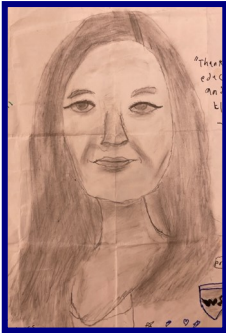


GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #10
3rd November, 2022



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

**Happy UAE
Flag Day!!**

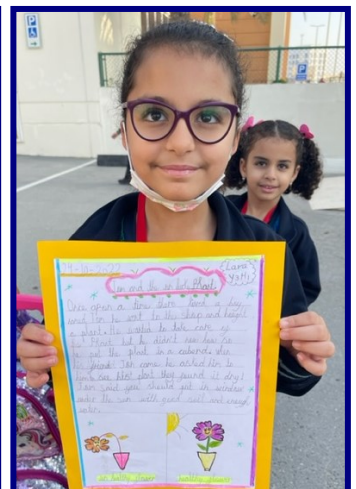
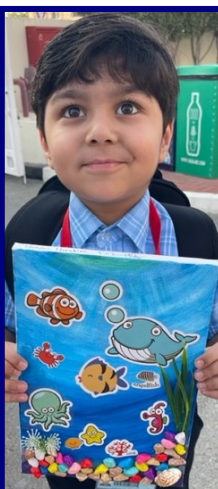
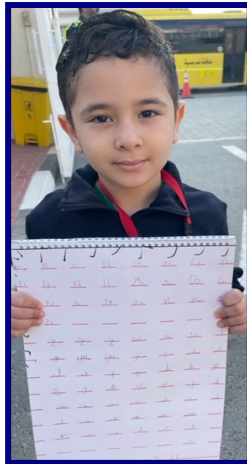
Dear WSS Parents,

Health & Safety; COVID Protocols

Please note that, while COVID protocols have relaxed a lot, the Authorities still require that visitors entering school have a **Green** Al Hosn Pass. This is to support the ongoing safety of your children. If you wish to attend a school Assembly or event, do please come with your **Green Pass** to be admitted & to avoid disappointment. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
From Wednesday 23rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam timings for all students (all students will leave at 12pm daily until end T1)
Tues. 29th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Day Celebrations. Students may come dressed in UAE National flag colours & bring traditional food. There will be a PPP Greetings Card competition.
Mon. 12th Dec. to Sunday 1st Jan. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Winter Break. School resumes for T2 on Monday 2nd January, 2023. Please note that T2 school fees are due. Thanks you.

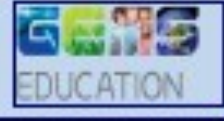


Our Vision; 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All'

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النشرة الإخبارية رقم 10
3 نوفمبر 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فائزة التاجر

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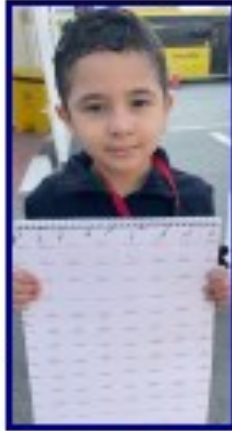
الصحة والأمان، بروتوكولات COVID

يرجى ملاحظة أنه في حين أن بروتوكولات COVID قد خففت كثيرًا ، لا تزال السلطات تطلب من الزائرين الذين يدخلون المدرسة الحصول على بطاقة الحصن الخضراء. هذا لدعم السلامة المستمرة للأطفال.

إذا كنت ترغب في حضور الحضانة أو حدث مدرسي ، يرجى إحضار بطاقة المرور الخضراء الخاصة بك للقبول وتجنب خيبة الأمل. شكرًا لك.

المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
من الأربعاء 23 نوفمبر	مواعيد الاختبارات لجميع الطلاب (سينظر جميع الطلاب الساعة 12 ظهرًا يوميًا حتى نهاية T1)
يوم الثلاثاء 29 نوفمبر	احتفالات اليوم الوطني. يمكن للطلاب القدوم مرتين أثناء اليوم الوطني لملء الإمارات العربية المتحدة وإحضار الطعام التقليدي. ستكون هناك مسابقة PPP Greetings Card
الاثنين 12 ديسمبر إلى الأحد 1 يناير 2023	المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء. احتفالات المدرسة T2 يوم الاثنين 2 يناير 2023. يرجى ملاحظة أن الرسوم المدرسية T2 مستحقة. شكرًا لك.



رؤيتنا: "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ نجاح للجميع"

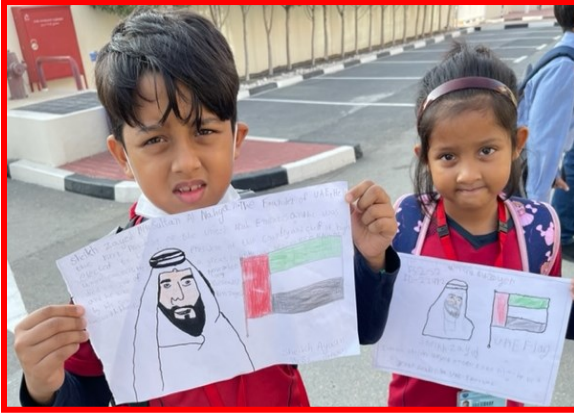
Whole School News; UAE Flag Day, 3/11/22!



At 11am we had the official flag-raising ceremony accompanied by the UAE National Anthem played across the whole school. Our Emirati students along with SLT and student leaders congregated around the flag to show solidarity & respect.



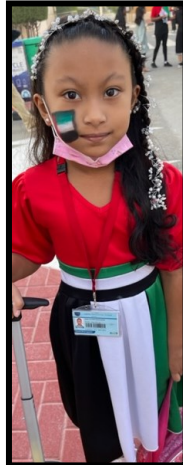
Whole School News; UAE Flag Day, 3/11/22!



Many Thanks to our students Mira AL Suwaidi (Y7), Abdulla Al Suwaidi (Y6), Hajar Al Suwaidi (Y4) & Mohamed Al Suwaidi (Y3) for their wonderful Flag Day video including the UAE National Anthem, filmed all around the Emirate!



Whole School News; UAE Flag Day, 3/11/22!



Whole School News; UAE Flag Day, 3/11/22!



UAE FLAG DAY : Y4 F1

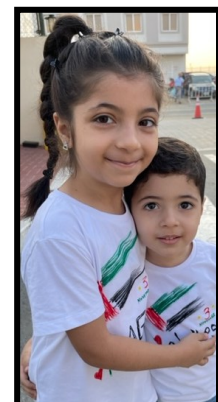
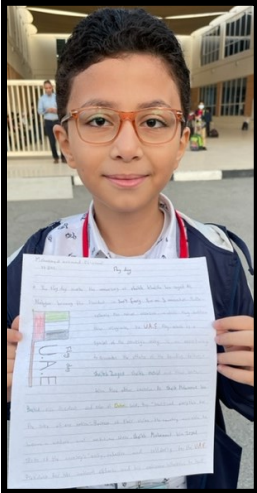
With Ms. Susweta



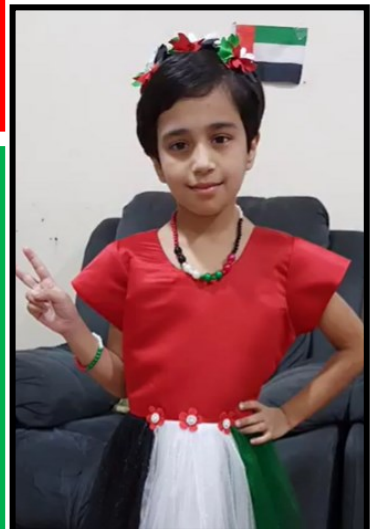
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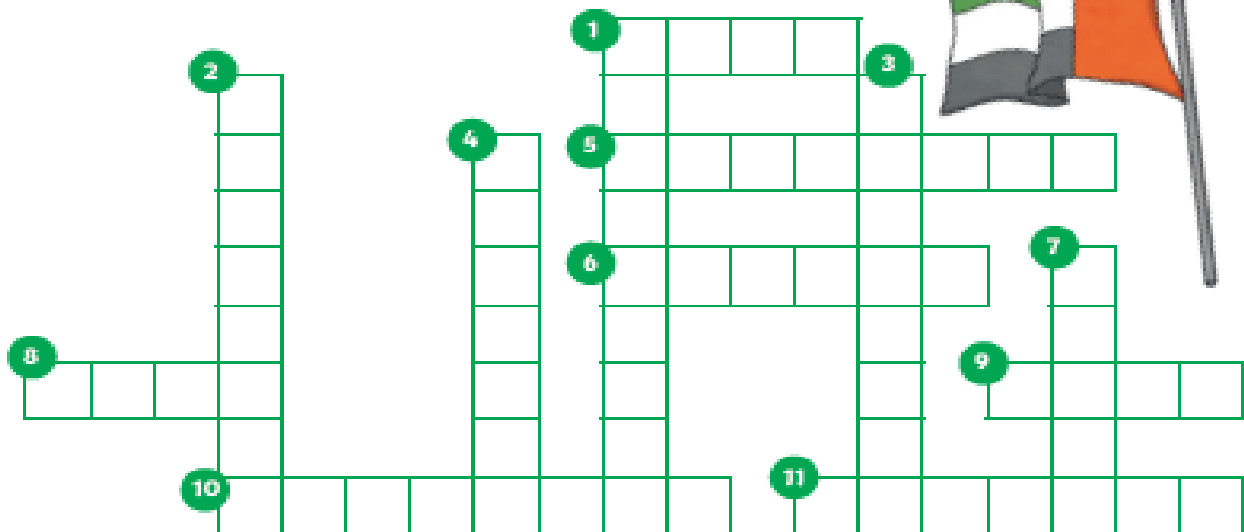
Year 5S2 Flag day Activity

Students decorated their classroom, shared traditional food, and enjoyed Flag day activities.

With Mr. Arvie



UAE Flag Day Crossword



Across:

1. The meaning of the green stripe on the UAE national flag.
5. The word given to a day celebrating the UAE's union in which the flag is celebrated
6. The word used to celebrate the event that meant that the emirates were joined together
8. Red, white, black and green make up the colours on this important symbol of the UAE.
9. Flag day celebrates the present, the future and which other time period of the UAE?
10. A word referring to a legacy, the legacy of the UAE celebrating the past and it's traditions.
11. The meaning of the red stripe on the UAE national flag.

Down:

1. The reason given for celebrating flag day and the past, present and future.
2. The meaning of the black stripe on the UAE national flag.
4. Showing this towards the past, the country and its rulers is important to Emirati people.
3. The month in which flag day is held and celebrated.
7. The meaning of the white stripe found on the UAE national flag.



Whole School News; Morning Fitness Programme!



With Mr. Sumosh & the PE Team



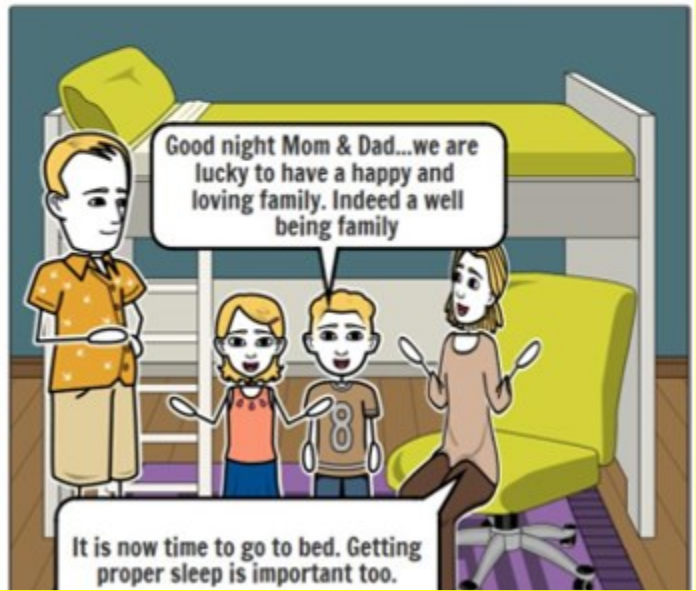
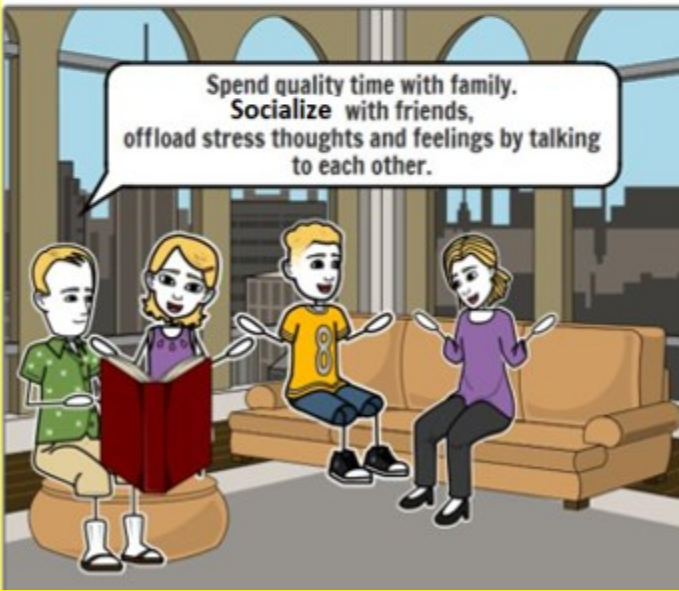
Student Wellbeing



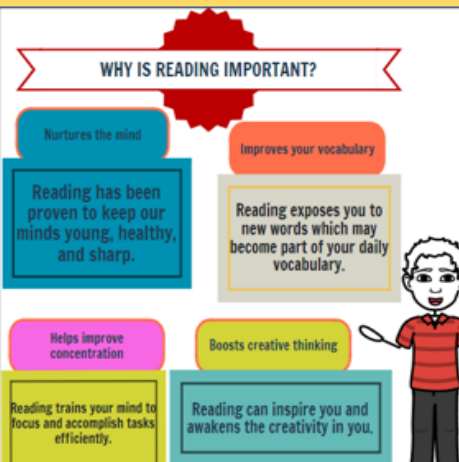
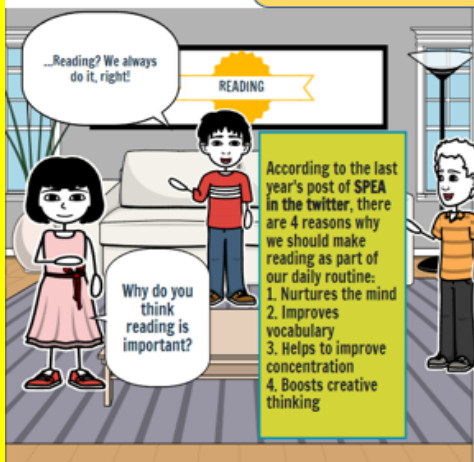
Produce grown in the WSS Ecowarrior hydroponic garden! Our green-fingered Ecowarriors are growing a range of organic goodies! We will soon be challenging their entrepreneurial skills with a garden market!

Whole School News

WELLBEING



THE POWER OF READING



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; Staff Training!

Many Thanks to Dr. Ajit, a leader at SEED, WSS LAB member & SofD & Safeguarding Lead, for delivering expert CPD training on Behaviour Management strategies to all teaching & counseling staff on Tuesday 25/10/22 & Monday 31/10/22. We appreciate his contribution to WSS through staff skills development in this important area of professional practice.



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



At WSS we pride ourselves as a school that embraces a growth mindset and we value needs-based Continuing Professional Development (CPD) as one of the essential ingredients in our growth. In keeping with this, we had the privilege of welcoming Dr. Ajit, a Consultant Rehabilitation Practitioner, and a serving member on our school's Local Advisory Body to lead in our PD session on Tuesday evening. Dr. Ajit guided the staff into deeper understanding of challenging behaviours while exploring practical preventive strategies to support our students. We are looking forward to the Part 2 session shortly, and the embedding of these strategies into our practice.

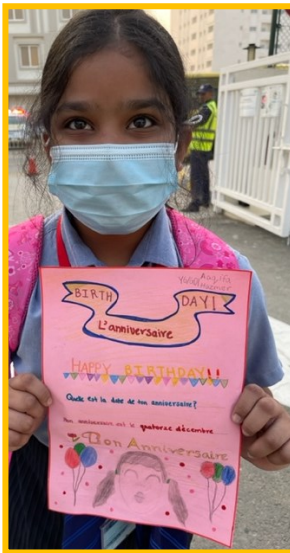
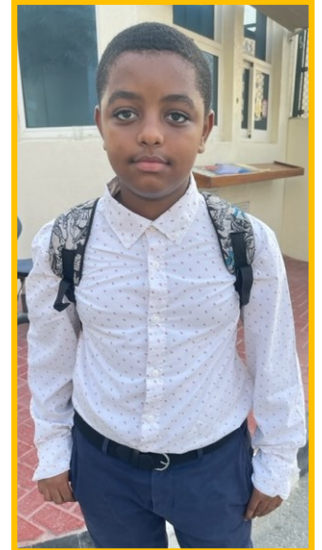
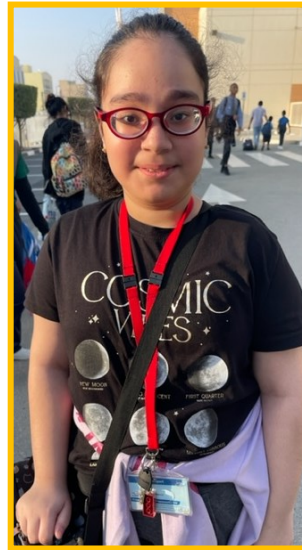
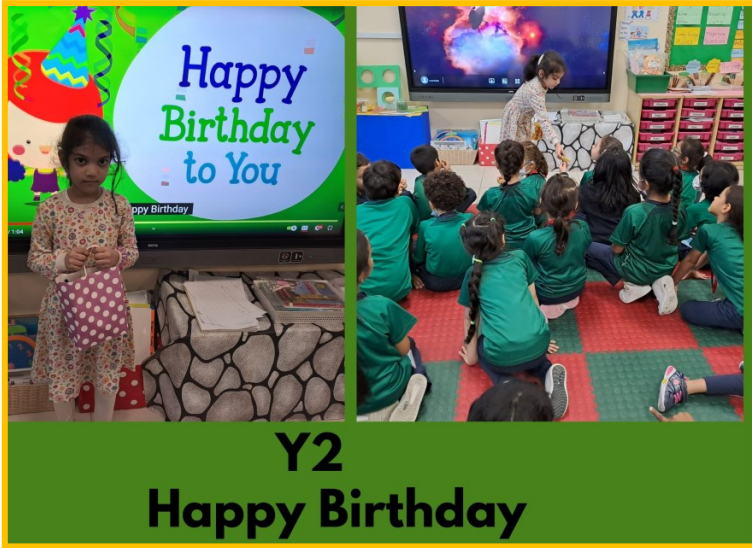


Whole School News



Happy Diwali!

Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



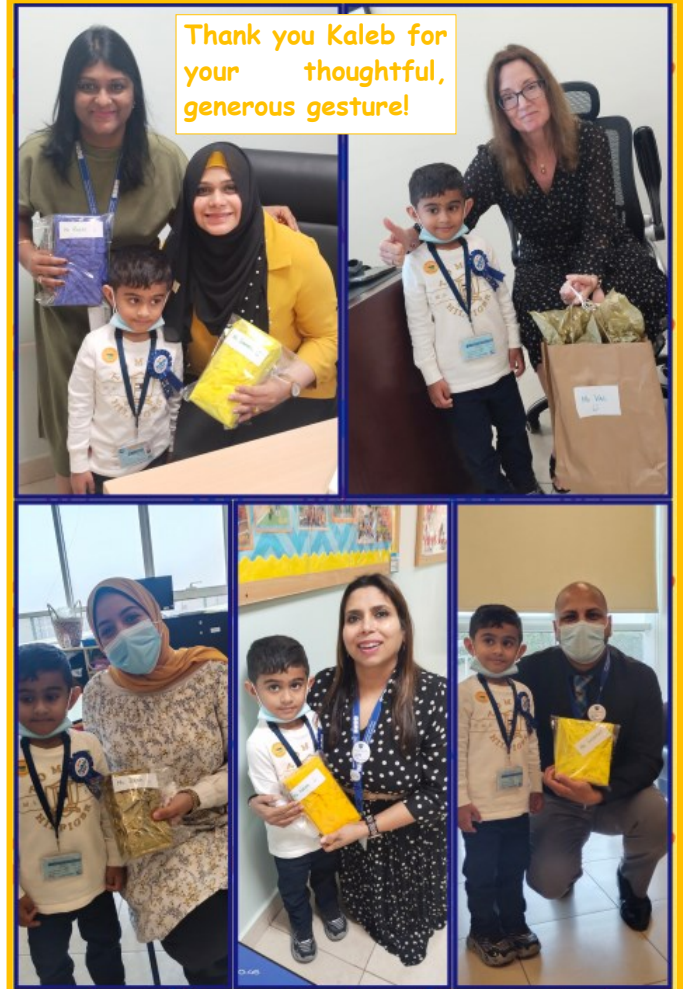
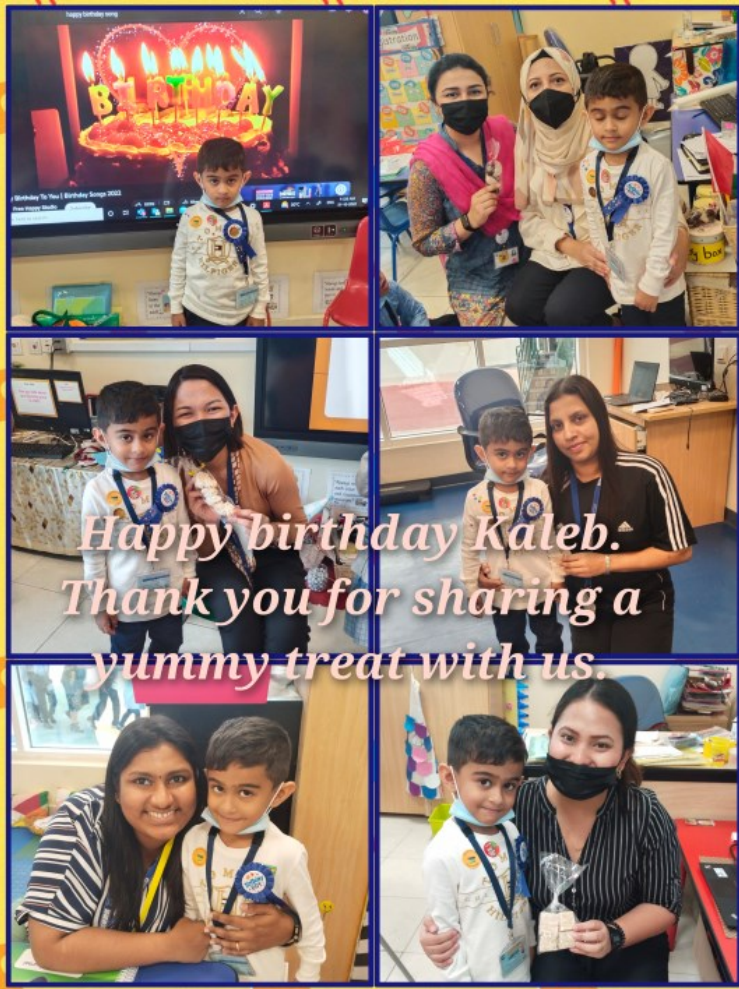
Happy 10th Birthday, WSS! Students practice their French skills.



Happy Birthday! Celebrating with a healthy fruit pyramid to support our Healthy Lifestyle policy. Thank you!



Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



Primary & Secondary Birthdays are celebrated during Assembly time



WSS Junior Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to this week's Class Champions!



Thanks to our kind & hard-working Support Staff team for putting extra effort & hours to support the arrangement of the Junior Resource Room. To benefit the whole Junior teaching team!

WSS Primary Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to this week's Class DOJO, Wellbeing & Reading Champions!



WSS Primary Superstar Champions!



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WSS Superstar Sporting Champions!



Congratulations to Amtallah (Y7GS) who recently won a gold Kickboxing medal and was ranked as a UAE champion under 40kg kickboxer in an official tournament.



Amtallah's parent reported that she has been practicing Muaythai and martial arts since July 2020. She has been attending training sessions every alternative day since she joined the club (Tiger Kickboxing Club), and this has supported her to be more self-disciplined in other areas too, such as her focus and dedication to her general and school tasks. The club has taught her and her peers how to be more polite and in control of their emotions. The gold medal was a reward for all this hard work, along with the support of her coach, family and school! Without this teamwork her success would not have been possible to achieve.



WSS Recycling, Environment Superstar Champions!



WSS Superstar Champions!



Y3D2- Well Being and Class Dojo Champions



Nada



Ayesha

A proud moment for Muhammad Mustafa Nasir (Y6BH) who won a gold medal in a tournament at the National Soccer Academy recently. His parent reported that he has been fully committed to extensive training to achieve this success. Congratulations, Muh'd for your achievement through the application of great character!

Dear Ms. Uzma,

Hope you are doing well.

Thank you for the lovely treat today. We are so much delighted to see our little one's performance in the stage and receiving the wellbeing champion award. It's the extra surprise. And it was so lovely to see him doing the speech.

Yahya also so happy and proud about him self. We really appreciate all your efforts. It motivates both kids and parents. When we were selecting WSS as our child's school we considered about the academic and extra curricular performances. We are so happy to see them doing it today. And we are waiting to see it more in future and we will give all the support from our side..

Thanks and appreciation for the whole team..

Have a nice weekend 😊



Well done to Hana Elgohary, Yousif Magi, Zena Ibrahim and Hassan Ali (Y5D2) for excellent formal letter writing using all the taught features. Thanks to Ms. Shabana for setting the standard and expectations for writing.

Well done to Aaban Anjum (Y1F1) for excellent writing and supporting his peers to check and improve their writing using the checklist given by Ms. Aysha and Ms. Sidra.

Well done to Karen Saleeb (Y8GD) for extending her writing of a PEA paragraph providing alternative interpretation for given phrases/ words. Thanks to Ms. Priti Tiwary for extending the challenge.

Well done to Ezaan Ali Asim, Adam Naji and Hemasha Arachchige (Y3D1) for excellent letter writing skills using the guidelines and criteria set out by their teacher. Thanks to Ms. Ringamphi for setting clear and high expectations.

WSS Superstar Champions!



Well done star students Fatima Zahra Liyakath and Inayah Siddiqui (Y11GD) for their work for Ms. Asha for Accounting. They prepared an accounting periodic table which consists of all key words and names of the accounting subject linked with each chapter. Their Table included the family name and was creatively coded with different colours. This project can help other students to become familiar with subject key words and account summary.

Dr. Lisa commended the way they developed a subject-specific vocabulary tool in this innovative way, showing great cross-curricular links as well with this Chemistry concept. Inayah took student-led lessons in an engaging way with good questioning skills and her way of explanation was very systematic. Liyakath quickly identified and solved critical questions. Super teamwork!

- Zahra Liyakath and Inayah Siddiqui

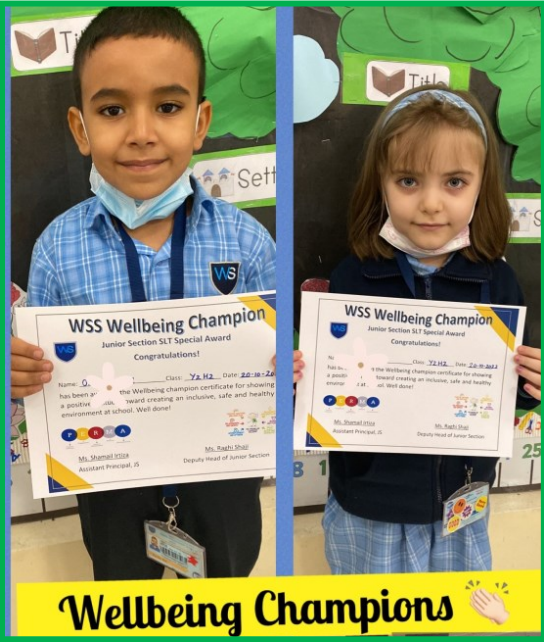
Accounting Periodic Table

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- accounting rates
- manufacturing account
- business accounts
- book of prime entry
- statement of assets
- expansion
- capital account
- trial balance
- sales ledger
- partnership
- banker companies
- other supplies and other receivables
- accounting entries
- accounting journal
- bank reconciliation
- double entry system
- income statement
- statement of financial position



Dear Ms. Vijayanthi,
 I wish you and your family a very happy Diwali.
 On this auspicious occasion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the love, care and affection you have given to my daughter and all the students you teach. She loves you and enjoys attending your classes. I feel so blessed to have a teacher like you for my child. Meher always talks about how dedicated you are in teaching your students and how patiently you listen and respond to them every time they have to share something. I feel relieved that you are the one who will be nurturing her this year. Thank you and may you keep up the good work! Thank you very much for being such a good teacher to your students. I hope we get more teachers like you 😊
 Thanks and kind regards,
 Neeta Vazirani



Wellbeing Champions



Kashaf Farhan



ASP Champion, Zoraiz (Y3H2)

WSS Superstar Champions!



Teddy goes home



Our Superstars

You're a Superstar

Awarded to Mousa Yousuf

For Demonstrating Good Behaviour in class.

Signed: Ms. Sabiha Malik

Class: Y2H2 Date: 20-10-2022

Ms. Shamail Irtiza
Assistant Principal of Junior Section

Ms. Raghi Shaji
Deputy Head of Junior

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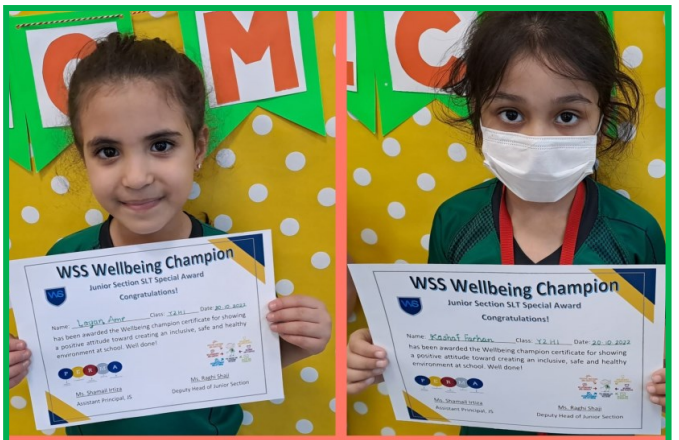


Congratulation Ms. Roshana for winning a prize for outstanding service to the WSS community!



Y2

Teddy goes home



Y2

Well being champions

WSS Superstar Champions!

Congrats wellbeing champions!



Y2F1 - We are excited to fill our Marble jar!!!



Dear Ms. Valerie,

I have just come to notice that WSS was celebrating its 10th Anniversary a few days back. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you, Its better late than never!

I am Zorain, a student from Class of 2020.

This school will always have a big place in my heart since it has played a massive role in shaping me into what I am today. I still smile when I remember the shy, quiet and reserved me entering Year 6B1 with a warm welcome by Ms. Leena in October 2012 and today in 2022, I am proud today to be studying Computer Science in UCL. Thanks to Ms. Swarupa for the amazing and interactive IT Lessons in sixth form who made me realise Computer Science was the option for me. Special Mention to Ms. Ayesha for being equally amazing, I eagerly waited for the English lessons!

Thank you so much WSS and my teachers, for giving me the character I need to keep building, the brain I need to keep expanding, and the heart I need to keep loving. I will treasure all the memories for the rest of my life.

I wish the whole team of WSS continued success and hope to continue hearing wonderful stories of your growth!

Kind Regards,
Zorain Sultan

KS3 Boys Wellbeing Champions



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y2H1!



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y1H1!



Junior Section News



**Y2
Questions
for Ms
Raghi**



**Y2
I can express
excitement
about the
picture to Ms
Raghi**



**Y2
We can
label the
functions
of the
plant**



**Y2
Use of technology
to learn about
plants**

Y2H1 with Ms. Sonia M.



**Y2
Max
painting
activity**



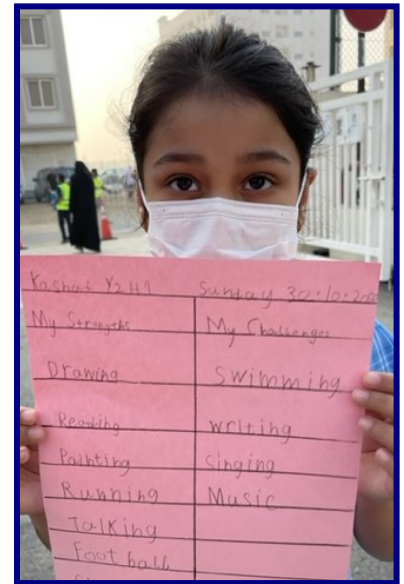
**Y2
Activity about
celery plant**

Junior Section News

Y2F1 Guided Reading



Preparing for UAE Flag Day, 3/11/22



طلاب الصف الأول خلال مادة الدراسات الاجتماعية والقيام ببعض الأنشطة أثناء الحصة

Y2 Activities with Ms. Amira



Junior Section News



Exploring 3-D Shapes

Junior Section News; Learning in the OLA!

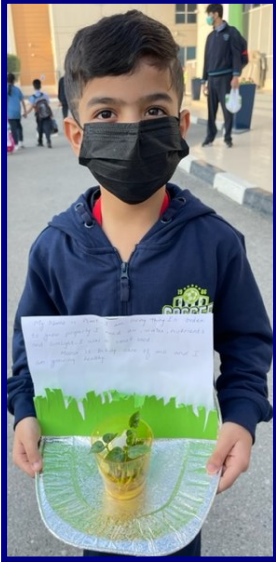


OLA Session with Ms. Sidra (Y2F1)



Y2 learning activities with Ms. Sidra. OLA (Outside Learning Area) activities are directly linked to the curriculum, to reinforce or add additional challenge.

Junior Section News!



Past tense of the verbs..!

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Creating aquarium using different material

FS2D1



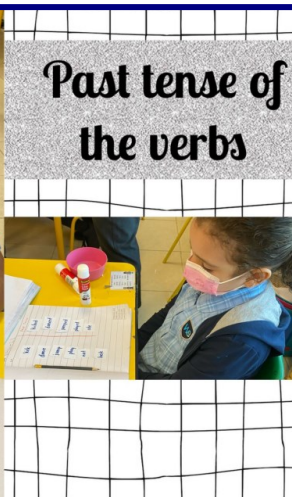
With Ms. Nikhat



Task: Solve the addition Sentence using concrete Objects or pictorial representation.



Past tense of the verbs



Practicing addition

PIC•COLLAGE

Junior Section News; Learning Activities in FS2!



FS2D1

Painting their favorite sea creature



FS2D1 Arabic homelearning



FS2D1

Homelearning



Can select appropriate resources to create their own aquarium

FS2D1



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y6BF!



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y3F1!



With Ms. Neema. The Theme was about our school vision, 'Excellence Through Team-work, Success for all'



Primary Section News

LFQ: How do I investigate the properties of different materials?

With Ms. Anju

Y5H1



Primary Section News



Project-based learning
Shahd Hossam- Y3H1

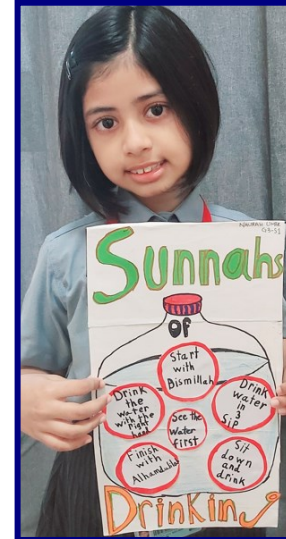
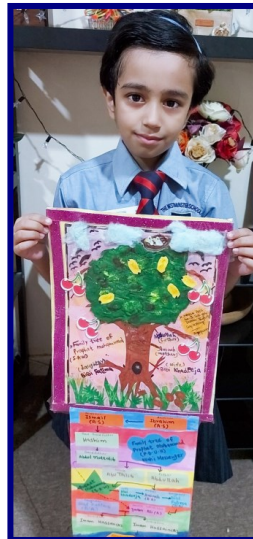
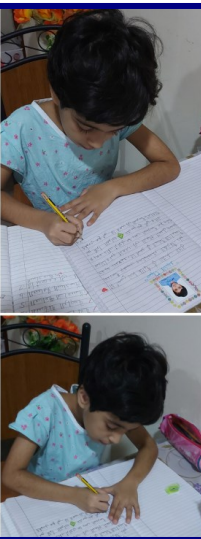
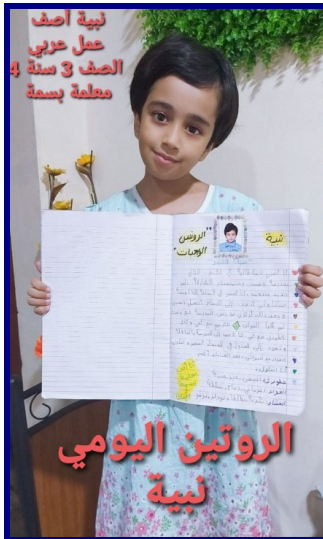
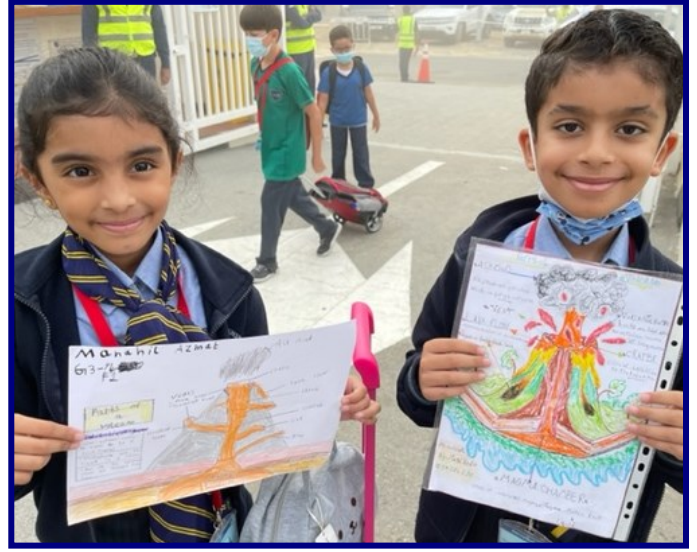
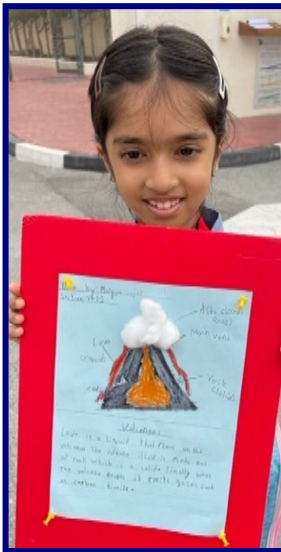
With Ms. Sarada

Group quiz activity Y4S1/S3

With Mr. Ahmed Fahmy



Primary Section News





NMS MUN 2022



WSS Sixth-Form students took part as delegates in this year's NMSMUN 2022. NMSMUN'22, which took place on the 1st and 2nd of October 2022 at GEMS New Millenium school, Dubai, is a platform unlike any other, bringing to light the inquisitive nature of every delegate by means of debate and discussion.



The committee presenting at the NMS MUN Event



WSS students at the NMSMUN Event

Delegates from WSS:

- Mariam shams (Yr 11GD): Co-chairperson- General Assembly
- Zuha Raees (Yr 12GF): UNODC committee
- Gloria Thomas (Yr 12GF): Reuters (IPC)
- Jwan Al-Fuqaha (Yr 12GF): Times of India (IPC)
- Taha Hyder (Yr 10BF): Vogue (IPC)

Thank you to Ms. Deepika B. for her ongoing & week-end support of this leadership & character-building initiative!

Student Feedback:

"NMSMUN was truly an exceptional learning experience. It was a great opportunity for me to meet new people who shared the same interests as me and it made me open to more concepts and cultures around the world. MUN is something I will always cherish and pursue more in the future."

-Zuha Raees, Year 12

Ayesha Shahid - Year 13GD

Secondary Section News; Study Skills Assembly, 25/10/22!



Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y9GS1 on 24/10/22!



Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y9GS1 on 24/10/22!



Assembly time with Y9GS1 & Ms. Darshika on the important theme, 'Respect'.



Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y9BD on 31/10/22!



Assembly time with Y9BD on the important theme, 'Kindness'.



Y7 Islamic (Arab) student activities with Mr. Ahmed Fahmy



Secondary Section News!



Super innovation project



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