# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH









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Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

thank all our We dear parents for your support & coopera-

tion throughout Term 1. Our children are thriving because of our teamwork!

We wish all our parents who celebrate a very happy Christmas! To all our WSS family, we wish you a very peaceful, safe, happy and successful New Year 2023!!

#### **Smart, Professional Dress**

to school beautifully dressed every day. Please ensure rings are worn to school for safety. Thank you. that your children maintain a high standard throughout the Term, including wearing their tie/scarf, school ID card, black shoes, uniform hair ties, no jewelry & no makeup. Please note that skirts should be below the knee. Thank you so much.

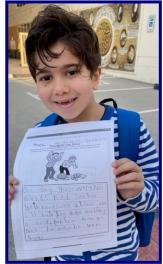
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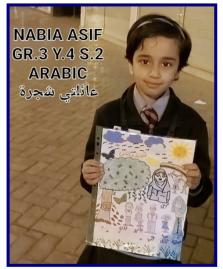
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| Date   | Details   |  |  |  |
| Thursday<br>8/12/22  | <ul> <li>Last day of Term 1 for all students &amp; Teachers. Timings 7:30am-12pm.</li> <li>T1 Reports will be published in early January. A PTM will also be arranged then so you can meet your child's Teachers to discuss T1 progress &amp; achievement.</li> <li>School Admin. will be open throughout the Winter Break, 8am-2pm on working days.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| Mon. 12th<br>Dec. to Sun-<br>day 1st Jan.<br>2023<br>(3 weeks) | <ul> <li>School closed for Winter Break.</li> <li>We recommend online fee payment to avoid the crowds, However, school Cashier open on Saturday 31/12/22, 8am-1pm, for fee payment.</li> <li>School resumes for T2 on Monday 2nd January, 2023.</li> <li>Please note that T2 school fees are due by Monday 2/1/23. Thanks you.</li> </ul>                       |  |  |  |

#### Safety—Dangly Earrings

Students' uniform should reflect the highest profes- A lot of us love to wear dangly earrings. However, they are not safe sional standards of dress every day. Huge thanks to for school as they can get caught & pulled easily while playing, so the our many parents who support their children to come wearer could get a torn ear. Please ensure that only small stud ear-









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

# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



### النشرة الإخبارية رقم 15 8 دیسمبر 2022













رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي السيدة فاليري توهبسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويد الشارقة الأعزاء،

نشكر جميع أولياء الأمور الأعزاء على دعمكم وتعاونكم طوال الفصل الدراسي الأول. أطفالنا يزدهرون بسبب عملنا الجماعي!

نتمنى لجميع آبائنا الذين يحتفلون بعيد ميلاد سعيد للغاية! لجميع عاللاتنا في WSS، نتمنى لكم عام 2023 مسالمًا وآمنًا وسعيدًا وناجمًا !!

### فستان مهنية أنيقة

يجب أن يعكس زى الطلاب أعلى المعايير المهنية للباس كل

يوم. شكر أجزيلاً للعيد من أباننا الذين يدعمون أطفالهم للقدوم إلى المدرسة وهم يرتدون ملابس جميلة كل يوم. يرجى التأكد من أن أطفالك يحافظون على مستوي عال طوال فترة الفصل الدراسي ، بما في نلك ارتداء ريطة عنق / وشاح ، ويطاقة هوية مدرسية ، وأحدية سوداء ، وريطات شعر موحدة ، وبدون مجوهرات ولا مكياج. يرجى ملاحظة أن التنورات يجب أن تكون تحت الركبة

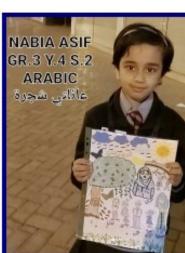
شكراً جزيلاً

### المواعيد التاريخ آخر يوم من الفصل الدراسي الأول لجميع الطلاب والمعلمين. المواعيد 7:30 صباحًا - 12 مساءً. 8/12/22 سيتم نشر تقارير T1 في أوائل يناير. سيتم أيضًا ترتيب PTMبعد نلك حتى تتمكن من مقابلة معلمي طفلك لمناقشة التقدم والإنجاز في إدارة المدرسة - سيكون مفتوخًا طوال عطلة الشتاء ، من الساعة 8 صباحًا حتى 2 مساءً في أيام العمل. المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاع. الاثنين. من 12 ديسمبر إلى نوصي بدفع الرسوم عبر الإنترنت لتجنب الازدحام ، ومع الأحد 1 يناير ذلك ، يفتح أمين الصندوق المدرسي يوم السبت 2023 31/12/22 ، من الساعة 8 صباحًا حتى 1 مساءً ، لدفع (8 imings) تستأنف المدرسة لـ T2يوم الاثنين 2 يناير 2023. يرجى ملاحظة أن الرسوم المدرسية T2مستحقة بحلول

### السلامة - أقراط متدلية

يحب الكثير منا ارتداء الأقراط المتدلية. ومع ذلك ، فهي ليست آمنة للمدرسة حيث يمكن أن يتم القبض عليهم وسحبهم بسهولة أثناء اللعب ، وبالتالي يمكن أن يصاب مرتديها بأذن ممزقة . يرجى التأكد من ارتداء الأقراط الصغيرة فقط في المدرسة من أجل السلامة.

يوم الاتنين 2/1/23. شكرا لك.







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

| Newsletter Contents |  |   |   |  |  |
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GEMS schools undergo an annual Review cycle, organized and staffed by our Cluster team Principals & SLT under the mentorship of Ms. Ranju, our Senior Vice President of Schools. Internal Reviews are used as a monitoring & support system to help schools achieve inspection-readiness and meet previous targets. On 7/12/22, WSS Principal & SLT joined other Cluster Principals & SLT for a Review training event.



### Whole School News; SPEA Activity Circular

Sharjah Private Education Authority is pleased to extend its warmest greetings to you...

We would like to inform you that Sharjah Ladies Club has issued a booklet that consists of the club's services and activities to promote a healthy lifestyle to children by building a healthy mind and body with boosting confidence creativity and fitness through various entertaining activities during after school hours.

These services target the following age group:

- Girls 4 years and above.
- Boys 4 years-8 years.

Therefore, please circulate the club's services and activities booklet to parents and students by clicking <a href="here">here</a> or by scanning the following QR code:



يطيب لهيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص أن تهديكم أطيب التحيات وصادق الأمنيات...
بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، نحيطكم علماً بأن نادي سيدات الشارقة قد أصدر كتيب
لخدمات وأنشطة النادي وذلك بهدف تعزيز أسلوب حياة صحي للأطفال لبناء جسم
وذهن صحي مع تعزيز ثقة، إبداع ولياقة الطلبة من خلال مختلف الأنشطة المسلية
في فترة ما بعد المدرسة.

#### تستهدف الخدمات الفئة العمرية:

- الفتيات: 4 سنوات فما فوق
- الأولاد: 4 سنوات 8 سنوات

لذا يرجى تعميم كتيب خدمات وأنشطة النادي لأولياء الأمور والطلبة يرجى الضغط هنا، أو من خلال مسح الرمز الضوئي التالي:



شاكرين حسن تعاونكم وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام

### Whole School News; SPEA Activity Circular

warmest greetings to you...

Sharjah Art Foundation is organizing (Al Shamsi Nights) for all age groups on December 9, 2022, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. It will include interactive workshops in visual arts and performing arts for children and families. The program will be conducted in both languages Arabic and English at Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, Arts Square.

register on the following link:

Join us at Bait Al Shamsi Night Workshops (sharjahart.org)

#### Workshops

-Scavenger Hunt: Discover the History of Bait Obaid Al Shamsi.

The Program is for children and families.

Timing: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Age group: All ages

Languages: Arabic and English

A brief: Participate with us in a scavenger hunt tour as you learn about the history of Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, and cooperate with your friends to discover facts and figures around the building, after you get a list of hidden objects such as items, shapes, and colors, and look for them to use in drawing.

#### -Story Time

Timing:6:30 PM- 9:00 PM

Age group: 2-5 accompanied by one of the parents

Languages: Arabic and English

A brief: Bring your children to listen to a fun story in the Junior Library at Bait Obaid Al Shamsi, where the librarian will provide a series of reading sessions, attracting the attention of the children by the story itself along with a collection of fun dolls and games.

#### Best Regards,

For contact & query:

Sharjah Art Foundation

Ms. Nouf Alhammadi

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يطيب لهيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص أن تهديكم أطيب التحيات Sharjah Private Education Authority is pleased to extend its وصادق الأمنيات...

> بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، تنظم مؤسسة الشارقة للفنون (أمسيات بيت الشامعي) لكل الفئات العمربة ، وذلك الموافق 9 ديسمبر 2022 ، من الساعة 6:00 مساءً حتى 9:00 مساءً .

> وتتضمن الأمسيات ورش تفاعلية للصغار والعائلات في الفنون البصربة والأدائية. يقام البرنامج باللغتين العربية والانجليزية، في بيت عبيد الشامس بساحة الفنون

يرجى التعميم على الطلبة الراغبين في المشاركة للتسجيل عبر الرابط | Please circulate to students who are willing to participate, to

(sharjahart.org)انضموا إلينا في ورش وأمسيات بيت الشامسي

#### الورشء

تقفى الأدلة؛ اكتشفوا تاريخ بيت عبيد الشاممي

البرنامج التعليمي للناشئة والكبار

التوقيت: 6:30 – 9:00 مساءً

الفئة العمربة: جميع الأعمار

اللغات: العربية والإنجليزية

نبذة: شاركوا في جولة تقفي الأدلة (سكافنجر هانت) أثناء تعرفكم على تاريخ بيت عبيد الشامسي، وتعاونوا مع أصدقائكم لاكتشاف حقائق وأرقام حول المبني، بعد أن تحصلوا على قائمة بالأشياء المخبأة مثل الأغراض والأشكال والألوان، وتبحثوا عنها لاستخدامها في الرسم.

وقت الحكابة

التوقيت: 6:30 – 9:00 مساءً

الفئة العمرية: 2 - 5 يمرافقة أحد الأيوين

اللغات: العربية والإنجليزية

نبذة: أحضروا أطفالكم للاستماع إلى حكاية ممتعة في مكتبة الصغار في بيت عبيد الشامسي، حيث سيوفر أمين المكتبة سلسلة من جلسات القراءة، وبجذب انتباه الصغار عن طربق الحكاية نفسها إلى جانب مجموعة من الدمى والألعاب المتعة

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام

#### للتواصل والاستفسار:

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### Whole School News; Visit to an Old People's Home, 7/12/22!

WSS students, parents & staff visited an Old People's Home this week as part of our community service programme, and applying Islamic values to real life.

Our students & staff received a warm welcome form the management of the old people's home. The atmosphere there was very cheerful, and our students and parents were very happy to meet comfortably with the old people. They presented their gifts and giveaways to all of them and even they participated in the old people's activities. The old people were very happy and they shared their experiences with our students and parents, & they were thankful for the gift and giveaways.

It was an exciting and interesting visit, especially to demonstrate how the importance of old people in their lives.

Thank you to Ms. Doaa Romih, Mr. Kamal, Mr. Osama, Mr. Alaa & our dear parents for organizing & supporting this special trip.



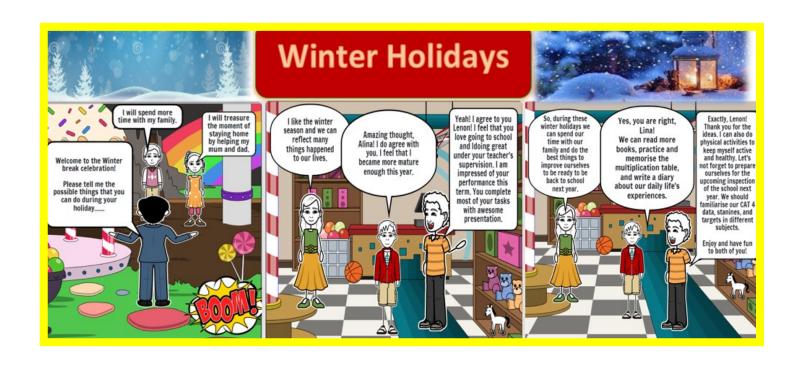


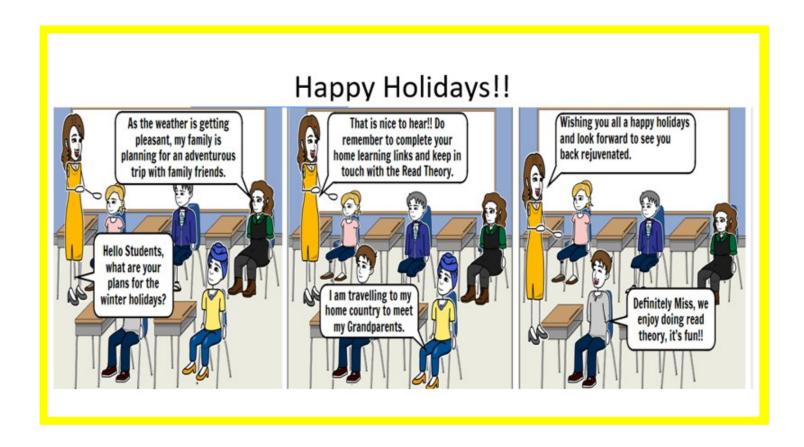






### Whole School News



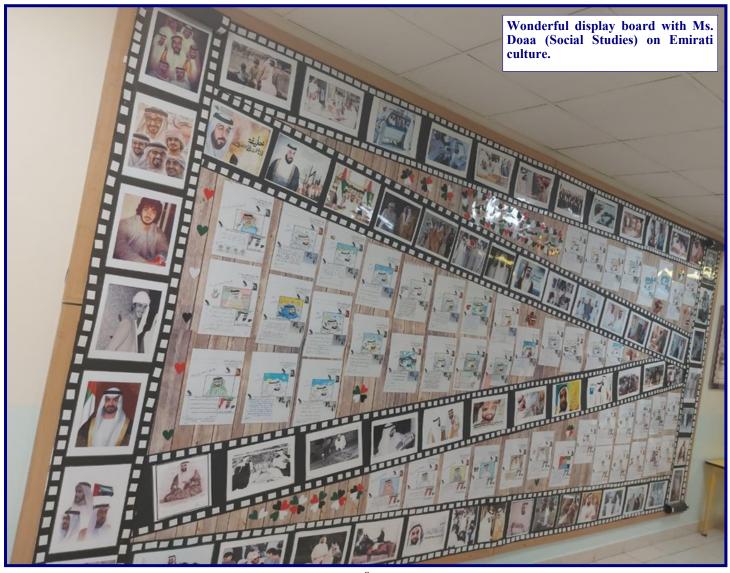


### Whole School News; Staff CPD!





World environmental initiatives are becoming more & more critical. GEMS is working towards its schools becoming more carbon neutral & sustainable. Well done to Ms. Laneetha for her environmental initiatives at WSS, & for taking additional training to be able to promote more sustainable practices at WSS.



### WSS Superstar Staff of T1 Champions!



### Staff Awards; WSS Staff Stars of Term 1

Term 1: September- December 2022



Ms. Dalal AlKhdour

Teacher of the Term

Junior



Ms. Syeda <u>Eesha</u> Bukhari

Teacher Assistant of the

Term Junior



Mr. Dhayanchand Timothy
Teacher of the Term
Primary



Ms. Eman Aly Elsouly
Teacher of the Term
Primary



Ms. Swarupa Kommareddi Teacher of the Term Secondary



Ms. Lucy Chester Teacher of the Term Secondary



Ms. Reema Girish Teacher of the Term Secondary



Ms. Saritha Binu Teacher of the Term Secondary



Ms. Abir Gaballah Admin. Staff Award of the Term



Ms. Sithy Rizana Yoosuf Support Staff of the Term



Ms. Chandrakala Chhetri Support Staff of the Term

### WSS Superstar SCOPE Champions!

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. In 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)





School 'Conference of Parties' Exposition

A forum for students' voice and action against Climate Change

# SCOPE 2022 –WSS WINNERS

FOR THE INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION CONDUCTED BY GEMS
LEGACY SCHOOL ON 17TH
NOVEMBER 2022











### WSS Superstar SCOPE Champions!









"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying." Pele

"Teachers teach students in the same way, but their learning styles are different"

Humayra, an independent hard-working student has her own learning style. She has a deep understanding of mathematical concepts, and the quality of her work is her plus point. She makes use of her class time wisely and submission of work on time. She has practiced 10 years past papers with all the variants as instructed. She solves the questions with great confidence. When she gets a question she underlines what exactly is given in the question and what she needs to find out,

and then solves it with all the proper steps. Her success is the reflection of her hard work.

Congratulation on your success, Humayra, in achieving top in UAE and the World. All the very best for your future endeavours from the entire Mathematics department.

# WSS Environmental Recycling Superstar Champions!









### Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!









### WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!













#### Dear Ms Uzma and Ms Beni

As this term is near its end I would like to share my experience with you. This year is such a roller coaster ride for us. I still remember the first few weeks in which Yusha cried every morning not wanting to go to school. His struggle in reading, and writing to his least interest in making friends and participating in school activities.

However, due to your and Ms. Benil's continuous efforts, he started enjoying his school. Now, every day he is excited to go to school and learn new "digraphs". Not only this he has started taking a keen interest in reading. I truly appreciate the time, effort, and hard work that both you and Ms. Benil have put into Yusha's growth, Thank you very much for being so supportive, kind, and friendly.

Thanks a lot for sharing beautiful pictures of kids, it's indeed a memorable and fun-filled year.

Wishing you and all others the best of luck for the next term. Hope the next year is filled with more happiness, joy, and growth.

Thanks and best regard Ayesha Farrukh

### WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



#### Dear MS Sidra

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to you at the end of the first term, thanks to your efforts with my daughter, Rekaz Mohamed year 2 F1, as her level has improved a lot. I wish you more success,

Best Regards

#### Dear Ms.Sabiha

#### Good afternoon.

I am Mohamed Yaser's father, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for your excellent work with my son Mohamed, which has positively impacted his attitude, academic success, and character development. Without your support, none of this would have been possible, and it has also made it simpler for us to revise with him at home.

Moreover, I want to thank the wonderful leaders Ms. Shamail and Ms. Raghi for their efforts in selecting the greatest teachers for the junior level. My son had a happy journey beginning with Ms. Rajina and continuing with Ms. Sabiha. and you continue to show me how WSS was and remains the best place for my son Mohamed.

Best regards, Eng. Yaser Shabana

# Junior Section News; Parental Engagement Days, 6-7/12/22!



# Junior Section News; Parental Engagement Days, 6-7/12/22!



# Junior Section News; FS1 Parental Engagement Days, 6-7/12/22!





FS1 with Ms. Kishwar & Ms. Fatema





# Junior Section News; FS2 Parental Engagement Days, 6-7/12/22!











### Junior Section News; FS2 Parental Engagement Days, 6-7/12/22!

FS2H1 with Ms. NIkhat













FS2 S1 with Miss Jobelle and Miss





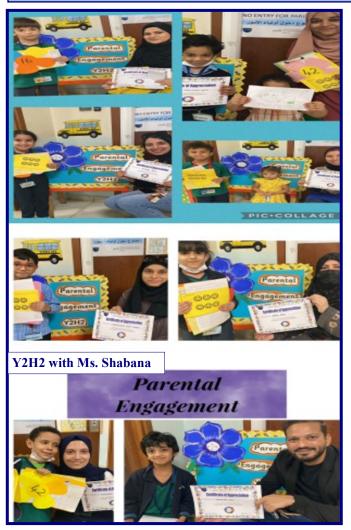


# Junior Section News; Y1 & Y2 Parental Engagement Days, 6-7/12/22!





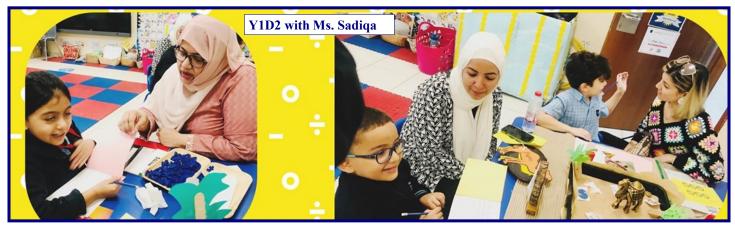
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# Junior Section News; Y2 Parental Engagement Days, 6-7/12/22!







# Junior Section News; Y2 Parental Engagement Days, 6-7/12/22!









# Junior Section News; Y2 Parental Engagement Days, 6-7/12/22!















# Junior Section News; Movie Day, 8/12/22!





MOVIE DAY Y2F1 with Ms. Sidra and Ms. Aqueen

# Primary Section News





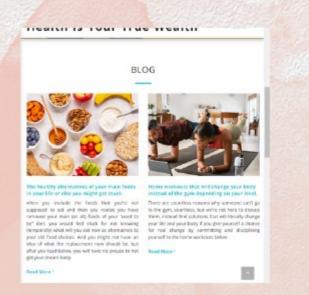
# SIXTH FORM Wellbeing NEWS

Maryam Rafat from year 12 GF had been working over the summer on her website, which she had released and published online!

she uses the below mentioned website to release blogs to share her passion of health and fitness to help people with their healthy weight loss journey.

# find out more in the link below

https://6303585fcce75.site123.me/







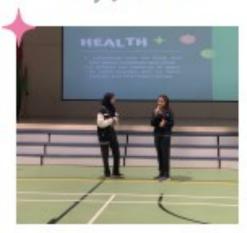
# MENTAL HEALTH & STRESS MANAGEMENT ASSEMBLY





An assembly was hosted by the sixth form sociology club for mental health awareness and stress management on Tuesday 22nd november 2022.

It started with a positive and fun activity "To put a smile on your face" which students and teachers enjoyed a lot!



followed by the introduction of mental health and the types of mental health presented by Arafa and Mariam.



MS. DEEPIKA AND MS. NIRMALA JOINING THE ACTIVITY



STUDENT WRITING POSTIVE ATTRIBUTES SHE LOVES/APPRECIATES ABOUT HER FRIEND



### Secondary Section News; Mental Health & Stress Management Assembly!

The presenter Rewan also discussed ways to deal with exam stress and daily stress as well as how to improve mental health.



Such as taking care of your health, reaching out for help to people you trust or a counsellor/therapist and keeping a journal to help stay on track with your work and emotions.

### A motivational speech given by Ms. Sreeja & Mr. Franklin





# A calm mindful meditation session by Ms. Saritha



students and teachers comfortably sitting and calmly meditating by following Ms. Saritha's lead



balance between school and personal life seek counselling help, speak to sameone you trust

takecare of your health

take time to recharge

write down your stress

re-evaluate negative thoughts

Calm and Relax Your Mind

> Avoid Overthinking

Student Wellbeing

### Secondary Section News; International Tolerance Day Projects!

International Day for Tolerance (UNESCO) was observed on 16th November 2022. It was an awesome opportunity to strengthen tolerance by fostering mutual understanding among our students.

Activities of the Day - Led by Arshaq (Y13 BH) & Joel (Y12 BD)

International Day for Tolerance PowerPoint shared to promote awareness of the value of tolerance during registration session.

- International Day for Tolerance video to promote tolerance.
- Interactive Tolerance Quiz during registration session led by Sixth Formers MEP club
- Interactive padlet wall by Sixth Formers MEP Club

Thank you Ms. Susan for leading this important initiative



16 November, 2022

# INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE

#### WHAT DOES TOLERANCE MEAN TO YOU?

To be tolerant means that you accept other people's opinions and preferences, even when they live in a way that you don't agree with.

Maysoon Hammad 10GS

Tolerance is when you learn to forgive and respect other people. For the world to be peaceful, people need to be tolerant. Everyone should respect other people's thoughts, traditions, and culture.

Habiba Tamer Y9 GFI





#### **TOLERANCE POEM**

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We celebrate tolerance for a reason So we can have a treason With the people who are different we see equal

We all know how to feel
When getting compared
And there is nothing to share
This day was made to celebrate
The meaning of being equal

Meerab Naeem Y10GS





#### **TOLERANCE EXPERIENCE**

Tolerance has helped me, feel connected with the people around me and its also helped them accept me for me.

**Mehk Fatima** 



# Secondary Section News; Breakbuster Highlights!

























# Secondary Section News; Breakbuster Highlights!

















# Secondary Section News; Breakbuster Highlights!



Breakbusters was organized & led superbly by our fabulous student leaders. Well done!!

