immense happiness that she soon talked about once the school got over that day. An instant connection with the new class teacher was made and that was something very important to the child. Such connections although online matter so much to these kids during these testing times. She says the new teacher is kind, affectionate, and explains things better, and that we believe is the most important during the transition to a new class. She's currently in Sri Lanka and got her school text books delivered on Thursday. The country is currently under lockdown, and going outside the house is highly restricted. It's been like that since the first day of school but she finds a window to your classroom through the online lessons with kind and caring teachers like you to forget the grim reality outside, so thank you for all the positive work that all the parents highly appreciate. Wishing you success, joy and strength to move forward in life!

Dear Nida,



Thank you very much for being such a good teacher to my child.

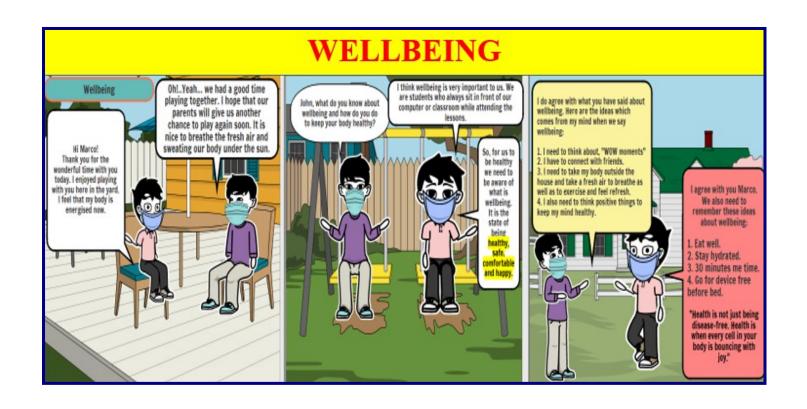
The sense of responsibility, confidence and increased selfesteem you are gifting to Rehan by such positive feedback. I want you to know how grateful we are to have you as Rehan's teacher this year.

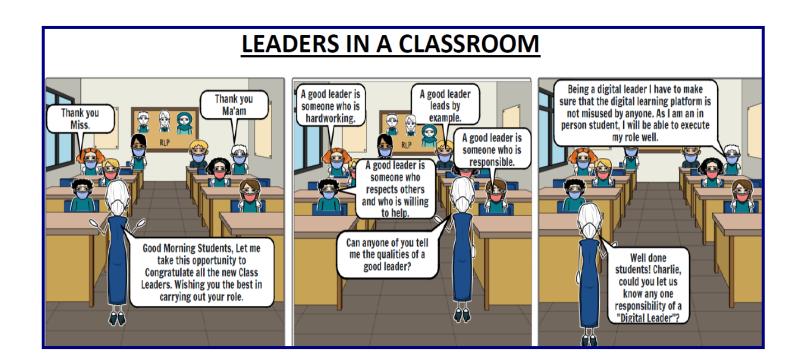
#### WSS Superstar Junior Champions!



Y1 S1 Superstars visit Ms. Shamail's Office for appreciation of their outstanding effort & achievement! Well done!

#### Whole School News





#### Junior Section News





Nabia (Y2S2) with her super project on 'Wudu'.





FS2 S2 with Ms. Maria

#### Junior Section News; Living & Non-living Things!



#### Junior Section News





Thank you to Nabia (Y2 S2) for sharing your cute video about practicing Arabic. Well done, 'Practice makes perfect!'

With Ms. Nikhat



#### Junior Section News









Y1F2 with Ms. Safia & Ms. Chithira





#### Junior Section News; Fun & Learning in FS1!





#### Junior Section News; Fun & Learning in Y1!

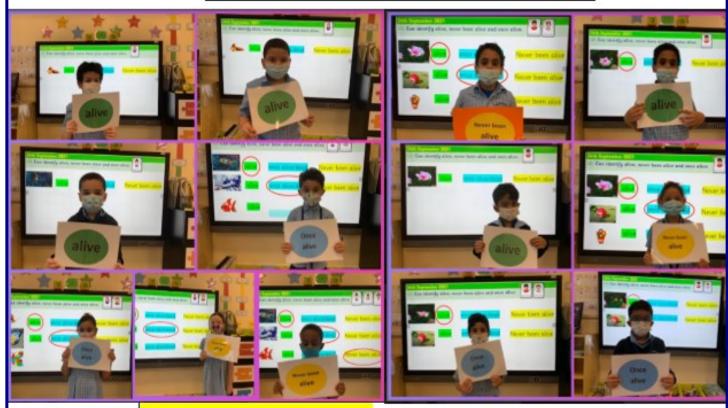


Y1 S1 with Ms. Sadiqa



#### Junior Section News!

#### Science session - Y2



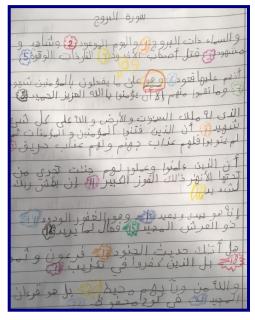
#### Students wellbeing





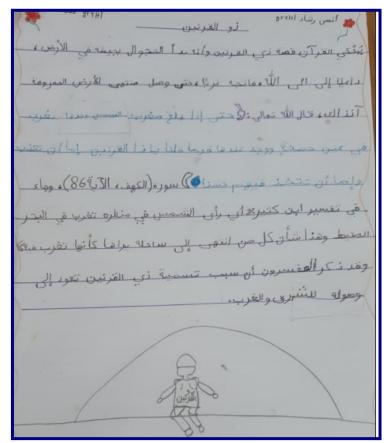
With Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima

#### **Primary Section News**









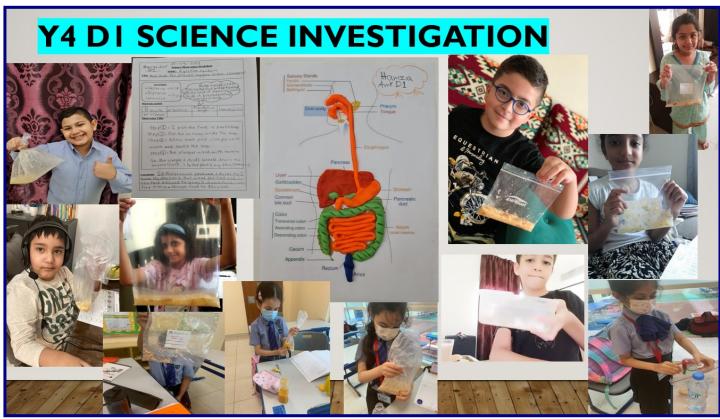


Y5H1 with Mr. Abdalla.

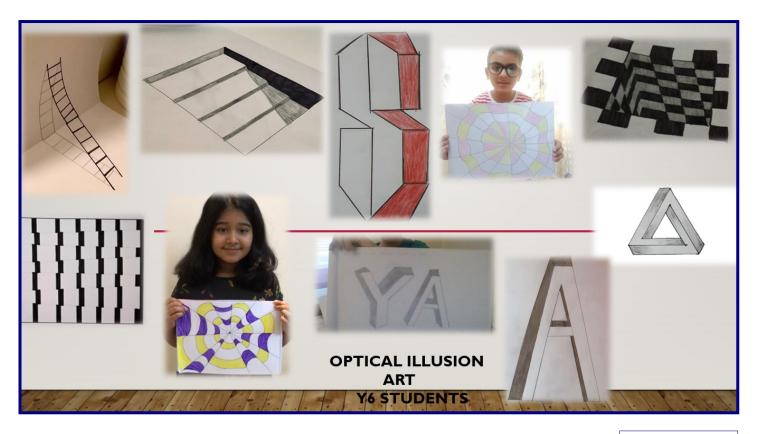
#### Junior & Primary Section News!

#### Students voice- Y2 Speak up session





#### Primary Section News; Creativity Rules!



With Ms. Surbhi



Preparing students for the future!

## MEET YOUR GCSEPOD STUDENT AMBASSADORS

S4: From Year10-11 students, the below names have been selected as Ambassadors to use the unlimited resources rom GCSEPOD. They can have access to it from 3rd October till 13th October. They have been selected because they ave done the active learning during Summer Vacation through Summerpod21. The studnets will recieve a certificate nd a guide about using the resources in their email which is registered with school.

MUHAMMAD GHANIM BASHIR - YR11BF

ZAINAB ZUBAIR AHMED - 10GH1

AMENA AHMED ANSARI - YR10GH

ETHAN CAIN MORAS - YR10BD

USWAH SAJID SATTI - YR10GD

AMOONA SULTHANA BASHEER KHAN - YR11GS

Dear KS4 students: You can be the next Ambassador, if you are actively using the GCSEPOD for learning and completing the tasks assigned by your subjects teachers. If you are doing it, you can nominate yourself by writing at:

ayesha.a4 wss@gemsedu.com



education on demand gcsepod.com info@gcsepod.com 0191 338 7830

#### Secondary Section News; Student Wellbeing!



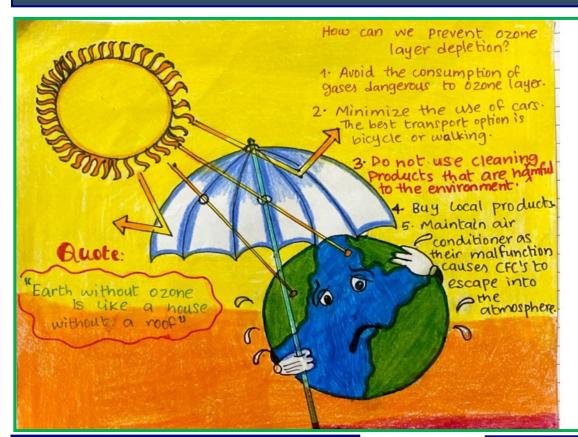
#### Secondary Section News; Student Wellbeing!



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#### Secondary Section News; International Ozone Day, 16/9/21!



Poster made by Omi Aman of Y11GF

International Ozone Day activities with Ms. Shaniya



#### Reuben Y10 BD



my ozone layer day terrarium









International World Peace Day Activities for student wellbeing.