

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

COVID Safety

PCR checks are not mandatory for young children, but it is highly recommended in case your child has any COVID symptoms, & certainly children should stay at home until symptom-free. Many Pharmacies are now selling **home Lateral Flow kits**, which are very convenient & simple to use, so that parents can monitor their children's health.

Safe & Thoughtful Use of the Carpark

Please drive & park properly in the carpark to ensure safe, thoughtful drop-off for your children & all parents. Blocking access for others could cause an accident. Be a thoughtful driver as you would want others to drive! Thank you.

Health & Safety; Birthdays & Junk food

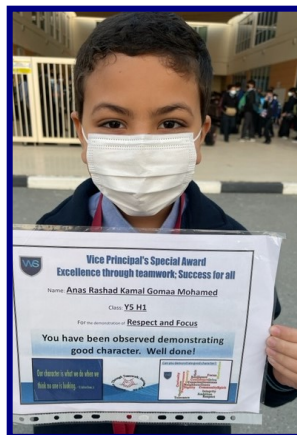
Many of us love a little Birthday cake or chocolate! However, cake & chocolates are full of hyper-making sugar & are therefore unhealthy. Please do not send cake or other sugary junk foods to school. Thank you for helping us to promote a healthy lifestyle with your children!

Trips & Assemblies

Please note, as per SPEA Circular #73, school trips & Assemblies have been temporarily suspended. We are unable to run our planned EXPO trips at the moment, but we recommend that you visit EXPO as a family, if not already—its fabulous!!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Monday 3/1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration is now open for September 2023 enrollment. Please register on our website if you wish to enroll a new child into WSS. If you have any queries, feel free to contact us for clarification.
From Monday 17/1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New school timings for students; 7:30am-1:15/3:15pm Admin timings (Cashier, Registration Office, PRE, GRE etc) are 7am-4:30pm
Thurs. 17th Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-Term Break for students (Training Day for Teachers)
Mon. 28th March to Sun. 10th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Spring Break All Leave dates are subject to SPEA change.



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

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النشرة الإخبارية رقم 20
27 يناير 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الأعضاء، الشارقة

الأمان: من مرض فيروس كورونا

فحوصات تفاعل البوليميرات المتسلسل ليست إلزامية للأطفال الصغار ، ولكن يوصى بها بشدة في حالة إصابة طفلك بأي أعراض لـ COVID ، وبالتأكيد يجب على الأطفال البقاء في المنزل حتى اختفاء الأعراض. تباع العديد من الصيدليات الآن مجموعات التدقيق الجانبي المنزلية ، وهي مريحة للغاية وسهلة الاستخدام ، حتى يتمكن الآباء من مراقبة صحة أطفالهم.

الاستخدام الآمن والمدرسين لموقف السيارات

يرجى القيادة وإيقاف السيارة بشكل صحيح في موقف السيارات لضمان إزال آمن ومدرسين لأطفالك وجميع الآباء. قد يؤدي حظر الوصول للآخرين إلى وقوع حادث. كن سائقاً رزيناً (تقود بحكمة وتمهّل) كما تريد أن يكون الآخرون في قيادتهم!

شكراً لك.

الصحة والأمان: أعياد الميلاد والوجبات السريعة

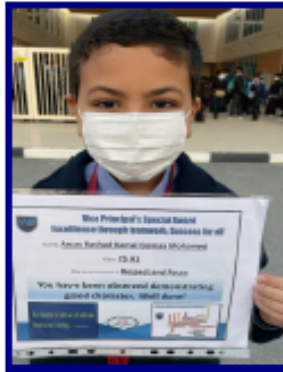
يحب الكثير منا كعكة عيد ميلاد صغيرة أو شوكولاتة! ومع ذلك ، فإن الكيك والشوكولاتة مليئة بالسكر المفرط وبالتالي فهي غير صحية. من فضلك لا ترسل كعكة أو غيرها من الأطعمة السكرية غير المرغوب فيها إلى المدرسة. نشكرك على مساعدتنا في تعزيز أسلوب حياة صحي مع أطفالك.

الرحلات والتجمعات

يرجى ملاحظة أنه وفقاً لمنشور SPEA رقم 73 ، تم تعليق الرحلات والتجمعات المدرسية مؤقتاً. نحن غير قادرين على تشغيل رحلات EXPO المخطط لها في الوقت الحالي ، لكننا نوصي بزيارة EXPO كعائلة ، إن لم يكن بالفعل - إنه رائع !!

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
التسجيل مفتوح الآن للتسجيل في سبتمبر 2023. يرجى التسجيل على موقعنا على الإنترنت إذا كنت ترغب في تسجيل طفلك جديد في WSS. إذا كانت لديك أي استفسارات ، فلا تتردد في الاتصال بنا للحصول على توضيح	اللاتين 3/1/22
مواعيد المدرسة الجديدة للطلاب : 7:30 صباحاً - 1:15/3:15 مساءً أوقات الإدارة - أمين الصندوق ، مكتب التسجيل ، PRE ، GRE ، إنج هي من 7 صباحاً حتى 4:30 مساءً	من اللاتين 17/1/22
عطلة منتصف الفصل الدراسي (للطلاب فقط) (يوم تدريب للمعلمين)	الخميس 17 فبراير
المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الربيع تخضع جميع تواريخ الإجازة لتغيير SPEA.	اللاتين 28 مارس إلى الأحد 10 أبريل



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

Is it possible to monitor my child's activity on PS4 or XBOX?

It's easy for parents or guardians to ensure gaming is safer, more secure and fun for every family member, using the flexible parental controls on Playstation or Xbox



What you can do with Parental Controls on consoles?

- ✓ Set age restrictions for games, Blu-ray Discs and DVDs
- ✓ Manage how long child family members can play each day
- ✓ Disable chat, messaging and content sharing
- ✓ Set monthly spending limits for digital downloads
- ✓ Set up multiple layers of passcode protection
- ✓ Restrict child access to the Web browser

Want to learn more?

Scan the code



PLAYSTATION



XBOX



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WSS Superstar Champions!

Hello Miss (Indira),

Im not asking for anything nor do i have any questions regarding a certain unit, i just want to send you this email as a thanks for making me fall deeper in love with geography.

I'm currently planning on pursuing a career in medicine, but you dont need a medical degree to go to medical school (you can take a 4 year degree with required courses) So im thinking about majoring in geography. I would love to have a Phd in it, as i absolutely love how it has bits of economics, sociology, biology, even politics! Theres never a dull moment, and you helped me realise how much i love the subject and im certain that if it wasnt for your teaching i wouldnt be considering it at all!

Sadly, geography...doesnt have the best job prospects (which is a shame) Luckily, most med school applicants have degrees in humanities! But who knows, maybe soon ill decide to become a professor and not only study it, but teach it for years on end!

Im sending you this so you know how your teaching is positively impacting me and might've possibly altered my plans in life (i was planning on getting a health science degree, but ive changed my mind this year!) Your class is something i look forward to every week, and when i see it on the timetable i celebrate a little. ive gotten covid and im recovering so i havent been attending often, but i feel better, so ill be seeing you soon (online, that is!)

Sincerely,
Sadeem Shalabi

Peace, mercy and blessings of God

My full thanks and respect to the respected teacher, Mrs. Dalal, for her fruitful efforts in educating our children and communicating information to them in a smooth manner.

May God reward her with all the best

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله تعالى وبركاته

كامل شكري واحترامي للمعلمة المحترمة السيدة دلال لمجهوداتها المتمرة في تعليم أبنائنا و توصيل المعلومة لهم بطريقة سليمة

جزاها الله كل الخير



Talented & musical sisters Deyana & Leyana have been using their COVID lockdown time very productively—they have been practicing guitar & piano skills with their father to pass the prestigious Trinity School Music Exams. Congratulations!



WSS Superstar Champions!



Dear Mr. Chakarwarti,

Thank you very much for your total cooperation & support during Reuben's short period in WSS.

Reuben is a shy child, but you really encouraged him to do well, and I really appreciate it. You did all the coordination between the other subject teachers for Reuben. You also helped me as a parent, whenever I had reached out to you.

Hello miss (Saranya)

I want to thank u about your efforts with my son

He come from school know 90 %of the lesson

You also support and encourage him to be the best

He likes u to much

You are so kind and very smart

Thanks again very much

And I wait a lot of progress for my son Mohamed Amr with you ❤️

Good morning teacher (Ms. Israa)
.First of all thank you so much for the big development in Arabic with Abdul Rahman especially in conversation because it's mean a lot for me because it's our language and he is resistant to learning it from us thank you again
Second if there is any benefit from online learning it's to see the big effort in your class I surprised from the power point work you did so you forced him to be attention to the screen with funny way and he was very excited to
make the activity
Thank you again and thank you for the parents meeting you did it with me
Best regards

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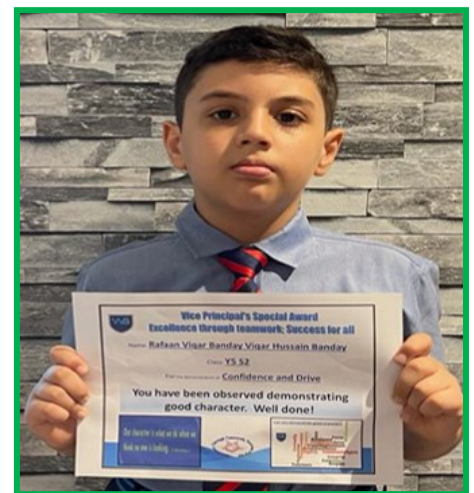
Learning Coach Dr. Lisa's Star Students of the Week!



- 1) **Mahmoud Samil (Y7B)**; In his French lesson he was a keen learner who was active in his learning journey, as well as supported his classmates.
- 2) **Ahmed Hany (Y7B)**; in his French lesson he was a proud learner who immersed himself in the lesson and was so proud of the way his teacher supports his learning.
- 3) **Yusra Yaseen (Y11G)**; in her Physics lesson she demonstrated a mature approach to learning. She was collaborative and responsive, challenging respectfully the views of classmates and justifying her position. A great team member and leader!

Thank you so much to the many parents who have supported their children with our activities, dress-up & DL this week!

With your support, nothing is stopping our children from progressing on their ongoing learning journey!





APPRECIATION

Dear Teacher,
Warm greetings!

Frankly speaking, I'm so happy to see the valued comments and feels privileged for complimentary remarks on newsletter dedication - you have a great sense of humor Ms. Divya

To add on, let me say that they were very basic comments made on your teaching skill w/as there's no speech/words as such where I can express the bottom of genuinity within your profession. It is not just Jeeya but the entire students group is equally engaged with an active will of participation in learning. I wish if teachers were to understand and follow your footsteps - its not a big ask to make things work wonder with simple ideas and smart goals.

Ms. Divya , you truly deserve to be first choice of students/parents if we are given options to make. That's how your girls win your attention back to their class. In recent days I have heard that some other teachers are to be seen engaging students in similar teaching patterns of your kind and truly appreciate the prompt switch..

Keep good work Ms. Divya and that makes a unique part in you.

Stay blessed.

Huge regards,
Nikita



Teach from the Heart



EDUCATION

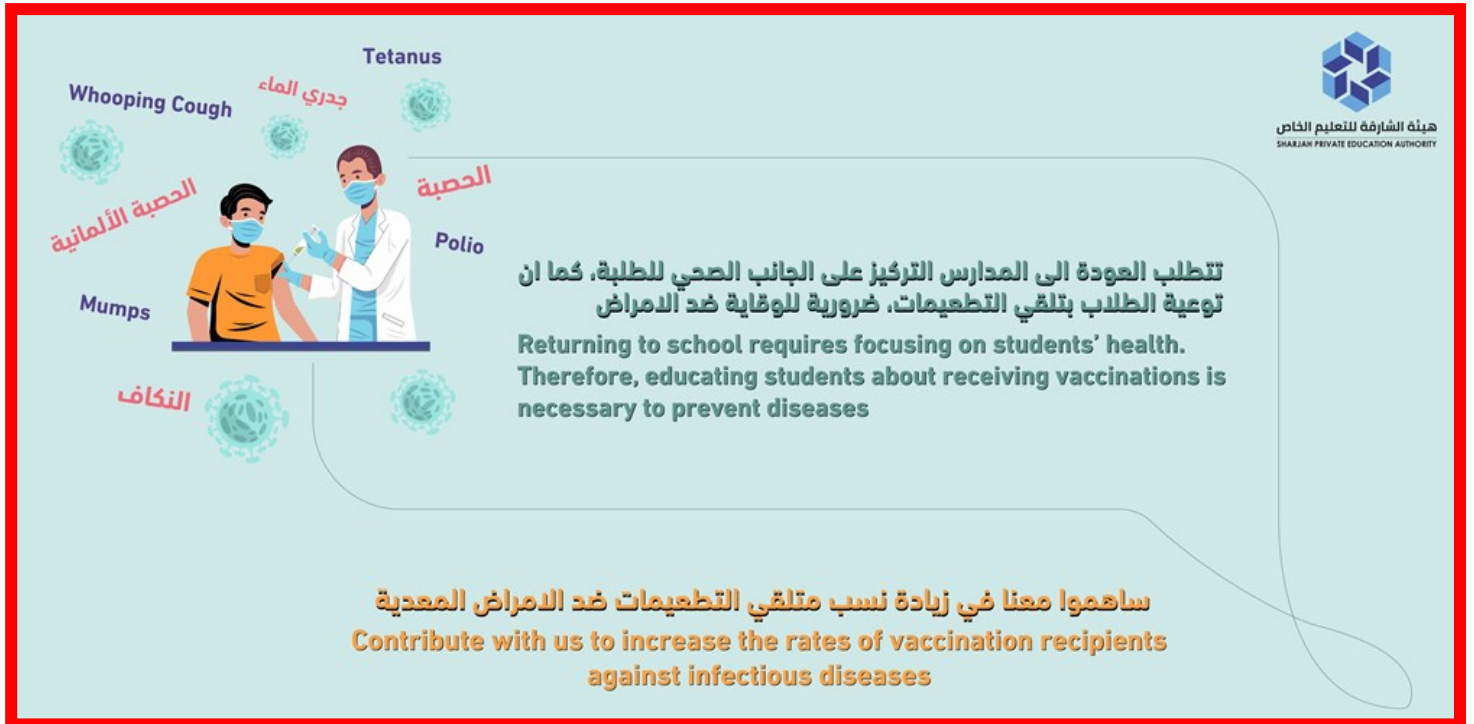
The most important gifts you can give your child are a **quality education** and the **values** that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey

Whole School News

Our Children's Health, Safety & Fitness

A concerning disadvantage of the extended COVID lockdown has been that many of our children have not had the same amount of physical exercise. We note that our children's fitness, strength and agility have all reduced, which means children are more likely to get hurt in team games & while playing. Please remind your children about healthy lifestyle choices, such as taking more exercise, eating healthily, taking more care to avoid bumps & falls, & playing safely together (no pushing). Thank you.



The infographic features a central illustration of a doctor in a white coat and blue mask administering a vaccine to a child in an orange shirt and blue mask. Surrounding them are icons for various diseases: Whooping Cough, Tetanus, جدري الماء (Chickenpox), الحصبة الألمانية (Measles), الحصبة (Rubella), Polio, Mumps, and النكاف (Epidemic typhus). The text in Arabic and English emphasizes the importance of returning to school and focusing on students' health, specifically mentioning the need for vaccinations to prevent infectious diseases. The Sharjah Private Education Authority logo is in the top right corner.

تتطلب العودة الى المدارس التركيز على الجانب الصحي للطلبة، كما ان توعية الطلاب بتلقي التطعيمات، ضرورية للوقاية ضد الامراض

Returning to school requires focusing on students' health. Therefore, educating students about receiving vaccinations is necessary to prevent diseases

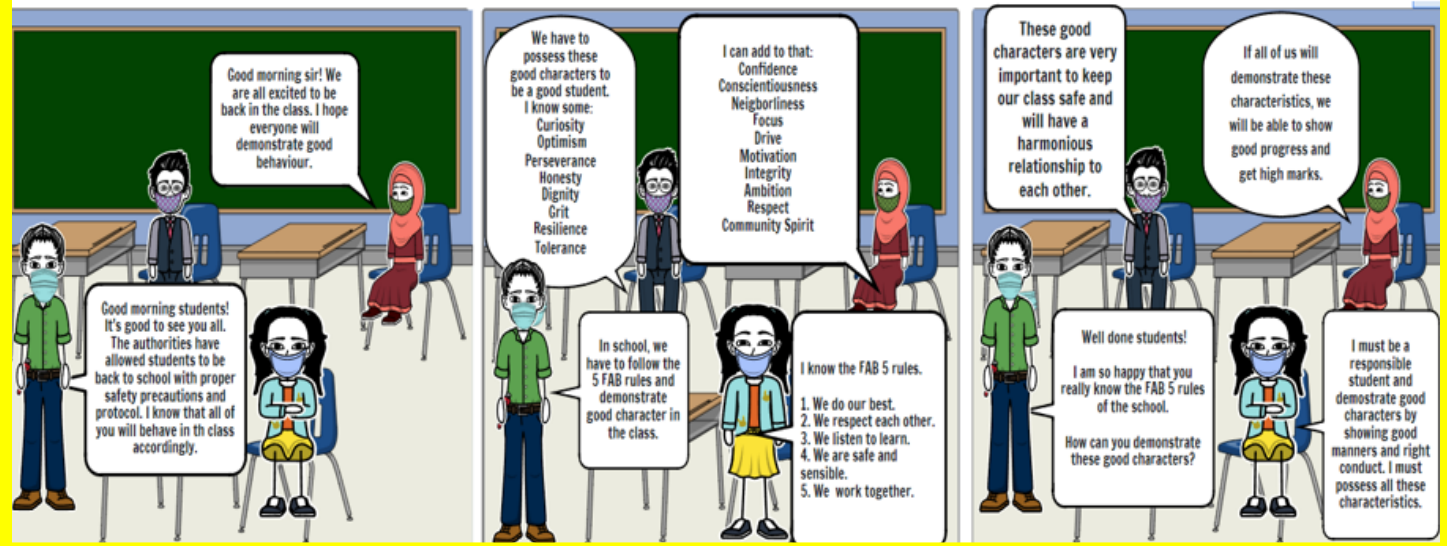
ساهموا معنا في زيادة نسب متلقي التطعيمات ضد الامراض المعدية
Contribute with us to increase the rates of vaccination recipients against infectious diseases

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

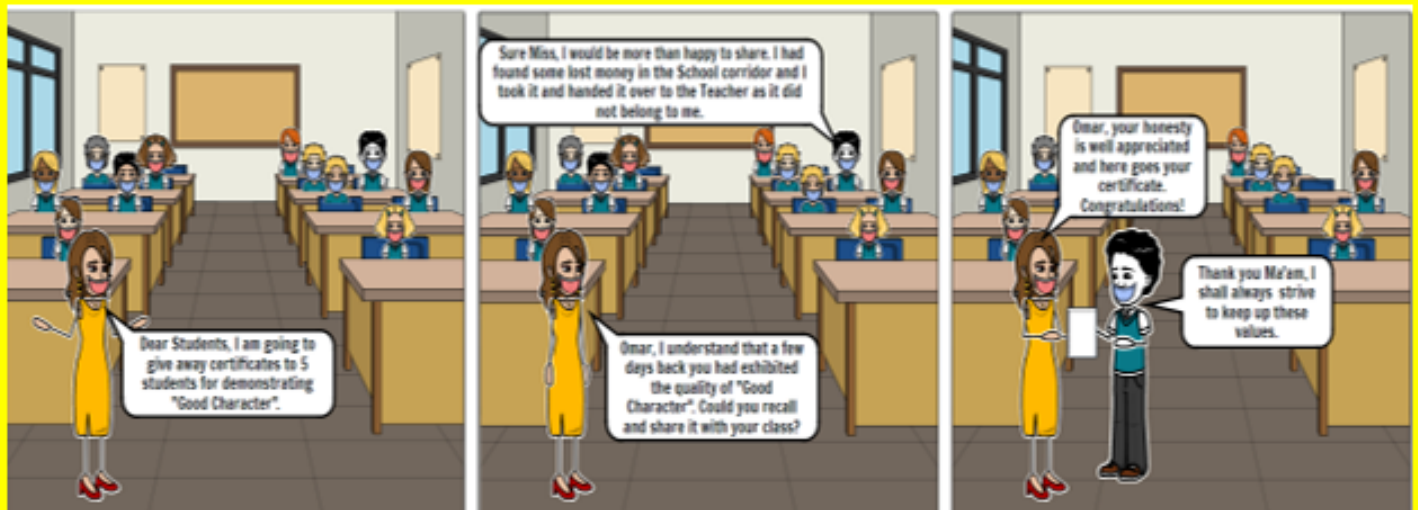


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Demonstrating good characteristics at WSS



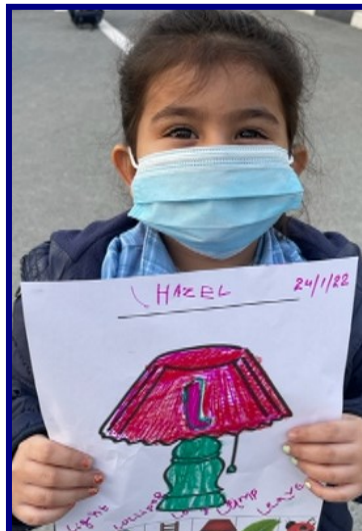
CHARACTER TRAIT = "HONESTY"



Junior Section News



Thank you Nabia for sharing your informative & clear video about 'Units of Measurement'.



Junior Section News



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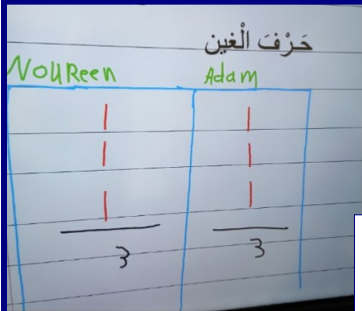
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With Ms. Sadiqa

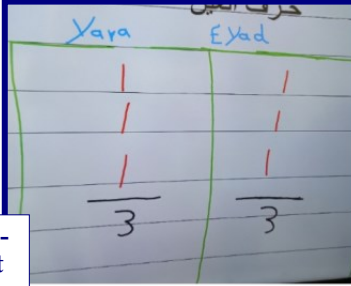


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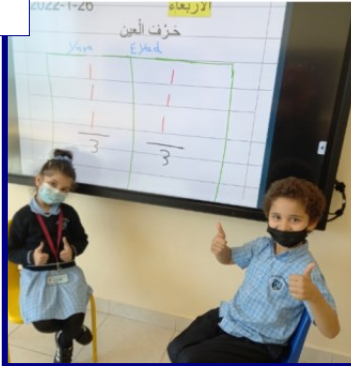


Y2F2



Y2H2

Y2 H2/F2 learning to form question to make conversation about the topic with Ms. Dalal.



Year 1 H2 - Students are learning to depict four seasons of the year using their creativity.

With Ms. Beena



Junior Section News



FS2H1 with Ms Jobelle

Junior Section News

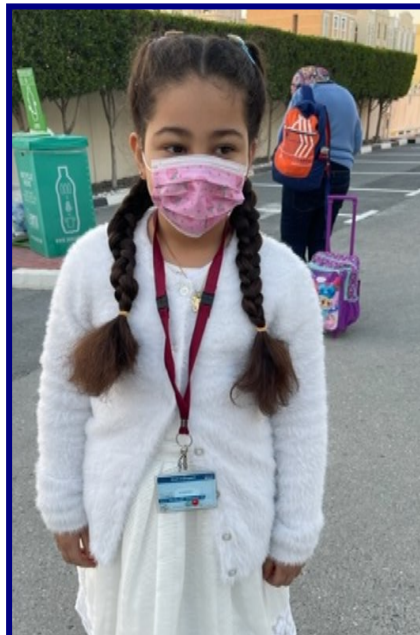
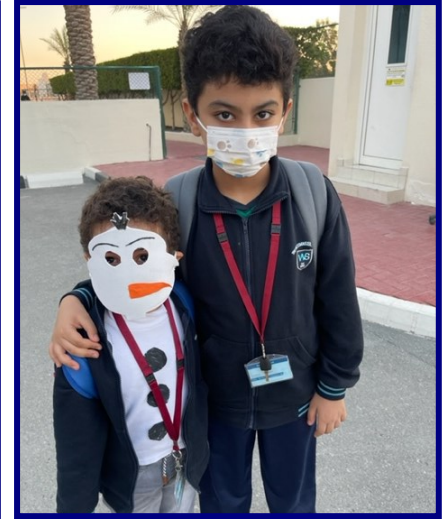


We have done lots of activities this week FS2S2.

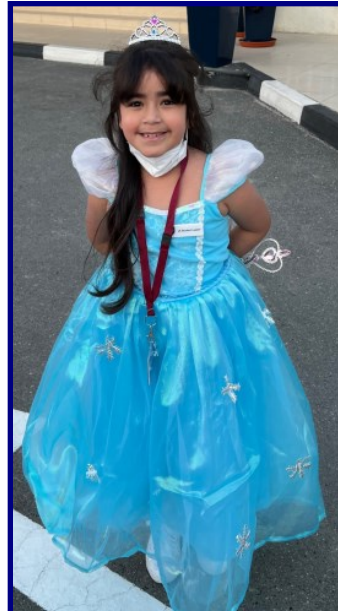
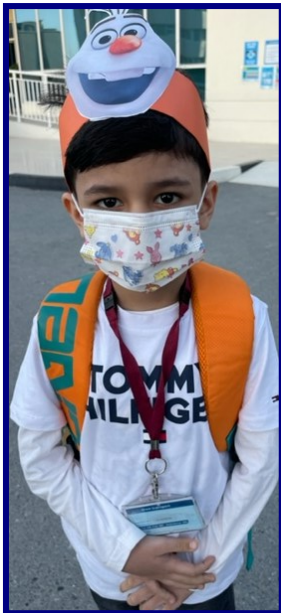


With Ms. Maria

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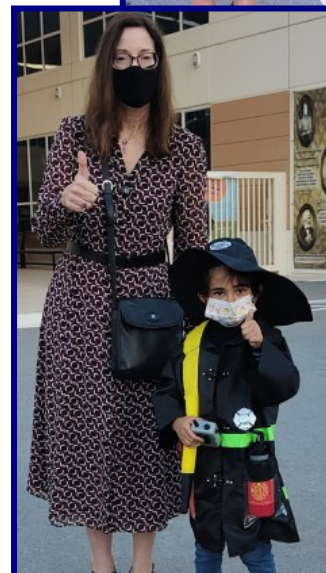
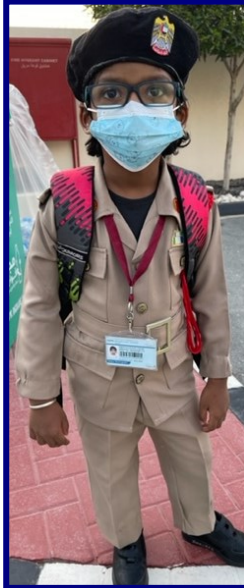


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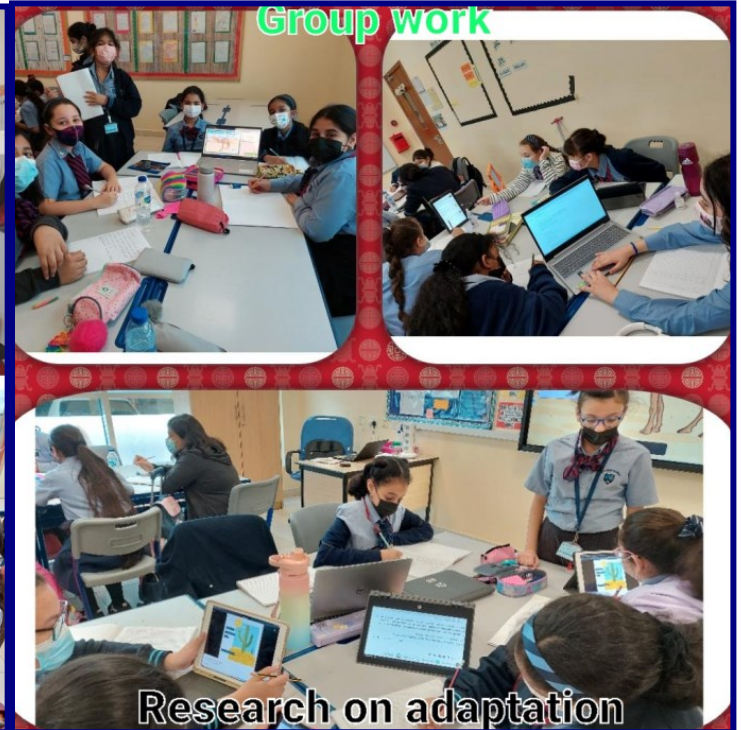
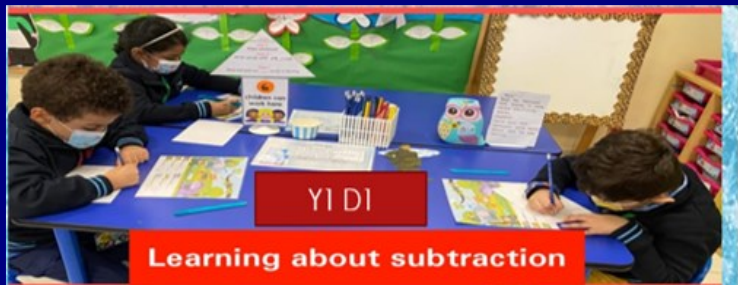


With Ms. Raquel

Junior Section News: Community Helpers' Day, 27/1/22!



Junior & Primary Section News!



Primary Section News; Wellbeing & Fitness!

Y3H1 Warming up with stretching exercises

With Ms. Sarada

Student Wellbeing



Y4F1 developing reading skills with Ms. Deepthi V.

Primary Section News; Scintillating Science!

Science Investigation – Solubility



Experiments on solubility with Ms. Anju

Science Investigation - Solubility

by Mehrnaz
Y5 H1



Science Investigation – Y5 H1 Solubility



Science Investigation – Y5 S1 Solubility



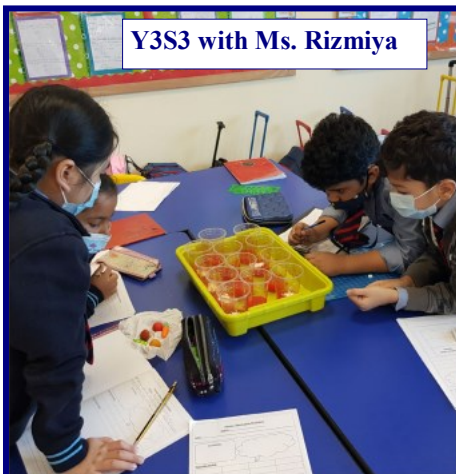
With Ms. Anjukrishna

Investigation on complex carbohydrates are healthier than simple carbohydrates. (Y3H2)

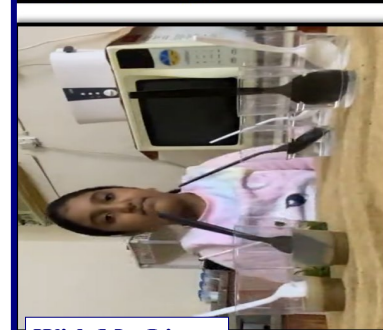
Science Investigation – Y5 F1 Solubility



Primary Section News; Scintillating Science!



Abdul Raffay
Y5 S2



Delisha
Y5 S2



With Ms. Lincy

Hammad
Y5 S2