

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #23
2nd March, 2023



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Safeguarding

We are all aware of the strong influence that peers & Social Media can have on our children's behaviour & attitudes. Parents &

school work hard together to reduce these negative influences & to guide our children to have positive values & behaviours. Unfortunately there is a current 'craze' among some of our boys of touching others' bottoms, which is upsetting & unacceptable. Please talk to your children about avoiding this unacceptable 'craze' & maintaining their positive character. Thank you.

Entering School Premises

For Health & Safety reasons all visitors coming to school between 8am-2:30pm must show either their WSS parent ID card, or Emirates ID. Gate Security will now be checking, so please have your ID ready on entering through Gate 1. If you need a new WSS Parent ID card, please contact the BBT office (cost is AED25/- for a replacement card with lanyard, or AED15/- just the card)

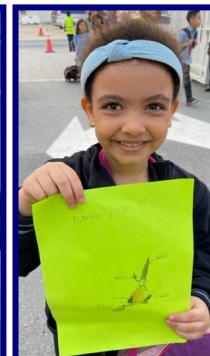
School Timings from Term 3

74% parents who voted in our school day timings survey this week chose to move to the new timings from Term 3 (10/4/23):

- **FS** 7:20 – 12:25pm
Students are marked as 'Late' from 7:30am. School gates will close at 7:30am
- **Y1-13** 7:20am-2:20pm
Lesson 1 starts at 7:30am
Students are marked as 'Late' from 7:30am. School gates will close at 7:30am

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Friday 17th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Re-enrollment for September 2023 is open.</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 was 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> • 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.
Thurs. 16th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>7:30am-1pm</u>; School moves onto Exam timings for all students.
Tues. 21st or Wed. 22nd March (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible start of Ramadan. • <u>8am-1pm (TBC)</u>; School moves to Ramadan timings for all students • No Babysitting after 1pm. Parents of OT students, please collect them on time. Thanks.
Monday 20th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Day & Mothers' Day Celebrations. • Students may bring traditional food to share & wear traditional dress (optional).
27/3/23 to 6/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Break (2 weeks) • Term 3 starts on Monday 10/4/23. T3 fees due, thank you.
10/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School moves to the new day timings (7:20am-12:25/2:20pm)
19/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T3 Mid-Term Break (1 day added on to Eid break. TBC)
Tuesday 2/5/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Deadline to pay the re-enrollment fee</u>
29/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official last day of the academic year. (TBC by SPEA)



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 23
2 مارس 2023



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومبسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الأعضاء، الشارقة

الحمية

ندرك جميعاً التأثير القوي الذي يمكن أن يحدثه الأقران ووسائل التواصل الاجتماعي على سلوك أطفالنا ومواقفهم.

يعمل الآباء والمدرسة بجد معاً للحد من هذه التأثيرات السلبية وتوجيه أطفالنا إلى القيم والسلوكيات الإيجابية لسوء الحظ، هناك "جنون" حالي بين بعض أولادنا من لمس قيعان الآخرين، وهو أمر مزعج وغير مقبول. يرجى التحدث مع أطفالك حول تجنب هذا "الجنون" غير المقبول والحفاظ على طابعهم الإيجابي. شكرًا لك

دخول المباني المدرسية

لأسباب تتعلق بالصحة والسلامة، يجب على جميع الزائرين القادمين إلى المدرسة بين الساعة 8 صباحاً و 2:30 مساءً إبراز بطاقة هوية الوالدين الخاصة بـ WSS أو بطاقة الهوية الإماراتية. سيتم الآن التحقق من Gate Security، لذا يرجى تجهيز بطاقة هويتك عند الدخول عبر البوابة 1. إذا كنت بحاجة إلى بطاقة هوية ولي الأمر WSS جديدة، فيرجى الاتصال بمكتب (BBT) التكلفة 25 درهماً إماراتياً للحصول على بطاقة بديلة مع حبل، أو 15 درهماً إماراتياً / فقط (البطاقة)

مواعيد المدرسة من الفصل 3

لختار 74٪ من أولياء الأمور الذين صوتوا في استطلاعنا الخاص بمواعيد الدراسي هذا الأسبوع الانتقال إلى المواعيد الجديدة من الفصل الدراسي 3 - (10/4/23)

• FS 7:20 - 12:25

يتم وضع علامة "متأخر" على الطلاب من 7:30 صباحاً. ستغلق أبواب المدرسة في الساعة 7:30 صباحاً

• السنة 1 - 13 7:20 صباحاً - 2:20 مساءً

يبدأ الدرس 1 الساعة 7:30 صباحاً يتم وضع علامة "متأخر" على الطلاب من 7:30 صباحاً. ستغلق بوابات المدرسة في 7:30 صباحاً



المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الجمعة 17 فبراير	فتح باب التسجيل في سبتمبر 2023. • قد يتم الانتهاء من إعادة التسجيل في سبتمبر 2023 بمجرد سداد رسوم T2 بالكامل. • الموعد النهائي للتفرغ على إعادة التسجيل عبر الإنترنت بنيتة النية هو يوم الجمعة 17 فبراير (تفج 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، والاعتقاد عن أي ليس) • 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.
الخميس 16 مارس	7:30 صباحاً - 1 مساءً؛ تنتقل المدرسة إلى مواعيد الاختبارات لجميع الطلاب.
الثلاثاء 21 أو الأربعاء 22 مارس (تحدد لاحقاً)	يمكن بداية شهر رمضان. 8 صباحاً - 1 مساءً (يحدد لاحقاً)؛ تنتقل المدرسة إلى أوقات رمضان لجميع الطلاب ممنوع خدمة مجالسة الأطفال بعد الساعة الواحدة مساءً. آباء طلاب OT، يرجى جمعهم في الوقت المحدد. شكرًا.
الاثنين 20 مارس	احتفالات اليوم العلمي وعيد الأم. يمكن للطلاب إحضار الطعام التقليدي للمشاركة وارتداء الملابس التقليدية (اختياري).
27/3/23 إلى 6/4/23	عطلة الربيع (أسبوعين) يبدأ الفصل الثالث يوم الاثنين الموافق 10/4/23. رسوم T3 المستحقة
19/4/23	استراحة منتصف الفصل الدراسي (يوم واحد يضاف إلى عطلة العيد. يحدد لاحقاً)
الثلاثاء 2/5/23	الموعد النهائي لدفع رسوم إعادة التسجيل هو الثلاثاء 2 مايو
29/6/23	آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي (يحدد لاحقاً بواسطة SPEA)

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.



Whole School News; IBT Arabic Exams!

On 2/3/23 WSS welcomed the SPEA Control and Quality Authority team (Dr. Rana, Mr. Saeed & Mr. Khalifa) who were monitoring & quality assuring the arrangements for the external IBT exams for Arabic, that we are piloting for SPEA.

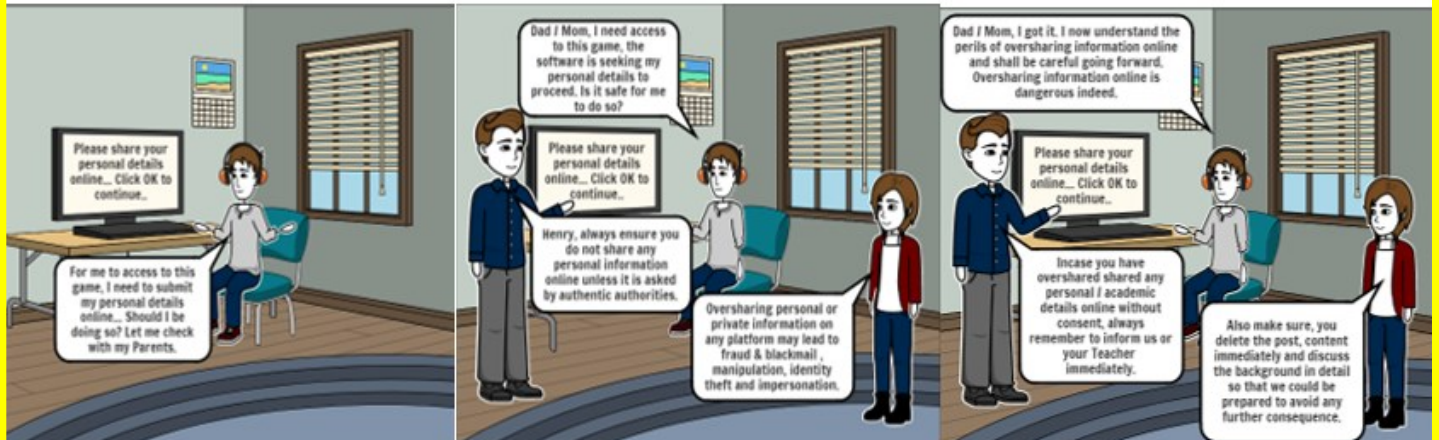
The SPEA team paid tribute to the professional work that our school was doing in the professional management our IBT Assessment organisation.

Special thanks to Mr. Mohammed Al-Amir for his professional support in the implementation, the IT Department Mr. Sarath Sasidharan & Ms. Nikita Dileep for the hard work in preparing and supporting us (fantastic team work).

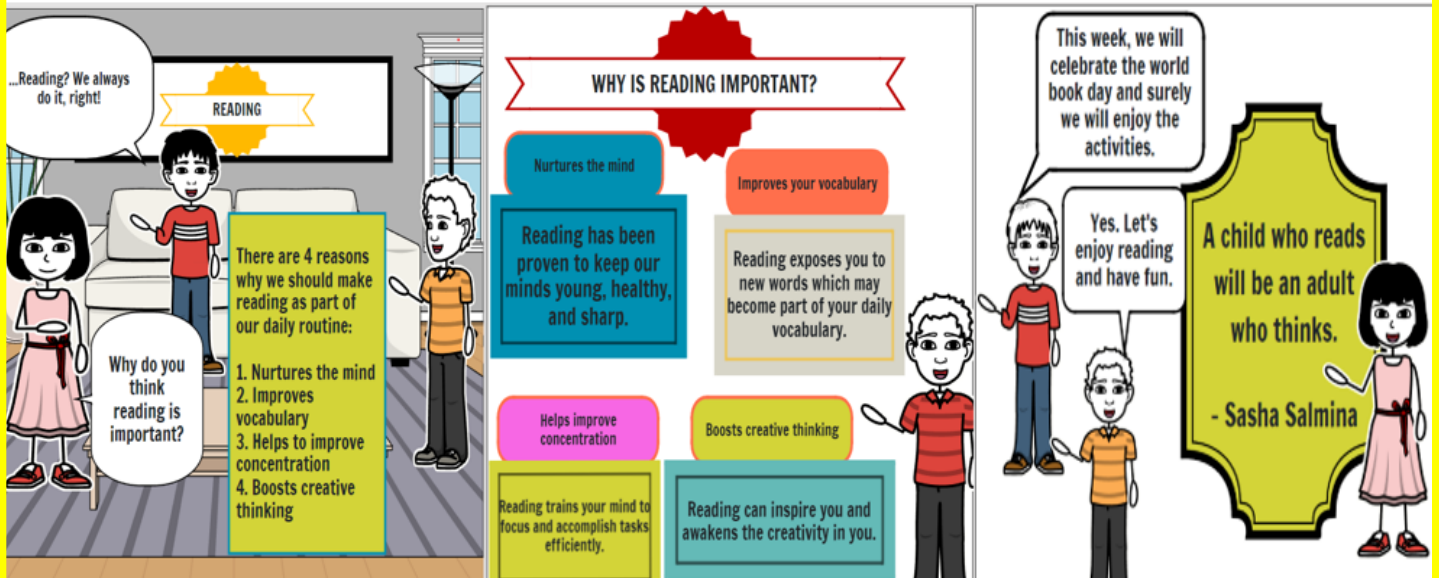


Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

RISKS OF OVERSHARING INFORMATION ONLINE



The Power of Reading



Whole School News; Staff CPD—Lifelong Learning!



Well done to Mr. Muh'd Kashif for completing seven comprehensive online courses on Climate Change & AI. Below, WSS staff attending a Teaching & Learning Conference, held at GCS on Saturday 25/2/23. We love the commitment to lifelong learning & continuing professional development!



WSS Environmental Recycling Superstar Champions!



Participation Certificate
in the Afforestation
Campaign

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



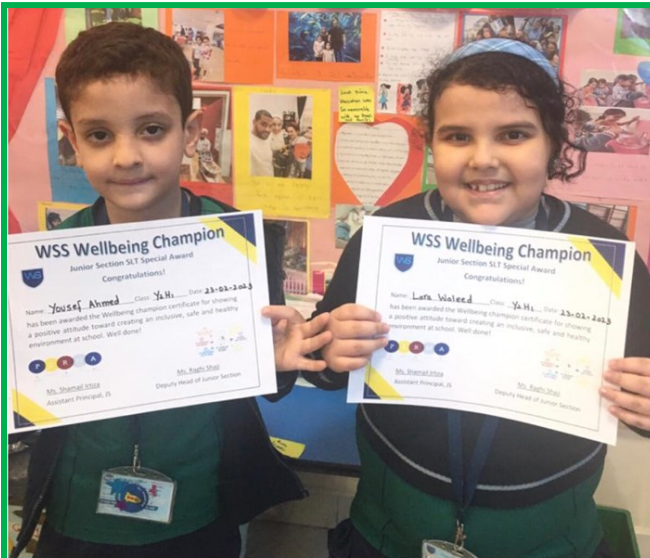
WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



Y2H1 did it!



Sharing their Teddy's experience



This weeks well being champions

Good morning.



Would like to share ASP event pictures.

Syed Talha got medal 🏆, he is so much happy.

Thank you so much school team for ASP sessions. My both kids really enjoyed the sessions and learnt good skills in football under supervision of their talented coaches.

Syed Talha Ahmed
G1Y2-S2

Regards,
Mother.

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Good evening teacher Kishwar, I thank you for all your efforts for the development of our sons and daughters. Thank you for all that you have given and all that you will give to our sons and daughters. This development is reflected in our children at home, which increases motivation to learn and discover everything new.

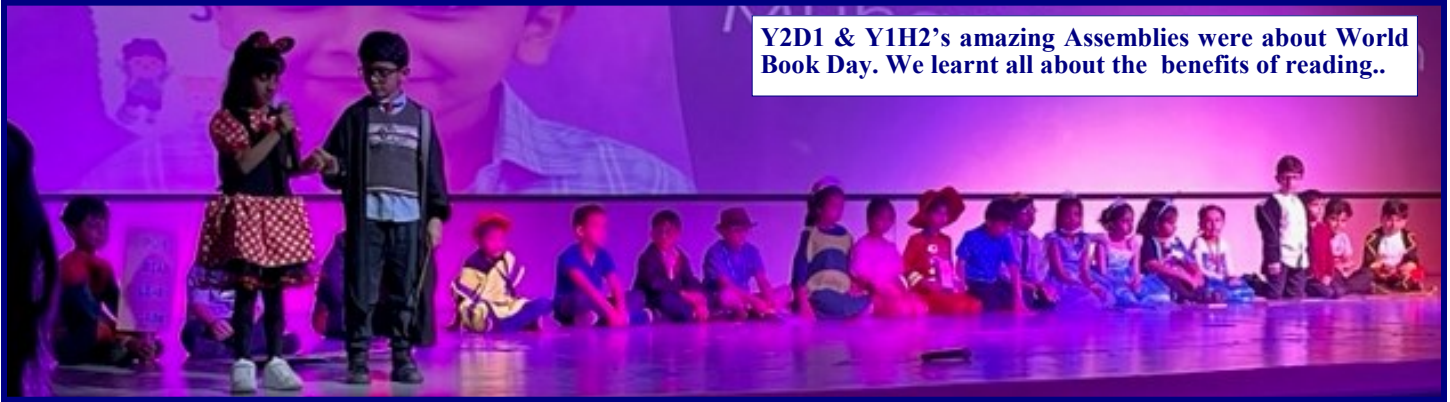
Thanks 😊😊



Hanzala Shamsi (Y1F1) showed commitment in his Mathematics lesson and was determined to work through the tasks set by his teachers. He showed good progress from the start of the lesson to the end. Great challenge set by Ms. Aysha Malik and Ms. Sidra.

Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y2D1, 2/3/23!

Y2D1 & Y1H2's amazing Assemblies were about World Book Day. We learnt all about the benefits of reading..



Winners of the World Book Day Dress-up Competition, 2/3/23



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y1H2, 2/3/23!



Junior Section News; Sports Day, 28/2/23!



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Junior Section News; Sports Day, 1/3/23!



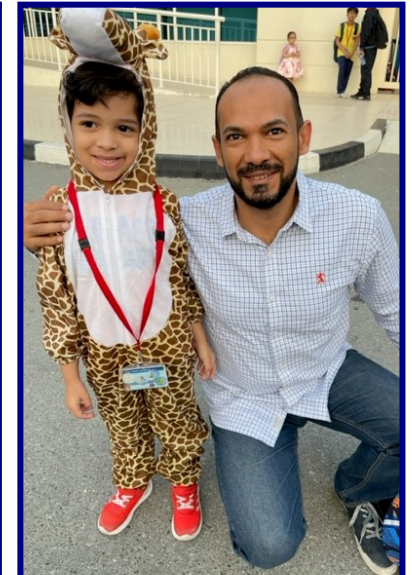
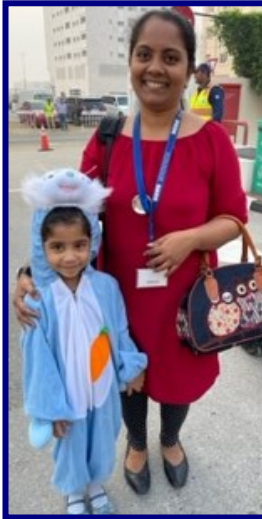
Thank you to all our wonderful parents who attended Sports Days. Our children love their parents coming along to cheer & support!



Junior Section News; Sports Day, 1/3/23!

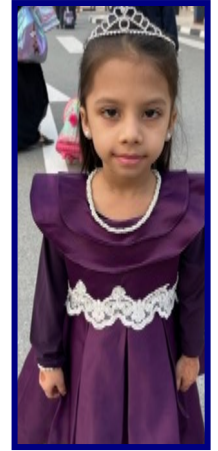


Junior Section News; World Book Day, 2/3/23!

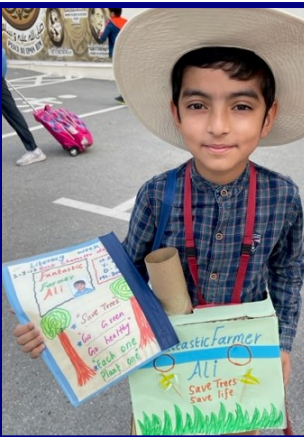


World Book Day Celebration aims to promote understanding and awareness of the importance of reading, promote the love of books, & to create passion & love in children towards reading and writing.

Junior Section News; World Book Day, 2/3/23!



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Junior Section News; World Book Day, 2/3/23!



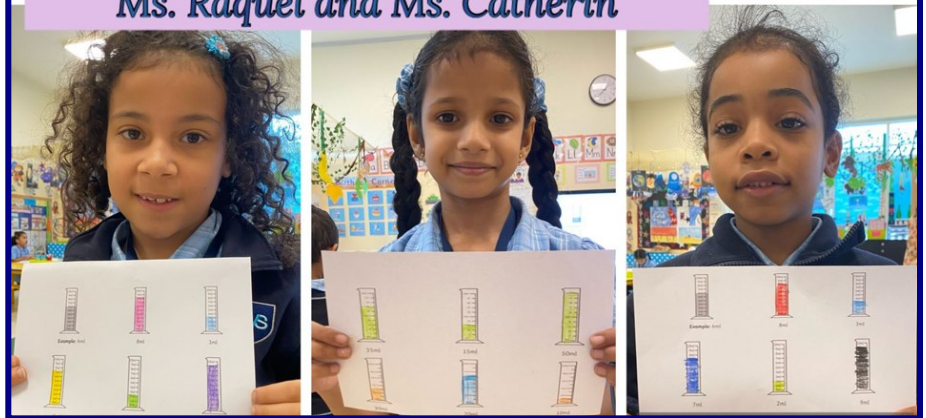
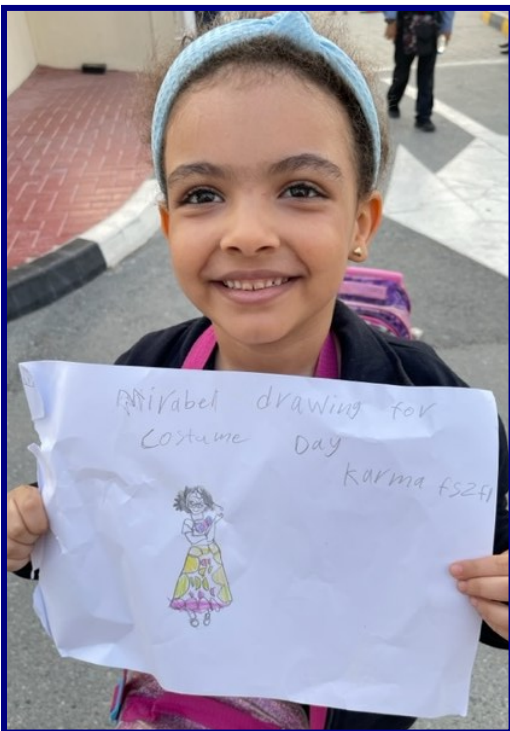
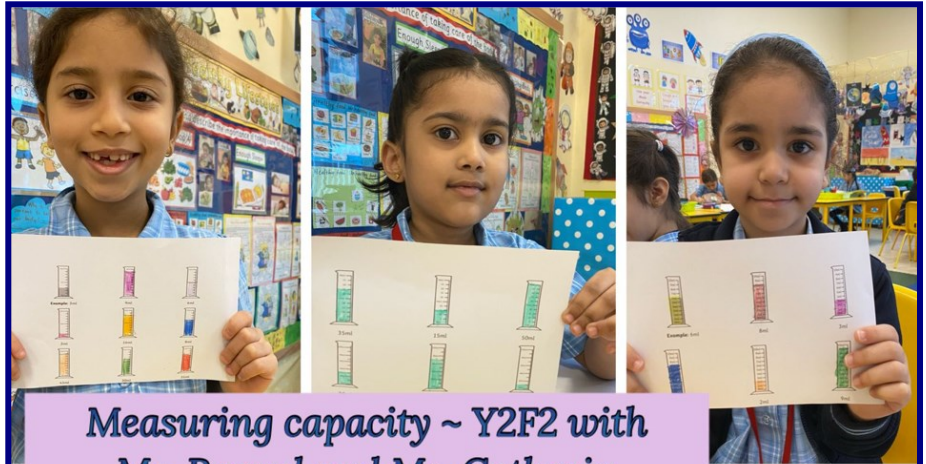
Winners of the World Book Day Dress-up Competition, 2/3/23



Junior Section News; World Book Day, 2/3/23!



Junior Section News; Learning Activities!



Junior Section News: Learning Activities in Y2!



Read and match the time



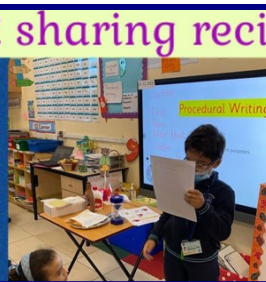
Y2H1 with Ms. Fauzia



Y2 Super Busy



Y2 sharing recipes



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Peace be upon you, Mr. Osama

I would like to thank Ms. Hana for her more than wonderful effort in everything related to the children in terms of explaining and caring for the student and motivating him to be better and better to follow up with them, not just a teacher. On the contrary, she is a virtuous mother and would like to see her children better and better.

I wish all teachers were like her

All thanks and sincere greetings for your efforts with our children

Youssef Hani's mother, Y4 f1

السلام عليكم استاذ اسامة
حابة اشكر استاذة هانا على مجهودها الاكثر من رائع ف كل ما يتملق بالاولاد من شرح واهتمام بالمطالب وتحفيزه ع ان يكون افضل واعضل مثابعتها معاهم متن مجرد مُدرسة بالعكس هي ام فاضلة وحابة نتشرف ولادها احسن واحسن
باريت فعلا كل المدرسين مثلها
كل الشكر وخالص تحياتي لمجهودكم مع اولادنا
Y4 f1 والدة يوسف هاني



Congratulations to Tala, one of our swimming champions!

Dear Ms. Valerie

Hope you're doing well

I'm Lara's mother G4-D2

I'd like to share this email with you because you're really lucky to have Ms. Hanaa (G4 Arabic teacher) in your school ..

She's really an amazing teacher, she changed my daughter's level in Arabic to the best , she made her interested in Arabic Because of her humane and kind way , in addition to her special professional education for the students ..

Thanks again to give our kids an amazing teacher like Ms. Hanaa , because with her our kids and their Arabic Language are safe ..

Best Regards...

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته
يسعد مسائي مس هانا
.. يارب تكوني بخير اني وعيلتك الكريمة

من الصف الرابع D2 انا والدة لارا ضياء العلوقة

حببت اشكر حضرتك على مجهودك مع بنتي

... الانساني اولا .. لان تعاملك راقى ومحترم جدا واسلوبك مع الاطفال خلاهم يحبو المادة فعلا ، لارا صارت بفضل الله وفضلك تستنى درس العربي بعد ماكان بالنسبة لها درس متعب وصعب

وبشكرك لمجهودك التعليمي ثانيا .. مستوى لارا بالفعل كثير فارق معي

.. لما بدأت تتعلم في كلاس حضرتك السنة الماضية كانت بتقرا بصعوبة جدا وتقريبا مايتعرف تكتب الاكلمات بسيطة

.. ودرجاتها كانت ضعيفة بالرغم من اني كنت متابعتها معها دروسها دائما

... لارا حاليا قراعتها وكتابتها جيدة جدا ، والاهم انها مهتمة بالعربي وبالدروس وبالواجبات بشكل واضح والله الحمد

... مايتخيلي فرحتها لما رجعت البيت ، حرفيا كانت طابرة من الفرح وانا كان فرحتي كانت قد الدنيا ..اليوم اخدت درجة الاختبار بتاعتها وكانت من 24 من 25

... كل كلمات الشكر والتقدير والاحترام قليلة على حضرتك ، الله يجزيكي كل خير على تعبك والانسانيتك وعطائك

Primary Section News



VP Mr. Suj, APP Ms. Sonia & DHOP Ms. Emelia attended a Century AI training session on 24/2/23 at GEMS Al Barsha school.



Thank you Nabia for your fun rap song!

some pictures of Y3 applying what they learn in the Arabic lesson about innovation.



Y3D2 Celebrating World Book Day by dressing up themselves as their favourite character. with Ms. Lissy

Primary Section News; Learning Activities in Y5!



Y5H1
Science Lesson

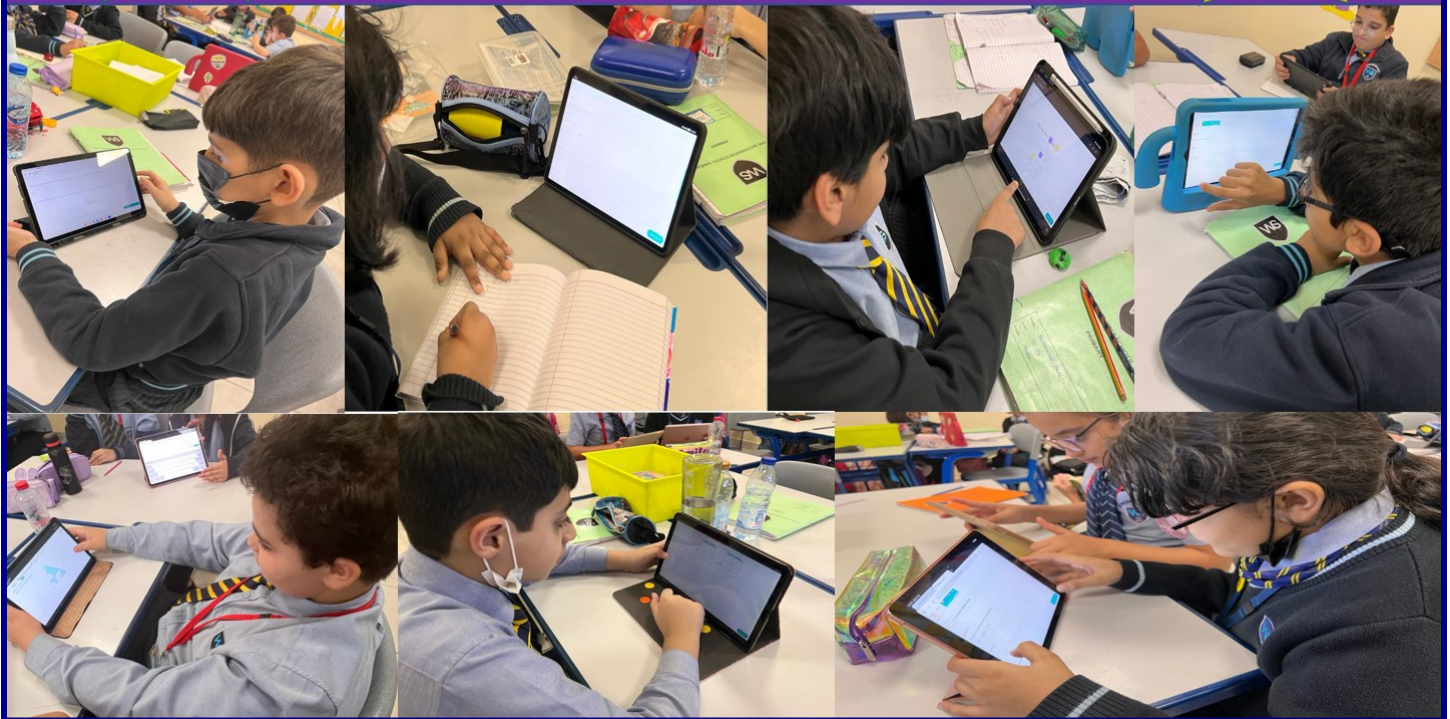
LFQ: How do I investigate the best streamlined shape?



Sphere Cube Cone

All three objects are dropped at the same time.

★ Maths CEREBRY Practice – Y5F2 ★



With Ms. Anju

Primary Section News



With Ms. Surbhi

**LFQ: How do I create the model of the Aquarium with recycle shoe box?
Done by Year 5**

Primary Section News; World Book Day!

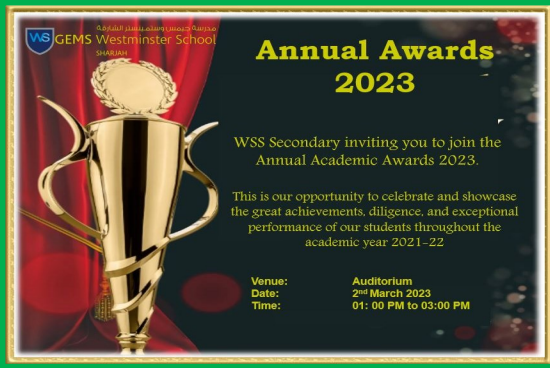


Y4S1 celebrating World Book Day with Ms. Loannie. Students demonstrated & reinforced their reading skills with an open-air, peer reading session.



Y3F2 students celebrating World Book Day

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; Annual Awards Ceremony, 2/3/23!

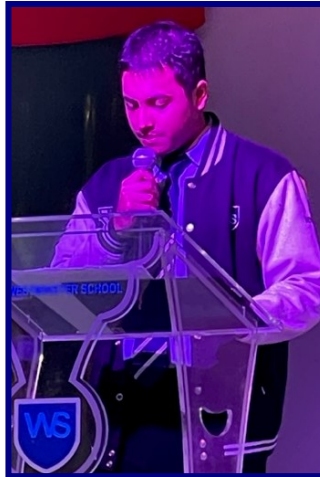


Annual Awards 2023

WSS Secondary inviting you to join the Annual Academic Awards 2023.

This is our opportunity to celebrate and showcase the great achievements, diligence, and exceptional performance of our students throughout the academic year 2021-22

Venue: Auditorium
Date: 2nd March 2023
Time: 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; Annual Awards Ceremony, 2/3/23!



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



Y7 Star Students

Dear Mr. Nishad

Hope you are doing Well.

Thank you so much for your appreciation letter for Alman.

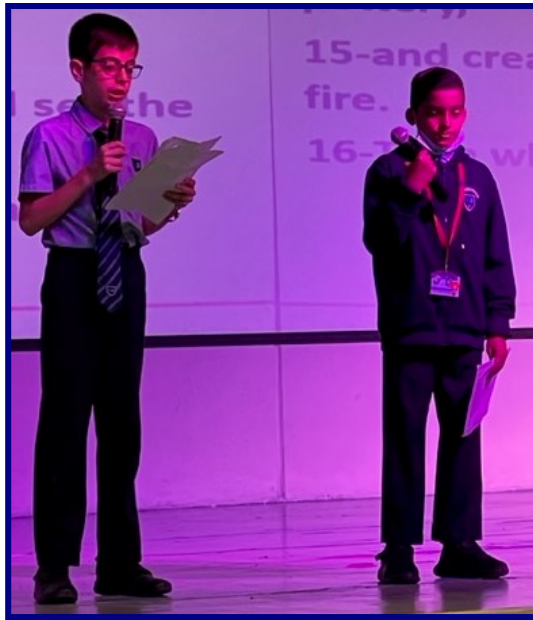
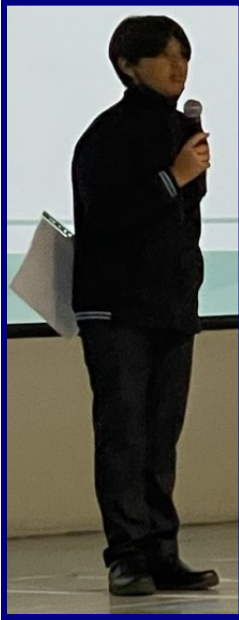
Your message means a lot to Alman and to us being his parent. We are grateful to you, all his teachers and the school management for identifying and appreciating the students achievements and positive behaviour. These encouraging words from teachers help in students' holistic development and mould them into a better person with more positivity towards values and ethics.

Thank you once again. Your support, encouragement and blessings are always needed.

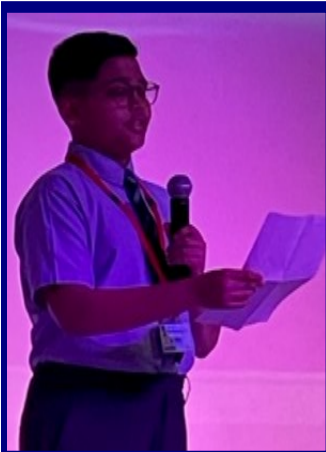
Best Regards

Fahim Ahmad & Talat Zubair
P/o Alman Ahmad
Y8 - BH

Secondary Section News; Y7BH1's Assembly, 27/2/23!



Y7BH's Assembly theme was "Focus & Teamwork". Y7 boys worked together as teams to solve problems



Y7BH1 Assembly
Topic: Focus &
Teamwork



Secondary Section News; Y10 Practical Geography!



IGCSE Geography students are creating a small vegetable patch in the school garden. As the first step, they have cleared the area and planted saplings of vegetables today. This will be followed by regular watering and monitoring for the growth of the plants. The final report would be ready by May.

The activity aims to support students to further develop empathy for people involved in food production and help reduce food waste while developing practical skills of observation and reporting.



Secondary Section News; KS4 & KS5 Boys' Sports Day, 1/3/23!



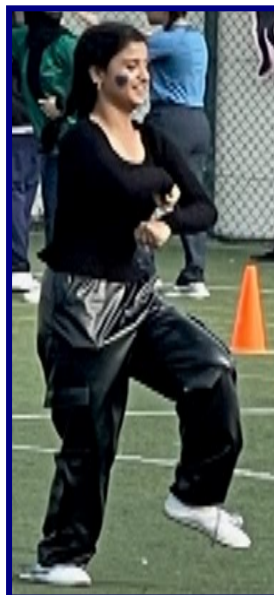
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