

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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3rd February, 2022



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Happy Chinese New Year, to our families who celebrate this!

School Timings

Please note that the school day starts sharply at 7:30am (doors now open at 7:20am). Please ensure that your children arrive in school for 7:30am. Punctuality ensures that they do not miss anything at the start of the day. Thank you.

Keeping our Children Safe

To keep all our children safe, do please keep your sick child at home. Please do **not send to school with any COVID symptom** (see p3), or while waiting for a **PCR Report**. Feel free to email the Principal (valerie.t_wss@gemedu.com) for an online DL Approval form, if medical leave DL is required.

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.
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.

Class & Individual Photographs, Lensman

Before we organize Class & Individual Portrait photographs with Lensman, we are taking a parents survey to find out if you are interested in purchasing these. If interested, kindly complete the simple survey by **latest Tuesday 8/2/22**. Survey guidance is below. Thank you.

Please note following instructions to access the survey:

1. Open the link <https://forms.office.com/r/CeUXsCfrFa>
2. Login using each child's elearning ID & password for whom you are going to opt for photographs.

Username : <<student_userid>>@gemselearning.com

Password : <<student's phoenix classroom/MS Teams password>>

3. Select the option.
4. Submit the survey.

NB: You can submit only one response with one ID.



Happy Birthday!



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 21
3 فبراير 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

أولياء أمور WSS الأعزاء ...

سنة صينية جديدة سعيدة ، لعائلتنا التي تحتفل بهذا!

أوقات المدرسة

يرجى ملاحظة أن اليوم الدراسي يبدأ بشكل ثابت في الساعة 7:30 صباحًا (الآن تفتح الأبواب الساعة 7:20 صباحًا).

يرجى التأكد من وصول أطفالك إلى المدرسة في الساعة 7:30 صباحًا.

يجب الالتزام بالمواعيد لا تتفقد أي شيء في بداية اليوم.

شكرا لك.

الحفاظ على سلامة أطفالنا

للحفاظ على سلامة جميع أطفالنا ، يرجى إبقاء طفلك المريض في المنزل.

من فضلك لا ترسل إلى المدرسة مع أي من أعراض COVID انظر الصفحة 3) ، أو أثناء انتظار تقرير PCR لا تتردد في إرسال بريد إلكتروني إلى المدير (valerie.f.wss@gemedu.com) للحصول على نموذج اعتماد DL عبر الإنترنت ، إذا كانت الإجازة الطبية مطلوبة.

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
التسجيل مفتوح الآن للتسجيل في سبتمبر 2023. يرجى التسجيل على موقعنا على الإنترنت إذا كنت ترغب في تسجيل طفل جديد في WSS	الأتين 3/1/22
إذا كان لديك أي استفسارات ، فلا تتردد في الاتصال بنا للحصول على توضيح.	
عطلة منتصف الفصل الدراسي للطلاب(فقط) (والمعلمين يوم تدريب)	الخميس. 17 فبراير.
المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الربيع تخضع جميع تواريخ الإجازة لتغيير	الأتين. 28 مارس إلى الأحد. 10 أبريل

فصول & صور فردية ، Lensman

قبل أن ننظم صورًا شخصية للفصل الدراسي والفرد مع Lensman ، نجري استبيانًا للوالدين لمعرفة ما إذا كنت مهتمًا بشارتها. إذا كنت مهتمًا ، فيرجى إكمال الاستبيان البسيط في موعد أقصاه الثلاثاء 8/2/22.

إرشادات الاستبيان أثناءه. شكرا لك.

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

**My child spends most of his time on YouTube.
Is there any way to improve his media quality?**

My son was addicted to YouTube and had adopted the attitude displayed by those Youtubers. Many times on our dining table he was punished for using the partial words like “What the...” and other unacceptable terms. We realized that ‘we speak’ and ‘exhibit’ what ‘we listen’ and ‘watch’. Hence, decided to block/uninstall his Youtube and gave him Netflix instead. My friends were facing similar issue with their children. But they do not want to spend money on Netflix so I advised them to install YouTube Kids instead of Standard version of YouTube.



Initially, we all were watching/using same account on Netflix but later we came to know about this amazing feature called “Kids Mode” which can be configured for kids up to 17 year old. Yes, now we can see the change in his language and attitude as he watches quality content. We can also see what he is watching due to parental features.

- WSS Parent



**Parantal control
on
Netflix**



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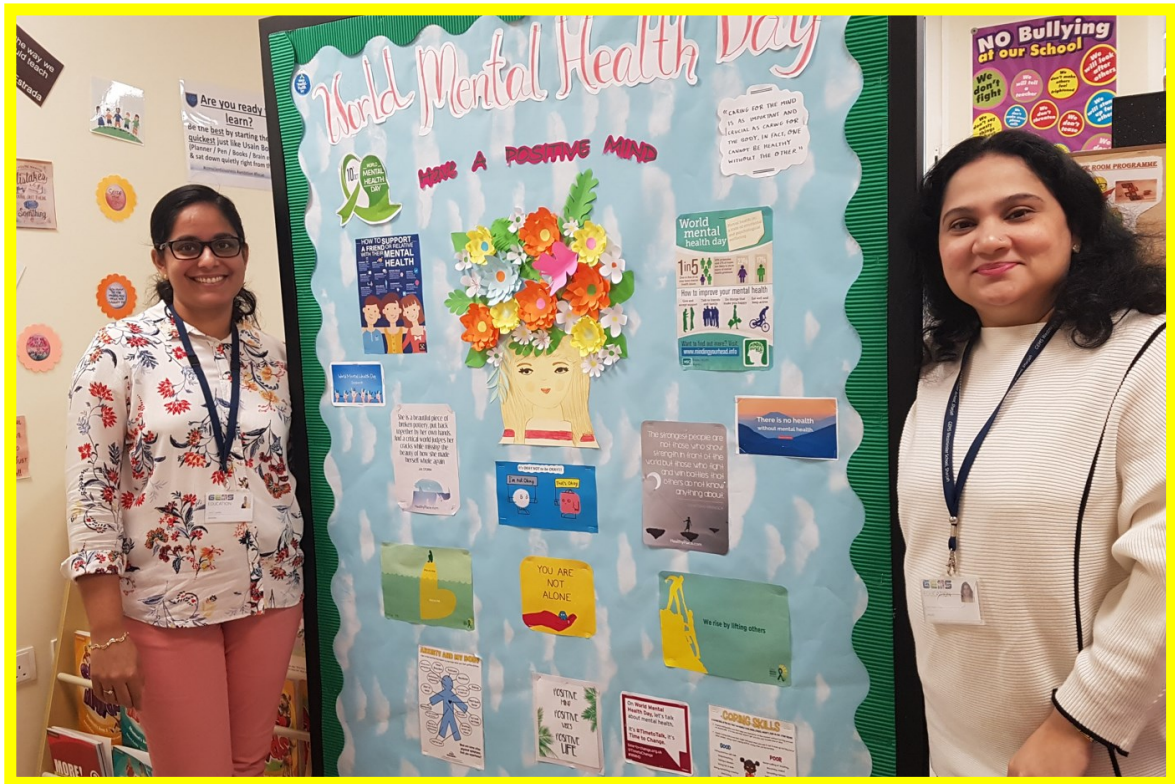
#DigitalResilience #LearnWithWSS

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

February 7-13 is Mental Health Week. Here we have a Mental Health Awareness display by Ms. Rema & Ms. Gincy. We also plan other activities to promote wellbeing at WSS!



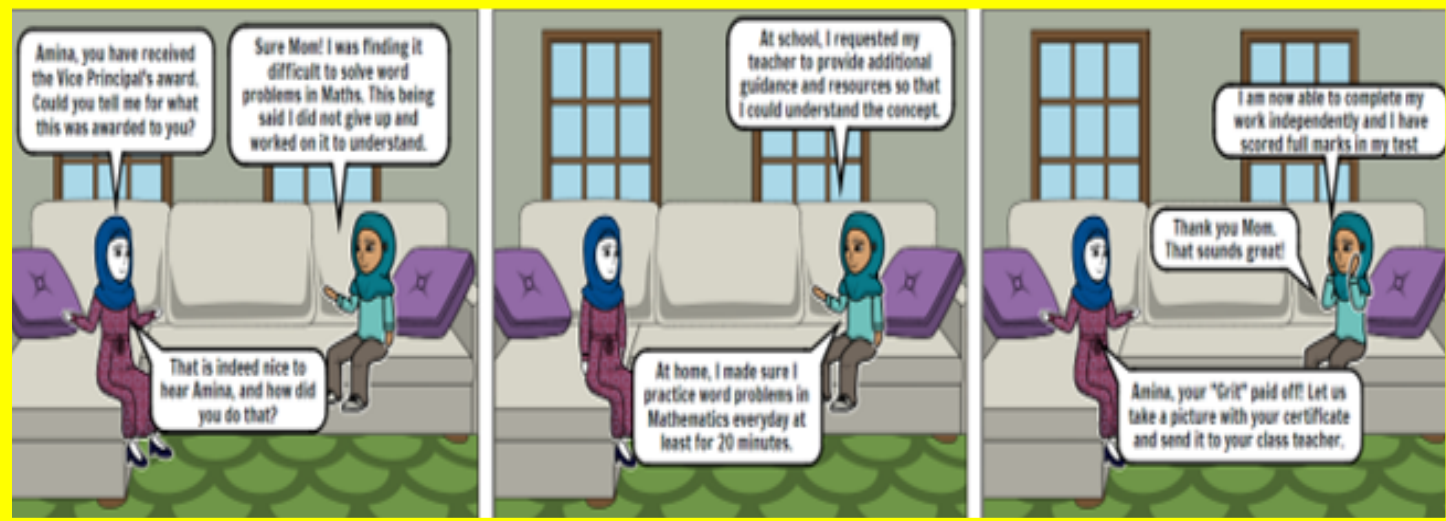
Find our updated Parent Handbook through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.



- Fever **COVID symptoms**
- Dry Cough
- Tiredness
- Body Pain
- Nasal Congestion / Runny Nose
- Headache
- Conjunctivitis
- Sore Throat
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell
- Rash on skin
- Discoloration of fingers and toes

Whole School News; Thought for the Week!

CHARACTER TRAIT: "GRIT"



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



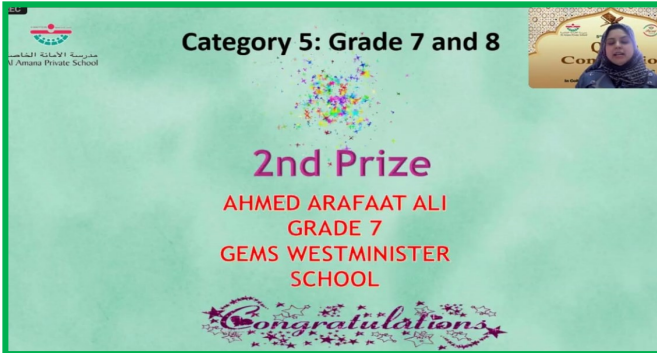
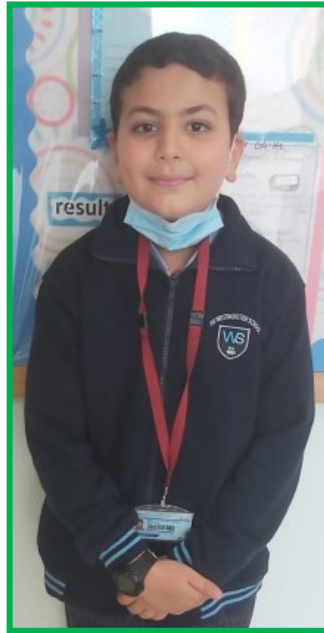
Adam Sallen (FS) – He showed real neighborliness when he discovered a fellow student in his class had an item that another student really desired. He was selfless and kind by giving the student his own item so he would be happy. Such an act of kindness is admirable, especially at such a young age. Well done Adam. We are proud of the way you demonstrated fine character!

Karim Ramy Elhobaiby (Y2) - He showed conscientiousness and perseverance to produce an exemplary piece of written piece of work in his lesson. Well done Karim for your positive mindset & high standards!

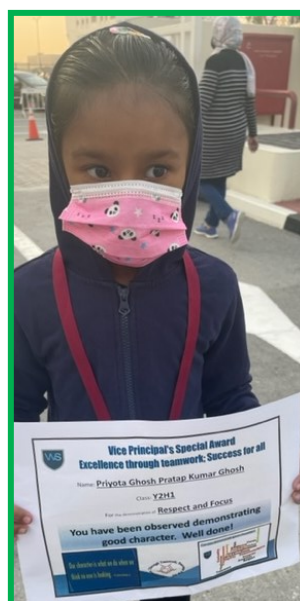
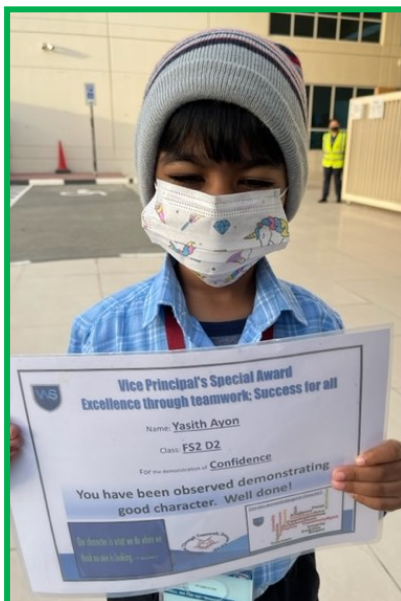
Positive reinforcement of WSS to students



WSS Superstar Quran Competition Champions!



WSS students participated in an online Inter-School Quran Competition hosted by AL Ameen School on Sunday 30/1/22. Two of our students won 1st place & one won 2nd place. Congratulations to our superstars! Many thanks to Ms. Mukhsana, Mr. Abed & Mr. Issam for giving up their weekend to support our students.



WSS Superstar Recycling Champions!



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Congratulations to Ms. Valerie Thompson, CEO & Principal of **GEMS Westminster School - Sharjah**, for achieving GEMS Long Service and Commitment Award for successfully completing 31 years.
#GEMSEducation #GEMSGenius

Y3D2 Reading Champion-Abdul Rahman

CLASS READING CHAMPION
is hereby given to
Muhammad Abdulrahman Zubair - Y3D2
for his/her love, passion, and remarkable record of reading progress in the Read Theory reading activity from this 31st day of January 2022 at the **GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah, U.A.E.**

Presented by
Ms. Suma Iyengar
Asst. Principal, Primary

Presented to
Ms. Valerie Thompson
WSS, Principal

Presented by
Ms. Sumia Ghannam
Deputy Head of Primary

I would like to Thanks and appreciate to Sir Pratik Pandya for his Great support ,Concern about his students and very important and valuable feedback for Mohammad Aaliyan . He is not supporting to his student only ,as he supporting to parents as well .
We are really lucky and proud to have such a great teacher of our kids in our Gems School .

Thanks Sir Pratik ,you are star 🌟🌟🌟 of GemsWss.

Regards,
Aaliyan 's Father
Jamshed Pervez Ellahi

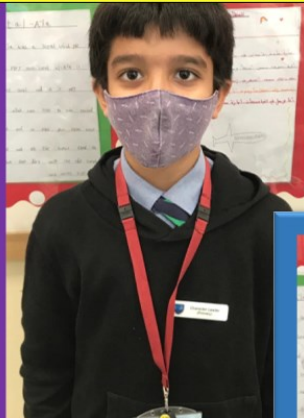
WSS Superstar Champions!



Leaders with the badges – Y5 H1



Character Leader - Zaviyar



Digital Leader - Taymullah



Character Leader (VP's Special Award) - Avani



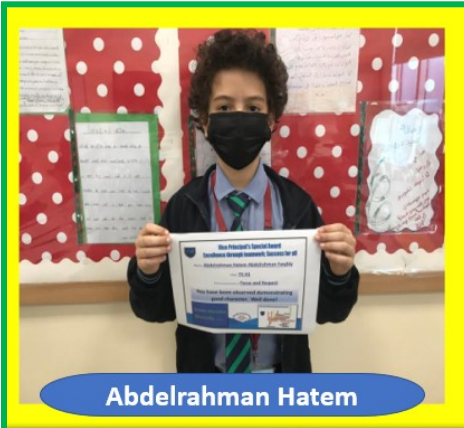
Class Leader - Mehrnaz



Literacy Leader – Noor Ul Ain



WSS Superstar Champions!



Abdelrahman Hatem



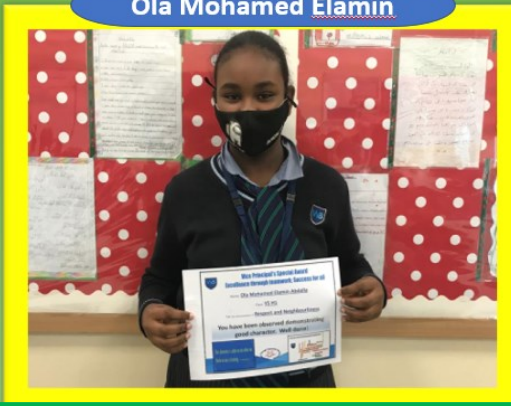
Avani Dhungana



Taymullah Ehab



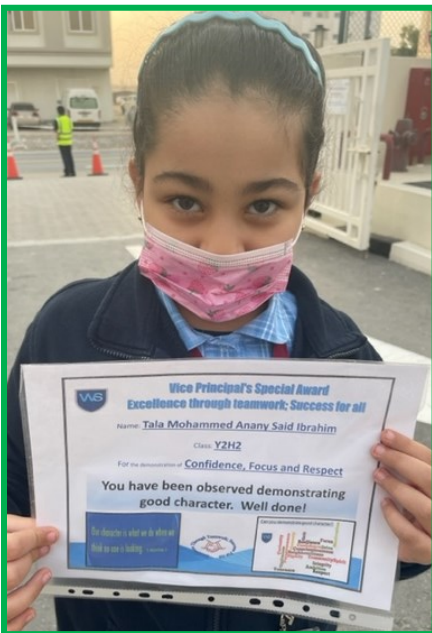
Star
Students
of Y5 H1



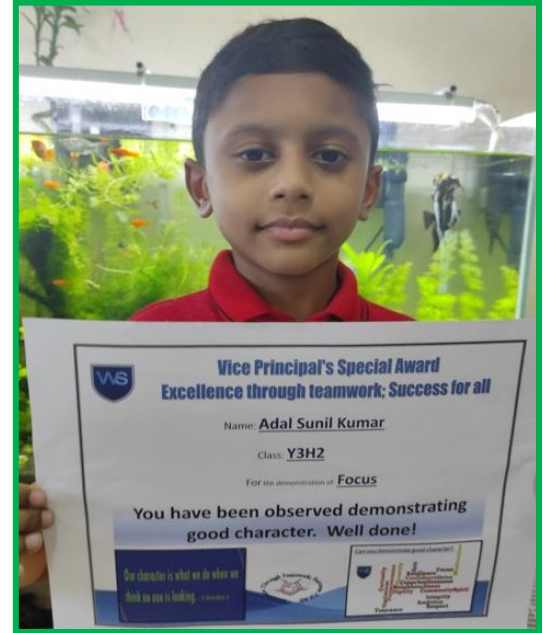
Ola Mohamed Elamin



Anas Rashad Kamal



Muhammad Mustafa Mughees Nasir
Class Reading Champion Y5H2



Junior Section News



Thanks to Nabia for sharing her super confident Arabic video about her daily routine.



We have done Supertato work and got Stickers FS2S2



With Mr. Maria

Exploring new activities in OLA FS2S2



Learning about How to Grow A Plant FS2 S2.



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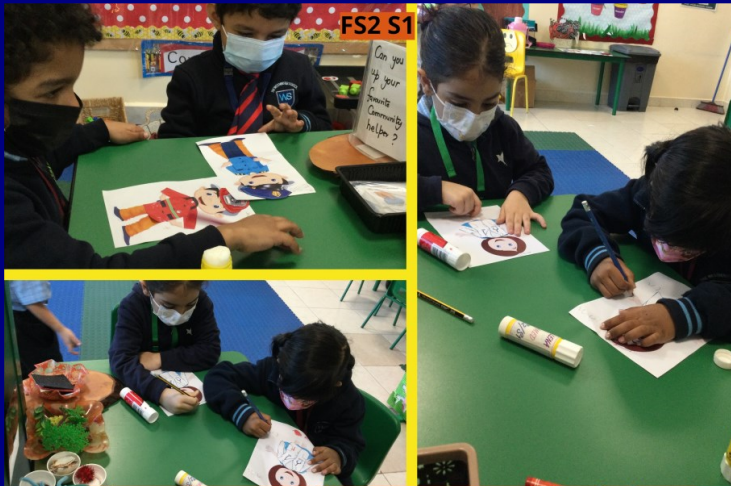
Junior Section News; Literacy & Read Aloud Day!



FS2 S1



We are drawing story characters



FS2 S1

We are busy making our community helpers



FS2 S1

We are busy with arabic activities



FS2 S1



Happy Birthday

Y2H2 Read aloud day



With Ms. Aqueen



We are celebrating community helpers day

Junior Section News; Literacy Skills Development in Y2!

Reading is fun!!!



with Ms. Jinitra.

Y2H2



With Ms. Aqueen



Y2H2

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Junior Section News; Engagement with Learning!



Top of the Food Chain!



I made my Superhero costume!



Happy Birthday!



World Read Aloud Day.

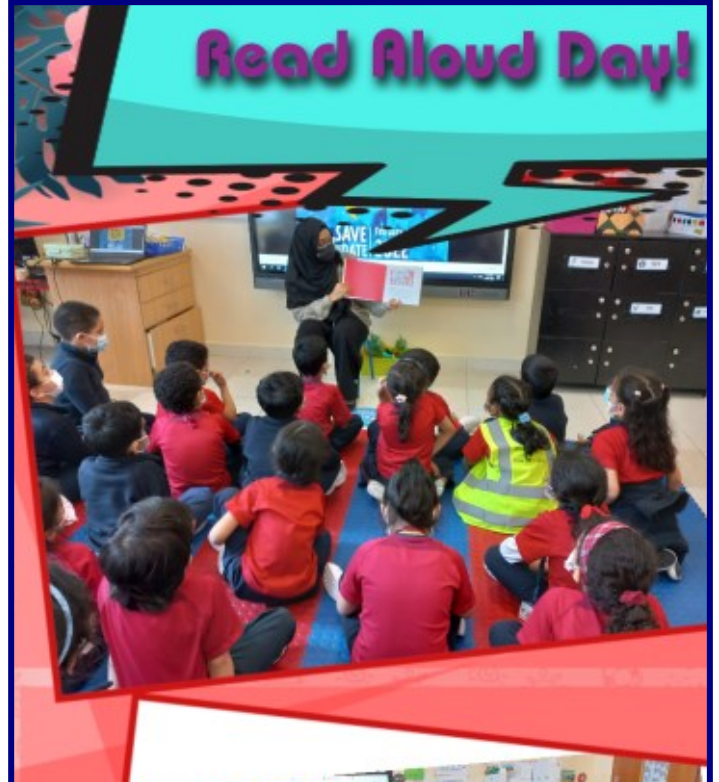
With Ms. Kishwar



With Ms. Fiza

Junior Section News; Learning Through Doing!

Y2S1 with Ms. Fathima



You are my superhero!



Junior Section News; Learning in FS2!

FS2 D1 Learning addition



Enjoying activities in OLA



FS2 D1



**FS2 D1
Creating their
favorite
superhero**



FS2 D1



**Enjoying
activities in OLA**



FS2D1 with Ms. Nikhat

FS2 D1



Enjoying activities in OLA

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**FS2 D1
Sequencing
story cards**



Junior Section News; Year 1!

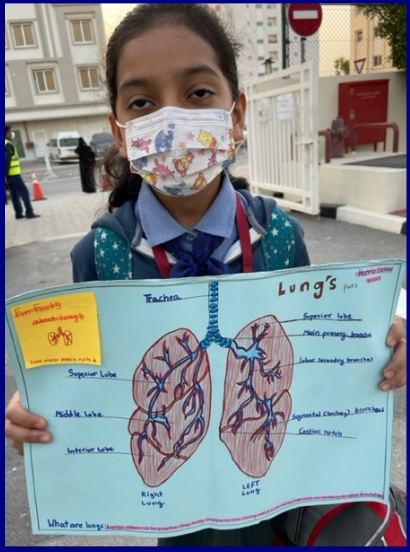


Junior Section News; Learning Through Doing!

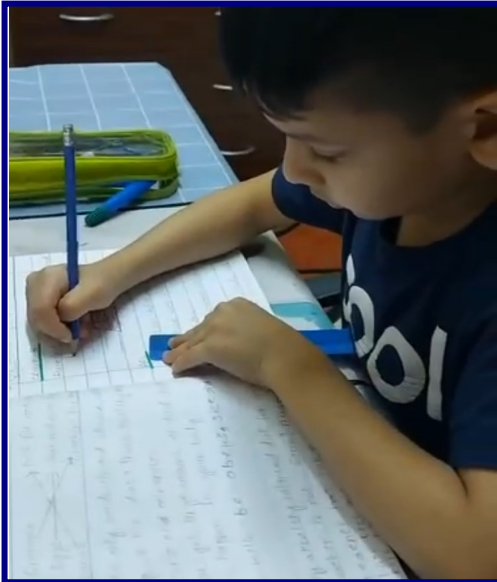


With Ms. Raquel

Primary Section News; Eat Healthy Food to be Healthy!



Thanks to Syed Taha (Y3S2) for his smart video for Ms. Sangeetha about nutrients & choosing a healthy diet.



Primary Section News; Literacy Links With Creativity!



LFQ: How do I design my own Co With Ms. Surbhi
Done by Yr. 4, 5 & 6

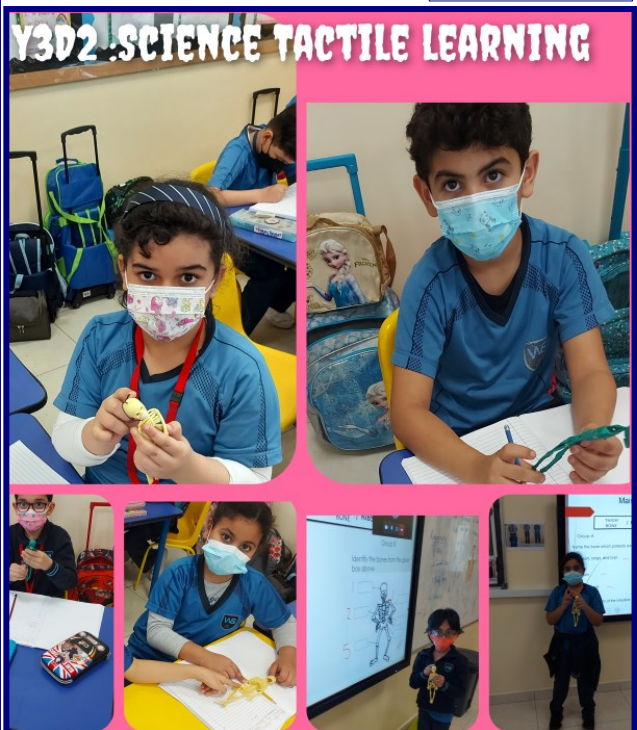


Y3D2 : CLASS LIBRARY
With Ms. Lissy

Primary Section News; Scintillating Science in Y3!



Y3D1 with Ms. Sheena



With Ms. Lissy

Y3D2 SCIENCE TACTILE LEARNING

Flipped Science lesson with Y3F1 & Ms. Anshy

Primary Section News; Persuasive Writing!

Y5H2 Students were challenged in English subject to write a draft of their persuasive text effectively with a good presentation in writing.

They were asked to use their critical thinking and creative writing skills to create an outcome for today's lesson.



The Persuasive Text Writing Output

With Mr. Arvie

Mahi Gr: 4 1fa: How do I draft persuasive text?
years 5 & 6

Football is the best sport in the whole wide world and there are jerseys for 30.00 off and it is an Italian sport with many soccer fans for the fantastic players Pogba, Ronaldo, Neymar and Messi!! Buy a ticket to see your favourite fabulous and fantastic players, what are you waiting for? buy a ticket now

Mahi's work

Q. Which features did you use in your persuasive text? I've used emotive language, repetition, rhetorical questions

TASK 3:
While eating don't drink!

Don't drink while eating, don't drink! It makes us feel stomach pain.

It makes you not feel well. You may vomit when you drink while eating you shouldn't exercise or jump. It will make you sick and feeling a massive stomach pain. 🤢

It's very hard to control your body. When you don't drink while eating you feel active playful and you be like a monkey without feeling sick. But while drinking and eating you would be like a turtle and your game feel tired. 🐢 🐢

57% of people do not eat only they drink and eat cake!! It causes seeds in your belly and makes a like a balloon (fat). Ready?

* Well done for this amazing persuasive writing task!
* You have been able to develop your writing skills to persuade someone. Keep it up!

Hana's work

Secondary Section News; Preparing for the Future!



Secondary Assistant Principals brief Y11 students about their forthcoming IGCSE exams.

