

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #2
3rd September, 2020



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new Academic Year 2020-2021! We wish you & all our dear students every success, health & wellbeing. The start of a new Academic Year is always very busy, so we thank you & appreciate your patience & cooperation.

If you have any queries or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact your child's Teacher, SLT or our dedicated Parent Relations Executive (PRE) Ms. Aiysha at aiysha.k.wss@gemsedu.com

Urgent: Parent Contract

Parents, have you returned your child's Contract to their Class/Form Teacher? **This is a very important & urgent document** where you choose your preferred educational programme for the first half Term (100% RLP or Blended). We need this information to make the required arrangements (since we can only have 50% students in a group in class on any day, we need to make groups & other arrangements). **Please return urgently, if not already returned.**

If we do not receive your child's Contract by **Monday 7/9/20** we will assume that you wish your child to continue with RLP. If you wish to change the Programme option after that date, you would need to submit a Programme Transfer Form for Management approval before your child joins school. Thank you.

Share Your Success Stories & Achievement for the Newsletters

At WSS we love to celebrate success & share in the achievements of our school family. Please feel free to email us pictures & information related to your children's ongoing successes & achievement. We would love to publish them in the Newsletter. You can email them to your child's Teacher, or to the Principal at valerie.t.wss@gemsedu.com

Changing Your Online Password

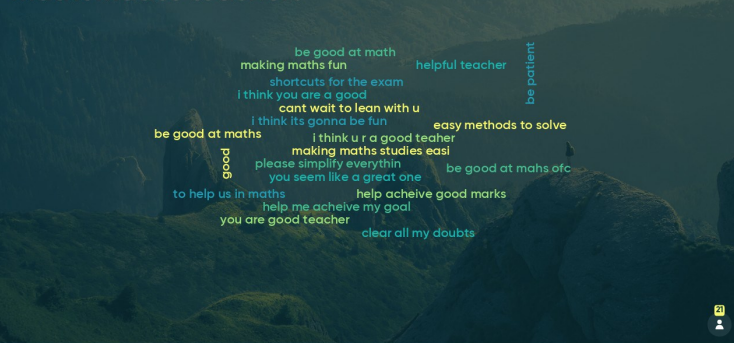
Thank you for your patience accessing online classes. It takes 24 hours to update the system after Term 1 fees have been cleared in Full & the Registration Team has received all pending Documents (for new students) to issue Class Clearance.

We have emailed home a step-by-step Guide in how to change your online Password. If you require assistance, please contact your Teacher.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Saturdays (22/8-26/9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cashier open 8am-1pm for fee payments. Registration Office open.
Monday 7th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to return your child's Contract to the Class/Form Teacher. Students will not be admitted to class without it.

What are your expectations from me as your mathematics teacher?



Induction week was a chance for students, teachers & parents to get to know one another, become familiar with netiquette & schedules, & to get back into effective learning habits. Above is an activity done by Dr. Seerat with her G10BH class as an ice-breaker, so students could share their expectations of her as a Teacher.



"Together We Return"

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>





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Uniforms of GEMS Westminster School - Sharjah will be available at Threads Stores.

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Whole School News

Required Actions by Parents & Students

1. All students over age 12 must take a COVID-19 test before rejoining school & submit the report.
2. A declaration form (Contract) must be completed, signed & submitted to school by parent before any student joins.
3. Download the government's Al Hogn tracking App (find it in the App Store) onto your personal mobile phone
4. Students must bring 2 face masks to school daily for personal use.
5. Bring daily snack & water bottles to school (canteen closed & water dispensers not allowed)
6. Bring all personal stationary items to school daily (students not allowed to share stationary items)
7. Clear fees online through your fee account if possible.
8. Buy books online (delivery service available)
9. Make an appointment with Registration team, SLT etc. when you wish to meet us.
10. Drop OT children at the main gate 7:30-8am.

Parents must not...

11. Entering inside the school by parents is not allowed. Please report to Reception. Thank you.



WSS Summer Upgrades

The Admin & Support Teams have been very busy over the summer upgrading the campus ready to welcome back our students. Here are some of the items completed:

1. Rearrangements of class rooms as per COVID19 requirements from SPEA
2. EPDM flooring for the outdoor play area between buildings
3. Refurbishment of KG washroom counters
4. Washroom flush tank replacement
5. Football fence repair
6. Football field leveling
7. Soft padding for football poles and basketball stands
8. Leveling of cricket pitch
9. Expansion of football field exit doors
10. FAHU rectification and commission
11. New furniture's for Secondary & Primary libraries, Art room and classrooms
12. Additional 58 soft boards in the corridor wall
13. Automatic hand sanitizer in all the location
14. Additional sign boards and floor signs
15. KG resource room rearrangements
16. Senior library rearrangements
17. Installation of token machine in the main Reception
18. Additional CCTV for blinds spots
19. Additional access control devices for exit doors
20. General maintenance, paintings and other repair work.



Free Arabic App

App Overview:

'Alphabet Journey' is a free mobile application will take your child on a fun educational journey that motivate them to read and write the Arabic alphabet. It is filled with games, stories and songs on early literacy skills including alphabet knowledge and phonics. Completely free, no ads and no subscription needed, and does not require internet connection. Guaranteed to enrich your child's learning experience and their free time during summer. Find it at:

App Store:

<https://apple.co/37NOD6O>

Google Play:

<https://bit.ly/2Nj1BA6>

WSS Superstar Champions!



Parent appreciation of Cashier Ms. Jelin for going 'above & beyond' for a job well done. Thank you dear parent for your thoughtfulness.

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Veydant Padmanabhan Yesterday 11:38 AM
Thank you so much Miss **Ayesha Aslam** and thanks for being my english teacher and I greatly appreciated and loved our lessons.

1
Haider Ijaz Yesterday 11:47 AM
thank you miss ayesha, very cool

1
Mohammad Odeh Yesterday 8:45 PM
thanks miss, hope we weren't troublesome

1
Omar Wazir 12:15 AM
Thank you miss

1
Hamza Rathore 3:52 AM
Firstly we 10BS1 would like to thank you so much for having the opportunity to learn a lot of information from your teaching skills, and we always appreciated your hardwork on our class. The stress and pressure you applied on us was higher than we thought, however we found a way to overcome those challenges and we could have not done it without your advices and teaching skills. When we first met each other, we felt our English Class was not going as planned, but we did the achievements we required in your class and we may have troubled you, but we apologize for that. It was an honour for 10BS1 to have a Teacher like you and we did have the ups and downs during our English Class, but we enjoyed your class and we felt amazing whenever we learnt something new from you. Once again, Thank You So Much from 10BS1!

See Less

2
Omar Hani 8:11 AM
thank you miss, we are really looking forward to seeing you next year

Thank you G10BS1 (old) for your sincere & kind appreciation messages for your Teacher Ms. Ayesha Aslam.



هيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص
SHARJAH PRIVATE EDUCATION AUTHORITY

رسالة شكر وتقدير للمعلمين الأفاضل في المدارس الخاصة بالشارقة

Thank You Message to the Dedicated Teachers of Sharjah Private Schools

إلى من أعطى وأجزل يعطائه رغم الظروف
إلى من اجتهد وسعى لتذليل العقبات، لينهل أبنائنا الطلبة من جود نبعكم علماً ومعرفة وثقافة
شكراً من القلب لكم لعام دراسي استثنائي ناجح مضى ما كان ليكون لولا جهودكم وإخلاصكم
"معاً نعود" ونرحب بعودتكم إلى مدرستكم ومفصولكم الدراسية، ونتمنى لكم عاماً دراسياً جديداً موفقاً.

د. محدثة الهاشمي، رئيس هيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص

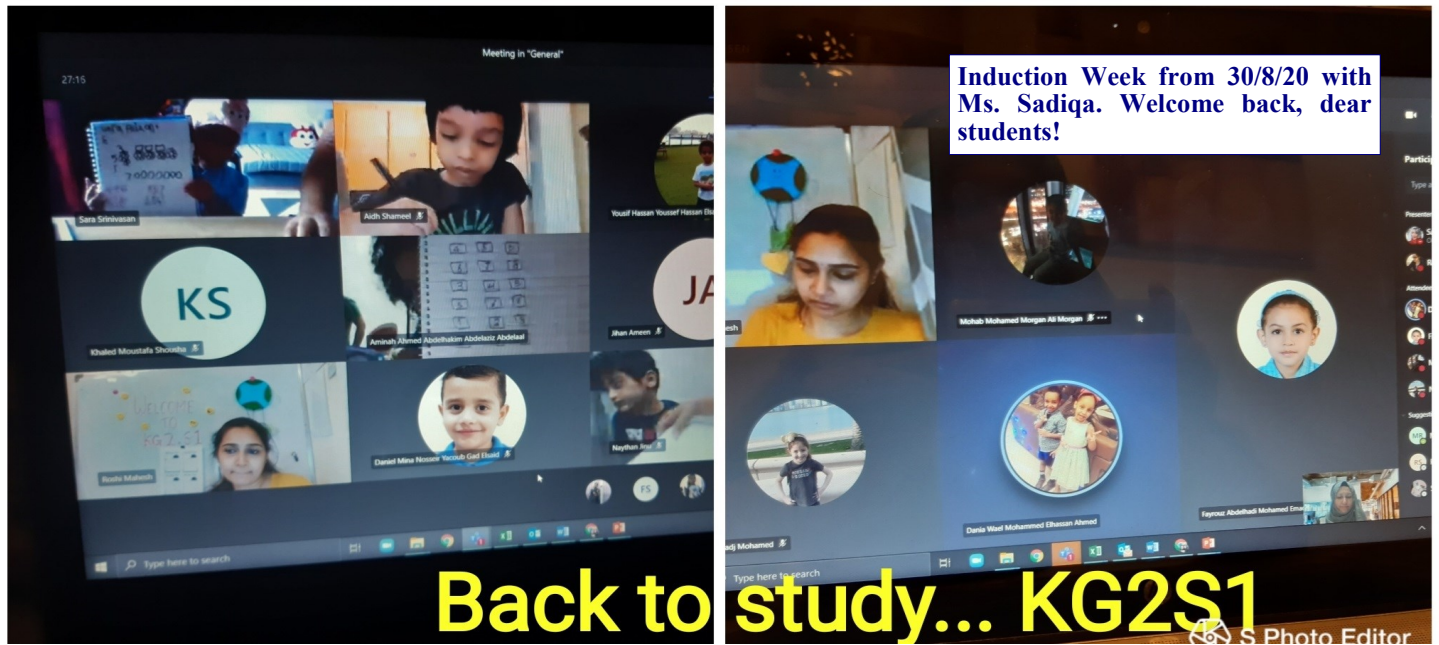
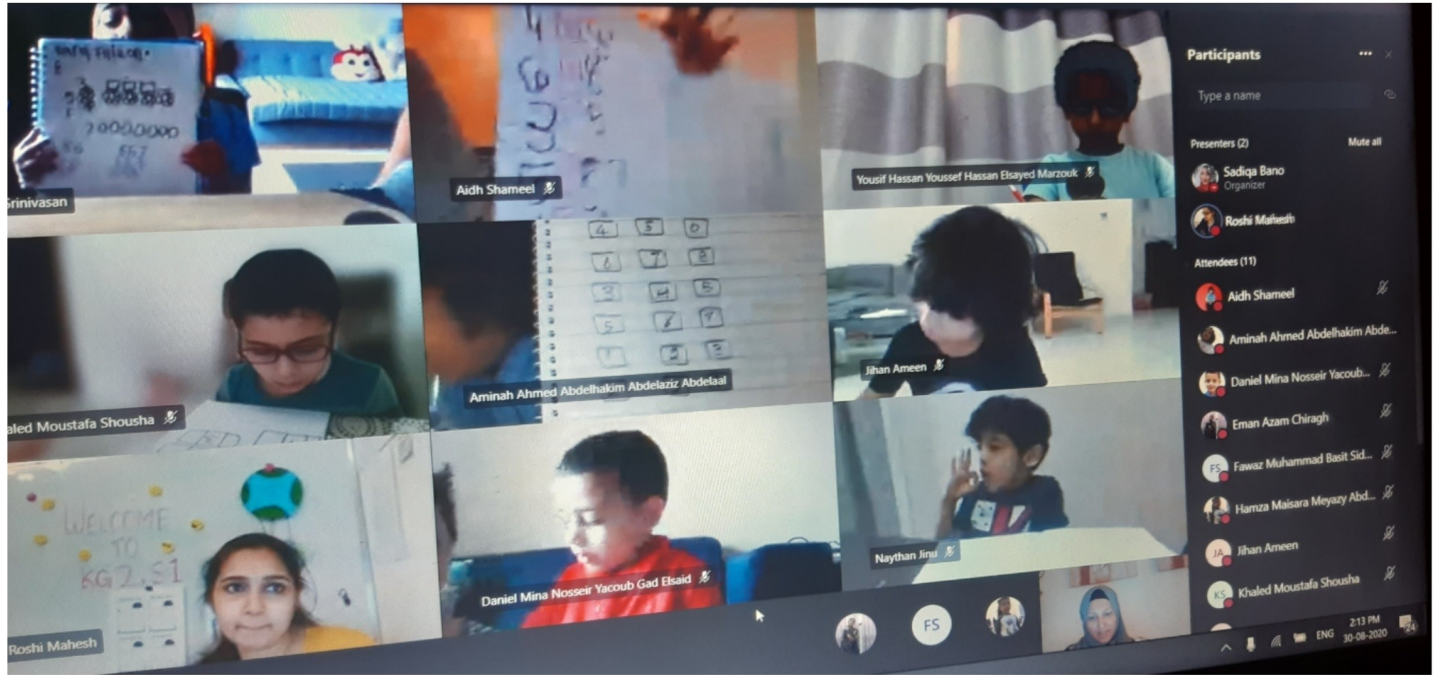
To the ones who kept giving despite the circumstances.
To the ones who made tremendous efforts to overcome obstacles.

Thank you for all your hard work that ensured our children continued to be inspired and learn.

We appreciate your efforts on the success of the past extraordinary academic year that would not have been possible without your dedication and commitment.
"Together We Return" and welcome you back to your schools and classrooms and wish you a successful and fruitful academic year ahead.

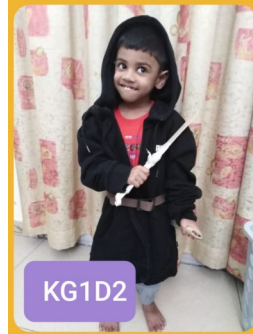
Dr. Muhadditha Al Hashimi, Chairperson Sharjah Private Education Authority

Junior Section News



G1S2 & Ms. Kishwar getting their thinking juices flowing, with a range of real life-related activities to promote linguistic development & confidence-building.

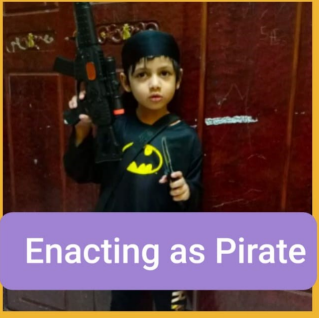
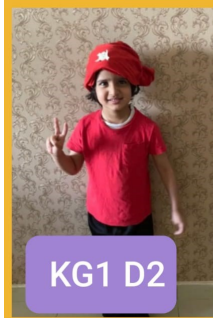
Junior Section News; KG1 Learning Activities



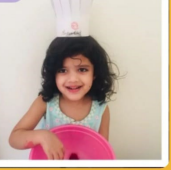
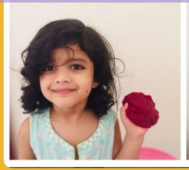
Enacting as Pirate



Abdelrahman (KG1D2) is already enthusiastic & actively engaged on his learning journey. Doesn't he look so super cute & smart in his uniform! He certainly looks ready for his 'Office'.



Making Play Dough Activity



Learning fun with KG1D2 & Ms. Sania. Thank you parents for your high level of engagement & support so far.

Junior Section News; KG1 Learning Activities



Junior Section News; KG Learning Activities

KG 2 D1 - Show & Tell Activity



Fun learning activities with KG2D1 & Ms. Beena



Setting into the new Academic Year with KG1S2 & Ms. Maria.



Junior Section News; Fun Learning Activities

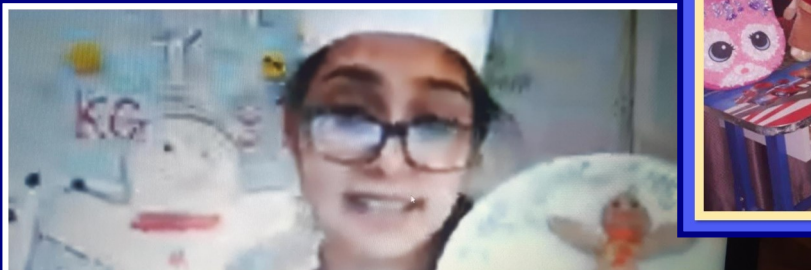


Story time in KG2D2!!!
Ms Mani dressed up as old lady.

School time is fun time with KG2D2, Ms. Mani & Ms. Farah, & KG2S1 with Ms. Sadiqa. What beautiful smiles—we missed them!



Our first fun activity in KG2D2



Enjoying Story Session...
KG2S1

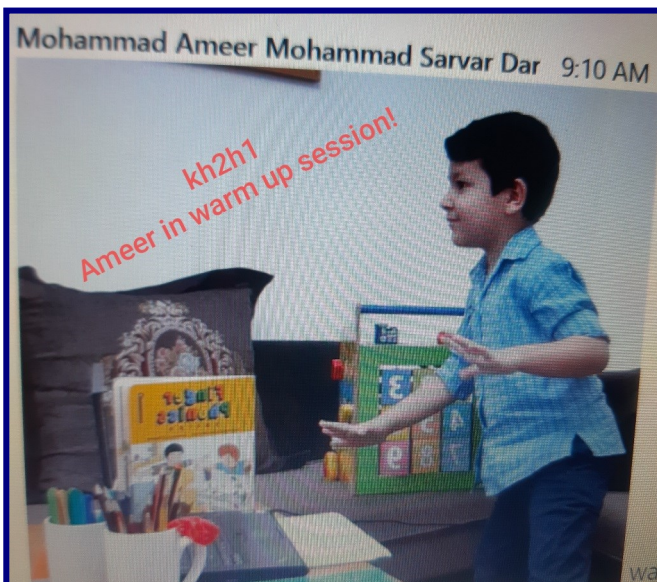
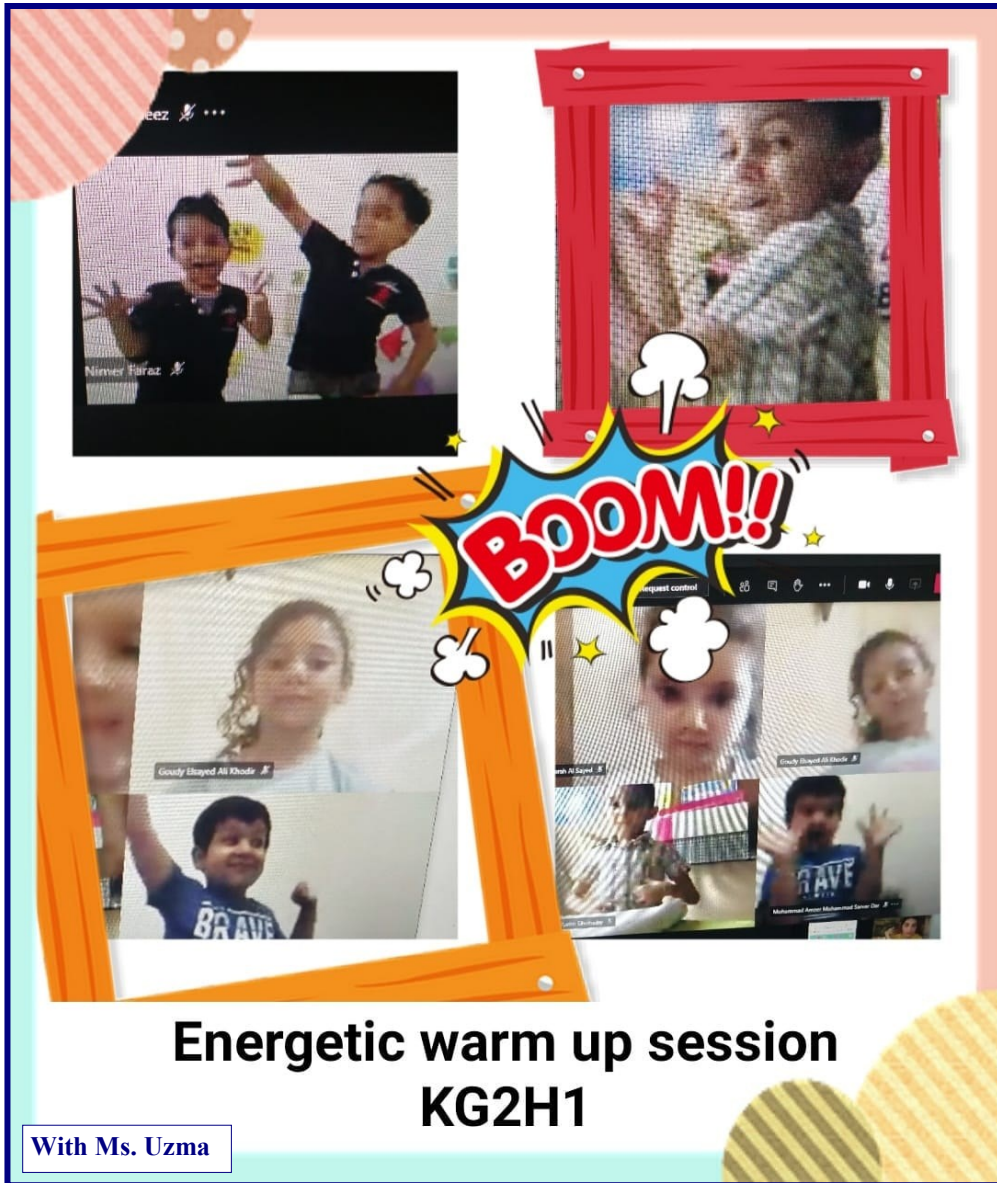


Wonderful to see the Teachers sharing such enthusiasm for learning to inspire & motivate their students—here is TA Ms. Aneeza dressing up & enacting a story to her class.

Left, super articulate Moh'd Ali (G1D1) shared a cute video about his 'Worry Dolls' who help him manage challenging situations with Ms. Fauzia.



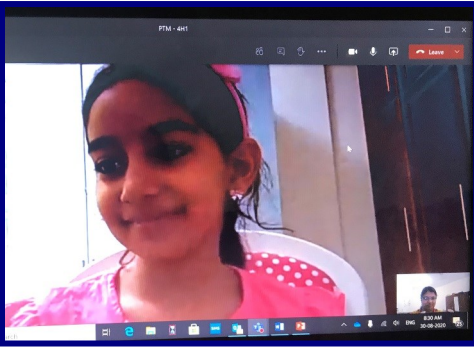
Junior Section News; Learning Activities



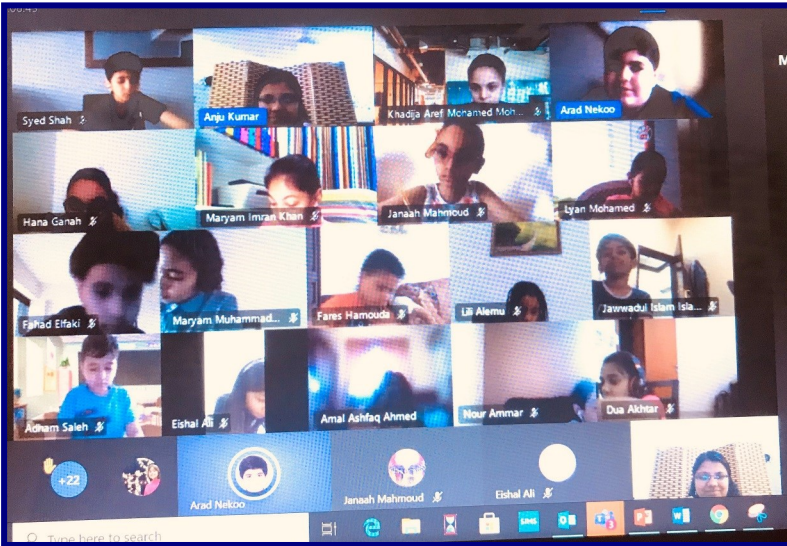
KG2H1 looking super smart in their uniform!
Awesome!!



Primary Section News

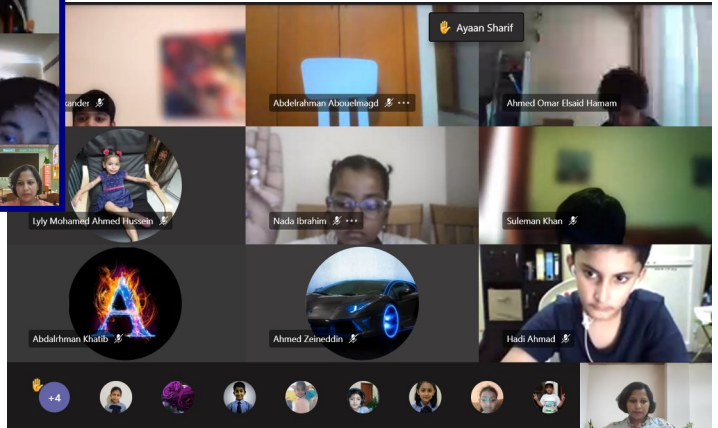
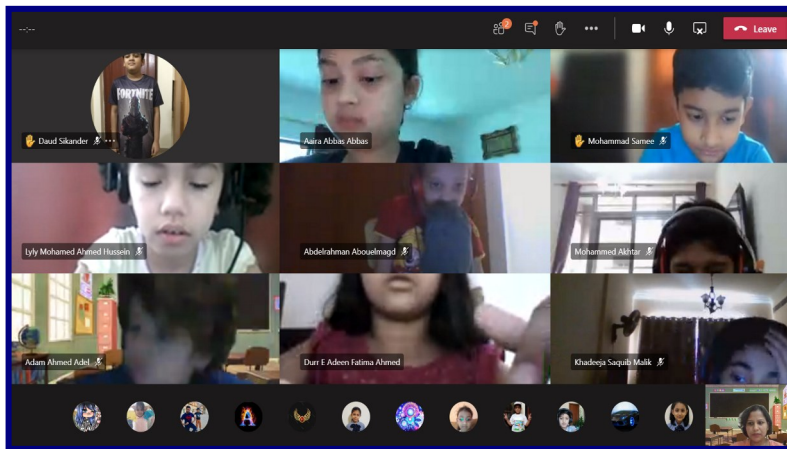


Week 1 Induction sessions with Ms. Anju on 30/8/20. Lyan, Ahmed & super-smart Jad. So lovely to see such smart uniform!



Dana (G2D2) & Abdullah (G5BH1) looking so super smart in their uniform, as they join classmates on RLP during Induction Week. Welcome back dear students!

G4H1 with Ms. Anju & G3D2 with Ms. Lavita get settled into the new Academic Year.!



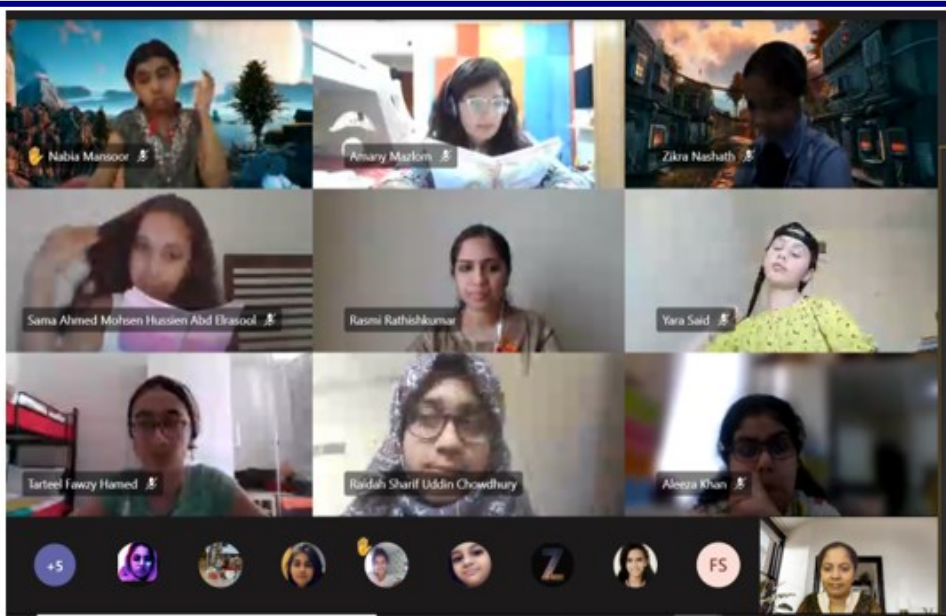
Secondary Section News; Online Student Induction Week



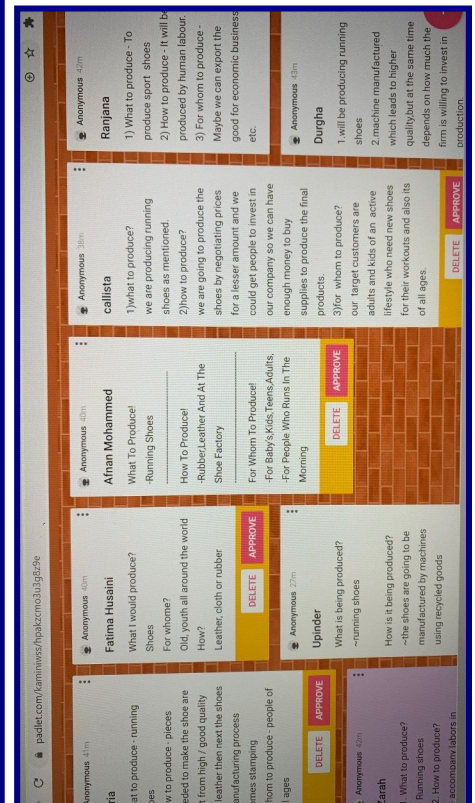
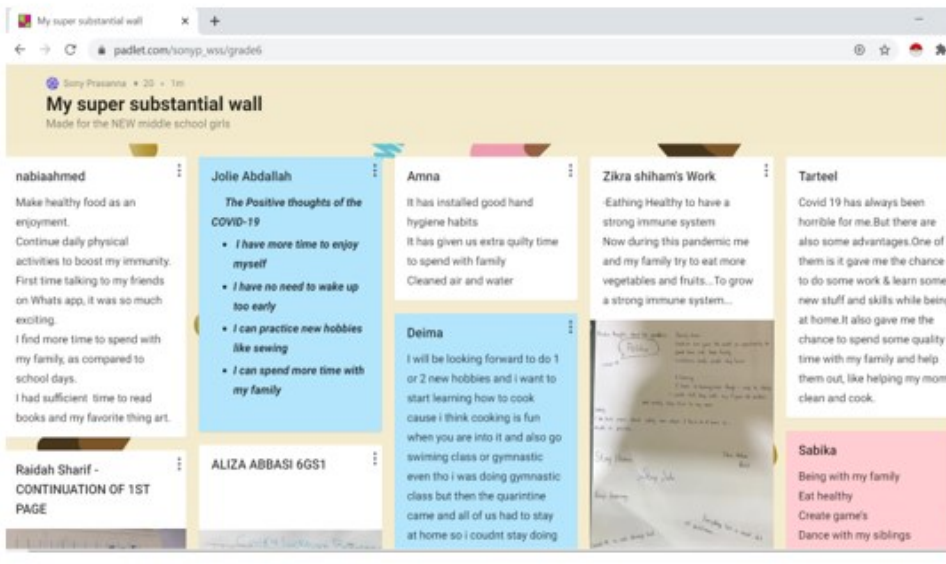
Shreyas (G7BD) gets to know his Form Tutor Ms. Susan on 30/8/20 during Induction Week.



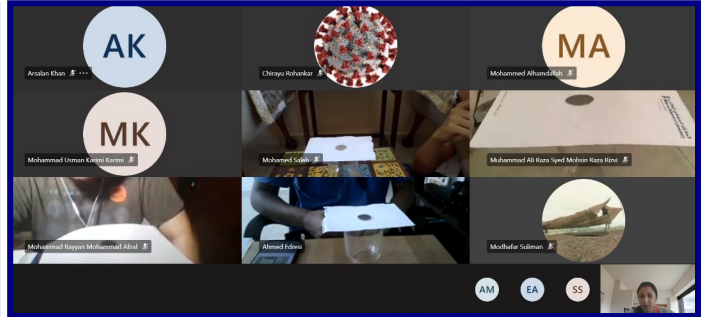
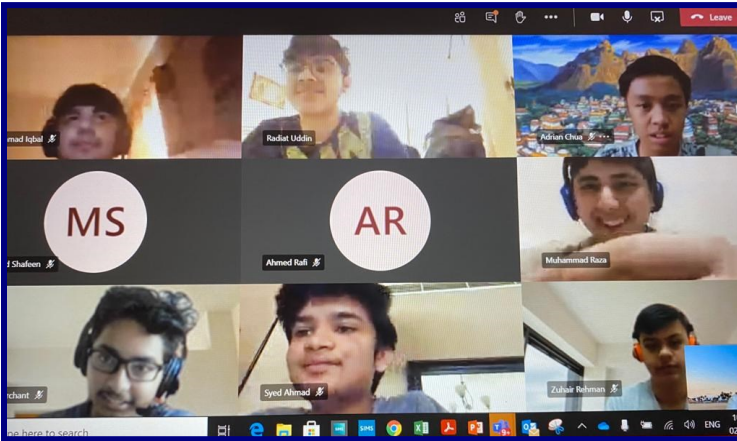
Induction Week Ice-breaker riddles with Ms. Maria Alto. Below, G9 Economics activity with Ms. Kamini.



Grade 6 GS found out lot of positive aspects of the pandemic times and posted in the padlet wall.



Secondary Section News



A/S Level Physics practical online session with Ms. Divya. Learning has started in earnest!

G10B online Accounting lesson with Mr. Kesavan. Below, an ice-breaker Padlet activity with G8G & Ms. Chandani.

Forming Positive Relationships

Made with serendipity!!

CHANDANI KINGER SEP 02, 2020 05:05AM

CHANDANI KINGER SEP 02, 2020 05:13AM

Building Positive Relations

1. If you could choose anyone in the world, living or dead, to have in our home as a dinner guest, who would you choose and why?
2. If you could choose the activities to do that would make a perfect day, what would you choose?
3. If you had a crystal ball that could tell you anything at all about your life that you don't already know, what would you ask it to tell you?
4. What's your favorite childhood memory?
5. What are the ten most important things on your personal bucket list?

ANONYMOUS SEP 02, 2020 05:45AM

Bianca Precilla

- 1) I would like to have dinner with any of my family members because it would be very fun
- 2) The activity that I would do is probably drawing or animating
- 3) I would like to know what will happen to my future
- 4) My favourite childhood memory is when I got to meet my younger brother
- 5) The most important things to me are:
 - Family
 - Friends
 - Studies
 - Achieving my goals
 - Improve my skills
 - Learning new skills
 - Meeting my other relatives
 - Learn more about playing a piano
 - Travelling
 - Learn other sports

Carine Jizdan

1. I would like to invite my family who are in my home country, because I miss them so much.
2. -Sport
 - Meditating before I start my day
 - Spirituality
3. I would ask the crystal ball if I would have a successful future.
4. The day I went to the mall with my best friends, we had an amazing time.
5.
 - Go hiking with my family.
 - Make S'mores.
 - Go on a Wildlife Safari.
 - Visit the Eiffel Tower (Paris)
 - Visit every continent.
 - Swim in the 5 oceans of the world.
 - Do Science experiments.
 - Pick Strawberries.
 - Make sand volcanoes.
 - Visit the USA.

ANONYMOUS SEP 02, 2020 05:22AM

Risha Madappa

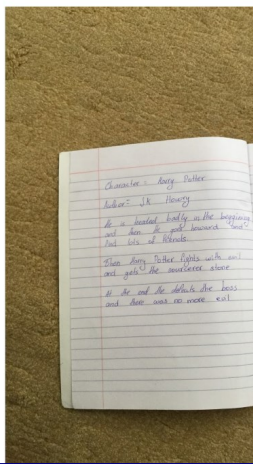
1. definitely my idol because they thought me something which I would never thought I could do.
2. I will chose sports activities do with my parents .
3. probably my future career and how will it go
4. my favorite childhood memory is that when I first time went to Ski Dubai.
5. I get myself a new phone

7BS2 : Reading Lesson

MUHAMMAD NISHAD S.N. MAR 22, 2020 08:52AM

YOHIT KALER SEP 01, 2020 08:01AM

Book - Charlie and the chocolate factory
 Author - Roald Dahl
 My favourite character - Wonka
 Willard Wonka, better known as Wonka, is a fictional character who appears in Roald Dahl's 1964 children's novel Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and its sequel Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator. The eccentric owner of the Wonka Chocolate Factory, he has been portrayed by Gene Wilder and Johnny Depp in film Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory is a 1971 American musical fantasy film directed by Mel Stuart and starring Gene Wilder as Wonka. It is an adaptation of the 1964 novel Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. The film tells the story of a poor child named Charlie Bucket who, after finding a Golden Ticket in a chocolate bar, visits Wonka's chocolate factory along with four other children from around the world



Arjun (G6BH) & Muh'd (G7BS2) sharing their literary experiences with Ms. Nishad.

get more friends.

DAYANA DAYAN SEP 02, 2020 05:20AM

Dayana

1. I would invite **uncle** from the dead because he used to be by my **side** and really **miss him** a lot
2. My activities I would choose would be **playing musical instruments** such as guitar, violin, drums, keyboard, and kalimba.
3. My **future status**.
4. Funny videos me vs **lemon**.
- 5.
6. I Go to **Seoul and South Korea**.
7. Go to **meet BTS**.
8. Get **new phone**.
9. **Travel**.
10. **Skydive**.
11. **Desert drive**.
- 12.

BUCKET LIST

- Learn how to speak at least 2 different languages.
- Go to my favorite Band's concert.
- Travel to different places in the world.
- To own a dog.
- Go to south Korea and meet my favorite idols.
- A visit to mount Everest base camp.
- To do Skydiving at least once.
- Get better at Table Tennis.
- Learn Desert Driving & Dune Bashing.
- Write stories/fanfictions/series.

DAYANA DAYAN SEP 02, 2020 05:26AM

Maddie Clowie

- 1- I would invite my close friends because i wanna make more memories with them.
- 2- ill say either volleyball or listening to music cause it calms me down.
- 3- i would ask the crystal ball if i was replaced as a baby)
- 4- dancing and playing in the rain with my family
- 5- live long enough to see flying cars

EMMA MALKHASIAN SEP 02, 2020 05:32AM

Emma

- 1) I would like to invite my family who live in a different country since I have seen them for a very long time.
- 2) The activities that I would choose to do is dancing, reading, and playing the piano.
- 3) I would ask the crystal ball about my future like if I'm going to face any difficulties in the future.

ANANYA SHARMA SEP 02, 2020 05:31AM

Ananya Pankaj Kumar

I would love to invite my grandparents from the dead. And my dolls because since they thought so much more than I could already do.

1. The activities that I would choose to make my day perfect will be: Going out with friends, Playing Table Tennis, Going for a swim and then enjoy
2. I would ask the crystal ball to show my future. To show me what I would be, And what happens to me in the future.
3. When I first traveled to 3 different countries.
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ANONYMOUS SEP 02, 2020 05:32AM

Sonadie

1. I would like to invite my grandfather for dinner and spend time with him because I never got the chance to properly talk to him.
2. I would like to stay at home alone with alot of snacks and my music and no people to bother me. That would make a perfect day.
3. I would ask the crystal ball about my future and the things/people I should avoid.
4. My favorite childhood memory is when I got my pet puppy.

Name: Arjun Sujeev

My Favorite Character

Title: Harry Potter
 Author: Joanne Kathleen (J.K.) Rowling

Portrait

Character Name: Harry Potter

Describe how the character feels & acts in the story:

Harry is a boy whose parents died when he was a baby. He lives with his aunt Petunia and uncle Vernon and their son Dudley they really don't care about Harry. Harry also gets bullied by Dudley.

Describe the character's role in the story:

Harry is the main character in the book he is the only person who has survived the killing by the antagonist of the book Lord Voldemort, its the same curse that killed Harry's parents. In the end Harry kill Lord Voldemort.

Describe any connections between yourself and the characters:

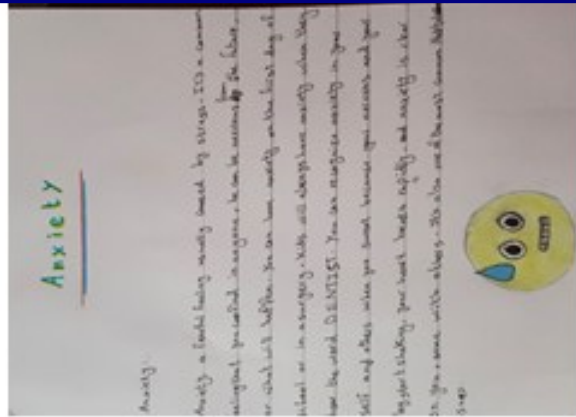
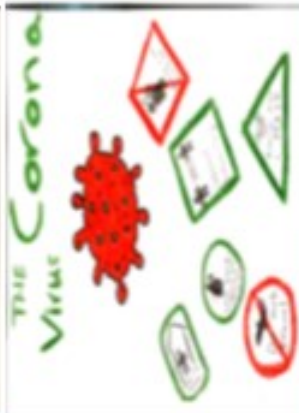
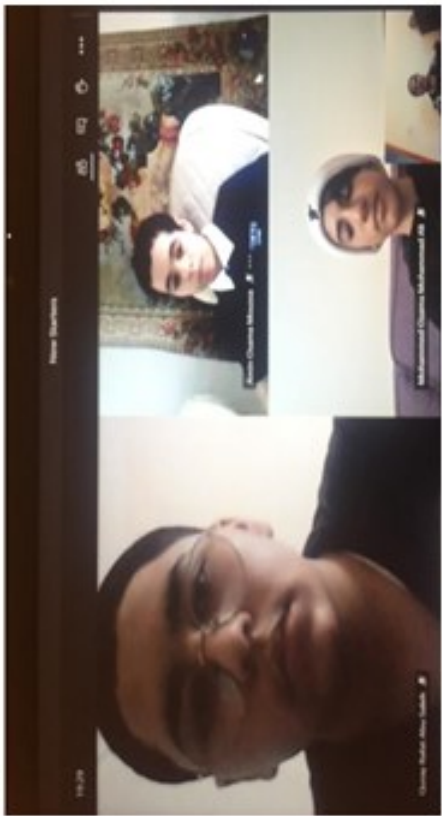
Hermione Granger: She is one of Harry's best friend just like she likes learning and reading and libraries just like me, I love books and libraries. I also like learning.

Describe why this is your favorite character:

He is my favourite character because he is brave, after all he has gone through. He doesn't have a Mom and Dad or a nice family but he still stood up to bullies.

Secondary Section News

Creative Newbies to WSS



Enthusiastic students with their Form Tutors

