

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #14  
21st November, 2024



**Message from the  
Principal/CEO  
Ms. Valerie Thompson**

Dear WSS Parents,

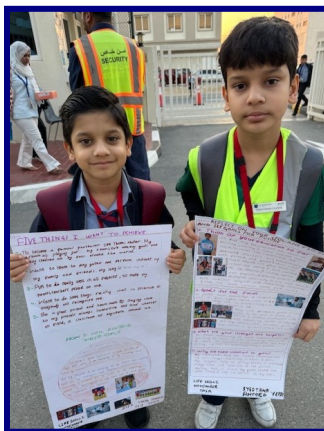
## Student Health & Safety

As we pass through flu season, a reminder to all parents that if your child is sick, do please keep them at home. This is to allow your child to recover properly & for the health & safety of all the WSS family. Thank you.



## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
<b>Open January 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>online registration system</b> for new seats for the next Academic Year 2025-2026 has opened.</li> <li><b>Enrollment assessment</b> will start from <b>January 2025</b>, on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. Since seats are very limited, please register early to avoid disappointment if you want new seats.</li> </ul>
<b>Tues. 26/11/24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Eid AL Etihad 53 (UAE National Day) Celebrations.</b></li> <li>Students may come to school dressed in UAE dress/UAE flag colours &amp; bring traditional food to share with classmates (<i>optional</i>).</li> </ul>
<b>From Wed. 27/11/24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T1 Exams (<i>exact dates for each year group TBC</i>)</li> <li><b>7:15am-12:30pm Exam Day Timings</b> for full school</li> </ul>
<b>Mon. 2/12/24 &amp; Tues. 3/12/24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible school closure for <b>Eid AL Etihad 53 (UAE National Day) holiday</b> (<i>TBC by the Authorities</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Fri. 13/12/24 to Sun. 5/1/25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Winter Break (3-weeks)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Mon. 6/1/25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>First day of T2.</b></li> <li><b>T2 fees due</b> by latest first day of Term, thank you.</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs. 26th June Thurs. 3rd July, 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Last day of T3 Promotional Exams</b></li> <li>The last official day for students for this academic year.</li> </ul>



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



# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 14  
21 نوفمبر 2024



رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي  
السيدة فاليري تومسون  
أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الشارقة الأعضاء،

## صحة وسلامة الطلاب

مع مرورنا بموسم الإنفلونزا، نود تذكير جميع الآباء بأنه إذا كان طفلك مريضاً، يرجى إبقائه في المنزل. هذا من أجل السماح لطفلك بالتعافي بشكل سليم ومن أجل صحة وسلامة جميع أفراد أسرة WSS. مع خالص الشكر.



## المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
مفتوح	تم فتح نظام التسجيل الإلكتروني للمقاعد الجديدة للعام الدراسي المقبل 2025-2026.
يناير 2025	سيبدأ تقييم التسجيل اعتباراً من يناير 2025، على أساس "أسبقية الحضور". نظراً لأن المقاعد محدودة للغاية، يرجى التسجيل مبكراً لتجنب خيبة الأمل إذا كنت تريد مقاعد جديدة.
الثلاثاء 26/11/24	احتفالات عيد الاتحاد 53 (اليوم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة).
	يسمح للطلاب بالحضور إلى المدرسة وهم يرتدون الزي الإماراتي/الوان علم الإمارات العربية المتحدة وإحضار الطعام التقليدي لمشاركتهم مع زملائهم في الفصل (اختياري).
من يوم الأربعاء 27/11/24	امتحانات T1 (التواريخ البديلة لكل مجموعة عمرية سيتم تحديدها لاحقاً)
	7:15 صباحاً - 12:30 ظهراً مواعيد يوم الامتحان للمدرسة الكاملة
الاثنين 2/12/24 والثلاثاء 3/12/24	احتمال إغلاق المدارس بمناسبة عيد الاتحاد 53 (اليوم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة) (سيتم الإعلان عنه من قبل السلطات)
الجمعة 13/12/24 إلى الأحد 5/1/25	العملية الشتوية (3 أسابيع)
الاثنين 6/1/25	اليوم الأول من T2
	يجب دفع رسوم T2 في موعد أقصاه اليوم الأول من الفصل الدراسي.
الخميس 26 يونيو الخميس 3 يوليو	اليوم الأخير من امتحانات الترقية للصف الثالث الثانوي آخر يوم رسمي للطلبة لهذا العام الدراسي.



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

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

Sunny Varkey



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



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**GEMS Westminster School**  
SHARJAH



*Empowering You on Your Journey!*

# Y11 PARENT ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

*Are you addressing teenage challenges?*



Supporting Students to Alleviate Exam Stress



Handle and Navigate Teenage Challenges



Expert Q&A Session



Community Support

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**25 NOV 2024**

FROM 2:45 PM TO 3:45 PM

**WSS AUDITORIUM**





## Whole School News; Sharjah Event, 12-15th December!

The Sharjah Government Media Bureau announces the launch of the fourth edition of the Sharjah Events Festival under the theme "See Sharjah Festival" at Al Majaz Amphitheatre, Sharjah. The festival aims to strengthen community bonds through a diverse range of entertainment, cultural, and heritage activities.

It offers a wide array of activities suitable for all ages, including carnival shows, interactive performances, competitions, and various games. Additionally, the festival features areas for live theatrical performances and specially designed zones tailored to the type of event.

One of the most distinctive features of this event is its showcase of Sharjah's Events Agenda for the upcoming year, 2025.

Therefore, please circulate this information among all students, parents, and educational staff to encourage their attendance at the event.

**Date:** December 12-15, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Venue:** Al Majaz Amphitheatre, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

**Entry Ticket Fee:** AED 20

Parking is available in Al Layyeh Suburb, near the government buildings. Free buses will be provided to move visitors from government buildings to Al Majaz Amphitheatre and vice versa.

بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، يعلن المكتب الإعلامي لحكومة الشارقة إطلاق النسخة الرابعة من مهرجان فعاليات الشارقة، تحت شعار "تشرق بفعالياتها" في مسرح المجاز بالشارقة. يهدف المهرجان إلى تعزيز الترابط المجتمعي من خلال مجموعة متنوعة من الفعاليات الترفيهية والثقافية والتراثية

حيث يقدم المهرجان مجموعة واسعة من الأنشطة التي تناسب جميع الأعمار، بما في ذلك العروض الاستعراضية الكرنفالية والعروض التفاعلية والمسابقات والألعاب المختلفة؛ فضلاً عن توفر مناطق للعروض المسرحية الحية ومناطق تم تصميمها بشكل خاص لتناسب مع نوع الفعالية. و أكثر ما يميز هذا الحدث هو استعراضه لأجندة فعاليات الشارقة للعام القادم 2025، وعليه يرجى التعميم على كافة الطلاب وأولياء الأمور والكادر التربوي لحضور الفعالية

التاريخ: 12-15 ديسمبر.

الوقت: 4:00 عصرًا - 10:00 مساءً

الموقع: مسرح المجاز، الشارقة. تذكرة دخول المهرجان: 20 درهم. تتوفر مواقف للسيارات في ضاحية اللية، بالقرب من المباني الحكومية. وسيتم توفير باصات مجانية تعمل على نقل زوار المهرجان من المباني الحكومية إلى مسرح المجاز وبالعكس.

شاكرين حسن تعاونكم

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام

# Whole School News; Happy World Children's Day, 20/11/24!



Dear Principal Valerie & the WSS Team,

On this special occasion of Children's Day, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you and the entire team at GEMS Westminster School Sharjah for your unwavering dedication to nurturing our children.

Your efforts in creating a safe, inclusive, and inspiring environment for learning and personal growth do not go unnoticed. The care and enthusiasm you show in shaping young minds are truly commendable.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment to making a difference in our children's lives.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Syed  
Parent of Shazil, Laiba & Lamia

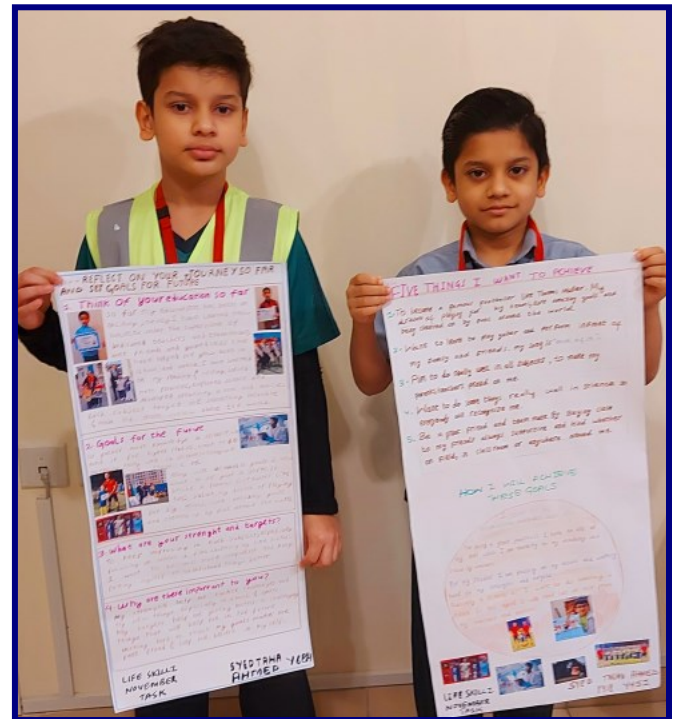


## Whole School News; Happy World Children's Day, 20/11/24!





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## *Whole School News; Family First!*



Here we see the November Family First Task in action, 'Have a Discussion with Your Parents.' Students discussed their future ambitions & how they will achieve their goals & shared the super cute videos with school. Great job & thank you to the parents for their engagement with this activity.



Writing this to express our heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful parental activities organized during Term 1. These activities kept us connected throughout the term with the academic journey of our children.

We both parents thoroughly enjoyed participating in the academic activities. They allowed us to connect with our children's learning in new and meaningful ways.

We greatly appreciate the effort and thought that went into planning these events and are looking forward to similar opportunities in Term 2.

Thank you entire team for the dedication to the holistic growth and well-being of the students.

Regards,  
Parents

## ***Whole School News; WSS VP Presents at GESS!***

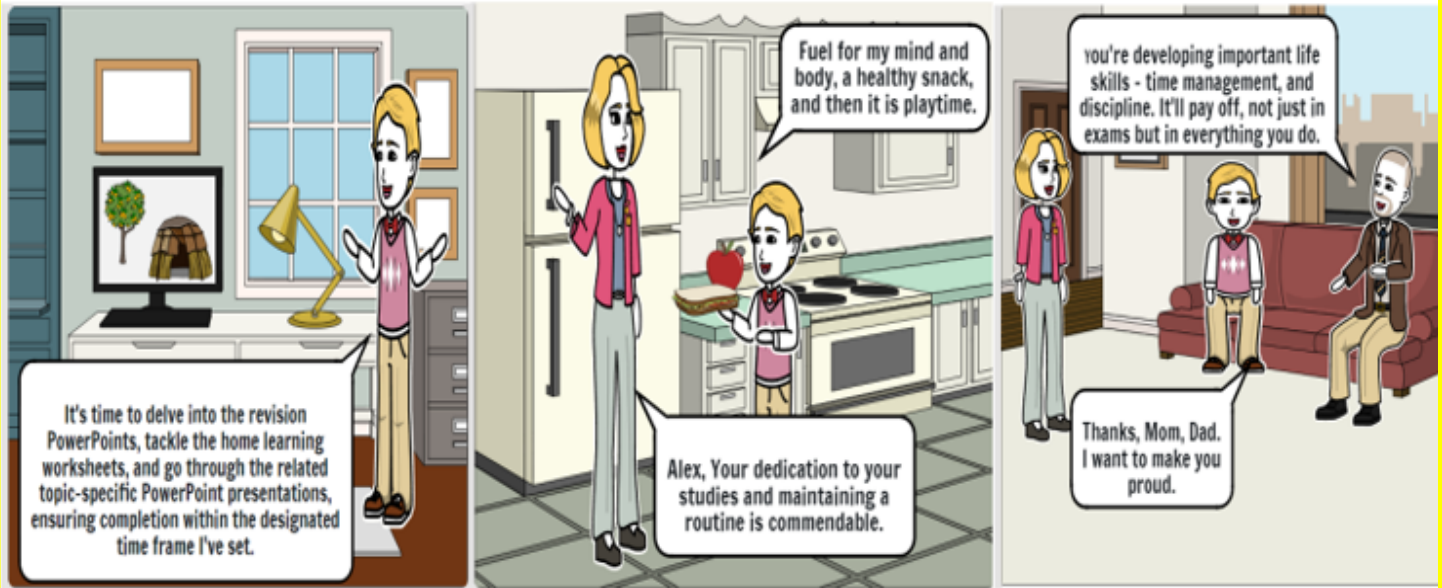


VP Mr. Shujahat presented at the GESS Education Leadership conference on 12/11/24. His presentation related to critical life skills of an expat and how we are supporting our students to develop these.

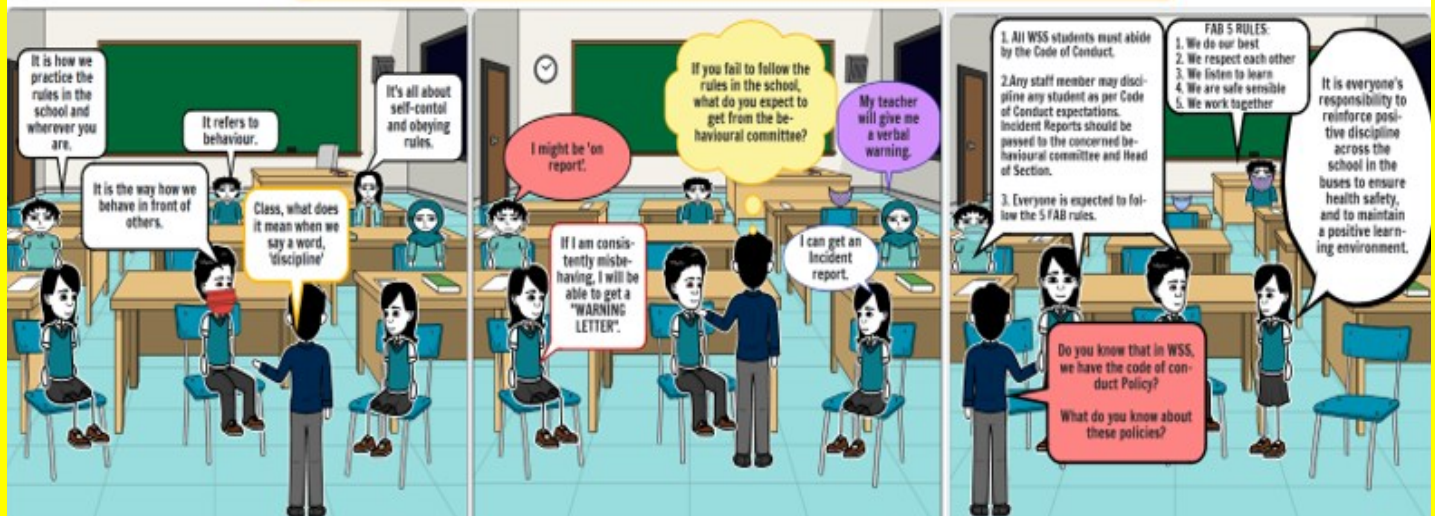


## Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

### Alex's Journey to Exam Success



### Discipline and the school code of conduct





## *Environment & Sustainability Project Superstar Champions!*

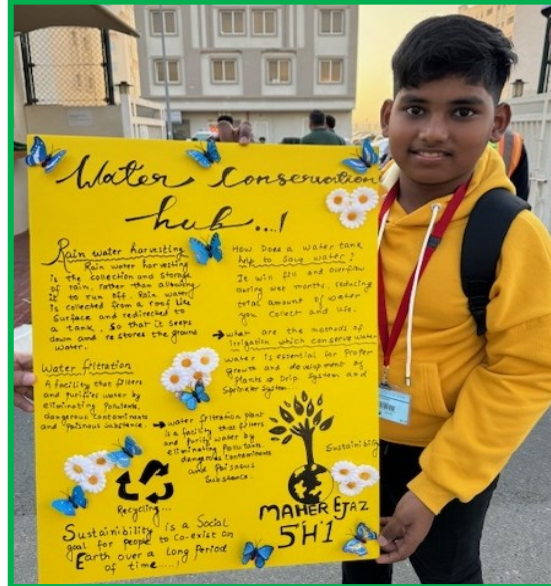


Thank you to parents & students for these amazing Sustainability Projects. They really showcase creativity & skill!





***Environment & Sustainability Project Superstar Champions!***



**Muhammad Ahmad (Y6BS) created this amazing project. Almost all the items used are waste material which means it is also a recycling project. He has used cookie boxes, paper and cartons, and the only items he bought were artificial plants and the base board. All the colour papers, vehicles and lights used were from home. Well done Muh'd & thanks to his parents for their support.**





## *Environment & Sustainability Project Superstar Champions!*





## Happy Birthdays!



Y3S2 – Alizey & Faiq  
Wishing both a very happy birthday!





## *WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!*

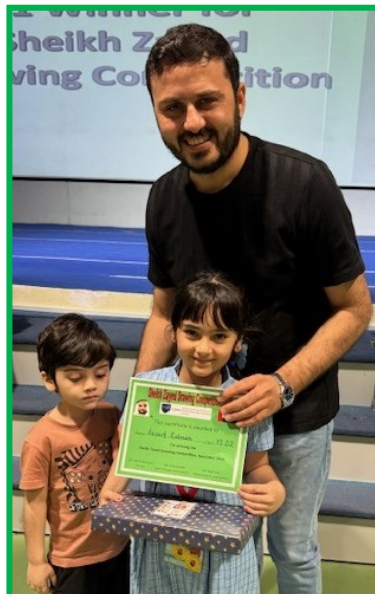


**Congratulations to this week's Class & Wellbeing Champions!**





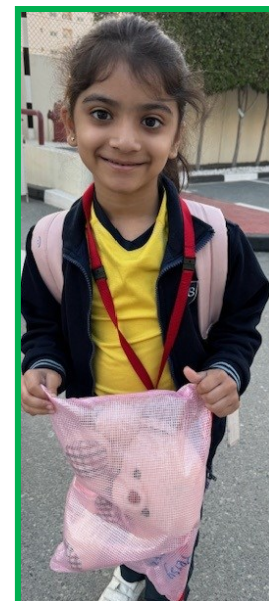
## WSS Junior Section HH Sheikh Zayed Competition Winners!



Winners of the 'Positive Mindset' Door Decoration Competition!



Take Home Teddy Winners!





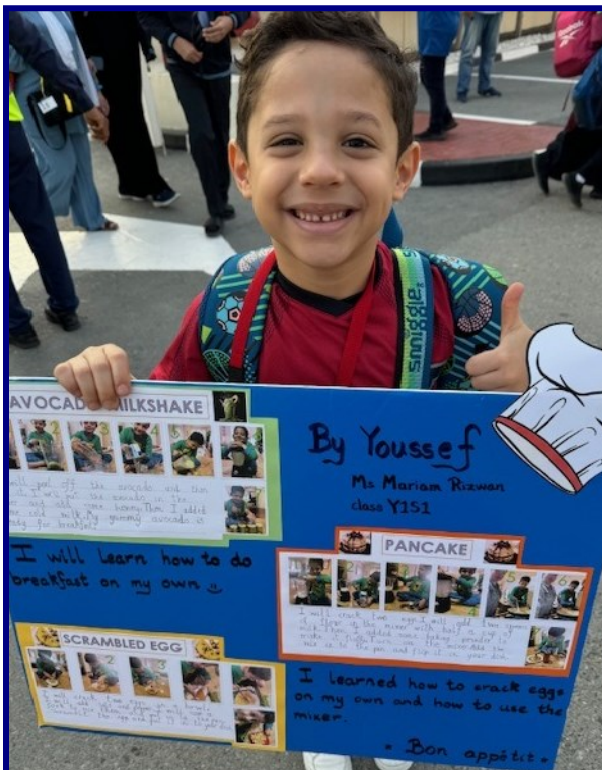
## Junior Section News!



An interesting Social Studies project all about significant sites in the UAE.



Sila is learning about fractions, so demonstrated this with a delicious cake that she had made with her mother.





*Junior Section News; World Children's Day Family First  
Parent Engagement Event, 'Read me a Story!' 20/11/24*



Many thanks to all the parents who joined their child's class for a Family First Parent Engagement event as part of our World Children's Day celebrations on 20/11/24. Your presence made the day all the more special & memorable!





## *Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y1H1, 21/11/24!*



Y1H1 put on a super confident & important Assembly on the theme 'Be a Buddy, Not a Bully'. We learnt that to be a good Buddy makes our friends happy. We need to practice kindness & friendliness to help our friends in our daily life.





## *Junior Section News; Assembly Time with FS2D1, 21/11/24!*



FS2D1 put on a super cute Assembly on the theme 'Good Habits'. We learnt that kindness, hygiene & helpfulness are all good habits that we need to apply to our daily life.



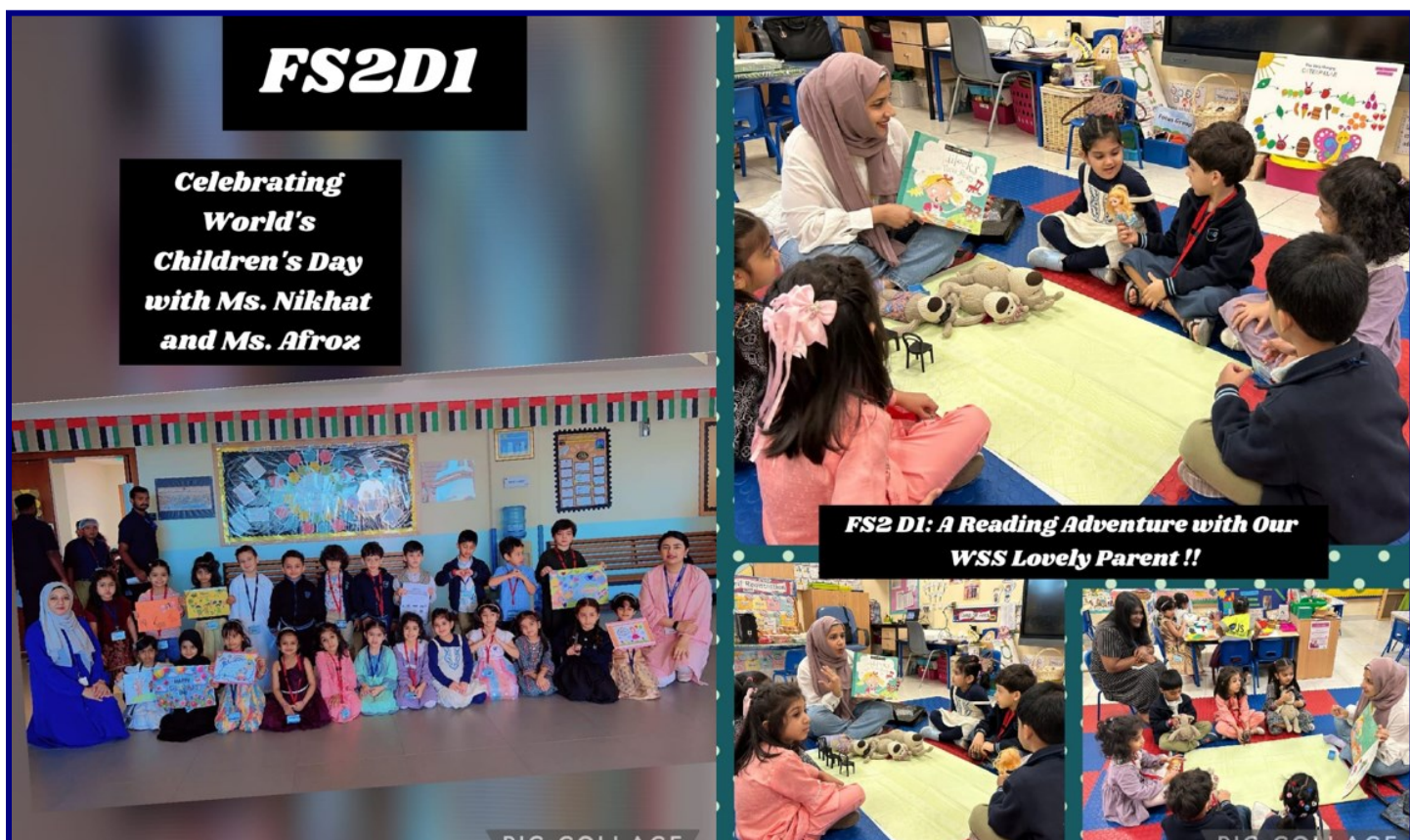


## *Junior Section News; FS1H Learning Activities!*





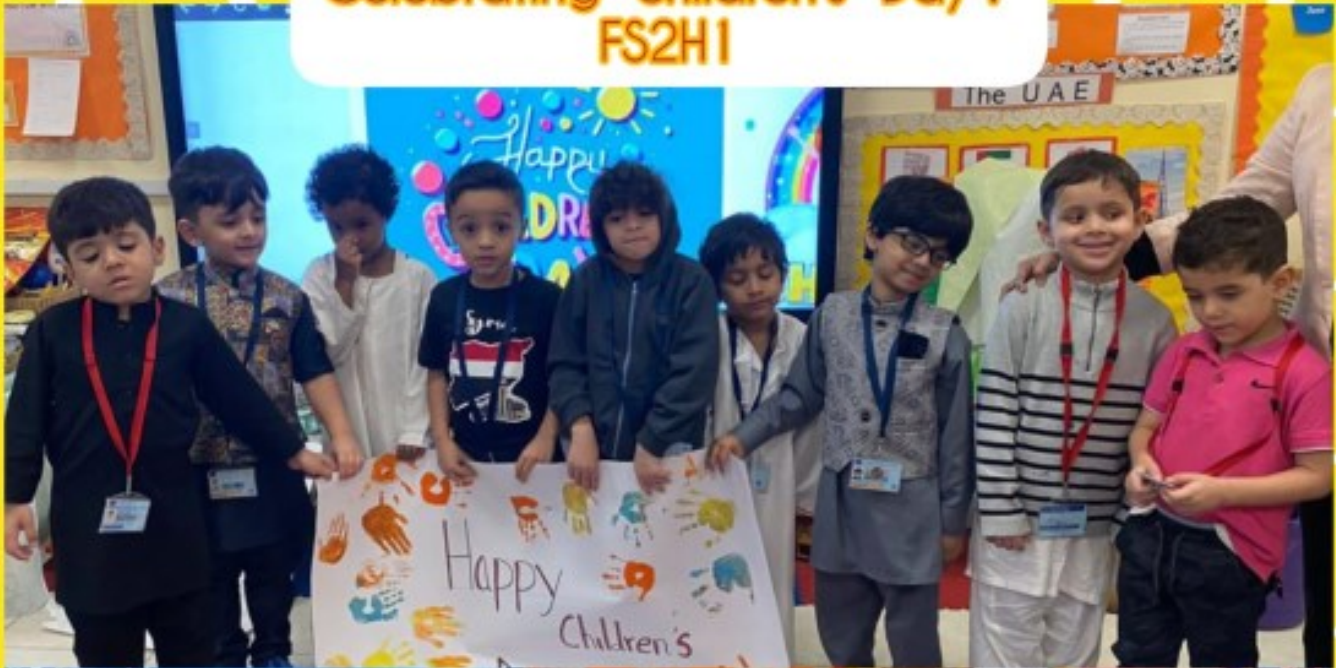
## Junior Section News; FS2D1 Learning Activities!





## *Junior Section News; FS2H1 Learning Activities!*

### **Celebrating children's Day ! FS2H1**



### **Celebrating Children's Day ! FS2 H1**





## *Junior Section News; Y2 Islamic Learning Activities!*

### Y2, Students, Islamic Non-Arabs





## Junior Section News; Y2D Learning Activities!





## *Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!*



**End of a wonderful week with  
Ms Sabiha & Ms Ashika Y2F1**



## *Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!*

### **Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil**



#### **Y2F2 Reading Adventure with Parents**



*Family First! Thank  
you dear Parents!*

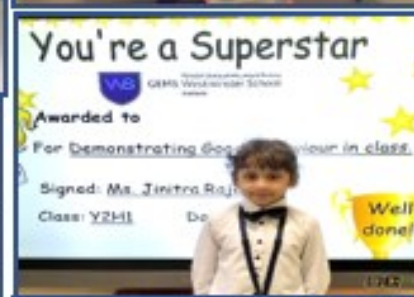
### **Y2F2-Celebrating Children's day with Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil**





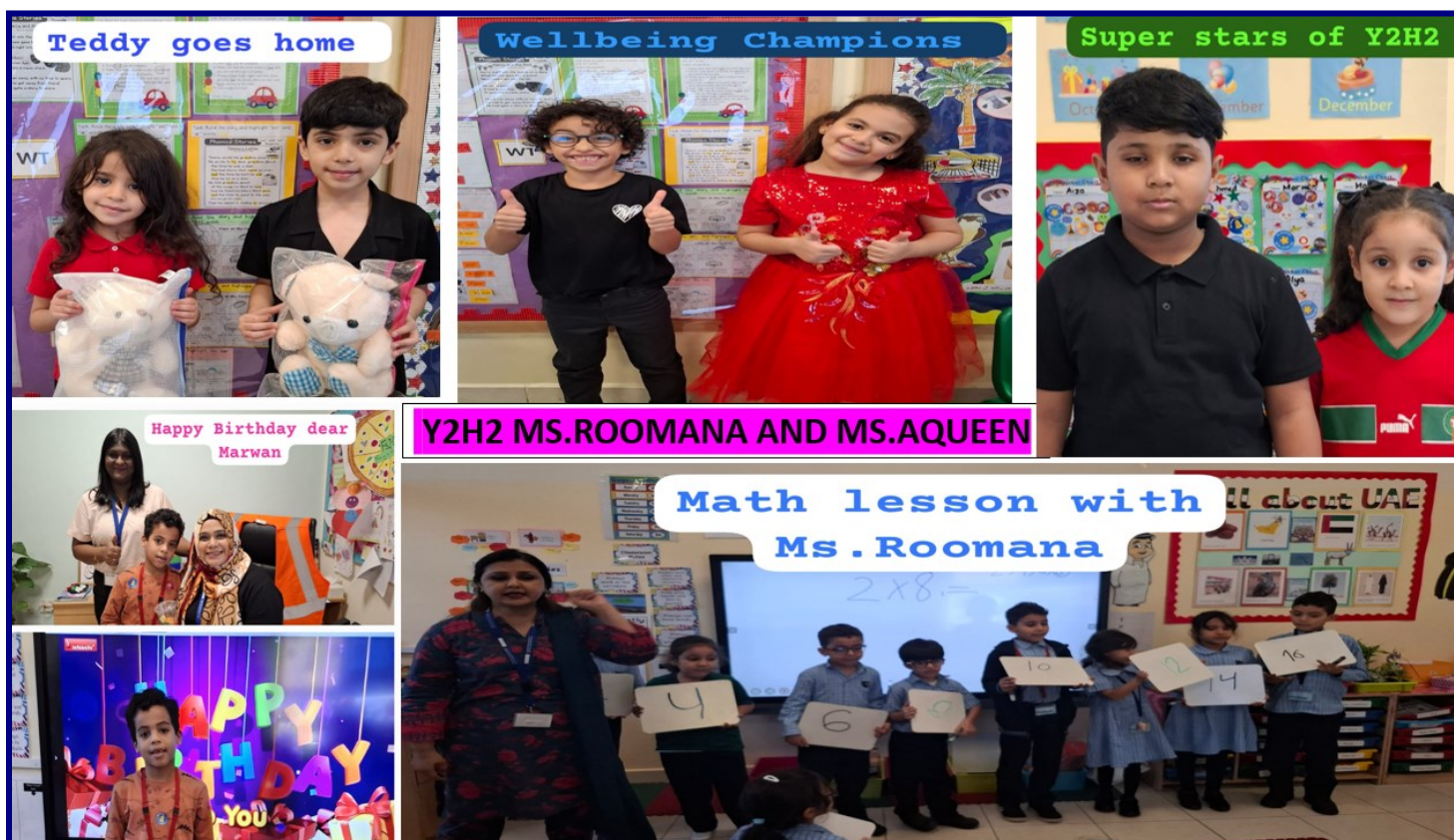
# Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!

## Junior Section: Y2 H1 Learning Activities!





## Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!





## *Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!*

### **Y2S1 With Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza**

#### Reading Adventure with Mommy



#### Happy Children's Day



#### Reading adventure with Mommy





## *Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!*



## **CHILDREN'S DAY ACTIVITIES @ Y2S2**



## **WITH MS. SAFIA AND MS. CATHERIN**





## WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to Rose (Y4D1), Gymnastics champion, for all her medals! This reflects tremendous hard work & dedication to her improvement over time. Proud of you!



As part of our G&T enrichment programme, these budding Primary football superstars actually played in the Secondary girls' team for the Northern Emirates Soccer Competition. Well done!

Malak of Y5F2 joined the WSS TEAM during The Northern Emirates Soccer Cup, Season 3 and they won bronze medal.



Arbiya of Y5F2 participated in the TMG Children national competition and garnered the below awards:  
**National Read and Color Competition - First Place**  
**National Creative Writing Competition - Third Place**  
**National Creative Writing Competition - Third Place**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**





## WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to Selim who won **GOLD** in the UAE Open Karate Competition for Individual Kata for the sports season 2024-2025!

Selim also won **SILVER** at the Kalba Beach Games, 2024 held in Fujairah





# Primary Student Leaders Roles & Responsibilities!

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PRIMARY LEADERS



## CLASS LEADER:

**Role:** Be a good example for your classmates.

**Duties:**

- Help organise and lead activities in the classroom, like discussions or projects.
- Assist the teacher by helping keep the class organised and focused.
- Encourage everyone to take part in class activities and follow the school rules.
- Make sure everyone is being respectful and working well together.

## CHARACTER LEADER:

**Role:** Lead by showing good character and values like respect, kindness, and honesty.

**Duties:**

- Encourage your classmates to show kindness and respect to each other.
- Lead discussions or activities that teach important values, like honesty and fairness.
- Help others if they are feeling upset or need support with social situations.
- Lead by example, showing good behaviour and treating everyone with respect.

## UNIFORM LEADER:

**Role:** Make sure that everyone wears their school uniform correctly and proudly.

**Duties:**

- Remind classmates to wear their uniform according to the school rules.
- Help students understand the importance of looking neat and tidy in school.
- Encourage pride in wearing the school uniform as part of the school community.
- Organise uniform check events or remind classmates about the uniform guidelines.

## DIGITAL LEADER:

**Role:** Help students use technology in a safe and smart way.

**Duties:**

- Teach classmates how to use computers, tablets, and other technology for learning.
- Help everyone remember to stay safe online and follow the rules for using the internet.
- Support the teacher if there are any problems with technology in the classroom.
- Encourage classmates to use technology responsibly and not misuse it.

## INNOVATION LEADER

**Role:** Encourage creativity and new ideas in your schoolwork and activities.

**Duties:**

- Help your classmates think of creative solutions to problems or new ways to do things.
- Organise activities that make learning fun and encourage new ideas.
- Motivate classmates to be brave and think outside the box when solving problems.
- Lead projects or challenges that involve trying out new technologies or ideas.

## WELLBEING LEADER:

**Role:** Look after everyone's emotional and mental health and make sure they feel happy and safe.

**Duties:**

- Create a positive and friendly atmosphere where everyone feels welcome.
- Lead activities or discussions that help people relax and manage their feelings.
- Be a good listener if someone is feeling upset or stressed and offer help when needed.
- Organise programmes or activities that help everyone feel good about themselves and each other.

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLE LEADER:

**Role:** Teach your classmates about living a healthy life, including eating right and staying active.

**Duties:**

- Encourage others to eat healthy food, like fruits and vegetables.
- Help organise events like sports days or fitness challenges to keep everyone active.
- Teach your friends the benefits of exercise and good nutrition.
- Remind everyone to take care of their bodies and stay healthy in mind and body.

## PEER MENTOR:

**Role:** Support and guide other students, especially those who might need help.

**Duties:**

- Help new students or those who feel shy to settle in and make friends.
- Support classmates who need help with schoolwork or other challenges.
- Be a role model by showing good behaviour and helping others resolve problems.
- Organise fun group activities to help everyone feel included and work together as a team.

## ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER:

**Role:** Look after everyone's emotional and mental health and make sure they feel happy and safe.

**Duties:**

- Create a positive and friendly atmosphere where everyone feels welcome.
- Lead activities or discussions that help people relax and manage their feelings.
- Be a good listener if someone is feeling upset or stressed and offer help when needed.
- Organise programs or activities that help everyone feel good about themselves and each other.



## Primary Section News; GLS Inter-School Music Festival, 14/11/24





*Primary Section News; GLS Inter-School Music Festival,  
14/11/24*





# *Primary Section News; GLS Inter0-School Music Festival, 14/11/24*

Thanks you to the dedicated Music Team, supportive parents & enthusiastic students for an amazing Music Festival performance!

## **Parent of Yvonne Cara – Y4 F2**

Dear Sir

This is the parent of Yvonne Cara Enzeleta (Y4 F2)

I wanted to reach out to express my gratitude for your dedication to the choir and the tremendous effort you put into preparing them for the recent music competition. Although the outcome was not what we all hoped for, I want you to know how proud I am of the growth and progress my child has made.

The journey itself has been invaluable, teaching the students discipline, teamwork, and resilience. Watching them perform with such enthusiasm and passion was truly heartwarming, and it's clear that your guidance has inspired them to develop both their musical abilities and their confidence.

Thank you for being such a positive influence and for encouraging the students to strive for excellence. The skills they're learning will benefit them far beyond the world of music.

A word of appreciation for her music teacher Mr. Dineshlal. Sir, my daughter looks forward to her music lessons every week in all these years at WSS. Thank you for going above and beyond to nurture the love of music in my child. Your efforts have created lasting memories and life lessons for her.

I look forward to all the future performances ahead.

I am also taking this opportunity to wish all the teacher's at WSS a Happy New year.

I hope the coming New Year brings happiness, good health, and continued success in all that you do. May it be filled with moments of joy, fulfillment, and the wonderful satisfaction of knowing how much of a difference you teachers make in the lives of your students.

Thank you again for your hard work and commitment. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

God bless

## **Parent of Layan Amr – Y4 H1**

We are also proud of you as parents and students because you supported our children very much and got them out of a bad psychological state in which they had very high self-confidence, and because your support for them was like an orchestra and you were like a maestro, even greater, believe me , we repeat it many times it was amazing performance and full of alot of feelings.

Regards,

## **Parent of Salma -Y5 F1**

Dear Mr Ben

Hope you're fine,

Thank you for your dedication and the time that you spent training our kids and I hardly appreciate your efforts, yesterday's performance was extraordinary and fun to watch. We may have not won the prize, but the true prize is your dedication in making this concert come true. I thank everyone that helped in making this happen, including you, Ms Sonia, Mr Dinesh, Mr Arvie and Ms Valerie. We are truly pleased to represent WSS in coming concerts.

Thank you so much,

Best regards  
Salma's Parent



## Primary Section News; Y5-Y6 Islamic Assembly 'Respecting Our Parents', 20/11/24!



Thank you to Ms. Mukhsana, Ms. Khatma, & the Islamic team, along with our dear students & parents, for presenting this important Assembly. We learnt to link Islamic values to real life through Quran & Hadith recitation, a skit & talks, reinforcing the need to be kind, patient & helpful to our parents.





## Primary Section News; Y5-Y6 Islamic Assembly 'Respecting Our Parents', 20/11/24!



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GEMS Westminster School  
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### *Islamic Assembly on Respecting Parents*

Respecting parents is important in Islam, reflecting gratitude and kindness in our daily lives. Honoring parents strengthens family bonds and earns Allah's pleasure and blessings. Caring for our parents is a noble act that nurtures love, compassion, and harmony in society.



*Excellence Through Teamwork, Success For All*



## Primary Section News; Y3 Learning Activities!

### Y3D1

The children were thrilled and actively participated in the activities organized in Year 3. They were taken to the AstroTurf, where they enjoyed playing with the equipment provided. Following that, there were engaging activities held inside the classroom



Y3D1 with Ms. Azreen



Y3F1 with Ms. Anshy



## *Primary Section News; Y3 Learning Activities!*



Y3H1 students celebrating Children's Day with fun outdoor activities and photo sessions



Year 3S1 on World Children's Day celebration

Y3S1 with Ms. Loannie



## *Primary Section News; Y3 H2 Learning Activities!*



Learning, laughing, and growing together under the open sky

Celebrating World Children's Day with Ms. Saranya & Y3H2 on 20/11/24.





## Primary Section News; Y3 H2 Learning Activities!



**Celebrating childhood and shaping the future:**  
Y3S2 celebrated 'World Children's Day' honoring the joy and wonder of childhood while committing to create a safer, kinder, and a more inclusive world for all children.



## Primary Section News; Y4 Children's Day Learning Activities!

### Y4 S1 WORLD'S CHILDREN'S DAY

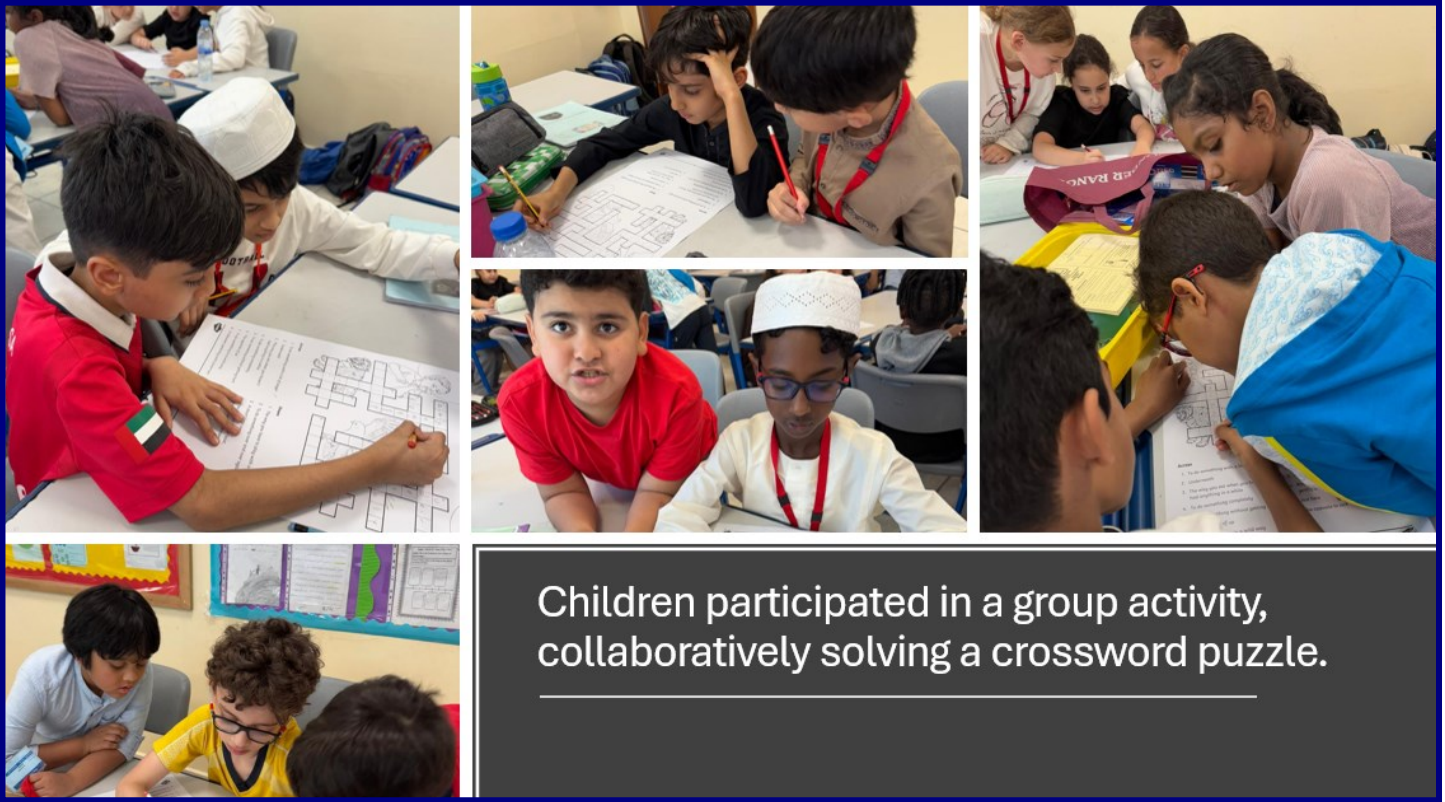


Y4 S1 children enjoyed the Children's day with thought provoking activities like solving puzzles, answering riddles. They even showcased their talents of singing and gymnastics.





## *Primary Section News; Y4F1 Children's Day Learning Activities!*



## Outdoor activity



Y4F2 with Ms. Oshin



*Primary Section News; Y4 Children's Day Learning Activities!*



**Y4F2 with Ms. Tincy**



**Y4H1 with Ms. Shaheen**



## *Primary Section News; Y4H2 Children's Day Learning Activities!*



**Y4H2 with Ms. Grace. The children enjoyed time outside in the lovely weather, & showing off their talents. We all had a lot of fun!**





## Primary Section News; Y4S2 Children's Day Learning Activities!

**Serious discussion  
on what they  
would dance to!**



**Swaying to  
some tunes  
BOYS!**



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**Some activities outdoor!**





## Primary Section News; Y5F1 Learning Activities!

A fun filled experience to honour joy, creativity, and boundless energy of our amazing Y5F1 students during the Children's Day celebration.



Y5F1 created a poem to capture the dreams, laughter, and unique perspectives that make being a child so special.

### Zirwa

Can't I play all day long?  
He asked  
I can't play all day long  
Long day it is  
Don't my childhood I miss  
Remember that time when  
we acted like a mime  
Even though that time is  
gone  
Never will I forget till the  
world goes on

### Aseel

Children are a gift to the  
world  
Helping and respect all the  
time  
Increasing joy and laughter  
Lending enthusiasm and  
kindness  
Denying orders sometimes  
but making it right  
Rely on children you won't  
regret  
Every fun moment we had  
Never will I be mad

### Adrian

Children like me is a present  
to parents 🎁  
Having my parents is happy  
for me 😊  
In a place called home 🏠  
Lucky is my my home 🏠  
Doing everything for me is  
parents 🥰  
Right and responsibility is  
happy for all 😊  
Enjoy your day 🥰  
Nice day and on earth 🌍

### Saad karim

Creative children  
Having fun  
In the gardens of the earth  
Laughing giggling  
Discipline in school  
Running sharing and kind to  
everyone  
Nice to see the cheer up.  
Happy childrens day

### Ammar

Child like me is happy  
Has a chance to play with  
mommy  
In a cozy and comfortable  
place like home  
Love and respect enjoys by  
all  
Driving and tripping are our  
favorite thing during  
weekend  
Reading and listening to  
music are what we do on  
weekday  
Everyone enjoying in the  
family  
No loneliness but happiness  
is the feeling

### Dorra 1d

### Viaan Krishna

Come and enjoy  
Has a chance to play  
In a excited way  
Love and caring  
Driving in a happy mood  
Real happiness  
Empathy on playing and  
children  
No disrespect and in a happy  
mood  
  
Always remember that  
Children day makes our  
community happy and in a  
good mood and in an  
exciting feeling. Our happy  
memories and happiness can  
make dreams come true

### Arhan Syed Y5F1

C reative minds, so full of  
glee  
H appy hearts, so wild and  
free  
I nnocent eyes, a wondrous  
sight  
L ovely smiles, so pure and  
bright  
D reams take flight, up to the  
sky  
R aining joy, a reason why  
E very day, a new surprise  
N ever-ending, childhood's  
prize

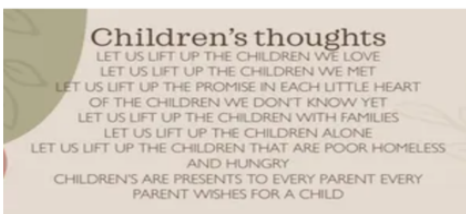
By Lara Ahmed

### Muhammad

Creative minds so wonderful  
Has always been cute like a  
cat  
In a crazy thinking world  
Lovely and wonderful smiles  
Determined like an energetic  
person to finish their work  
Running up to the sky like a  
fly  
Enthusiastic like a tiger  
Not always naughty like me  
  
Children day is best day for  
childrens and happy children  
day

### Anaya

Respect others so u can get  
it back  
When care there is no hate in  
the air and it bounces back if  
u do it again and u will feel  
good and everyone one will  
put on a Smile so respect  
others and u will feel the  
same :)



Be a wild  
Be a child  
Jump, play and take a ride  
Give the children your  
precious time  
Give them love, let them sour  
Have fun enjoy your time  
Let children feel loved this  
day  
Let babies all have their way  
Let children eat, learn and  
play  
Let's say, Happy children day



## Primary Section News; Y5S2 Children's Day Learning Activities!



### Celebrating Childhood

To recognize and celebrate the uniqueness, creativity, and joy that children bring to our lives.

To create a fun, engaging, and positive environment that allows students to feel appreciated and valued.

To encourage students to actively engage in activities that build their confidence, teamwork, and communication skills.



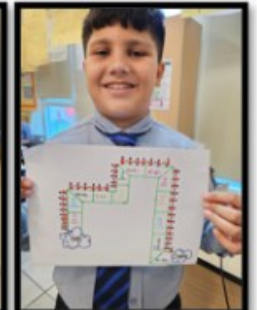
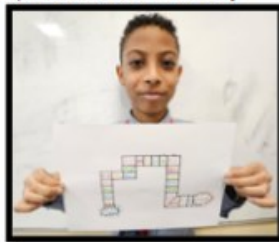
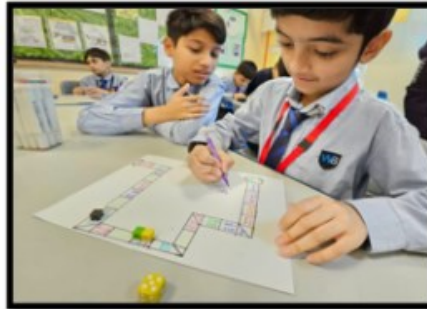


## Primary Section News; Y6BD Learning Activities!

### Year 6 BD's Exciting STEAM Adventure

Year 6 BD had a fantastic STEAM lesson this week, blending creativity and mathematics to design their very own board games! The students worked collaboratively to craft engaging and colourful games that incorporated mathematical equations as part of the challenges.

This hands-on activity not only reinforced their problem-solving skills but also allowed them to express their creativity while having fun.



### Children's Day Celebrations

Year 6 BD celebrated Children's Day with joy and enthusiasm! Each student received a thoughtful greeting card from their teacher, bringing smiles and appreciation to the classroom.

The students eagerly participated in a variety of engaging activities planned for the day, showcasing their talents, creativity, and teamwork.



Y6BD with Mr. Dhayanchand



## *Primary Section News; Y6BF Learning Activities!*



## **World's Children's Day celebration – Y6 BF**



With Ms. Anju Kumar



**We had an incredibly exciting day and enjoyed every moment to the fullest!**



# *Primary Section News; Y6BS Children's Day Learning Activities!*

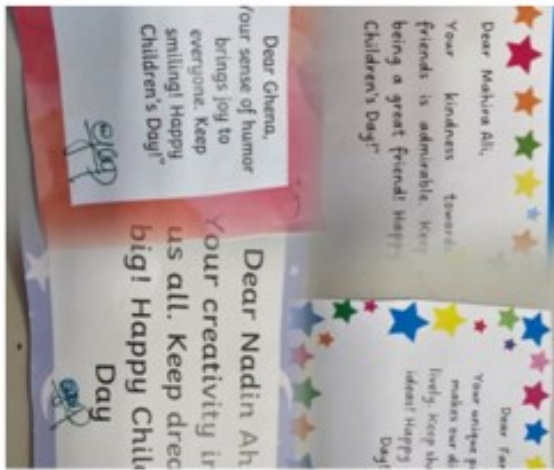




## *Primary Section News; Y6GD Children's Day Learning Activities!*

The students of Y6 GD enthusiastically celebrated World Children's Day, honoring the joy, creativity, and potential of every child through engaging activities, cheerful smiles, and memorable moments that showcased their unique spirit.

Here are some pictures showing the joy and energy of the celebration





## *Primary Section News; Learning Activities!*

Thank you Nabia for sharing your video of recitation of Surah Al Infi-tar.







# KS4 END OF TERM AWARDS



**The KS4 team proudly recognizes the Goodwill Guide badge recipients for their dedication, teamwork, and positive contributions to school activities.**



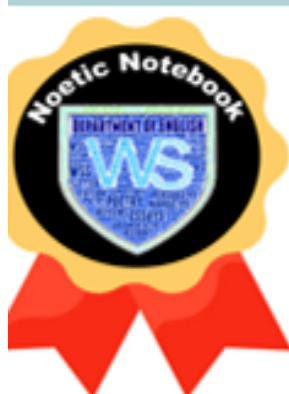


## WSS Secondary Section Noetic Notebook Superstar Champions!





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### Noetic Notebook Rewards- Oct/Nov 2024

#### Secondary - English

	Student Name	Class
1	Anas Wassim	7BD
2	ZAYAN NAJEEB	7BF
3	Adnan Muhammed Rumaiz	7BH
4	Mattli Ullah Usman Malik	7BS
5	Abeeha Khurram	7GD
6	Sarah Mahdiyah Rahman	7GF
7	Julia Mohamed	7GH
8	Afsheen Asthak	7GS
9	Muhammad Arham Nagori	8BD
10	Fahad Ibrahim	8BF
11	Daud Sikander Afzaal Sikander	8BH
12	Sandeep Kumar Ashok Kumar	8BS
13	Hala Ziad	8GD
14	Zunaira Allakbar Awakhalwala	8GF
15	Rushna Zeeshan	8GS
16	Aleena Batool	8GH
17	Mohammad Taha Bin Waqas	9BD
18	Adan Babar	9BF
19	Muhammad Hamdan Umer	9BH
20	Umair Muhammad Rashid Khan	9BS
21	Zunaira Anis	9GD
22	Komal Sarfaraz	9GF
23	Remas Khaled	9GH
24	Karim Mohamed	10 BF2
25	Malik Fawad Zaheer	10 BH
26	Muhammad Ayan Shakir	10 BF2
27	Alman Ahmad	10 BF1
28	Talia Tariq	10GF
29	Hania Imam Syed Nayyar	10 GS
30	Madiha Alam Mohammed	10 GS
31	Rida Abid Abid	10 GD
32	Omar Haltham	10 BD
33	Amna Faisal	10 GF
34	Syed Hassan Raza	10 BF1
35	Rayan Bilal Chaudhry	11BS
36	Hamad Ansar Ansar Aboobaker	11BH
37	Muhammad Ahmad Taj Shabbir	11 BF
38	Mohiudeen Zayan Liyakath	11BD
39	Evan Shibu	11BD
40	Khadija Ahmed	11 GH
41	Rida Zainab Syed Muhammad Iqbal	11 GH
42	Umma Zainab Suryla	11 GF
43	Tasnim Mejri	11 GF
44	Muhammad Mahad Waqas	12 BS
45	Nadine Sophie	12 GH
46	Zainab Haroon	13 GD



## WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Mr. Ranjit,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding support and communication you have shown as my daughter's form tutor. Your prompt responses and regular updates have been immensely helpful, and it's clear you prioritize keeping parents informed, which we greatly value.

We also want to thank you for your cooperative and supportive approach, especially when it comes to handling issues like misplaced items. Your willingness to assist in these situations speaks volumes about your dedication to the well-being of the students.

Additionally, we truly appreciate how you keep parents in the loop about the lessons and topics being covered in class. It gives us a sense of involvement in our child's education and allows us to better support her at home.

Thank you again for all your hard work and the positive impact you have on my daughter's school experience.

Warm regards,

Hina

### Appreciation message from PL KS3 Ms. Laneetha for the parents engaged in the Flameless Cooking Competition;

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude for making the Secondary *Flameless Cooking Event* such an incredible success. Wow—what a day it was! The *Flameless Cooking Event* at WSS was a smashing success, and it's all thanks to YOU!

Your enthusiasm lit up the room and the love and creativity you poured into every dish were simply inspiring. Watching you whip up those delightful creations with your children was a beautiful reminder of the magic that happens when family, fun, and learning come together.

Parental engagement plays a vital role in a child's learning journey, and events like this showcase how powerful our collaboration can be in nurturing their growth and success.

You didn't just participate—you made this event unforgettable. From the delicious aromas to the laughter and smiles, the energy you brought turned an ordinary day into something truly extraordinary.

We're so grateful for your time, effort, and that special spark only parents like you can bring.

Let's keep the spirit alive—here's to many more moments of joy, bonding, and shared success in the future! Thank you. So much, dear parents.

## Sixth form Students Leadership WSS secondary chess competition.

"We are grateful for the opportunity that we were provided with, organizing this chess tournament helped us develop our skills of management and it truly displayed the intelligence of our students at WSS and how they overcome difficulties and challenges" - Fares Allaham and Omar Aboutaleb (Student Organisers)

**Chess Competition Winner: Muhammad Ibrahim of year 12**





## Secondary Section News; Parental Engagement Event—Flameless Cooking, 18/11/24!

Family First!



Huge thanks to the parents & students who engaged so enthusiastically in this event. It was great to see parent-child teamwork & we saw some creative, delicious dishes too! Culinary skills are useful life skills!





# *Secondary Section News; Parental Engagement Event—Flameless Cooking, 18/11/24!*

**Family First!**





# *Secondary Section News; Parental Engagement Event—Flameless Cooking, 18/11/24 & 19/11/24!*

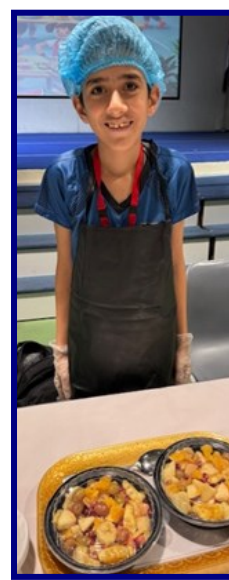
**Family First!**





# *Secondary Section News; Parental Engagement Event—Flameless Cooking, 19/11/24!*

*Family First!*





# MATH RELAY RACE ROUND 1

**"Maths relay Race Round 1 is an engaging, competitive math event where teams solve a sequence of math problems quickly, PASSING ANSWERS TO REACH THE FINAL SOLUTION"**





## MATHS CLUB

Maths  
is  
fun!

CREATIVE

## MATHS RELAY RACE

“Maths relay Race Round 1 is an engaging, competitive math event where teams solve a sequence of math problems quickly, PASSING ANSWERS TO REACH THE FINAL SOLUTION”



Mathematics is  
the gate and key  
to science.

ROGER BACON

Activities

Wherever  
there is  
NUMBER,  
there is  
BEAUTY!

Day 2

COLLABORATION



## **ART THERAPY – A STRESS MANGEMENT SESSION** **By Ms. Cimshy Chandra, Parent of Dhivith Y11 BF1**



Delighted to share the success of an enriching 'ART THERAPY' session facilitated by Cimshy Chandra. This thoughtful initiative provided students with a creative outlet to alleviate exam stress and rejuvenate their minds.

A heartfelt thank you to Ms Cimshy for her time, effort, and expertise in making this session a memorable and impactful experience for our students.



## *Secondary Section News; KS5 Learning & Leadership - The Curtin Dubai Business Cup Challenge!*



Our talented Year 12 and 13 students represented our school at the Curtin University Business Cup Challenge 2024, an inter-school competition held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Curtin University Dubai. Students demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm, commitment, and teamwork as they prepared and participated in this event. 1500 teams had registered for the event from the Middle East. It was a great learning experience for the students. The event was judged by the Director of Transactional Academic Group – Dr. Bilal Siddiqui, CEO of Transactional Academic Group (Middle East), and Mr. Daniel Adkins and Dr. Nidhi Sehgal – Head of Business School, Curtin University.



## Sixth form Enrichment Program – Mentoring sessions



**Yousef Wagdy, mentor (AS student) doing group mentoring for IGCSE boys. Yousef shared revision strategies for Paper 6 Biology.**

**IGCSE students found the session informative and had many takeaways to prepare well for Mock 1 Exam.**

**Teacher in-charge: Ms. Remya Lloyd**



## MENTAL HEALTH SOCIOLOGY CLUB



**The Sociology Club has hosted a mental health workshop event, in which students indulged in doodling and ranting, and were shown how to manage stress, raising awareness.**



## Secondary Section News; KS5 Trip Time!

### SIXTH FORM GIRLS

"KS5 girls making memories and enjoying every moment of the trip – fun, friendship, and adventure all in one!"



### KS5 trip (Boys) – Motion Gate



Y12 students enjoying their trip

KS5 boys went to motion gate as their Term -1 wellbeing trip on 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2024, Saturday, accompanied by the form tutors of Year 12 and Year 13 and the KS5 Team leader for boys Ms. Ghousia



Y12 BD students



Form Tutors and TL

All students and faculties in front of Motion Gate entrance






# Secondary Section News; The WSS Gazette!

THE SIXTH FORM FIRST EDITION

## WSS GAZETTE

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Character Day on October 31st was an absolute blast! Students went all out, transforming into their favorite fictional characters with jaw-dropping costumes and creative flair. The highlight of the day? An exciting, high-energy interview where each participant had to think, act, and respond as their character.

On September 23, the Business Club's Entrepreneur Express showcased student entrepreneurs pitching bold, innovative ideas to a panel of judges. With valuable feedback and a lively atmosphere, the event inspired creativity, ambition, and real-world entrepreneurial skills!

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EPRE... EXPRESS

MUN Briefing Session held by the MUN Club on the 6th of November.

The Basketball Breakbuster, launched for Y11-Y13 on November 4th, brings out fierce competition among the houses! With games underway, the event promises intense matchups, skillful plays, and high energy as teams compete for the top spot. The Breakbuster is well on its way to becoming an unforgettable tournament!

Congratulations to our innovative & dynamic Sixth Form student leaders on the publication of the WSS Gazette, packed full of useful life hacks!

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## Scientific Strategies to Conquer Procrastination

If you need more motivation, there are a myriad of science-backed solutions present in the world today, and discipline is one of them. The "motivation mindset" allows us to complete tasks by rewarding progress; however, low dopamine levels can make tasks seem unexciting and difficult to start. So, it is suggested to break tasks into smaller steps with frequent rewards, like having a snack or listening to your favourite song, to make dopamine levels for improved focus.

But how can we keep ourselves on track? This is where the brain's Anterior Cingulate Cortex (ACC) steps in. It is responsible for error detection and superior behaviour that plays a vital role when tasks are challenging. It is shown that both dopamine modulation and ACC activation increase motivation when individuals set manageable goals and track their progress. This combined approach of small rewards and active monitoring can help students overcome procrastination.

Another approach involves activating beta brain waves, which are associated with focused attention and problem-solving. If you've ever found your focus slipping during a project—like I did while writing this—then you might find this next part intriguing. In such cases, the brain often shifts to slower wave patterns linked with relaxation and disengagement. In 2014, a study published in *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience* highlighted that tasks requiring cognitive processing, like wave activity, promoting cognitive processing. We can stimulate these waves by listening to beta-wave binaural beats or taking a small amount of caffeine, both of which can help shift the brain into a more attentive state.

There are just a few of the solutions among many. Procrastination is a universal obstacle, and it shouldn't carry any negative weight. By openly addressing and experimenting with different approaches, we can turn this into an opportunity for growth. Take your time to discover the methods that resonate with you and it will be worth it.

## A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO INTERVIEW SUCCESS

Most of us have attended many interviews, but how often do we consider what truly defines an outstanding interview? While we may assume that we are conversant with the intricacies, it is essential to familiarise ourselves with additional tips to make a strong, lasting impression.

### Preparing for the interview

Success is rooted in preparation, and acquiring the requisite knowledge cultivates the confidence needed to excel. A vital first step is to possess a comprehensive understanding of the position. How well do you actually understand the role? By researching the company's values and the job description you can anticipate questions and tailor your responses, giving you a competitive edge.

It is also prudent to create a compilation of potential questions by reflecting on your past experiences. This process allows you to draw from specific examples during the interview, further elevating the caliber of your responses. When discussing weaknesses, for instance, focus on your insights and personal growth. Practising these questions with your peers can also refine your delivery.

### During the interview

Once the interview begins, it is critical to use specific examples rather than general statements to support your points. Highlighting qualities like adaptability, responsibility, and leadership in these areas are highly valued by employers.

As you respond, be attentive to the interviewer's subtle signals. For instance, if they rephrase or repeat a question, it may indicate a need for more elaboration. Revisiting this feedback enables you to deliver more insightful responses and directly address what they deem important. Allow the interviewer to steer the conversation while you maintain an effortless, clear and efficient answer.

It is also advised to ask questions of your own in the interview, as this demonstrates interest in the position, such as attitude, improvement, management, and may resonate favorably with the interviewer.

Ultimately, interviews are meant to help organisations and showcasing your qualifications. Every step of the process matters, and by investing time in refining your skills, you will be well-prepared to achieve success.

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## EXTRACURRICULARS

### STEM

**IEOM stem competition**  
Showcase your groundbreaking STEM project and earn a spot at the 2024 Dubai Conference!  
Deadline: Jan 25th

**NSTI Festival**  
Dive into the UAE's biggest science and tech festival—explore innovations and ignite your curiosity!  
Dates: February 1-5, 2025

**HCGEC 2025**  
Unleash your writing talent, compete globally, and win scholarships!  
Deadline: Nov 15th  
Winners announced: Mar 15th

**The Oxford IQ Academy**  
Oxford IQ Academy Essay Competition  
Calling all young whizzes! Compete for scholarships and awards with your unique voice.  
Deadline: Jan 31st