

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #11
10th November, 2022



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

GEMS Winter Parent Satisfaction Survey

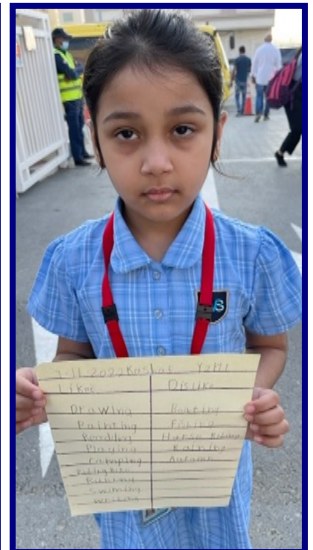
Please note that GEMS are publishing their Winter Parent Satisfaction Survey shortly. We ask that you kindly complete it positively, to support ongoing school improvement. Many thanks for sharing your precious time to do this.

AL Hosn Green Pass

The Authorities have confirmed that the Al Hosn Green Pass is no longer required to enter school.

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.

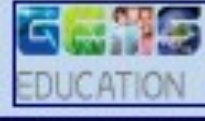


Our Vision; 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All'

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 11
10 نوفمبر 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة أولياء أمور جيمس ويستمينستر

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

استدقة قيس رضا أولياء الأمور
لمجموعة GEMS

نشركم GEMS بمرحبة ملاحظة أن مجموعة
استدقة قيس رضا أولياء الأمور في
فصل الشتاء قريباً. نطلب منك تفضل بإكمالها بشكل إيجابي، لدعم
تحسين المدارس المستمر. شكراً جزيلاً لمشاركة وقتك الثمين للقيام
بذلك.

العمر الأخضر للتحصن

أكدت الهيئات (الجهات الحكومية) أن العمر الأخضر في (الصحون) لم يعد
مطلوباً لدخول المدرسة.

المواعيد

التفصيل	التاريخ
مواعيد الاختبارات لجميع الطلاب (سينظر جميع الطلاب الساعة 12 ظهراً يومياً حتى نهاية T1)	من الأربعاء 23 نوفمبر
احتفالات اليوم الوطني يمكن للطلاب القدوم مرتين أنوان العلم الوطني لمولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة واحضار الطعام التقليدي. ستكون هناك مسابقة PPP Greetings Card	يوم الثلاثاء 29 نوفمبر.
المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء. •صتائف المدرسة T2 يوم الاثنين 2 يناير 2023. يرجى ملاحظة أن الرسوم المدرسية T2 مستحقة. شكراً لك.	الاثنين 12 ديسمبر إلى الأحد 1 يناير 2023



رؤيتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ نجاح 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

Whole School News



Ms. Mariam Rizwan leading CPD on 3/11/22 for the Assistant Teachers on understanding & using class Data. Thank you Ms. Mariam for providing this important CPD.

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



All WSS Support Staff attended an important Child Safeguarding Course hosted by GCS on Saturday on 5/11/22



Whole School News; Lifelong Learning!

Mr. Aladdin Salah and Mr. Osama Zaid, the Arabic HOD, led a workshop on 3/11/22 for inspection Review preparation with all the MOE team. The agenda covered key observations from the results of other schools visited by the inspection teams and how we can prepare. The agenda also covered the most important steps that we can move from good to very good.

They presented the Arabic framework standards (the part about expectation, below expectation and above expectation) to ensure that teachers are able to apply these standards effectively during lessons and preparation.



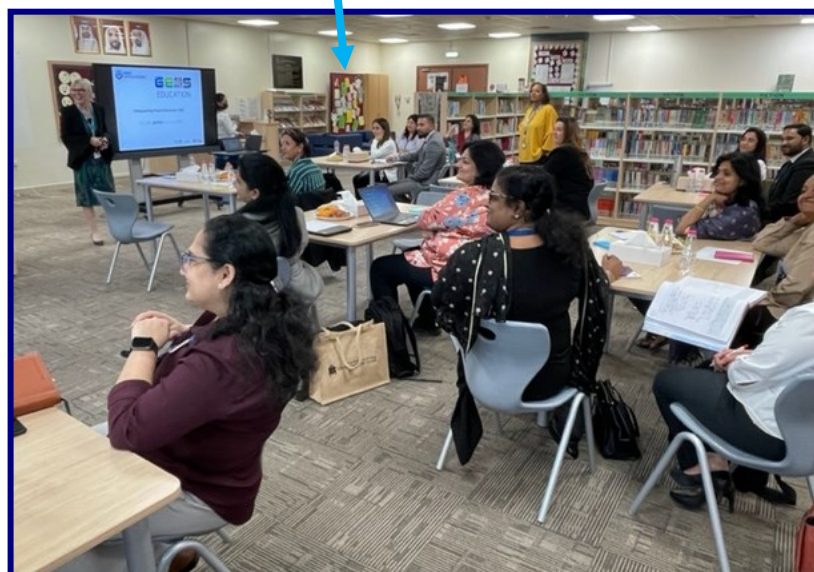
Whole School News; Health & Safety—Fire Drill, 8/11/22!



Well done to all WSS Staff & students, who set a record for the Fire Drill evacuation practice held on 8/11/22.

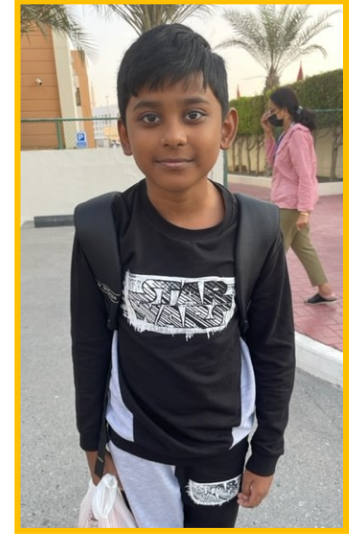
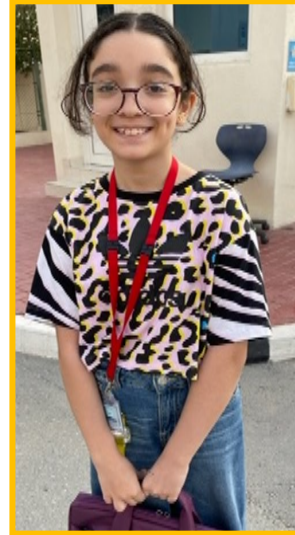


The Principal & Head of Inclusion Ms. Rema attended the Safeguarding Forum held at GCS on 8/11/22. along with other school's DSLs . It was a useful refresher about the UAE's Child Protection Law, reporting Safeguarding concerns and managing challenging situations.

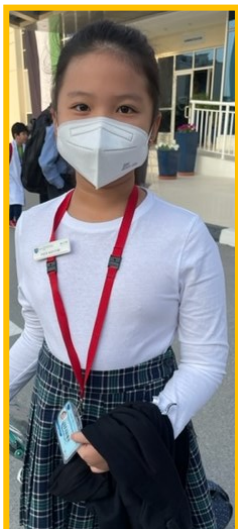


On 9/11/22, the Principal attended a GEMS Principals' Conference, where the Senior Vice Presidents unveiled the new Education Strategy to take us into the next 3 years. GEMS CEO Mr. Dino Varkey & Chairman Mr. Sunny Varkey addressed the gathering, reinforcing their commitment to deliver a quality education to all our children..

Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



Celebrating this week's Y5 & Y6 Birthday students during Primary Assembly on 9/11/22



WSS Superstar STEAM Champions!

Congratulation
TO THE WINNERS



Zishan Shajeer- 8BH1



Mohammed Ahmed- 8BD1



Abdullah Saleh- 8BH1

STEAM WEEK 5

RANIA ISHFAQ-7GS



1

Over 75 responses

OUR WEEK 4 STEAM CHAMPIONS!!
Congratulations!

2



JEREMIAH-8BH1

3



OMER ABBAS- 8BH1

Stay tuned for a Brand new question Every week!

BLOOMERS RACE



Team collaboration



Rule explanation



electing team leaders

It was a fun experiment, my team was second, even if we did not win we were experiencing team work. thank you.

I felt like the bloomers race was amazing!
It was brain challenging
Adn fateemeh Y7-GS



the final round

The game was amazing these were interesting questions
9/10 *

Samridhhi Y7 GS
Shrestha

Feedbacks

Jana → 8/7/65

The quiz needed deep thinking, and I love math and science so it was super fun.

♡ * ♡ * ♡



DONE BY : BHAGYA & ATTIYAT Y13GD

WINNERS

1. SAMRIDHI SHRESTHA
2. MEERA THANI
3. JANA EDRIS
4. ADN FATEMEH
5. HANEEN SAYED

YEAR 7 GS

BLOOMS WINNER

WSS Superstar Bloomers Champions!

BOOOMS RACE WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK 1 - PREPARATION



MEET THE TEAM

1. Mostafa/13BH (Lead Member)
2. Adham Ehab/13BH
3. Adhith/12BD
4. Hunain/13BH

HOW WE PREPARED

To give the best experience possible for the students we had to figure out **Why** would they be interested in this? **How** to engage them? And **What** we can do to improve their overall Experience? Then we improved the Game based on all this.

OUR EXPERIENCE

We were extremely excited for this opportunity to be part of the Blooms Race helping younger students develop their thinking process based on the Bloom's Taxonomy.





BLOOMS TAXONOMY


CREATE
EVALUATE
ANALYZE
APPLY
UNDERSTAND
REMEMBER

BOOOMS RACE WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK 1 - PRESENTATION


THIS WEEK THE RACE WAS CONDUCTED WITH YEAR 7BS STUDENTS





MEET THE WINNERS




1. Syed Nawab
2. Youssof Samir
3. Omar Ahmed
4. Malek Ayman
5. Suhaib Ahsan

BOOOMS RACE WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK 2 - PRESENTATION

FOR THE SECOND WEEK THE RACE WAS CONDUCTED WITH YEAR 7BD STUDENTS

MEET THE WINNERS

1. Jovan Samson
2. Tamen Momen
3. Ward Mohamed
4. Rayyan Ajebovich
5. Shane Sasi
6. Mohammad Ali

WSS Superstar Champions!



Well done to Muhammad Mustafa and Muhammad Rafiq (Y6BH) for excelling in Mathematics, accepting the challenges set by Mr. Timothy while encouraging peers to do the same. Thanks Mr. Timothy for setting appropriate levels of challenge for your learners.

Well done to Jaser Elsayed (FS2S2) for taking inspiration from his teachers. He was very observant and innovative in his Mathematics lesson. Thanks to Ms. Karen and Ms. Vinnarasi.

Well done to Laura Ahmad (Y6G) for her creative writing in a free verse poem. Thanks to Ms. Indereet for providing opportunities for students to explore opportunities for language development.

Well done to Mohammed Nashwan Al Absi for showing great leadership, setting high expectation for his team mates and ensured there was good levels of collaboration. Thank you to Mr. Jisharmon for providing the opportunity to build on leadership and collaboration within the lesson.

Well done to Ethar Hassan and Vihaan Thorat for excellent persuasive writing- Thanks to Ms. Jisha for providing opportunities for students to explore opportunities for language development.

Well done to Muhammad Hassaan (Y5 D2) for researching and preparing a presentation on Cameras for computer studies. Thanks Ms. Afra for providing opportunities for students to build their research skills.



WSS Platinum Jubilee Scholarship Winner, 2022-2023!



The Principal was very proud to accompany Zuhair Rehman (Y12B) & his parents to the first ever GEMS Platinum Jubilee Scholarship ceremony on 3/11/22 at the prestigious QEII. The scholarship was set up to honour the service, responsibility, legacy and values of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Zuhair was selected, after a comprehensive interview process, to represent WSS for the way his own behaviour and success demonstrate his commitment to the same values and sense of responsibility as her late Majesty. Congratulations to Zuhair who receives one year's WSS tuition fees.



WSS Superstar Champions!



Y1 H2 Superstars!!!



WSS Environmental Recycling Superstar Champions!



Recycling projects

Huge thanks to our proactive & hard-working Emiri Guards, who come daily to support safe drop-off & pick-up for our children.



WSS KS1 Superstar Champions!



WSS Primary KS2 Superstar Champions!



Improving Mental Maths skills is a Primary learning target for this year. Here we celebrate Maths X-Tables class Superstars from an inter-class X=Tables competition. All children need to learn their X-Tables; fluency with X-Tables makes students smarter at maths as it frees up working memory for problem-solving.



Congratulations to this week's Y5 Wellbeing, Class Dojo & Reading Superstars!

WSS Primary Y6 Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to this week's Y6 Well-being, Class Dojo & Reading Superstars!

WSS KS3 Superstar Champions!



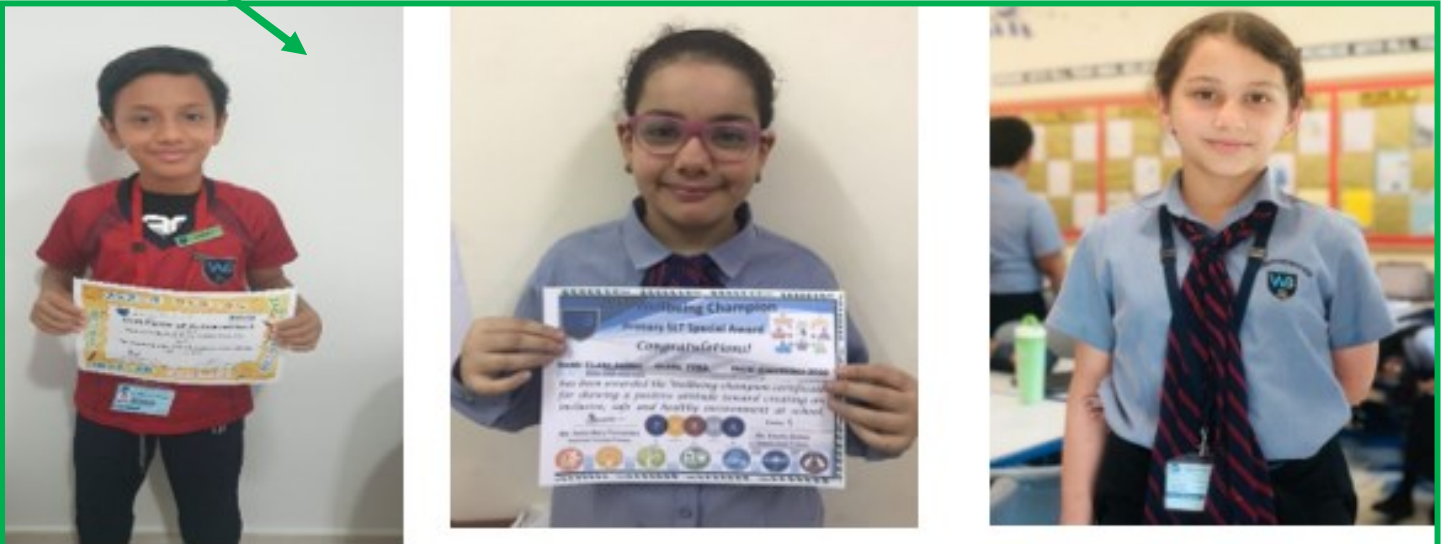
WSS KS2 & KS3 Superstar Champions!



Year 7 Star Students and Well being Champions



KS2 Champions!



Marwan is the Maths timetable competition winner in Y5S2

Clara is the Wellbeing Champion in Y5S2

Mysha is the Readtheory Reading Champion in Y5S2

WSS Sporting Superstar Champions!



Well done to **Davin** (Y10BS1) who participated in the Ajman Duathlon and won third position! This endurance event included 2.5 k running, 10 k cycling & then another 2.5 k running.



Y5D1 Ahmed Syed- winner of times table competition



Y5D1 Omar Ismail – Class champion



Y5D1 Omar Hesham– Class champion

Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y2H1!



The Assembly theme was 'What Makes a Good Friend?'

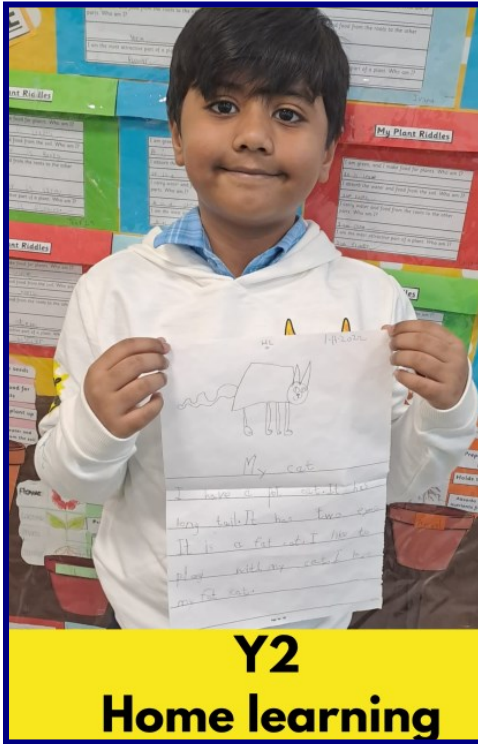


Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y1S2!



The Assembly theme was 'Our Family'

Junior Section News



**Y2
Home learning**



Junior Section News

FS2 S1 with Miss Jobelle and Miss Monika

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Fun at West playground



Fire drill



Having so much fun at OLA 2



We are matching the minibeast puzzles



We are learning number 7



Enjoying our Arabic activities



Having fun at OLA 2



Junior Section News

Y1H2 Pattern Activity!!!

With Ms. Beena



Creating patterns with different resources

With Ms. Maria

Minibeast Hunt. (FS2H1)



FS2H1 making Minibeast with the Playdough.



PIC•COLLAGE

Junior Section News



ES2H1 enjoying different class activities. PIC•COLLAGE



ES2H1 fire drill. PIC•COLLAGE



With Ms. Christine

ES2H1 busy in Hunting Minibeast. PIC•COL



Junior Section News



Well being lesson



With Ms. Raquel



My Family



With Ms. Kishwar



FS2D1
Homelearning

Junior Section News; Exploring Something New, in FS2!

FS2D1

With Ms. Nikhat



Independent readers



Children can give their own ideas in small group

FS2D1



PIC-COLA

FS2D1



Children busy with letter sound sorting activity



FS2D1 busy in role-play with Ms. Nikhat

FS2D1

Children exploring minibeasts



Junior Section News; Juniors Go Green, 7/11/22!



With Ms. Raquel



Junior Section News; Juniors Go Green, 7/11/22!



Go Green Day poster making



"Go Green Day"



Go Green Day poster making



Junior Section News; Juniors Go Green, 7/11/22!



Learning is fun in FS1!!



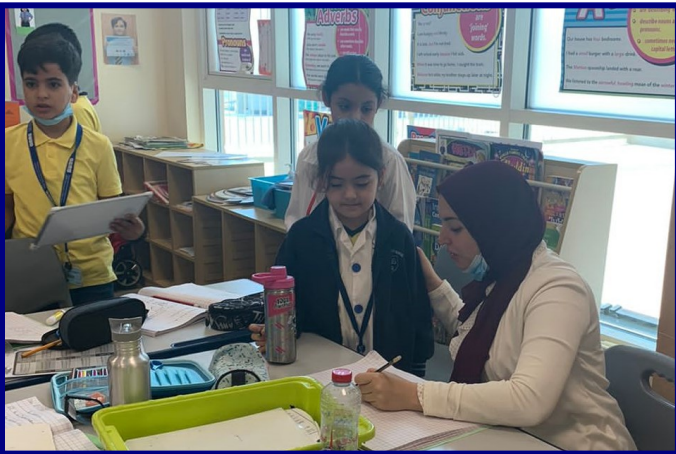
FS1 on the "Minibeasts" Hunt!!



FS2D1

Children exploring minibeasts

Primary Section News; PPP Engagement With Primary Maths!



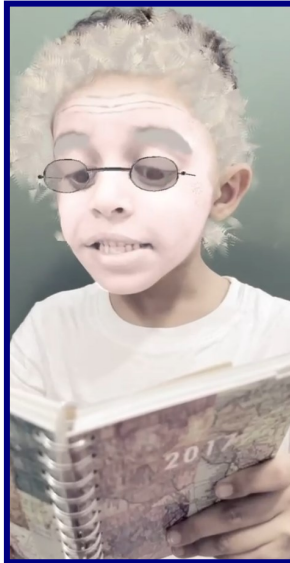
Many thanks to our PPP (Positive Parent Partners) who are volunteering in Primary Maths classes this Term as part of our maths development programme to improve maths skills right across Primary. We really appreciate their support! Thank you.



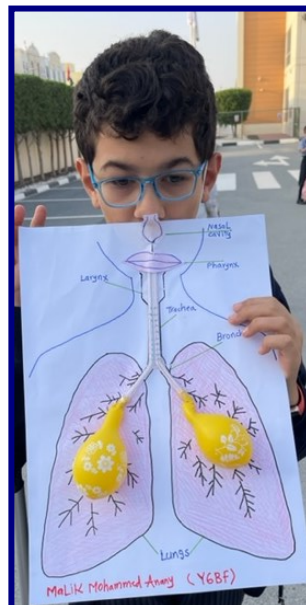
Parent engagement & Teamwork in Y4F1



Primary Section News; Science Week!



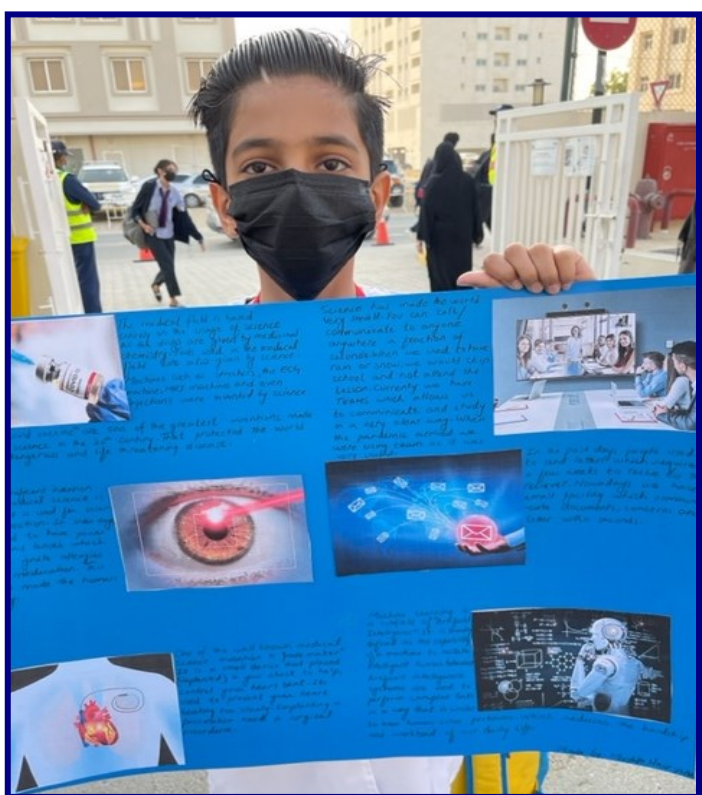
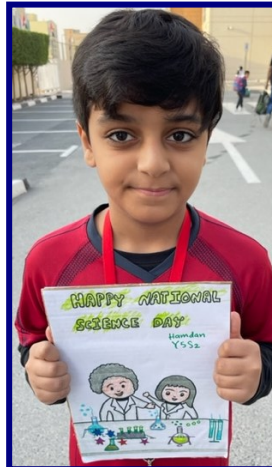
Thank you to talented dramatist Karim (Y3H1) who shared very cute & informative videos about 4 famous scientists who made a huge impact on human scientific knowledge & understanding. Well done Karim!



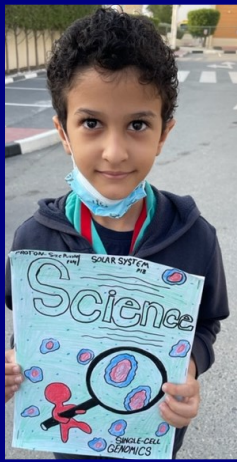
Primary Section News; World Science Day, 10/11/22!



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Y5D1 Science day activities – Craft using recycled materials.



Science Day Recycling with Y5D1 & Ms. Deepthy

Primary Section News; Science Week!



Y5D1 Science investigation lesson - finding the best type of gloves which keep our hands warm on a cold day.



With Ms. Deepthy



Science Day Activity: Y3D2 students enthusiastically engaged in different activities on Science Day. Prepared videos on the Importance of Science in today's world, Dressed up as Scientists and did experiments using instruments like Tuning fork to prove that sound waves can make the things move without touching .



With Ms. Lissy

World Science Day Celebration by Y5H1

Zaid as Nikola Tesla



Matti Ullah as Albert Einstein



Omr as Albert Einstein



Affan as Hazzaa Al Mansoori



Abdelraheem as Hazzaa Al Mansoori



With Ms. Anju

Y5 H1 students with their craft work



Primary Section News; Science Week!

Y5S2 World Science day celebration

With Mr. Arvie



Y5F1 with Ms. Shabana



Primary Section News; Science Week!

Y5 H1 students with their craft work



With Ms. Anju

World Science Day Activity by Y5H1 students



Primary Section News; Science Week!



Y5 F2 Science Day activities

With Ms. Lincy



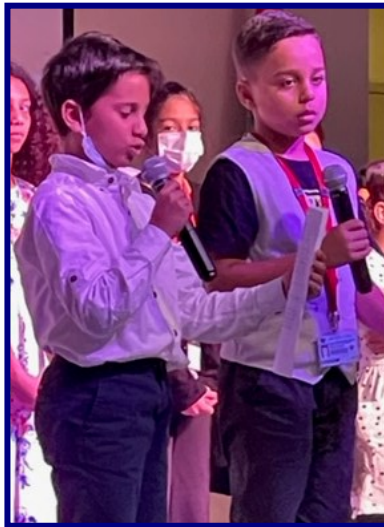
Primary Section News; Trips are Back on the Menu!

**Y4 F1 Trip to Kidzania:
Learning and Well Being**

With Ms. Susweta

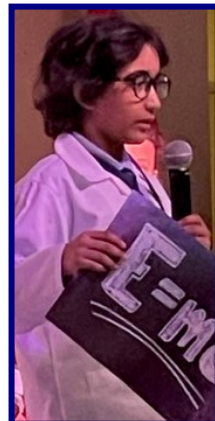


Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5D2, 9/11/22!



The interesting Assembly theme was 'World Science Day, 10/11/22. We learnt about the importance of science in understanding the world around us, & about the contributions of some famous scientists.

We also heard about the scientific space programme in the UAE.



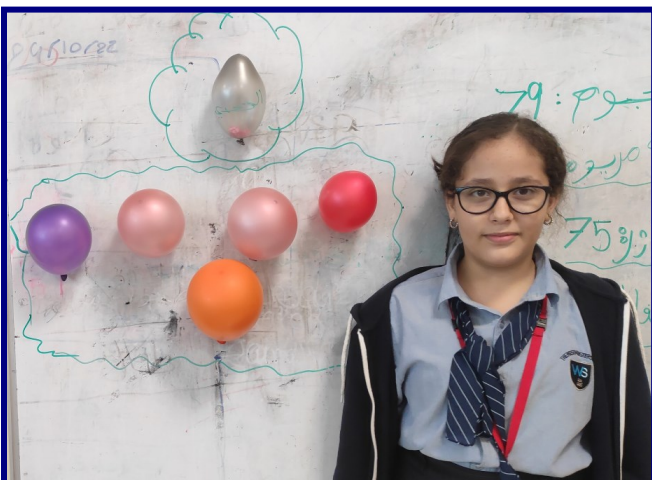
Primary Section News



Here are some pictures of Ms. Hend's Y5 students, including Maryam Hisham, who made a special painting in Arabic and Seba Ali, who created an educational game that spreads joy and fun in the hearts of her peers.

Omnia Hassan is to be commended for decorating the class with expressions of opinion.

Thank you Ms. Hend for encouraging this positive class culture!

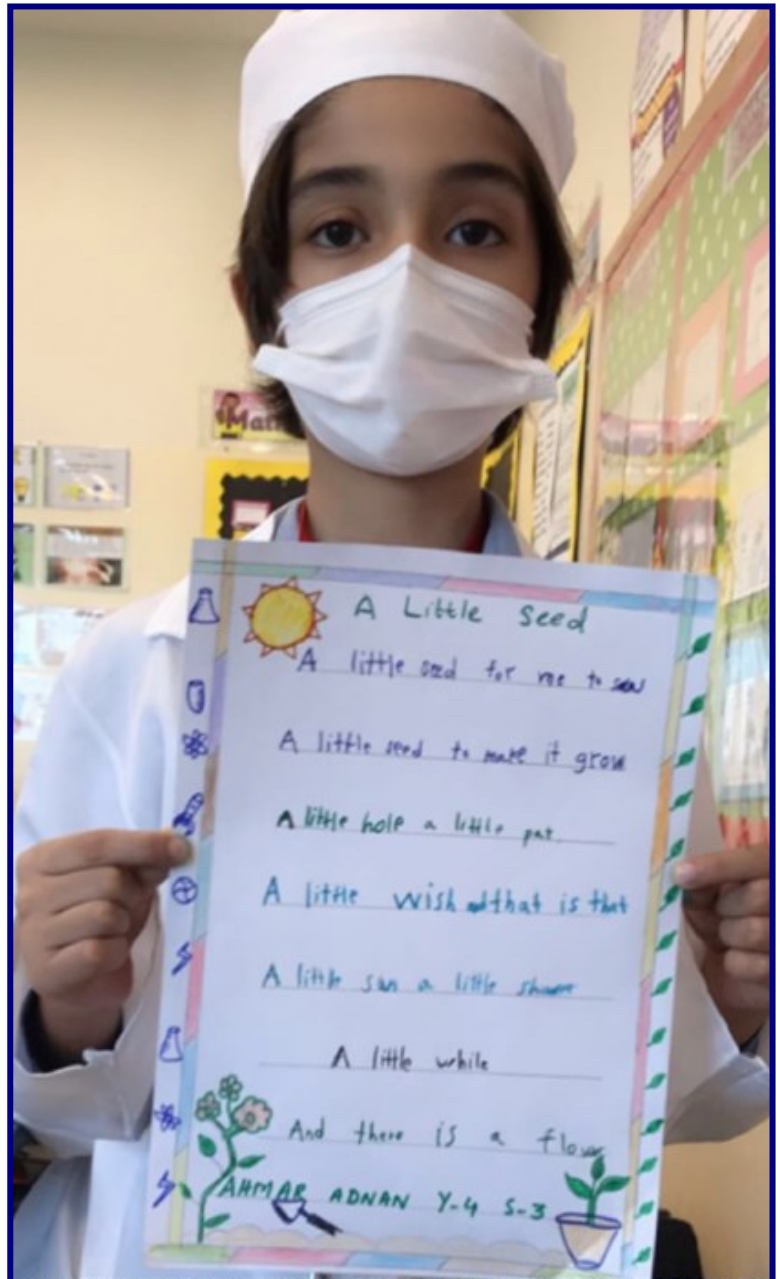


Night

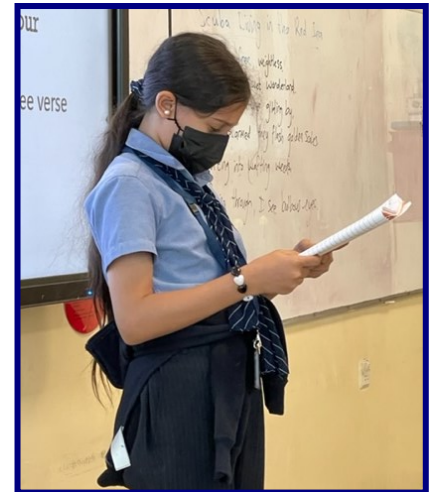
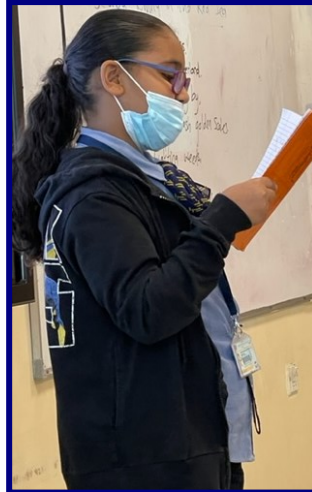
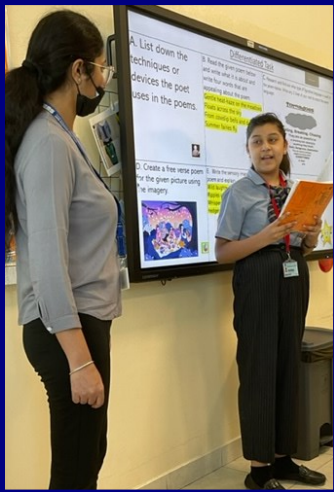
By Mohammad Muqtasid Samee

(Y6 BD)

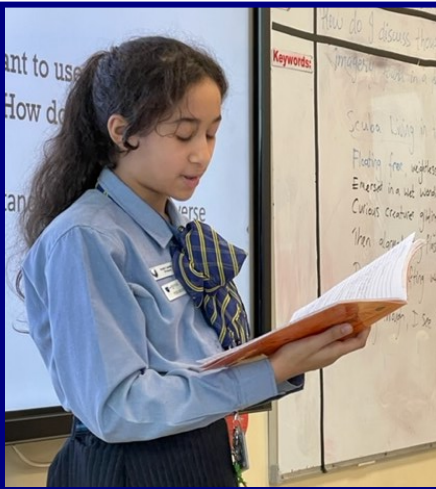
*The sun fades down the horizon,
The blanket of night begins.
The twilight starts to end,
The abyss starts to appear.
Darkness arrives
It is mysterious
Darkness,
The fright of children
A true nightmare
They think monsters emerge
From the horizon
The sky turns cruel and dark, so lonely!
The rain begins to fall from the saddened clouds.
So cruel,
So spooky,
So menacing and treacherous
Danger awaits
The night is freezing and horrifying
Only the brave will survive,
The rest will faint from being frightened.
Not a soul knows
About the secrets of night.
Although, the moon is innocent
You can never trust anyone
You never know what hides, late at night
And the moon is high in the sky.
Monsters with might
Werewolves fight
And the night never shows its cruel
And dark side
So, it would be much safer at home
In a warm, cozy bed
Under the covers
When the abyss begins,
The blanket of night.*



Primary Section News



Thank you to Y6GF and to Ms. Inderpreet for her well-planned & interesting lesson on imagery in poetry. Ms. Valerie, Dr. Lisa & Ms. Sonia enjoyed the lesson observation, particularly listening to the girls' poems which were shared with the class.

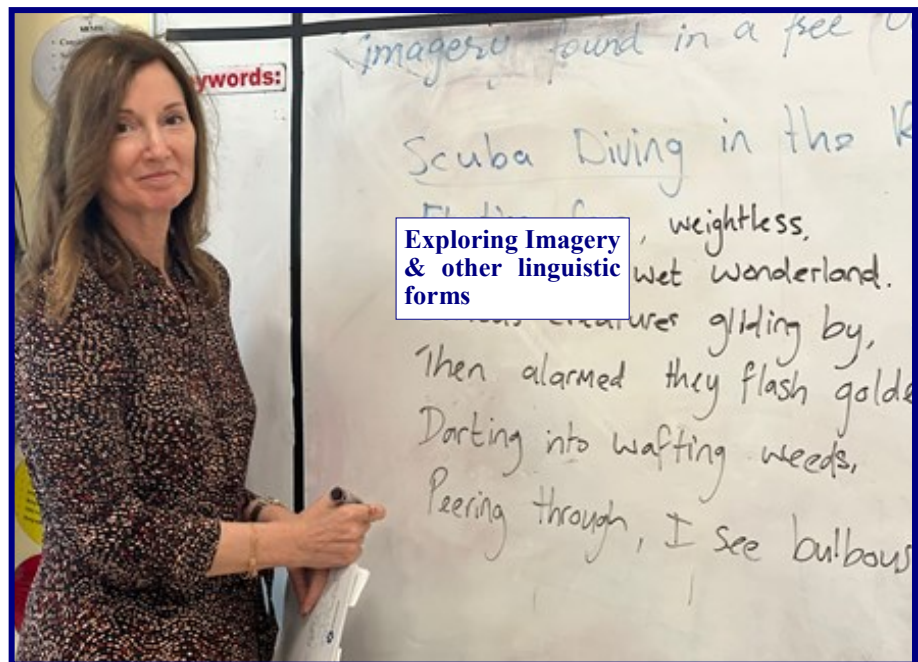


Scuba Diving in the Red Sea A poem by Lara Ahmed (Y6GF)

Floating far, joyful floating,
In a considerate, glamorous sea.,
By an enormous land of water.

Snickering, chuckling around the beach,
In the water I see a creature,
In the blue eyes of seas.

Swiftly drifting down the water,
Seeing all the merry fish, I love the water.



**Exploring Imagery
& other linguistic
forms**

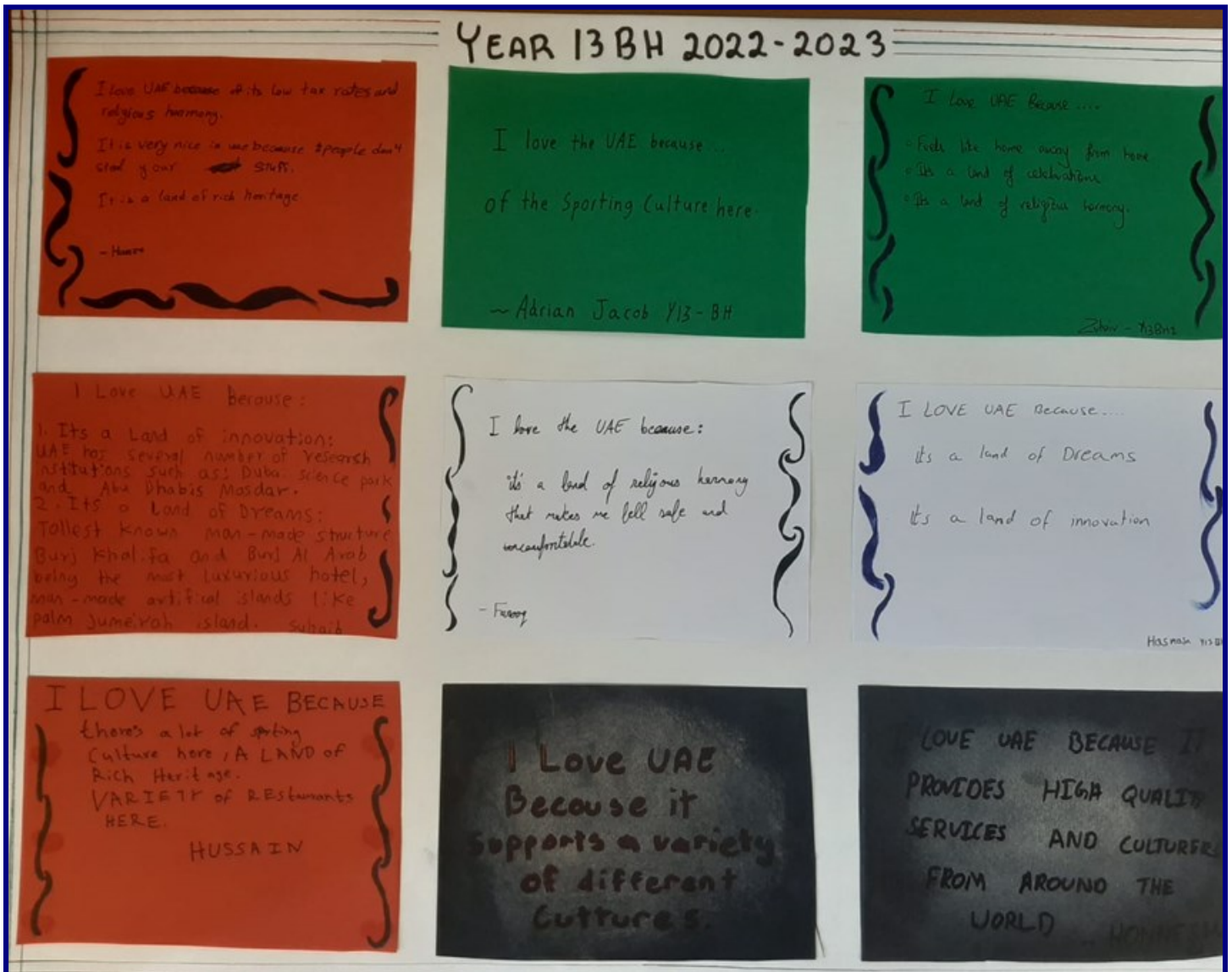
Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y8GF!



The Assembly theme was on Self-Confidence. We learnt about the importance of developing our self-confidence for future success, & some strategies to help us make that next move!



Secondary Section News



"I love UAE because..." Display by Y13 boys on Flag Day, 3/11/22.

Secondary Section News

Year 10 Sociology Students interviewed Mr. Shujahat Munir, WSS Vice Principal of on 8/11/22 in the Secondary Library with Ms. Haripriya.

It is the application of what they learned in Unit 1 Theory and Methods about different types of interviews and questions. Students asked both open ended and closed ended questions along with structured and unstructured interview style.



Secondary Section News



With Ms. Sony Mole



Year 7 UAE Flag Day Celebrations – 3/11/22

