

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #22  
23rd February, 2023



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

Dear WSS Parents,

### Punctuality (7:30am)

While our recent SPR inspection was overall positive, one target that they gave us was to improve student punctuality. They complained that too many students arrive in school after 7:30am (Registration time). While we understand that occasionally there is an accident on the road or other emergency, in general, do please ensure that your child arrives in school by 7:30am daily. Many thanks.

## Dates for Your Diary

| Date                 | Details   |
|----------------------|---|
| Friday 17th February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-enrollment for September 2023 is open.</li> <li>Re-enrollment for Sept. 2023 may only be completed once full T2 fees have been cleared.</li> <li>Deadline to click re-enroll online with intentions was Friday 17th February (re-enrollment fee payment not required until 2/5/23)</li> </ul>                         |
| Tues. 2nd May        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline to pay the re-enrollment fee is Tuesday 2nd May</li> <li>Un-booked &amp; unpaid seats beyond the given deadline would be given to the Waiting List. Seats are limited, so to avoid stress &amp; disappointment, do please complete re-enrollment &amp; re-enrollment payment by the given deadlines.</li> </ul> |
| Monday 20th March    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day &amp; Mothers' Day Celebrations.</li> <li>Students may bring traditional food to share &amp; wear traditional dress (optional).</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>  |
| 19/4/23              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3 Mid-Term Break (1 day added on to Eid break. TBC)</li> </ul>  |
| Tuesday 2/5/23       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline to pay the re-enrollment fee</li> </ul>   |
| 29/6/23              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official last day of the academic year. (TBC by SPEA)</li> </ul>   |



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



# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 22  
23 فبراير 2023



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي السيدة  
قالييري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الأعضاء، الشارقة

**الالتزام بالمواعيد (7:30 صباحاً)**

أثناء قحص (استطلاع رأي أولياء  
الأمر SPR الأخير الذي أجريناه كان  
إيجابياً بشكل عام ، كان أحد الأهداف  
التي قدموها لنا هو تحسين التزام الطلاب بالمواعيد. كانت  
الشكوى هي وصول عدد كبير جداً من الطلاب إلى المدرسة  
بعد الساعة 7:30 صباحاً (وقت التسجيل). في حين أننا  
نتفهم أنه في بعض الأحيان يكون هناك حالات على الطريق  
أو أي حالة طوارئ أخرى ، بشكل عام ، يرجى التأكد من  
وصول طفلك إلى المدرسة بحلول الساعة 7:30 صباحاً  
بوقتاً جزيلاً الشكر.



## المواعيد

| التفاصيل   | التاريخ             |
|--|---------------------|
| فتح باب التسجيل في سبتمبر 2023.  | الجمعة 17 فبراير    |
| مقد يتم الانتهاء من إعادة التسجيل في سبتمبر 2023 بمجرد سداد رسوم T2 بالكامل.   |                     |
| • الموعد النهائي للتسجيل على إعادة التسجيل عبر الإنترنت بنية النية هو يوم الجمعة 17 فبراير (دفع رسوم إعادة التسجيل غير مطلوب حتى 2/5/23)   | يوم الثلاثاء 2 مايو |
| • الموعد النهائي لدفع رسوم إعادة التسجيل هو الثلاثاء 2 مايو (يرجى تجاهل أي تواريخ أخرى تم الإبلاغ عنها ، والاعتذار عن أي لبس)  |                     |
| • سيتم منح المقاعد غير المحجوزة وغير المدفوعة بعد الموعد النهائي المحدد لقائمة الانتظار. المقاعد محدودة ، لذا لتجنب التوتر وخيبة الأمل ، يرجى إكمال مدفوعات إعادة التسجيل وإعادة التسجيل في المواعيد النهائية المحددة. |                     |
| عطلة الربيع (أسبوعان)  | 27/3/23 إلى 6/4/23  |
| يبدأ الفصل الثالث يوم الاثنين الموافق 10/4/23. رسوم T3 المستحقة ، شكرًا لك.  |                     |
| استراحة منتصف الفصل الدراسي (يوم واحد يضاف إلى عطلة العيد. يحدد لاحقاً)  | 19/4/23             |
| الموعد النهائي لدفع رسوم إعادة التسجيل هو الثلاثاء 2 مايو  | 2/5/23              |
| آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي (يحدد لاحقاً بواسطة SPEA)  | 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

## 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.



#### Exams

Please note the following *general policy* on Term exams:

- **T1 Exams** (used for T1 for Report grades) are run over the last 2 weeks of the Term
- **Missed T1 exams** are not rescheduled. Missed exams with a Medical Certificate will be exempt & a Report grade given based on Continuous Assessment.
- **Exams for T2** Report grades may or may not be scheduled depending on curriculum time requirements
- **Term 3 Promotional Exams** (used for T3 Report grades & promotion to the next year group) are run from the first week of June for 2 weeks.
- **Missed T3 exams** are not rescheduled. Missed exams with a Medical Certificate will be exempt & a Report grade given based on Continuous Assessment.
- **All Term 3 exams are subject to Authority Approval.**



# Whole School News; Birthdays & Healthy Eating Policy!

## Birthdays & Parties (As per our Healthy Lifestyle Policy)

- Birthday & Party Food; sugar & chemicals may contribute to hyperactivity – this is not healthy or conducive to learning. Therefore, if parents wish to send a treat to the class, **students may bring healthy fruit treats to share only**. **Junk food** (cake, sweets, chocolate, chips & biscuits) **is not allowed at all** (unless there is a published 'Junk Food Amnesty' for school events such as International Day or end-of-Term Party). **Junk food will be sent back home if brought in to school.**
- **Please avoid sending unwrapped food for sharing, during the COVID pandemic.**
- **No 'Goody Bags'**. Some are unable to afford these, so better to stick to fruit treats.
- Parents must **never send in food items with nuts** in due to severe allergy issues. If nut treats are sent in, Teacher will send back home at the end of the day.
- All students may **wear dress-up clothes** to school on their birthday if they wish (modesty & cultural sensitivities must be considered).
- If your child has his/her birthday during a holiday, they may come in dress-up clothes & celebrate their birthday on another day (please write a Planner note accordingly).
- If a parent sends birthday treats to only a select group, the treat will be sent back home at the end of the day.

### Junior (FS1-Y2)

- Only FS have class birthday parties. If you want to send in edible treats, please only send healthy fruit baskets/fruit treats (**no cake, sweets, chocolates, fizzy drinks, or other junk food**).
- FS family may attend their child's birthday party in class.
- **Birthday parties for FS students finishing at 30 minutes before end-of-day only.**
- FS birthday parties must be booked with the class teacher at least one working day before the party. Parent to email or write a Planner note.

### Primary (Y3-6) & Secondary (Y7-13)

- Teaching time should not be disrupted, so if the fruit basket/fruit snack arrives after Break time, it will be distributed during the last 20 minutes of the school day.

Please note p18 of our Parent Handbook, published on the school website

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# HEALTHY

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## FOOD & SNACK

Please send only healthy food to school for snack/lunch, birthdays & other events. Junk foods with high fat & sugar, or that highly processed, are unhealthy & can contribute to diabetes, obesity & hyperactivity in some children. If your child brings these foods (fizzy drinks, chips, chocolates, sweets, cake, biscuits, pastries) to school the teacher will:

- Give a verbal warning & send home.
- Planner note.
- Confiscation of junk party food.

Healthy food suggestions; sandwiches, pasta, rice, noodles, oat bars, fruit, sugar-free juices, milk, yogurt, cheese, vegetables etc.

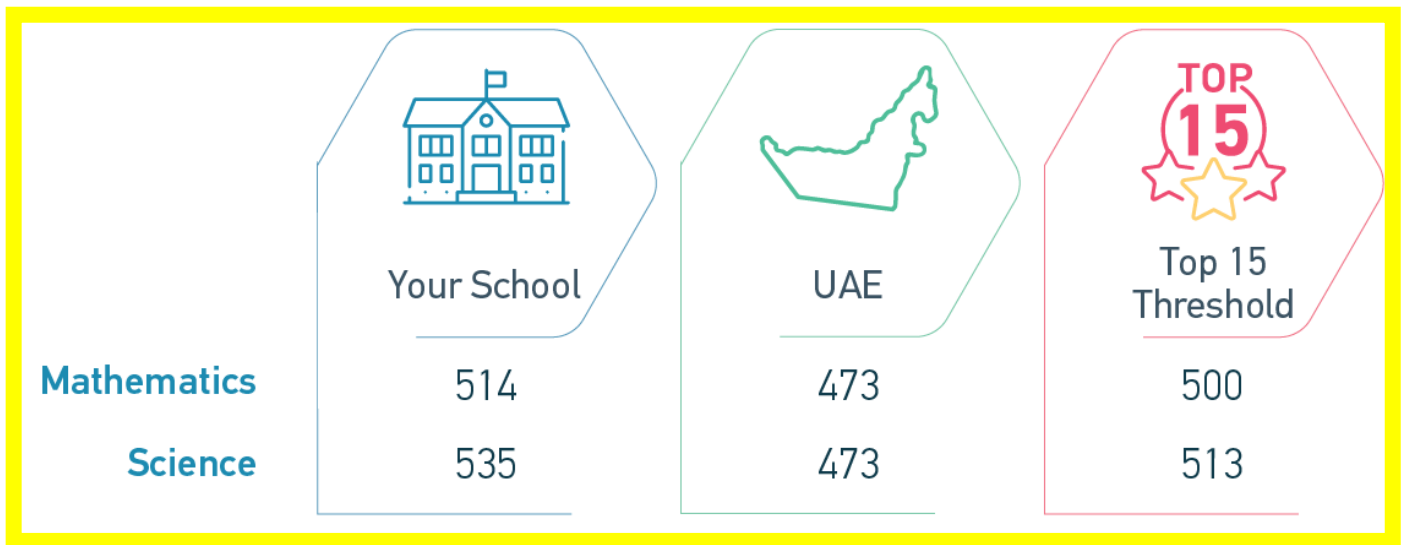
# HEALTHY



# Whole School News; International TIMSS Assessment!




Ms. Leena & Ms. Bennith & Ms. Lucy attended the recent SPEA training on TIMSS administration. TIMSS (Trends in International Maths & Science Study) is an important international benchmarking assessment, used by governments around the world to benchmark themselves against other countries' performance in Maths & Science. The exam is administered to Y5 & Y9. WSS has aligned the curriculum to include TIMSS-required skills to support our children's success, & is participating in the SPEA organized 'Cognity' training to help prepare our students for the forthcoming, high-profile TIMSS exam.




In the last TIMSS Report published in 2019, WSS students' scores surpassed the top 15th highest country on the world results table. We are working hard for our students to do even better this year!

If your children are in Y5 or Y9, parents do please ensure that they access the Cognity practice platform regularly to develop their Maths & Science skills & confidence. Thank you.

# Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!



## WSS Attendance and Punctuality Policy



The Ministry of Education requires that students attend school for a minimum number of school days. Students could fail the year if their attendance falls below the required number of days.

Being punctual to school teaches the students the lifelong value of punctuality and time management.

WOW! I am so happy and thankful.

I can feel that you are always excited to go to school and you are doing your best in your studies.

Keep it up!

Mum, I am so happy today! My teacher praised me because I have a perfect attendance and always early at school.

There are some students who were late or absent frequently, what are the policies of the school about it?

According to the WSS handbook, being frequently late is a disciplinary issue.

We are informed to follow these rules:

1. Registration time is from 7:30 am.
2. Students arriving after 7:45 are marked late.
3. Students who are repeatedly late will be issued Incident reports, warning letters and parents will be called.
4. A record of late days is maintained by reception for SLT follow-up.
5. Parents should send a mail for any short leave medical certificate for any longer leave or absence.
6. Parents must submit a formal leave request for any leave during Term time.

## The Fab 5 – “We do our best”

Students, could you think of a real life example for Fab 5 Rule Number 1?

Yes Miss. We always keep our classroom neat and tidy. Bags are well arranged at the back of the classroom.

We ensure the chairs are in its place when we leave the classroom.

We do not litter on floor.

"We do our best" to make our learning environment productive.

A fantastic real life example. Keep up the good work!!!



# WSS Environmental Recycling Superstar Champions!





# WSS Superstar Champions!

ChatGPT is a relatively new, amazing Artificial Intelligence (AI), word-based platform that can be a useful tool for our students & teachers for word-based activities/tasks. We love lifelong learning at WSS; well done to Ms. Sreeja for continuing to enhance her skills & knowledge in this area of education.



Happy Birthday Dr. Lisa!



May the peace, blessings, and mercy of God be upon you.

Write these thanks and appreciation for the efforts of the great teacher / Amal. Countries do not advance except through education... and this is only through qualified teachers. Who illuminates the paths of goodness and knowledge for our children. And the biggest example is the virtuous teacher, Ms. Amal. No matter how long I talk about her, I will not fulfill her right. May you always be a symbol of giving, sincerity, and hope. Thanks be to God Almighty, and then to the teacher, Amal, for my daughter Hala Ahmed Al-Jundi's love for the Arabic language and changing it radically to ensure that she studies it like the rest of the subjects. And certainly, do not forget your efforts in management.

**We appreciate, & work hard to develop & sustain positive Home-School Partnerships!**

استاذ/اسامه

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

اكتب هذا شكرا وتقديرا لجهود المعلمة العظيمة/امال لانتهاض الدول الا بالتعليم...ولا يكون ذلك الا بالمعلم الكفاء الذي يثير دروب الخير والمعرفة لثمننا واكثر مثال المعلمة الفاضلة استاذة امال مهما اطلب في الحديث عنها لن اوفها حقها دمتهم رمزا للعطاء والاخلاص والامل الفضل لله سبحانه وتعالى ثم للمعلمة امال في حب ابنتي حلا احمد الجندي للغة العربية وتغييرها جذريا للحرص على مذاكرتها كباقي المواد والتأكيد لا ننسى جهود حضرتك في الاداره

شكرا



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

**Omar Imad of Y6 BF** contributed to the donation campaign supervised by UAE red crescent for the sake of supporting the earthquake's victims in Syria and Turkey. His contribution was in organizing the items in the boxes and packaging.



**Jaden Y6 BF** contributed his clothes to Sharjah Charity International for needy people.



*ACT OF KINDNESS*





# Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
ANAYA ...

Primary Assembly Happy Birthday song!





## WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



**Congratulations to Ms. Israa, Junior Section Superstar Arabic Teacher, who was nominated by parents to win a prestigious 'Amazing Teacher' Award on 10/2/23. We are very proud of her dedication & commitment, & her family's tremendous support of her work!**

**Congratulations too, to Ms. Valerie, who was nominated by parents to receive an 'Amazing Principal' Award. Many thank, dears parents for your kind gesture!**

Respected Ma'am,  
( Miss Beena - Miss Mani )

We are writing to express our gratitude for the extra time and attention you have afforded our daughter Laiba Rasheed student of Y1/H2 this year. Laiba's grades have improved markedly over the few months. We also have noticed that she now approaches her homework's more confidentially. With your coaching, she has discovered that she can try to solve out her problems and she will succeed. We are truly impressed with your teaching ability , as well as with the amount of your care and attentions you have given our Laiba. She still needs your support. Laiba is very lucky to be your student this year.

Regards,  
Laiba's Parent  
Y1- H2



**Rania Salah (Y1F2) showed great commitment to developing her writing skills in her English lesson. She accepted the challenge set by Ms. Aisha Yasmin and demonstrated good progress. She really impressed Ms. Valerie with her use of vocabulary & sentence-writing.**

**Continue to work hard Rania!**



# WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



## FS2 D1

Happy to get stickers from Ms. Raghi



## TEDDY GOES HOME...





## WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

– Nelson Mandela

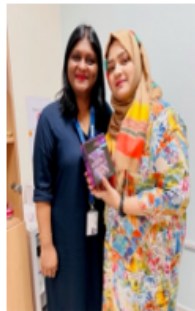
### JS Teaching Champions of the week!

Congratulations to Ms. Mariam, Ms. Aneeza and Mr. Jowie for being this week's JS Teaching Champions!

Ms. Mariam: For an outstanding lesson

Ms. Aneeza: For a highly effective EAL lesson.

Mr. Jowie: For the improvement in teaching and learning



Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

– Benjamin Franklin

### JS Teaching Champions of the week!

Congratulations to Ms. Soumya, Ms. Afroz and Ms. Pooja for being this week's JS Teaching Champions!

Ms. Afroz for an effective EAL lesson.

Ms. Pooja for Drama in the Early years' setting

Ms. Soumya for going the extra mile to support the team.



## WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Good morning Mrs. Kishwar,

I would really like to thank you for your efforts with these little children, you are doing really well.

It was a really enjoyable experience for them because of you, and I am sure of the amount of work that you have done to make us happy today with our children.

**You were the star today**

And thanks a lot to Mrs. Krishna, she just joined but she easily made the kids love her.

I appreciate your hard work

Thank you from the heart

Mother of soufian  
FS1H

Dear Ms Kishwar and Ms Krishna

I am writing this mail to appreciate the hard work you both put into today's morning assembly we enjoyed each and every moment of our lil prince Abdullah Amir. Every one could see the hard work and a lot of effort put together by you and the kids which made it thoroughly entertaining BEAR HUNT ever. Special thanks for making Abdullah leader of the class n host of the assembly. Wishing you and the whole class a great and successful academic year.

Regards

Fakhra Amir

(Happy and Proud Mom)



**We love to apply new technology to enhance learning!**

**Well done to Ms. Jinitra who attended a ChatGPT CPD training session in school, & was excited to try it out in her classroom.**

**This is what she reported, "I'm very excited to share my experience with the new research method ChatGPT. Today during my maths lesson I gave a critical thinking question to my students, 'How can we measure a round thing like a coin?' They came up with different answers such as, 'We can use a cylindrical ruler, bendy object which can be used to measure, string, measure the diameter...' etc.**

**I gave them the chatGPT to research and they were very excited to explore options. They came up with different answers for measuring a round thing (standard and non-standard methods)."**



## *Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y2F1!*



Y2F1's super confident Assembly was on 'Teamwork'. They clearly linked this to the school vision 'Excellence Though Teamwork; Success for all!' & their daily lives in class with their friends. They had learnt their lines so well! Thank you to the many parents who attended.



## *Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y1F1!*



Y1F1's impressive Assembly was on 'Gratitude'. We learnt the important message that we should always show appreciation to those who help & support us & use our good manners to say 'Thank you'. Thank you to the many parents who attended to support your children!





## *Junior Section News; Assembly Time with FS1H!*



FS1 students put on their very first Assembly. They acted out the story, 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. It was a super cute show & the students performed very well.

We were also treated to an impressive hula-hoop performance by our little superstar!





# Junior Section News



Ms. Valerie enjoyed hearing all about this confident young lady's snowy trip to Azerbaijan



# Junior Section News; Super Fun Trip Time in FS2!



FS2 H2 TRIP TO OLI OLI



TRIP TO OLI OLI FS2H2



MS.NEHA AND MS.RASHINI PIC-COLLAG



FS2D1

Oli Oli trip



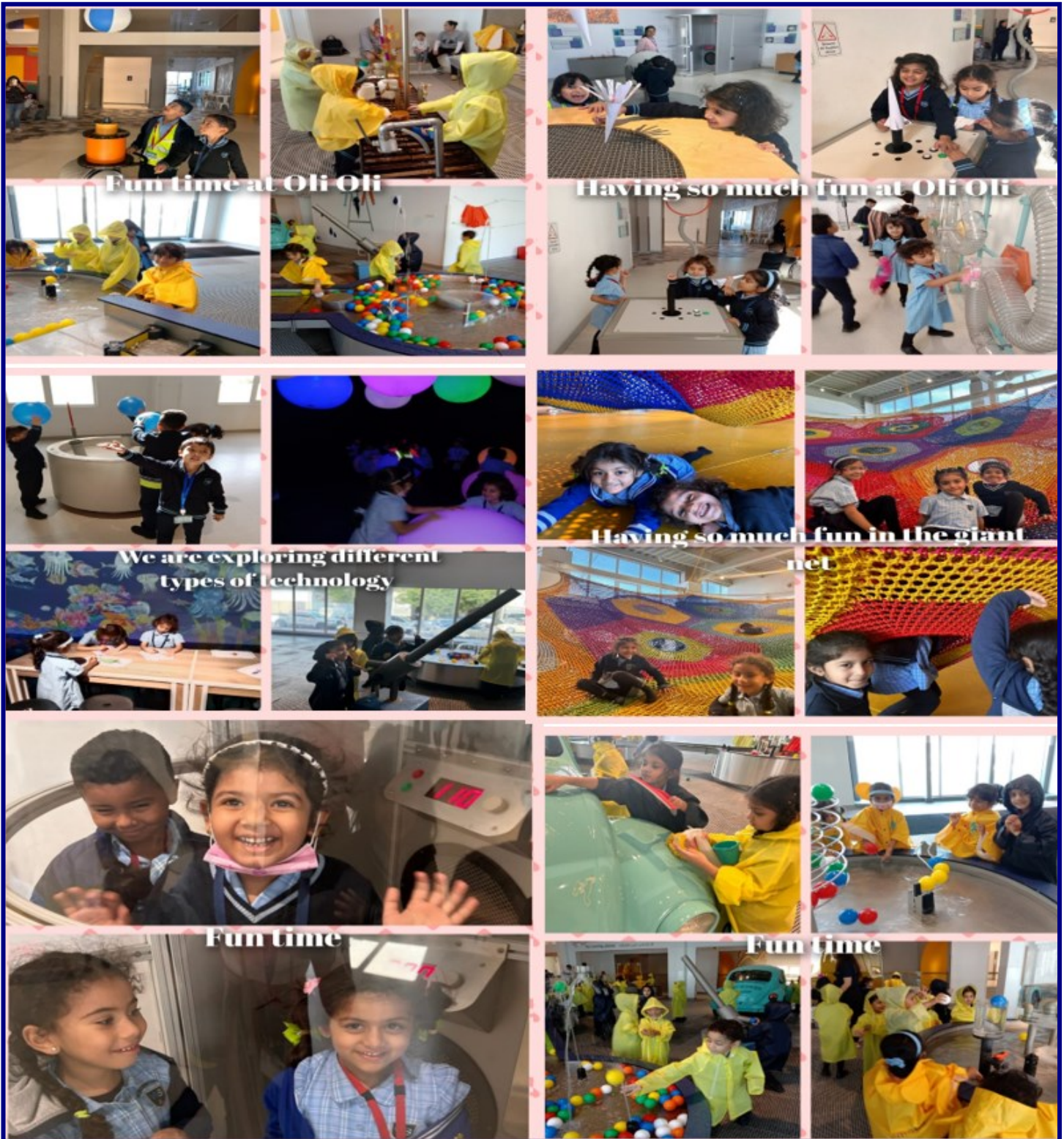
Oli Oli trip



FS2D1 can discuss about their favorite part of the story



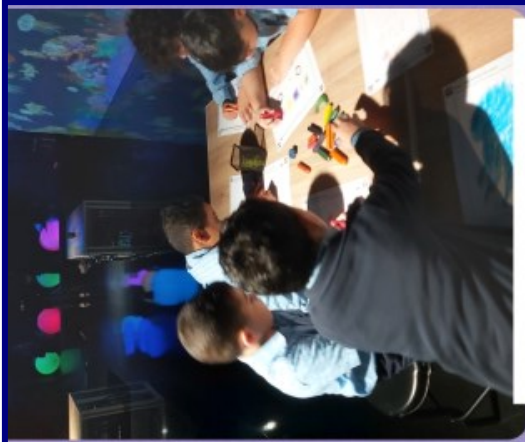
# Junior Section News; Super Fun Trip Time in FS2!



FS2S1 with Ms. Christine



# Junior Section News; Learning in FS2!



**Oli Oli trip**



**FS2D1**





# Junior Section News; Learning in FS2!



FS2H2 LEARNING ARABIC



FS2H2 LEARNING ARABIC WITH MS.ISRA.



PIC•COLLAGE



LEARNING THROUGH PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES



FS2H2 MS.NEHA AND MS.PASHINI



ENGAGED IN FREE PLAY CENTER

FS2H2



PIC•COLLAGE



# Junior Section News; Learning in Y1!



Enjoying class activities with Ms. Sadiqa

Y1 D1



Enjoying activities with Ms. Sadiqa

Y1 D1





# Junior Section News; Learning in Y1!



Learning about seasons.



Guided Reading



We are busy learners....



We are having revision at OLA 1.



Y1D1 with Ms. Punnya



# Junior Section News; Learning in Y1!



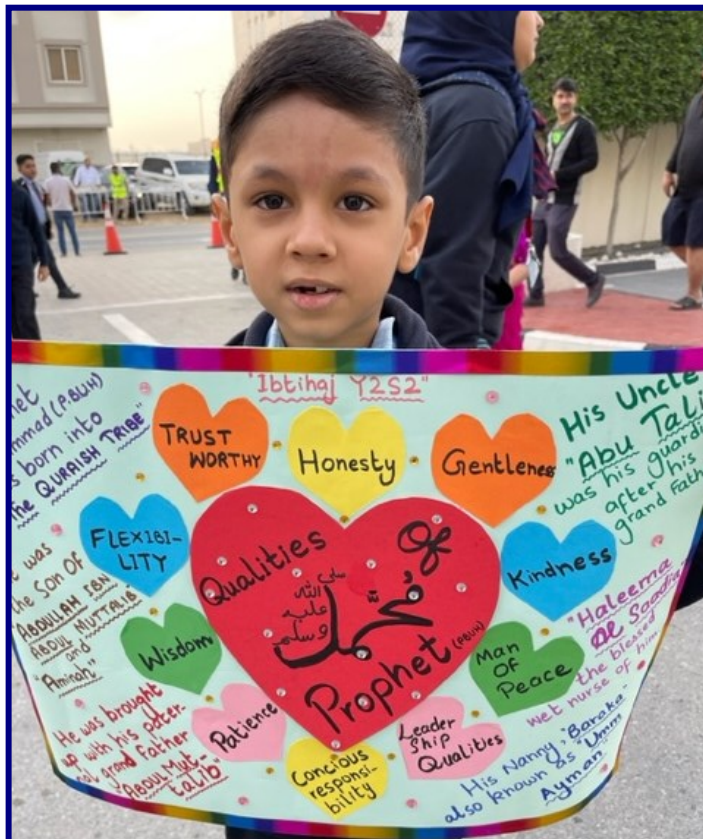


## Junior Section News; Learning in Y2!

### MUSIC Session (Y2F1)



MATH OLA SESSION WITH MS. SIDRA AND MS. AQUEEN





# Junior Section News; Learning in Y2!



*We are learning measurements*

*We are doing English story based activity*



*Our wellbeing stars*



*We are learning basic needs of Animal*



*Teddy goes home*

Y2H2 With Tr- Sabiha ,AT- Priya



*WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!*



**Y3 Class Superstar Champions!**



**Y4 Class Superstar Champions!**



# WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Swimming Champion Superstar!



# Star Students of Y5H1



Nouren



Alia



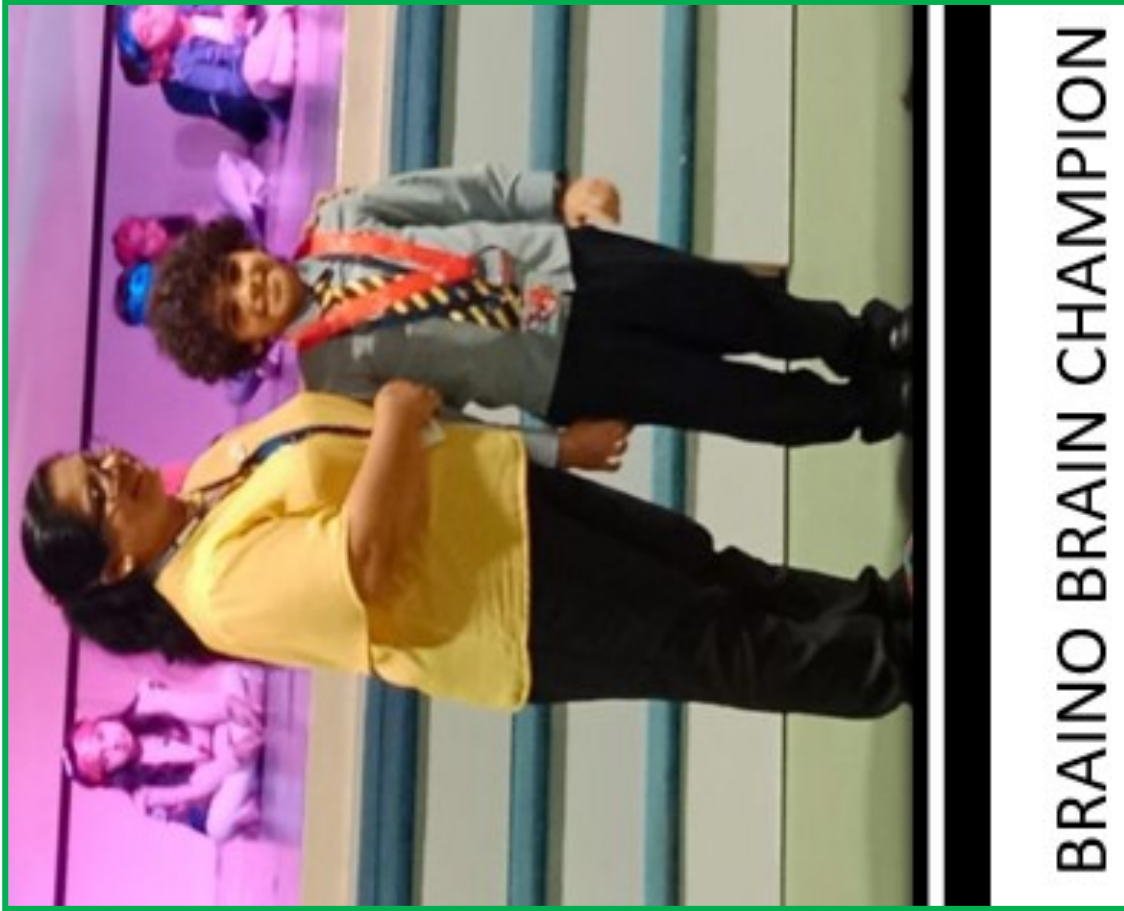
Jody



Yomna



# WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

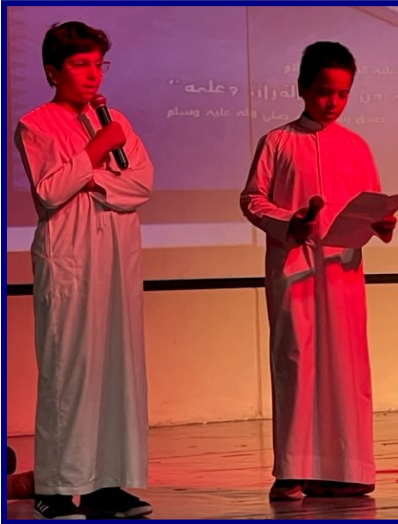


BRAINO BRAIN CHAMPION





# Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y6BS1!



Y6BS1's interesting Assembly was about Innovation & Technology. We learnt about using technology appropriately in our daily life.

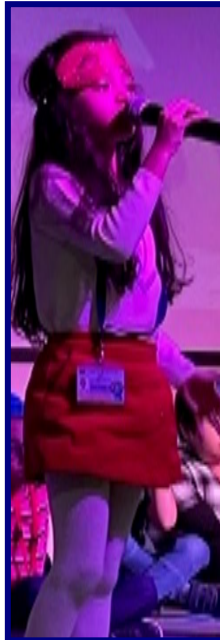




# Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y3S1!



Y3S1's confident Assembly was about Class-level leadership. We learnt the link between our school vision, 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success for all' and leadership through listening, kindness, collaboration & helping others.

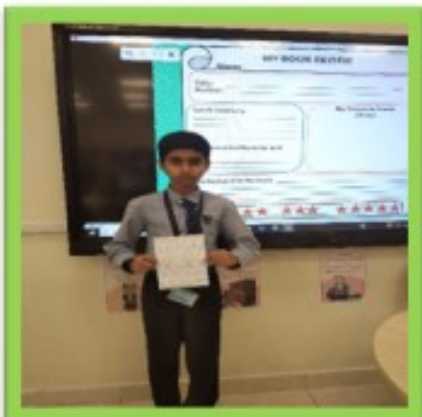
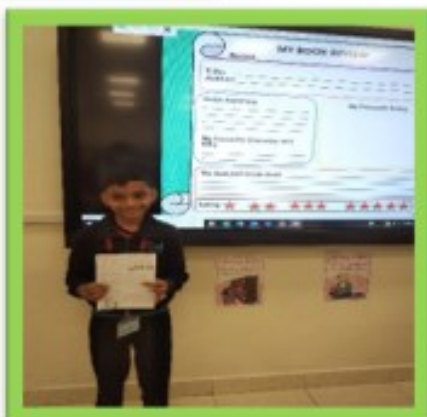




# Primary Section News; Primary Book Review Activity!

## PRIMARY LIBRARY ACTIVITY

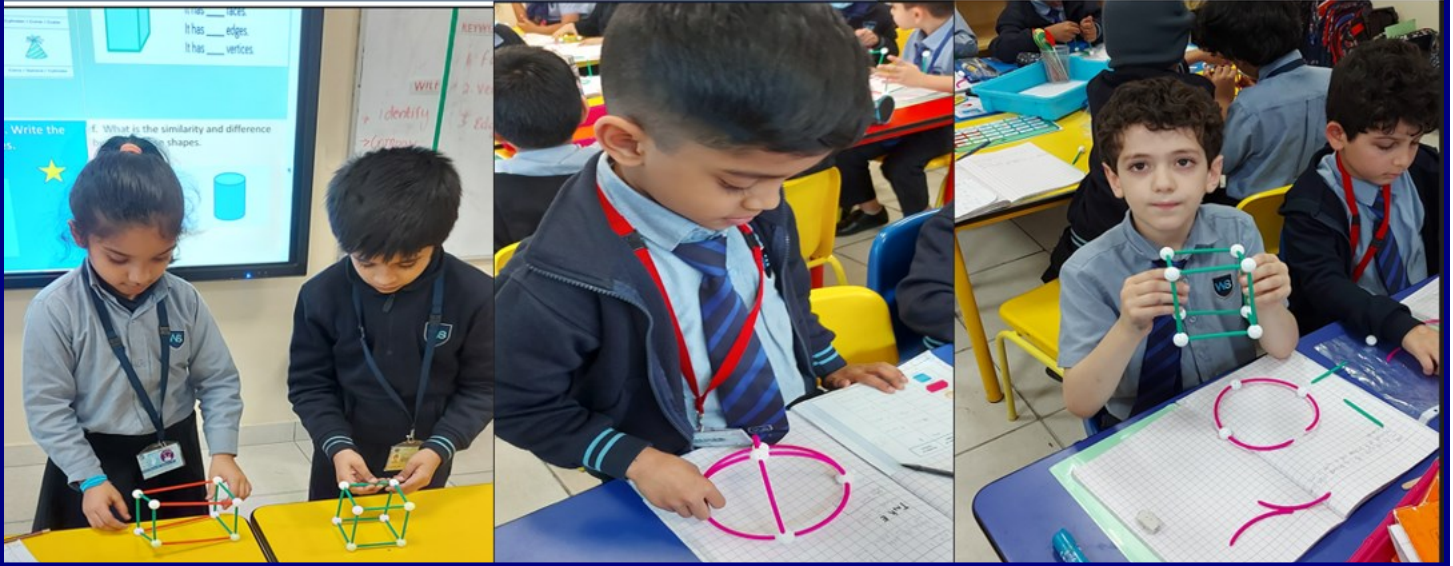
**L.O: Use ideas from brainstorming to create a summarising book review**





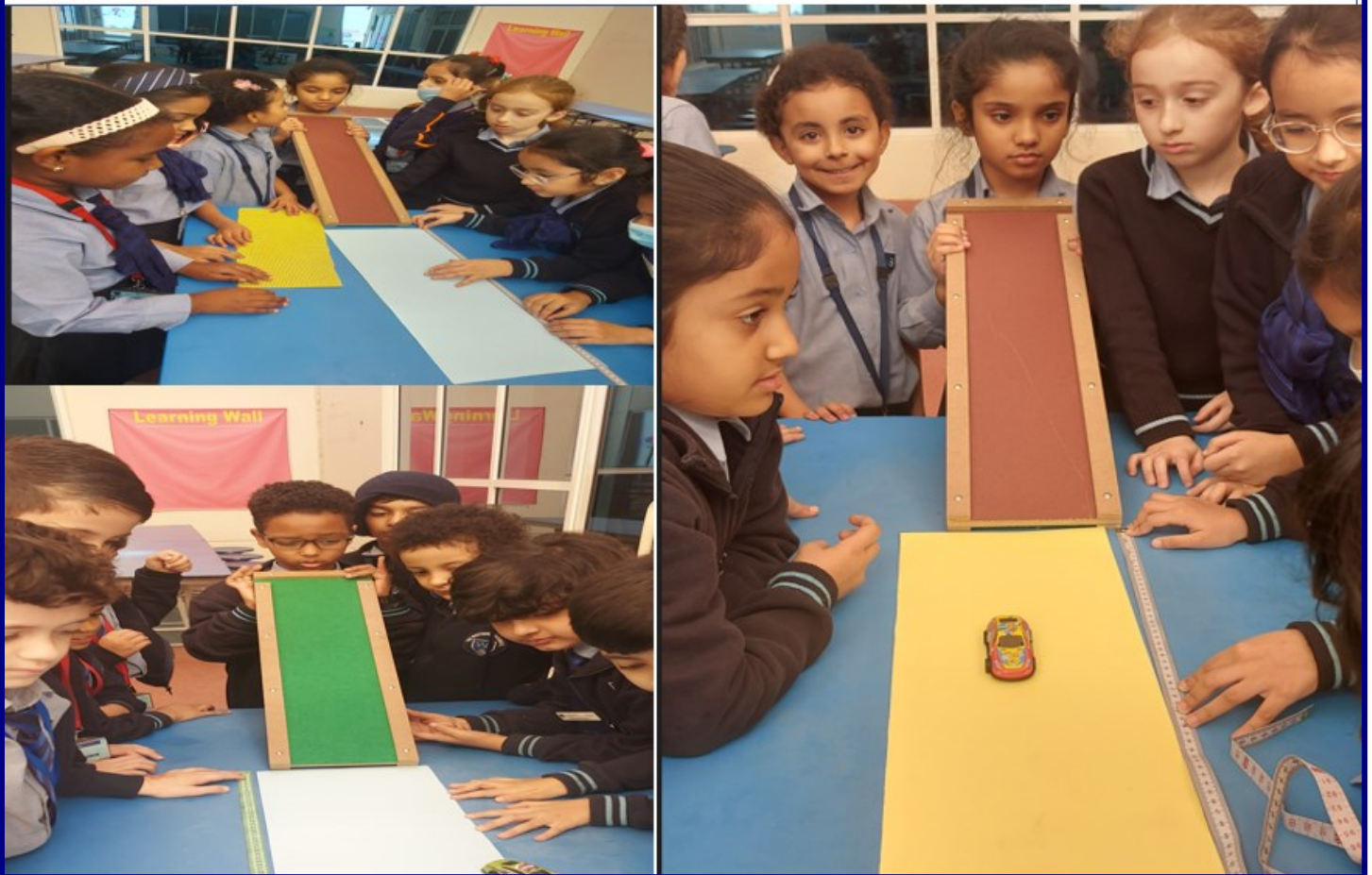
# Primary Section News; Scintillating Science in Y3!

## Students of Y3D2 constructing and explaining the properties of 3-D shapes?



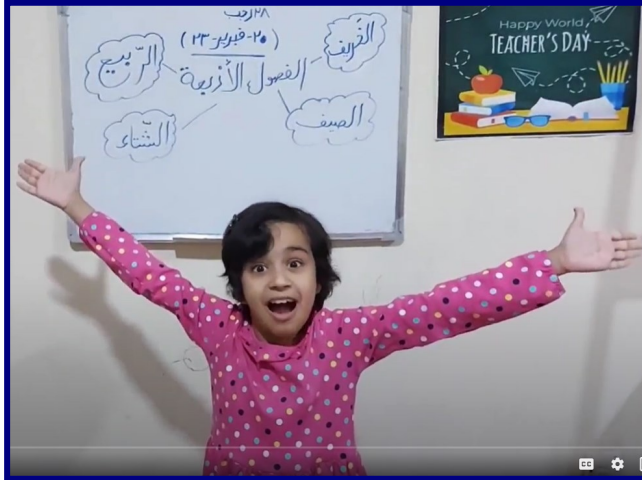
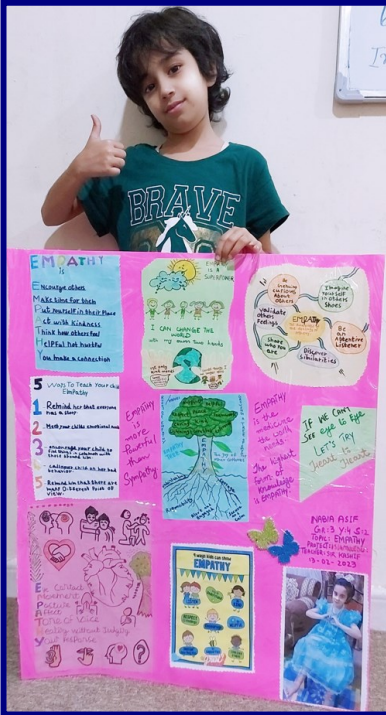
With Ms. Lissy

## Y3D2 students investigating on different surfaces to learn about its features.





# Primary Section News



Nabia & her mother shared that, empathy has no script. There is no right way or wrong way to do it, It's simple listening, holding space, withholding judgement, being emotionally connecting and communicating that incredibly healing, message, "You're not alone." Nabia also shared an enthusiastic & cute video in Arabic about summer & winter. Thank you Nabia.





# Primary Section News

TE Dear diary, 3,000,000 space years (Earth day)  
Today is really really... warm? I honestly can't tell because it's summer on one side and it's winter on the other. Anyway everybody is celebrating my birthday and I feel so happy that I feel like

Trevonn (Y5 S1) has written a very creative diary entry from the perspective of planet Earth.

Diary entry  
the most important planet, although there is the sun which will kill us all in like 1. a katrillion years. then there's the moon who brings me entertainment. I still remember those little space dudes ... drilling a flag through moon's crust. Honestly, I kinda felt sad for him, always getting hit by meteorites ... anyway Jovita's calling me. see you later.  
Amazing, Trevonn! loved how creatively this diary entry has been written!  
😊😊





# WSS Secondary Section Library Superstar Champions!

## SECONDARY LIBRARY QUIZ COMPETITION WINNERS 2023



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** Hania Imam Y8GH  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** Fatima Zahra Y8GD  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** Amatallah Zaher Y7GS



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** Abdul Muizz Y8BH  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** Bassam Omar Y8BD  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** Farhan Omar Y8BS  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** Muhammad Shahvaiz Y8BH

## QUIZ COMPETITION WINNERS 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND

### BOYS

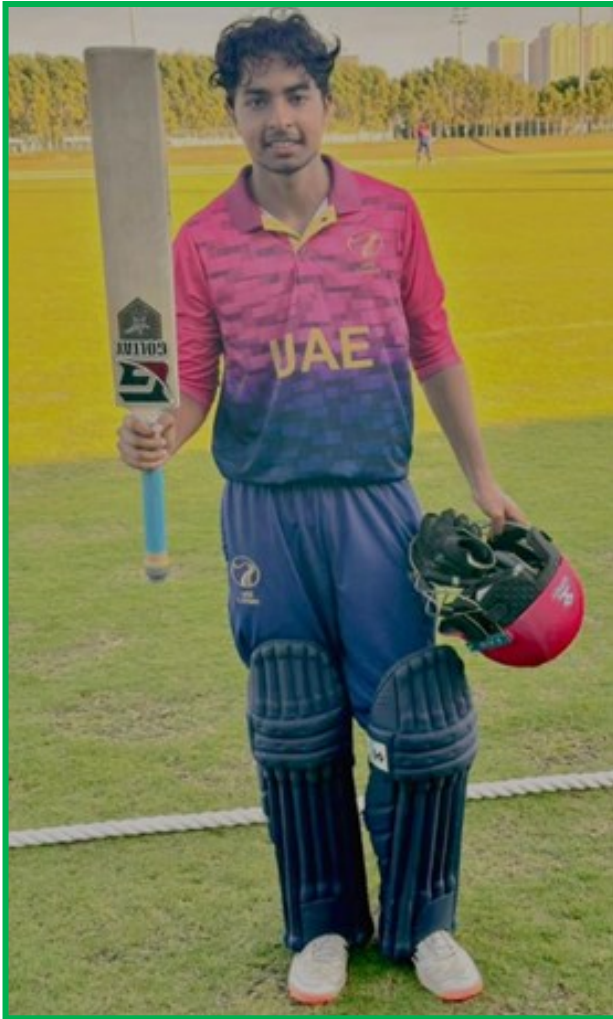
KAMIRAN MOHAMED Y7BF  
TANUSH MENON Y7BS  
YOUSSEF SAMIR Y7BS  
BASSAM OMAR Y8BD  
MOHAMMAD AALIYAN Y8BD  
FAHAD ABDUL BASIT Y8BF1  
SYED HASAN RAZA Y8BF1  
OMAR HAITHAM Y8BF2  
ADBUL MUIZZ Y8BH  
MUHAMMAD SHAHVAIZ Y8BH  
FARHAN OMAR Y8BS

### GIRLS

AVIANA JOSEPH Y8GD  
AMATALLAH ZAHER Y7GS  
JANA AHMED Y7GS  
ICHHA GOUTAM Y7GF  
FATIMA ZAHRA Y8GD  
ESHAAL FATIMA Y8GF  
HANIA IMAM Y8GH



## *WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!*



We are very proud to WSS student Maroof Merchant (Y13B), who has been selected to represent the UAE U19 National cricket team. He will be playing the World Cup qualifiers starting from 23rd February to 3rd March .

It is a proud moment for all of us that he has made it to this level with the tremendous support of his parents & encouragement from his teachers.

We wish him every success in the matches to come!

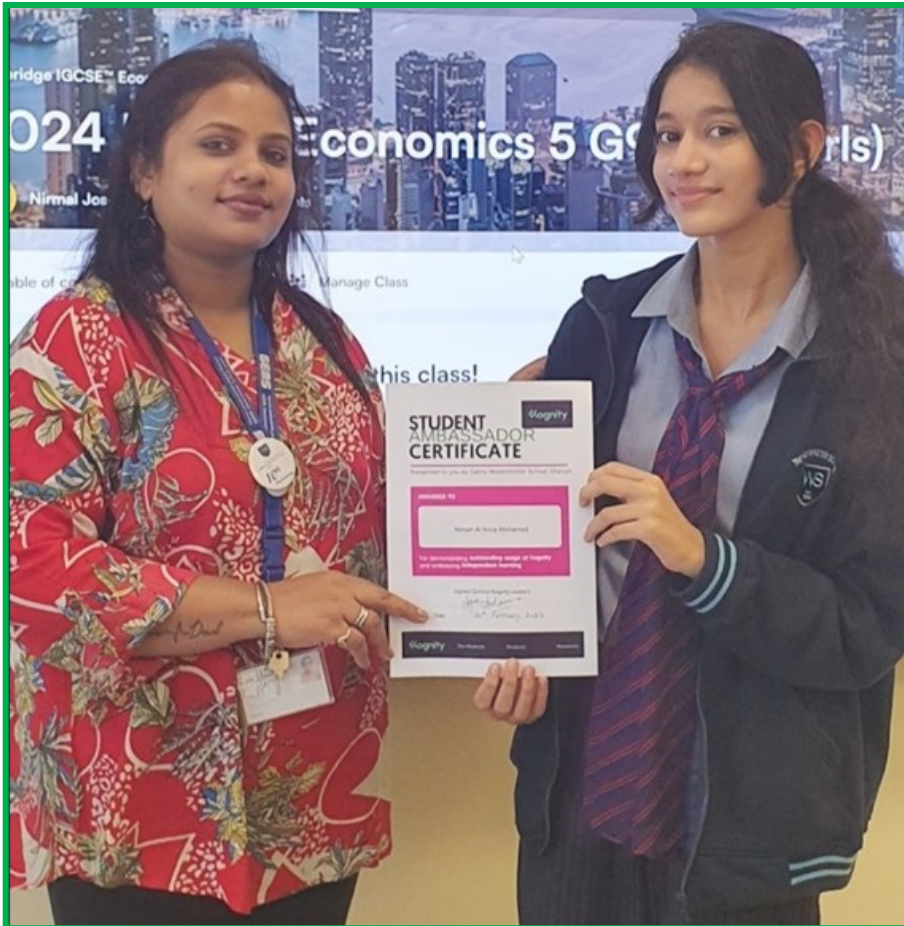
Respected teachers,

Thank you, you have made a great difference for all the students, because you care so much about them, you have directed them to trust themselves in all that they do and to become all that they dream.  
With sincerest appreciation,

Regards,  
Syed Shazil Parent  
Y10-BD1



## WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



***“Dear Parent,***

***I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for the wonderful Kognity presentation that your child (Nimah Al Avva Mohamed-Y10 GS) has recently delivered in her Economics class. Her level of preparation and attention to detail was truly remarkable, and her presentation skills were second to none. I was thoroughly impressed with the way she was able to convey complex ideas with ease, engage the entire class with her insights and perspectives.***

***Her presentation on Kognity was not only informative but also very engaging, she really demonstrated her understanding of the subject matter and communicated it effectively. The use of visuals and graphics helped to bring the presentation to life, making it easy for everyone to follow along and understand.***

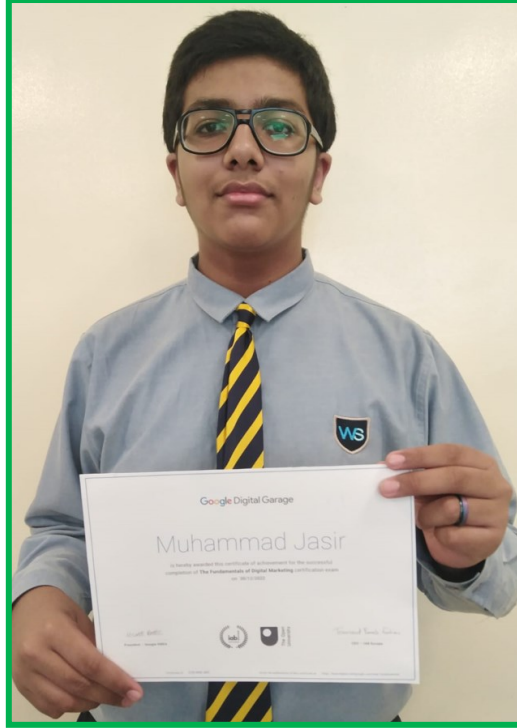
***We have issued a Certificate (please see attached the pictures of the same), which is a small token of appreciation from all of us to say that all her hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed. Keep up the good work Nimah. Ms. Nirmal Josephine”***



## WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



**Congratulations to our Guidance Counselor Ms. Rejina for being awarded the prestigious, parent-nominated 'Amazing Guidance Counselor Award'.**



**Congratulations to Muhammed Jasir (Y10B), who completed a course on Fundamentals of Digital Marketing from Google, during the winter break.**



**Congratulations to Ms. Sadiqa, who won 1st place in the parents' Sports Day race**

May the peace, blessings, and mercy of God be upon you,

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

A short while ago, I recalled the days of the Arabic language classes that were full of spirit, life and colors, and concluded that it was just a painting that you are the artist of. I am writing this mail to you after three years have passed. Best Speaker in the Model United Nations - American University of Sharjah, and I must mention to you that, with the grace of God, I was elected as (Chairman of the Sharjah Youth Shura Council) and many other achievements that I cannot mention, and in light of this I wanted to thank you very much Thanks for all the support you gave me during my years of education. Your support and encouragement may have indirectly affected my personality today. In the end, I hope that this letter finds you wherever you are in the best condition.

Your student, the journalist Ahmed Al-Zaabi

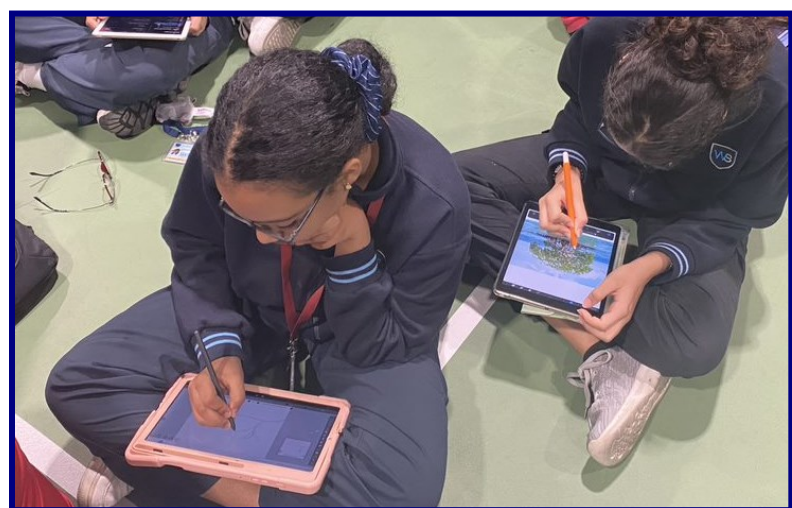
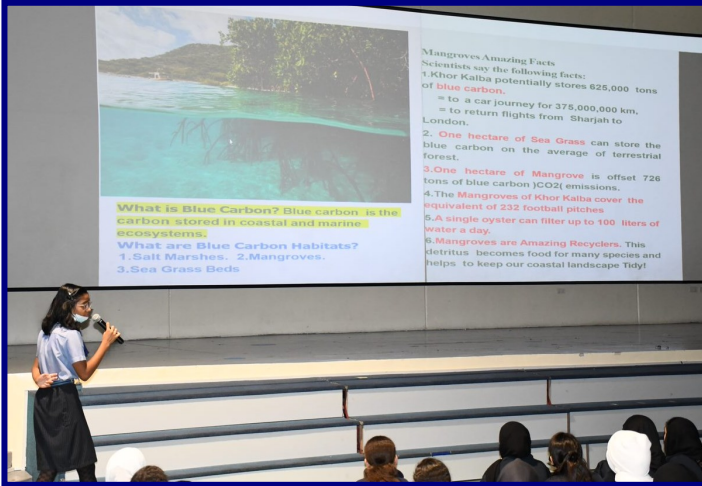
السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته،  
أستاذي العزيز أحمد،

منذ فترة قصيرة استرجعت أيام حصص اللغة العربية المفعمة بالروح والحياة والألوان و توصلت بأنها كانت مجرد لوحة أنت فنانها، أكتب لك هذا البريد بعد مرور ثلاث سنوات، صحيح أنها مدة قصيرة لكن توصلت إلى الكثير من الإنجازات ومن هذه الإنجازات هو حصولي على (أفضل متحدث في نموذج الأمم المتحدة - الجامعة الأمريكية الشارقة)، ويجب علي أن أذكر لك بأنني وبحمد الله تم انتخابي كرئيس لمجلس شورى شباب الشارقة) والكثير من الإنجازات الأخرى التي لا يسعني ذكرها، وعلى هذا الضوء أردت أن أشكرك جزيل الشكر على كل الدعم الذي قدمته لي في سنوات تعليمي فربما كان دعمك وتشجيعك قد أثر بشكل غير مباشر في بناء شخصيتي اليوم، في النهاية أتمنى أن تجدك هذه الرسالة أينما كنت بأفضل حال.

طالبك، الجازيه أحمد الزعابي



# Secondary Section News; Mangrove Awareness Session, 13/2/23!





# Secondary Section News; Mangrove Awareness Campaign!

**Mangroves**  
Mangroves support Biodiversity and Fisheries, Reduce coastal erosion and help protect the planet from climate change.

**Biodiversity habitat**  
Numerous species above and below the water rely on mangroves for food and shelter. Mangroves are important nurseries for fish crustaceans and support a huge variety of birds, molluscs and insects.

The Air we breathe:  
The trees enable us to breathe by absorbing carbon dioxide from the air and releasing oxygen that all living things need to survive.

**Resource store**  
Mangroves can provide wood for building and fuel for cooking. Some mangrove roots are also used for medicine.

Naveeq Hasan Y9GF

**Mangroves**

Why should we protect mangroves?

Mangroves are important to people as they help stabilize coastlines and prevent erosion. The dense roots help bind and build soils. Their above-ground roots slow down water flows and encourage sediment deposits that reduce coastal erosion.

Mangropha Khan Y9GF

**Mangroves**

Mangrove trees are the survivors of the plant world. They are resilient to harsh conditions like salt water immersion and soil that is poor in oxygen levels. During the wet season, they are battered by waters carrying silt and minerals as well as their perseverance through harsh storms.

**THE OCEANS' NURSERY**  
The mangrove trees' strange roots serve as a nursery for the larvae of many fish species. From developing into adults before moving out, so they are sheltered from predators.

**IMPORTANCE OF MANGROVES FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE**

Carbon storage potential of mangroves is 3-5 x higher than that of tropical upland forest due to strong carbon storage in soil.

120 million people live near mangroves. Mangroves are x5 more effective for coastal defence than grey infrastructure. They reduce wave height up to 66%.

- Mangroves prevent erosion & stabilize shorelines.
- They improve water quality.
- They also provide a habitat for many fish species.

The leaves of the mangrove provide shelter and shade for animals and birds that live in it.

Mangroves have higher salt tolerances. Some have sophisticated filtration systems helping to exclude salts from getting absorbed into the trunk. Extra salts is pumped into leaves that will be shed.

Deforestation, pollution, unregulated development and climate change are threatening mangroves. Being respectful when visiting the mangrove forest can help preserve this ecosystem. Plant a mangrove tree and prevent the extinction of mangroves and animals that inhabit it and act against climate change.

U.A. SHAFAQAT Y9GF

**Our Mangroves**

They're More Than Trees

They serve as coastal defenders and the natural filter between marine and land life; they give home to numerous endangered species of animals, and provide many features to us humans.

**ABUNDANT**  
Leaves wide & thick leaves for increased excretion

**RICH** Bark  
Thick and strong bark to support habitats and lining space for other organisms and animals

**Protective Roots**  
Filters carbon and other types of toxins from the water

#Lets Save Mangroves

Evan Shibu Y9BDE

**MANGROVES**

**Biodiversity Habitat:-**  
Numerous species above and below the water rely on mangroves for food and shelter. Mangroves are important nurseries for fish and crustaceans and support a huge variety of birds, molluscs and insects. They also provide habitat for many mammals. In Tanzania this includes the Zanzibar Red colobus monkey which is endangered and only found in the Zanzibar archipelago.

**Resource store:-**  
Mangroves can provide wood for building and fuel for cooking. Some mangrove roots and twigs are also used in traditional medicine. It's crucial they are harvested sustainably.

**Climate Regulation:-**  
Trees are essential for local and global climate regulation. They stabilise temperature by creating shade and increase rainfall by storing and releasing water vapour. Mangroves are extremely effective at storing carbon in their leaves, wood and roots as well as in the sediments they hold in place. This helps protect the planet from climate change.

**Coastal Protection:-**  
Mangroves protect the coast from erosion by reducing the flow of the soil and sediments. They also reduce the impact of waves on the shore, especially in extreme weather due to climate change.

The Air we breathe:-  
Trees enable us to breathe by absorbing carbon dioxide from the air and releasing oxygen that all living things need to survive.

Hajjara Muhammed Yusuf G11 Y7



## Secondary Section News; Water Reusing Project!

# WATER REUSING PROJECT

#ECOWARRIORS  
#WSS  
#SDG12  
#SDG15

## "EVERY DROP COUNTS"



SAVED 150 LITRES OF WATER IN THE LAST 5 MONTHS

WHERE IT ALL STARTED: OCTOBER 2022

Water – an important element in the sustainability of human life and only a minimal proportion of all water on earth is used for drinking. However, the unequal distribution of drinking water leads to certain regions having easy access to clean drinkable water whereas on the other hand millions of people die every year due to contaminated water in many parts of the world.

Here at WSS, we believe that water is easily accessible for all students and hence should not be taken for granted. It all started when I (Arshaq) and my friend Honnesh from year 13BH noticed something striking while walking down the hallways during dispersal time, the sight just hurt our souls seeing water bottles filled with water randomly thrown around classroom after classroom. We decided to put an end to this and Hence our plan goes as follows : we bring a large plastic bag to collect all the water bottles then we go visit each classroom from year 7 till year 13, picking up water bottles with water in them and tossing it in our large plastic bag. Once done, we go out into the parent waiting area and pour the leftover water into the plants and trees in front of the school and recycle the empty bottles.

**WE PLAN ON EXPANDING THIS INITIATIVE TO THE ENTIRE SCHOOL VIA THE HELP OF OUR SIXTH FORM VOLUNTEERS AND HOPEFULLY ERADICATE WATER WASTE IN THE FUTURE.**

Made by : Zirel Mangiat 13BH

This is an initiative of Y13 boys towards SAVE WATER under the caption 'EVERY DROP COUNTS.' Thank you Ms. Laneetha for your environmental coordination & Leadership.

Arshaq Ahmed & Honnesh Lakshmi Kanth Y13 BH



# *Secondary Section News; KS3 Boys' Sports Day, 22/2/23!*





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*Secondary Section News; KS3 Boys' Sports Day, 22/2/23!*



**Congratulations to our overall KS3 Boys' Sports Day Champions; Falcons!!**



# Secondary Section News; KS3 Girls' Sports Day, 23/2/23!





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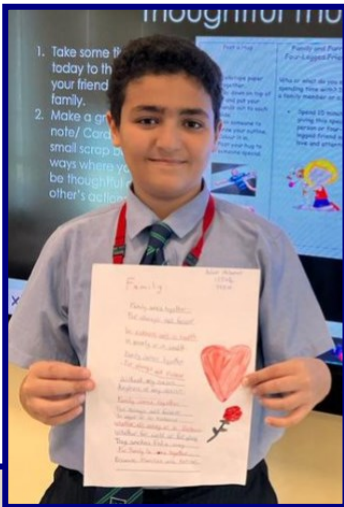
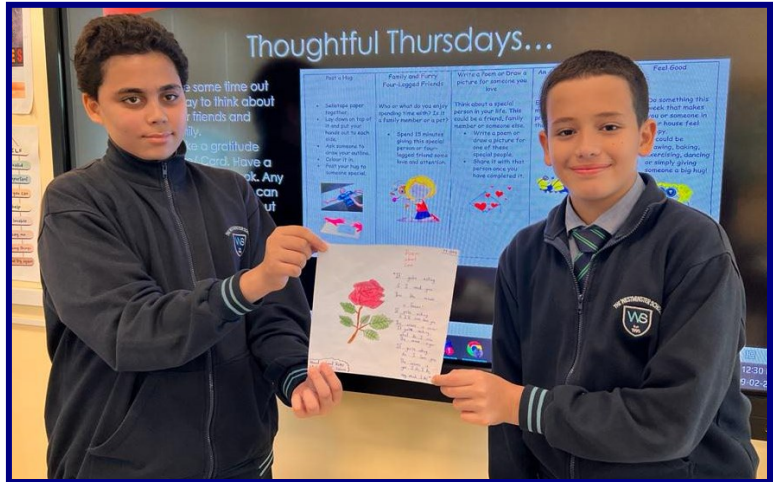
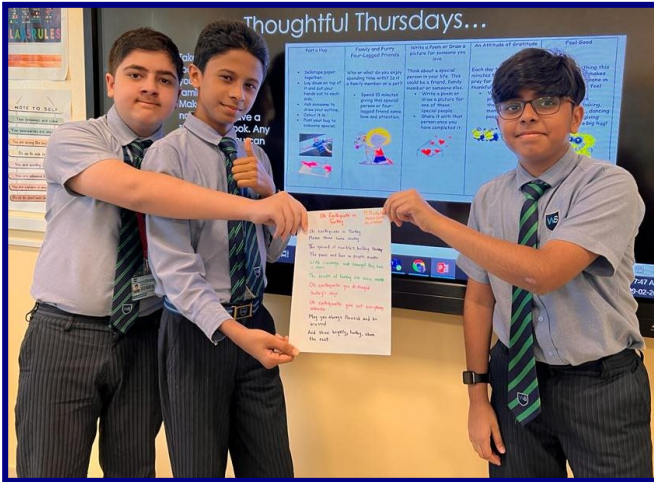


*Secondary Section News; KS3 Girls' Sports Day, 23/2/23!*





# Secondary Section News; Thoughtful Thursday in KS3!



Adam Mohamed  
17344  
Y9B1H

Family:

Family comes together.  
For always and forever.  
In sickness and in health  
in poverty or in wealth.  
Family comes together.  
For always and Forever  
Without any reason.  
Anytime of any season.  
Family comes together.  
For always and forever.  
In anger or in kindness.  
Whether all seeing or in blindness.  
Whether for work or for play.  
They somehow find a way.  
For Family to come together.  
Because Families are Forever.



Oh Earthquake in Turkey

M. Mustafa  
Mirza Jasir  
M. Usman

Oh earthquake in Turkey  
Please show some mercy  
The ground it rumbles, building shaking  
The panic and fear in people awake  
With courage and strenght they have  
in store.  
The people of turkey rise once more.  
Oh earthquake you destroyed  
turkey's days.  
Oh earthquake you set everything  
ablaze.  
May you always flourish and be  
blessed  
And shine brightly, turkey, above  
the rest.



## Secondary Section News



We were very happy to welcome back Joanne Matthews, Class of 2022 Alumni, who came to visit WSS to meet her teachers on 14/2/23.

Joanne is currently studying medicine in Poland.

Her top tip for students was, "Know your support system. No matter how far away they are, you know that they'll be there for you."

