

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #16
5th January, 2023



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Teamwork; Safety & Wellbeing

WSS and parents together make the best team for the progress & achievement of our children.

There may be misunderstandings or mistakes at times, but we are on the same side—we want what is best for our children. We are all role models for our students. It is our responsibility to reflect the values and character that we want our children to develop. It is critically important for both parents & staff to model **respectful, safe and responsible behaviour in school**. For safeguarding, it is **absolutely not allowed to engage/speak with or in any way touch any children other than your own, or to shout at staff**. Such behaviour is a serious disciplinary matter. If you have any issues, do please bring them directly to the PRE/school management, & we will support you to resolve them. Thank you.

Facemasks on Buses

Please note that students & staff using BBT bus transport are no longer required to wear face masks while using the bus. This is now optional. Parents, thank you for all your support throughout COVID.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
2nd Jan. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of Term 2. T2 fees due, thank you.
Mon. 16th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-enrollment for September 2023 opens. Re-enrollment may only be completed once full T2 fees have been cleared.
Thurs. 19th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am-2:30pm; F2F Parent-Teacher Meetings in school. Details will be sent home shortly. This will be a non-instructional day for students (no lessons). Students should attend PTM together with their parents dressed in their uniform, to discuss their T1 progress, achievement & next steps. T1 Reports will be published shortly (subject to fees being cleared & no pending docs).
Wed. 15th & Thurs. 16th Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-Term Break (2 days)
27/3/23 to 6/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Break (2 weeks) Term 3 starts on Monday 10/4/23. T3 fees due, thank you.
17/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-Term Break (1 day)
29/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official last day of the academic year.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 16
5th January, 2023



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،
**العمل بروح الفريق الواحد؛
السلامة والرفاهية**

WSS والآباء معًا يشكلون أفضل فريق لتقدم وإنجازات أطفالنا. قد يكون هناك سوء فهم أو أخطاء في بعض الأحيان ، لكننا في نفس الجانب - نريد الأفضل لأطفالنا. نحن جميعًا قوة لطلابنا. من مسؤوليتنا أن نعكس القيم والشخصية التي نريد لأطفالنا تطويرها. من الأهمية بمكان أن يقوم كل من الوالدين والموظفين بنموذج سلوك محترم وآمن ومسؤول في المدرسة. من أجل الحماية ، لا يُسمح مطلقًا بالتواصل / التحدث مع أي أطفال بخلاف أطفالك أو لمسه بأي شكل من الأشكال ، أو الصراخ على الموظفين. مثل هذا السلوك هو مسألة تأديبية خطيرة. إذا كانت لديك أية مشكلات ، فالرجاء إحضارها مباشرة إلى / إدارة المدرسة ، وسوف ندعمك لحلها. شكرًا لك.

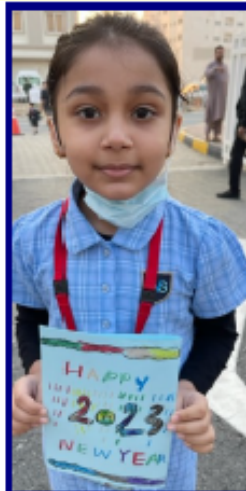
أقنعة الوجه في الحافلات

يرجى ملاحظة أن الطلاب والموظفين الذين يستخدمون حافلات BBT لم يعد مطلوبًا منهم ارتداء أقنعة الوجه أثناء استخدام الحافلة. هذا اختياري الآن. أولياء الأمور ، شكرًا لكم على كل دعمكم طوال فترة انتشار فيروس كورونا.



المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
اليوم الأول من الفصل الدراسي 2. رسوم T2 المستحقة ، شكرًا لك.	2nd Jan. 2023
•فتح باب التسجيل في سبتمبر 2023. •لا يمكن إكمال إعادة التسجيل إلا بعد سداد رسوم T2 بالكامل.	Mon. 16th January
8 صباحًا - 2:30 مساءً : F2F اجتماعات أولياء الأمور والمعلمين في المدرسة. سيتم إرسال التفاصيل إلى المنزل قريبًا. •سيكون هذا يومًا غير تعليمي للطلاب (بدون دروس). يجب على الطلاب حضور PTM مع أولياء أمورهم لمناقشة تقدمهم في T1 والإنجاز والخطوات التالية. •سيتم نشر تقارير T1 قريبًا (رهنًا بمسح الرسوم وعدم وجود مستندات معقولة).	Thurs. 19th Jan
استراحة منتصف المدة (يومان)	Wed. 15th & Thurs. 16th
•عطلة الربيع (أسبوعان) •يبدأ الفصل الثالث يوم الاثنين الموافق 10/4/23. رسوم T3 المستحقة ، شكرًا لك.	27/3/23 to 6/4/23
استراحة منتصف المدة (يوم واحد)	17/4/23
آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي	29/6/23



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




The WSS science team is collaborating with our sister school WIN, Jebel Ali, via TEAMS to innovatively share expertise. We thank the WIN Principal Ms. Meenakshi & her team for their helpful & supportive collaboration.

Whole School News; Slices Canteen Menu

Grab & Go – Canteen Menu

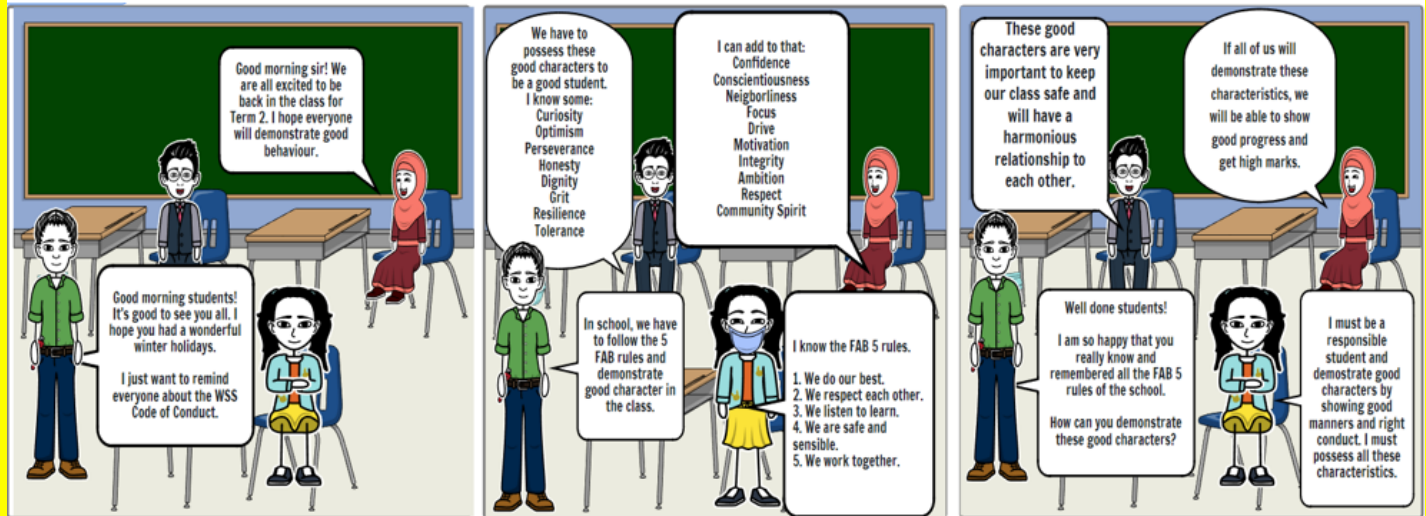
SLICES

Sandwiches & Wraps		AED	Drinks & Salads		AED
Labneh Cheese Bagel		08.00	Flavored Juices (Orange, Apple, Mango)		03.00
Falafel Hummus Roll		08.00	Milk Low Fat		03.00
Chicken Tikka Wrap		10.00	Flavored Milk (Strawberry, Chocolate)		04.00
Chicken Fajita Wrap		07.00	Laban		02.00
Chicken Burger		10.00	Water		01.00
Vegan Chickpea Wrap		08.00	Chicken Caesar Salad		12.00
Potato Frankie		06.00	Fattoush Salad		06.00
		Desserts, Pots, Fruits & Crisp		AED	
		Fresh Fruit (Apple Banana)		02.00	
		Watermelon Pot 10oz/16oz		6 / 8	
		Fruit Salad Pot 10oz/16oz		7 / 10	
		Pineapple Cup 10oz		07.00	
Hot Meal		AED	Fruit Yoghurts (Strawberry, Apricot, Red Cherry)		04.00
Hot Lunch (Menu of the day)		11.00	Dubai Pop Corn (Salt & Cheese)		03.00
Hot Tomato Pasta Pot		08.00			

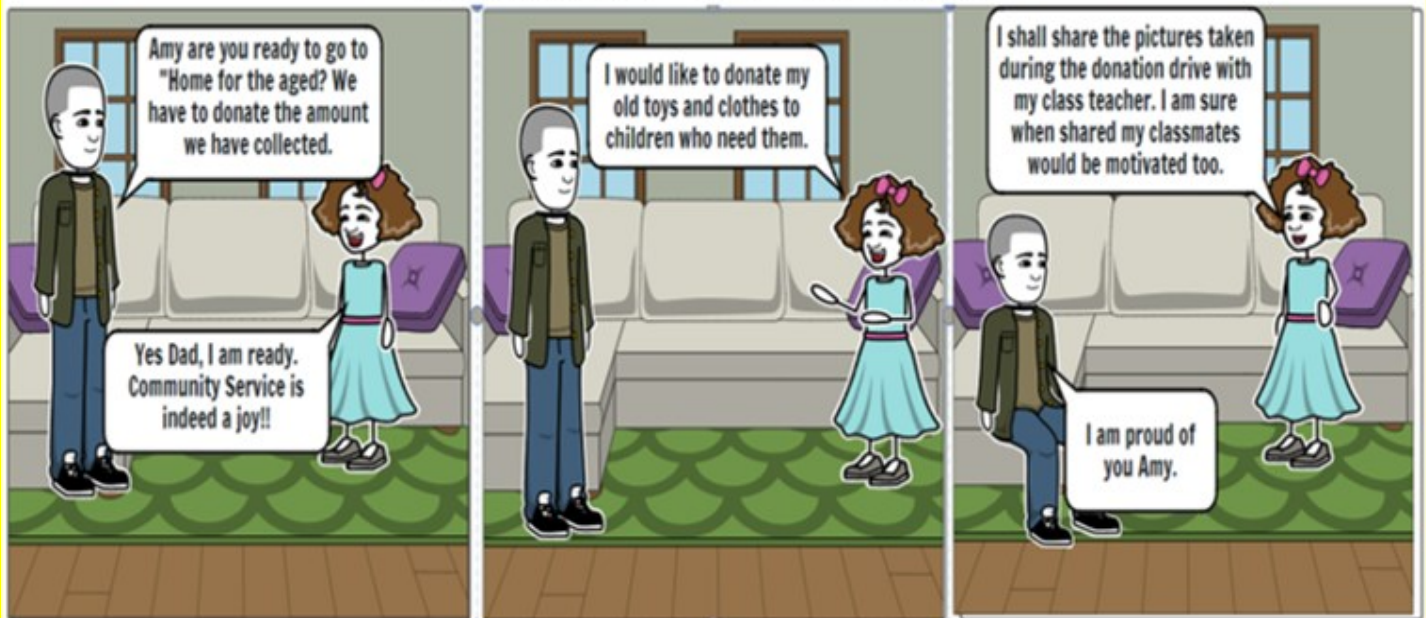
	MONDAY (02/01)	TUESDAY (03/01)	WEDNESDAY (04/01)	THURSDAY (05/01)	FRIDAY (06/01)
NON - VEG	Chicken Curry/ Steam Rice	Methi Murg/ Steam Rice	Chicken Kabsa & Yoghurt	Chicken Biryani/ Raita (D)	
VEG	Paneer Masala & Steam Rice	Thai Veg Curry/ Steam Rice	Mac Pasta Baked & Sweet Corn (G,D)	Aloo Mutter & Steam Rice	
DAILY MENU	Pasta Tomato Sauce(G)	Pasta Tomato Sauce(G)	Pasta Tomato Sauce(G)	Pasta Tomato Sauce(G)	
	MONDAY (09/01)	TUESDAY (10/01)	WEDNESDAY (11/01)	THURSDAY (12/01)	FRIDAY (13/01)
NON - VEG	Chicken Mandi & Yoghurt (D)	Chicken Tikka Masala With Steamed Rice(D)	Chicken Tikka Masala / Steam Rice	Chicken Biryani with Raita (D)	
VEG	Vegetable Curry & Steam Rice	Rajma Curry & Steam Rice	Aloo Gobi & Steam Rice	Penne Alfredo & Focaccia (D,G)	

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	MONDAY (23/01)	TUESDAY (24/01)	WEDNESDAY (25/01)	THURSDAY (26/01)	FRIDAY (27/01)
NON - VEG	Chicken Mandi & Yoghurt (D)	Chicken Kabsa & Yoghurt (D)	Chicken Tikka Masala / Steam Rice	Chicken Biryani with Chappathy & Khorma / Raita(G/D)	
VEG	Vegetable Kabsa & Yoghurt(D)	Mac Pasta Baked / Green Peas (Focaccia(G,D)	Ricotta Ravioli/ Garlic Infused Roasted Veg (G,D)	Penne Alfredo & Focoaccia (D,G)	

WSS Code of Conduct for Students



THE JOY OF GIVING



WSS environmental Recycling Superstar Champions!

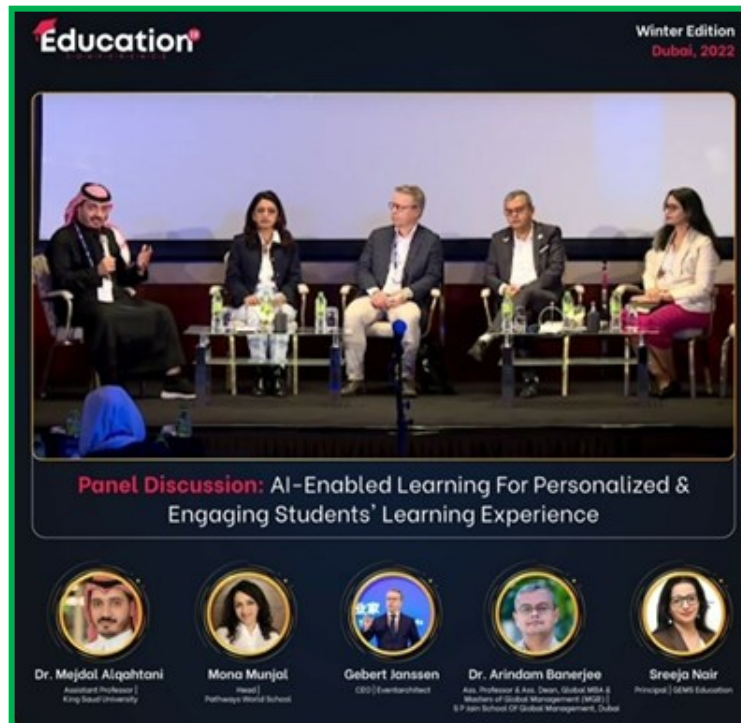


Alaqmar is with his grandparents from India who helped him with this recycling task

WSS Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to Secondary Assistant Principal Ms. Sreeja on achieving the highly prestigious 'Outstanding Leadership Award' for her significant contribution to 'Educators and Educational Leadership groups online'. She was one of 40 leaders across the globe to receive this award at the recent 'Education 2.0' conference. This is a well-deserved acknowledgement of her contribution to our WSS students' learning & achievement, & beyond.



Ms. Sreeja joined a panel along with other educational experts to share expertise.



For speaking with confidence about the progress they have made and being optimistic about their next steps:

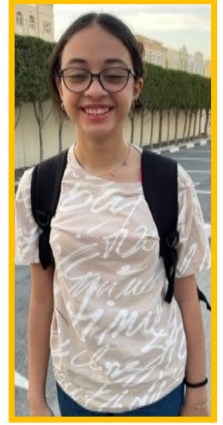
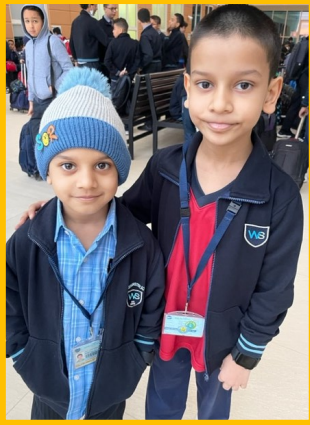
- Nicole Hycinth Y2 F1 ID 20995
- Nahyan Faraj Y4 S1 ID 17321
- Usman Ahmed Y4 H2 ID 13365
- Viswajeeth Biju Y7 BD ID 2830
- Thiviru Dilmith Nethasinghe Y10 BH ID 517

Well presented work in Mathematics accepting the teacher's challenge and demonstrating their progress:

- Sumaiya Umar Yr 5H2
- Sait Bahadar Khan Yr 5H2

Thanks to Ms. Syeda Razvi for the meticulous marking and feedback.

Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions; 1st Place in the NASA Commercial Crew Art Competition!



Congratulations to creative superstar Angel Maity (Y2H1) who won 1st place in the NASA Commercial Crew world-wide Art Contest from 192 countries. She is the only contestant who won first place from the UAE, Age 4-6 group in the NASA Art Contest. NASA printed her painting titled 'The Colours of Life' in the 2023 calendar where her painting was published on the first page (month of January) We love your gorgeous picture, Angel!

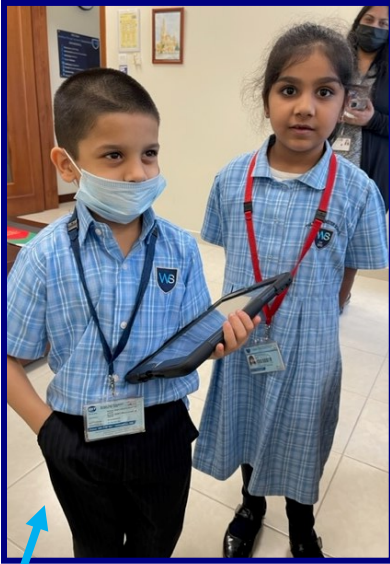


WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

FS2 S1 with Miss Jobelle and Miss Monika

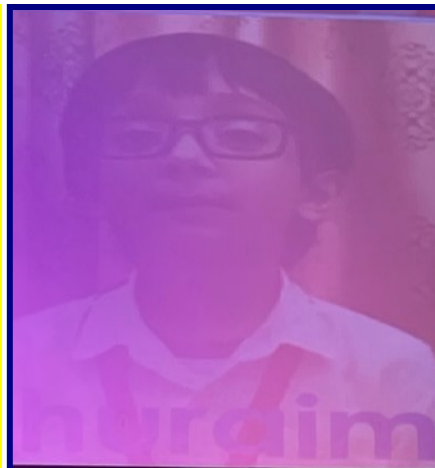
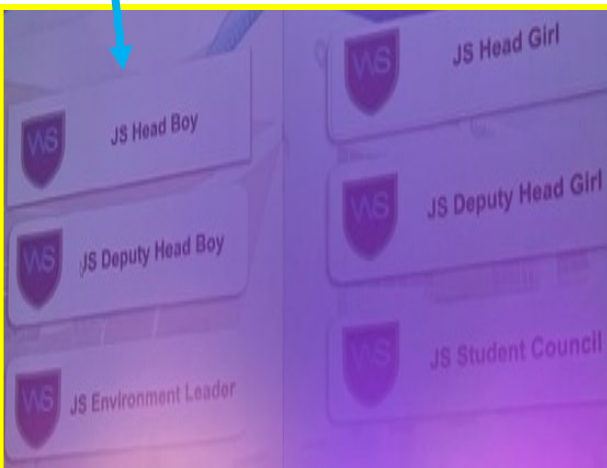


Junior Section News; Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony, 5/1/23!



Inviting the Principal, Ms. Valerie, to the ceremony.

Below are the Junior Section Leadership roles, plus Inclusion Champion.



Junior Section News; Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony, 5/1/23!



Junior Section News; Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony, 5/1/23!



Many thanks to all the performers, supportive, enthusiastic & proud parents who helped their children to prepare & attended, & to our dedicated team who put the show together in only 3 days!

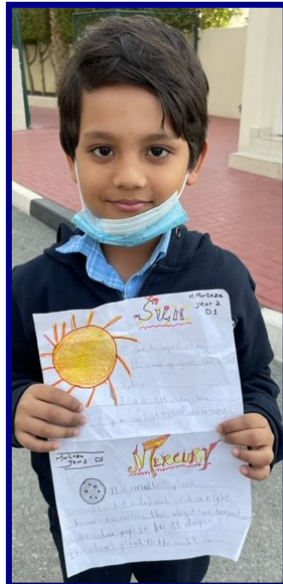
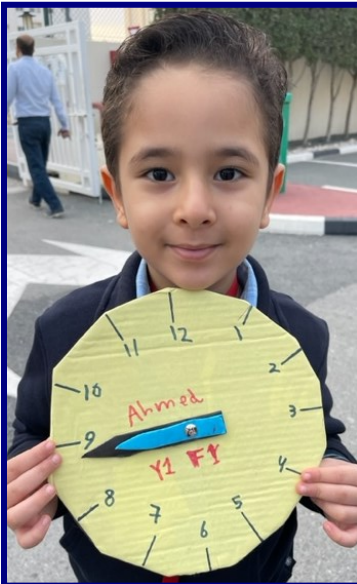
Amazing, confident speeches by our JS Head Girl & Head Boy.



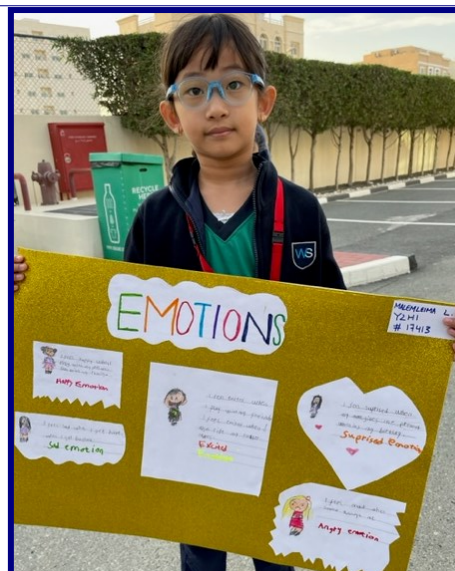
Junior Section News



Wonderful confident Quran recitation.



'We are learning about measurement, to tell the time, about the solar system, superheroes, famous UAE landmarks & our emotions!'



Junior Section News



FS2S1 with Ms. Jobelle

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Y5 Class, Dojo & Reading Champions



Y6 Class, Dojo & Reading Champions

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

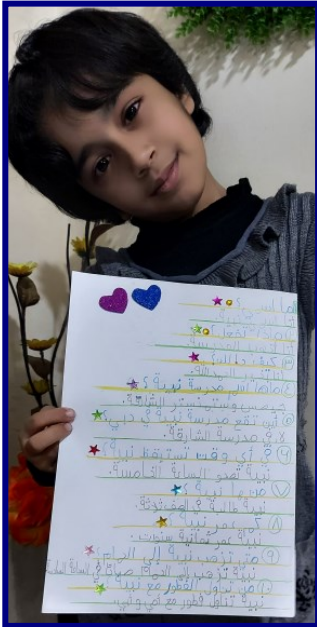


Y4 Class, Dojo & Reading Champions

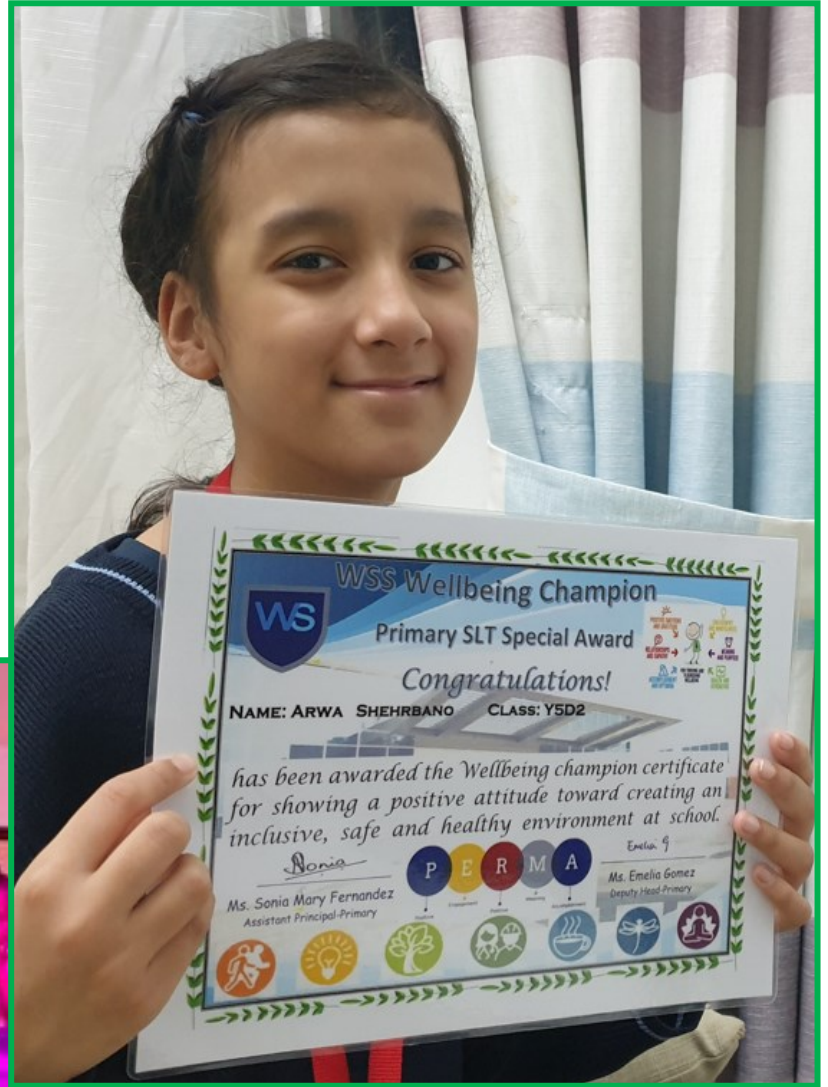


Y3 Class, Dojo & Reading Champions

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Nabia has been practicing her Arabic Literacy skills.



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5D1!



An awesome Assembly by Y5D1 on the theme 'Save the Earth'. We learnt that what we do can help to reduce climate change, such as recycling, saving water & electricity, & re-using shopping bags.

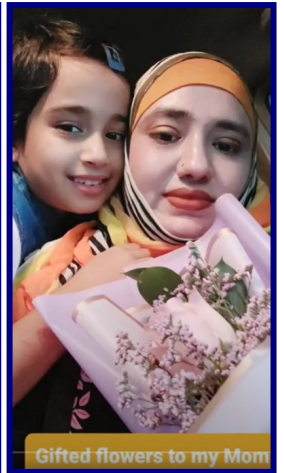


Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y3F2!

A really confident & helpful Assembly by Y3F2 on 'Having a Positive Mindset'. We learnt that we will achieve more & be happier if we have confidence that with hard work, practice & perseverance, 'We Can Do It!'



Primary Section News; Community Service!



Primary Section News; Community Service!

Community Service Poster

Charity

HIBAH BINTI IRFAN Y4S1

Amhani Farooq from Y4S1 in her community service during the holiday season.

Ms. Loannie

Sarina Khan Y3-H2 Ms. Anshy

Planting trees in the neighborhood

Pick up litter at the beach

Cards of Gratitude to doctors and Nurses

Card of gratitude to the Security Guard

Teaching Younger Children Sorry, Thank You, Please

Reading books to younger children

Helping in House chores

Mayed of Y5S2 has participated in the school holiday community service champion competition.

Community Service Task – Zaid Eyad from Y5H1.

Primary Section News; Community Service!

Meagna Sachi Kamaleshwaran Y4D2 Ms. Jisha Manoj

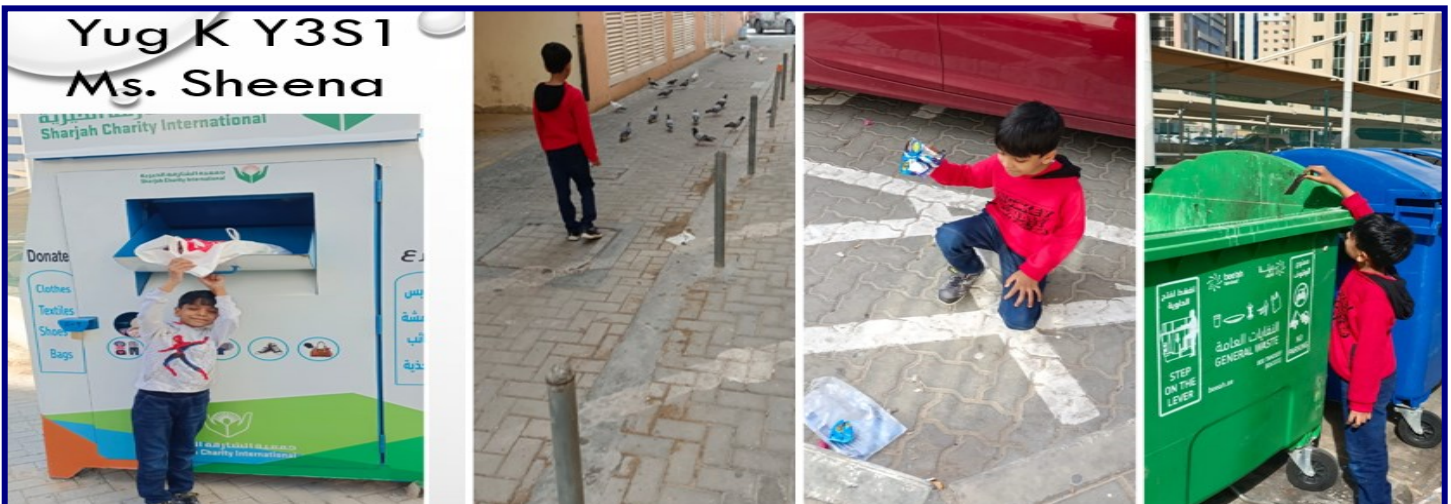


Muhammad Rayyan (YR-3/S2)

Ms. Azreen



Yug K Y3S1
Ms. Sheena



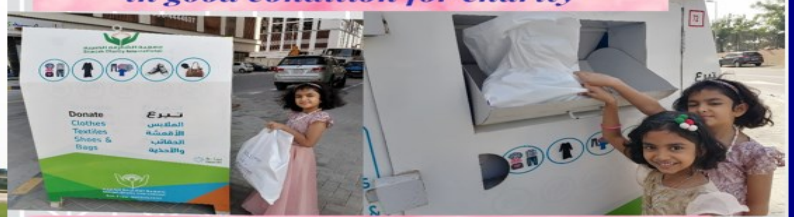
Primary Section News; Community Service!

Dema Mohamed Y4 F1 Ms. Susweta



Liyaana Zakky Y3D1 Ms. Ringam

*Donating
outgrown clothes and shoes which are
in good condition for charity*

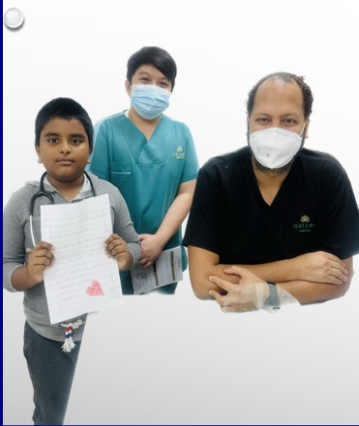


*Donating
lunchboxes and waterbottles
for children of an orphanage in Sri Lanka*



*Liyaana
Y3D1*

Shazil Y3F2 Ms. Sangeeta



Date: 14.12.22
LO: Asper Hospital

Dear Doctors and nurses,

I'm writing this letter to you to thank you for everything you do to make us feel better and I appreciate your efforts and selfless pure love towards your patients.

Keep up the good work,
With lots of love
Shazil
Year 3F2

Shazil

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Syed Arib Ali Syed Shujaat Ali Y4S3 Ms. Lavita Fernandes

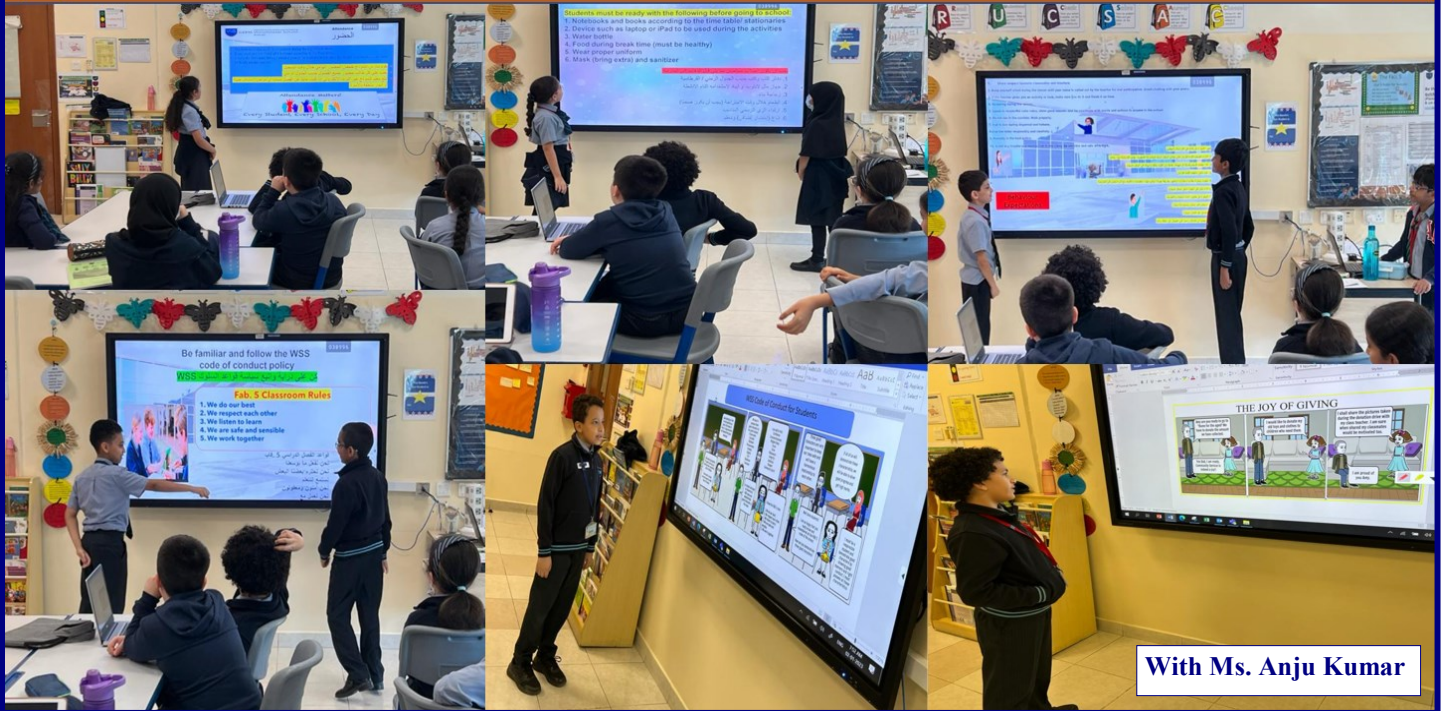


Adam Amr Y4H1 Ms. Tincy



Primary Section News

Discussion about Term 2 Primary Discipline and Behaviour Guidelines, Needful daily requirements & story boards on WSS code of conduct and joy of giving – Y5H1



With Ms. Anju Kumar



Thanks to Yomna (Y5H1) for sharing her clear & interesting video on solubility.



This week our fabulous WSS Radio Station broadcast was hosted by Zainab & Zoha. Key takeaways related to having a clear new year goal/resolution to help us focus on personal development.

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH Presents



Noetic Notebook Awards



"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

-Benjamin Franklin

GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah

Secondary Section News; Community Service!



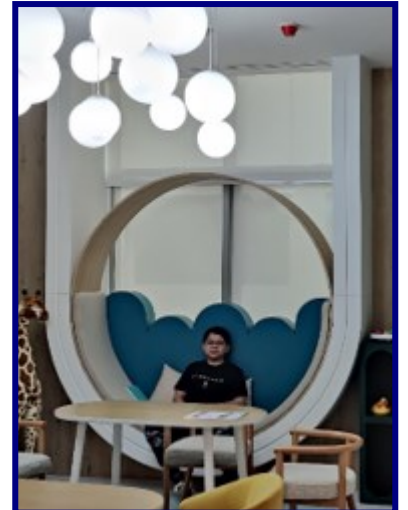
COMMUNITY SERVICE

“My father Dr Ajit Moorkoth is a rehabilitation practitioner by profession and is currently working as the Chief Consultant at SEED Special Education Centre that provides special education and related services to children and adolescents with special needs. My father talks to parents, understands the child’s/adolescent’s requirements, parental concerns and what the school wants. He conducts psychoeducational assessments, vocational/career assessments and guidance along with his multi-disciplinary team. Counsels the parents about the findings of the reports, plans the intervention and support for the child/adolescents. Provides recommendations and strategies for the school to support the child further.

Involvement of my father’s line of work to the community is by providing training programmes for professionals (Teachers, special educators, counsellors), parents of children/adolescents with special needs, students by means of lectures, PowerPoint presentations, hands on training, workshops. He is a keynote speaker in international and national forums

Spending a day with my father in his clinic made me understand that SEED is an organization which helps shape the future of children/adolescents with special needs by diagnosing and providing required interventions and training professionals and parents on how to take care and make sure they are doing the best for their child. I am proud of my father for what he is doing to help children/adolescents overcome their difficulties and succeed in life.”

By Akarsh Ajit Moorkoth (Year 9 BF1)



Secondary Section News; Community Service!



“My Parents’ Profession and Community Services - My Learning journey Through Observation and Experience

My Mom: My mom is a teacher. She plays a vital role in the community by educating and preparing the next generation of leaders, problem-solvers, and engaged citizens. Some specific benefits of teachers in a community include:

Improving student outcomes: Teachers work to help students achieve academic success, which can lead to higher levels of education, better job prospects, and increased economic stability for the community.

Promoting social and emotional development: Teachers help students develop important social and emotional skills, such as empathy, teamwork, and communication, which are essential for building strong and healthy communities.

Providing resources and support: Teachers often act as resources and support systems for students and families, providing guidance and assistance with academic and personal challenges.

My Dad: My Dad is Self-employed (Senior Manager/ partner of Marble Company). There are many ways in which he and his marble company are helpful to the community.

Job creation: A marble company can provide employment opportunities for members of the community, stimulating the local economy and improving the standard of living for those who are employed.

Economic development: By operating a successful business, a marble company can contribute to the economic development of the community by generating tax revenue and supporting local suppliers and service providers.

Community involvement: A marble company can also get involved in the community through charitable donations and sponsorships, volunteering, and other forms of community involvement.

Education: A marble company may also be able to provide educational opportunities for members of the community, such as through internships, job training programs, or other initiatives. This can help to enhance the skills and knowledge of local residents and prepare them for future careers.

My Learning from the experience: Linking community services to jobs can provide a healthy boost to our self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. We become more aware of issues in the community and develop a sense of responsibility to address those issues.”

By Alman Ahmad (Year 8BH1)

Secondary Section News; It's Trip Time!



Y7 & Y8 Girls' Trip to Ski Dubai