

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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13th November, 2025



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

As we head into exam season from Monday 17/11/25, we wish your children every success! Remember, regular practice of key concepts throughout the Term is key to effective learning & reduces revision stress. Remember that your children

need lots of sleep, encouragement & healthy food—we are sure that with your loving support they will do very well & enjoy the pride of well-earned success!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Wednesday 19/11/25	Odd Socks Day to celebrate individual differences & unity through diversity! - You child may wear brightly-coloured, odd socks to school (optional)
Monday 17/11/25- Thursday 27/11/25	Term 1 exams. Whole school on exam timings 7:15am-12:15pm until end of Term.
Thursday 27/11/24	WSS celebrates UAE National Day (TBC). Students may come dressed in UAE national dress or fl g col urs & bring traditional food to share with friends (<i>optional</i>). As per the Authorities, no flags to be represented on food.
Thursday 4th Decem- ber	Last day of T1. Students are expected to attend until last day.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 13
13 نوفمبر 2025



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

مع اقتراب موسم الامتحانات يوم
الاثنين 17/11/25، نتمنى
لأطفالكم كل النجاح والتوفيق!
تذكر أن الممارسة المنتظمة
للمفاهيم الأساسية طوال الفصل
الدراسي هي مفتاح التعلم الفعال
وتقلل من ضغوط المراجعة. تذكر
أن أطفالك يحتاجون إلى الكثير
من النوم والتشجيع والطعام
الصحي - نحن على يقين من أنه بفضل دعمك المحب فإنهم
سينجحون كثيرًا ويستمتعون بفخر النجاح الذي استحقوه!

المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
من 6/10/25	• نظام التسجيل الإلكتروني مفتوح للتسجيل الجديد لشهر سبتمبر 2026. سيتم تطبيق مبدأ أسبقية الحضور للتقييم اعتبارًا من يناير 2026.
الاثنين 17/11/25 - الخميس 27/11/25	• تبدأ امتحانات الفصل الدراسي الأول. تنتقل المدرسة بأكملها إلى توقيت الامتحانات من الساعة 7:15 صباحًا حتى 12:15 ظهرًا.
الخميس 27/11/25	• تحتفل WSS باليوم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة (سيتم تحديده لاحقًا). يُسمح للطلاب بالحضور مرتدين الزي الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة أو ألوان العلم، وإحضار مأكولات تقليدية لمشاركتها مع أصدقائهم (اختياري). حسب المستندات لا يسمح بوضع العلم على الطعام بأي شكل كان.
الخميس 4 ديسمبر	• آخر يوم من امتحانات T1 • ومن المتوقع أن يستمر حضور الطلاب حتى اليوم الأخير.



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

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Parent Handbook Access QR

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



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Whole School News; Social Studies Exhibition, 13/11/25!



Whole School News; Exam Preparedness Top Tips from Our Islamic Council!

As the **First Term Exams** begin, our **Islamic Student Council members** inspired their peers with a meaningful reminder on exam readiness rooted in faith and hard work.

Their message emphasized that seeking knowledge is an act of worship, true success comes through sincerity, effort, and honesty, Tawakkul brings peace and confidence during exams, and a calm mind with a pure intention and disciplined routine leads to excellence. They reminded everyone of the Qur'anic verse: "And that there is not for man except that [good] for which he strives." (Surah An-Najm, 53:39) The session encouraged students to study with faith, work with honesty, and succeed with barakah.

**#WSSIslamicCouncil #ExamReadiness
#FaithAndFocus #TaqwalnAction**



Whole School News; Exam Preparedness Top Tips from Our Islamic Council!



This presentation was prepared and delivered by our Islamic Student Council members to different classes during break time to motivate their peers and remind them of the importance of sincere effort, discipline, and faith during the exam period.

The presentation highlights effective study habits, the value of honesty and hard work, and the importance of maintaining a calm and focused mind-set. It also reinforces the spiritual aspect of seeking knowledge as an act of worship.

Whole School News; This Week's Leadership GEMStone!

Leading with Diversity

NOVEMBER – WEEK 46

LEADING WITH GRATITUDE



CITRINE

Promotes recognising and appreciating contributions.

“ Gratitude turns small actions into meaningful connections. ”

MESSAGE: Gratitude is about more than saying thank you—it's about noticing and appreciating what others bring to the team. When you recognise someone's efforts, no matter how small, it makes them feel valued and important. This helps create a group where everyone feels connected and motivated to do their best.

REFLECT: How can I show others I value their contributions? What simple ways can I make gratitude part of my daily interactions with my friends and team

Whole School News; Week 9 ECA Report!



You Said,

Arabic Department - You shared your feedback requesting more revision opportunities and a reduction in assessment portions for Year 8 and Year 9 — aiming to ease academic load and help students focus better during exams.



We Did,

We introduced additional structured revision sessions and reduced assessment portions to cover fewer lessons per test.

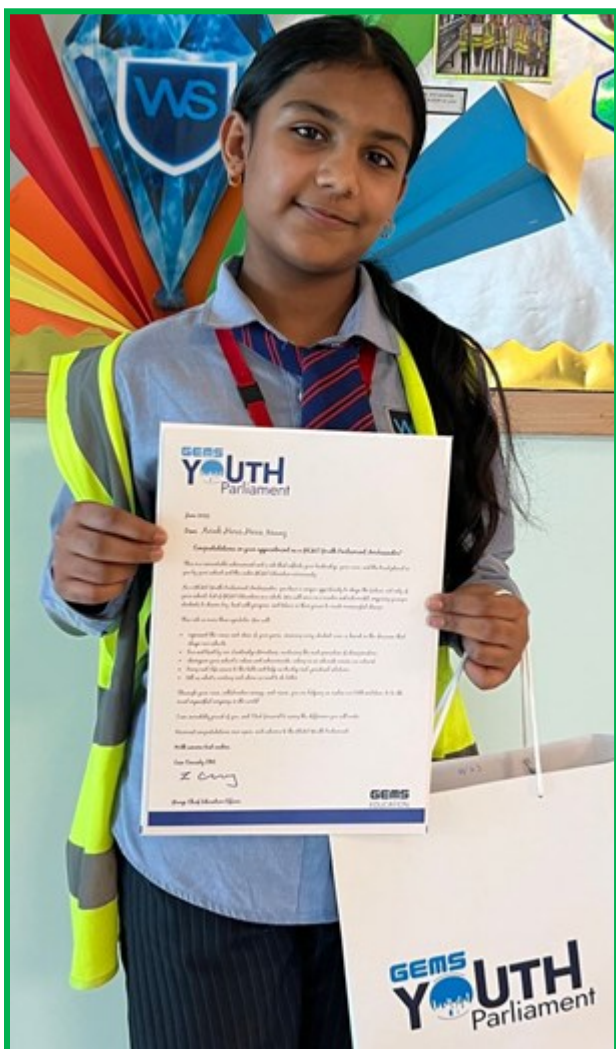
These updates were carefully implemented in collaboration with our teachers to maintain academic excellence while supporting student well-being.

*Whole School News;
Parent Voice— ‘You
Said... We Did...’!*

WSS Sporting Superstar Champions—The 4th WSS Northern Emirates Football Tournament, 3-6/11/25!



WSS Superstar Champions—GEMS Youth Parliament!



GEMS has formed a Youth Parliament, to give student an additional opportunity to have 'Voice' in their learning journey. Here is Airah Haris (Y6GS), one of our superstar Youth Parliament reps.

Nabia's Art Portfolio continues to mature. As she & her mother said, *"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" and that "the capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice"*.

As per Nabia's Art Teacher, Nabia is definitely a star for her commitment to completing her tasks beautifully & creatively. Here she has created a beautiful calligraphy composition in the lesson on Mattar Bin Lahej Arabic Calligraphy.

Keep it up Nabia!



Qazi Hamza (Y12B) is our Secondary Youth Parliament Rep. He said, *"As Youth Parliament representative, my role is to strengthen youth voices and unify opinions. This opportunity helps me better understand my peers and represent their perspectives. I'm eager to take on this journey with commitment and pride.."*

WSS Sporting Superstar Champions—The 4th WSS Northern Emirates Football Tournament, 3-6/11/25!

Tournament Report

GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah, proudly hosted the Northern Emirates Cup – Season 4 (2025), uniting 15 schools from across the region in a celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and athletic excellence. The four-day football tournament, featuring both girls' and boys' categories, aimed to promote physical fitness, discipline, and inter-school collaboration. The event showcased remarkable participation, flawless organization, and immense enthusiasm from students, teachers, and staff, making this edition one of the most memorable to date.

Event Summary

- Schools Participated: 15
- Total Teams: 64
- Total Participants: 742

Day-wise Overview

○ **Day 1 – Monday, 3rd November 2025 (Girls' Matches)** The tournament commenced with 15 schools participating in the girls' categories, involving 360 students, 50+ PE teachers, and 4 match officials. The league-stage matches highlighted high energy, coordination, and teamwork. Support from the school leadership team and the PE Department ensured a smooth and engaging start.

○ **Day 2 – Tuesday, 4th November 2025 (Boys' Matches)** Day two featured 382 boys competing across multiple age groups. The day was filled with exciting fixtures and skillful performances, balancing competitive spirit with fair play, coordinated efficiently by staff, officials, and volunteers.

○ **Day 3 – Wednesday, 5th November 2025 (Girls' Grand Final Day)** Eight schools with 192 student participants, 20 PE teachers, 4 officials, and the WSS PE team attended the Girls' Grand Finals. Support from 25 student volunteers, 25 junior school students, and 25 primary student volunteers contributed to seamless ground management and event logistics. The finals reflected top-tier performance, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

○ **Day 4 – Thursday, 6th November 2025 (Boys' Grand Final Day)** The Boys' Grand Finals brought together 10 schools, 192 student players, 20 PE teachers, 4 match officials, 25 student volunteers, and 26 junior school students. Matches were highly competitive, demonstrating the finest youth football talent, played with intensity, discipline, and exemplary sportsmanship.

GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah – Performance Highlights

The host school proudly participated in all categories, delivering outstanding performances:

- U-9 Girls – Winners
- U-11 Girls – Winners
- U-13 Girls – Winners
- U-15 Boys – Winners
- U-13 Boys – Runner-up
- U-11 Boys – Third Runner-up

Individual Awards for WSS

- U9 girl's best player: Ken-za Zorgati Y4S1
- U11 girls best player: Ma-lak Islam Y6GS
- U13 Boys best Goalkeeper: Mohamed Nasser Y7 BF
- U15 Best player : YOUSEF MOHI SALA-MA Y10BH
- U15 Best goalkeeper: MU-HAMMAD AREEB US-MAN Y9BF

WSS Sporting Superstar Champions—The 4th WSS Northern Emirates Football Tournament, 3-6/11/25!

NORTHERN EMIRATES SOCCER CUP *season 4*



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**THE NORTHERN EMIRATES SOCCER CUP
EXTERNAL SCHOOLS**



WSS Sporting Superstar Champions—The 4th WSS Northern Emirates Football Tournament, 3-6/11/25!



U15



U13

WSS Sporting Superstar Champions—The 4th WSS Northern Emirates Football Tournament, 3-6/11/25!

NORTHERN EMIRATES SOCCER CUP

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS



WSS Sporting Superstar Champions—The 4th WSS Northern Emirates Football Tournament, 3-6/11/25!

THE NORTHERN EMIRATES SOCCER CUP

SIXTH FORM VOULENTEERS

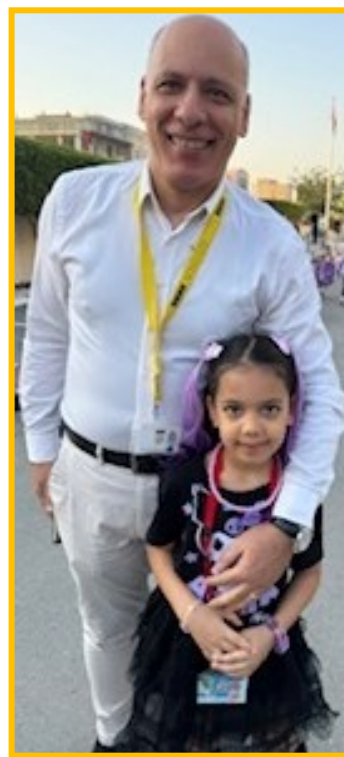


Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



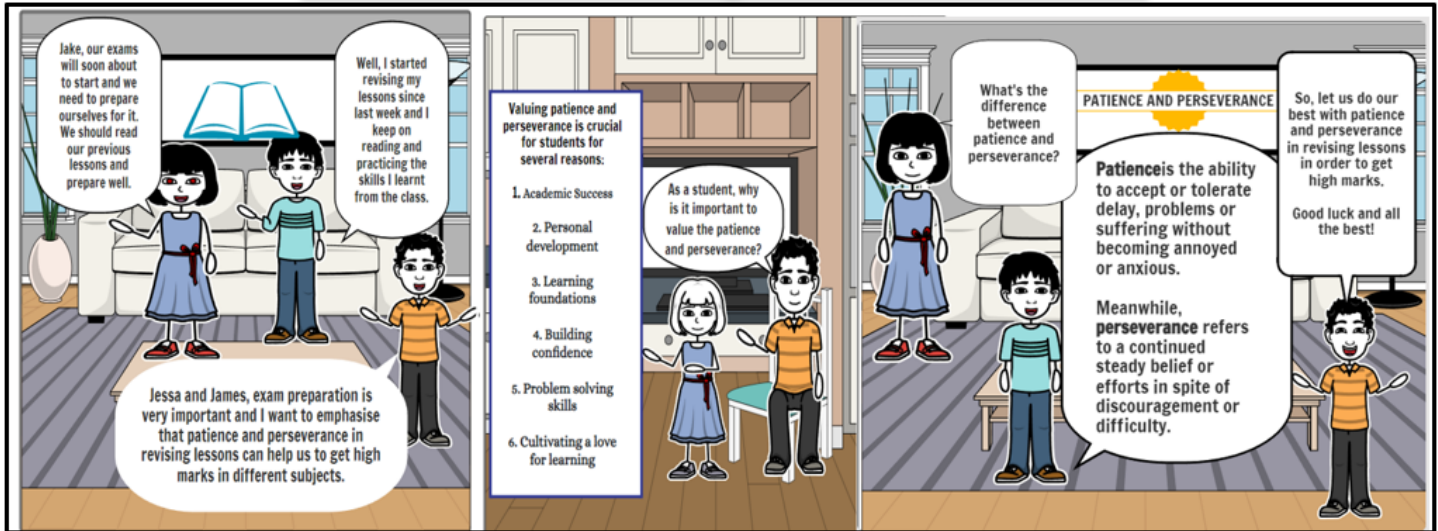
The WSS Environmental Team of teachers & students is submitting this project to the Dubai Parks Environmental Competition & Exhibition. The theme was to create a habitat for the red panda.

Happy Birthdays!

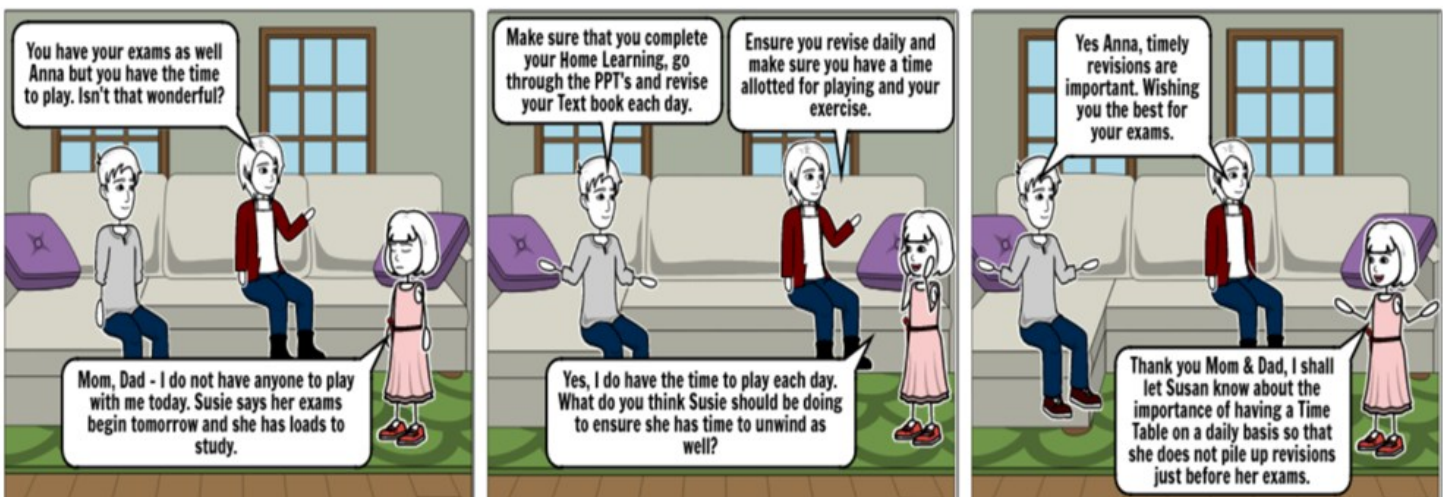


Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

Patience and perseverance



Preparedness for Exams



Whole School News; Staff CPD!

HOD MOE Subjects Dr. Osama represent ed GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah at the Bloomington Edu Conference held on Saturday 8th November, 2025.

He participated in an open panel discussion alongside various educational leaders from across the UAE. The session was titled '*Arabic Language Between the Challenges of Teaching and Assessment in the Age of Cognitive Transformation*' & provided a valuable platform to exchange insights and experiences.



Learning Coach Ms. Christine led a whole-school session on 'Planning for Progress' the next step in our 'Teach Like a GEM' programme.

WSS Junior Section T1 ECA Superstar Champions!



Certificate of Appreciation for the ECA Club!



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WSS Junior Section T1 ECA Superstar Champions!



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WSS Junior Section 'Be a GEM' Superstar Champions of the Week!



Arabic Week Winners!

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions of the Week!



WSS Junior Section 'Be a GEM' Superstar Champions of the Week!



WSS Junior Section 'Be a GEM' Superstar Champions of the Week!



Congratulations to superstar swimmer Younis Tamer for winning first place in a recent ALL-STARS swimming competition.

WSS Junior Section Be a GEM Superstar Champions!



Take-Home -eddy Winner of the week!



Junior News; Family First October Recipe Activity



Congratulations to Zidan (Y2D2) & his parents for being awarded a Family First certificate for their delicious recipe submitted as part of GEMS October Family First activity. GEMS plans to publish a Family First Recipe Book, with all GEMS school's best recipes! We really hope that Zidan's is one of those selected.

Junior News; Family First Parent Engagement Read Like a GEM (RLAG)!



Thank you to dedicated WSS parents for engaging so enthusiastically as Reading Ambassadors, promoting critical reading skills through RLAG & Family First values. We love the positive teamwork!

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Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y2H1, 13/11/25

‘Be a GEM’—Integrity with Kindness!



Y2H2's Assembly reminded us that integrity & kindness go hand-in-hand. If we want others to trust us, we must tell the truth, even if we are scared or it's difficult. Y2H2 presented very confidently & clearly—well done!

Junior Section News; Assembly Time with FS2D1, 13/11/25 *‘Be a GEM’—Kindness!*



‘Be a GEM’ Routines—Leave Your Class as you Entered



Junior Section News; Week 9 ECA Report!



ECA Club little stitchers

Junior Section News; Learning Activities (General)!



Thank you Kinda (Y3F1) for sharing your super cute video about the UAE. This is a great way to develop confidence & speaking skills.



Receptionist Ms. Michelle appreciated these 3 students for waiting quietly & calmly in the Reception area. Thank you Mums!



Assembly Choirs

Junior Section News; FS2D1 Learning Activities!



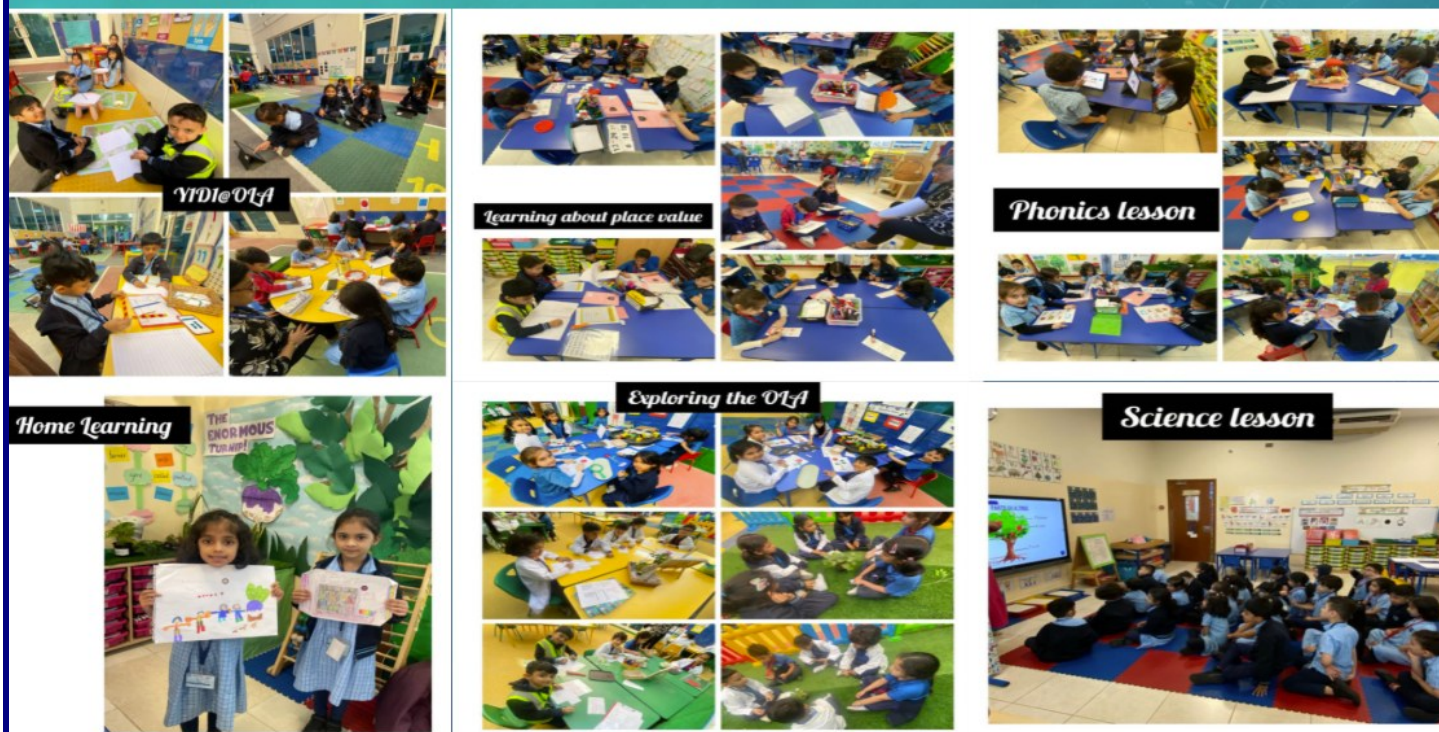
Junior Section News; Y1F Learning Activities!

Y1F with Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Foumy



Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

Y1 D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna



Y1 D2 with Ms. Ane



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. Sadiqa and Ms. Asma



Junior Section News; Y2F Learning Activities!

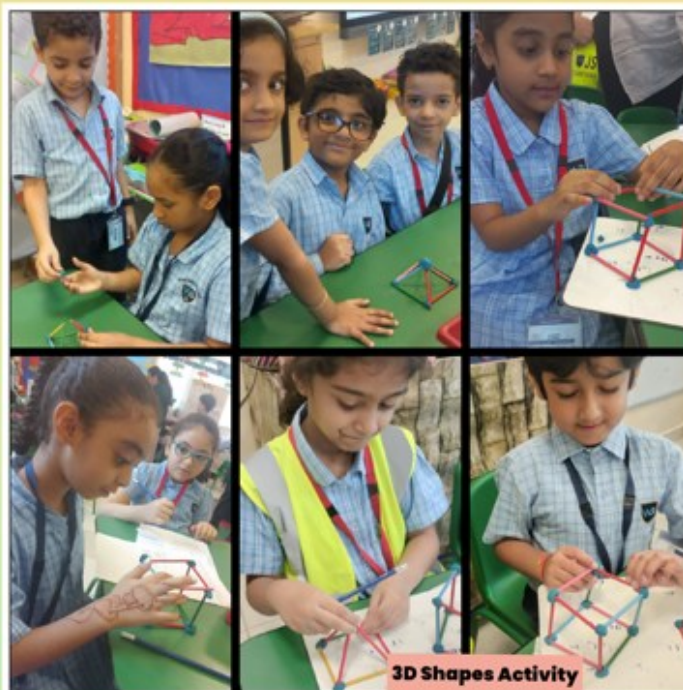
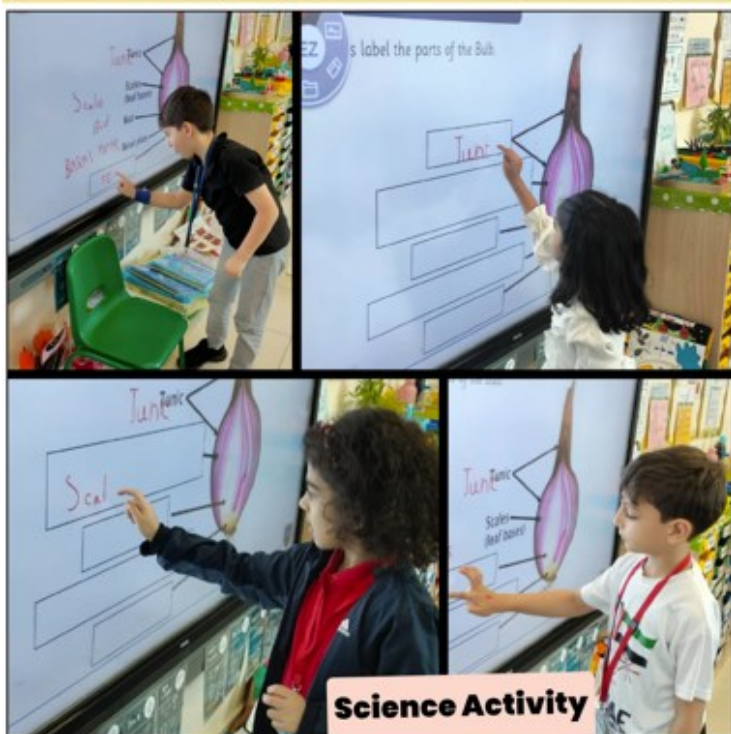
Y2F with Ms. Mangala & Ms. Fiza



Congratulations



Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!



**Y2H1 WITH MS SARAH &
MS ASHIKA**

Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!

Junior Section: Y2 H2

Ms. Jinitra and Ms. Jameela



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!

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



Y2S2-Celebrating Flag Day with Ms. Sabiha and Ms. Benil



WSS Primary Section Be a GEM Superstar Champions!

Congratulations to Karate superstar Adam (Y6BS) for achieving great results in the recent UAE Karate Championship. He won a silver medal in Kata and a bronze medal in Kumite. This reflects perseverance, hard work & commitment. Well done Adam—we are proud of you!



WSS Primary Section Be a GEM Superstar Champions!



Y6GH – Class CHAMPIONS



Y6GH – Dojo CHAMPIONS



Y6GH – Reading CHAMPIONS



Reading Champion
Saad Karim



Be A GEM
Yehia Mahmoud



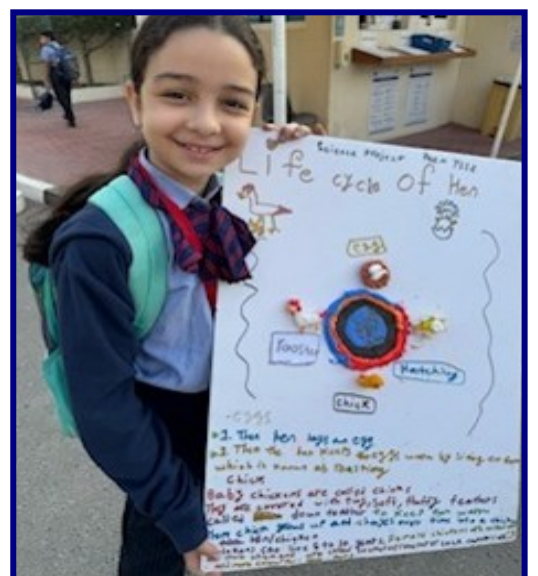
Class Champion
Zayed Rizwan



Class Champion
Marwan Alaaeldin

Class Champions
of Y6BF

Primary Section News; Learning Activities (General)!



Primary News; Family First Parent Engagement Science Event, 10/11/25!

International Science Day Parental Engagement Activity



Primary News; Family First Parent Engagement Science Event, 10/11/25!



Parents took the initiative to show experiments in class to instill scientific curiosity .



*Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5
SPEA NAFI Anti-Bullying Campaign— 'Say No to Bullying,
Yes to Values' & Y5F2 'The Power of Good!'*



Y5F2 led a well-prepared & important Assembly on anti-bullying. We learnt the difference between jokes (words that make us laugh) & teasing (words that make someone sad, which is bullying). Teasing & bullying leave long-term scars—we must use our words kindly.

Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5F2 ‘The Power of Good’—Anti-Bullying, 12/11/25!



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5F2 'The Power of Good'—Anti-Bullying, 12/11/25!

Year 5F2 proudly presented "The Power of Good" — an inspiring Anti-Bullying Assembly with Mr. Arvie. Together, they reminded us that every student has the power to choose kindness and make a change.

♥ #StopBullying #ChooseKindness



Primary Section News; Y3 Learning Activities!



Y3S2 -Ayeza

Hats off to our Reading Wise Class Champion!



Y3S2 -Science grows best when home and school explore together.

With Ms. Lissy & Ms. Anastacia



We thank the father of **Aldana** of Y3D1

Mr. Mohamed Hashem

Alhashmi for his participation during the International Science Day celebration.

Primary Section News; Y4 STEAM Learning!

Building Bridges, Building Minds! Y4H1 young engineers explored strength and design by creating straw bridges during the STEAM lesson — teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving in action!



Y4 Anti-Bullying Week!



As part of Anti-Bullying Week, Y4H2 students wrote inspiring kindness quotes on paper leaves and created a beautiful **Kindness Tree** to spread the message of empathy and respect.

Y4S1 Anti-Bullying Week & Reading Champions!

Y4 S1 ANTI BULLYING : ACT OF KINDNESS

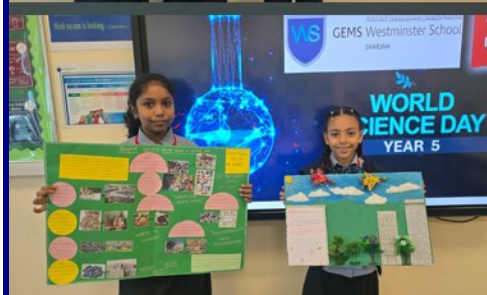
- An act of **kindness** relates to **anti-bullying** because kindness helps build a **positive, caring environment** where everyone feels **safe, respected, and valued**. When students show kindness — through words, actions, or support — it reduces the chances of bullying and encourages empathy.



Our Year 4 S1 students celebrated Anti-Bullying Week by creating beautiful Kindness Tree! Each leaf on the tree carries a special message or act of kindness written by the students — from kind words they have said, to caring actions they have shown towards their classmates



Primary Section News; Y5 Learning Activities!



Y5 - Science Projects

► Young minds, bright ideas — shaping futures through science! 🌞 🔬



Y5D1 – World Science Day

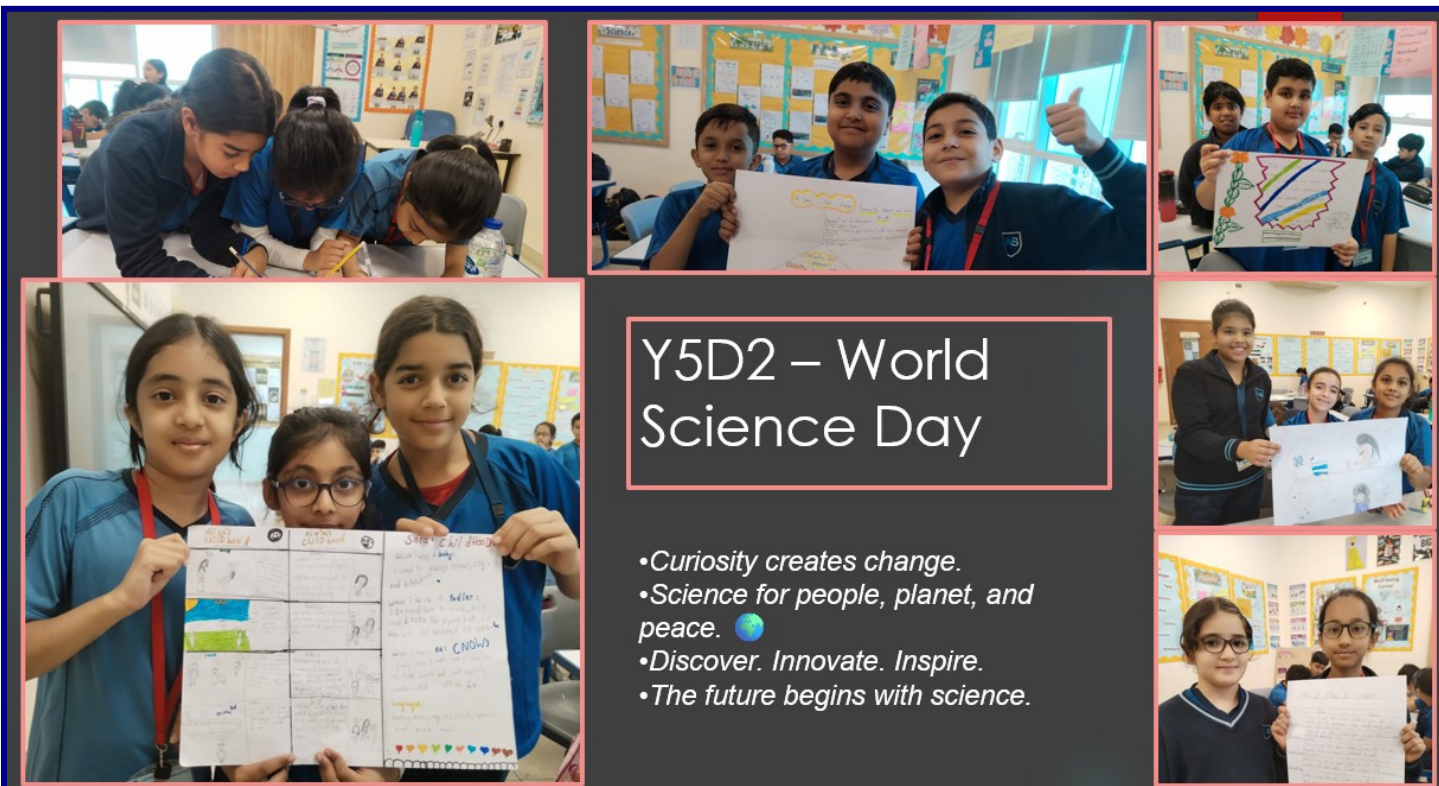
► Science is the heartbeat of progress. Let's celebrate curiosity today! 🔬💡
#WorldScienceDay

Primary Section News; Y5D2 Learning Activities!



► In just 75 days, our students have built friendships, embraced challenges, and shown true passion for learning. 🌟 Y5D2

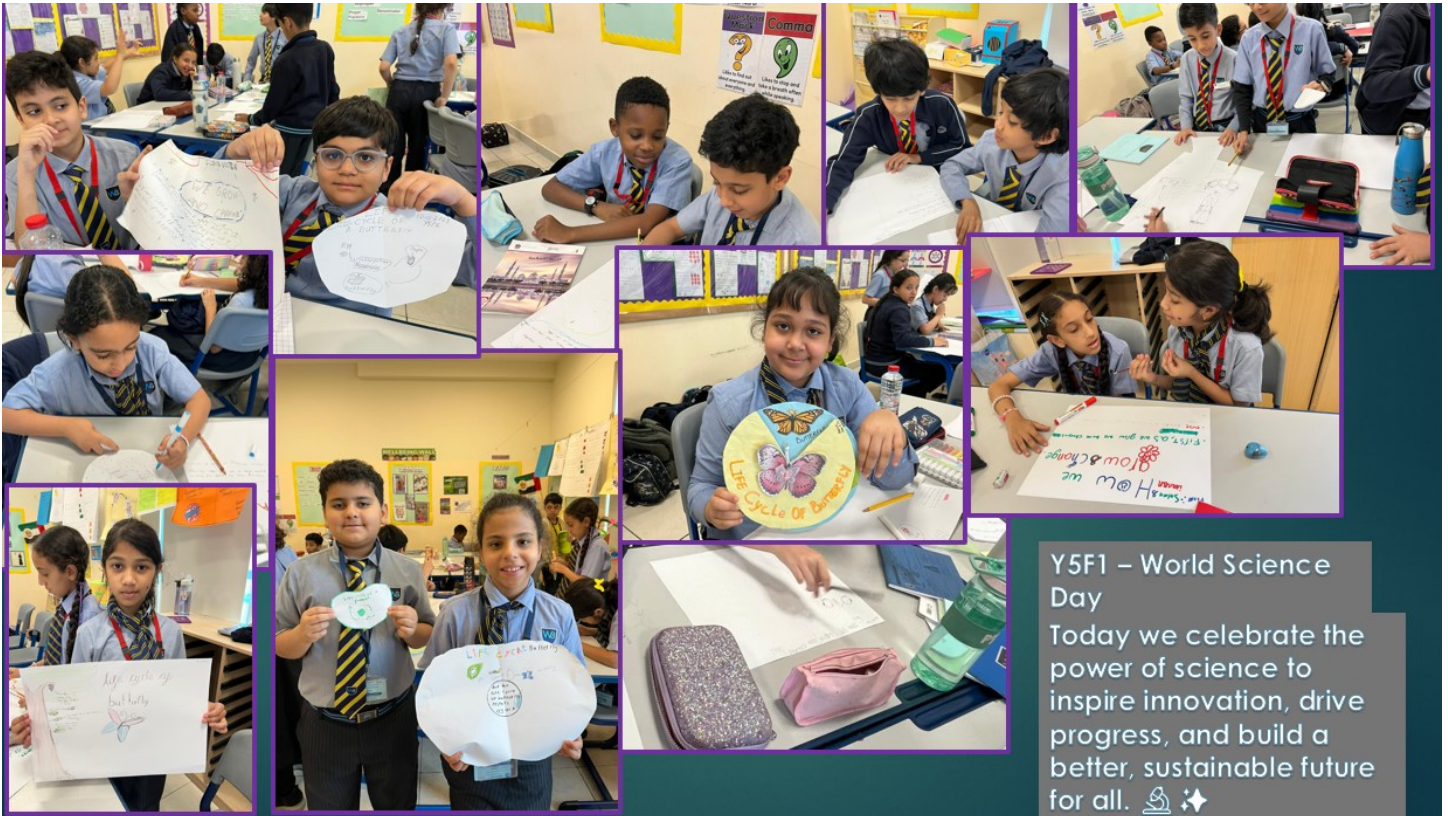
Celebrating our first 75 days at WSS!



Y5D2 – World Science Day

- Curiosity creates change.
- Science for people, planet, and peace. 🌍
- Discover. Innovate. Inspire.
- The future begins with science.

Primary Section News; Y5F1 Learning Activities!



Primary Section News; Y5F2 Learning Activities!

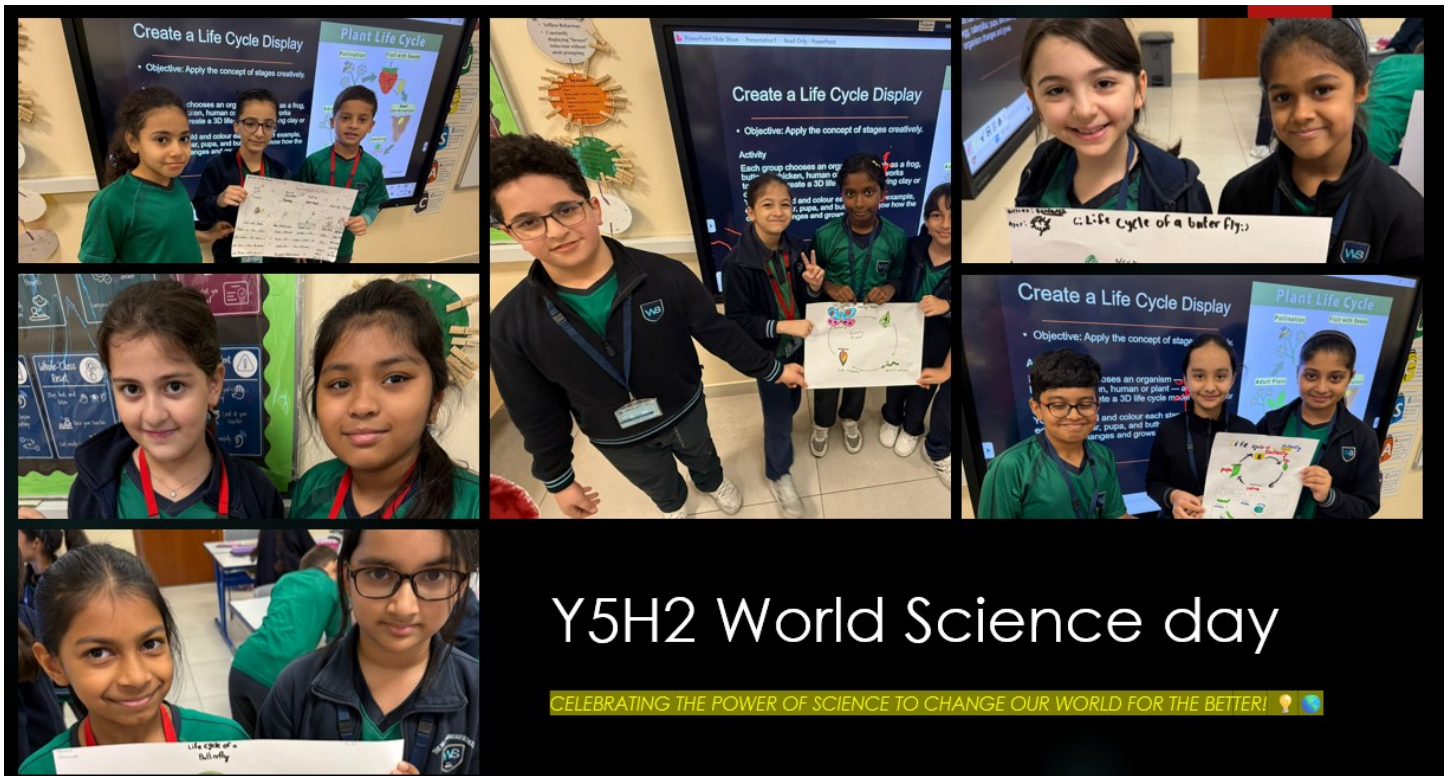


Primary Section News; Y5H Learning Activities!



Y5H1 World Science Day

► Science lights the path to a brighter, sustainable future. 🌍



Y5H2 World Science day

CELEBRATING THE POWER OF SCIENCE TO CHANGE OUR WORLD FOR THE BETTER! 🌍💡

Primary Section News; Y5H Learning Activities!



Y5S1 – World Science Day

► Stay curious. Keep exploring. Change the world. 🚀 ✨ #WorldScienceDay

Primary Section News; Y6 Safeguarding Drill!



Y6BD Fire Drill- 11.11.25

Y6BH Fire Drill- 11.11.25

Y6BS Fire Drill- 11.11.25

Y6BF Fire Drill- 11.11.25

Y6 Students and staff participated in a fire drill to practice safe and orderly evacuation procedures. The activity aimed to build awareness, preparedness, and ensure everyone knows how to respond calmly in case of an emergency.

Y6 Boys
Safety First —
Practicing
Preparedness During
Our Fire Drill.

Primary Section News; Y6 Radio Club & STEAM Activity!



PRIMARY RADIO STATION @ WSS



Airah Haris
Y6 GS



Yehia Mahmoud
Y6 BF



Muhammad Hadi
Y6BS

Noureen Mohammad
Y6 GH



Muhammad Hadi
Y6 BD



Farida Osama
Y6 GS

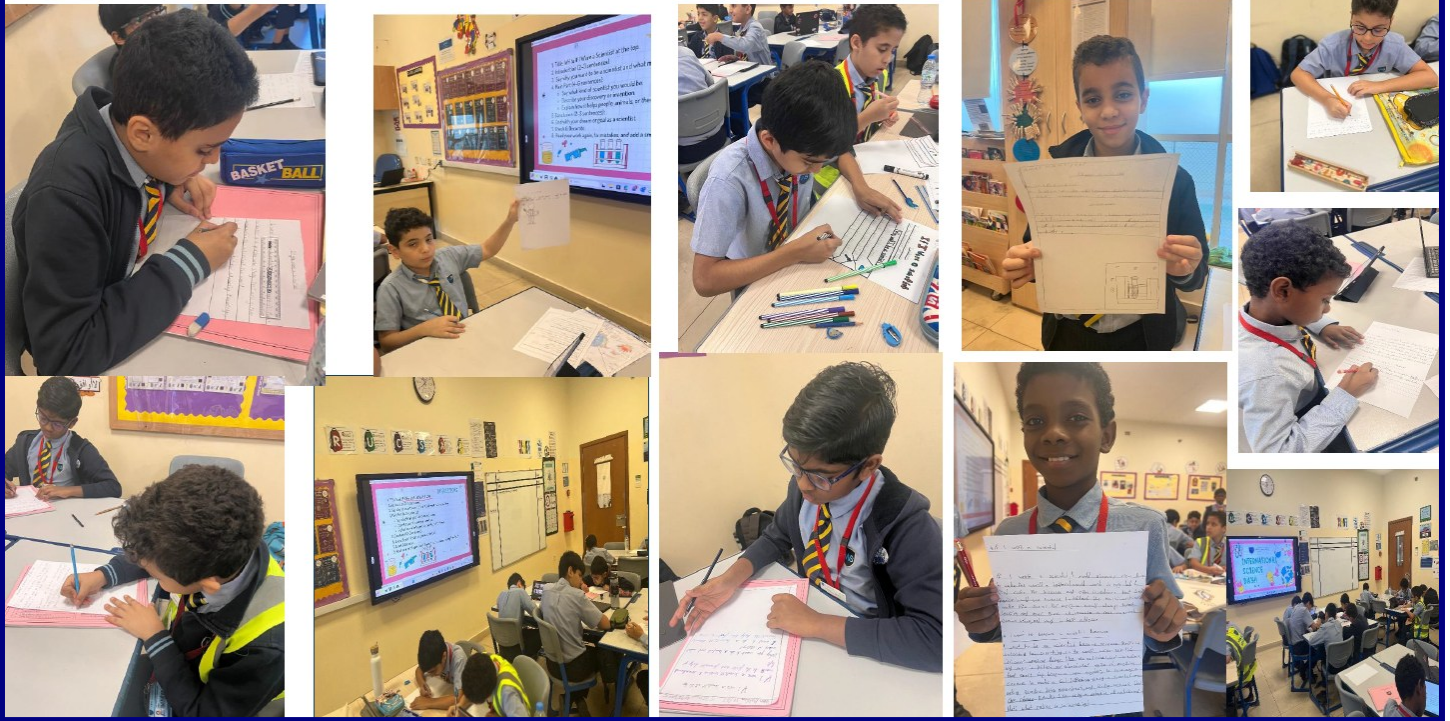
Y6 Primary Radio Station



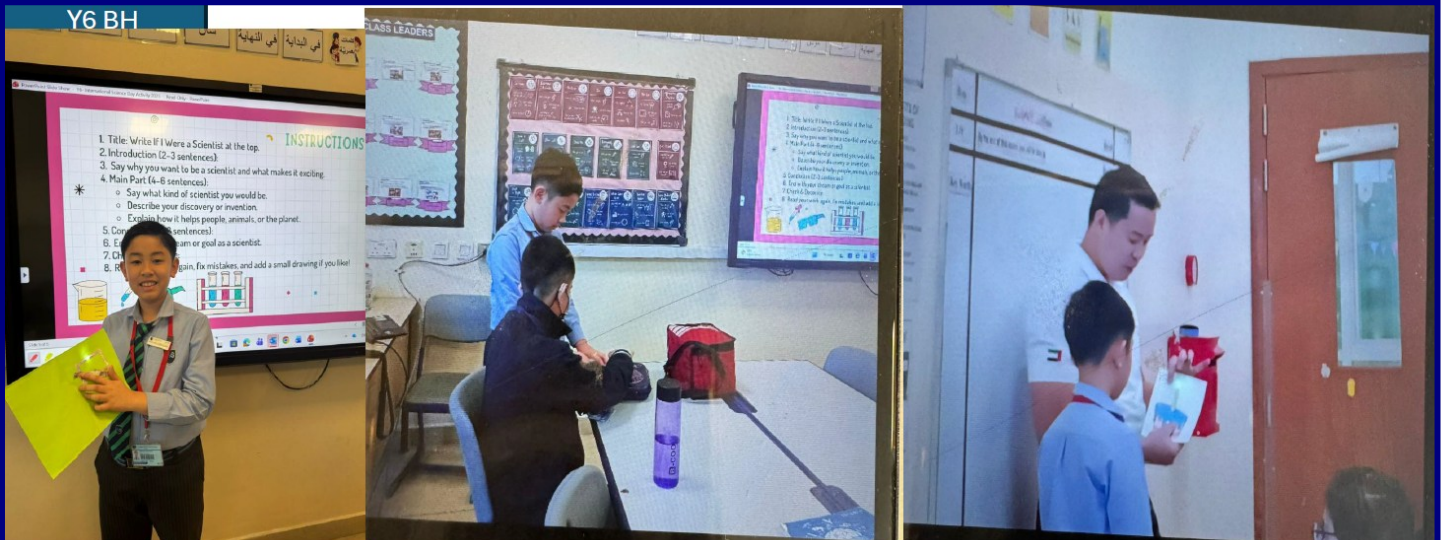
Primary Section News; Y6 Science Day!

Y6 BF

International Science Day Activity

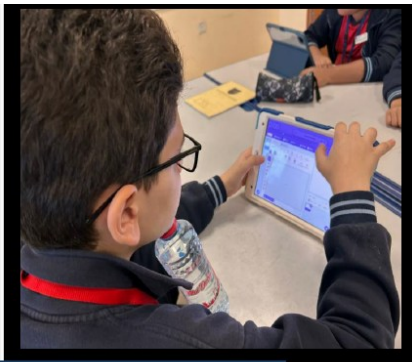
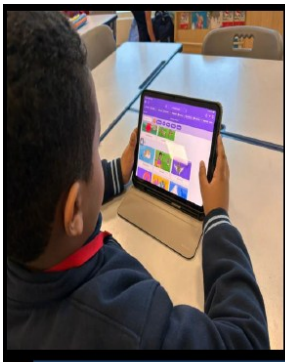


Y6 BH

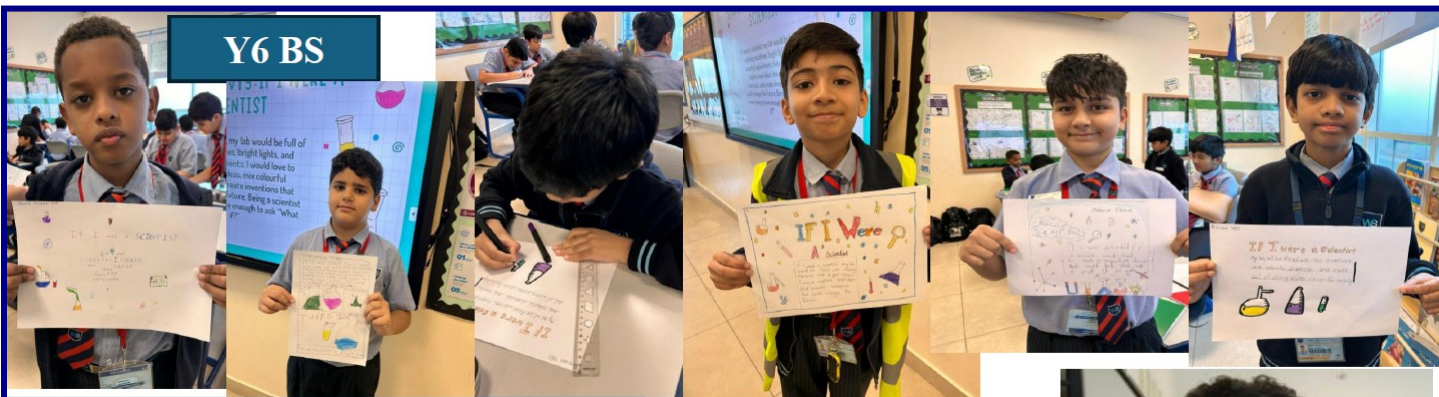
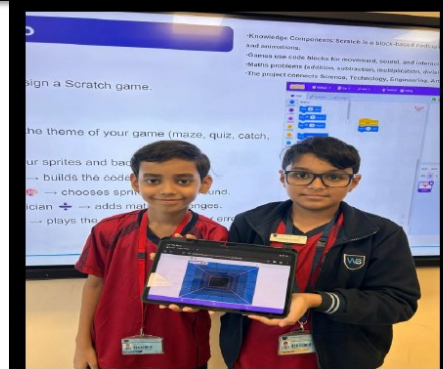
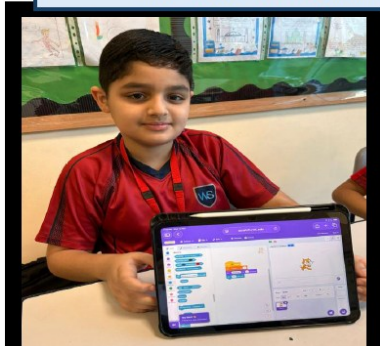


Y6 Students enthusiastically participated in the International Science Day activity, exploring the wonders of science through hands-on experiments and creative projects. The event aimed to spark curiosity, promote scientific thinking, and celebrate the importance of innovation in our daily lives.

Primary Section News; Y6BS STEAM Activities!

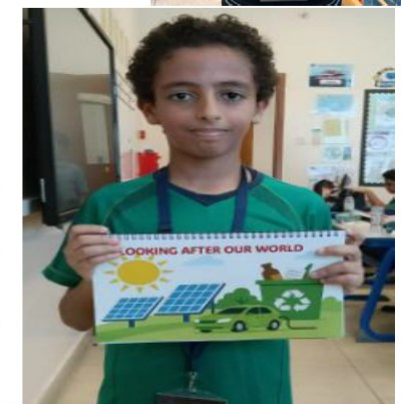
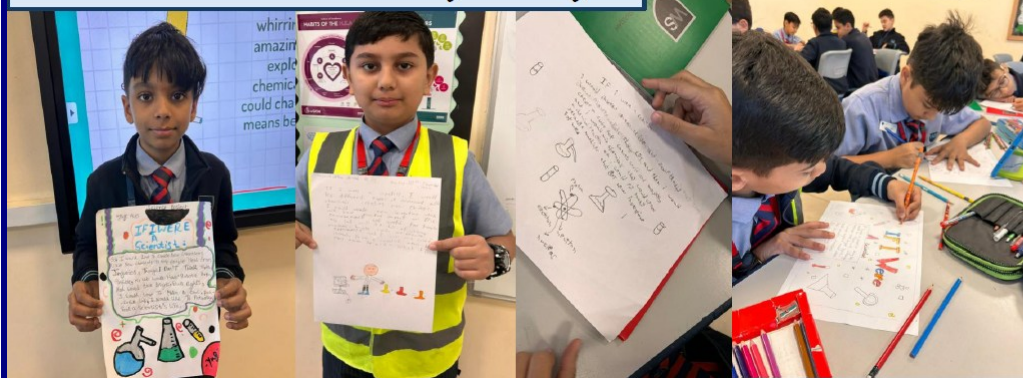


Y6 BS STEAM Lesson



Y6 BS

International Science Day Activity



Y6 BH Yousif Hassan

Primary Section News; Y6 STEAM Activities!



Y6 GD

**Y6GD-STEAM activity
Creating a Math Game using SCRATCH**



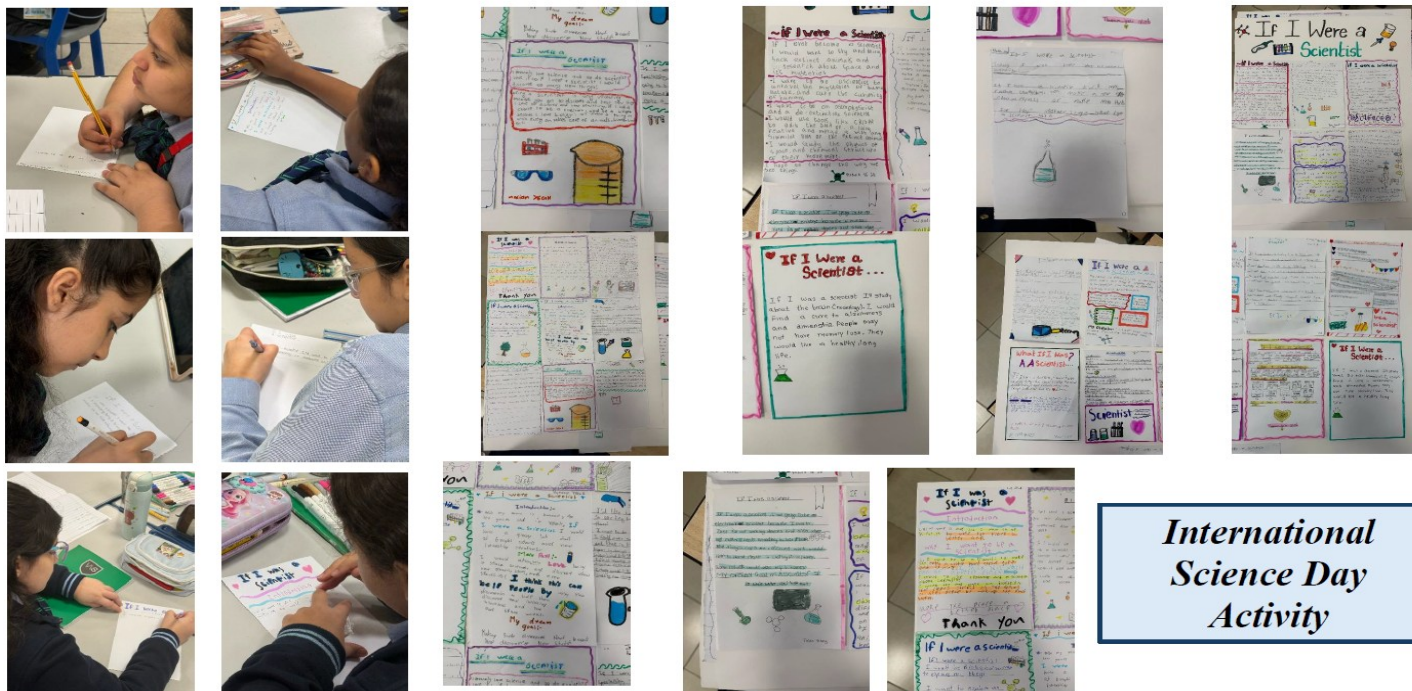
International Science Day Activity



**Y6GF-STEAM activity
Creating a Math Game using SCRATCH**

Primary Section News; Y6GH STEAM Activities!

Y6 GH

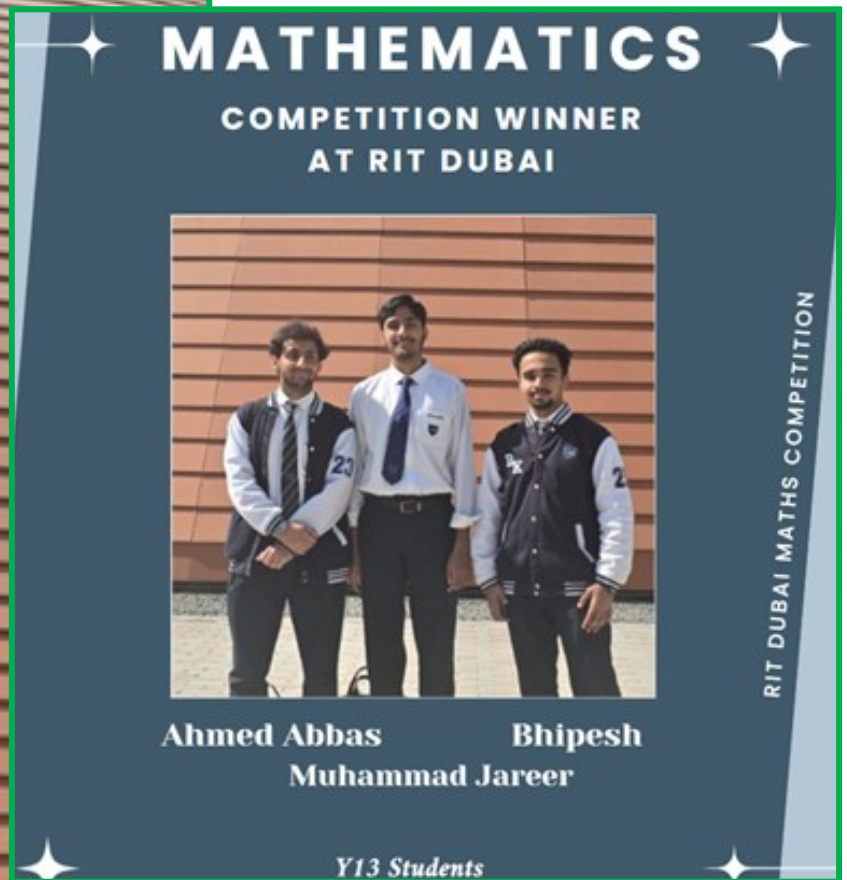


*International
Science Day
Activity*



Y6GH-Hafsah brought different types of leaves from home to show the difference between simple and compound leaves. This hands-on activity helped the class revise and better understand what we learnt in our Science lesson.

WSS Secondary Section Maths Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to our trio of mathematical superstars who won third place in the Mathematics competition held at RIT Dubai. We love their hard work and dedication!

WSS Secondary Section KS3 'Be a GEM' Superstar Champions!



KS3 GEMS of the Month

KS3 New Student Leaders



WSS Secondary Section Be a GEM Superstar Champions!

Be a GEM Reward-Bhipesh Suneel Kumar and Abeer Hossain Munshi Y 13



Shining bright! Bhipesh Suneel Kumar and Abeer Hossain Munshi Y 13 BF earned *Be a Gem* award for consistently demonstrating exemplary behavior, positive values, kindness, responsibility, and outstanding conduct.

Secondary Section News; 100 Days at WSS!



100 days at WSS



"Completing 100 days at WSS has been an amazing journey filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. In these days, I have not only gained knowledge from my teachers but also learned important values like discipline, teamwork, and responsibility. I have made new friends, explored different activities, and faced challenges that helped me become more confident and independent. Every day at WSS has been a step towards discovering my potential and creating memories that I will cherish forever. I am excited to continue this journey and make the days ahead even more meaningful."

SAFAE

Secondary News; Family First Parent Engagement Flag Day Competition, 10/11/25!!

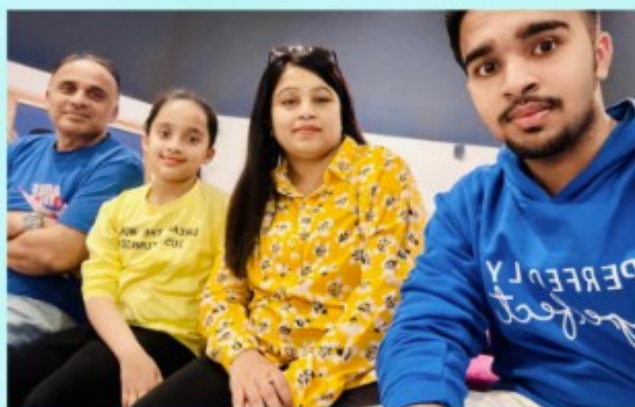


KS5 Parent Partnership - Parenting tips



I keep our home a judgment-free zone where my child feels heard. Our best talks happen during quiet moments, and sharing my own experiences helps build trust.

I've learned that balance matters. We plan study time together while keeping space for rest and fun. Trust and support keep my child focused and responsible



Biphesh Sunil Kumar & Family

Y13-BF

My biggest challenge is balancing freedom and boundaries. I guide my teen to make their own choices and reflect on rest and balance. It's hard to step back, but rewarding to see them grow.

Secondary News; Family First Parent Voice Parenting Tips!



As a working parent, I may not always be hands-on, but I keep our home calm and positive. I trust my kids' independence, and their IGCSE results reflect their motivation and discipline.

We keep our conversations light and respectful. I make time during meals or short breaks to listen without judgment, and those moments build trust and openness.



Arjun Sujeev & Family
Y12-BH

Balancing work and parenting is tough, and I sometimes feel I'm not doing enough. But I focus on being emotionally present—quality time matters more than quantity.

Secondary Section News

KS3 Assembly Time With Y7GF & Guest Presenter Ms. Aruj from SLICES, on Nutrition, 10/11/25!

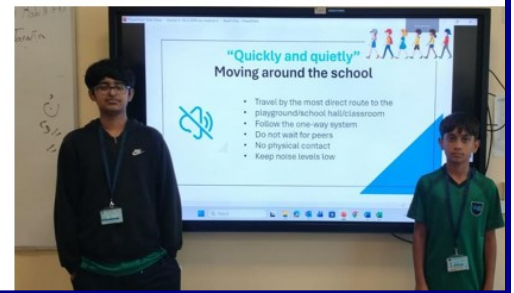
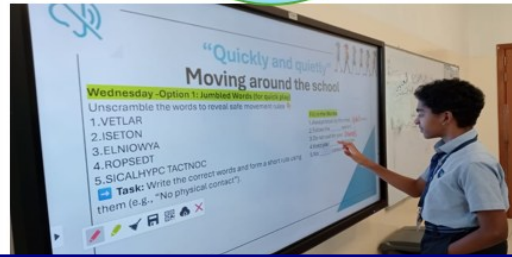
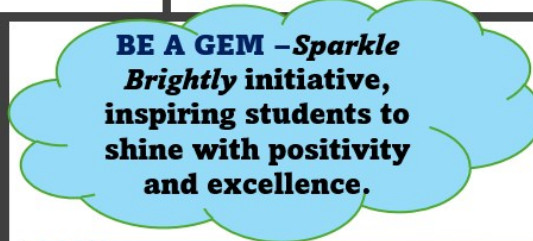
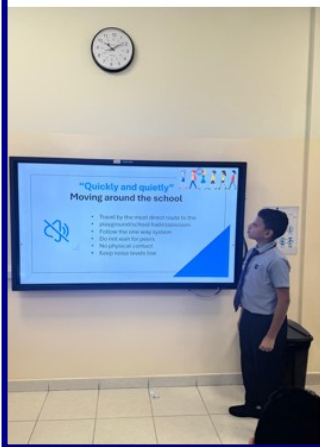


WSS is working towards SPEA accreditation as a 'Health-Promoting School'. This means we are reviewing & extending our Safeguarding, Wellbeing & Health initiatives for students & staff across the school. This week's KS3 focus was 'Healthy Lifestyle, particularly nutrition & sleep.

Thank you to guest speaker Ms. Aruj (from canteen provider SLICES) for addressing the students & taking Q&A .



Secondary Section News; KS3 Learning Activities!



An assembly was conducted on the importance of health and nutrition. Students were informed about healthy eating habits, balanced diet, and the benefits of exercise. The assembly helped everyone understand how to stay healthy and take care of their bodies.



GEM OF THE MONTH



Hoor Mahmoud-Y7GH



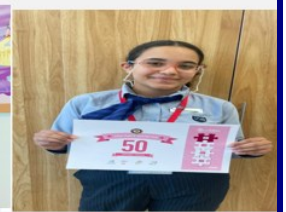
Ishal Mariam-Y7GF



Hana Walel-Y8G



Sophia Muhammed-Y8GD



Ganatala-Y9GD



Secondary Section News; WSS Career Fair for KS4 & KS5, Saturday 8/11/25!



Around 75 KS4 & KS5 students & their parents attended the weekend Career fair. 25 universities were represented, with enrichment sessions including Admission & Application Guidance (AUS), Exploring Careers in Aviation (UKCBC/Omega Aviation Academy, Greece), How to Write an Effective Statement of Purpose (IDP Education) & Thriving in University Life (WSS Alumni). The Fair provided valuable guidance on Higher Education, Scholarships & career choices, with some students even confirming their university admission during the event. This made it a truly meaningful & inspiring experience for all. Huge thanks to our Alumni & staff for their attendance & support at such an important event.



Secondary Section News; WSS Career Fair for KS4 & KS5, Saturday 8/11/25!

MEDICAL DOORWAY SESSION FOR ASPIRING MEDICAL STUDENTS



Interested sixth form students attended an informative session facilitated by Medical Doorway on pursuing Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, and Dentistry in the UK and Europe for the 2026 intake. The session covered key considerations such as entry requirements, university selection, application and admission procedures, and transition to university life. The discussion provided students with valuable insights to help them plan their academic pathways effectively and make informed decisions about studying in the UK or Europe.



The engagement of staff parents with their children added a personal and inspiring dimension to the event, highlighting the collaborative spirit that underpins the WSS learning environment.

Secondary Section News; WSS Career Fair for KS4 & KS5, Saturday 8/11/25!

Y11 – 13 STUDENTS EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES AT THE WSS CAREER FAIR



The WSS Career Fair 2025, held on 8th November, brought together around 75 students (majority from Y11 and 12), many accompanied by their parents, and six alumni. Engaging with alumni and university representatives, parents and students made the most of the WSS Career Fair to discover career and study options.



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Our enthusiastic WSS alumni who returned to share their post-school experiences and insights with current students. Alumni engagement continues to strengthen the school community, reflecting the lasting connection between past and present students.

Secondary Section News
Y10 SPARK-X Exhibition Sign-up!



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**YEAR-10 EXHIBITION
SPARK X: IDEAS THAT INSPIRE**

REGISTER NOW

OPEN TO YEAR 10

To encourage innovation, creativity, and teamwork among students across subjects through hands-on exploration and presentation.

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Deadline to Register
Monday, 17th November 2025

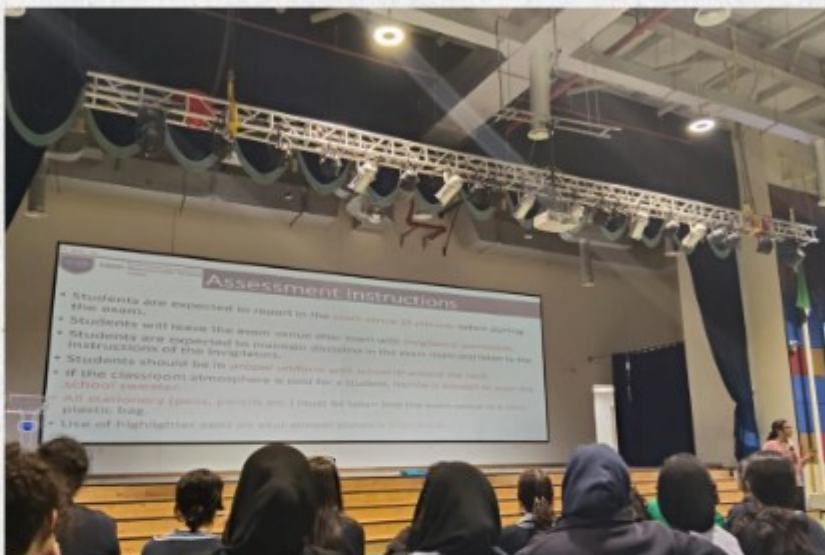
Registered students will receive the details from the teacher in charge before 24th November 2025

Secondary Section News; Art Club!

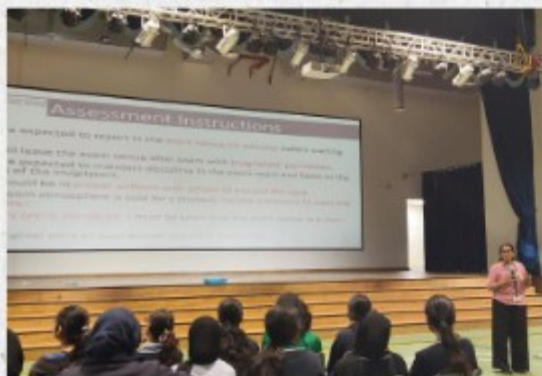


KS4 Exam Expectations & Registration Procedure for May/June 2026 series Session by Ms. Sherin

- Information for students – IGCSE May/June 2026
- After the Mock 3 Examination results, students must ask subject teachers - registering for the May/June 2026 IGCSE.
 - Once approval is received from both the subject teacher and the subject teacher, students may proceed with the registration process.
 - The Examinations Department will soon share the fee and the deadline.
 - Students must pay the total examination fees for all the given deadline.
 - Intervention classes and a personalised study plan will be provided to help you improve your performance in Mock 3 examinations.



An insightful session where students gained clarity on exam procedures, expectations, and addressed their queries ahead of the May/June 2026 IGCSE series.



Secondary Section News; KS4 Learning Activities!

KS4 Parent Engagement- Poster Competition and E-Magazine release.

THEME: "HAND IN HAND- YEAR OF COMMUNITY"



Spot the GEM!



Leave as you enter!
Leaving the classroom



**A tidy room, a peaceful mind,
Where focus grows and
thoughts unwind.
Keep it clean, keep it bright,
Learning shines in spaces right**



ANTIBULLYING AWARENESS ACTIVITY-Y10BH1

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about."

SPEAK UP AND REPORT

Speak Up and Report - Tell a trusted adult or teacher immediately when bullying happens.



SUPPORT OTHERS

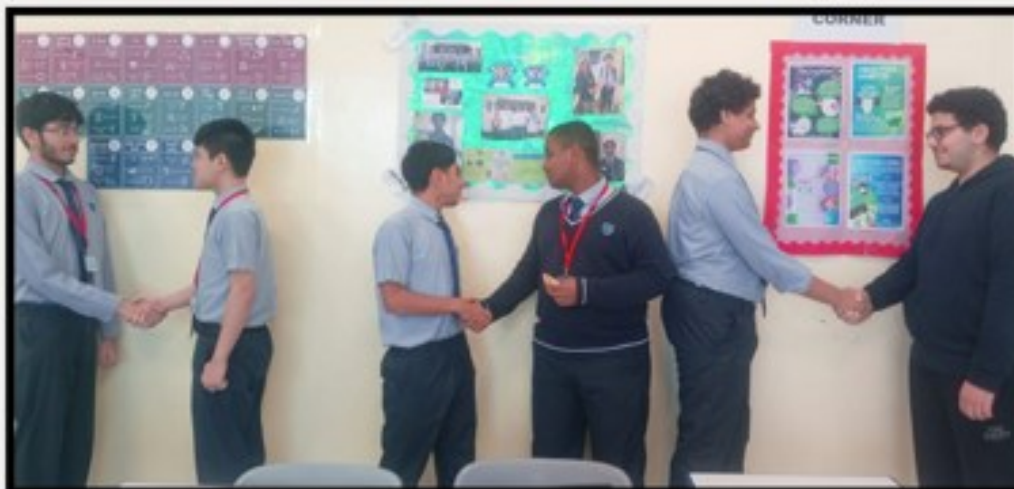
Support Others - Stand with or comfort the person being bullied and refuse to join in.

PROMOTE KINDNESS AND RESPECT

Promote Kindness and Respect - Treat everyone with empathy and help create a positive, safe environment.



KS4 ANTIBULLYING AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



Secondary Section News; KS5 Leadership & Learning!

KS5 Alumni Spotlight — Learning from Our Own



Our graduates, Alishba and Areej Moin (Class of 2024), returned to speak with our students about life after school, university pathways, and making confident choices. Their honest reflections and practical advice gave our girls a clear, relatable picture of what lies ahead — proof that WSS alumni continue to inspire long after they've moved on.

Secondary Section News; KS5 Leadership & Learning!

KS5 Girls: Smash, Sweat, Reset — Refreshing the Mind Before Mock Exams



Before diving into their mock examinations, our KS5 girls took a well-earned breather on the badminton court. A quick game, a good laugh, and a cool-down later, they walked back with clearer minds and lighter hearts — sometimes a reset is exactly what success needs.



Secondary Section News; KS5 Leadership & Learning!

KS5 Well-being Check: 100 Days of Growth, Friendship, and New Beginnings



Shifana

KS5 celebrated a special milestone — our new students completing 100 days at WSS! The event recognised their journey of adaptation, achievement, and belonging as they've become part of the Westminster family. We did miss Raima Nishad during the fun photo session, but she was very much in our thoughts as we marked this moment.



Safae Zarraf



Hidaya Imran & Shifana Shahib



Aakifa Sheriff, Eman Butt & the gang!



Rameen Rizwan & friends

Secondary Section News; KS5 Leadership & Learning!

Anti Bullying Session-KS5 Boys



Students participated in an *Anti-Bullying Awareness Session* that highlighted the importance of kindness, respect, and standing up against bullying in all forms.



Interactive classroom debate: Summer is better than winter

Anti Cheating Session-Zero-Tolerance Policy- KS5 Boys Boys



Students attended an *Anti-Cheating Awareness Session* aimed at promoting integrity and honesty during exams.



The session emphasized the importance of ethical behavior and personal responsibility.

Secondary Section News; KS5 Leadership & Learning!

KS5 Girls: Anti-Bullying Drive — Every Story Matters



KS5 Girls TL Ms Huda Khan, along with the Form Tutors, led a focused anti-bullying session where students anonymously shared real experiences of witnessing or facing bullying. The message was clear: Be a GEM — show empathy, speak up, and never stay silent.

Commerce Club Executive Dilemma Awards!



The Executive Dilemma.
Ready to be an executive? Prove it.

Award Ceremony



The Commerce Club held the award ceremony for its flagship event of the term, The Executive Dilemma, in which students were awarded medals and certificates for showcasing their excellence and business Acumen during the event.

Winners - Team Pitstop 16

Hooria Irfan (Y11 GH)
Zahra Shahzad (Y12 GH)
Hania Irfan (Y12 GH)



Runner-Ups - Lush Latte

Muskaan Muhammad Azhar (Y12 GF)
Muskaan Sarfraz (Y12 GF)
Aena Asad (Y12 GF)

Best Business Plan - Campus Bites

Muhammad Ibrahim (Y13 BF)
Arham Sohail (Y13 BD)
Taha Hyder Chohan (Y13 BF)

