

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #10
23rd October, 2025



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Happy & Blessed Diwali to our families who celebrate. WSS marked the occasion with Diwali dress-up on 20/10/25.

We would like to thank all our dear parents for a smooth start to the new academic year, your attendance of your child's Assemblies & events & for your amazing cooperation in ensuring that your children come to school dressed in super smart uniform, wearing their ID & carrying all their learning materials. This is supporting a professional & learning-rich environment for the benefit of your child. We love the teamwork!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
From 6/10/25	Online registration system open for new enrollment for September 2026. First come-first-served for assessment starting from January, 2026.
Monday 3/11/25	UAE Flag Day (TBC). Students may come dressed in UAE national dress or flag colours (<i>optional</i>).
Thursday 27/11/24	WSS celebrates UAE National Day (TBC). Students may come dressed in UAE national dress or flag colours & bring traditional food to share with friends (<i>optional</i>).
Thursday 4th December	Last day of T1 (compulsory T1 exams will run until 4/12/25, from approximately 2 weeks prior)

The WSS Reception Area

WSS is your child's second home & we love to welcome you into school. However, we need your help to **keep the Reception area calm & quiet**. Our Reception area is a key work space, where we serve parents & other guests, hold meetings & organise enrolment. It is not a play space for children to run around, shout or disturb others.

If you have energetic children who find it hard to sit quietly, now that the weather is cooler, we ask

that you bring them into Reception only if you need the help of our administrative team. If you do need to bring a child with you whilst you attend to school business in Reception, please ensure that they are closely supervised at all times. Unsupervised children may fall & get hurt. Many thanks.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 10
23 أكتوبر 2025



رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

عيد ديوالي سعيد ومبارك لعائلاتنا
الذين يحتفلون به. احتفلت WSS
بهذه المناسبة بارتداء ملابس ديوالي
في 20/10/25.

نود أن نشكر جميع أولياء أمورنا

الأعضاء على البداية السلسة للعام الدراسي الجديد، وحضوركم
اجتماعات وفعاليات أطفالكم وعلى تعاونكم الرائع في ضمان
حضور أطفالكم إلى المدرسة مرتدين الزي المدرسي الأنيق للغاية،
وارتداء بطاقات الهوية الخاصة بهم وحمل جميع المواد التعليمية
الخاصة بهم. هذا يدعم بيئة مهنية غنية بالتعلم لصالح طفلك. نحن
نحب العمل الجماعي!

منطقة استقبال WSS

مدرسة WSS هي بيت طفلك الثاني، ويسعدنا الترحيب بك في
المدرسة. ومع ذلك، نحتاج لمساعدتك في الحفاظ على هدوء
وسكينة منطقة الاستقبال. منطقة الاستقبال لدينا هي مساحة عمل
رئيسية، حيث تخدم أولياء الأمور والضيوف الآخرين، ونعقد
الاجتماعات وتنظم التسجيل. وهي ليست مكاناً للعب للأطفال
للكرض أو الصراخ أو إزعاج الآخرين.

إذا كان لديك أطفال نشيطون يجدون صعوبة في الجلوس بهدوء،
والآن بعد أن أصبح الطقس أكثر برودة، نطلب منك إحضارهم إلى
الاستقبال فقط إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مساعدة فريقنا الإداري.

المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
من 6/10/25	• نظام التسجيل الإلكتروني مفتوح للتسجيل الجديد لشهر سبتمبر 2026. سيتم تطبيق مبدأ أسبقية الحضور للتقديم اعتباراً من يناير 2026.
الاثنين 3/11/25	• يوم العلم الإماراتي (سيتم تحديده لاحقاً). يُسمح للطلاب بالحضور مرتدين الزي الوطني الإماراتي أو ألوان العلم (اختياري).
الخميس 27/11/24	• تحتفل WSS باليوم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة (سيتم تحديده لاحقاً). يُسمح للطلاب بالحضور مرتدين الزي الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة أو ألوان العلم، وإحضار مأكولات تقليدية لمشاركتها مع أصدقائهم (اختياري).
الخميس 4 ديسمبر	• آخر يوم من امتحانات T1 (ستستمر امتحانات T1 الإلزامية حتى 4/12/25، من حوالي أسبوعين قبل ذلك)

إذا كنتم بحاجة إلى اصطحاب طفل معكم أثناء حضوركم أعمال المدرسة في قسم الاستقبال، يُرجى التأكد من مراقبته عن كثب طوال الوقت. قد يسقط الأطفال غير الخاضعين للمراقبة ويتعرضون للآذى. شكرًا جزيلاً.



رؤيتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح للجميع"

 The most important gifts
 you can give your child are
 a **quality education** and the
values that will guide them
 through life 

Sunny Varkey



Find our updated **Parent Hand-
 book** through this QR code.
 Check-out school policies & pro-
 cedures to be familiar & com-
 fortable with our system.



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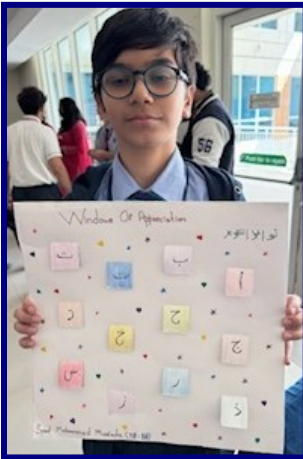
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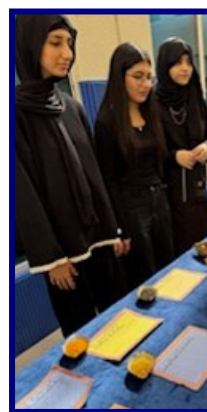
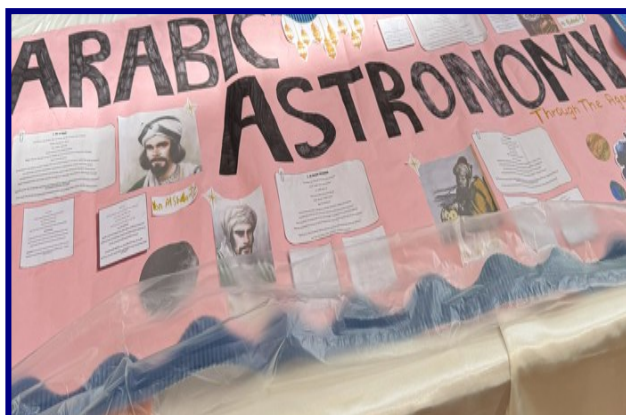
Whole School News; Arabic Week!



Whole School News; Arabic Week Workshop, 21/10/25!



Whole School News; Arabic Week Exhibition, 22/10/25!



This was an amazing exhibition organized by the Arabic Club. Displays included science, astronomy, exploration, culture, food, calligraphy, poetry, debate, games & more. It was a great example of teamwork!

Whole School News; Arabic Week Exhibition, 22/10/25!



Whole School News; 'You Said... We Did...'!



You Said,

Primary Section - Parents have requested more interactive activities in the classroom.



We Did,

Our teachers have introduced weekly hands-on learning sessions, giving students more opportunities to explore and engage.

Whole School News; Arabic Week!

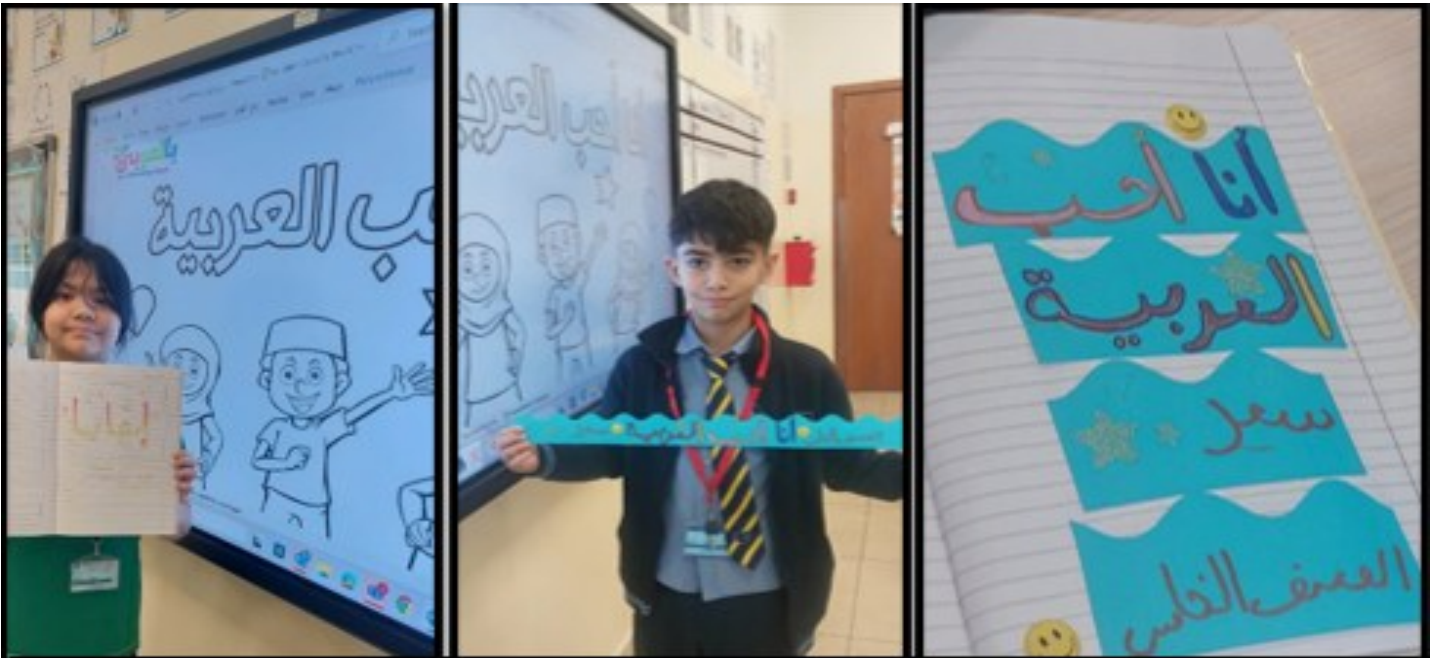


Ms. Miada is celebrating the Arabic week with Arabic Reg. of Y5S2H1D2F1 by writing about the Arabic language and writing the student's name with calligraphy.



Ms. Azza is celebrating the Arabic week with Arabic Reg. of Y4&Y3 by writing the student's name with calligraphy.

Whole School News; Arabic Week!



Ms. Lamyaa is celebrating the Arabic week with Arabic Reg. of Y5&6 by writing the student's name with calligraphy and writing about Arabic language.



Ms. Shima is celebrating the Arabic week with Arabic Reg. of Y3&4 by writing the student's name with calligraphy and writing about Arabic language.

Whole School News; Arabic Week!



Ms. Heba is celebrating the Arabic week with Arabic Reg. of Y3&4 by writing the student's name with calligraphy and writing about Arabic language.



Ms. Eman is celebrating the Arabic week with Arabic Reg. of Y3&4 by writing the student's name with calligraphy and writing about Arabic language.

Whole School News; Staff CPD!



Our SPEA School Improvement Advisor Ms. Lynn continues to promote high impact CPD for her cluster leaders. Ms. Valerie, the Principal, attended a CPD session along with other Sharjah school leaders on 21/10/25 at GCS on Inspection Performance Standard 3, Teaching for Effective Learning.



Many thanks to Mr. Gaber, our Cluster MOE Subjects Lead for delivering important 'Teach Like a GEM' CPD sessions for the MOE team on 23/10/25. We really appreciate him sharing his expertise to support our ongoing journey to excellence.

Whole School News; This Week's Leadership GEMStone!

Leading with Diversity

OCTOBER – WEEK 43

LEADING WITH DIVERSITY



FLOURITE

Celebrates unique perspectives and fosters inclusivity.

“Leadership means helping others
step up and lead too.”

MESSAGE: Leading with diversity means helping everyone feel included and valued. When you encourage your friends to lead, you show that their ideas matter. Giving others a chance to lead helps the whole team grow and succeed together.

REFLECT: How can I help my friends feel confident about leading? What can I do to show everyone their ideas are important?

Whole School News; Week 6 ECA Report!



WSS Be a GEM Superstar Champions!

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the wonderful opportunity you provided our children with the visit to the elderly care home. My children had a truly enriching experience, and I am so happy that they were able to participate in such a meaningful activity.

This visit was an invaluable lesson in empathy and understanding for the children. It's so important for them to learn the value of caring for older adults and to appreciate the wisdom and experiences they hold. Seeing the joy on the faces of both the children (Ahmed and Omran) and the residents was truly heartwarming.

I hope that you will consider organizing more of these social trips in the future, as they provide such valuable learning experiences.

Thank you once again for your dedication to providing such thoughtful and impactful learning experiences for our children. We deeply appreciate your commitment to their holistic development.

Sincerely,
Fatima Alshamsi
Mother of
Omran Sultan Almazroua
Ahmed Sultan Almazroua

Good evening,

I would like to thank you for the genuine visit to the senior center last week. It was truly a heartfelt experience, that helps enhance the bond between the students and the elders. This experience helped teach them the importance of respecting and communicating with them. I would also like to thank Miss Doaa and everyone that contributed in this truly precious moment.

Warm regards,
Manal Al Suwaidi

Dear Ma'am (Ms. Keerthy),

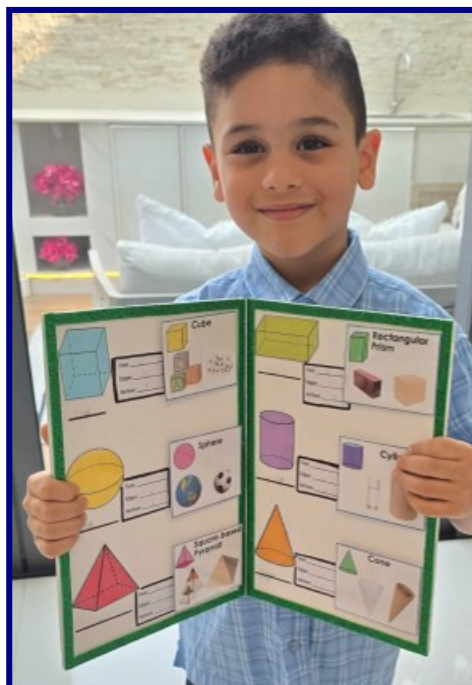
Greetings! I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to inquire about Mubashir's progress in your class. How is he doing academically? Are there any areas where he needs improvement?

This week, he's preparing for his science exam and is studying independently, which I believe is a testament to your teaching and guidance. He's motivated to do well in your subject, and I'm proud of his enthusiasm.

As we've discussed with him, getting good grades and focusing on his studies will surely catch your attention, and who knows, maybe he'll even become the class monitor, which is his dream! 😊

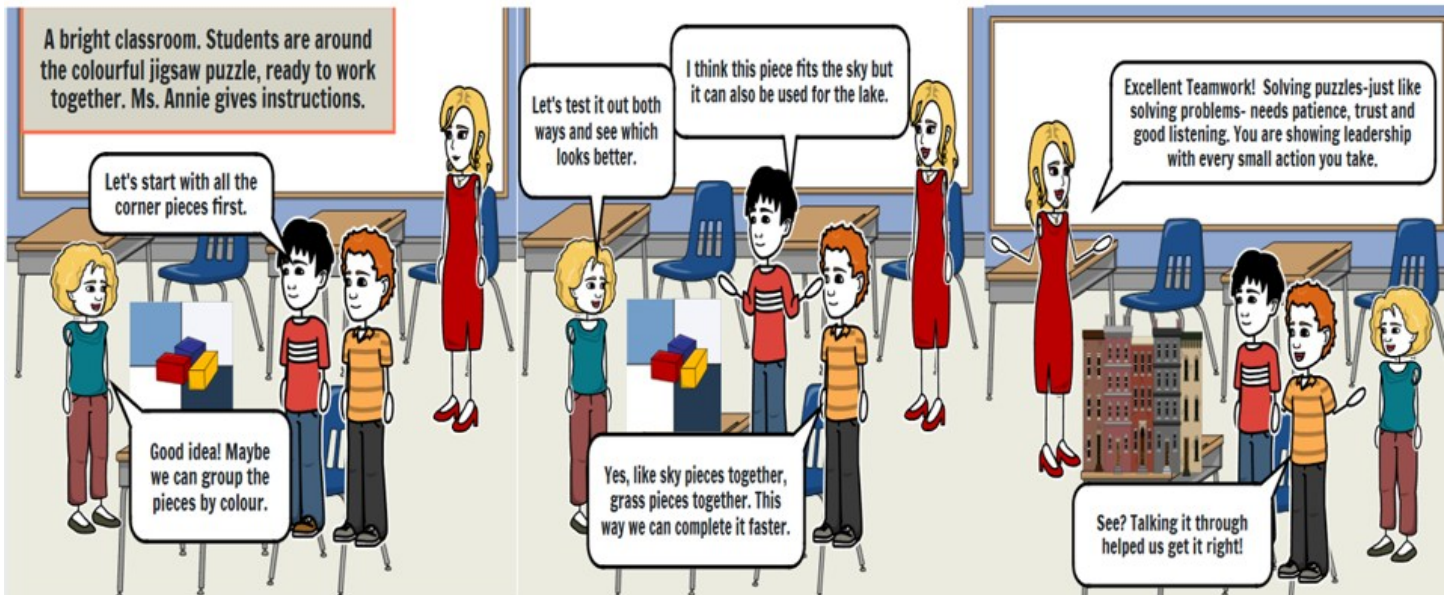
If there's anything specific you'd like him to work on, please let me know, and I'll ensure he addresses it. Thank you for your support and care.

Best regards,
Mahrukh Madni

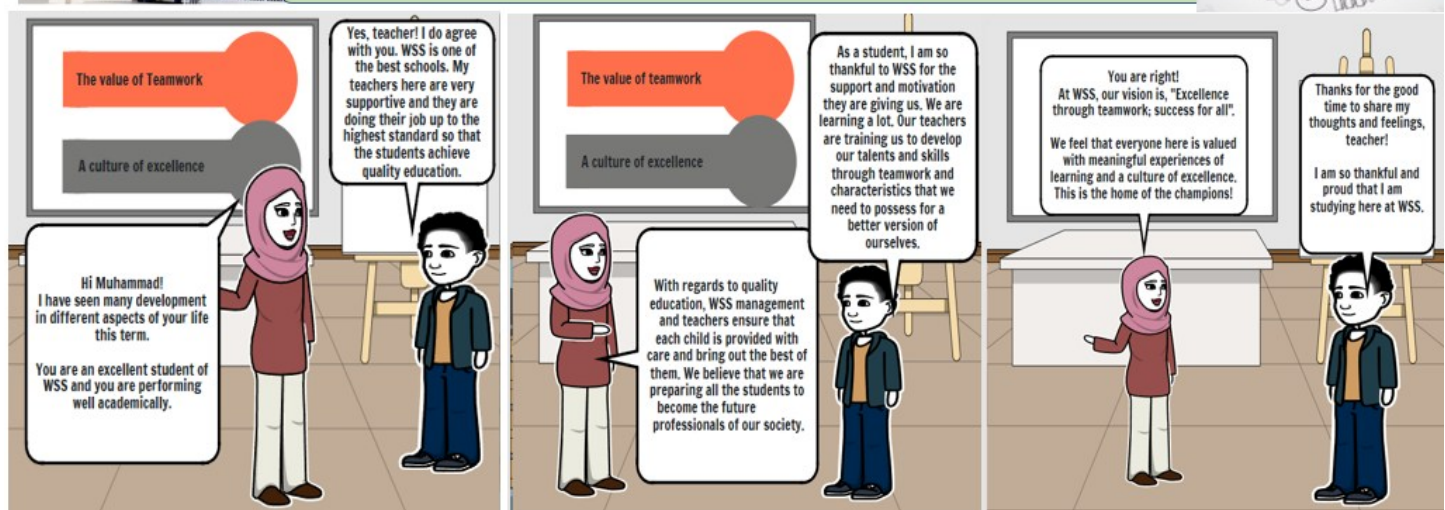


Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

Solving Together, Leading Together



The value of teamwork and a culture of excellence at WSS



Happy Birthdays!



Happy birthday with Ms. Nikhat and Ms. Afroz



Learning Activities (General)!



WSS Junior Section Be a GEM Superstar Champions!



GEM of the Week



Wellbeing Champions

WSS Junior Section Be a GEM Superstar Champions!

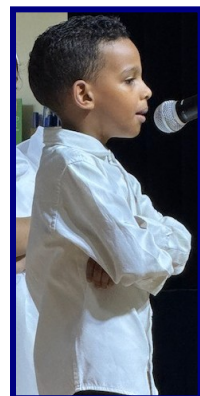


Junior Section News; Y1F Learning Activities!

Y1F with Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Foumy



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y2S2 (Respect)!



Y2S2's Assembly was truly special. Students retold a story in rhyme, spoke confidently & shared clear strategies for us to show respect in & out of school. They also gave us book recommendations linked to Respect for 'Read Like a GEM'!



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y1H2 (Respect)!



Y1H2 presented a wonderful Assembly on Respect. They shared that respect & kindness go hand-in-hand! The students did an amazing job of speaking their lines. Well done!



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with FS2S2 (Be a GEM Expectations—Be Ready to Learn)!



FS2S2 put on a super-cute Assembly detailing behaviour expectations related to 'Be Ready to Learn'. They shared very useful tips, such as being on time to school, being ready with all our learning materials & keeping the learning environment tidy. We really enjoyed the Assembly.



Junior Section News; Arabic Week in FS!

Arabic Week

FS1 & FS2

أسبوع اللغة العربية



Arabic Week

FS1 & FS2

أسبوع اللغة العربية



Junior Section News; Arabic Week!

Arabic Week

Y1

أسبوع اللغة العربية



Arabic Week

Y1

أسبوع اللغة العربية



Junior Section News; Arabic Week in Y2!

Arabic Week

y2

أسبوع اللغة العربية



Arabic Week

y2

أسبوع اللغة العربية



Junior Section News; FS2H2 Trip Time!



Junior Section News; FS2H2 Trip Time!



FS2H2 We are enjoying our trip



FS2H2 we are happy to see farm animals



FS2H2 At desert park



FS2H2 Fun at desert park



Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

Y1 D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna



Arabic lesson



🤔 Y1 D2 with Ms. Aneeza and Ms. Sara



Birthday celebrations



Junior Section News; Y1H Learning Activities!

Y1 H1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadia



Y1 H2 with Ms. Kishwar and Ms. Maryam



Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

Y1 S1 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Mani



Y1 S2 with Ms. Sadiga and Ms. Asma

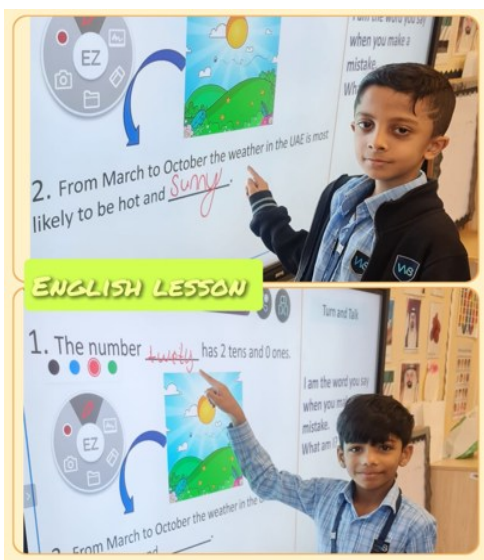


Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2D2 Learning Activities!

MS FARAH & MS TAHIRA Y2D2



Junior Section News; Y2F Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!

Junior Section: Y2 H2

Ms. Jinitra and Ms. Aaditya



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!

Y2S1 With Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin



Y2S1 With Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin



Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!

Y2S2-Class activities with Ms. Sabiha and Ms. Benil



Y2S2-Class activities with Ms. Sabiha and Ms. Benil



WSS Primary Section Be a GEM Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Susweta,

I just wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your kindness and the love you show to our kids. I truly feel that you support them in every way—not only in their studies but also emotionally and personally.

I'm so happy that Kenza has found someone who understands her personality, encourages her, and helps her grow by focusing on her strengths. She's very lucky to be in your class, and that makes me very happy as well.

May God bless you always.

Warm regards,
Ghada Mrabet



WSS Primary Section Be a GEM Superstar Champions!



WSS Primary Section Be a GEM Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to our Year 5 Timetable Competition Winners!



Malika from Year 5 D1 received a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement in Gymnastics from Shiny Sports Club..

Whole School News; Family First Breakfast with Y4, 21/10/25!



Whole School News; Family First Breakfast with Y3, 22/10/25!



Whole School News; Family First Breakfast with Y3, 22/10/25!



A beautiful morning of laughter, love, and family togetherness — Y3F2 students celebrating Family Breakfast.



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5H2, 22/10/25 "Maths is the Language of the Universe"!



We thoroughly enjoyed Y5H2/s lively, humorous & well-rehearsed Assembly. We learnt how Maths is useful in our daily activities, from shopping, cutting up pizza fairly & sports!



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y3D1, 22/10/25
“ Being Responsible is Everyone’s Responsibility”!



Y3D1's Assembly was impressive! The children delivered their lines with confidence & enjoyment, sharing very useful strategies how we can demonstrate Responsibility in school. Great job! Thank you to parents for practicing lines at home & arranging the lovely costumes.



Primary Section News (General)!



The Y5 Assembly Choir, 22/10/25, under the enthusiastic & dynamic leadership of Mr. Benjamin.

WSS@Y3PRIMARY RADIO STATION

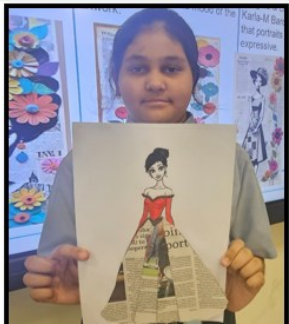
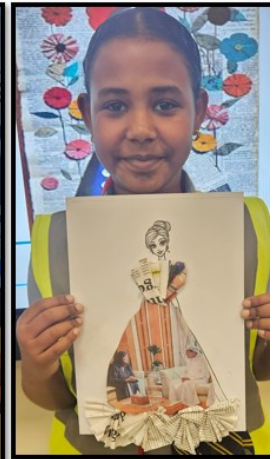
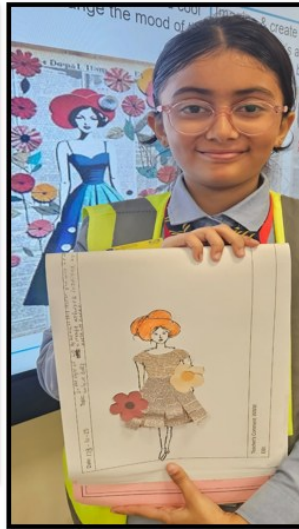
Wellbeing— *'About being your absolute best self!'*
"Healthy Mind,
Healthy Body,
Healthy Eating"



Bimansa D1 Rizza D1 Zoe D1

 **BRAINWAVES ON AIR!**

Primary Section News; Creativity in Art!



Y6 Girls:
In the style of Karla-M Bardz

LO: By the end of this lesson, you will be able to create artwork inspired by Karla-M Bardz.

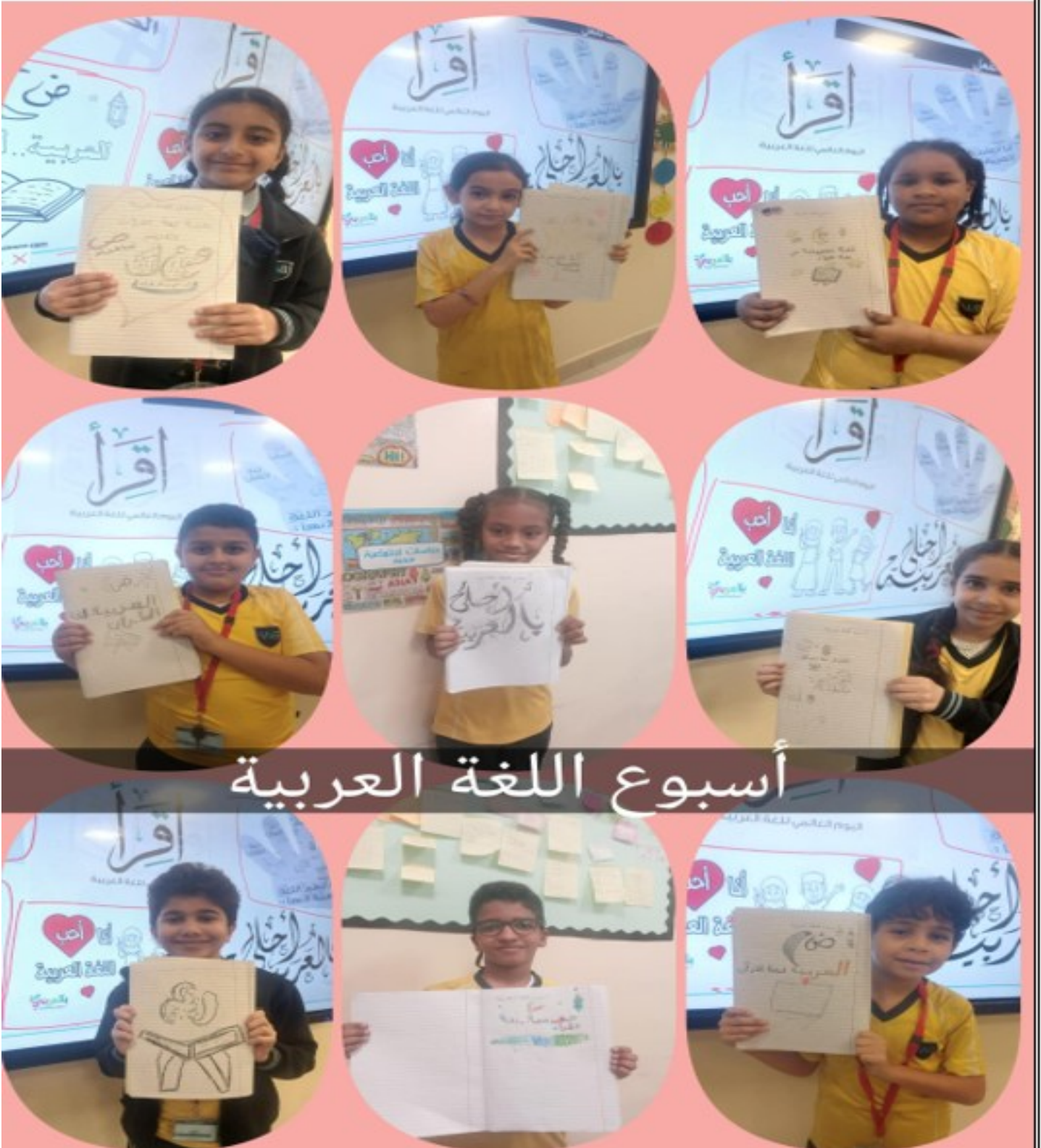


Y6 Boys:
In the style of Karla-M Bardz

LO: By the end of this lesson, you will be able to create artwork inspired by Karla-M Bardz.

Primary Section News; Arabic Week with Y3!

Students Activities with Ms. Dalal Y3



أسبوع اللغة العربية

Primary Section News; Arabic Week with Y5!

Student Activities for Arabic Language Week

فعاليات طلابية لأسبوع اللغة العربية

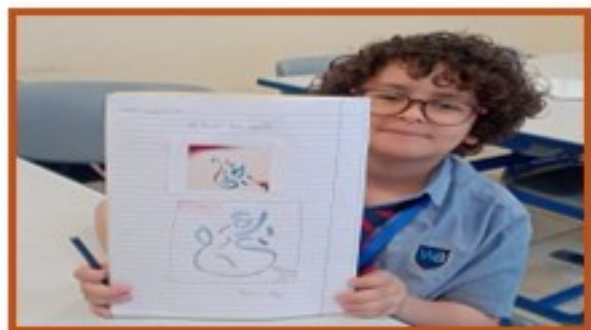
Primary
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Arabic SPE

Students Activities with Ms. Majedah Y6G&B



Students Activities with Ms. Majedah Y5S1&H2



Primary Section News; Y5 Arabic Week!

Students Activities with MS. Kholoud Y5H2



Primary Section News; Y5 Arabic Week!

Students Activities with Ms. ElShaimaa Muhammad Y5S&F&D



Primary Section News; Y3D1 Learning Activities!

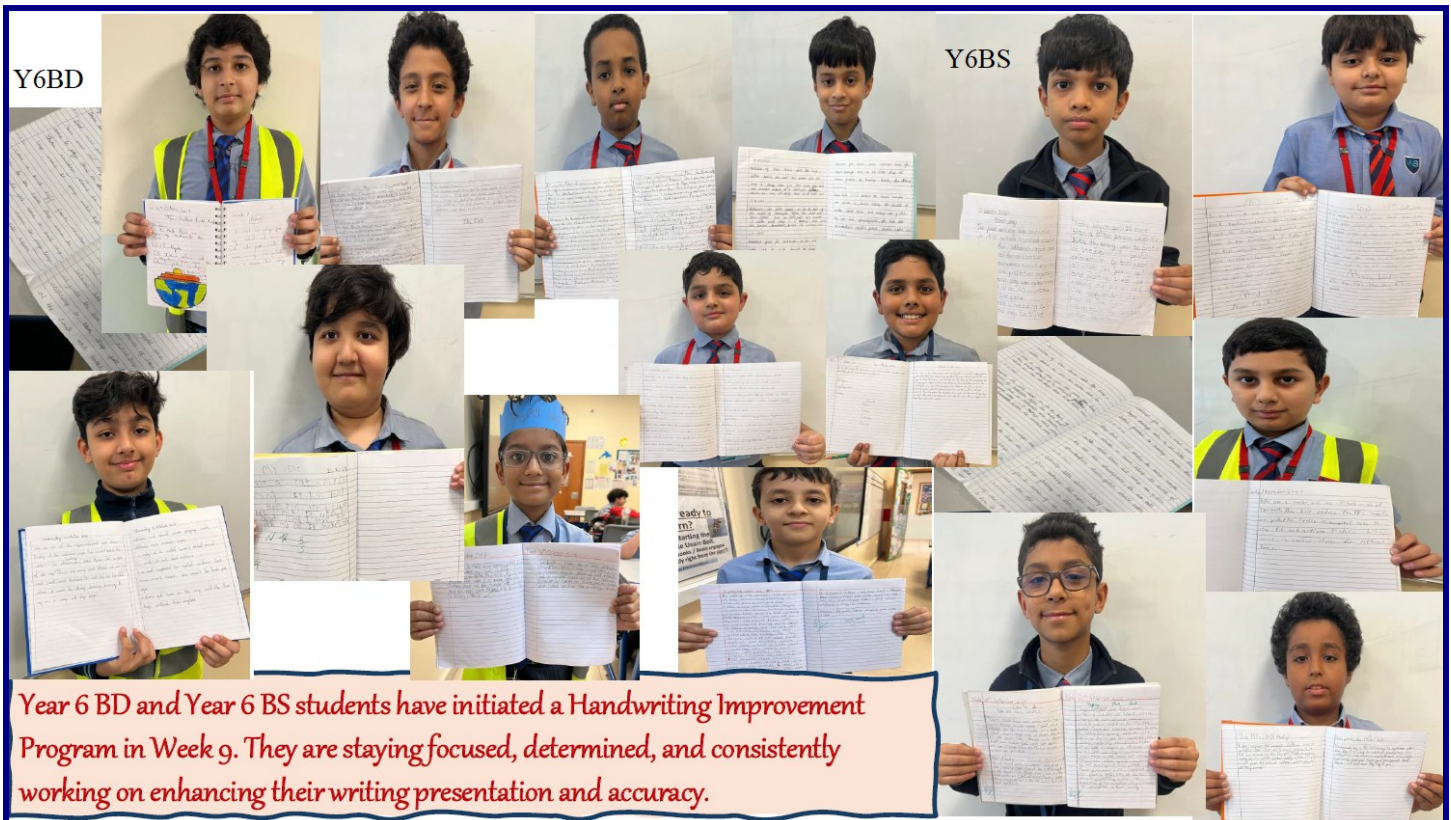
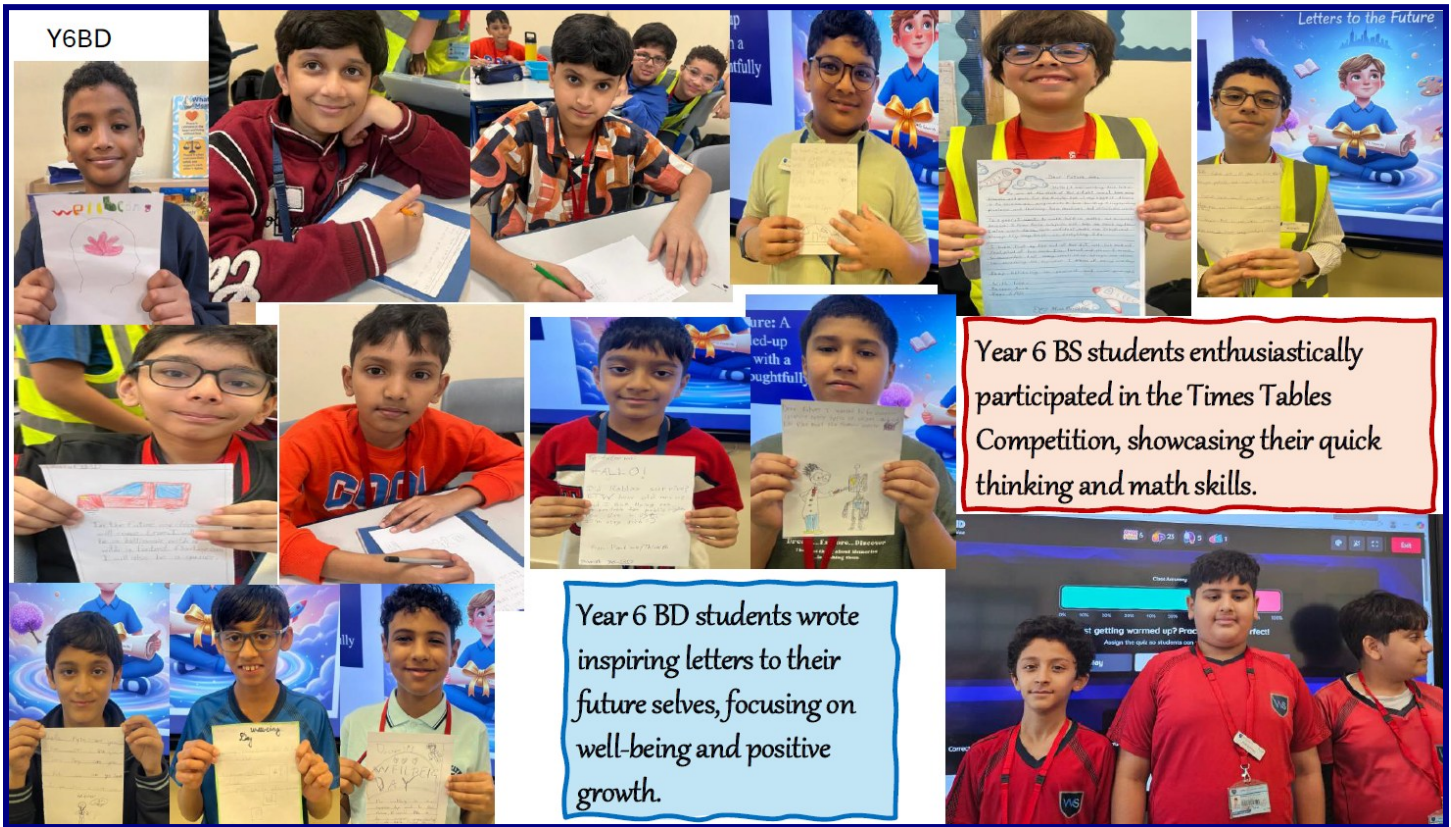
Y3D1 Assembly on RESPONSIBILITY: In WSS, we are GEMS to SPARKLE!



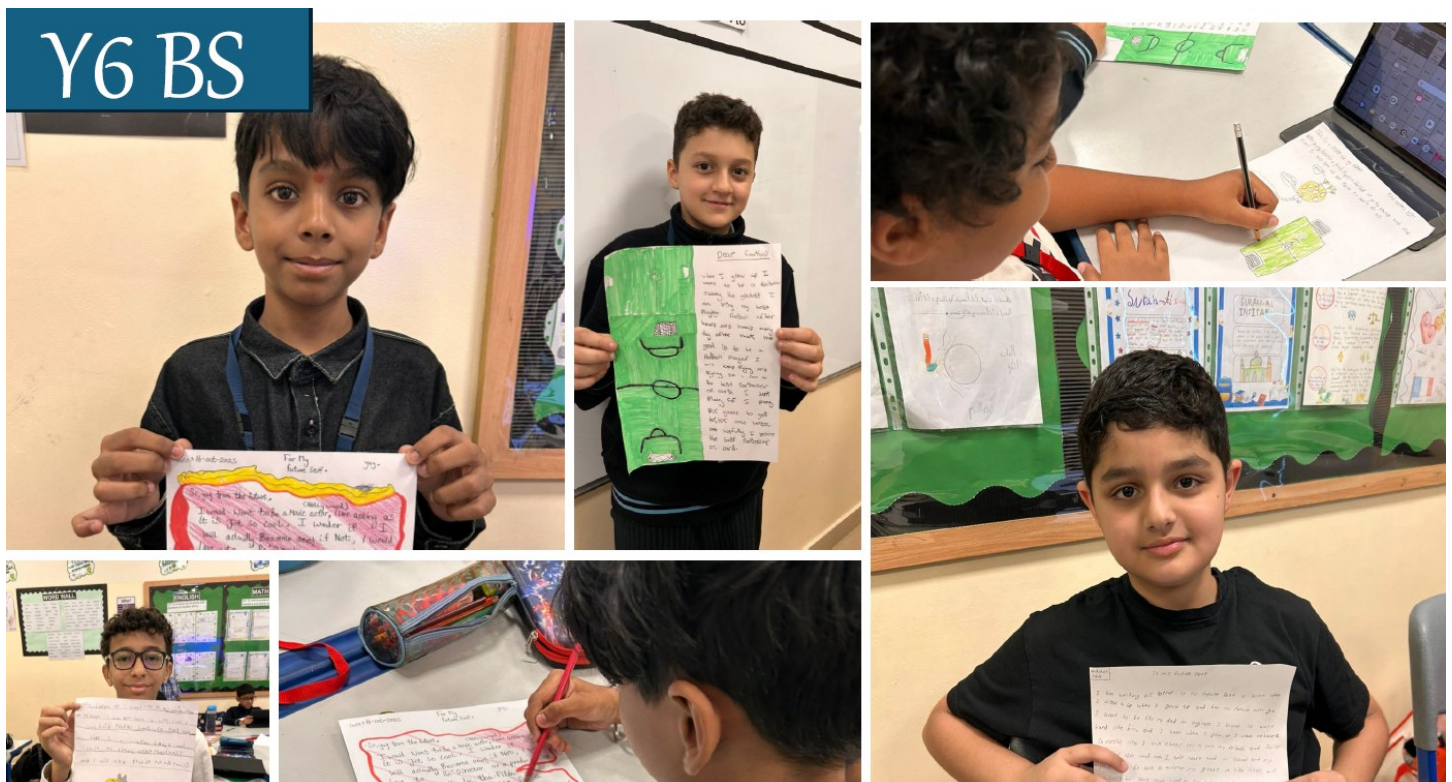
Y3D1 Family First Breakfast



Primary Section News; Y6 Learning Activities!



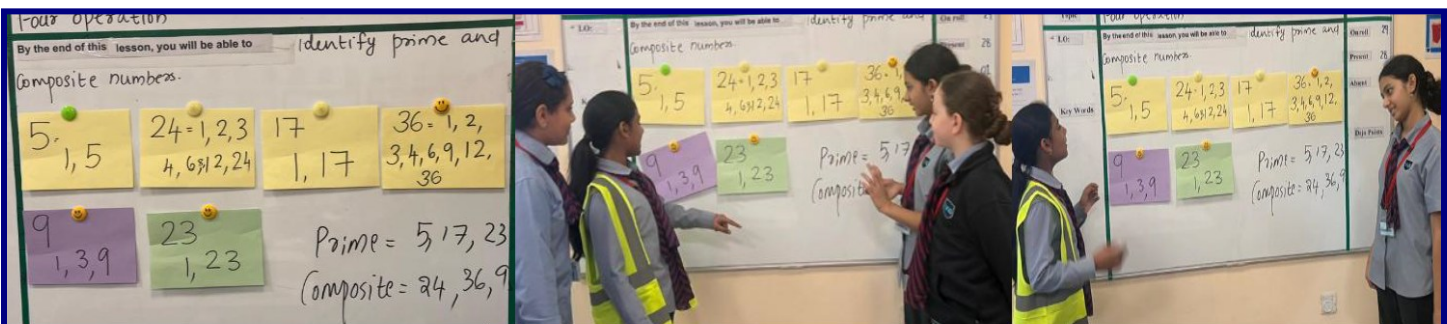
Primary Section News; Y6 Learning Activities!



Primary Section News; Y6 Learning Activities!



Year 6 Girls are actively participating in Mental Maths activities to sharpen their calculation speed, logical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Their enthusiasm and quick responses reflect growing confidence with numbers.



Year 6 GS girls confidently practiced the four operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division—showing great focus, accuracy, and teamwork during the activity.

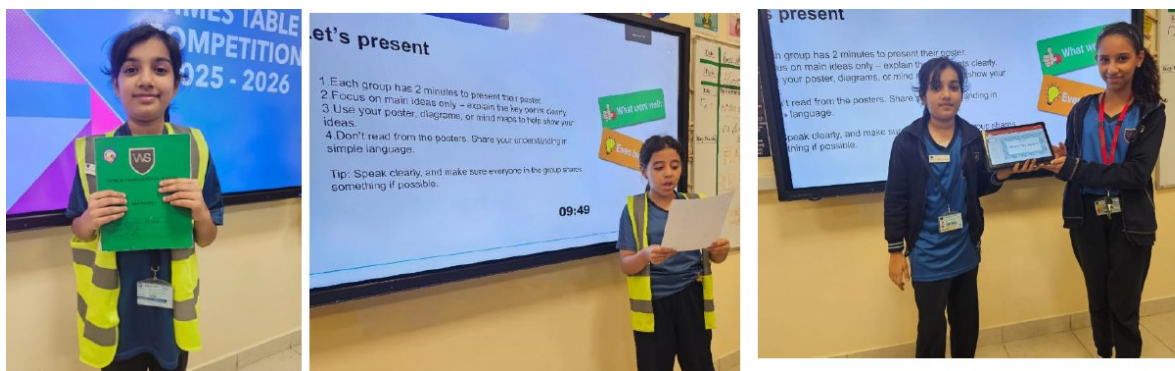


Year 6 GS learnt about and observed different types of leaves as part of their Science lesson, identifying their shapes, colors, and textures.

Primary Section News; Y6 Learning Activities!



Arabic Activity – Year 6 students proudly wore crowns they created and wrote their names in Arabic with creativity and enthusiasm.



Research Presentation – Year 6 students explored, researched, and presented their findings with confidence and clarity.



PSHE Lessons – Students engaged in interactive teaching and learning to build confidence and life skills.

WSS Secondary Section Curtin University Business Cup Challenge Superstar Champions!



Huge congratulations to WSS students who won the Curtin University Business Cup Challenge, out of 277 participating teams on Saturday 18/10/25! Thanks to Ms. Rebecca for her 'Above & Beyond', enthusiastic support.



We are super proud of our students—they won a 35% scholarship to Curtin University, plus their prototype business plan is being presented to real investors! We wish them every success in their new business venture.



WSS Secondary Section KS3 Superstar Champions!



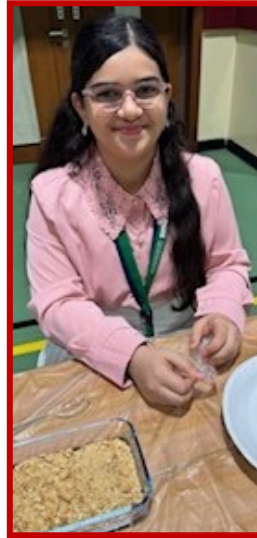
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Cooking Event, 20/10/25*



Secondary Section News; KS3 Girls Family First Flameless Cooking Event, 20/10/25



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Cooking Event, 20/10/25*



Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y9BH! Balanced Use of Digital Devices!



KS3 BOYS Assembly -9BH

Students take the stage to discuss the impact of social media and devices – exploring the benefits, challenges, and responsible use



Secondary Section News; Food & Nutrition Club World Food Day!



The FNT club, led by Ms Ashia, hosted small sessions in classes from Y10-11, on the importance and need of proper nutrition in students' daily lives. This PPT was presented on the occasion of World Food Day, also highlighting the purpose of the event



WORLD FOOD DAY



Celebrated every year on October 16th to raise awareness about global hunger, food security, and the importance of sustainable food systems.



Secondary Section News; Drama & Literature Club Inauguration!



SECONDARY DAL CLUB LEADERSHIP TEAM-BOYS

S/N/O	ID NUMBER	YEAR	NAME	POSTION
1	13501000006151	13 BF	Rayyan Sohail	PRESIDENT
2	13501000007181	12 BH	Francis Emmanuel Villegas De Ocampo	Vice president
3	13501000019665	13 BH	MOHAMMED SHAHRAM FAKHRUL	Theatre Director
4	13501000001011	12 BS	Arjun Sujeev	Head of debate
5	13501000001199	12 BF	Qazi Hamza Ali	Head of Creative writing In charge
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7	13501000014735	13 BS	Muhammad Arhan	Head of Media In charge
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SECONDARY DAL CLUB LEADERSHIP TEAM-GIRLS

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1	13501000020156	13 GS	AMANA FARAZ BUKHARI	President
2	13501000008130	12 Gh	Hania Irfan Irfan Zulqurnain	Vice President
3	13501000023133	13 GS	Kenda El Moussa	Theatre Director
4	13501000023264	12GH	Drishti Lohana	Head of debate
5	13501000016569	13GS	Zainab Abid Muhammad Abid	Head of Creative writing In charge
6	13501000025093	12GH	Trisha Marie Velasco Anden	Head of Media In charge
7	13501000019694	12GF	AIMEN MASROOR MASROOR	Head of Media In charge
8	13501000022893	13GS	Aliha Tahir Agha Tahir Mehmood	Head of Elocution
9	13501000008136	13GH	Jazreil Venice Lobarbio Luna	head prop designer

**Congratulations to the visionary Leaders of our
Drama and Literature Club 2025-26.**



LITERARY SHARK TANK

AWARD CEREMONY

The Commerce Club's Literary Shark Tank brought entrepreneurial energy to life as teams pitched bold and creative business ideas to a panel of judges. The award ceremony, held during second break in the IL rooms, celebrated the outstanding winners and runner-ups who impressed with their innovation, teamwork, and business flair!



Secondary Section News; Commerce Club BCC Business Competition Winners!



CHAMPIONS AT BCC BUSINESS COMPETITION 2025!

Our Commerce Club team achieved one of the greatest milestones in WSS history by winning 1st place at the BCC Business Competition 2025, hosted by Curtin University UAE - triumphing over 275 teams from schools across the nation!

In this prestigious competition, students were challenged to develop an original business idea, create a full business plan, and pitch their proposal to a panel of industry professionals. Through their creativity, teamwork, and sharp business insight, our team impressed the judges and claimed the top spot.

Their victory earned them university scholarships, professional mentorship, business incubation training, and access to Curtin's residency program to further develop their innovative business plan.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our club coordinator, Ms. Sana Ansari, whose constant guidance and unwavering support were instrumental in preparing the teams for this event. Her encouragement and mentorship greatly contributed to the team's success at BCC.

Our Team Members:

**Huzaifa Billimoria
Taha Chohan**

**Qazi Hamza Ali
Syed Izaan Ali**

**Haadia Imran
Rameen Moin**

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BCC Business Competition Winners!

- **Huzafa Billimoria:**

"Winning this year means so much to me, especially since we competed last year but didn't make it to the top 10. Reaching this milestone has been such an enlightening experience, and I can't wait to see what comes next."

- **Syed Izaan Ali:**

"While our presentations needed work, it is of my opinion that the extreme lengths we went through to get an actual working prototype paid off. Even then the win was quite surprising but BCC was overall an enjoyable experience"



- **Taha Hyder chohan:**

"I Taha hyder chohan , had a much eventful and innovative experience at BCC CURTIN 2025 . The skills I learned there will truly help me in my future studies and work experiences"

- **Qazi Hamza Ali:**

"Through the Curtin University Business Cup, I gained hands-on experience in business planning and presentation. Collaborating with others and pitching creative solutions played a key role in our success."

- **Haadia Imran:**

"I joined the Curtin Business Cup Challenge 2025 just hoping to make the top 10 - but it became so much more. Working with an amazing team, we spent weeks building our prototype and refining our idea. In the end, we didn't just win - we got the chance to pitch to real investors and experience entrepreneurship firsthand."

- **Rameen Moin:**

"I participated in the Curtin university business cup challenge, where I developed innovative business solutions and presented them to a panel of judges . It was a great experience that improved my teamwork , leadership, and presentation skills . And we proudly won 1st place in the competition"



PINKTOBER

Yoga Session

With Ms. Valerie, for Y10-13 students



Secondary Section News; KS4 Learning Activities - Be a GEM Behaviour Routines!



BE A GEM!:

our behaviour routines getting implemented by teachers in ks4 girls classes and our KS4 Be a GEM Ambassadors had a meeting with Ms. Ashia to discuss how the school's behaviour routines are being implemented in the KS4 girls' classes. The ambassadors shared feedback on what's working well and suggested ways to further encourage positive behaviour.



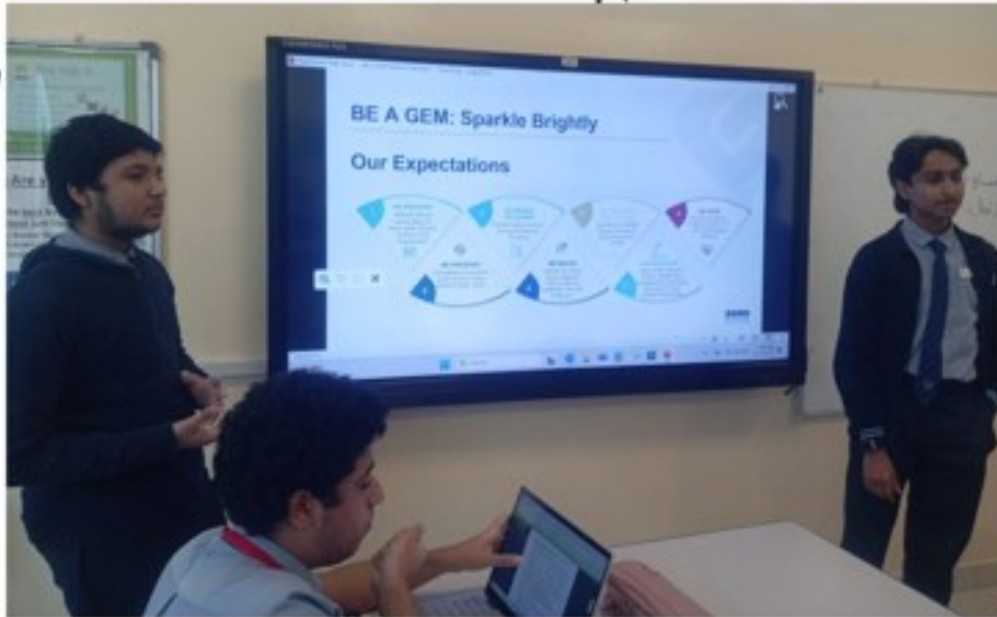
KS4 BE A GEM AMBASSADOR MEETING



In today's meeting, we discussed ways to promote the Be a GEM values across the school. We shared ideas on how to encourage positive behavior, support our peers, and set an example for younger students. Our next steps include planning small initiatives and activities that reflect these values and make our school environment kinder and more supportive.



KS4 BE A GEM AMBASSADORS



KS4 BE A GEM AMBASSADORS CONDUCTING SESSION ON BAG ROUTINES IN THEIR FORM CLASS

Secondary Section News; Commerce Club Research Colloquium!



RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM

GREEN ACCOUNTING

THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT OF THE COMMERCE CLUB HELD ITS FIRST EVENT- THE RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM ON THE TOPIC 'GREEN ACCOUNTING'. STUDENTS WERE INSTRUCTED TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON SUSTAINABLE METHODS OF ACCOUNTING, AND THE EVENT HIGHLIGHTED A FRESHER, MORE INNOVATIVE PERSPECTIVE ON TRADITIONAL FINANCE. BY EXPLORING HOW INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY CAN MERGE IN ACCOUNTING PRACTICES, STUDENTS GAINED VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE FUTURE OF RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.



Secondary Section News; Learning & Leadership in KS5!

ORIENTATION SESSION ON 'BE A GEM'



The "Be a Gem" orientation session aimed to inspire students to embody the values and standards of GEMS institutions. During the session, students were guided on the positive behaviors, attitudes, and responsibilities expected from them as ambassadors of the school. The discussion highlighted the importance of respect, integrity, teamwork, and excellence in both academic and personal conduct. Students also learned about the school's expectations and how they can contribute to creating a supportive, respectful, and thriving learning environment.

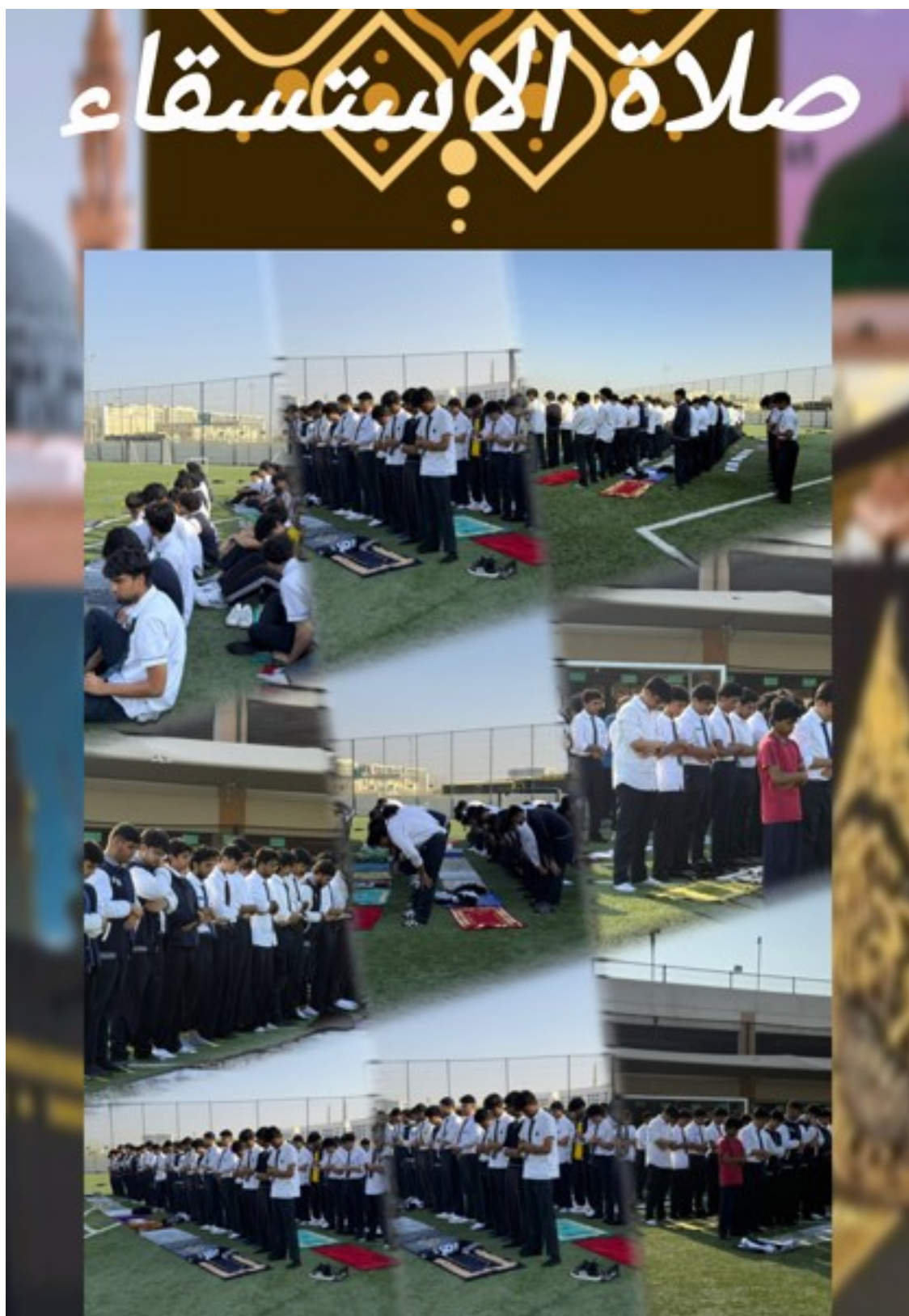
صلاة الاستسقاء



WSS Observes Salat al-Istisqa' with Year 12 & 13 Boys
Islamic Education Department leads a heartfelt prayer for rain and mercy

In harmony with the UAE's nationwide observance, WSS held Salat al-Istisqa', a special prayer seeking rainfall and Allah's mercy, led by the Islamic Education Department with Year 12 and 13 boys. This profound act reminds us of our dependence on Allah (SWT) and the power of collective supplication. Salat al-Istisqa' is not merely a call for rain—it is a spiritual awakening, urging believers to repent, reflect, and renew gratitude for Allah's countless blessings.

Through this humble gathering, students experienced the essence of faith in action, turning to Allah with sincerity, unity, and hope.



Following prayers in the local mosques, WSS students participated in *Salat al-Istisqa'* (Prayer for Rain), a UAE custom.

Secondary Section News; Learning & Leadership in KS5!

Student Council 2025-26: Leaders Take the Stage



Head Boy Huzsifa and Head Girl Mridini led the first Student Council meeting of the year, setting the tone for excellence and teamwork. With clear expectations and ambitious plans for 2025-26, the council is ready to make this year one of purpose, progress, and pride.

Secondary Section News; Learning & Leadership in KS5!

KS5 Drug Prevention Talk: Your Choice. Your Future.

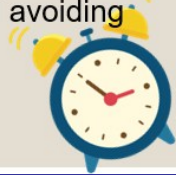


KS5 students, guided by Ms Huda, led an empowering Drug Prevention Talk that shed light on the importance of staying informed and making conscious choices. The peer-led approach inspired students to speak up, support one another, and take ownership of their wellbeing.

Secondary Section News; Learning & Leadership in KS5!

Time Management Session with Student Council leaders- **by Ms. Ghousia Shireen**

- The *Time Management Session* conducted by the Team Leader to the Student Council members focused on helping students develop effective strategies to balance academics, co-curricular activities, and personal goals. The session emphasized the importance of setting priorities, planning ahead, and avoiding procrastination



Drug Prevention Awareness Workshop and Coffee Machine Inauguration

Secondary Section News; Learning & Leadership in KS5!

KS5 Girls Lead the Way: Being a GEM in Action



Our Sixth Form students continue to exemplify what it means to Be a GEM — showing Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness in every act. From peer mentoring and wellbeing check-ins to supporting younger students, KS5 is setting the standard for kindness-driven leadership across the school.