

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #8
15th October, 2020



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear Parents,
CAT4 Assessment

The CAT4 assessment is a very special diagnostic assessment, that we use to find your child's personal learning style & abilities, then build on this. Our curriculum development & lesson planning comes from this data, to ensure there are appropriate activities & targets set to tap into your child's strengths & meet individual learning needs. Unfortunately, some parents are interfering in the assessment & giving their child the answers. The reality is that this is not helping your child, but is depriving school of data about your child's unique learning profile. We don't need data about parents' learning styles, we need our children's personal data to plan appropriate lesson activities & set challenge for them. We believe in the 'Growth Mindset', that your children get smarter with the correct programme, but only when we have accurate data from which to start. The best help you can give to your children is to encourage them to 'keep trying & work hard on it', & leave them to work through their assessments independently. Thank you.

URGENT: G1 Vaccination Form

G1 parents, have you returned your child's vaccination approval form? If not, please do so urgently. This is a requirement of the Ministry of Health. Thank you.

Change of Learning Programme (100% RLP or Blended)

Next week we will be sending home a short, simple online survey where you will be able to select your preferred option for your child's learning programme (100% online RLP or Blended) for the rest of Term option (Sunday 1st November–Thursday 13th December). The survey will be open for you to select on **Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October**. If we do not hear from you we will assume that you want 100% online RLP. We are waiting for Authority guidelines relating to educational plans for Term 2.

The KG Foundation Stage: Critical Building Blocks for Future Success!

Our children's continuing learning is built on hard work, practice & skills acquired through a progressive & structured learning programme. Learning is motivating & exciting when they learn to apply skills to new challenges. Our KG learning programme is so important for the future success of our children—yes, it takes massive hard work, engagement & repeated practice, but it is so wonderful to experience the success of learning something new, and to do things better!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Saturdays in October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration Office & Cashier are open on Saturdays, 8am-1pm. Bookstore closed.
From Sunday 27th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Blended Programme has started for those students who have signed up for it. Please see p2 for exact return date for your child's grade. Return to school is subject to submitting the following to the Teacher: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The signed Contract A Negative COVID report (for G7-12) The signed Travel Disclaimer Medical Clearance Certificate for Vulnerable students
Wed. 21st & Thurs. 22nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please complete the quick survey indicating your preference for your child's November-December learning programme (100% RLP or Blended)
Thurs. 29th Oct.- Monday 2nd Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible holiday for Prophet's Birthday (PBUH) & mid-term Break (TBC) School reopens for students on Tuesday 3rd November.



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>



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

Grade Return Date for Blended Students

Day/Date	Section		
	Junior (KG1-G1)	Primary (G2-5)	Secondary (G6-12)
Sunday 18/10/20	KG1 KG2 G1	G2 G5 G3 G4	G10, G11 & G12 G8 & G9 G7 G6



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نبذة

تطلق وزارة تنمية المجتمع حملة **#100 عمل إيجابي** احتفاءً باليوم العالمي للعمل الإنساني الذي يوافق 19 أغسطس كل عام، وتحت مظلة المبادرة المجتمعية "أوبونتو" Ubuntu Love Challenge لتعميم الكبر والقيم الإنسانية. وتحدي "أوبونتو" مبادرة أطلقتها الشبيخة بدور بنت سلطان الفاسمي، نائب رئيس الاتحاد الدولي للناشرين، بالتعاون مع مامادو كويدجيم توريه، المفكر والناشط في مجال العمل الكبري ومؤسس "مؤسسة إفريقيا 2.0"، بهدف تعميم فعل الكبر وتبادل شعور الأمل بمستقبل أفضل. تُعنى المبادرة بتعزيز قيم التسامح والتضامن، وتعكس كلمة "أوبونتو" الفلسفة الأخلاقية المتمثلة بالمثل الشعبي **"أنا موجود لأننا موجودون، وما نحن موجودين لأننا موجود"**. وهي شعار أفريقي قديم يركز على مفهوم أن ثمة رابط يجمعنا على مستوى العالم، ونتيجة لهذا الرابط، يجب أن نستفيد من هويتنا الفطرية وأن نتعامل بإنسانية تجاه الآخرين الذين يستحقون ذلك.

الهدف من التحدي

تنطلق مبادرة 100 يوم عمل إيجابي بدأً من **19 أغسطس 2020**. ويساهم كل فرد بفعل إيجابي بشكل يومي، وذلك بالمبادرة والقيام بهذه الأفعال، ونشرها عبر مواقع التواصل الاجتماعي، بهدف تعميم مبدأ فعل الكبر، والإحسان والجمال، وتبادل شعور الأمل بمستقبل أفضل، وتأكيد ثقافة التعاون والمحبة على مستوى الدولة والمنطقة والعالم.

كيفية المشاركة

1. تابع حساب وزارة تنمية المجتمع @MOCDUAE و @ubuntulovechallenge.
2. قم بزيارة الموقع الإلكتروني www.ubuntulovechallenge.org/100GoodDeedsAE
3. اطلع على جميع الصور لحملة 100 عمل إيجابي.
4. أضف صورة اليوم **1 إلى منشورك في مواقع التواصل الاجتماعي.
5. اكتب تعليقاً عن اختيارك من خلال إضافة الهاشتاج #100GoodDeeds، #100 عمل إيجابي، حتى تتمكن من متابعة رحلتك.
6. كرر ذلك من اليوم الأول حتى 100 يوم.

Whole School News



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◆ Introduction

In celebration of the World Humanitarian Day on August 19, the Ministry of Community Development is launching the **#100GoodDeeds** campaign supporting the @UbuntuLoveChallenge. The Ubuntu Love Challenge is a global movement initiated by H.R.H Sheikha Bodour Al Qasimi of Sharjah, the United Arab Emirates, and Thought-Leader, Mamadou Kwidjim Toure, founder of the Africa 2.0 Foundation. The Ubuntu Love Challenge actively promotes the values of tolerance and unity. It establishes a culture of social responsibility where challenges are confronted with solution-focused projects and initiatives to ensure a brighter future. Ubuntu, which translates to **1 am because we are** is an ancient African mantra that centers on the concept that we are universally connected. As a result of this shared bond, we must tap into our innate power and act with humanity towards others who deserve it.

◆ Challenge Objectives

The **#100GoodDeeds** campaign will extend over a period of **100 days**. The social challenge is open to all residents in the UAE and involves undertaking a good deed every day. Participants can share their daily progress on their social media platforms using hashtag **#100GoodDeeds**. We hope the momentum will create a ripple effect at a national, regional, and global level and lead to greater participation and more significant acts of kindness. As members of the human race, we have a responsibility to participate in the **#100GoodDeeds** challenge. The campaign is an excellent opportunity for people from all walks of life to participate in societal, humanitarian, and developmental efforts. We especially hope it will provide fast relief to families, senior citizens, people of determination, youth, and children, who have been impacted by economic and pandemic challenges.

◆ How to participate?

1. Follow **@mocduae** and **@ubuntulovechallenge**
2. Visit **ubuntulovechallenge.org/100GoodDeedsAE**
3. Check out all the images for the 100 good deeds campaign
4. Start with **"Day 1"** and make that good deed a reality in your life
5. Add the image for Day 1's good deed to your social media post and write a personal caption for it. Make sure you use **#100GoodDeeds** so we can follow your journey.
6. Now, do this until **Day 100**

- Fever
- 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

COVID-19 Symptoms

As per Authority instructions, any student or staff suffering from any one of these symptoms must immediately go for a COVID PCR test & only return back to school with:

1. Symptom-free
2. A negative PCR Report
3. A Medical Certificate from the Dr. stating the diagnosis of the illness.
4. A Clearance Slip from the WSS Clinic stating they are fit to return to class/work.

WSS Superstar Champions!

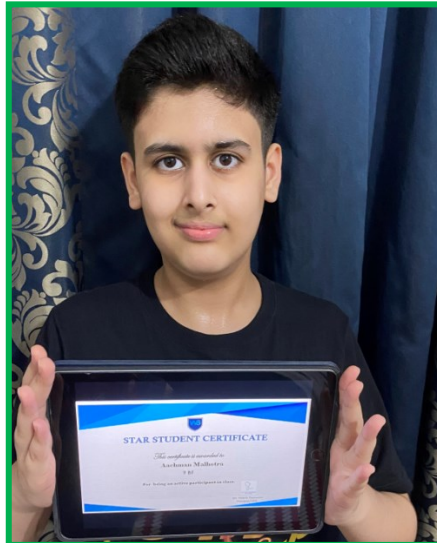
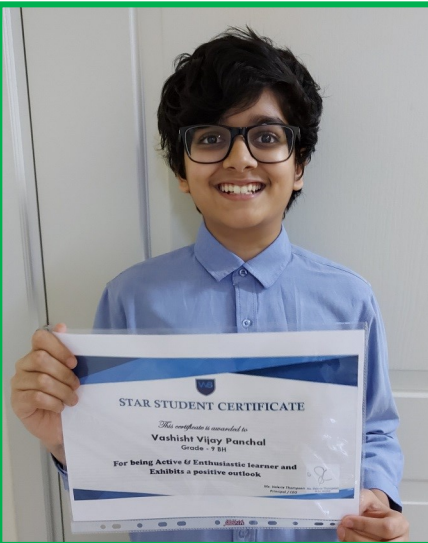


Star Student Moh'd Ayaan (G9BS)

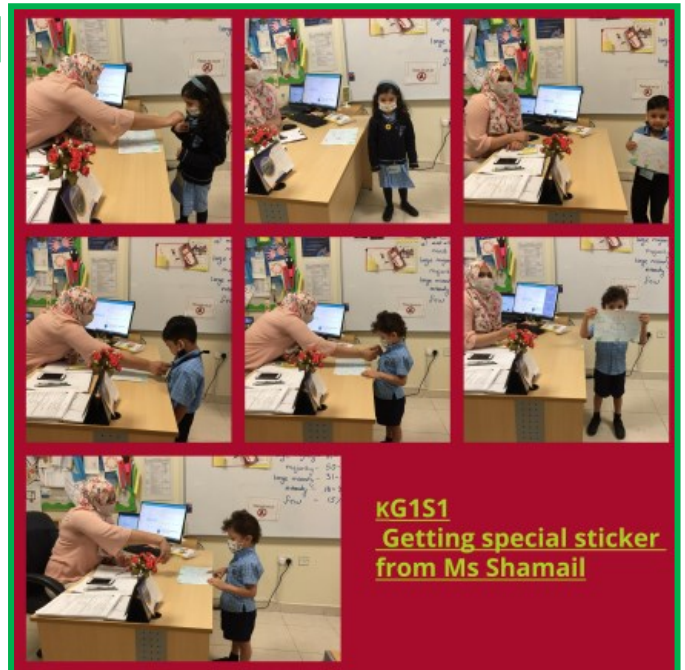
Star student for the month of September



Mariam Hafez- Grade 11 GH1



Star Students Vashith (G9BH) & Aachman (G9BF)



KG1S1
Getting special sticker from Ms Shamail



Colin the Kindness Camel
(Respect, Community Spirit & Neighbourliness)



<i>HUMAYRA TASNIM</i>	<i>9GH</i>
<i>ZARAH HASSAN</i>	<i>9GS</i>
<i>SYEDA FATIMA</i>	<i>9GF</i>
<i>FATHIMA ZIA</i>	<i>10GS</i>
<i>GATIKA SUNEEL KUMAR</i>	<i>10GS</i>
<i>DUAA FATHIMA</i>	<i>10GD</i>



<i>NIMRA KHALID</i>	<i>9GH</i>
<i>ZOHA KAMRAN</i>	<i>9GS</i>
<i>WANIA ASFAR</i>	<i>9GF</i>
<i>AREEBA NAEEM</i>	<i>10GS</i>
<i>MANAHIL JUNAID</i>	<i>10GS</i>
<i>AYMEN UMER FAROOQUE</i>	<i>10GD</i>
<i>MANAHIL JUNAID</i>	<i>10GS</i>



Junior Section News



Celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Pink Day on 11/10/20 with Ms. Sadiqa & her daughter



KG1S1
Recap of sounds
With Ms. Sonia



KG1S1
Maths is Fun

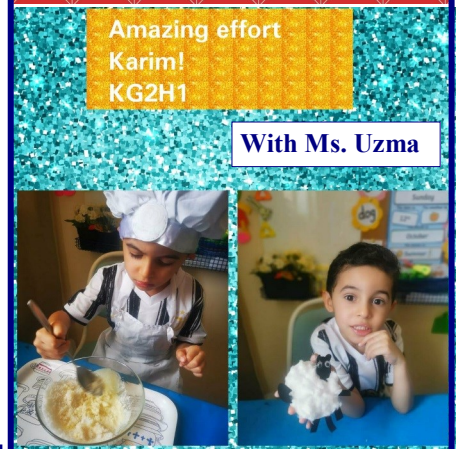
Junior Section News



KG1S1 Learning healthy and unhealthy With Ms. Sonia



Superb Humza!
KG2H1



Amazing effort
Karim!
KG2H1

With Ms. Uzma



Superb farm made
by Lara KG2H1



With Ms. Nikhat

KG1 D1
fun activity



Very nicely done
Frehan!!!
KG2H1



Ve
KG Lara's sheep made during fun session. KG2H1

Creative KG2H1
students during the fun activity..



Fantastic job
KG2H1

Junior & Primary Section News



Creative writing story-board by Amal (G4H1) with Ms. Lincy.

Junior Section News



With Ms. Neha

KG1S1 making story character



KG1S1 Celebrating blue day



KG1S1 making story character



KG2S1

KG2S1 Fun Activity

With Ms. Sadiqa



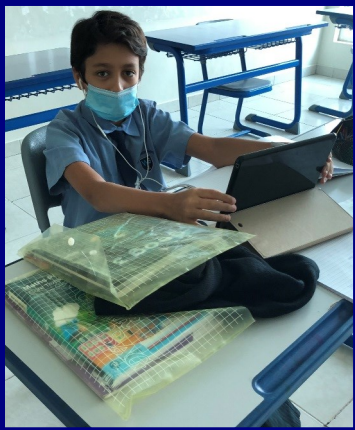
KG2S1 Learning about farm animals



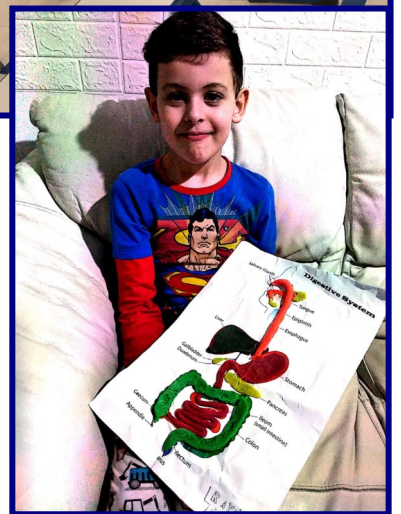
KG2S1

We are learning addition

Primary Section News; Welcome Back G3!



G4 learning to speak French for the first time in school with Ms. Maha. Their videos were super confident! Right, Rayan (G3S1).



Primary Section News; Pink Day, 11/10/20!

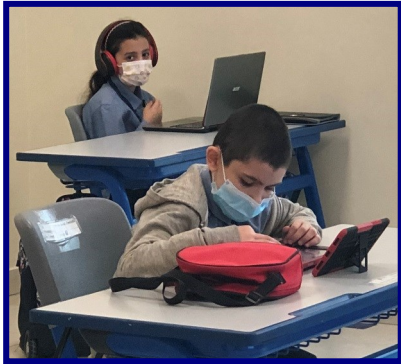
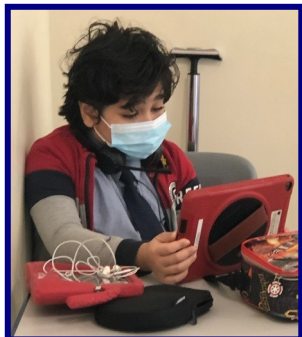


Thank you Moh'd Azizi & Aima (G3S1) for your thoughtful appreciation cards for Ms. Saranya.

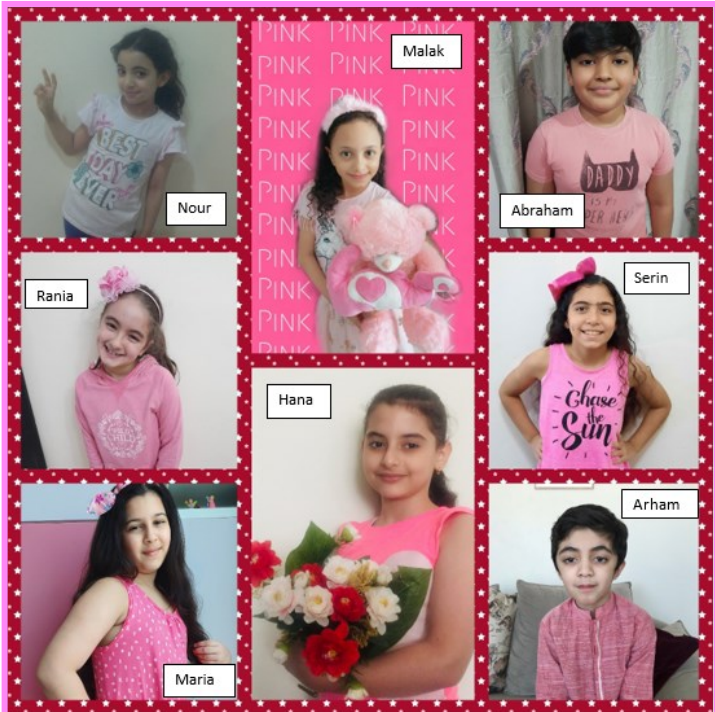


Anaya celebrating pink day

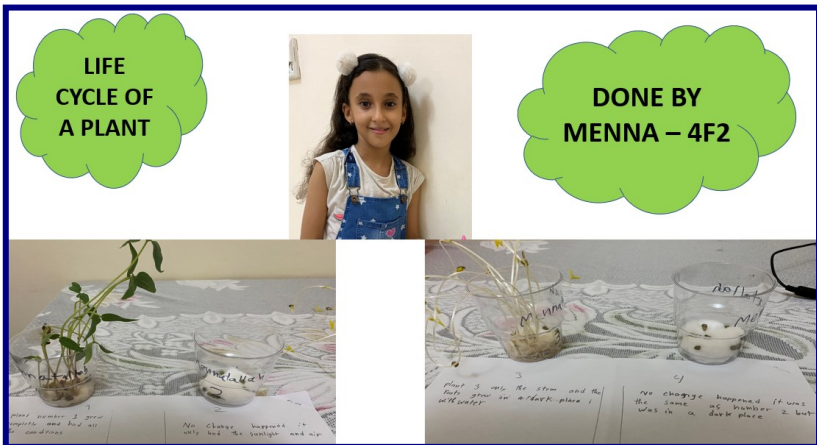
Primary Section Pink Day on 11/10/20, which promotes Breast Cancer Awareness. Above are Meher & Anaya (G2S1) with Ms. Anshy. Below, G4F2 with Ms. Shabana.



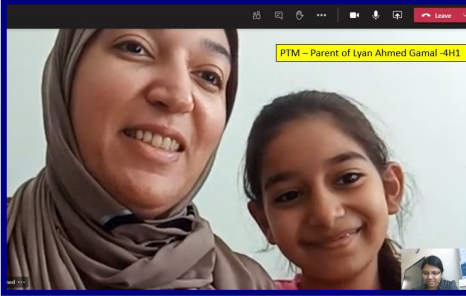
Welcome back G3!



Hafsa (G3F2) doing her science investigation with Ms. Tincy. Right, with Ms. Anju.



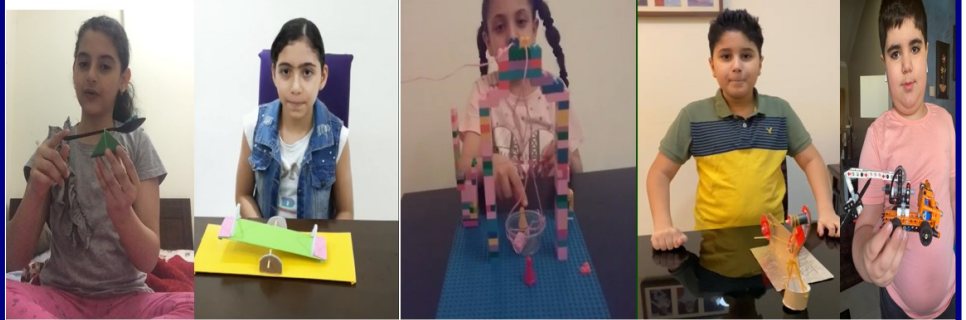
Primary Section News; PTM Week!



PTM – Parent of Lyan Ahmed Gamal-4H1

This week was PTM-week, when parents & teachers met online to discuss their child's progress & achievement on their learning journey. Thank you to all our dear parents who joined the PTM. Here is one of Ms. Anju's PTM meetings with G4H1. Below, a Maths project on Angles by Adam (G2F2) for Ms. Azreen.

SCIENCE PROJECT – MODEL MAKING – SIMPLE MACHINES



Hana Tarek – 4F2

Serin – 4F2

Khadija – 4H1

Jad – 4H1

Arad – 4H1

SCIENCE PROJECT – MODEL MAKING – SIMPLE MACHINES

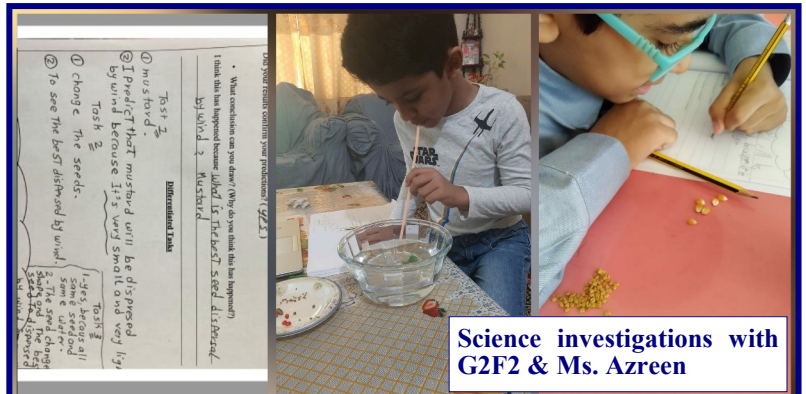
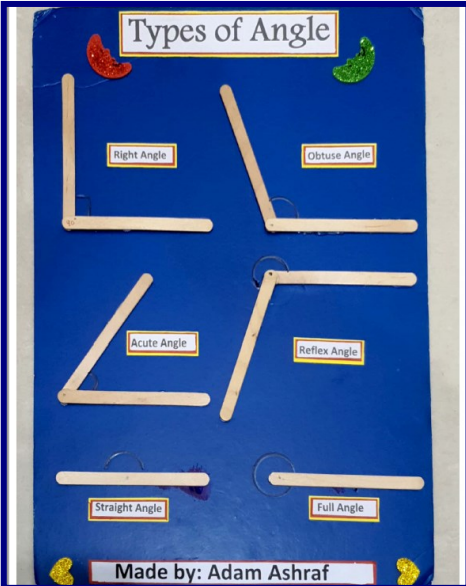


Syed Hassan – 4H1

Mohammed Ahmed- 4H1

Yousef Mohy – 4F2

Fares – 4H1

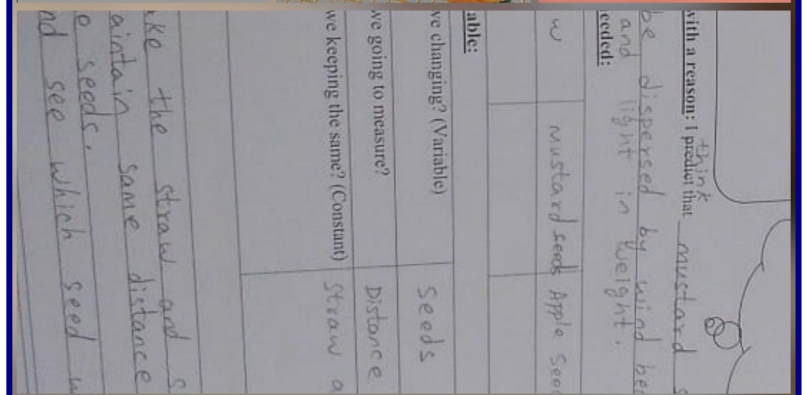


Science investigations with G2F2 & Ms. Azreen

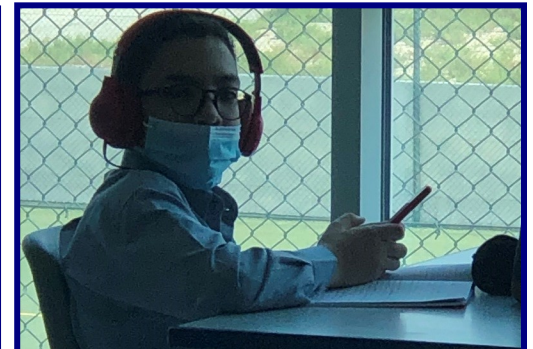
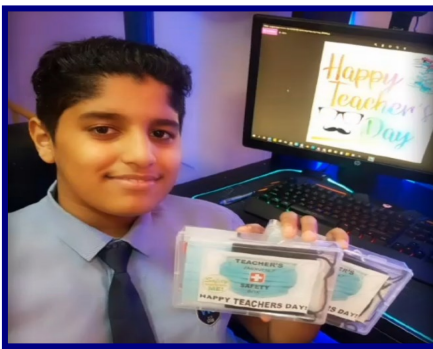
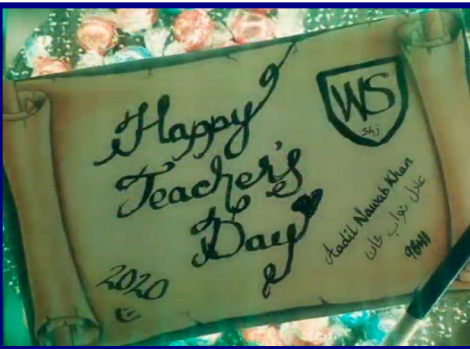
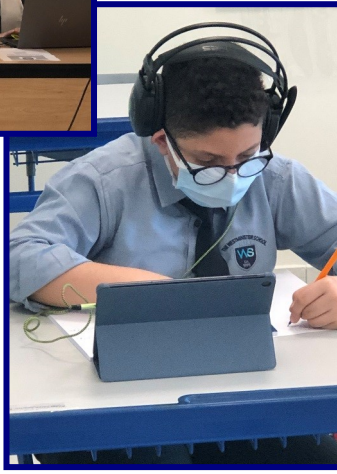
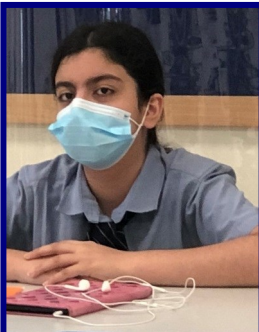
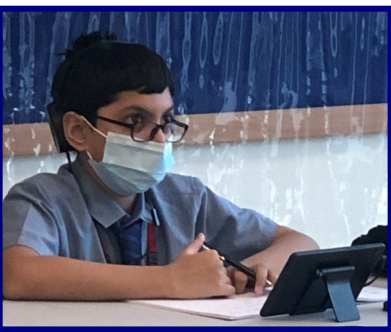


With Ms. Lincy

Tyler & Mirsab on Pink Day 4D2



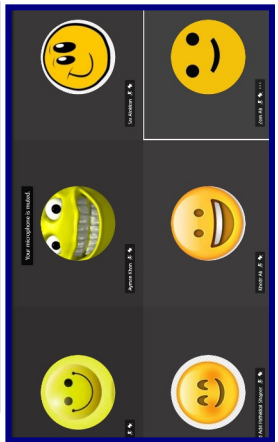
Secondary Section News; Welcome Back G7!



Secondary Section News



G9BF



G9BH



WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS AT WSS

Smile with a Cup of coffee

Come let's celebrate International coffee day & International Smile day with SMILES and a cup of Coffee.

Activities for Smile day:

- Set smiley face as your thumbs up/DP for Teams on Thursday.
- Do a random act of kindness by complimenting your friends/teachers/ family members on the given pad let link.
- Use a smiley face emoji on every text you send.
- Give a smile to everyone you come across

activities for coffee day:

- Share a picture of you in yellow outfit with a big smile and a cup of coffee
- Share one fact about coffee on the given padlet link

Smile Day on 8/10/20 with G9BH

As part of our wellbeing programme, in G11-12 have initiated 'WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS'. We are celebrating International Coffee Day and International Smile Day as 'Smile with a cup of coffee day'. These initiatives remind us to put challenge into perspective & to be thankful for the little things that bring us joy or peace each day.

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS AT WSS

Smile with a Cup of coffee

Grade 12 Girls

INTERNATIONAL SMILE DAY
INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY

"Kindness is Like Coffee, It Awakens Your Spirit and Improves Your Day. Fill Your Cup with both"

Veydant-11BF

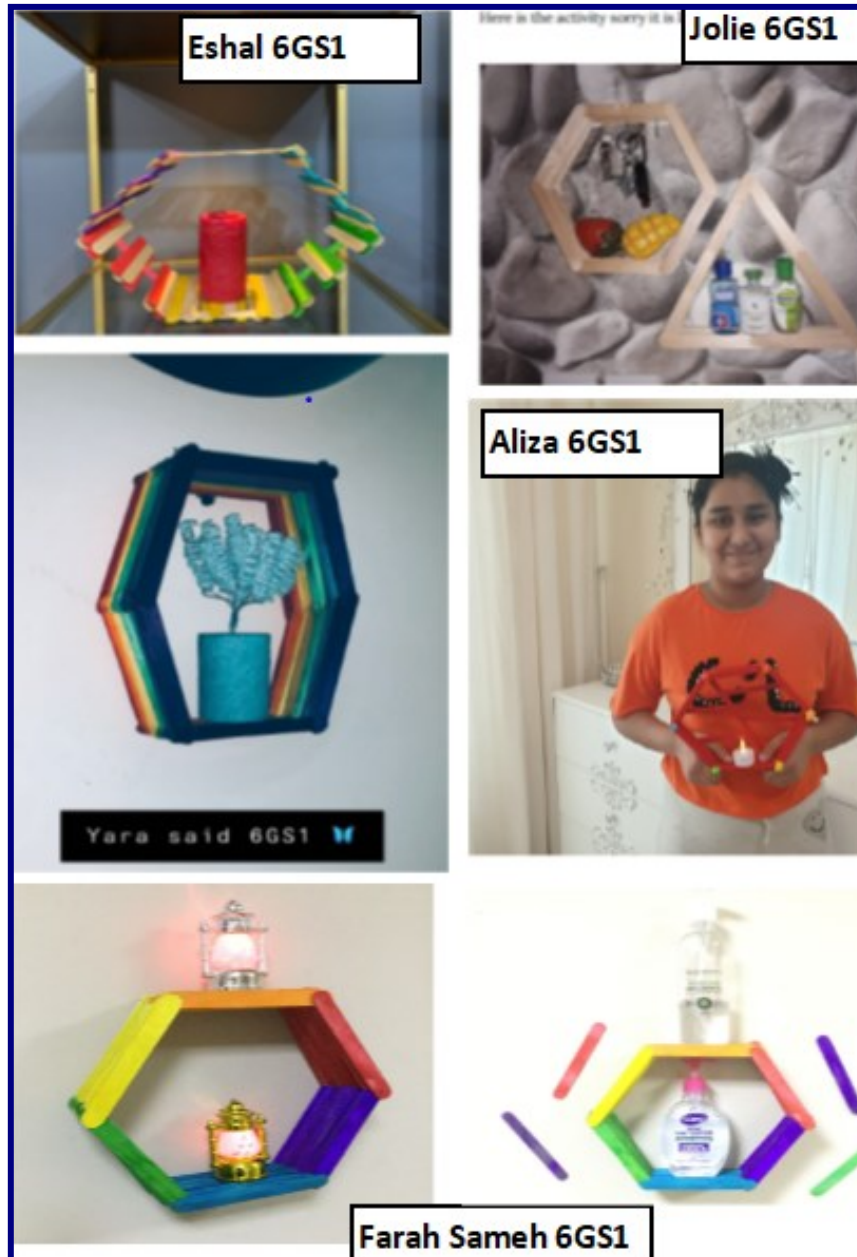
Secondary Section News; *Smiles Day* & International Coffee Day!



Fun Activity; enjoying International Coffee Day with G9BD1, G9BS1 & G10BF.



Secondary Section News; Fun Creative Activity!



LFQ; How can you design & build a Popsicle stick shelf that is able to support real items?

Secondary Section News

Food and Nutrition practical with Ms. Reema Girish.

Description: G10 students enhanced their culinary skills based on the requirements of IGCSE Food and nutrition practically. Baking was done by various methods, such as creaming rubbing-in, whisking etc.

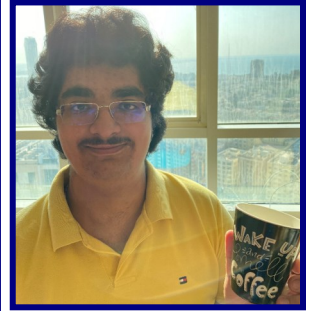
Yummy cakes & scones!



Done By Ayman Farooq & Saqee for Food and Nutrition 10 GH

Today, I cooked some delicious BBQ Chicken Tikka (boneless) using a very simple recipe consisting of the following ingredients:

- Salt
- Red Chili powder
- Chat Masala
- Ginger Garlic paste
- Lemon juice
- Yoghurt
- Tandoori Masala powder
- Garam Masala powder
- Mustard Oil



Fun Activity; enjoying International Coffee Day with G10BF. Below, Bhagyassree (G10GD) working on scones.

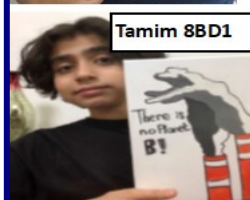


7BD Blended & online lesson on 11.10.2020

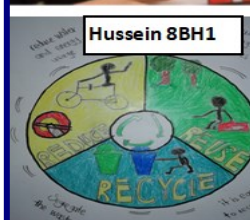
With Ms. Susan



Shubhan 6BF1



Tamim 8BD1



Hussein 8BH1



Sai Prakash (G9BH) enjoying fun Smiles & International Coffee Day with his class & Ms. Chandani.