

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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17th February, 2022



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

EXPO 2020 Trips

We are very grateful to the Authorities for now giving us permission to take students out on trips to EXPO 2020.

We are very excited to start taking students to this amazing event from next week! Please note that we would not be able to take students who have opted for online DL, due to health concerns.

Re-enrollment for September 2022

We thank you for being a valued part of our WSS family team, & hope that you will re-enroll for September 2022 to continue your child's learning journey with us for next academic year. Please check out dates & details in 'Dates for Your Diary'.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thurs. 17th Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-Term Break for students (Training Day for Teachers)
Monday 28th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The online re-enrollment facility will open if you wish your child's seat to be held for September 2022. • In order to complete re-enrollment, T2 fees must be cleared in full, & a non-refundable re-enrollment fee (offset against T1 fees) needs to be paid by 10/4/22, under the re-enrollment heading in your account.
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. • The re-enrollment deadline is Sunday 10th April 2022. After this date we will assume you do not want seats for September & have to give un-booked seats to the Waiting List.



Character Dress-up Day!



Character Superstars!



Recycling superstar!

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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 23
17 فبراير 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة خاليدا توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

أولياء أمور WSS الأعزاء ..

رحلات إكسبو 2020

نحن ممتنون جدًا حيث منحنا الهيئة الآن تصريحًا (موافقة) يمنح الطلاب الذهاب في رحلات إلى EXPO 2020. نحن متحمسون جدًا لبدء اصطحاب الطلاب إلى هذا الحدث المذهل بدءًا من الأسبوع المقبل! يرجى ملاحظة أننا لن نتمكن من أخذ الطلاب الذين اختاروا التعلم عبر الإنترنت، بسبب مخاوف صحية.

إعادة التسجيل لشهر سبتمبر 2022

نشكرك على كونك جزءًا مهمًا من فريق عائلة WSS، ونأمل أن تعيد التسجيل في سبتمبر 2022 لمواصلة رحلة تعلم طفلك معنا للعام الدراسي المقبل. يرجى مراجعة التواريخ والتفاصيل في "تواريخ يومياتك".

المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الخميس 17 فبراير	عطلة منتصف الفصل الدراسي للطلاب فقط . (يوم تدريب للمعلمين)
الاثنين 28 فبراير	سيتم فتح مرفق إعادة التسجيل عبر الإنترنت إذا كنت ترغب في حجز مقعد طفلك في سبتمبر 2022. من أجل إكمال إعادة التسجيل ، يجب تسوية رسوم (الفصل الدراسي الثاني) (T2) بالكامل ، ويجب دفع رسوم إعادة التسجيل (غير قابلة للاسترداد) عوضًا عن رسوم (T1) الفصل الدراسي الأول بحلول 10/4/22 ، تحت عنوان إعادة التسجيل الخاص بحسابك .
الاثنين 28 فبراير	المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الربيع تخضع جميع تواريخ الإجازة لتغيير SPEA. الموعد النهائي لإعادة التسجيل هو الأحد 10 أبريل 2022. بعد هذا التاريخ سنفترض أنك لا تريد مقاعد لشهر سبتمبر وعليك منح مقاعد غير محجوزة لقائمة الانتظار.



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

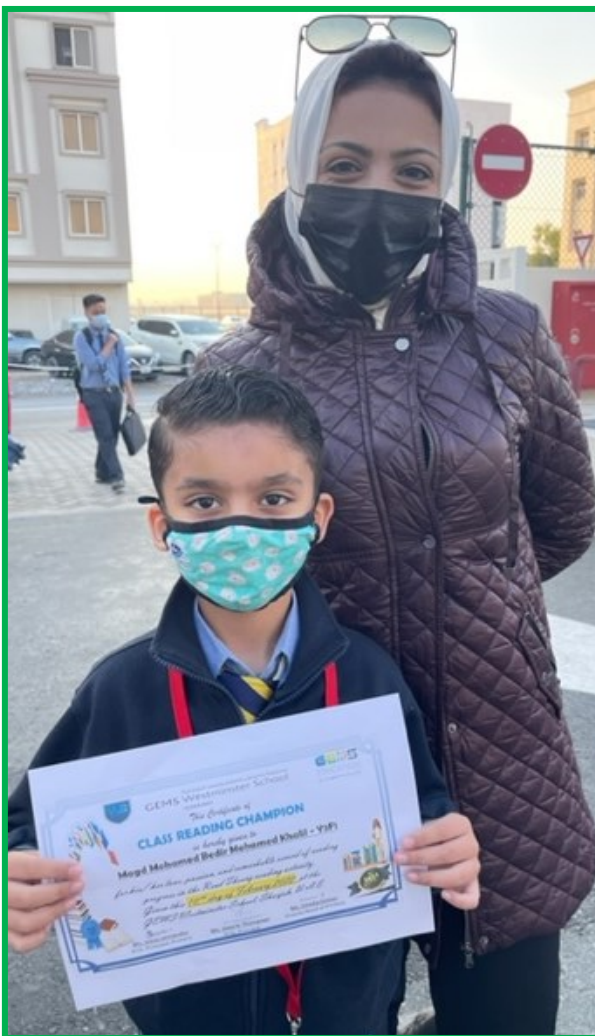
WSS Superstar Champions!



FS2 S1
Getting stickers from Ms Shamail for our work



Congratulations to our dedicated Guidance & Career Counselor Ms. Rejina, who was awarded the 'Amazing Counselor 2022' Award in a ceremony last weekend. Well done!



Congratulations to our Vice Principal Mr. Andrew, who won the UAE Teachers' Golf Championship last weekend, out of 108 of the best golfing teachers in UAE. He also won the longest, straightest Drive on the 9th hole at the Trump International Golf Club, Dubai!



WSS Superstar Champions!

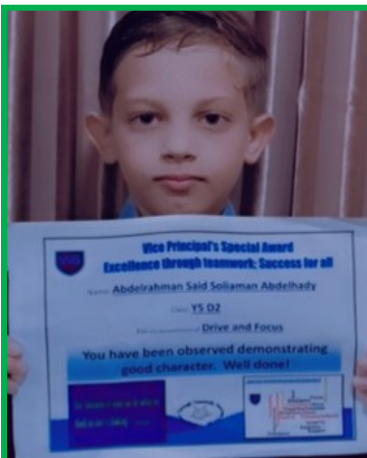


The rise of a ladybug Celebrating fantasy stories

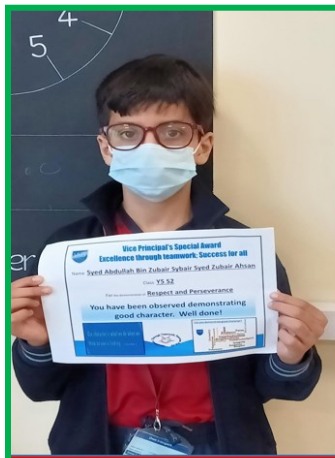
Aisha Ayaz Y4D1



WSS Superstar Champions!



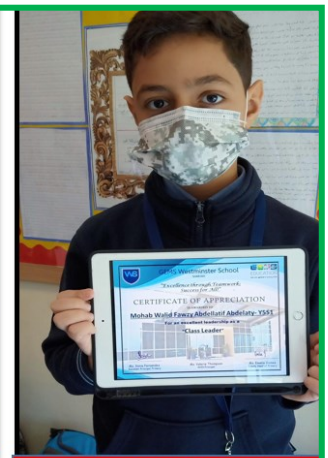
Y5D2 Abdelrahman Said- Certificate of appreciate for Drive & focus.



Syed Abdullah
Y5 S2



Rozi Chaaban
Y5 S2



Mohab Walid
Y5 S2



Retal Osam
Mohemad
Mahmoud – Y6GF



Vihaan
Class Champion

Mohamed
Mutasim
Positive Behaviour

WSS Superstar Champions!

Classcraft Moral Education Champions January 2022



Rida Iqbal
Y8-GH1



Salma Wissi
Y9-GH1

Classcraft Moral Education Champions January 2022



Celino Jayasinghe
Y8-BD1



Mohamed Thariq
Y8-BF1

Y3D2- Class Champions



Adam Joseph



Hania

Thank you Ms Deepthi!

Dear Ms Deepthi,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for all of your effort and hardwork. I have been your student since 3 years (IGCSE and AS) and believe me, from day 1 i enjoyed all your lessons and always looked forward to physics lesson. To be honest, physics wasn't my subject earlier, but you made me love physics, by your explanations. The way you make all the concepts clear to us, and how make the lesson so interactive and interesting is what makes me enjoy your lessons.

I really appreciate the way you help me all the time with my doubts, and always encourage me even if I do it wrong and motivate me that, yes, i can always do better than this. You made me realise my potential and capacity.

You're the best teacher I have experienced in my life and the kindest teacher I have known. I know even if I ask the same question 10 times, you would always explain me as the first time and make sure I get clear. Your techniques and mode of teaching has always been different and unique!

Thank you so much miss for all your explanations, your patience, your kindness, and your generosity to our class. You have taught me how to deal with every situation. I will be grateful to you for my entire life.

I really hope you are my teacher again in A levels. Stay blessed miss ☺



Gatika Suneel Y12GD

WSS Recycling Superstar Champions!



Ayat (Y5 S2) with the pen holder which she made out of waste materials.

WSS Superstar Champions!



Hooray! Our marble jar is full

Y1/F1

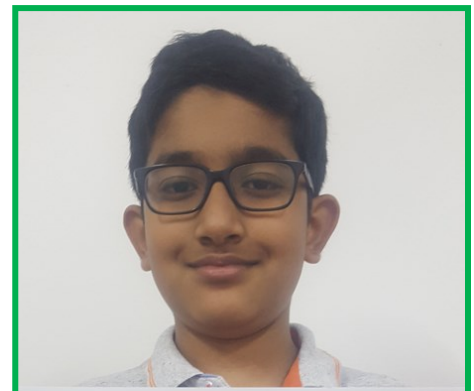
Superstars of Y5 S1



Mantasha Mudassir
Character Leader



Muhammad Azizi
Excellent
Leadership Skills



WSS Superstar Champions!



Whole School News; Thought for the Week!

BULLYING AWARENESS

Bullying Awareness

Hi! How are you? Do you know what bullying is? Are you aware of it?

Yeah. Bullying is a type of aggressive behaviour that takes place when a person intentionally causes someone else discomfort.

People can experience bullying at any stage of life, but is commonly among students, right?

Yes you are right, bullying can be exhibited through physical, verbal, or social hurt.

Sometimes we have bad days and may be mean to others but that does not necessarily mean that an act of bullying occurred.

In order for a behaviour to be considered "bullying," three things must be true:

1. The behaviour is unwanted and aggressive.
2. There is an imbalance of power (e.g. physical strength or popularity)
3. The behaviour happened more than once or there is potential for it to happen more than once.

If you feel that you are being bullied, do not hesitate to report to our teachers, Principal, Vice Principal, Section leaders, Head of Inclusion, and Counsellor. They are always ready to help!

Do not deal with it alone. SPEAK UP!

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY TO HAPPINESS

PHYSICAL WELLNESS

Hello, I'm Mr. Wellbeing and I'm here to give you a few tips on wellness.

Have a healthy lifestyle. 30 minutes of physical exercise is important for mental health.

Have a go!!!

SOCIAL WELLNESS

Helping people in need is a great way to feel good about yourself. It shows neighborliness.

EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

Ask for help. Talk to your teachers, superiors at school.

Henry, how are you feeling today? I'm here to help you.



Health & Safety is a priority! The whole school practiced a fire drill on 16/2/22. Students & staff practiced leaving the building to reach their safe Assembly Point in a smooth, disciplined & purposeful way.

Whole School News; Enrollment Day for 2022-2023!



It was great to see so many parents attending our Junior Section Open Day for new enrollments for 2022-2023.

Junior Section News; Learning & Fun in FS2!



We can create our own superhero



FS2 S1

With Ms. Neha & Ms. Sonia M.

Playing a number game



FS2 S1

We are learning through technology



FS2 S1

Enjoying in play area.



We are creative



Junior Section News; Linking Learning to Real Life in Y1!



**Y1S1
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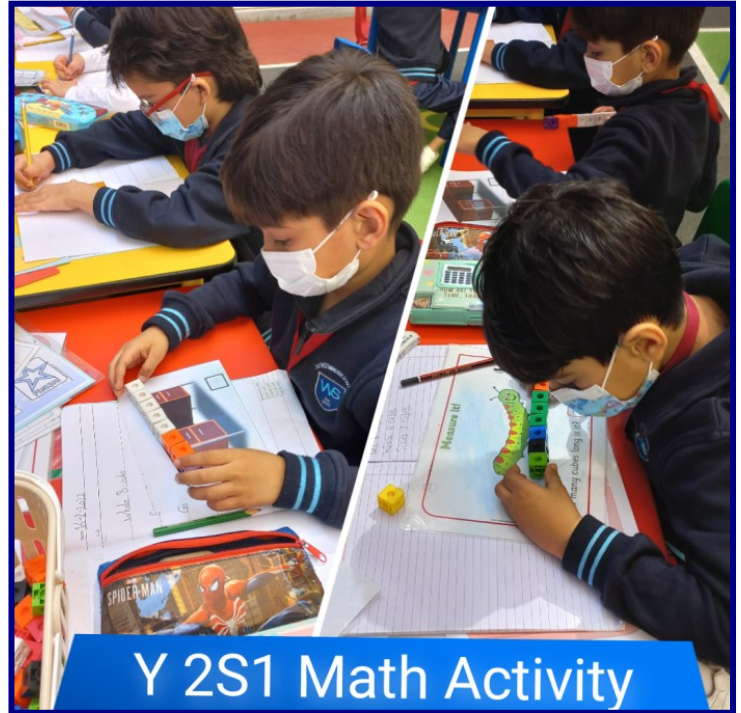
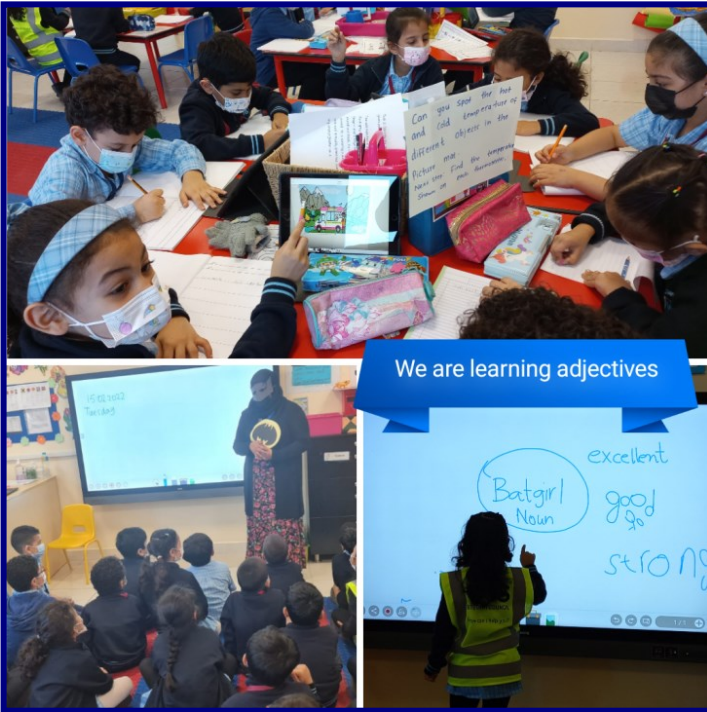


With Ms. Sadiqa

**WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT
MONEY
Y1S1**



Junior Section News; Linking Learning to Real Life in Y1!



With Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima

Junior Section News

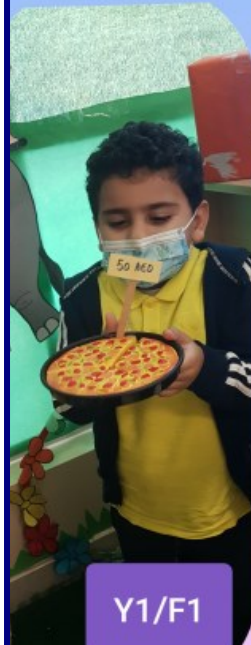


Thanks for your video, Nabia! Great to see you enjoying singing..

SIGHT SINGING
DAILY PRACTICE 1
SCALES AND TRIADS
Nabia Asif
Gr:2 S:2 Y:3



Currency of UAE



Y1/F1



Y1/F1



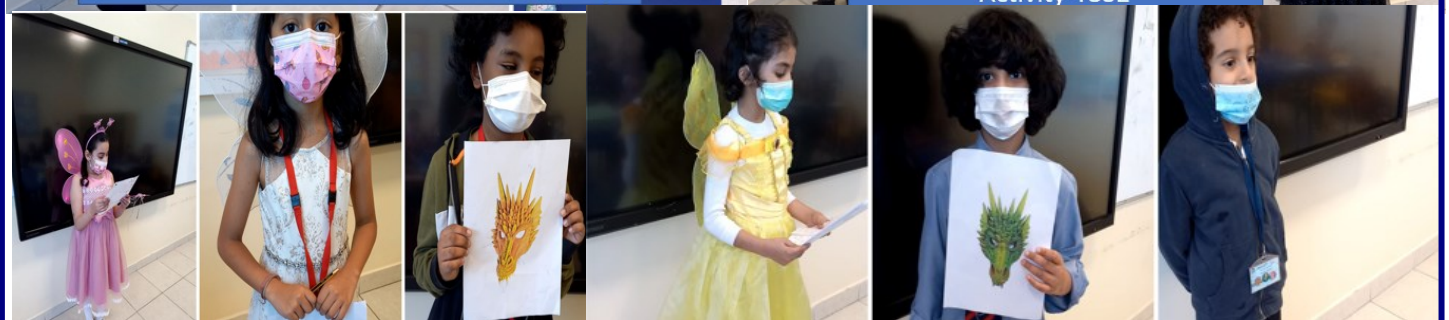
Phonic Activities



With Ms. Naheema

Learning about the currency of UAE

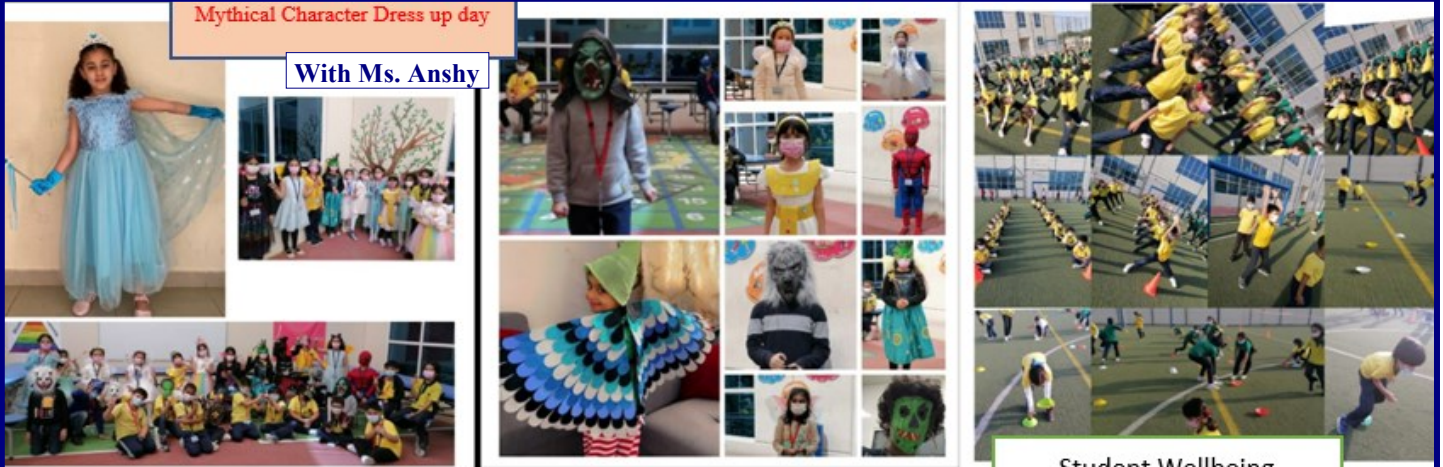
Primary Section News; Y3 Mythical Creatures Day, 10/2/22!



Primary Section News; Y3 Mythical Creatures & Y4 Character Day!

Mythical Character Dress up day

With Ms. Anshy



Student Wellbeing



Y3 F1

Using resources to learn maths

Dress up favourite Fable character Y4-H1



With Ms. Lavita

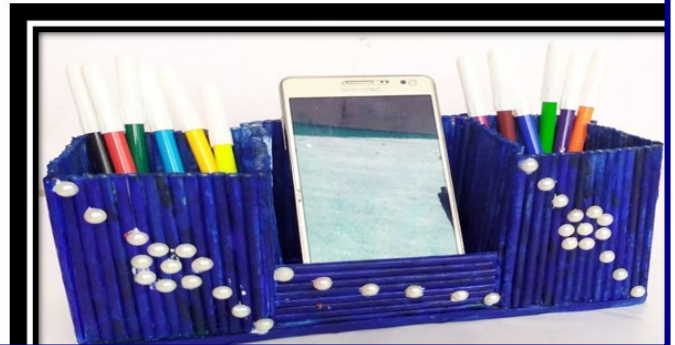
Primary Section News; Creativity!

With Ms. Surbhi

LFQ: How do I plan and create 3D paintings: Y6



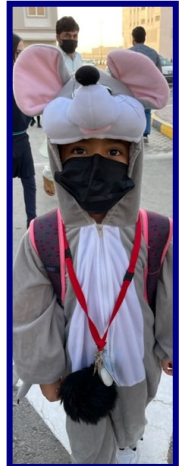
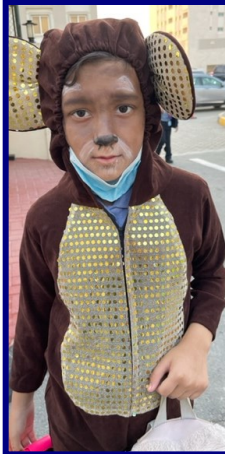
LFQ: How do I create Pen Holder out of waste material: Y5



LFQ: How do I make animal mask from paper plate..... Y4



Primary Section News; Y4 Character Day, 16/2/22!



Primary Section News; Literacy Learning in Y5!


Writing to persuade readers using language tools - Y5 S1

2 Feb 2022 (F2F)
Topic: Persuasive text

Do you know that little girl who has legs made of jelly in school? School should be paying for her and not the girl who has legs made of jelly.

Why school should pay for her?

Do you know that little girl who has legs made of jelly in school? School should be paying for her and not the girl who has legs made of jelly.



2 Feb 2022 (F2F)
Topic: Persuasive text

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ALIENS ARE REAL!

Have you ever seen an alien? Of course you have not because only 10% of humanity has seen them. I am afraid that the 10% that has seen them will never see them again. One of the reasons that you have not seen an alien is because they can become invisible. Aliens are green, grey, and blue creatures. How do you believe me that?

2 Feb 2022 (F2F)
Topic: Persuasive text

Do you know that little girl who has legs made of jelly in school? School should be paying for her and not the girl who has legs made of jelly.

Why Football is the best sport in the world?

Do you know that little girl who has legs made of jelly in school? School should be paying for her and not the girl who has legs made of jelly.

2 Feb 2022 (F2F)
Topic: Persuasive text

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Why Beaches are the best?

Beaches are the best. You might try to go to a beach, you will definitely have the best view ever. If you have some beaches are covered with rocks and some sand. Do you believe in beaches you can swim. I certainly admit that beaches are entertaining for your information 10% of the people in the world dislike beaches. It's that a small amount for you comparing with 90% of people agree that beaches are beautiful.

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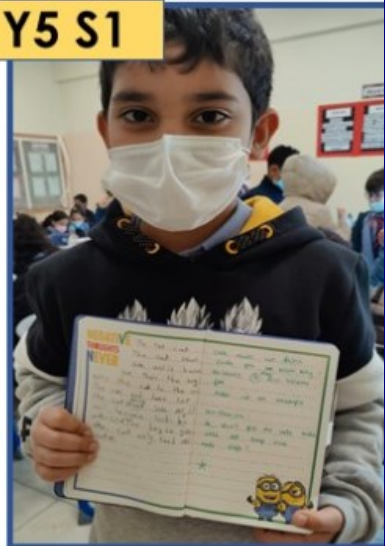
Taking learning to the next level – Y5 S1



Group Activity - Enacting their playscript.



Suqqainah took the initiative to create a presentation on Anti-bullying for her peers.



From being afraid of making errors to enjoying writing in his free time, Sultan has made amazing progress!

With Ms. Vaijyanthi

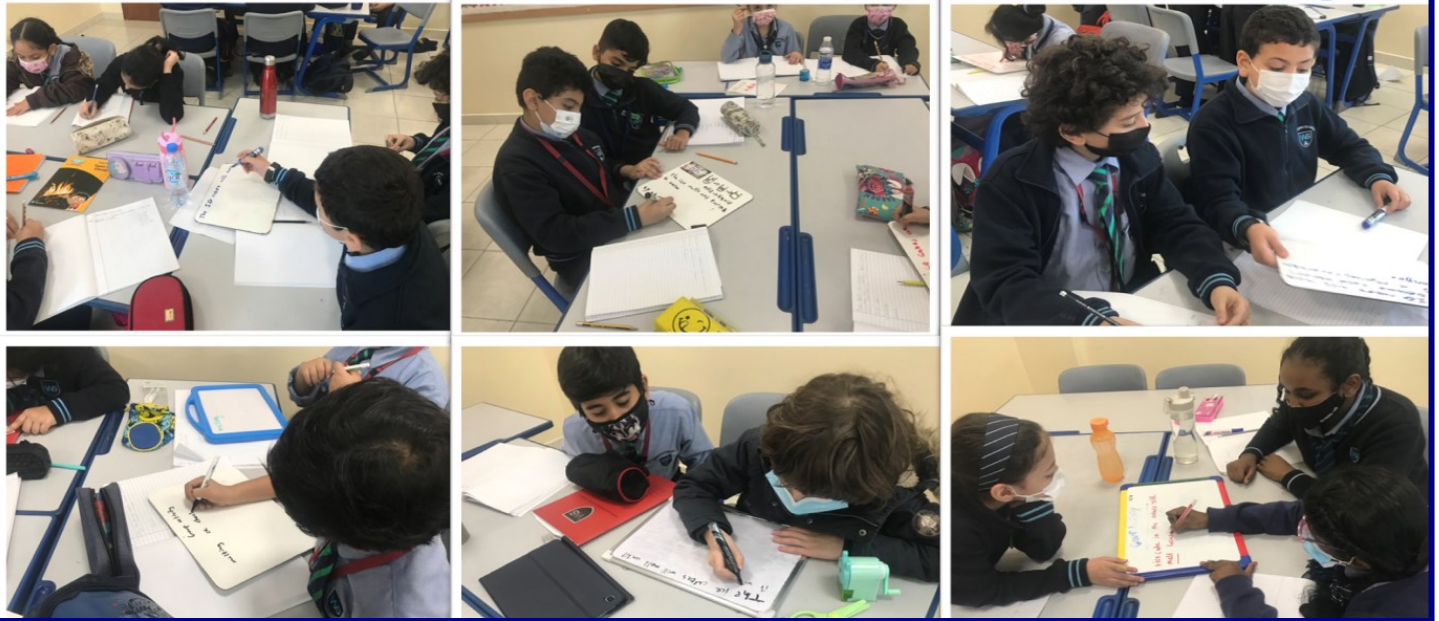
Exploring their love for books during our weekly Library sessions..



Primary Section News; Collaborative Learning in Y5!

Pair Work – Science Lesson – Y5H1

Using the white board



☀️ Flip Lesson by students of Y5H1 ☀️

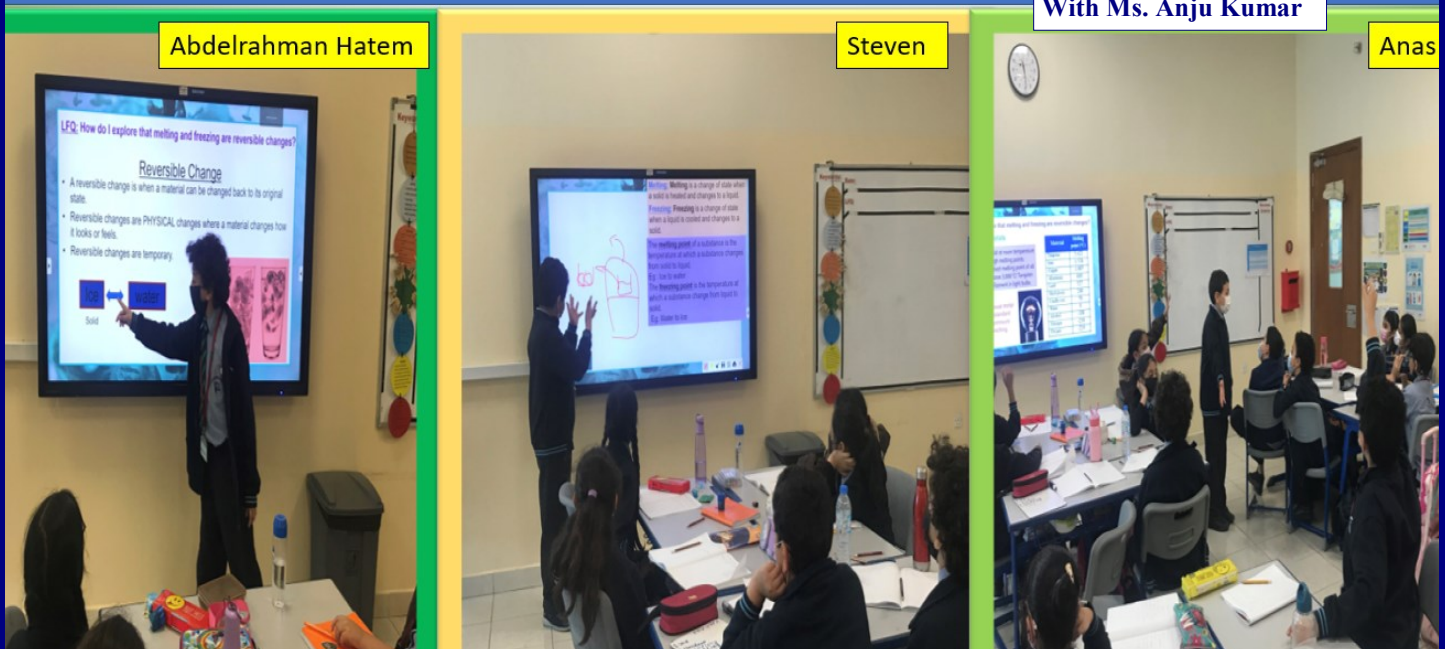
LFQ: How do I explore that melting and Freezing are reversible changes.

With Ms. Anju Kumar

Abdelrahman Hatem

Steven

Anas



Primary Section News!



Y4S2 Dress Up Day

Y4S2 Familiarising Pounds and Penny

With Ms. Loannie



With Ms. Lissy

Y3D2- Math Investigation to solve division problems.

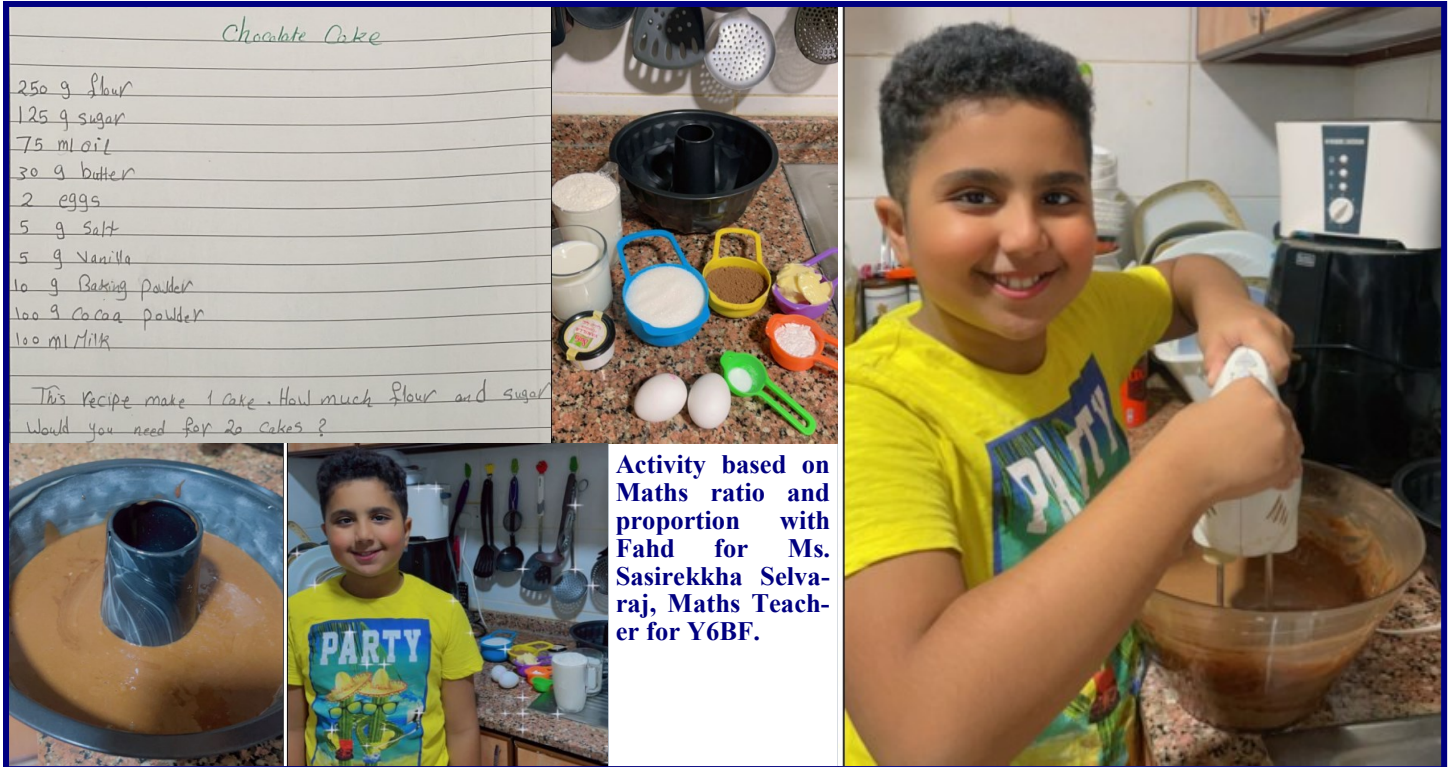


Secondary Section News; Preparing Students for their Future!

Chocolate Cake

250 g flour
125 g sugar
75 ml oil
30 g butter
2 eggs
5 g salt
5 g Vanilla
10 g Baking powder
100 g Cocoa powder
100 ml Milk

This recipe make 1 cake. How much flour and sugar would you need for 20 cakes?



Activity based on Maths ratio and proportion with Fahd for Ms. Sasirekha Selvaraj, Maths Teacher for Y6BF.

Preparing Students for the future



GCSEPOD is a fantastic website, and I'm grateful that the school provides it. I like how the videos are short yet informative. The text and visuals make the topics easy to understand. After learning a topic, I may test myself with exam-style questions to see how far I've progressed. The videos are convenient, and I feel like I understand rather than just memorize the material delivered. Not only that, but the website also provides online safety tips and stress management suggestions which I find highly motivating.

Regards,
Noor Mustafa- Year 11GF



WSS - Sixth form Senior Jackets

*Class of
2022
&
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