

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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24th November, 2022



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Happy 51st UAE National Day for next weekend. Congratulations to the leadership & peoples of the UAE.

Many thanks to the 44.4% star parents who have now completed the latest GEMS parent survey. We are looking forward to receiving the positive points from the remaining 59.6% of star parents. Please balance your WWS & EBI positively, as we want to appreciate the teachers, & scores less than 7 show as negative detractors, which we want to avoid. Many thanks for all the kind feedback

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
From Wednesday 23rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam timings for all FS1-Y10 students (all students will leave at 12pm daily until end T1) Normal lessons for Y11-13 (Board Exam classes)
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.
Thurs. 1st Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible school closed for UAE National Day. (TBC by SPEA)
Mon. 12th Dec. to Sunday 1st Jan. 2023 (3 weeks)	<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 13
24 نوفمبر 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة كاتيري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

عيد وطني سعيد لدولة الإمارات
العربية المتحدة في نهاية الأسبوع
المقبل.

مبروك لقيادة وشعوب الإمارات.

شكراً جزيلاً لأولياء الأمور الذين يبلغ عددهم 44.4% والذين
أكملوا الآن استطلاع رأي الآباء الأخير لبرنامج GEMS.
نتطلع إلى الحصول على النقاط الإيجابية من 59.6% المتبقية
من أولياء الأمور. يرجى موازنة EBI و WWW
بشكل إيجابي، لأننا نريد تقدير المعلمين، وتظهر الدرجات
الأقل من 7 كمنتقدين سلبيين، وهو ما نريد تجنبه. شكراً
جزيلاً لجميع ردود الفعل اللطيفة.

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
مواعيد الاختبارات لجميع طلاب (FS1-Y10) سيغادر جميع الطلاب الساعة 12 ظهرًا يوميًا حتى نهاية (T1) مدرسو عادية لـ (T1-T3) وصول لجنة الاختبار.	من الأربعاء 23 نوفمبر
احتفالات اليوم الوطني. يمكن للطلاب القدوم مرتدين ألوان العلم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة وإحضار الطعام التقليدي. ستكون هناك مسابقة PPP Greetings Card	الثلاثاء 29 نوفمبر
محتفل إغلاق مدرسية بمناسبة اليوم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة. (يحدد لاحقاً بواسطة (SPEA)	الخميس 1 ديسمبر
المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء. مستأنف المدرسة T2 يوم الإثنين 2 يناير 2023. يرجى ملاحظة أن الرسوم المدرسية T2 مستحقّة. شكراً لك.	الاثنين من 12 ديسمبر إلى الأحد 1 يناير 2023 (3 أسابيع)



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

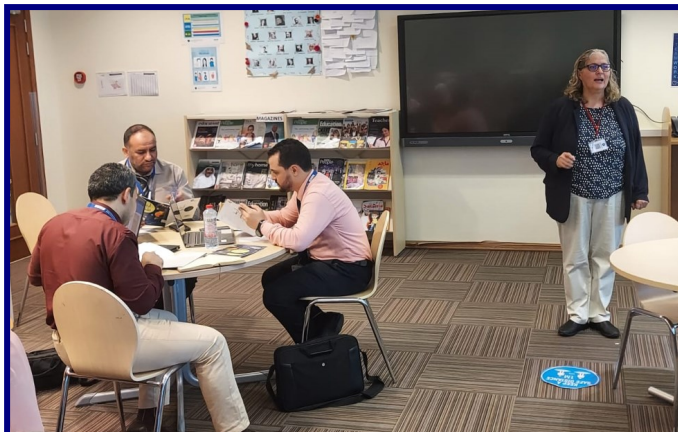
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Find our updated Parent Handbook through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.



Whole School News; Teachers Continuing Professional Development (CPD)!



Our MOE Team Teachers participated in a workshop on Tuesday 22/11/22 on the theme 'How to achieve the highest standards in the forthcoming inspection visits. The training was led by Ms. Rana nzal, the Authority's advisor for MOE subjects, with the assist of Mr. Aladdin Salah, the Arabic coach for the MOE subjects.

The training included:

- 1. How to measure achievement and progress**
- 2. Giving examples of lessons and how you can show progress**
- 3. Answering teachers' queries**

We thank Ms. Rana for her tremendous support & enthusiasm to promote high standards across the schools.



Whole School News; Teachers Continuing Professional Development (CPD)!



Ms. Sara Naseem led an important CPD session for the Junior Team on 'Marking and Feedback'.



Whole School News; Inter-School Arts & Sports Inclusion Competition, Friday 18/11/22!



WIN school, Dubai, hosted an inter-school Arts & Sports Inclusion Day on Friday 18/11/22. Thiviru (Y10) , Yashvasvi (Y9), Syeda (Y8), Taksha (Y7) all got medals. Our students participated in all events enthusiastically & made us proud. Mny thanks to Ms. Gincy, Mr. Jaseer, Ms. Rema, Ms. Rejina & the LSAs for accompanying the children.



Congratulations to our lovely Support Staff for her prize for going 'Above & Beyond' to serve her school community. Thank you!

Dar Teacher Neha,
As a family, we would like to thank you for your exceptional efforts with our child Ryan, which we notice remarkably on his educational level and general behavior.
Sometimes we can't express our gratitude for your efforts, but we hope as a family that you know that we are very grateful and lucky to have our child in your safe hands.
Thank you and we wish you happiness

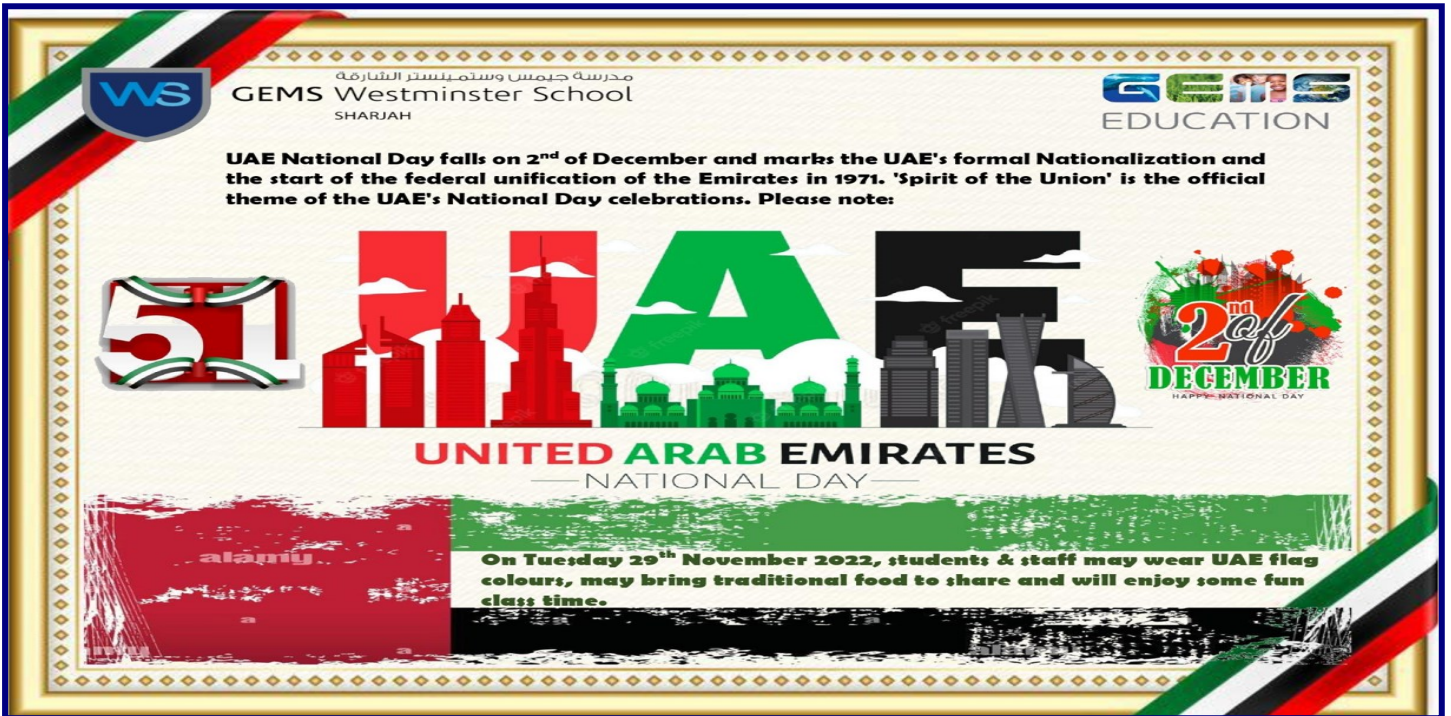
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Whole School News; UAE National Day!



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EDUCATION

UAE National Day falls on 2nd of December and marks the UAE's formal Nationalization and the start of the federal unification of the Emirates in 1971. 'Spirit of the Union' is the official theme of the UAE's National Day celebrations. Please note:

51 **UAE** **2nd DECEMBER**
HAPPY NATIONAL DAY

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
— NATIONAL DAY —

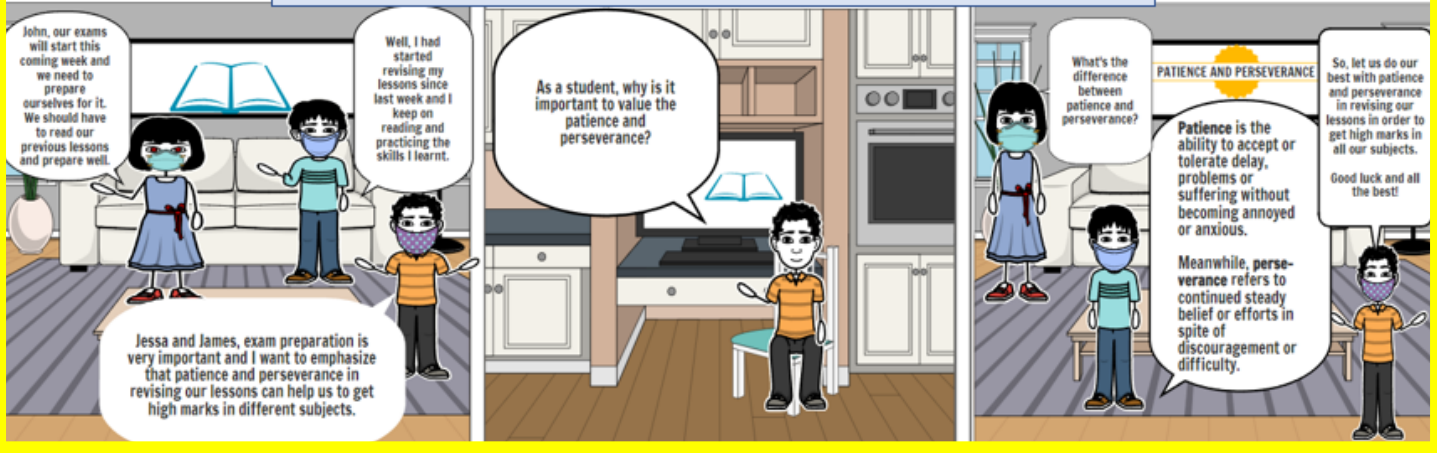
On Tuesday 29th November 2022, students & staff may wear UAE flag colours, may bring traditional food to share and will enjoy some fun class time.

Whole School News; Our PPP Prepares for the National Day!

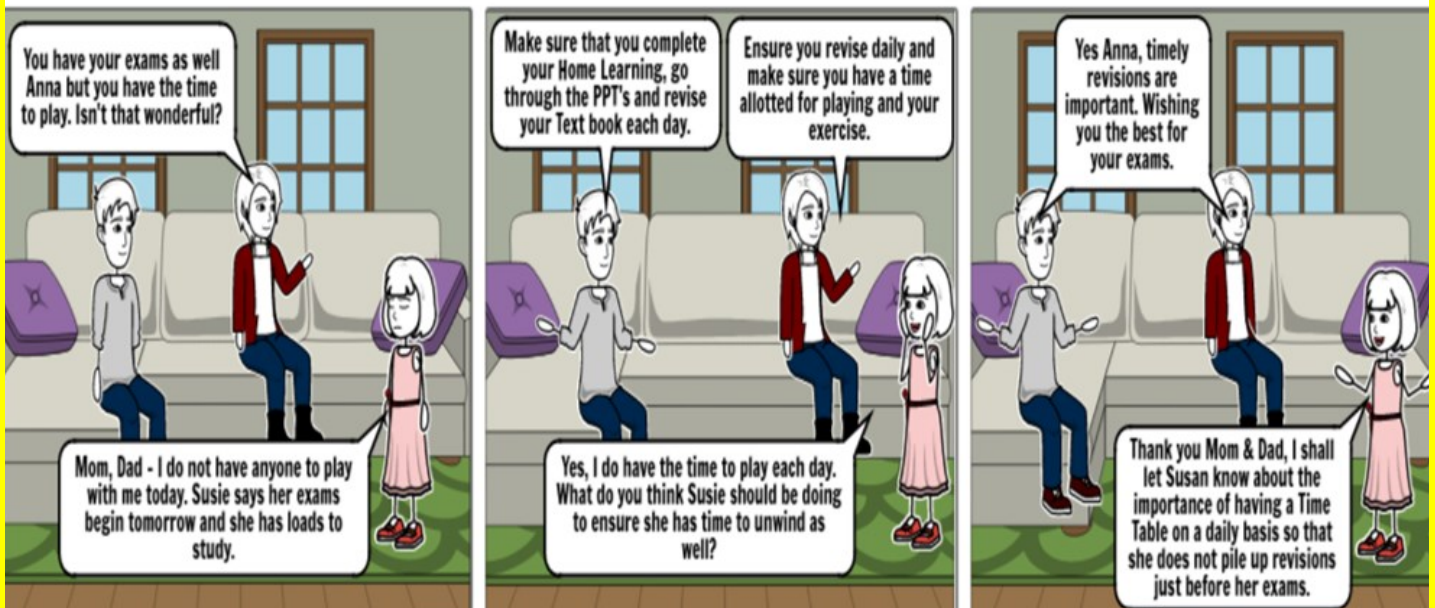


Whole School News; Preparing for Exams!

PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE



"PREPAREDNESS FOR EXAMS"



WSS Environmental Recycling Superstar Champions!



Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



FS2D1

Happy birthday



PIC·COLLAGE

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



**Y2
You're a superstar**



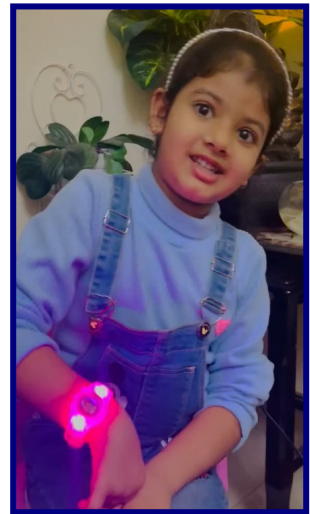
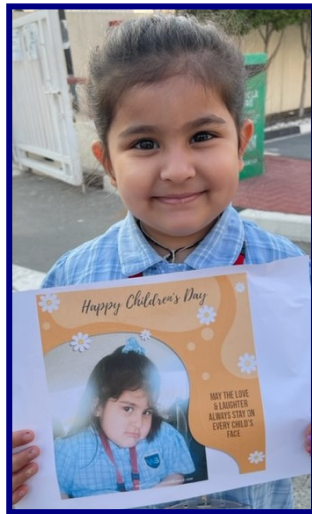
**Y2
Wellbeing Champions**



**Y2
Teddy goes home**



Junior Section News; World Children's Day, 21/11/22!



Thanks to Meenakshi (FS2S1) for sharing her cute video about World Children's Day



Children's Day Activity Y2D1



Junior Section News:FS2!



Pretend Play in Cafe.(FS2H1)



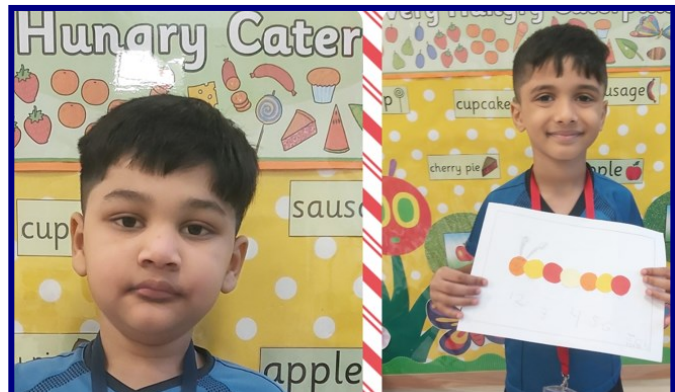
FS2H1 Engage in Class Activities.



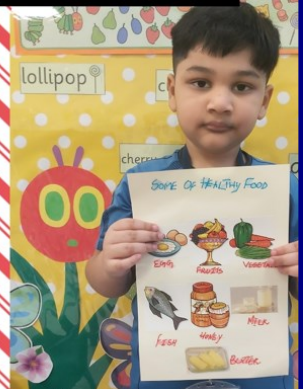
Junior Section News:FS2!



Happy Children's Day



**Home learning
FS2D1**

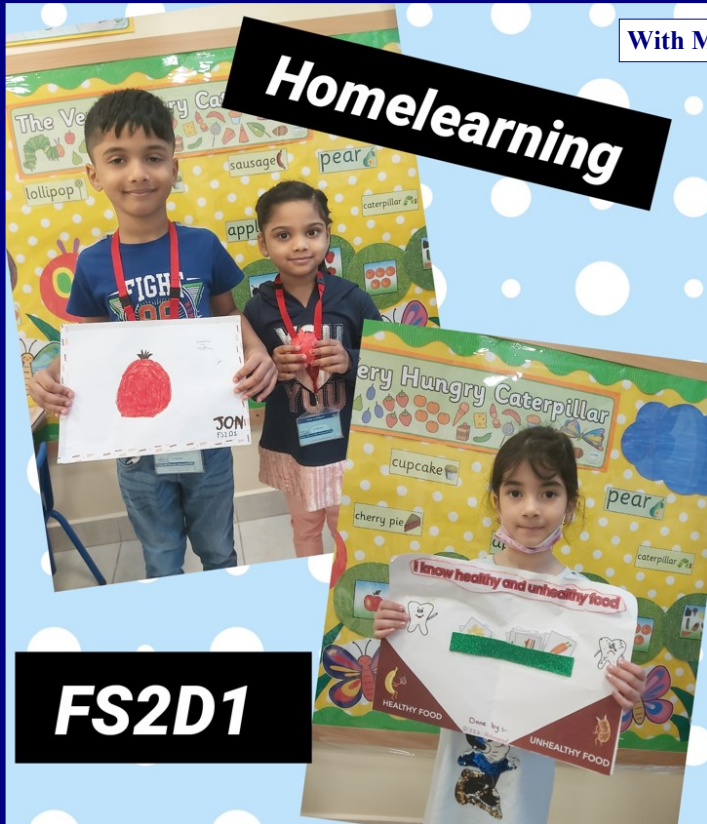


FS2H1 busy in Story time. PIC-COL

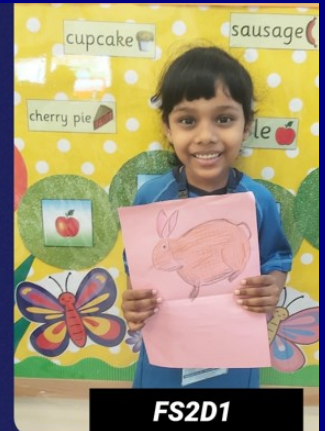
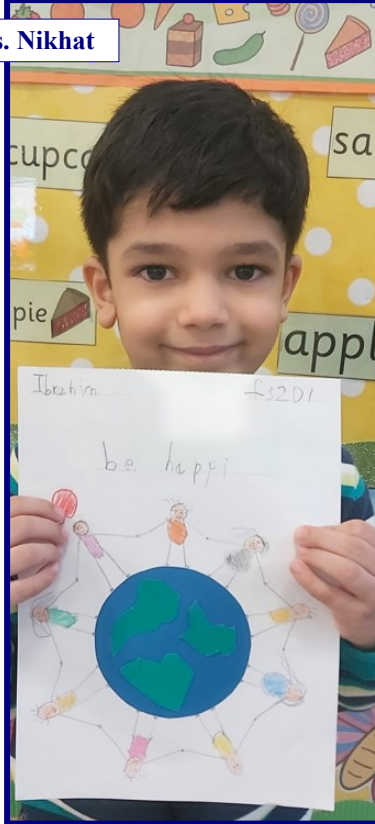
Junior Section News: FS2!

With Ms. Nikhat

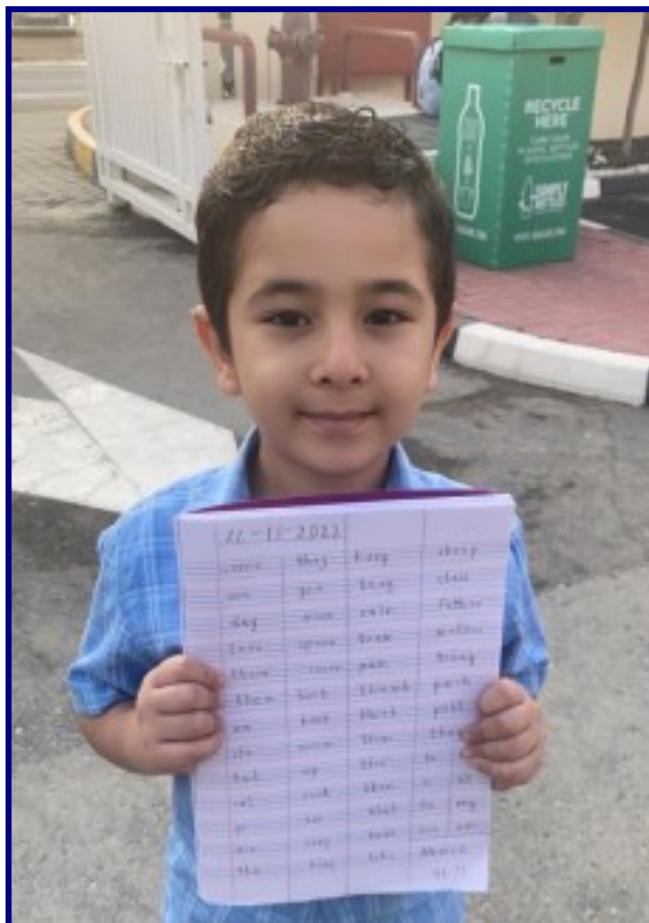
Homelearning



FS2D1



FS2D1 Home learning



Junior Section News:FS2!

FS2 \$1 with Miss Jobelle and Miss Monika



Sequencing the story



Having so much fun at OLA 2



Enjoying our P.E session



Fun at West playground



Happy to bring Topsy and Tim home



Congratulations



At playdough station



Junior Section News; Y1!



Junior Section News; Y2!

With Ms. Sonia M.



Y2
OLA
activities



Y2
OLA
activities



Y2
OLA
activities



Y2
OLA
activities




Y2
Edible
plants



Y2
Reading
time



Y2
Edible
plants



Y2
Reading
time



Y2
Investigating
about cactus

Junior Section News; Y2!



Y2H1
Women's Pavillion with Ms Fauzia and Ms Sonia



Y2H1
Celebrating children's day with Ms Fauzia and Ms Sonia



Y2H1
Celebrating children's day with Ms Fauzia and Ms Sonia



Y2 H1
Celebrating children's day with Ms Fauzia and Ms Sonia

Y2 F1 Science session with Ms.Sidra and Ms.Aqueen



Junior Section News; Y2!



TRIP TO EXPO CITY



Crafting their own treasure (workshop)



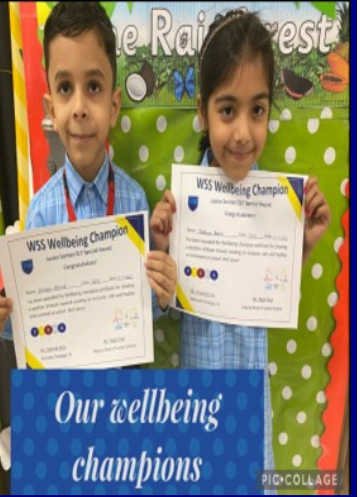
Teddy goes home



Spotting the difference



Discussion time



Our wellbeing champions

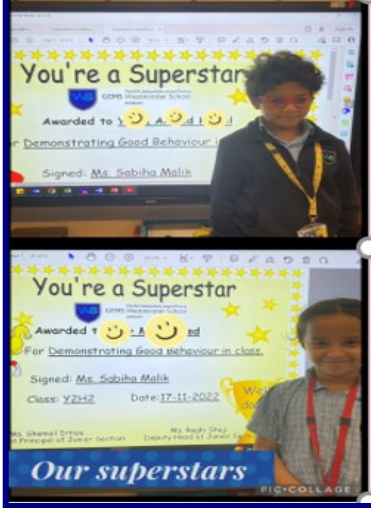


With Ms. Shabana

Hurray! We got a marble



We are learning about basic needs of plants



Our superstars



We are learning subtraction



Happy children's day



Children's day poster making

Junior Section News; Y2!

Y2F1 Trip to EXPO CITY....



Junior Section News; PE & Fitness in Y2!



Different ways of moving



PE lesson activities Y2

PE lesson FS2



Parachute team building activities



Aim and toss rings at a target



Hand eye coordination Y2 PE lesson

With Ms. Sheema



PE lesson Y2 obstacle races



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Well done to Aissel Elsayed (Y5H1) for great engagement in an Arabic lesson that supported the progress of others. Thanks to Ms. Majedah for enabling engagement for all students regardless of their ability.

★ Super Stars of Y5H1 ★



Y3F2 students with their achievement certificates



Well done to Syed Talha Ahmed (Y2S2) for achieving the challenge set by Ms. Safia and Ms. Tahira solved real life problems in managing money and going beyond expectations.

Well done to Salama Mohammad (Y2S2) for accepting the challenge and showing perseverance to make the required changes in her Mathematics lesson. Thanks Ms. Safia and Ms. Tahira for stretching and challenging your students.

Primary Section News; PPP Teamwork!



Many thanks to our active PPP (Positive Parent Partners) for contributing their valuable time to support our Primary Maths focus.



WSS International Board Exam Toppers!

ID NO	NAME	YEAR	AWARD	SUBJECT	HEAD OF DEPARTMENT	TEACHER
13501000002853	Amal Mahammad Amin Mandha	13GH	TOP OF THE WORLD	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Ms. Swarupa K	Ms. Swarupa. K
13501000017086	Humayra Tasnim Nooha	11GF	TOP OF THE WORLD	MATHEMATICS	Ms. Sherin U	Ms. Lucy Chester
			TOP IN U.A. E	BUSINESS STUDIES	Mr. Manoj C	Ms. Chandani
13501000017086	Humayra Tasnim Nooha	11GF	TOP IN U.A. E	BIOLOGY	Ms. Leena S	Ms. Saritha Binu
13501000014797	Farah Favaz	11GS	TOP IN U.A. E	FOOD & NUTRITION	Ms. Leena S	Ms. Reema Girish

TOP OF THE WORLD
BOARD EXAM RE-
SULTS!!



Zuhair Rehman, the WSS GEMS Platinum Jubilee Scholarship winner for 2022-2023, received his certificate from the GEMS Founder Chairman Mr. Sunny Varkey, and GEMS CEO Mr. Dino Varkey, at an exclusive ceremony on the QEII on 3/11/22

Secondary Section News; AUS FiEx FINTECH Bootcamp Trip, 17/11/22!



Sixth form business trip to AUS



Students interacted with industry professionals



Attending workshops on stock markets and investments



Meeting with alumni Aaron James

FIEX FINTECH BOOTCAMP @AUS




CEO FIRE CHAT KEY TAKE AWAYS:

- Appreciate the growing process
- When you stop learning quit
- Set your own standards of achievement
- Responsibility trumps authority

INVESTING 101:

- Evaluate your risk by how much you are willing to loose
- Invest time in learning fundamental analysis
- Start with ETFs, and build knowledge of investing world from there
- Diversify your investments

- Workshops
- CEO fireside chat

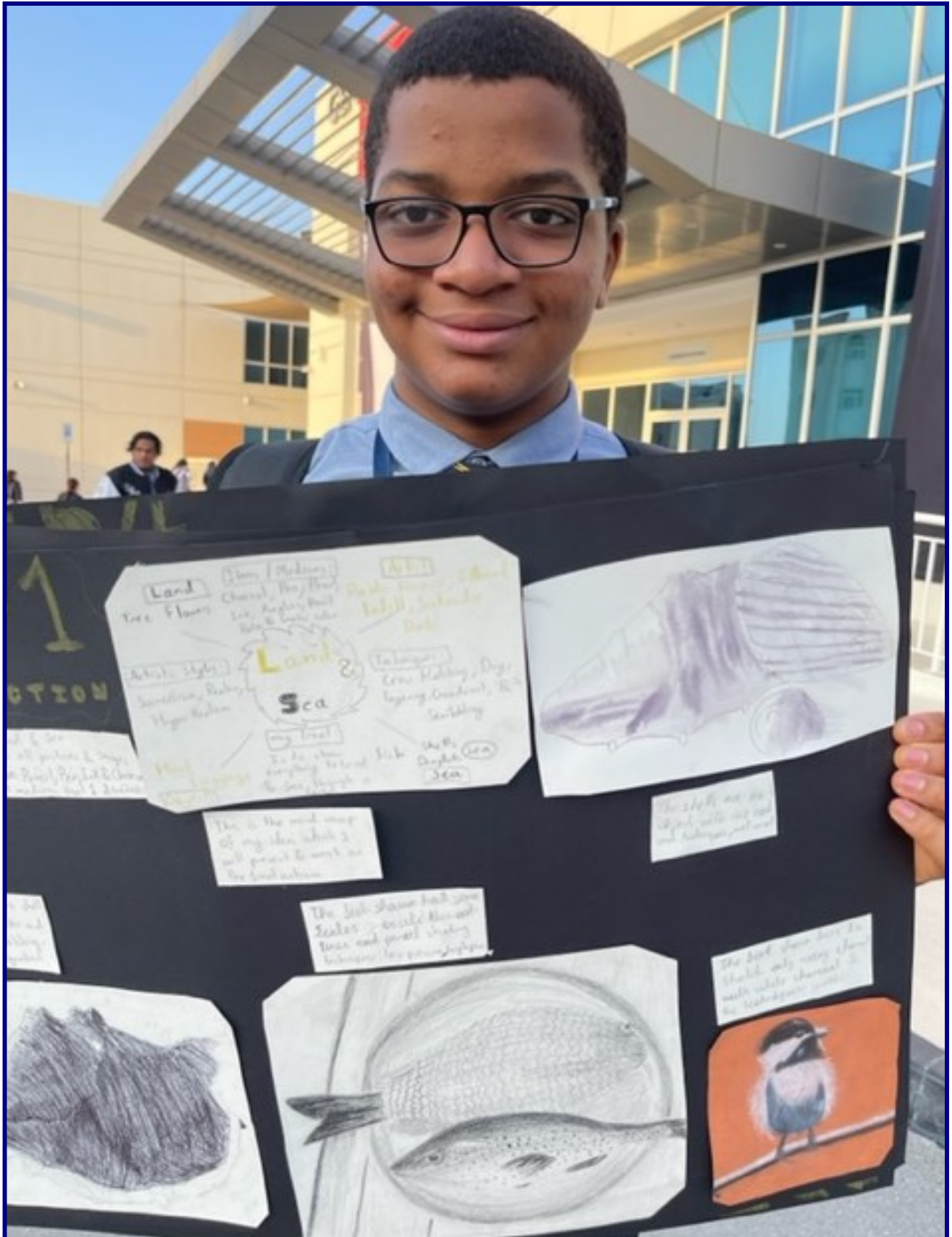
Our AS/AL Business students visited the American University of Sharjah on Thursday 17/11/22 to participate in the first edition of FiEx Fintech Youth Hub, the region's largest fintech bootcamp specifically designed for business students. Students interacted with business professionals to learn more about the practicality of business prospects and challenges faced by entrepreneurs.

Monday 11/11
 My experience at AUS was great, we got to hear from Mr. Nathan Mer who is CEO of Network International and it was very informative. We attended many sessions but the best one was about investing. In general all the sessions were very informative and helpful.

American University of Sharjah
 The trip was very educational. The interaction with Mr. Nathan Mer was amazing and informative.
 Overall the experience was very mesmerizing and welcoming.
 - Zaman Ahmad Yousuf

Friday 17/11/22
 AUS Business Trip
 It was truly a fantastic experience which included several sessions on a wide range of topics such as investing, banking, cryptocurrency, etc. It was an even better experience from an educational point of view as it provided a lot of knowledge regarding things such as stocks and technology. Moreover, the campus was amazing, a structure which showcased the true beauty of AUS.

Secondary Section News; Creativity!



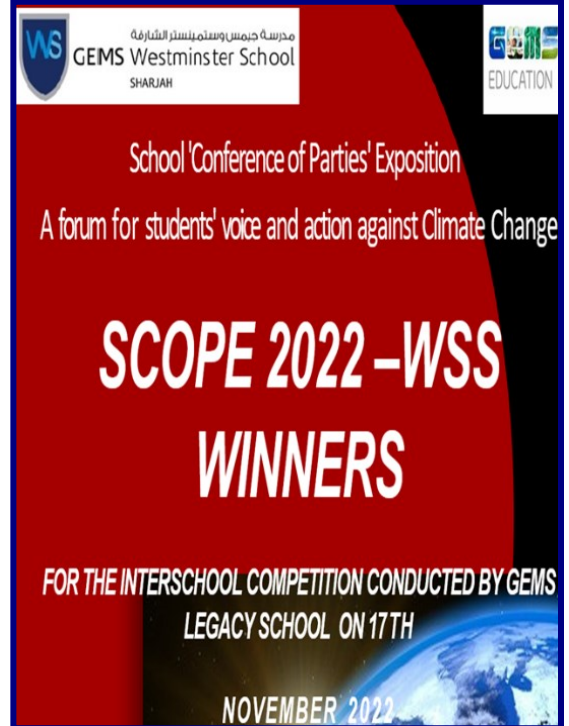
Secondary Section News; SCOPE 2022!

SCOPE 2022 was hosted by GEMS Legacy School on Thursday 17/11/22. The event took the first leap as a LIVE, inter-school event. It endeavored to include as many students from the UAE & around the world, aspiring to provide a platform for student voice in support of Climate Action. SCOPE 2022 was a collaborative space for students of all ages to learn from each other as they exchanged ideas and opinions.

All events were centered around SDG @10 and SDG@8.

Events conducted included:

1. Stream ability: creating a prototype that offers practical solutions
2. Mark Up: Marketing an innovative product
3. Scoped Arabic and English: An effective and inspiring speech on SDG @10
4. Design the line: Reuse and recycle the sustainable materials to create the garment
5. Delegation: Research the countries assigned and articulate the curated information to share and discuss real-world problems pertaining to climate change.
6. Sustainable diet: An innovative recipe and cook one meal.
7. It all started with: To create a comic strip on SDG@8(Virtual event)



The poster features the GEMS Westminister School logo in the top left, with Arabic text 'مدرسة جيمس ويستمنستر الشارقة' and 'SHARJAH' below it. To the right is the 'GEMS EDUCATION' logo. The main text reads 'School 'Conference of Parties' Exposition' and 'A forum for students' voice and action against Climate Change'. The central focus is 'SCOPE 2022-WSS WINNERS' in large white letters on a red background. Below this, it says 'FOR THE INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION CONDUCTED BY GEMS LEGACY SCHOOL ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2022' with a small image of Earth.



Secondary Section News; SCOPE 2022!



AHMED ARAFAT -Y9BF1



NAMEER AL HAYALI-Y11BD EVA TONY -Y12 G -MODELS



scope 2022
SUSTAIN – THAT DIET!
SENIOR
1ST Runner-up
SC-13
GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah



SUSTAIN THE DIET



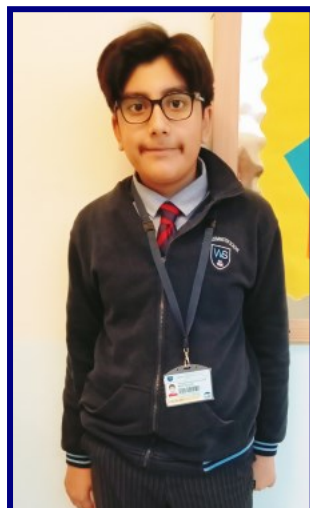
BILAL MOHAMMED BIJIN, MUHAMMAD AZAAN HUMEIR, ABDALLA SULTAN, ABDUL HAADI BINYAMIN, YAHIA MOHAMMAD-Y7BF1



MUHAMMAD ABDULLAH SHAHRYAR ASIM-Y8BS DHIVITH PRAMOD-Y9BH2



Many thanks to Ms. Laneetha & Ms. Indira for supporting our students to attend & do so well at this important event.



Secondary Section News; SCOPE 2022!

DELEGATION TEAM JUNIOR- MUSKAAN YOUNUS-Y9GF, MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM NAVEED UL HAQ-Y7BS, FATIMA ZAHRA-Y8GD



DELEGATION TEAM SENIOR- JONATHAN SUNIL-Y13BH, DARIA MAHER-Y12GS JWAN MOHAMMED -Y12GF



MARK UP TEAM WITH INNOVATIVE BUSINESS STRATEGY- AZEEM AHMED-Y12BD, ADHAM EHAB-Y13BH, MOSTAFA ABDELRAHMAN-Y12BD



ENTIRE TEAM WHO CHERISHED WSS WITH THE PROUD MOMENTS



Secondary Section News; Digital Citizenship Week!



Best Out Of Waste



Mustafa Y8

Abdullah Khan Y8

Salem Mohammed Y8

This week conducted a Digital Citizenship Week for Secondary students.

Our Year 9 to Year 13 students worked on movie-making and digital posters.

The topic for Year 7 and Year 8 was 'Best out of Waste'.

Students were very enthusiastic and made working models of computers and robots with waste material.

- Ms. Sanjalika



Maheen Y7

Meera Thani Y7

Emaan Y7



Secondary Section News; Break Busters Teams!



Secondary Section News; Break Busters Teams!



Secondary Section News; Break Busters Teams!



Secondary Section News



Y7 & Y8 writing about national day in French with Mr. Abdelrahman



Last week, Head Boy Zuhair Ateeq attended a CEO Session event with the David Harkin, CEO of 8billion ideas. This was session 1 of 6 that have been planned for this academic year. Mr. David will be uniquely working with GEMS students on an 'Aspiring CEO Programme - ACP' aimed at students who have high aspirations for the future & want to learn about the realities of being a CEO, what it takes to run a business, and key attributes that are required for success.

Secondary Section News; Inter-House Break-Busters Badminton Competition!



MAGURATION BY Ms. Sreeja



INTER HOUSE SHUTTLEBADMINTON WINNERS