

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #14
26th November, 2020



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Please note Diary dates for your information & convenience.

We are almost at the end of a long, challenging but highly productive Term—just a little more hard work to get through the exams, then a long holiday to relax, recharge & spend quality family time. Students, parents & staff have all pulled together to make the very best of a challenging situation, reflecting our aspirational vision ‘Excellence Through Teamwork; Success for All’ at every step. Thank you, dear WSS family!

At this time, as we have not been informed otherwise by the Authorities, our online RLP & Blended provision will continue into the new Term from Sunday 3rd January 2021. Please note that the **T2 Parent Survey to complete if you wish to change your child’s educational programme for T2**, will go live on Sunday 29/11/20.

If you wish to continue with the same educational programme from T1, there is no need to complete the survey. Due to Authority restrictions of class sizes due to Social Distancing in classrooms, seats on the Blended programme are limited & will be given on a first-come basis. We will re-survey at the end of T2 for T3.

Thank you Kassandra’ (G4S1) for sharing your video on how to make a souvenir for International Children’s Day! She made a beautiful picture frame fridge magnet.



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Sun. 29th-Mon. 30th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational Programme Parent Survey for T2 (Jan-March) arrangements. Due to rules about numbers in classes, we have limited Blended seats. Blended seats are allocated on a first-come basis. If you want to <u>change your child’s programme</u> (from Blended to Online, or Online to Blended) for T2, please submit a survey. If you do not complete a survey, your child will continue on the same educational programme into Term 2.
Wed. 25th Nov-Thurs 10th Dec inclusive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T1 exams KG1-G9 will go home at 10:30am after their exam G10-12 have exams in January, so will stay for normal lessons until 1:30pm
Tues. 1st-Thurs 3rd Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for UAE’s Commemoration Day & the UAE’s 49th National Day holiday
Friday 11th Dec. until Sat. 2nd Jan. 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for students for Winter Break (3 weeks) Cashier & Registration Offices open throughout on working days, 8am-2pm. Cashier open on Sat. 2nd January, 8am-1pm for convenient T2 Fee payment.
Sunday 3rd Jan 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T2 starts for students. <u>KG timings will be 8am-11am</u> (extended by 30 minutes) T2 fees due by latest Sunday 3rd January.
Tues. 16th Feb until Saturday 20th Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Mid-Term 2 Break

Our Vision; ‘Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All’

For details of policies & procedures, please refer to our Parent Handbook found at: <https://media.gemseducation.com/media/58401/parent-handbook-3620.pdf>



Whole School News; The Digital Decode



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Scan the codes to check out Office 365 Tips for students

Website



Office 365

Audio Visual



A tip from WSS Parent

"I have downloaded Microsoft Outlook on my phone and have signed in with my child's GEMS ELearning account. Now, I regularly receive updates of my child's Learning.

As soon as a meeting is scheduled or my child's name is mentioned in the class, I receive Email. I also use the same email to communicate with the teacher. To make him responsible for his studies and to improve his communication skills, I encourage my child to communicate with teachers and friends using same mail.

Thank you so much Team WSS."



Outlook

-WSS Parent



EDUCATION

We see *genius* in every child

#LearnWithWSS

WSS Superstar Champions; 2nd Place in the Gulf Medical Mase Competition!

We are very proud to share that our WSS G11 students won second prize in the Gulf Medical University Mase 2020 project. Thank you to all parents who supported and encouraged our students through votes in Facebook.

JURY CATEGORY			VIEWERS CHOICE		
WINNERS PROJECT GRADE 10 th			WINNERS PROJECT GRADE 11 th		
Prize	Name	School Name	Prize	Name	School Name
1 st	Mohammed Yaseen Halfi	Al Anana Private School	1 st	Aysha Bathool	Sharjah Indian School
2 nd	Shaifa Shafeer	Sharjah Indian School	2 nd	Mohammed Baha	Gems Westminster School Sharjah

Project group members:

- Mohammad Isam (G11 BF)
- Mohammad B.I (G11BD)
- Veydant D.P (G11BF)
- Chirayu Rohankar (G11BF)

Be the change you want to see in the world, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.....

G.9 BH Congratulations



STAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Mohammed Adil Shajeer



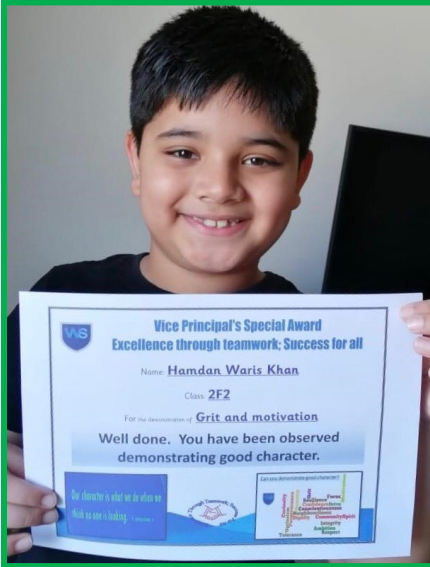
STAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Sai Prakash Alokkan



JEWEL OF KINDNESS
Zaman Ahmed Khan

With Ms. Chandani

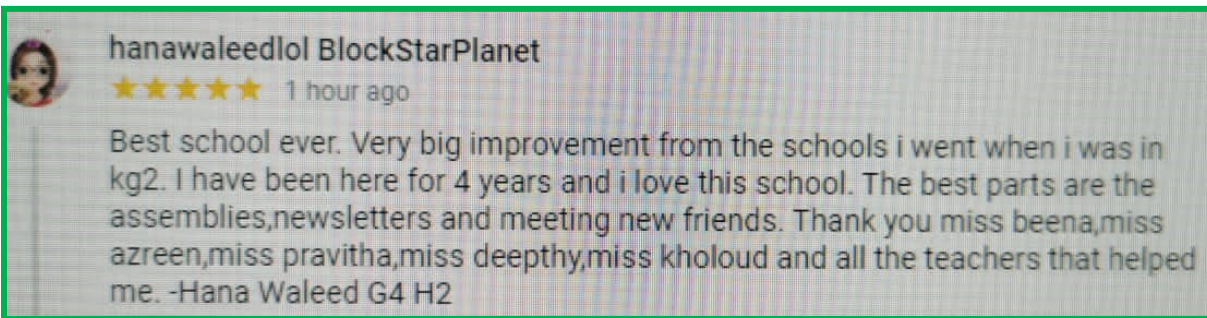
WSS Superstar Champions!



Vansh
5BH1

Congratulations to Good Character awardees Hamdan (G2F2). & Humera (G2H2) We are very proud of your effort!

Well done Vansh (G5BH1) for participating in the Oxford University Press Story Writing Competition. We love your commitment to exploring your talent!

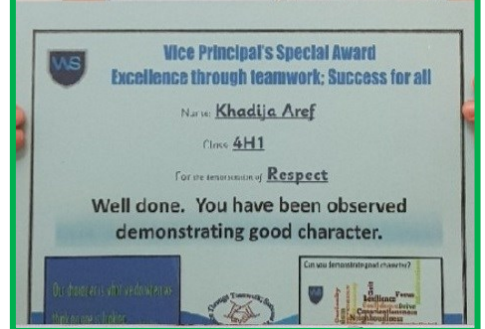
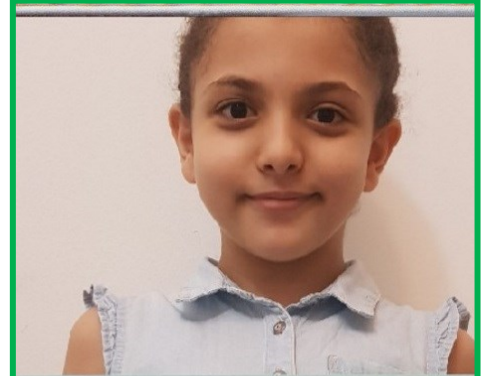


The WSS team is fully committed to lifelong learning. Below are courses completed by our dynamic PRE Ms. Aiysha, to better understand the educational side of life at school.



WSS Superstar Champions!

Super Stars– Top Reader and Learning Marketing



Class Champion Khadija (G4H1) with Ms. Anju

Certificates for Covid TRIVIA



Ahmed (8BD1) and Francis (6BH2)



Positive note from parent of Bhimesh 7BS2

Subject: Special message

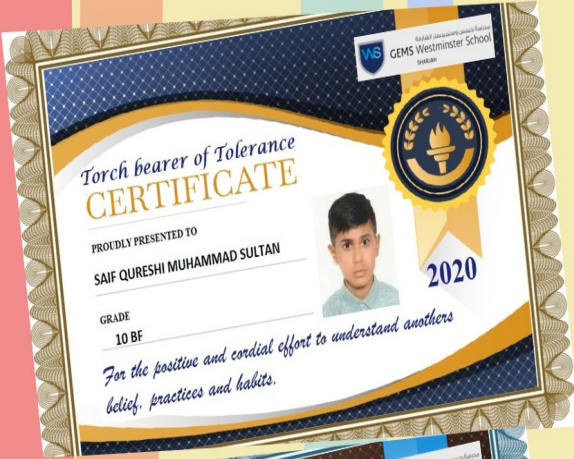
Good evening sir
Here is a special message from my mother to all WSS Teachers

"Every body is saying doctors are always front line solidness, during COVID-19 Pandemic. But this time I have seen teachers are also doing a lot for continuing in education of our wards. Every parent is the witness of how efficient teachers are all the time during online sessions. They never forget their responsibility. We all know it is not easy, but teachers proved it that they are the best. Their efforts should not be unnoticed. They have kids and family but their priority is teaching, their students without break. Thank you very much teachers for your amazing job during online sessions. Feeling proud of such a nice and hard working teachers. ❤️❤️❤️"

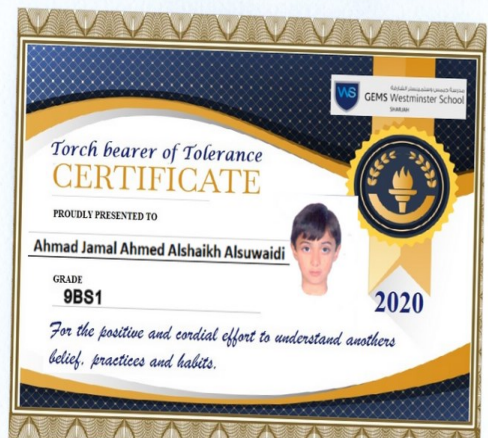
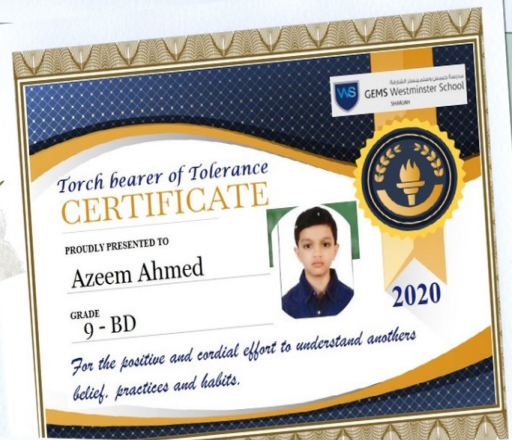
"No words to describe teachers hard work in online sessions"
Thank you

WSS Superstar Champions; Tolerance Torch Bearers!

Torch Bearers of G.10



Torch Bearers
of G.9



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



Term 1 Assessments have started. We thank parents for their support in maintaining the seriousness & integrity of our Term assessment process, so that exams can provide important & valid data of individual student progress & attainment. We use this data to review & modify individual targets, curriculum & lesson planning. It is critically important that parents resist the urge to 'help' their children during assessments, as this invalidates the results.

Here is G6GF1 in super smart uniform, focusing hard on doing their best for their exams. Well done!

Junior Section News

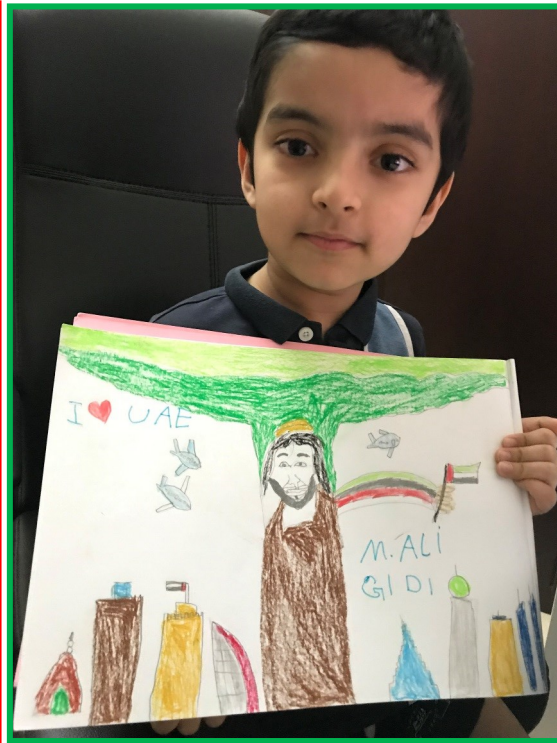


Tolerance Day activities in KG1D1

With Ms. Sania



Junior Section News; UAE 49th National Day Competitions!



Sheikh Zayed drawings made by Muh'd Ahmad (G1-H1) & Moh'd Ali (G1D1). Below, Sheikh Zayed competition entries from G1H2.



Primary Section News

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Ms. Anju (G4H1) demonstrates one of the ways that teachers are able to give constructive feedback on students' work

Add rounding and adjusting

1) $2793 + 3505 = 6298$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2793 \\ + 3505 \\ \hline 6298 \end{array}$$

2) $13999 + 10013 = 24012$

$$\begin{array}{r} 13999 \\ + 10013 \\ \hline 24012 \end{array}$$

10:17 PM
WWW: Excellent work! dear Fares. You were able to know the concept of columnar addition & subtraction, Estimation, Mental addition and subtraction, Multi-step problems on addition & subtraction. Also very neat work.

See less

Greet & Chat session - Creating special gift for siblings and friends & celebrating International Children's Day

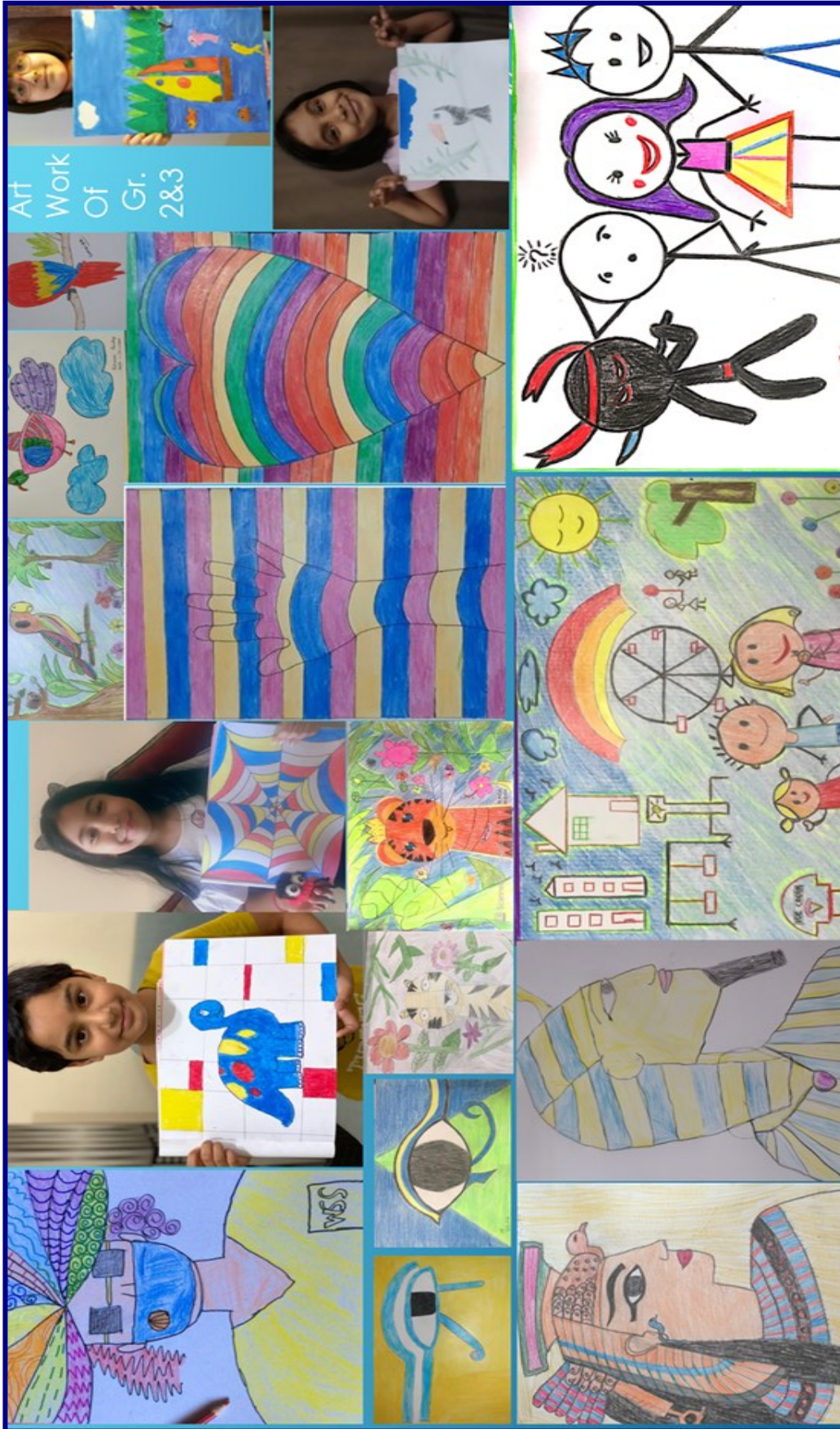
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G4F1 with Ms. Lakshmi **Lamer**

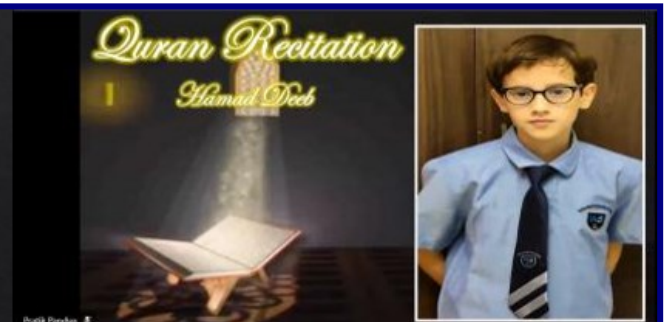
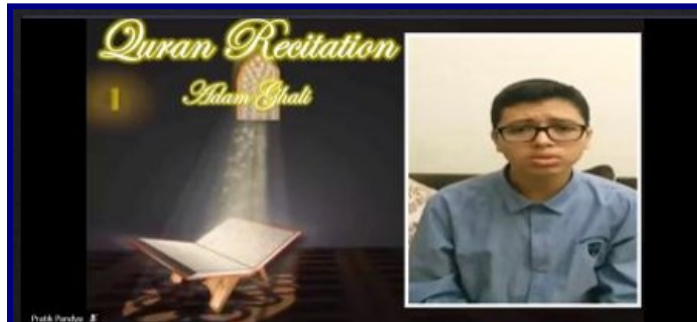
Saja, Reese, Eshaal, Maha, and Ado were happily sharing in the class their souvenir during our 'Meet and Greet' activity as a celebration of International Children's Day.

Primary Section News; Artists at work!

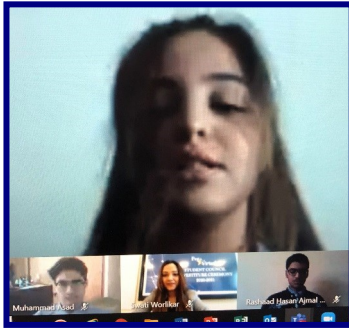


Beautiful artwork by G2 & G3 with Ms. Fadwa

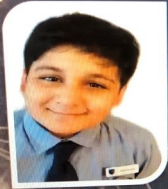
Secondary Student Leaders Investiture, 26/11/20!



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Happiness Leaders



Hamad Mohammad Umer



Vanshika Subash

Digital Leaders



Saim Sheikh



Jeeya Joshi

Arabic Leaders

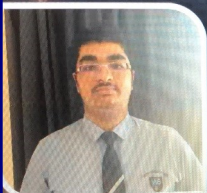


Omar Islam



Nourhan Tamer

Character Leaders



Manav Sharma



Semer Nuru Ibrahim

National Agenda Leaders



Mohammed Isam



Cadence Tia Dsouza



'Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. After you become a leader, success is all about growing others.'
- Jack Welch

Scorpion House Online Activity Leaders



Taha Shah



Leen Haider

Deputy Scorpion House Online Activity Leaders



Mohammed Aslam



Sahar Safari



Arabian Horse House Online Activity Leaders



Muhamamad Ali Raza



Sana Ghani

Falcon House Online Activity Leaders



Hamza Rathore



Kavisha Uma Kandan



Deputy Falcon House Online Activity Leaders



Chathil Gamage



Loujain Feras

Sports Captain Boy



Mohammad Faizan

Sports Captain Girl



Nataly Feras

Deputy Sports Captain Boy



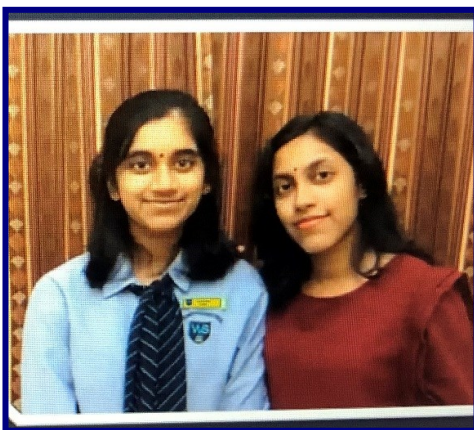
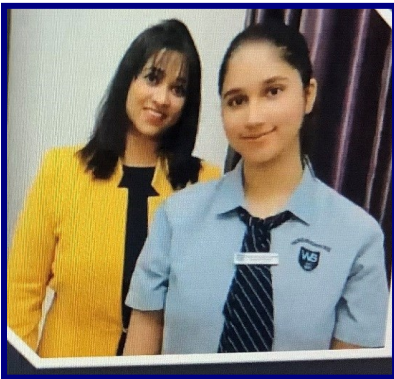
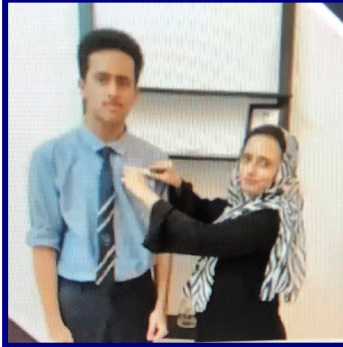
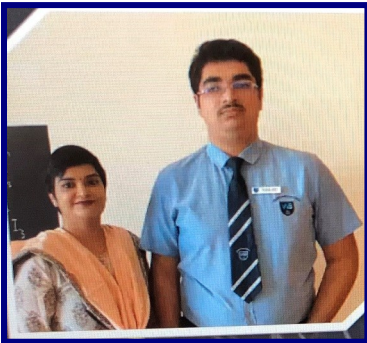
Mansoor Kaleemzai

Deputy Sports Captain Girl



Neha Vinod

Secondary Student Leaders Investiture, With Proud Parents, 26/11/20!

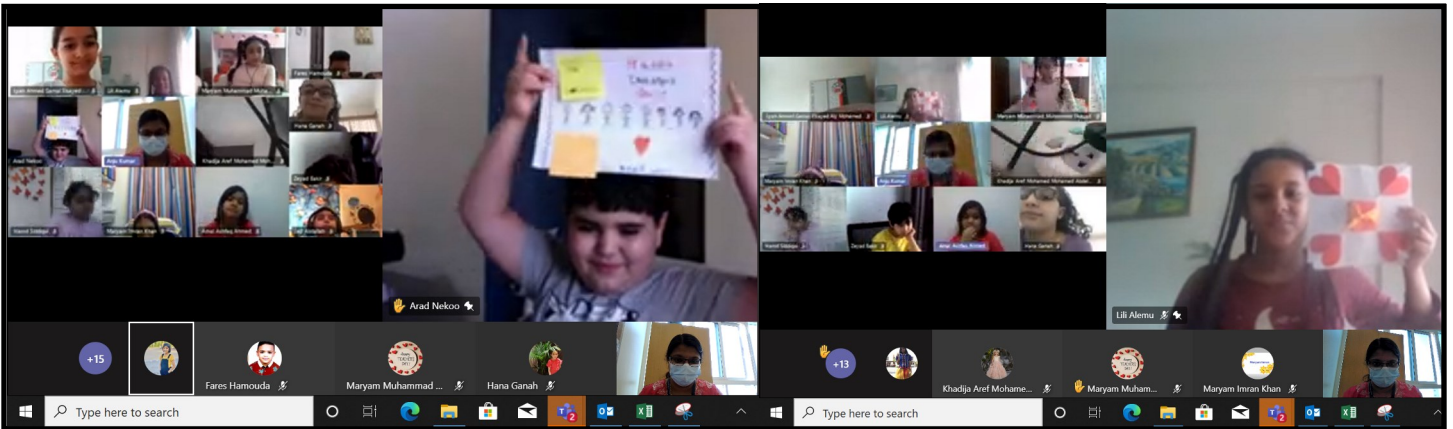
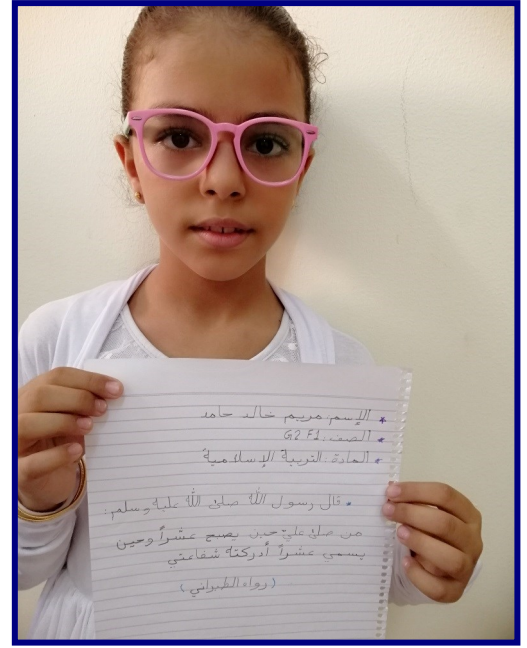
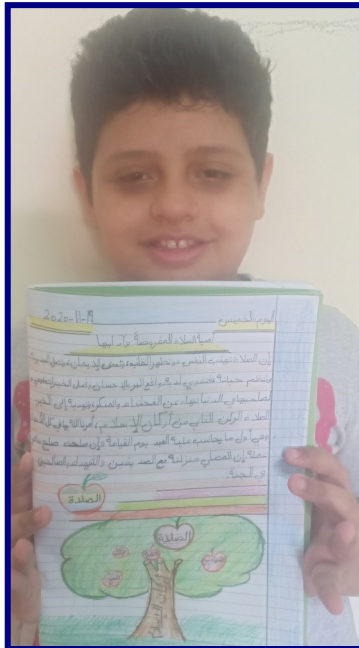
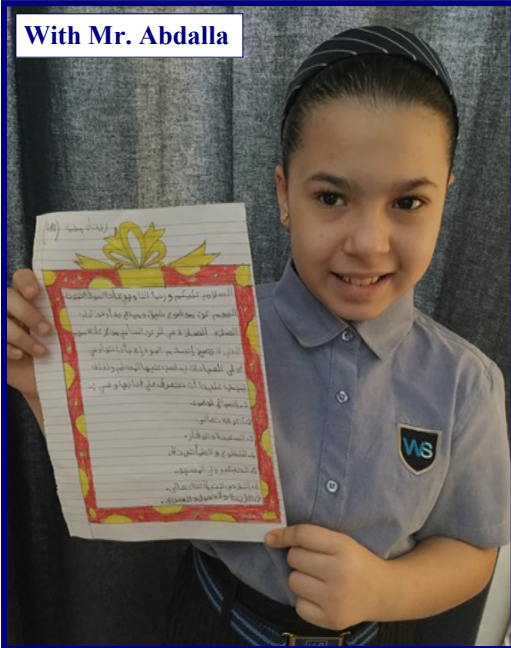


Secondary Student Leaders Investiture, 26/11/20!



Primary Section News

With Mr. Abdalla



Fun screen 'Greet & Chat' time with Ms. Anju & G4H1, & below, G4S1 with Mr. Arvie. Students made friendship cards, celebrated World Children's Day & socialized with their classmates.



Rabail's souvenir cap to her baby sister during the International Children's Day.



Kassandra's work (fridge magnet picture frame) for International Children's Day for her best friend, Reese.



Anshara's creation during the International children's day.



Hareem's card for her friends during the International children's day.



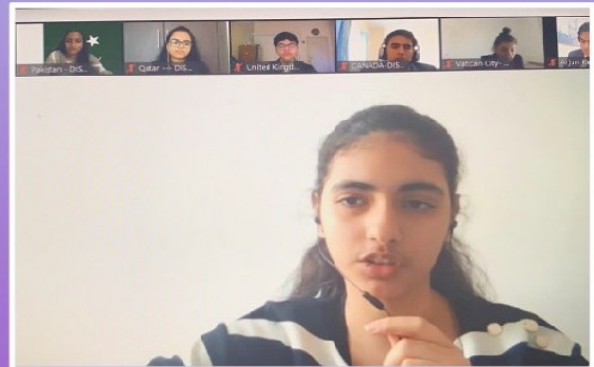
UNSC

2020

Led by Ms. Deepika & Ms. Kamini



Around 20 schools participated



“The experience was amazing and we got to learn about how world leaders find solutions to problems, especially during a crisis “ - Neha vinod

- Collage by Kavisha of 12GF1



TOLERANCE WEEK

By Shaffa Zeenath, 11GH1

"I attended the second tolerance program for designing a tolerant character from 6-7pm. In this meeting today we did some exercise and created some characters with different characteristics and evaluated how they would handle difficult situations," said Amal Mahammad of 11GH1

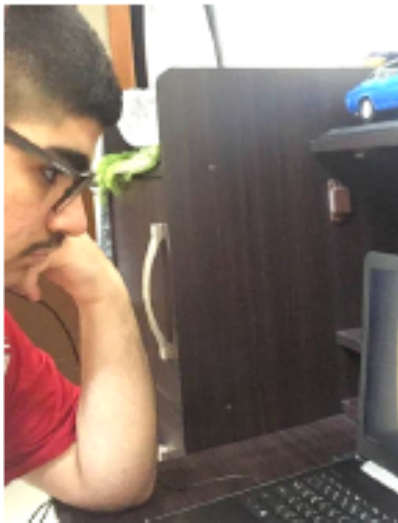


Amal believes that a good way of becoming more tolerant is to educate yourself about other people and their cultures, listening carefully without jumping to conclusions and avoid interrupting them.



Here is a picture of M. Saad Shakeel from 11BD1 attending a session on the topic: Kareef. "Today from this lesson I learnt that tolerance is the ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behaviour that one dislikes or disagrees."

حدثني عن...
برودكاست التسامح
Tell me About Toleran
Broadcast



Myiesha Ahmed informed, "Last Thursday's zoom webinar, taught that we should be tolerant towards everyone, not accepting any wrong behavior around us. No matter if it is an animal or a human being, they all have rights to justice."

"I attended the comedy show "Clear Noise", and here's what I learnt: From this session, I learnt that hardships can be blessings in disguise, as they inspire and motivate us, in addition to imbuing us with creativity that can brighten people's lives, with one of these ways being parody and comedy," said Emaduddin Abdulsalam

Many students agreed with this student's statement on the whole experience: "The broadcasts were really fun and enjoyable. If there was something like this again in the future, I would certainly attend."

G6 to 12 students were registered in the National festival of Tolerance and Coexistence conducted by UAE Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence that took place from 9 to 16 November 2020. Here is some of their feedback on the experience.

TOLERANCE WEEK

Veydanth: 11BF

I learnt how and what tolerance means to the UAE and Tolerance for me is respecting others differences and beliefs whether it be religious or political tolerance for me is being open to other opinions and ideas

Semer Nuru - 12GF1

First session: I learnt that we should be more tolerant of robots as they can be used for good as well as evil, they can be programmed to help the elderly take their medicines, do the boring work in construction and leave the creative work for the employees.

Second session: Today from this session I learnt that tolerance is very important as it is the building block of society and it is needed to help in the evolution of mankind.

Third session: Tolerance for me is when people are accepting of others opinions and their beliefs even when you don't agree with what the other person.

Omar Islam - 11BF



1st session: Today I learned about the rules implemented by different religions and cultures to aid tolerance, and the efforts of the UAE to spread awareness about tolerance and to make an overall happy community.

2nd session: Today we took a session about the art of storytelling, which was presented by a well-known Emirati author.

Emaduddin Abdulsalam - 11BD

Session-2: Tolerance for me is more than being accepted, it's about actively bridging the gap between other people and helping them live with their differences in unity.

Session-3: From this session, I learned that to make real and captivating characters in stories, you have to establish their personality, fears, likes and dislikes.

Session-4: From this session, I learned that UAEs rich heritage leads to the creation of many fascinating myths and legends.

Last session: From this session, I learned that passion for art may blossom to a successful career as long as you have the drive and motivation, especially when opposed by your colleagues and relatives.

Secondary Section News; Fun Activity!

Fun Activity– Jute Bottle Decoration



Amama Tasfiqah work 8GF1



Aya 8GH1



Emaan 8GD1



Fatima 8GH1



Haram 8GH1



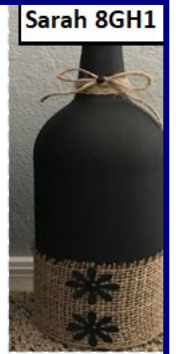
Mash 8GH1



Mayass 8GH1



Mai 8GD1



Sarah 8GH1



Zainab 8GF1



Hussein 8BH1



Harun 8BS1



Ethan 8BD1



Aliza 6GS1



Nakshatra GD



Jemima 6GD



Moh Rabie BH2



Ibrahim 6BH2



Francis 6BH2



Zeineddin 6BH2



JUTE BOTTLE DECORATION

Style G2-D1

WORD ROCKS



Amin 8BD1

Secondary Section News; Join our T2 Maths Club!

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NOT JUST MATH



PURPOSE

TO USE THE LANGUAGE OF MATH TO INVESTIGATE A NEW WORLD

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

- MENTORING
- INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES
- BINGO & CROSS - OVER

- QUIZ & MOVIES
- SELLING MATH
- DRAMA & POETRY.

ALL KS3 STUDENTS ARE WELCOME

For registration: <https://forms.gle/3yCyma5LpCT5gipK7>

Mathematics reveals its secret only to those who approach it with pure love, for its own beauty. - Archimedes



WSS Food Week



-Jonathan 9BF

Jonathan's Spicy Kerala Beef Curry.

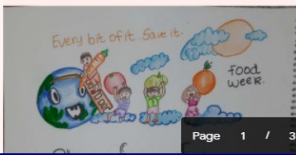
- RECIPE
1. Shred Onions +1
 2. Ginger and Garlic Paste (1 Teaspoon)
 3. Coriander powder (2 Teaspoon)
 4. Chili Powder (2 Teaspoon)
 5. Garam Masala (1 Teaspoon)
 6. Salt to Taste
 7. Pepper powder (1/2 Teaspoon)
 8. Anapathal (1/4 Teaspoon)
 9. Tomato + 1
 10. Beef (1/2 Kg)

- COOKING METHODS
1. Start the Onions
 2. Add Ginger And garlic Paste
 3. Add Tomatoes
 4. Add all Spices
 5. Add Beef
 6. Pressure Cook for 3 to 4 whistle.
 - 7 Add curry leaves.

Jonathan Abraham Alex
9 BF



-Mohammed Hani
9BF



-Poster by Hamza
Daig 9BF

-Step 1

-Step 2

-Step 3

-Step 4

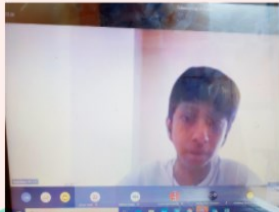
-Step 5

-Step 6

-Step 7

-Final product

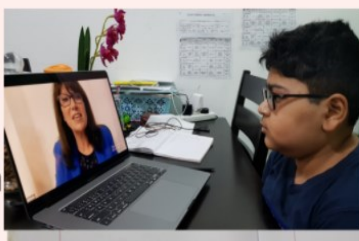
WSS tolerance Day



-Ryan Rose from 9BF
sharing his
thoughts on tolerance.



-Congrats Mohamed
Nagaty for becoming the
torch bearer of 9BF



Jonathan Abraham from
9BF attended a session

Thiviru Dilmith Nethasinghe_7BH1



Creative craft by Thiviru (G7BH1).

Secondary Section News; World Children's Day!

Joanne Mathews 11GH

Well-being Leader



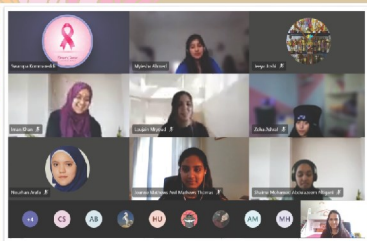
The wellbeing of every individual depends on their mental, spiritual and physical health. During this quarantine, amidst school and studies, I tried to find opportunities to catch up with friends, spend quality time for fun and conversations with family and loved ones and even try out new baking skills on my ever present and "always-ready-to-tryout-cakes-and-bakes" clan 😊

At the end of it all, my faith in God, my family and friends continue to lift me and inspire me to keep moving forward.

I would like to encourage everyone in these uncertain times to always appreciate and be thankful for everything and everyone in your life and be inspired by the words of a favorite song, "Circle of Life" from the Lion King Movie, "There is more to see than can ever be seen, more to do than can ever be done".

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

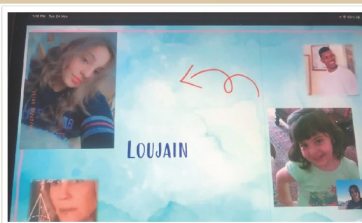
By Shaffa Zeenath, 11GH1



Peer Appreciation by 11GH students.

Activity 1

Guess who game



Students were asked to guess their classmate and teachers alike. Loujain was one of fastest guesses in the game



Iman Khan: @11GH All of you are AMAZING
 Nusaibah Hasan : Joanne Mathews, Shaima Altigani, I love how helpful and kind you two are
 Joanne Mathews:@11GH for me too, you guys are such a blessing to me and i cannot thank you all enough. For accepting me into such a crazy but amazing family when i came to school last year.
 Jeeya Joshi: Nusaibah you are exclusively

prettyyou are different and that's what makes you special

Lets celebrate the power of children to change the world..

HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY FROM 12GF

Secondary Section News; World Children's Day!

12GF with Ms. Arzoo Khan



11GH with Ms. Deepika



12BS with Ms. Remya Prasanth



11BD with Ms. Sofia



Twinning activity by 11BD



International Children's day at WSS



مدرسة جيمس وستمنستر الشارقة
GEMS Westminster School
SHARJAH 22-26th Nov

WSS WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

Happy International Children's Day

Children's Day is a commemorative date celebrated annually on 20th November in honor of children, whose date of observance varies by country. In 1925, International Children's Day was first proclaimed in Geneva during the World Conference on Child Welfare.

ACTIVITY FOR PARENTS

SURPRISE!

"20th November"
Make your child feel special by surprising them with their favorite food or taking them on a visit to their favorite place. Spend some quality time with them and share pictures with form tutor.

IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Form Tutor displays childhood pictures of students & teachers and the class has to guess "who is who"
- Best friends will wear similar outfits and write about their similar qualities on padlet.
- Memory Game on any topic the class decides


Poster made by: Hatana (12GF1) Rosilee (11GH1) Mimabil (11GH1)



TIPS!

A-level girls shared their success stories with G10GS as a part of IGCSE mentoring, community service, Passport Programme.

- DO PAST PAPERS! IF YOU CAN, DO 10 YEARS OF PAST PAPER.
- IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE MEMORIZING THE FORMULAS HAVE A BOOKLET OF FORMULAS. EG: $F = ma$ WITH DENOTATIONS
- F - total force experienced by the body in question, measured in Newtons(N) It acts in the same direction as acceleration
- m - the mass of the body in question, measured in kilogrammes(kg)
- a - acceleration of the body in question, measured in (meters per second squared (m/s^2))
- IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE MEMORIZING THE DEFINITIONS THEN HAVE A BOOKLET OF DEFINITIONS.
- IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE DOING WHOLE PAST PAPERS (DUE TO THE LARGE CONTENT), DO TOPIC WISE QUESTIONS.
- LEARN TO MANAGE YOUR TIME! LEARN THE THEORY/CONTENT FIRST THEN DO PAST PAPERS.
- MAKE SURE YOU FINISH YOUR PAPER 10-15 MINUTES BEFORE SO YOU CAN CHECK AND GO THROUGH YOUR PAPER AGAIN.



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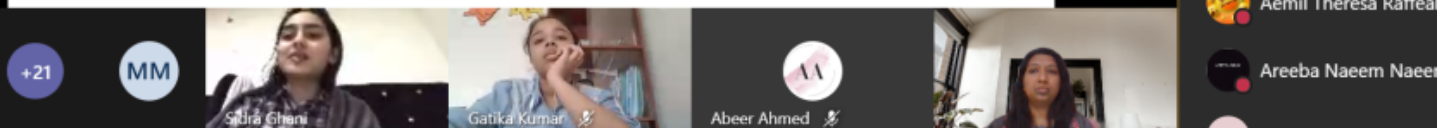
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Secondary Section News; Community Service Passport Programme!



So where can I get these past papers?

There are numerous sources you could use for solving past papers, but here are some of the best online resources that could help you out:

- [Physicsandmathstutor.com](https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com) for topical past papers, although it's a little limited
- [Savemyexams](https://www.savemyexams.com), which is one of the best websites for topical past papers, However, it has a monthly fee for the full access, so it is not recommended
- [Cceguide.com](https://www.cceguide.com) for full pastpapers, including ICT practicals and all of the IGCSE subjects

Tips to cope up with Online classes - Darshan



I think we can all agree that this COVID situation is stressful and hard to cope up with. Personally, I follow a lot of tips that help me get through the day. Let me recommend you some. To start off, always treat your online classes as you would in a class at school. This helps you to set your mind on your lessons. Moreover, always avoid distraction. Social media and notification are a major reason why we cannot focus in class. Perhaps you can switch off the Wi-Fi on your phone and charge it when classes are going on and keep it away from you.

Online classes mean a lot of work. To succeed, do not procrastinate. As the day goes by, work accumulates. Schedule yourself a time of the day for each subject to work more efficiently. But do not overschedule as it could get overwhelming. Next up, spend time with your friends. This is kind of a must because it helps you relax and relieve stress.

Above all, stay motivated. When you do not go out and just stay in the same place at home with your books, over time you lose interest in studying. But remember that the hard work that you are investing right now will always pay off in the future and it's ok it relax once in a while.

Secondary Section News; Student Wellbeing!



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Student Well-being Activity-JOY

J- something in your life **just** happened

O- **ONE** thing you would like to do for yourself.

Y: something about **YOU** that you want the group to know about.

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Ms. Deepika.

J - I just started teaching the small kids class in my church.O - be able to watch the northern lights with some hot chocolate in my hand.Y - I love baking alot and you all should come home so I can bake for you :)

J-I got selected for the student councils O-Exercise every morning Zumba dancing y-I missed my school, teachers and friends/classmates

and had a small waterfallO- Practice more self disciplineY- 16 is supposed to be one of the wildest years of our lives. Go crazy.You are loved and things do get better.

J- I lost my family member this pandemicO- I would like to be a bit

I have learned to do my independent learning in school as previously I was always relying on my shadow teacher. I feel happy about being independent

J - lost someone O - show more gratitude for the people I love Y - i dislike affection it's not about you it's just the act



Delicious Fun Activity by Sami Wissi (G9BS1) & Josh (G9BD)



Treating myself on this fun filled day.....

