

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #17  
12th January, 2023



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

Dear WSS Parents,

### T2 MOE Subject Books

Please note that T2 MOE books have now arrived in school & will be delivered to the students who have already paid for them in the

coming days. Students who have not already paid for these may buy them from the school Bookstore as usual. Thank you.

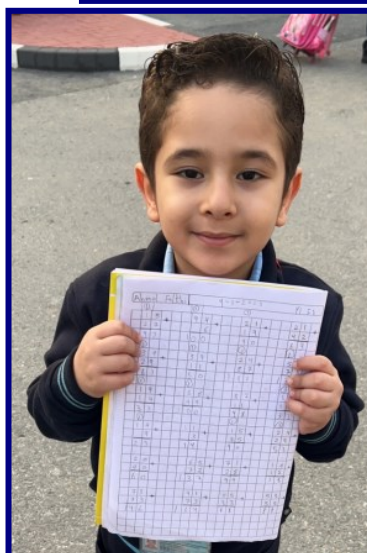
### Newsletter Contents

Following a great idea shared by a parent to make the Newsletter more organized & easier to find items, please note that p3 now contains a contents page to help navigation. Items are generally organized by Section, starting with Juniors.



## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
2nd Jan. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First day of Term 2.</li> <li>T2 fees due, thank you.</li> </ul>
Mon. 16th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-enrollment for September 2023 opens.</li> <li>Re-enrollment for Sept. 2023 may only be completed once <u>full T2 fees have been cleared</u>.</li> <li><u>Deadline for online re-enrollment &amp; paying the re-enrollment fee is Monday 10th April</u>. From Tuesday 11th April, un-booked seats would be given to the Waiting List.</li> </ul>
Thurs. 19th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am-2:30pm; F2F Parent-Teacher Meetings in school. Details will be sent home shortly.</li> <li>This will be a <u>non-instructional day for students (no lessons)</u>. Students should attend PTM together with their parents dressed in their <u>uniform</u>, to discuss their T1 progress, achievement &amp; next steps.</li> <li>T1 Reports will be published shortly (subject to fees being cleared &amp; no pending docs).</li> </ul>
Wed. 15th & Thurs. 16th Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid-Term Break (2 days)</li> </ul>
27/3/23 to 6/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring Break (2 weeks)</li> <li>Term 3 starts on Monday 10/4/23. T3 fees due, thank you.</li> </ul>
17/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3 Mid-Term Break (1 day)</li> </ul>
29/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official last day of the academic year.</li> </ul>



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

# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 17  
12 يناير 2023



رسالة من  
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي  
السيدة فائري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الأعضاء، الشارقة

كتب المواد الوزارية للترم الثاني

يرجى ملاحظة أن كتب MOE T2 قد

وصلت الآن إلى المدرسة وسيتم تسليمها

للطلاب الذين دفعوا بالفعل مقابلها في الأيام

القادمة. يمكن للطلاب الذين لم يدفعوا ثمنها بالفعل شرائها من

مكتبة المدرسة كالمعتاد. شكرًا لك.

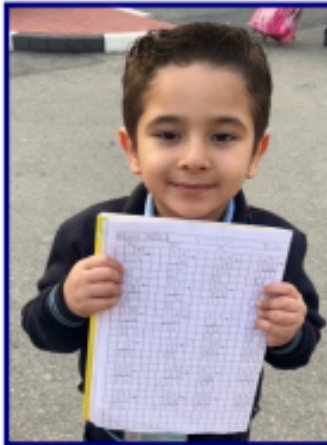
محتويات النشرة الإخبارية

باتباع فكرة رائعة شاركها أحد الوالدين لجعل النشرة الإخبارية  
أكثر تنظيمًا وأسهل للعثور على العناصر ، يرجى ملاحظة أن  
الصفحة 3 تحتوي الآن على صفحة محتويات للمساعدة في التنقل.  
يتم تنظيم العناصر بشكل عام حسب القسم ، بدءًا من الصغار.



## المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
اليوم الأول من الفصل الدراسي 2. مرسوم T2 المستحق ، 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	Thurs. 19th Jan
استراحة منتصف المدة (يومان)	Wed. 15th & Thurs. 16th Feb.
• عطلة الربيع (أسبوعان) • يبدأ الفصل الثالث يوم الاثنين الموافق 10/4/23. رسوم T3	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

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



## Whole School News

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### Consistency of MOE Assessment Exams Across Sharjah

SPEA has initiated working committees to review & QA Assessment Exams across Sharjah to align standards & expectations across the Emirate. We are proud to share that our WSS MOE Subject Learning Coach Mr. Alaa, & our Arabic HOD Mr. Osama were selected to be a part of this working committee.

We are happy to share that we recently received extremely positive feedback from Creative Science International School Sharjah, which is responsible for standardized exams, as follows:

- 1- The evaluations of Standardized Examinations Committee selected the year 7 exam for Arabic non-Arabs which was created by our HOD Arabic Mr. Osama Zayed, as one of the best exams offered for consideration for the whole of Sharjah.
- 2- The exam was a reflection that GEMS Westminster School is one of the distinguished schools that is professional in its assessment standards, due to incorporation of the framework and standards of the United Arab Emirates, thinking levels (Bloom's taxonomy), relative weights, and quality assurance.
- 3- Committee members are keen to exchange visits/share best practice with WSS.

We are really very proud of our diligent team that works with integrity & commitment to support our students to achieve their outcomes.

## Whole School News; GEMS Genie!

### GEMS GENIE - ALEXA VOICE ASSISTANT

**GEMS Genie** is a personalized AI voice assistant for parents. With **GEMS Genie**, parents can easily get all the information they need about their child's school life, without having to make any phone calls or send any emails. **Genie** is the perfect way for busy parents to keep track of their child's school life. No more missed deadlines or forgotten homework!

We are delighted to inform you that **GEMS Genie** is enabled for your school. Parents can use their existing **GEMS Connect** credentials to login to the Genie Alexa app and start using it today itself.

## Introducing **GEMS GENIE**

Your personalized AI voice assistant for parents!



With Genie, you can easily get all your kids' class schedule, school bus live tracking, fee details and more.

**All with just your voice!**



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Further details were emailed to the primary contact email by school on 10/1/23.

## Whole School News; School & Re-enrollment Fees

	<h3 style="margin: 0;">WSS Fee Structure</h3> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Academic Year 2022-2023</h3>	 <b>GEMS Westminster School</b> <small>مدرسة ويستمنستر التعليمية - الشارقة</small> SHARJAH
		

**Please note:**

*Updated 6/7/22*

- All fees are subject to Authority approval & change without notice.
- In case of any Authority-approved revision in fee structure, the difference will be payable, backdated as per Authority approval.
- The seat Booking fee is non-refundable for any reason, but deductible against first Term fees.
- School fees are due by latest the first day of each Term (as per MOE Bilo Article 52). First Term fees are due in full before any child is admitted.
- In case of pending fees, there would be no discussion on progress, achievement or results of any assessment (external or internal), & no official school document would be given.
- Please bring the Student school ID Number when paying at the School Fee counter (cash credit card or cheque).
- Cheques should be made out to 'GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SHARJAH'.
- An online Fee payment facility is available & highly recommended, once your child has been Registered. Thank you.

GEMS Westminister School, Sharjah Fee Structure					
Academic Year 2022-2023					
Year (Grade Equivalent)	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Annual	Re-enrollment Fee
	Sept- Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	TOTAL	
Nursery	5,040.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	12,600.00	600.00
Reception (KG1)	5,040.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	12,600.00	600.00
Year 1 (KG2)	5,040.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	12,600.00	600.00
Year 2 (Grade 1)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 3 (Grade 2)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 4 (Grade 3)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 5 (Grade 4)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 6 (Grade 5)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 7 (Grade 6)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 8 (Grade 7)	6,720.00	5,040.00	5,040.00	16,800.00	800.00
Year 9 (Grade 8)	6,720.00	5,040.00	5,040.00	16,800.00	800.00
Year 10 (Grade 9)	7,560.00	5,670.00	5,670.00	18,900.00	900.00
Year 11 (Grade 10)	8,400.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	21,000.00	1,000.00
Year 12 (Grade 11)	8,840.00	6,630.00	6,630.00	22,100.00	1,000.00
Year 13 (Grade 12)	9,680.00	7,260.00	7,260.00	24,200.00	1,000.00

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Please note the above current academic year 2022-2023 school & Re-enrollment Fee structure FYI. School fees are subject to Authority-approval & change; any changes for next academic year would then apply.

## Whole School News; T2 ASP!



11<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.

Dear Parents,

### Subject: Optional WSS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME (ASP), TERM 2

Our optional After School Programme aims to offer additional opportunities for children to participate in various activities to develop their sporting & other talents and interests, under the supervision of our coaches. *Details are as follows:*

**Year Groups:** Year 2 – Year 13

**ASP Programme:** Advance coaching classes for:  
**SPORTS:** FOOTBALL, BADMINTON, BASKETBALL and CRICKET (useful for those students who would like to enhance their skills to excel in the field of sports)  
**MUSIC CLASSES:** KEY BOARD, VIOLIN, GUITAR & DRUMS  
**BASIC URDU CLASSES:** Reading & writing

### **Schedule:**

Date	Day	Time
19/01/23	Thursday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
24/01/23	Tuesday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
26/01/23	Thursday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
31/01/23	Tuesday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
02/02/23	Thursday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
07/02/23	Tuesday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
09/02/23	Thursday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
14/02/23	Tuesday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm

**Programme Duration:** Weeks of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

**Timings:** 03:30pm – 05:00 pm

**Sessions:** 8 sessions (weekly 2)

**Days** **Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**Coaching cost** AED 350/-

**Transport:** Own transport only (WSS BUS Transportation NOT available for ASP activities).

**Refreshment:** Please send snack, towel & water (for sports), or as per ASP teacher's request.

**Health & Safety:** Please inform the Sports coaches if there is any medical issue concerning your child.

**Attendance:** Recommended to attend all sessions (no refunds unless session cancelled by school).

If you wish your child to participate, please complete the permission slips attached & return with payment to your child's class teacher or with WSS accounts office before joining. Thank you.

Mr. Jisharmon A.  
Head of PE Department, ASP Coordinator.

## Whole School News; T2 ASP!

*Parent to sign & return*

### Acknowledgement Slip for Optional ASP TERM 2

Student's name:	ID:	Class:
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**I would like my child to join the optional TERM 2 ASP: Please ✓ one category only**

<b>FOOTBALL</b>	<b>BASKETBALL</b>	<b>BADMINTON</b>	<b>CRICKET</b>
<b>KEYBOARD</b>	<b>GUITAR</b>	<b>VIOLIN</b>	<b>DRUMS</b>
<b>BASIC URDU CLASSES: Reading and writing</b>			

I accept that while WSS staff take every care to ensure student safety, there is chance of injury in contact sports as well as individual performance. WSS accepts no responsibility for sporting injuries caused by the student's deliberate misuse of equipment, carelessness, or indiscipline.

<b>I attach payment of AED:</b>	<b>Signed (Parent)</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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### Acknowledgement Slip from parent; Optional ASP TERM 2

*(parent, Teacher & BBT CCE sign) copy to be sent home in Student's Planner*

Student's name:	ID:	Class:	Usual Bus no:
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**My child opted for a place in the optional ASP TERM 2:**

*To be completed by parent:*

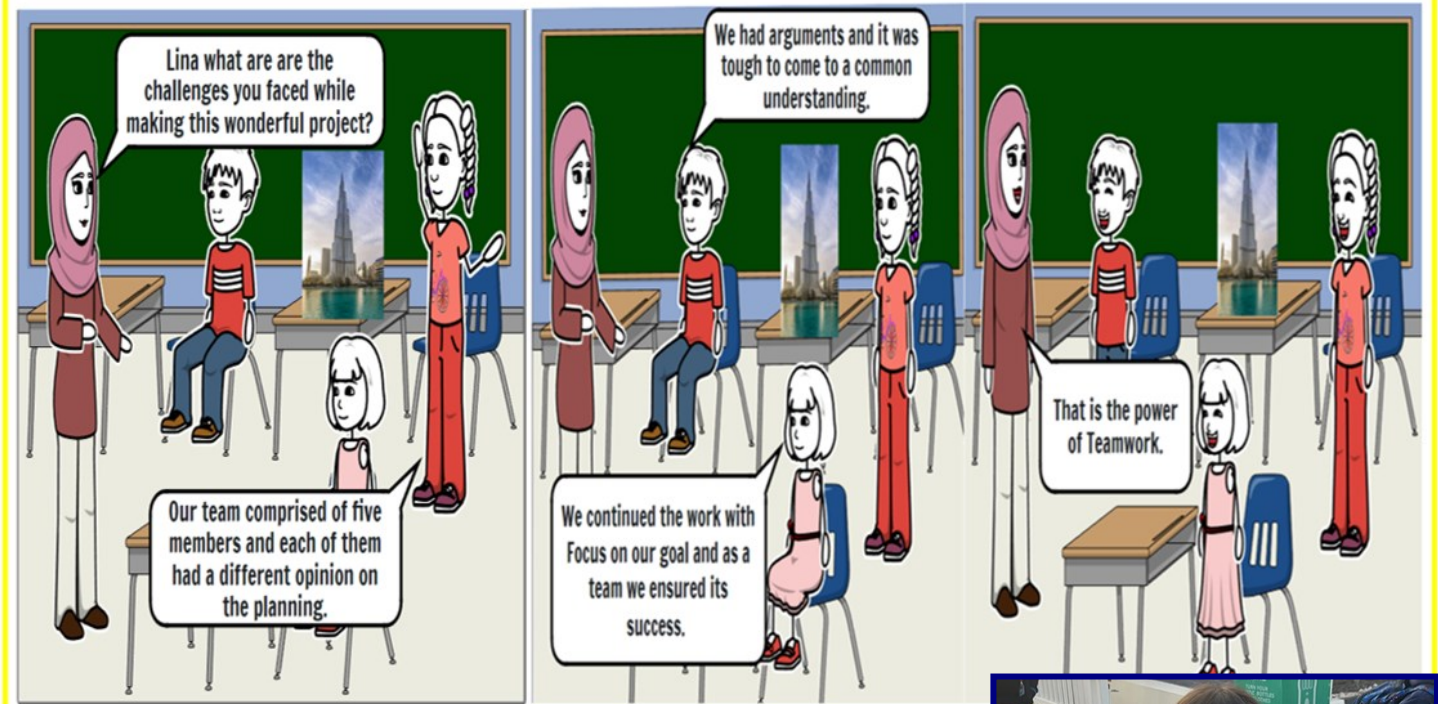
☐ *my child is a bus user: I will use Own Transport facility after ASP to home. I will pick he/she at 5:00 pm from WSS.*

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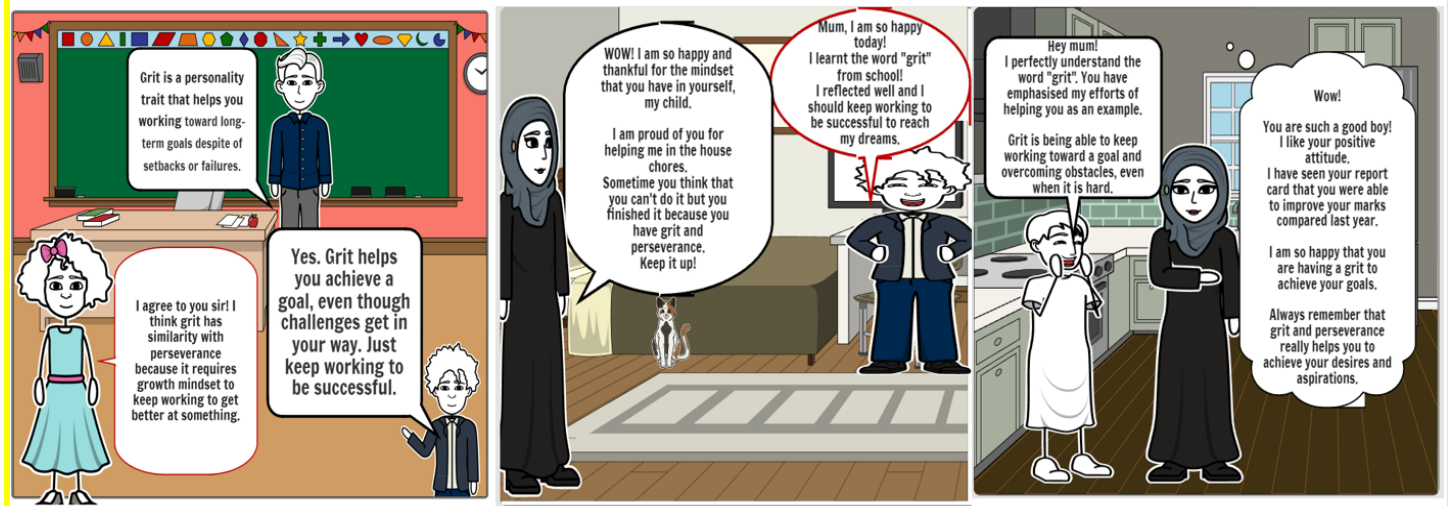
	<i>Parent signature:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
	<i>Signed BBT CCE (for regular Bus users):</i>	<i>Date:</i>
	<i>Signed (class teacher):</i>	<i>Date:</i>

## Whole School News; Top Tips!

### Teamwork



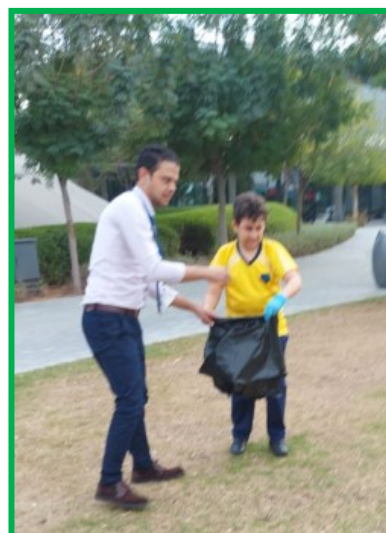
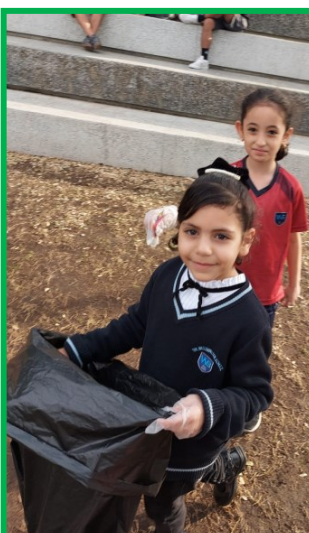
### Grit



## *WSS Environmental Clean-up Superstar Champions!*



As a contribution towards the critical environmental issue to preserve a clean environment for our community, to reinforce the value of caring for public places in our children, and working to spread this culture and value, the amazing WSS MOE Team made this Clean-Up initiative in one of the public parks in Sharjah (Aljada area). Thank you Team MOE & enthusiastic student environmental leaders!



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## *Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!*

Happy Birthday Hussaina!



## *WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!*



5/1/23; Congratulations & wishing you every success to our super Junior Section Student Leaders!



Leaders Investiture Ceremony year 1 D2

## WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Dear mam (Ms. Jinitra)

Good morning

Hope this email finds you well.

Special Thank you so much mam really mubashir was so happy and confident. Thank you so much for building his confidence level high mam . Now he loves to go school happily .

Regards

Mahrukh Madni

**Subject:** Re: Assembly

Dear Miss Jinitra, Miss Shamail,

What a great performance by the students and the whole event was very well organized. Truly enjoyed it. Keep up the good work.

Regards

Sachith

### Thank You Teacher

*Let this card remind you  
that you're special  
through and through  
And thought about so warmly  
(and so very often, too!).  
You're helpful and supportive  
in a way that warms the heart,  
Whatever happens,  
you are there  
to play your thoughtful part.  
Thank you for your kindness  
which can never be repaid  
And for your understanding  
and the difference it made.*



Dear Ms Uzma,

Hope you are fine. Gone through the result of Dhruvad.

Thank you for the complete support and guidance. It is the result of effort from you both teachers. I hope the same for all kids too.

As you mentioned it is a journey. Expecting more for the coming term too.

Every score is precious as our kids are beginners. Eventhough I will check with you, the extra effort he requires for performing more in science and Geometry. Once again thank you.

He used to share his talks with you during the home time. I am really happy that he got a momy in his classroom.

Wishing all the success with your kids in H1.... Always happy to support you.

Regards

Chaithra

## WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



## WSS Junior Section Character Superstar Champions!

How will you  
& your family  
get involved?

# Junior Section

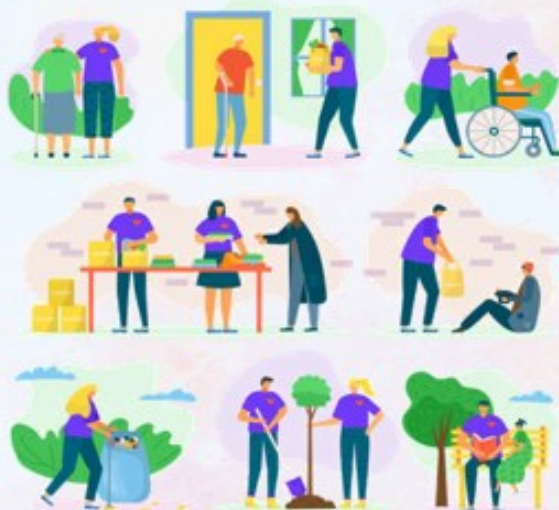


At WSS, we start building the character of students from an early age. One way to do this is to engage with community service in age-appropriate ways so that children learn to help & contribute to their family & community. We invite you & your children to engage in our Community Service Week next week by volunteering.

*Please click pictures of your child engaged in Community Service and share them with the class teacher.*

Here are some ideas for Community Service that your child might enjoy engaging in:

1. Collect and donate unwanted toys and clothes to one of UAE's charity organisations.
2. Pick up litter at the beach or park.
3. Plant a tree or flower in the neighborhood.
4. Give food or offer a drink to one of the street cleaners.
5. Help out family members or friends with chores or tasks.



We hope that this will have a positive impact on your child's character building. We are looking forward to receiving your photos with blurb before Monday 16th January, 2023.

## *Junior Section News; FS2!*



We are making numbers in different ways.



Having so much fun at Arabic activities.



Fun at West playground



Enjoying at OLA 2 activities



We are the superheroes.



At playdough station



FS2 S1 with Miss Jobelle and Miss Monika

## Junior Section News; FS2!

FS2D1



Homelearning

FS2D1



Winter holidays homelearning



FS2D1 We are happy to explore freeplay centre



With Ms. Nikhat



FS2D1



Learning "b" sound



## Junior Section News; Scintillating Science in Y2!



Y2F2 with teachers Ms. Raquel and Ms. Catherin

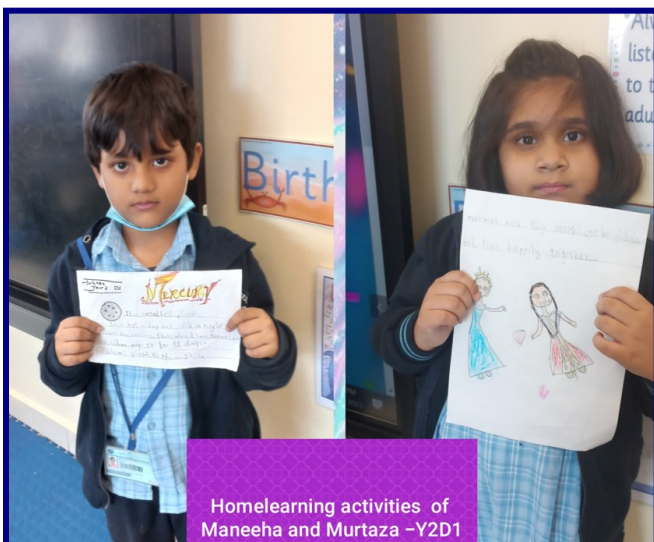


Y2D1 with Ms. Shai & Ms. Ashika

## Junior Section News



Y2D1 with Ms. Shai & Ms. Ashika



## *WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!*

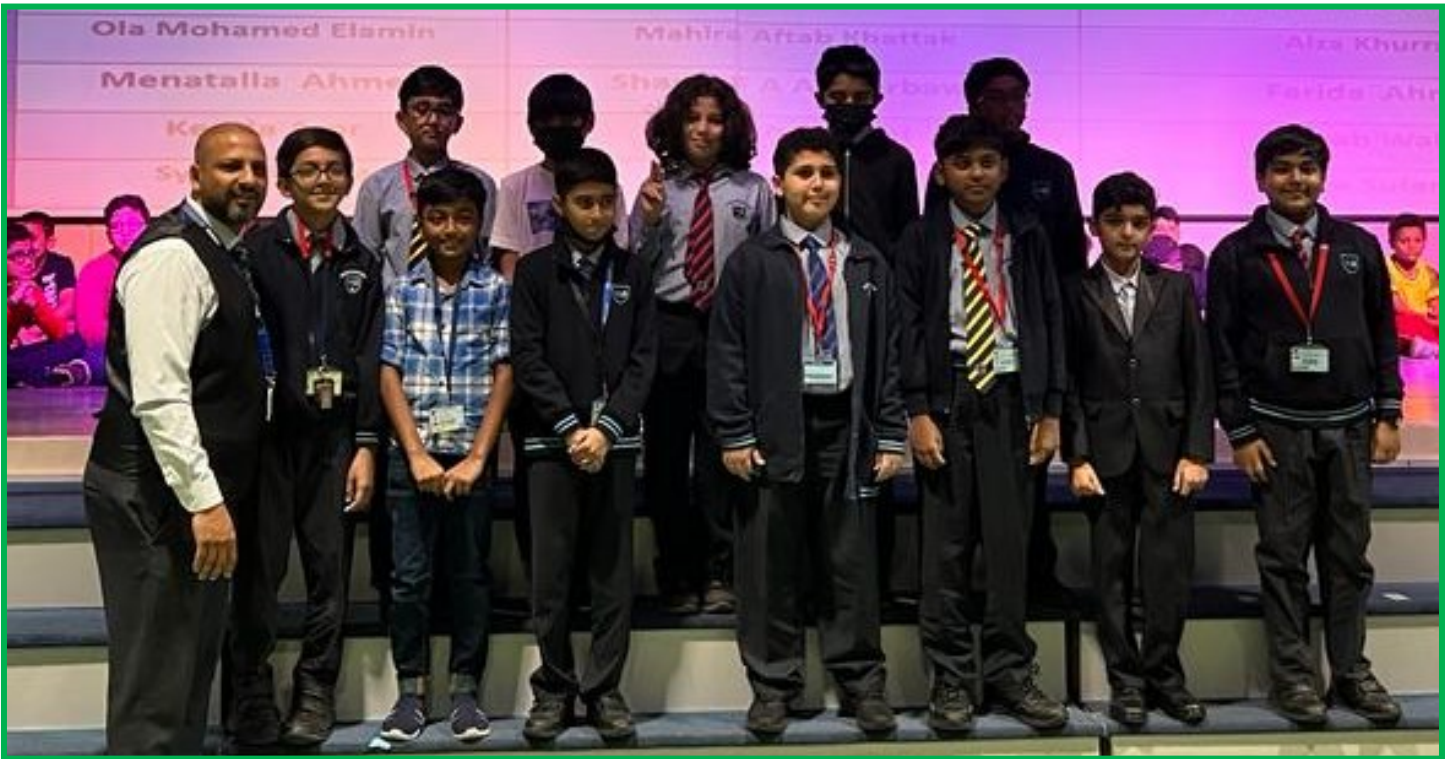


### **Y6 Primary 'Read Theory' Reading Champions, 11/1/23!**

**Do you want to improve your grades & become a Reading Champion? Use '[Read Theory](#)' to develop your literacy skills for success across the curriculum & beyond!**



## *WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!*



Y6 Class Champions



## *WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!*



Y5 'Read Theory' Reading Champions



Y5 Class Champions

## WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Y4 'Read Theory ' Reading Champions



Y4 Champions of the Week

Thanks a lot. Teachers are God Gifted. Thank you so much to all of you for this lovely appreciation and kind words precious for us. Thank you for all GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL STAFF specially teachers who works with passion and dedication for the future of our child. Best school with lovely staff.

God blessed GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL ❤️

BEST REGARDS

NABIA AND NABIA'S MOTHER SYEDA

## WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Y3 'Read Theory ' Reading Champions



## *Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y6BH!*



Thanks to Y6BH & Mr. Dhayanchad for your important Assembly on the theme 'Never Give Up!' This is important to well-being for a positive mindset, so that we can recover from setbacks, persevere to learn from mistakes & then achieve our goals.



We are very happy to welcome our dear parents back to Assemblies! Thank you for attending—your children love to see you attending their events & showing your amazing support!

## *Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y4H1!*



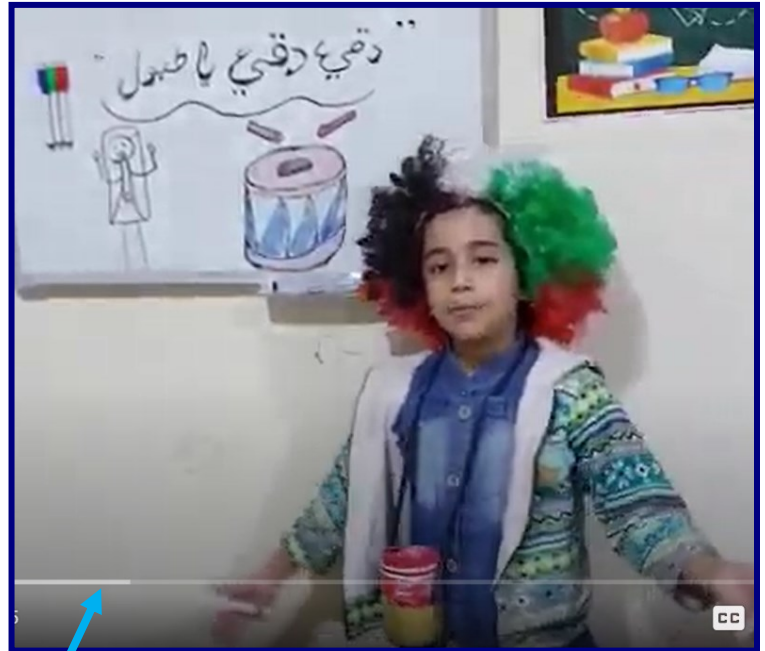
Thanks to Y4H1 & Ms. Tincy for your wellbeing Assembly on the theme 'Anti-Bullying!' This gave a critical message to help us have productive teamwork & for WSS to be a happy school.



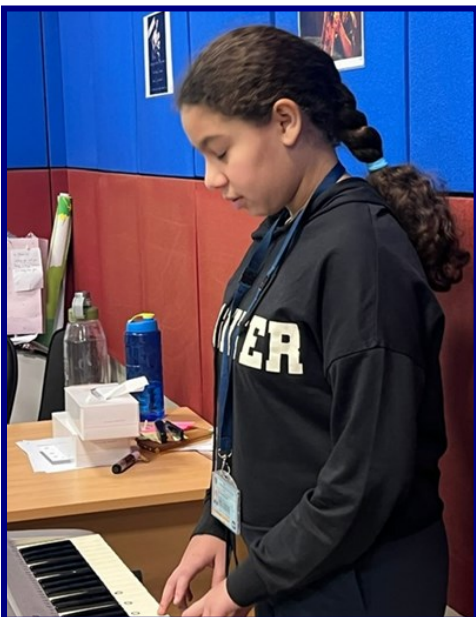
Welcome back dear parents to Assemblies! Thank you for attending—your children love to see you attending their events & showing your amazing support!



## Primary Section News



Thank you Nabia for your cute video. We love to see your growing confidence in Arabic! Her Teacher Ms. Basma told her, “...It is a big pleasure when I see what we are learning in the class was transferred to the home in this beautiful way, thank you Nabia and thank you to the great supportive mother.”



A highly creative, engaging music lesson with Mr. Brainnard. Students were able to apply a wide range of musical skills & talent.



## Secondary Section News; Y10 Geography Research Project!

### GEOGRAPHY LEARNING ACTIVITY YEAR 10 Geography

As part of enhancing the geographical skills, Year 10 Geography students conducted an outdoor survey activity on 5<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> January. They conducted an inquiry into the following:

- Which sites would be an ideal location for setting up a weather station in school?

As the first step they conducted a risk analysis then formulated the hypothesis. This activity involved data collection, where they observed the physical and human aspects of the following areas: Bus Bay, Football Turf, Basketball Court, East Playground and West Playground.

Collected data will now be evaluated in the next lesson.



Star students Muhammad Shaheer, Muhammad Ibrahim and Muhammad Ibrahim Naveed (Y7BS1) responded well to their teacher's marking and feedback in their books, which enabled them to show progress in the subject. Consequently, they were able to articulate clearly their next steps using subject specific language. Well done!

Thank you Ms. Nida for marking and feedback that results in students' progress.