

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #22
10th February, 2022



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,
Close Contact Online DL
As many of you are aware, we have been struggling to settle back into regular F2F due to the strict 'Whole Class/Bus on Isolation in case of any one positive COVID case' Authority rule. However, we are happy to report that now this has been relaxed, & Close Contacts in school/bus are now considered as just those immediately surrounding any positive case. This will vastly reduce the number of staff & students who have to shift to online DL & ensure more can attend school. We thank the Authorities!

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.

Happy Birthday!



Arabic Project



Recycling Superstars!



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 22
10 فبراير 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومبسون

أولياء أمور WSS الأعزاء ..

إغلاق اتصال التعلم عن بعد

كما يعلم العديد منكم أننا مازلنا نكافح من أجل استقرا التعلم وجها لوجه وطقا لقانون الهيئة أنه في حالة وجود حالة إيجابية يتم وضع كل الفصول والحفلات المدرسية في عزل.

ويسعدنا الآن إبلاغكم أنه قد تم تخفيف ذلك ويعتبر إغلاق جهات الاتصال في المدرسة أو الحفلات في حالة وجود حالة إيجابية مخالطة لهم هذا سيؤدي إلى تقليل عدد أعضاء هيئة التدريس (المعلمين) وأيضاً الطلاب الذين يجب تحويلهم للتعلم عن بعد وضمان حضور المزيد إلى المدرسة بشكل كبير.

المواعيد

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

Happy Birthday!



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

Looking for some awesome Free books for your child in Junior / Primary?

BOOKSIE offers free picture storybooks for children. The site reportedly has more than a thousand stories for beginners and other readers from about a dozen outlets that focus on objectives like **improving literacy, gender equality, and character-building**. Individual story topics range from woodland creatures to a girl's first day of school and protecting marine life. Kids can flip through pages of each story and use functionality that randomly selects and open a book for them to read -- or shuffle the selection so they see different titles.

No Sign in/ No Registration. Booksie is absolutely free!

TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT ...

- ❖ Families can talk about why reading is important -- and can be fun. What topics are your child interested in finding out more about?
- ❖ What's the benefit of sharing stories? How has story telling evolved throughout history? Why is storytelling important?

<http://www.booksie.org>



Free Picture Storybooks for Children



مدرسة جيمس وستمينستر الشارقة
GEMS Westminster School
SHARJAH



#DigitalResilience #LearnWithWSS

WSS Superstar Champions!



We are so excited to fill our marble jar!!!



Well done to our honest superstar Aser (Y3H1) who handed in lost & found money. Wonderful to see his character shine!



WSS Superstar Champions!

WSS

Vice Principal's Special Award
Excellence through teamwork; Success for all

Name: Zainab Waleed Sayed Abdalla

Class: Y5 F2

FOR the demonstration of Grit and Perseverance

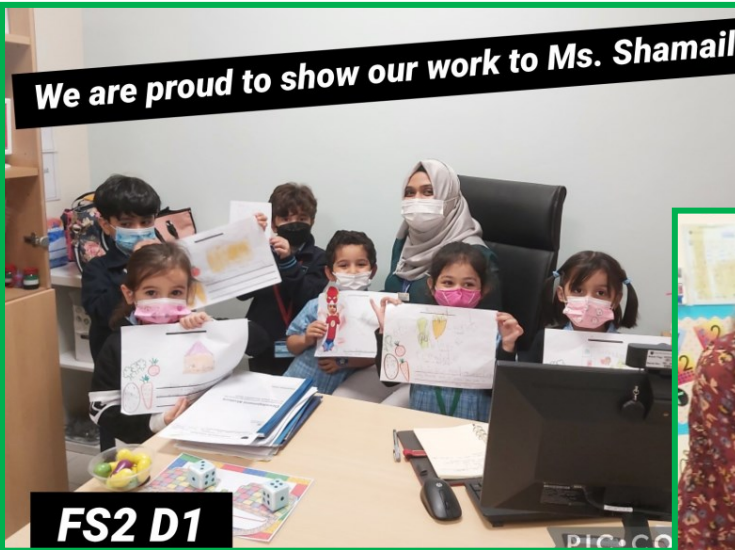
You have been observed demonstrating good character. Well done!

Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking. -- R. Johnson Brown, Jr.

Through Teamwork, Success is Guaranteed. Y5-F2

Can you demonstrate good character?

Autonomy, Optimism, Persistence, Resilience, Focus, Motivation, Confidence, Drive, Neighbourliness, Dignity, Community Spirit, Integrity, Ambition, Respect, Tolerance.



Dear Ms. Ayesha,
 Hope you and family are in excellent terms of health!

Well,, words are not enough to express the gratitude towards the wholesome efforts that you have been gathering throughout the years just to ensure that your wards are filled in with esteemed knowledge of your kind and truly appreciate the confidence that you generate in them is way over the expectations.

We, as a parents are always in dream of search for excellence through equity. There are plenty of reasons to call you one of the genius educator and on behalf of all your wards , we herewith proudly announce our hearty congrats to you MS.. AYESHA for being such a wonderful teacher with high caliber of teaching standards.

You will be always remembered with beautiful memories of your teaching skills and that give us immense pleasure to go back to those days of empowerment as passes through.

Wishes you all the best of luck and may you blossom intensely within your job passion.

High regards
 Nikita

WSS Superstar Champions!

Y5 H2 Champions



Sheren - Class Champion



Ali Nadir- Digital Leader

Thanks to SHUBHAN RAHUL REGE – (Y8BF) who donated books to the WSS library.



MUHAMMAD MOMIN SHEIKH



BISHOUT SAAD SAMWAIL LABIB REZA

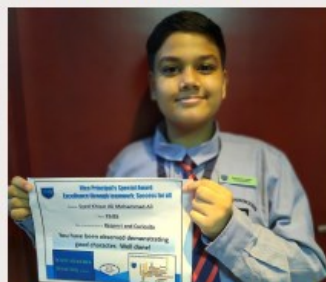
Class Champions Y6 BS



MOHAYER SAMI MOHAMED ABDALLA



TANUSH MENON KESAVAN

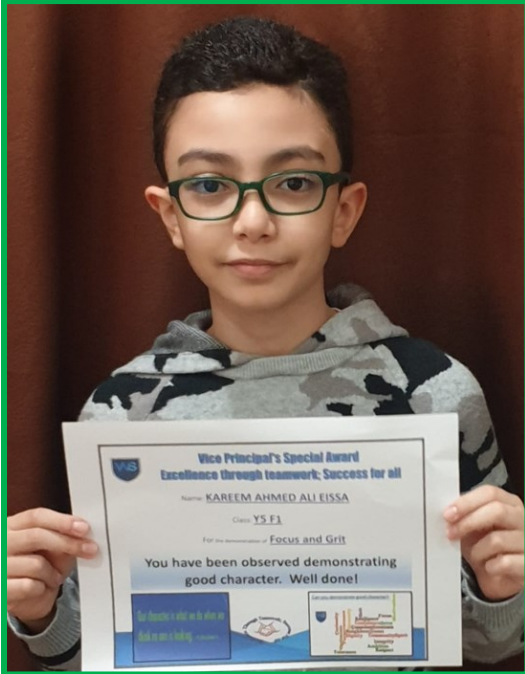


SYED KHIZAR ALI MOHAMMAD ALI



Azfar Ali Khan Arshi – Certificate for excellent leadership role as class leader.

WSS Superstar Champions!



Here is Mahmood (Y2S1) showing off his amazing work to Ms. Shamail. Well done Mahmood—keep up the super effort & focus on learning!

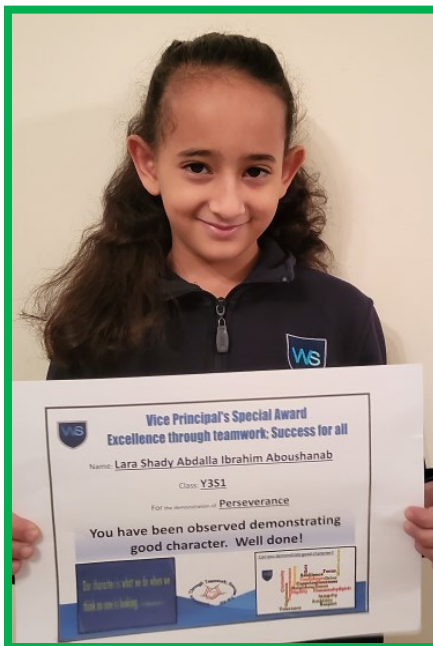
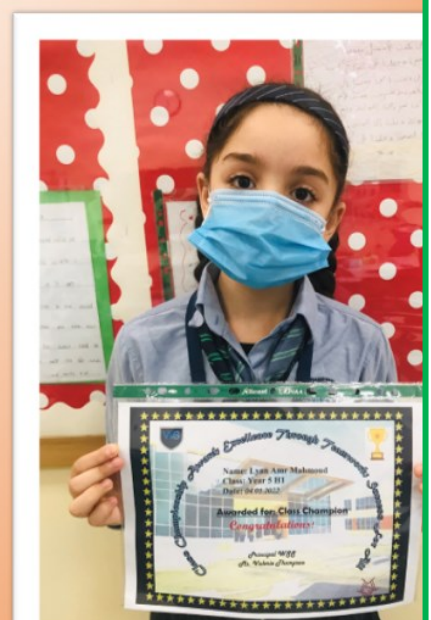


**Classcraft Moral
Education Champion
Nakshatra Sony Y8 GD**

WSS Superstar Champions!



Super Stars of Y5 H1



Reading Champion of Y4S1-Saif Ahmed Abdelgayed



Y3D2 Mujtaba
Class Champion

WSS 'Excellence Through Teamwork' Reporter, Learning Coach Dr. Lisa, says,



Muhammad Zohan (FS2) showed great commitment and creativity in his Science lesson. His use of special vocabulary was excellent and he responded well to the challenge set by his teachers. Well done **Ms. Jinitra, Ms Aqueen** and Zohan for the rich vocabulary building opportunities.

Nusaybah Ansari (FS2) showed grit and determination as she remained focused and completed her writing challenge set by teachers. She wrote an excellent creative story within the time given in the class. Well done **Ms. Kishwar and Ms. Maria** for a great writing challenge and well done to Nasagba for completing her task with such creativity.

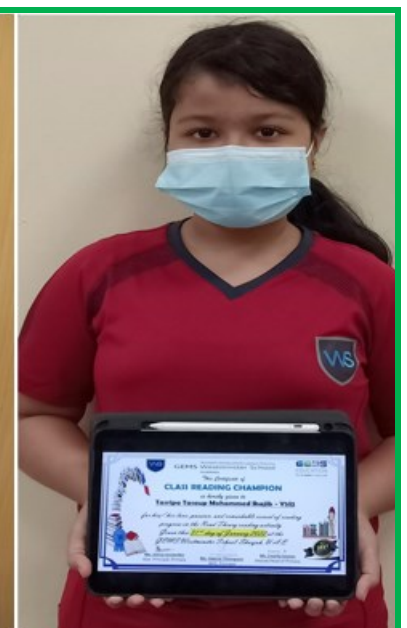
WSS Superstar Champions!



WSS 'Excellence Through Teamwork' Reporter, Learning Coach Dr. Lisa, says,

Mila Baly and Jessica Prejith (Y3D2) showed creativity as they rose to the writing challenge set by their Teacher Ms Lissy and both girls wrote exemplar predictions.

Rahima Hassan (Y6G5) showed great collaboration as she worked with her teacher to support the comprehension within the reading exercise in her group. Well done Ms. Khatma for providing the comprehension building task and Rahima for being so supportive in helping others build their comprehension skills.



Ayat Yasir
Y5 S2

Joudi Ahmed
Y5 S2

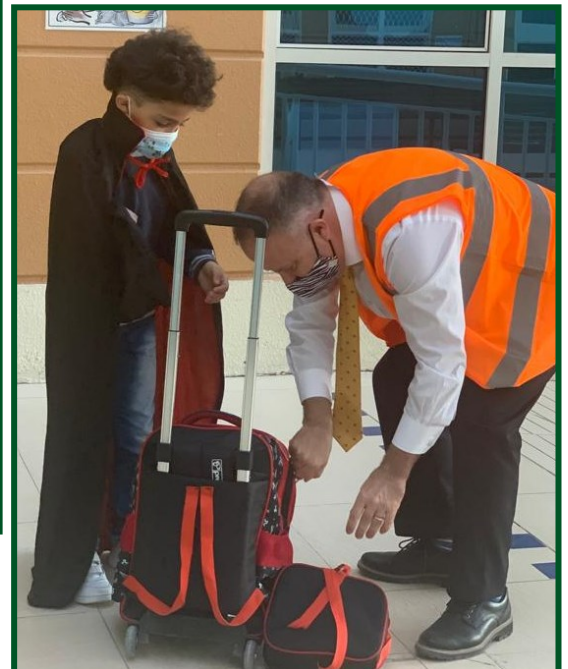
Tasripa
Y5 S2

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

Here is our Junior Section Super Star Adam Sallen (FS1 D1). He was Awarded 'Collin the Camel' by Deputy Head of Junior Section for being very kind and supportive towards his class mates. At his young age, he has already achieved the milestone of taking care of others feelings and emotions by offering to give his belonging to a classmate who wanted it. Adam's thoughtfulness & generosity are inspiring!



Here is VP Mr. Andrew helping Adam to get dressed-up for his Mythical Creatures Day on 10/2/22. Thank you!



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; Wellbeing Week!



This week is Wellbeing Week t WSS. Here are Ms. Rema (Head of Inclusion & DSL) & Ms. Gincy (Counselor, Primary) with their display on mental wellbeing.



Well being day activities Y5D2

EXPO 2020—Have you visited it yet? It's a highly recommended family day out! Feel free to share your favourite family EXPO 2020 picture with us for the Newsletter.

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



Lifelong learning—Head of Inclusion Ms. Rema, & Guidance Counselor, Secondary Ms. Rejina, attended GEMS annual Safeguarding training this week led by Ms. Sara Hedger, GEMS lead on Safeguarding..

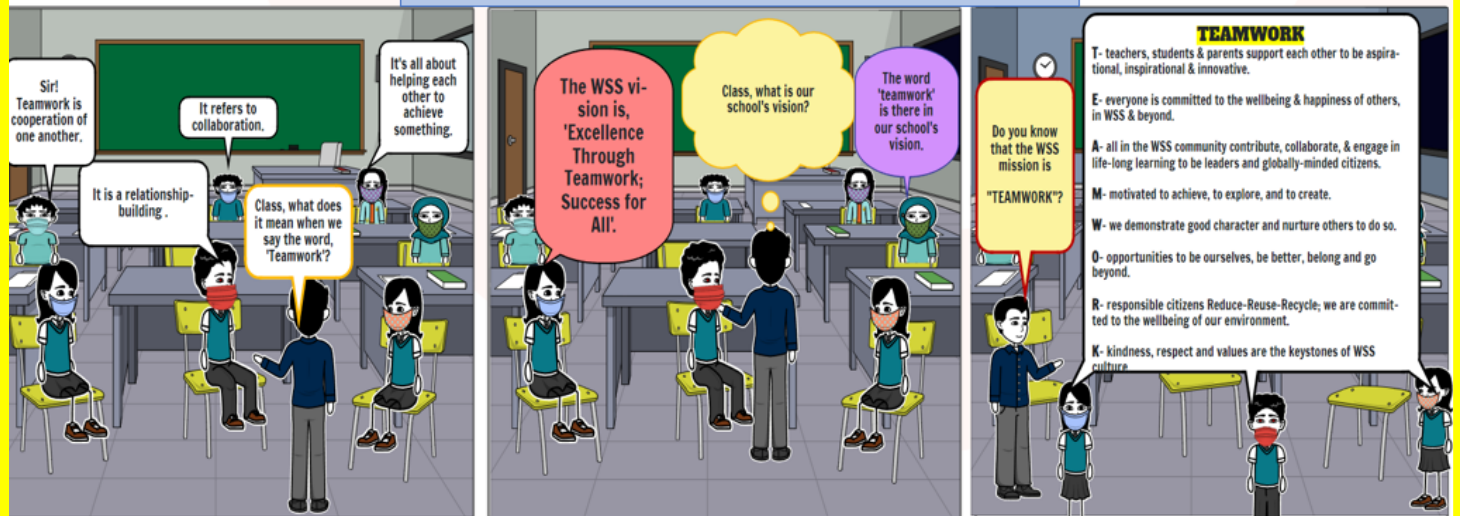


Whole School News; Thoughts for the Week!

BENEFITS OF READING ALOUD



TEAMWORK



Junior Section News



Happy birthday EYAD Y2H2

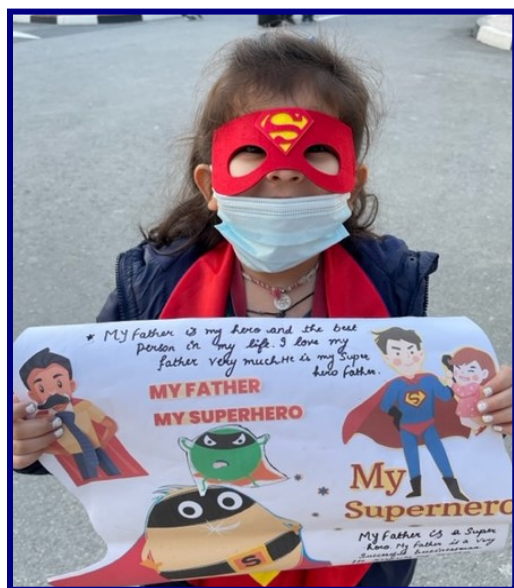


Thank you Nabia for sharing your sweet song video



Junior corridors are looking spectacular with all the student's work displayed!

Arabic Activities



Hazel said, "My Superhero is my Dad!"



Junior Section News; Superheroes Day, 10/2/22!



Students were able to confidently talk about their character & what their job was in the story.



Junior Section News; Superheroes Day, 10/2/22!



FS2S2 with Ms. Kishwar



Let's go Heroes!

Thank you to all our superhero Parents, Teachers, ATs, SLT & Admin staff for your amazing teamwork & commitment to our children's learning

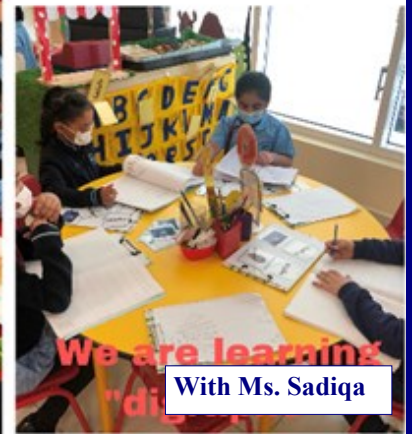
Junior Section News!



Getting reward for super writing and displays from Ms. Valerie



We are learning digraph



We are learning digraph With Ms. Sadiqa



Getting marble jar stickers from Ms. Shamail



We are learning digraph



We are learning digraphs



We are enjoying outdoor games



Enjoying outdoor activity

Junior Section News; Learning Activities in FS2!



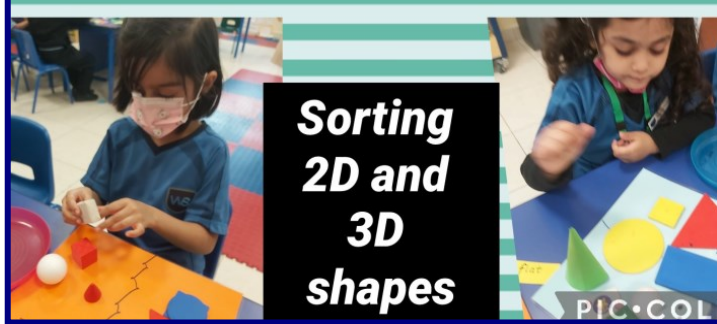
FS2 D1
Enacting story



FS2 D1
Busy in OLA



FS2 D1



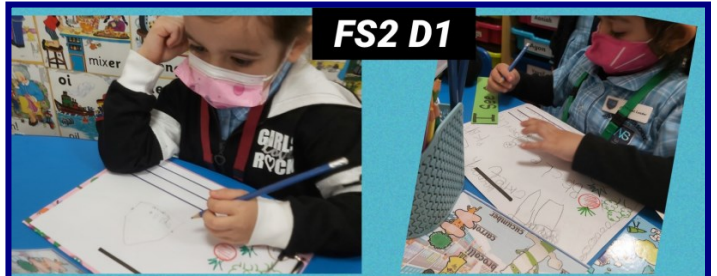
Sorting 2D and 3D shapes



FS2 D1



Learning 2D and 3D shapes



FS2 D1



Busy writing favorite part of the story

PIC•COLLAG



Super chefs in superhero cafe

FS2 D1

Junior Section News; Learning in FS2

FS2 S1

With Ms. Sonia M.

FS2 S1



We can create our own supertato



We are learning how to grow a plant in OLA2



FS2



We enjoy group a



FS2 S1



We are learning "j" sound

Junior Section News; Learning in Y2!

Year 2/F1

We are searching for minibeast living in microhabitat around our school

Y2F1 with Ms. Raquel



Learning to compare weight.

Junior Section News; Learning in Y2!



Y 2S1 Practicing math in OLA



Y2 S1 hunting for microhabitat



With Ms. Fathima & Ms. Sabiha



Y2S1 working with Ms. Sara & Ms. Sabiha

Primary Section News; Wellbeing Week!



Student Wellbeing



Y5 on Wellbeing Day



Wellbeing

We won the Game!



Primary Section News; Wellbeing Week!



With Ms. Lakshmi

Well-being activities- Y5H2 Outdoor activities

Y4 D1 WELLBEING ACTIVITIES



Y3D2: Happy Time



Primary Section News; Wellbeing Week!

Y5F2 Wellbeing Activity

Students were able to enjoy, had fun, and feel so glad for their friendly game.



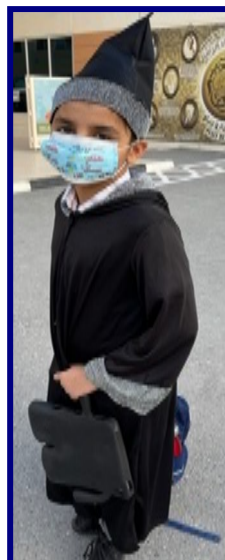
Wellbeing activity – Y4H1



Primary Section News: Mythical Creatures Day, 10/2/22!



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**Mythical story and
costume day
M.Ali G2/y3**



Primary Section News: Mythical Creatures Day, 10/2/22!

Y3H1 Mythical Characters - Dress up day

With Ms. Sarada



Primary Section News: Mythical Creatures Day, 10/2/22!



Y3F2 with Ms. Azreen

Hot Seating activity in the English Reading lesson Y5 D1

With Ms. Sameena



Primary Section News: Mythical Creatures Day, 10/2/22!



With Ms. Anjukrishna

Y3H2 Dress up day – Mythical characters



Primary Section News!



Great video by Zoha (Y5F1) for Ms. Anju on her chemical reaction 'volcanic' eruption science experiment.



Math Flip Lesson by Y5 H1 Students



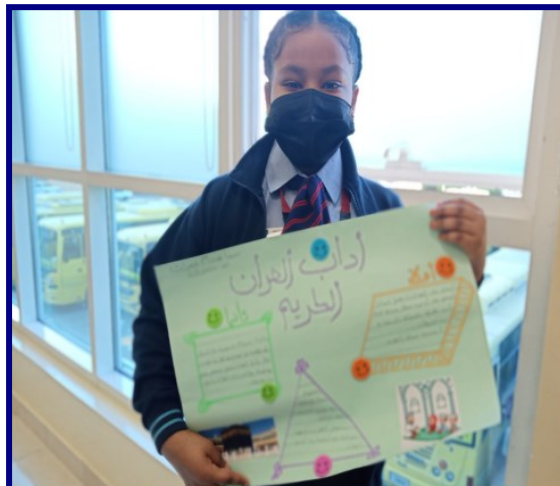
Science Investigation LFQ : How do I investigate that particle size of a solute affects dissolving? Y5 F1



Primary Section News!

With Ms. Saranya

LEARNING BY DOING -Y4F2



Sama from Y5 S2 with her Islamic project

Primary Section News; Scintillating Science in Y5!

Science Investigation

LFQ : How do I investigate that particle size of a solute affects dissolving?

Y5H1

With Ms. Anju



Science Investigation

LFQ : How do I investigate that particle size of a solute affects dissolving?

Y5S1



Primary Section News; Scintillating Science in Y5!



Y5H2 Science investigation

How do I investigate that particle size of a solute affects dissolving?

With Ms. Lakshmi

Primary Section News; Scintillating Science!



With Ms. Deepthy R.

Y5D2 Science investigation lesson: demonstrating that mixing and dissolving are reversible changes.



Y5 S2 Science experiment on Dissolving with Ms. Sameena

Coffee Morning with Mr. Franklin & Ms. Sreeja

Assistant Principals
Mr. Franklin & Ms. Sreeja
had virtual Coffee morning
with Year 11, 12 & 13 parents
on 8th February 2022 to
discuss the CIE exam routes
for IGCSE/AS/AL students
during May/June 2022.



Welcome to
Coffee meeting
10th February 2022

*Agenda: CIE exam routes for
May/June 2022.*



ENGLISH

Linguistic Talent Week

WSS
VOCABULARY
ROYALE



Speak to your English Teacher for details

Show power of your Vocabulary
Year 7 to 10

Know what it takes to be a leader
Exclusive for STEAM English

VIRTUAL COFFEE MEET WITH THE SCHOOL LEADERS



STEAM ENGLISH



LINGUISTIC CHALLENGE
Year 9-10

Do you know how new words came to English Language?

Do you have that tone and articulation to read that one poem?



YEAR-7 & 8
BLOOMING BIRDS

