

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

SPEA School Performance Review (SPR) Inspection

We would like to thank parents & students for supporting our school community this week as we went through our SPR inspection. It was a hectic, challenging week, but our children were very well behaved & made us proud by the way they collaborated, shared their learning, engaged with the inspection team and performed in their Assemblies. Well done to the whole WSS community!

Our children's positive behaviour & very good attitudes to learning were included as particular strengths of the school, along FS provision, with provision for SEND, improvement in teaching & learning across the school, Safeguarding, wellbeing & more.

More detailed feedback from the SPR inspection will be shared with parents when the formal Report is published by SPEA. While we do not yet have all the details, the Inspection Lead shared that there are many positives to celebrate! Thank you team WSS!!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Friday 17th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Re-enrollment for September 2023 is opens.</u> • Re-enrollment for Sept. 2023 may only be completed once <u>full T2 fees have been cleared.</u> • <u>Deadline to click re-enroll online with intentions is Friday 17th February</u> (re-enrollment fee payment not required until 2/5/23)
Tues. 2nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Deadline to pay the re-enrollment fee is Tuesday 2nd May</u> (please ignore any other communicated dates, & apologies for any confusion) • <u>Un-booked & unpaid seats beyond the given deadline would be given to the Waiting List. Seats are limited, so to avoid stress & disappointment, do please complete re-enrollment & re-enrollment payment by the given deadlines.</u>
Wed. 15th & Thurs. 16th Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mid-Term Break (2 days)</u>
27/3/23 to 6/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Spring Break (2 weeks)</u> • Term 3 starts on Monday 10/4/23. T3 fees due, thank you.
17/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T3 Mid-Term Break (1 day)
Tuesday 2/5/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Deadline to pay the re-enrollment fee is Tuesday 2nd May</u>
29/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Official last day of the academic year. (TBC by SPEA)</u>



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

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

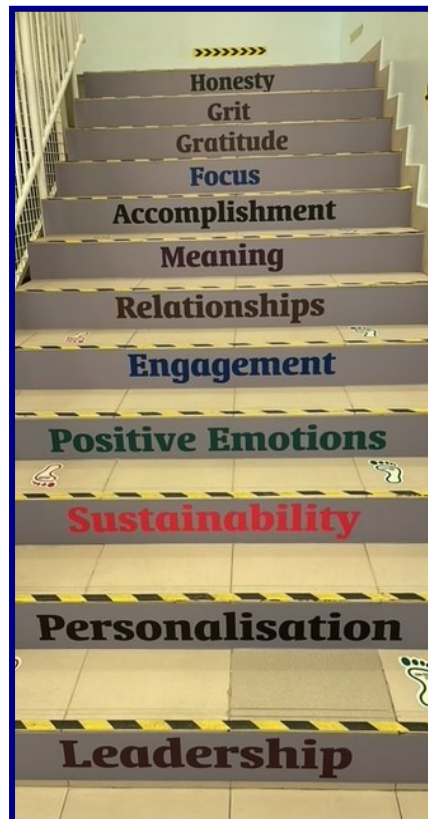
Sunny Varkey

Whole School News

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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.



New Staircase Character Messages to remind us what is important to our development.

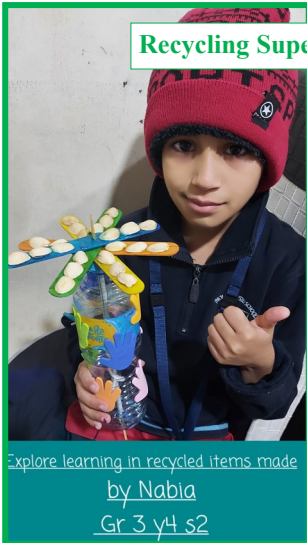
Whole School News; Torch Bearers, 3/2/23!



Over 300 students, both muslim & non-muslim, attended a special convention in Dubai on 3/2/23 to raise awareness of Islam & UAE culture & values. There were presentations by esteemed Islamic speakers Mufti Menk, Fatih Seferagic, Ayaz Housee & more. Our students were super eager to attend. & behaved impeccably. Thank you to our VP Mr. Suj, Ms. Mukhsana & other staff for organizing & accompanying this trip.



WSS Environment Superstar Champions ; Let's Reuse, Reduce & Recycle!



Recycling Superstars!



Explore learning in recycled items made by Nabia Gr 3 y4 s2



Recycling Superstars!

Congratulations Ms. Laneetha for being the first staff at WSS to complete all 6 UNCC Sustainability courses!

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

Laneetha Shajahan

GEMS Westminster School - Sharjah
for being the first teacher in your school to have successfully completed all the assigned six UN CC: Learn courses.

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Principal and CEO, GEMS Legacy School
Executive Leader of Climate Change, GEMS Education



UN CC:Learn

WSS Teamwork Superstar Champions!



Many thanks to our supportive PR team for helping prepare for practical science experiments. We love the teamwork!



Recycling Superstars!



Student Leadership in action. At WSS we believe in service-leadership, & that helping others to succeed is one of a leader's most important responsibilities.

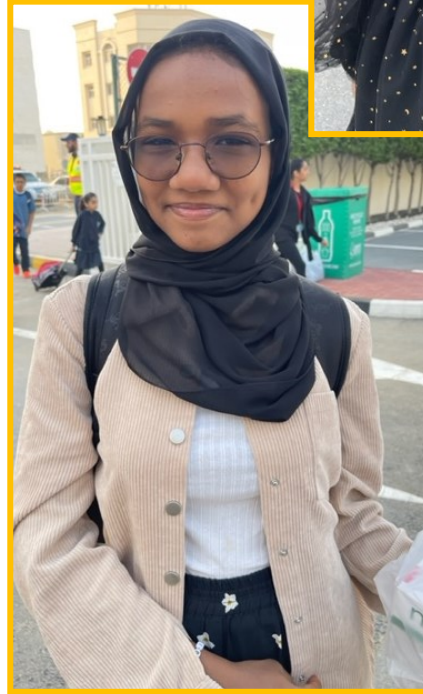
Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!
Awarded for demonstrating Good Character
(Respect, Kindness & Community Spirit)



Well done to Muhammad Mustafa Y6/BH & Muhammad Moosa Y2/S2 or their acts of kindness, sharing food with those less fortunate. Thank you for demonstrating good character & values!



Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



Y5 & Y6 Primary Happy Birthday!

Primary News; Happy Birthdays!



Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Primary Happy Birthdays celebrated in Assembly on 8/2/23.



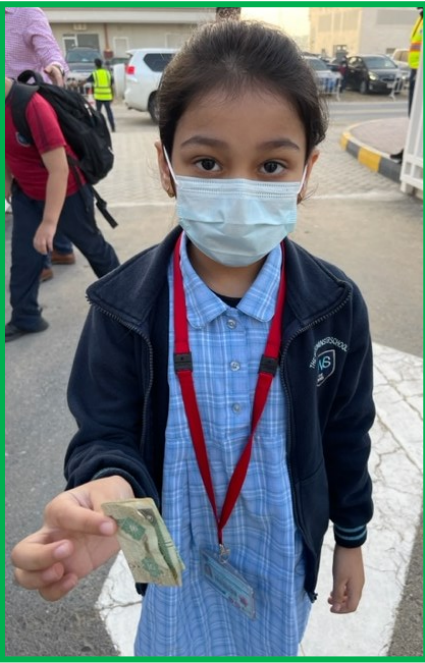
WSS Junior Section Wellbeing Superstar Champions!



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This Honesty Superstar demonstrated her super character by handing in lost & found money, & asking for it to be put into the charity box if it was unclaimed. Well done! We love to see such values demonstrated in everyday life..



Community service



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y2S2

The theme was a 'Healthy Lifestyle', focusing on making healthy eating choices. We learnt about the 5 food groups & to balance our diet. The children were so confident & were amazing with their lines!



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y1S1

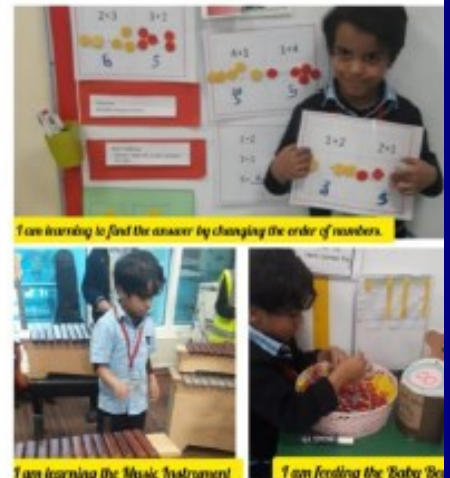
The theme was a 'Wellbeing', focusing on Anti-Bullying. We learnt how to treat our school mates with kindness & respect, & that in the Quran it talks about one human not being judged as lesser than another, except for piety.



Junior Section News; Fun in Y1!



Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y2!



Y2H2 With TR -Sabiha, AT-Priya

Junior Section News; Learning in Year 2!

Y2H2 With Tr-Sabiha, AT-Priya



Our wellbeing stars



Teddy goes home



We are eating lunch with our Superheroes



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Dady is my Superhero



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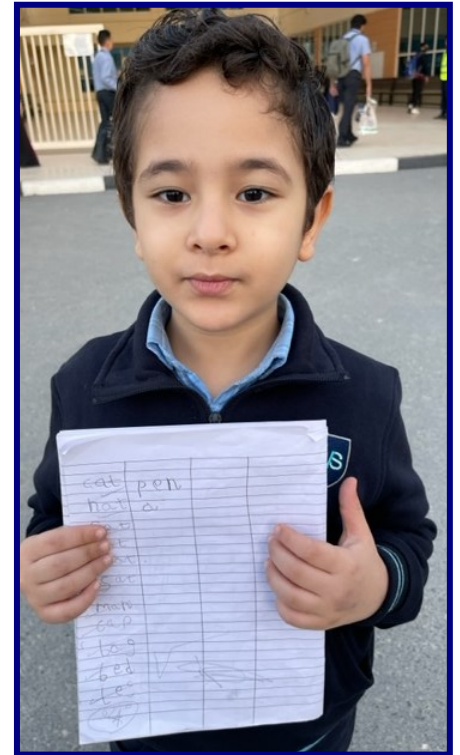
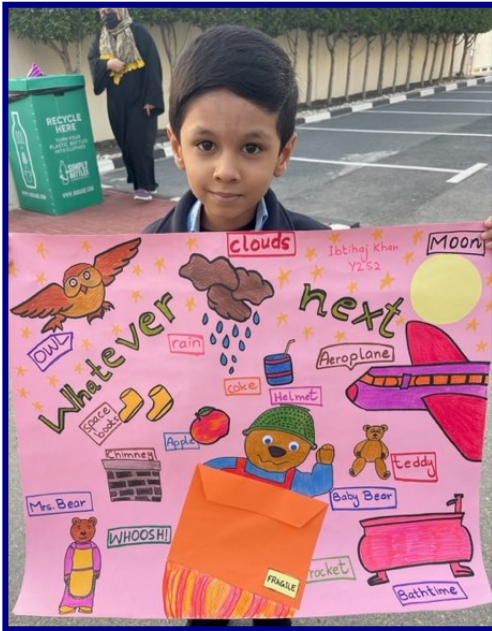


WP & Reading time



We are learning life cycle of a Frog

Junior Section News; Projects!



With Ms. Mariam Rizwan

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Y6 Class DOJO, Wellbeing & Reading Champions



Y5 Class DOJO, Wellbeing & Reading Champions

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



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A Primary Break Time Book Buddy reading to younger students.

Dear teacher... thank you so much for this wonderful Assembly today . I couldn't attend it but my husband went nd sent me videos.... im sooo happy

All teachers and heads and ms valerie are really hardworking and amazing.....

Big Thank you...

From .Mother of Aatika Y5S1

Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5S1!



The theme was a 'Healthy Lifestyle', focusing on the benefits of regular exercise. Assistant Principal, Primary Ms. Sonia promised to include a healthy walk into her daily routine to be fitter! She challenged the students to check in on her progress!



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y4S1!



The theme was a 'Healthy Lifestyle', focusing on the benefits of making smart food choices. The Principal Ms. Valerie & Assistant Principal, Primary Ms. Sonia promised to include more healthy food choices into their daily menu to be healthier!



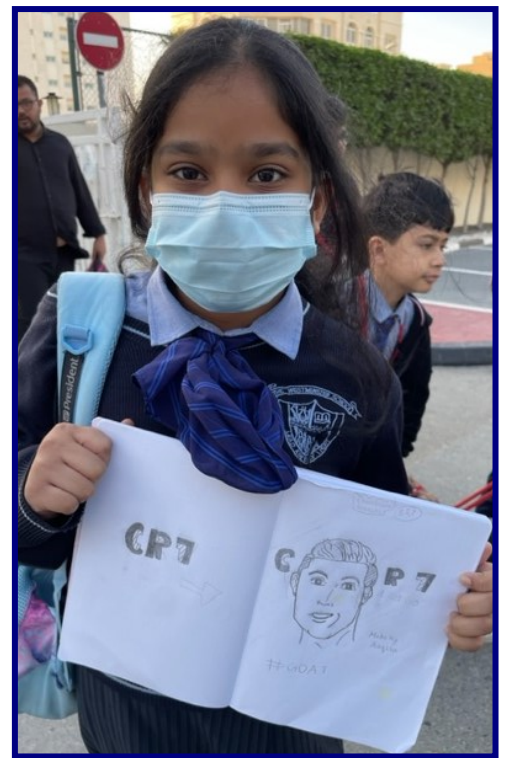
Primary Section News



NABIA ASIF
GR 3 Y4 S2
SOCIAL STUDIES
EXPLORE LEARNING IN
RECYCLED ITEMS



NABIA ASIF GR 3 Y4 S2
(EXPLORE LEARNING IN RECYCLED ITEMS)



Perfect uniform, thank you!

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



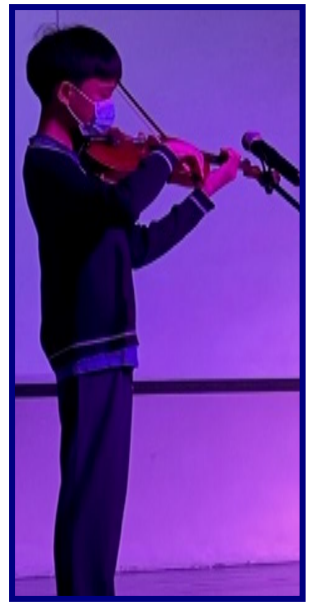
Science project made from reused materials.

Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y8BD1, 6/2/23!



This was a great Assembly—the boys shared a range of talents, from Music (a violin solo by Roland), Drama, speaking & presentation.

The important theme was 'Never Give up!'. We learnt that with hard work & a positive mindset, we can achieve our goals



Secondary Section News; STEAM Maths!

STEAM MATHEMATICS



Y7 boys explore STEAM Maths with Mr. Muh'd Nishad

LFQ : How do you derive the formula to find the area of a trapezium and explore more on it?