

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #25
14th March, 2024



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

We wish your children every success in the forthcoming T2 Report exams. Please ensure that they maintain their healthy lifestyle & regular study habits.



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Mon. 15/4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to book seats online for September is Monday April 15th.
Thurs 2nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to pay the re-enrollment fee is Thurs. 2nd May. Regardless of any system-generated email, the <u>re-enrollment fee is non-refundable for any reason</u>, as per the Sharjah Authority Circular. Please note that any <u>un-booked/unpaid seats</u> would be given to the Waiting List.
Mon. 11/3- Thurs. 28/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramadan (& Exam days) timings for whole school <u>7:30m-12:30pm</u> (no Babysitting facility)
Friday 29/3/24 to Sunday 14/4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Spring Break (2 weeks) Online T3 fee payment recommended to avoid queues. However, the <u>Cashier will be open in school on Saturday 13/4/24, 8am-1pm</u> for parent convenience Term 3 fees due by latest Monday 15th April. Thank you.
Sunday 21/4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am-1:30pm; T2 Report PTM
Mon. 3/6/24 to Thurs. 13/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T3 Final, in-school compulsory promotional exams. (subject to SPEA approval & change).



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

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

Sunny Varkey

Whole School News

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



Whole School News; ‘Ramadan Community Cares’



مدرسة جيمس وستمينستر الشارقة
GEMS Westminister School
SHARJAH

Date: 7/3/24

Dear WSS parents,

Subject: ‘WSS Acts of kindness’ Ramadan Community Cares Initiative

Ramadan Kareem from GEMS Westminister School, Sharjah. Ramadan is the month of fasting, generosity, sacrifice and sharing. During this blessed month of Ramadan, we have organized a ‘Acts of Kindness’ charity activity. You are invited to donate food items to be shared with WSS Support Staff & BBT Staff members. Let us all come together and contribute wholeheartedly; *‘Blessings multiply when shared. Make this Ramadan count.’*

Contributions are welcome from Monday, 11th March to Monday, 18th March, 2024

Year Group	Suggested Items (Any of the following items would be appreciated. However, to ensure a balance of donations, we recommend the following items:)	Suggested Quantity
FS1	Chickpeas / Baked beans	1-3kg
FS2	Dry fruits	1-2kg
Y2	Fruit Syrups/Rooh Afza	1-2 bottle/ 1 liter
Y3	Gram Flour (baisan)	1-2 kg packet
Y4	Pulses (lentils)	1-3kg packet
Y5	Sugar	1-2kg packet
Y6	Wheat flour	2-4kg packet
Y7	Milk powder	-2kg packet
Y8	Tea leaves/Tea bags	1-2kg
Y9	Pasta/ Macaroni etc.	2-4 packets
Y10	Dates	1-2 kg packet
Y11	Kellogg’s Cornflakes cereal/oats	1-2 packet
Y12	Oil	1.5-3 liters
Y13	Rice	2-4kg packet
Staff	They can bring any of the above-mentioned items.	

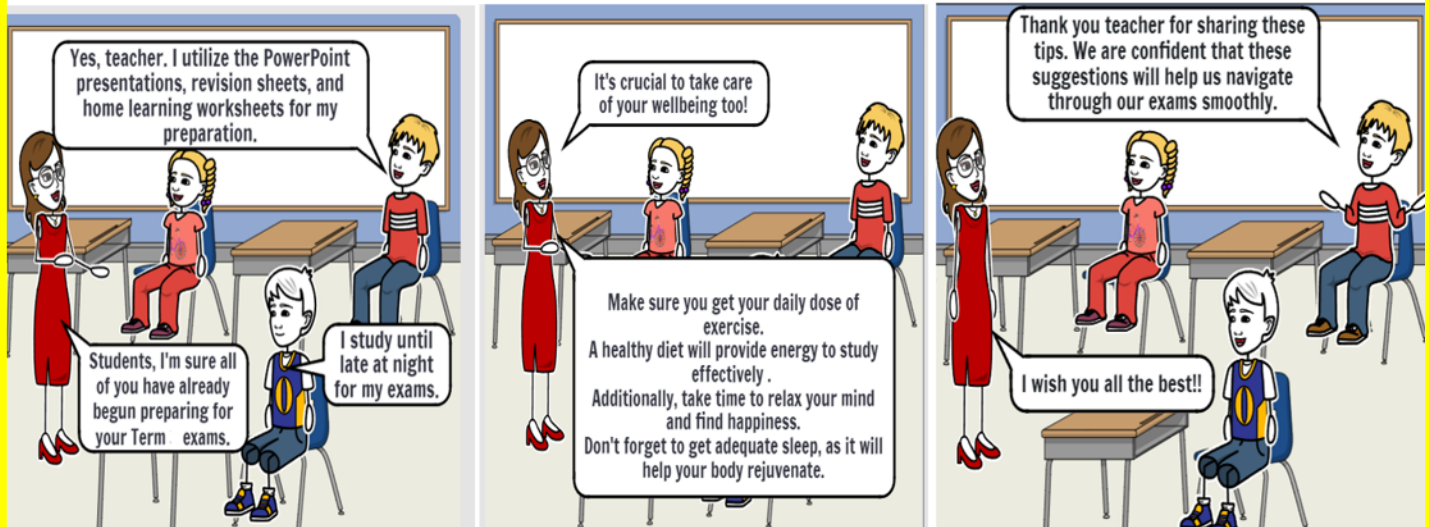
Thank you for your generosity.

Regards,

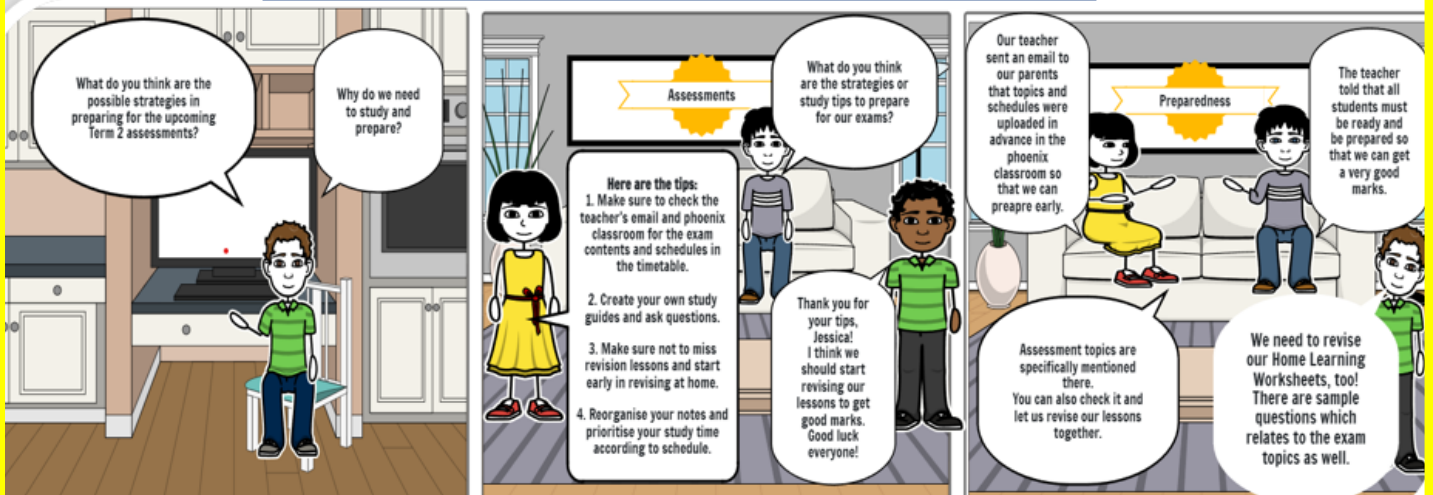
WSS Management

Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

EXAM PREPARATION AND WELLBEING



Term 2 Assessment Preparation Tips



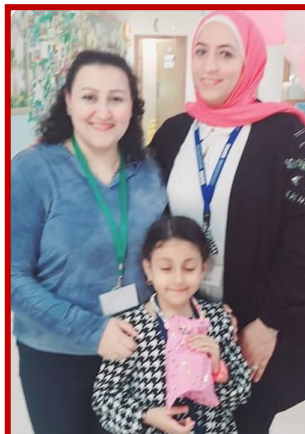
Whole School News; Family First!

Mothers' Day, Celebrated at WSS on 7/3/24!



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Dear Ms. Sadiqa/Ms. Asma,

Good Day.!

I am writing to convey that you had arranged the mother's day celebrations very well and I enjoyed every moment of it.

The concept of celebrating the mother's day with our children at their classroom helps instill the importance of this day into our children's minds. It also helps strengthen the bond between mother - child, mother - teacher and between all the mothers of the children in the class.

I appreciate the initiative and look forward to more such events at the class.

PS: thank you for the warm greetings and welcome from Ms. Shumail, Ms. Sadiqa and Ms. Asma.

Thanks & Regards

Nayab Farman

Mother of Ayesha Amir

Whole School News; Family First!

Meet my Family!

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Adn Fatemah Y8GD



My Dad (Umair)

Filled with confidence and is a major cat lover. The smartest man I know and the one who cracks my family up.



My Mom (Sadia)

The most obedient mom ever. Shows everyone with love and is the most creative person I know. Helps with certain tasks.



Me (Adn)

Pied with endless possibilities for making beaded jewelry. Good student in school. Beaded jewelry artist.



My grandmother (Habiba)

A kind grandmother who spoils her kids and grandkids rotten. She is religious and the best teacher.



My Cats (Pikachu, Eevee, Coco)

All three of my cats, filled with affection and love. We care for each of them deeply. Pikachu is most talkative and adventurous. Eevee is photogenic and fluffy. Coco is an attention seeker and a mini polar bear.

International Day- Family First Mothers' Day celebration (Y8)



Family values

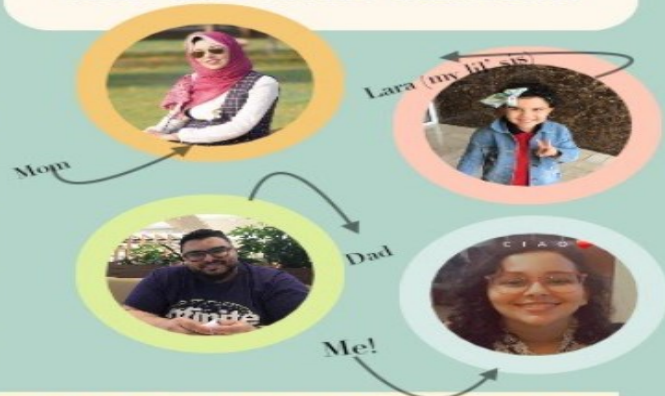
MY AMAZING FAMILY

Hana Waleed
Y8GF



Photo of my family

MEET MY FAMILY MEMBERS!



Meet the loving Elhassanin family, where love, respect, and unity reign supreme. With a deep-rooted commitment to compassion and understanding, we navigate life's joys and challenges with unwavering support for one another. From shared laughter to heartfelt conversations, our bond strengthens with each passing moment. Together, we embody the timeless values of empathy, integrity, and resilience, inspiring all who encounter us to cherish the power of family.

Siblings:
Hana Lara

Parents:
Ghada Waleed

WSS Superstar Champions!



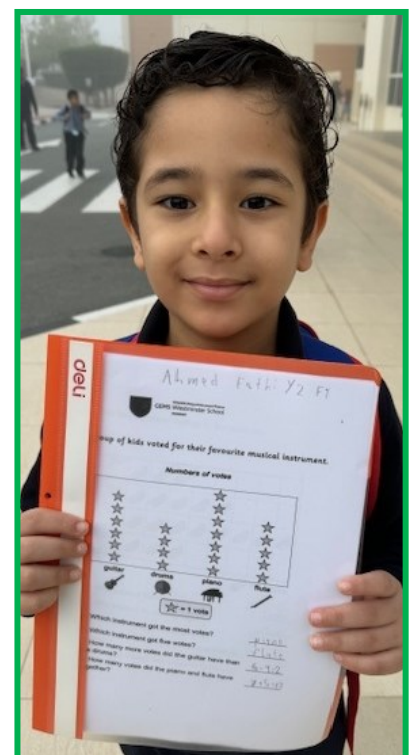
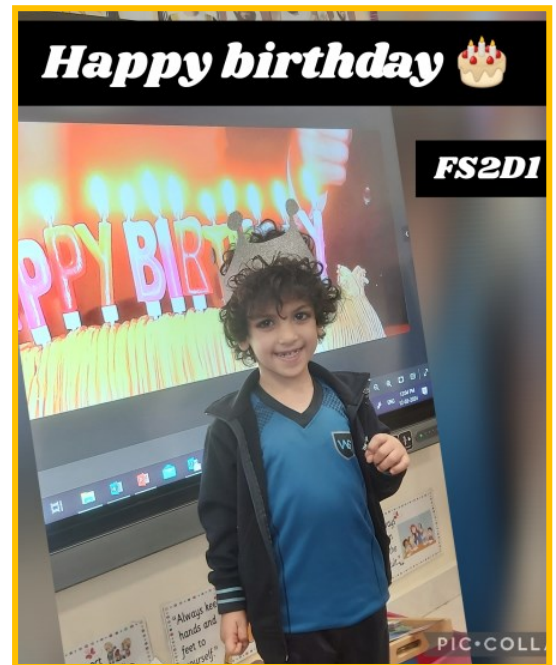
Some of our superstar Teachers who received tokens of appreciation for 'Going above & beyond' for their students success.



Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



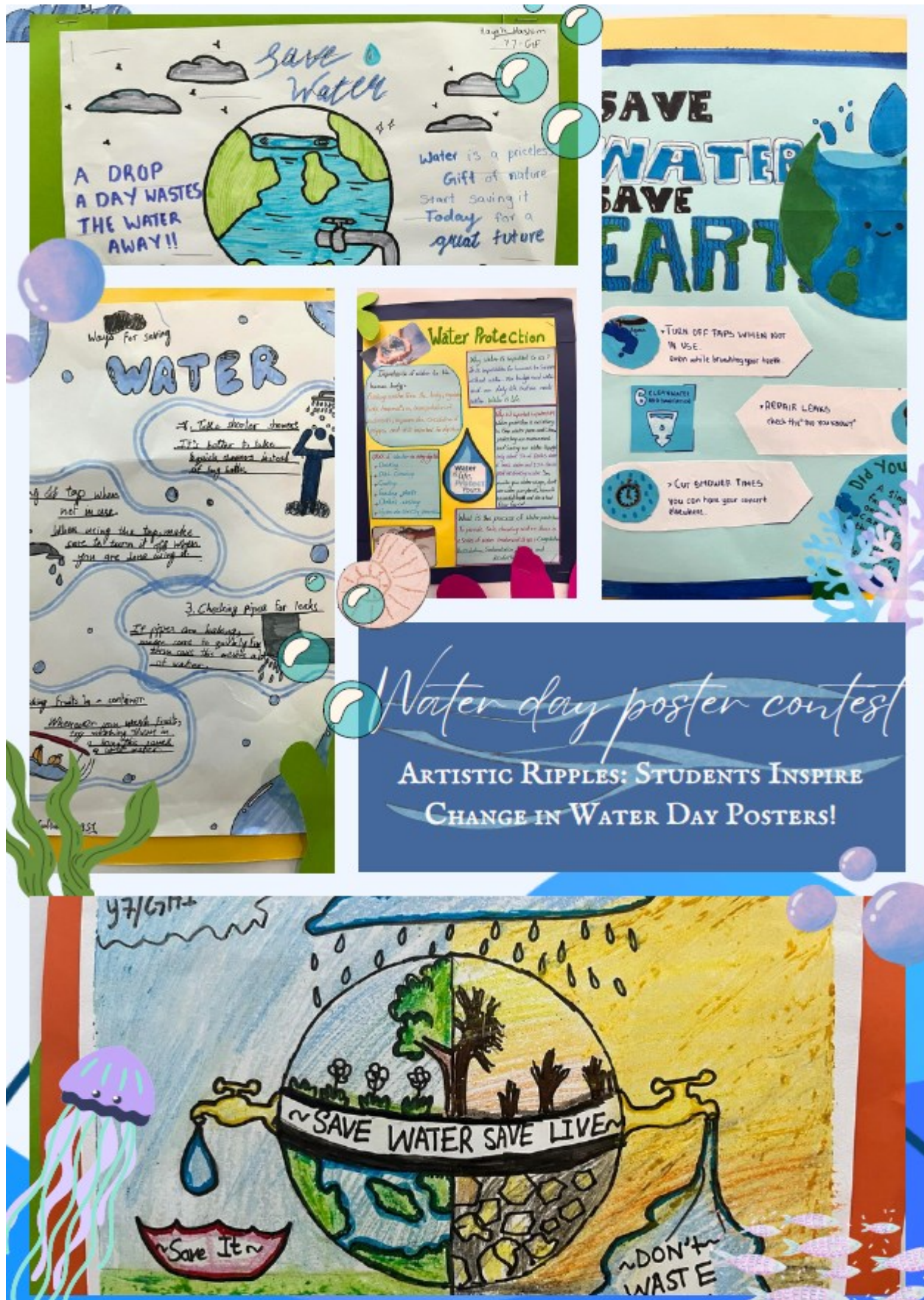
A beautiful new Reception Display (at the water cooler) promoting careful water management as a precious resource. Thank you team for displaying these important messages!



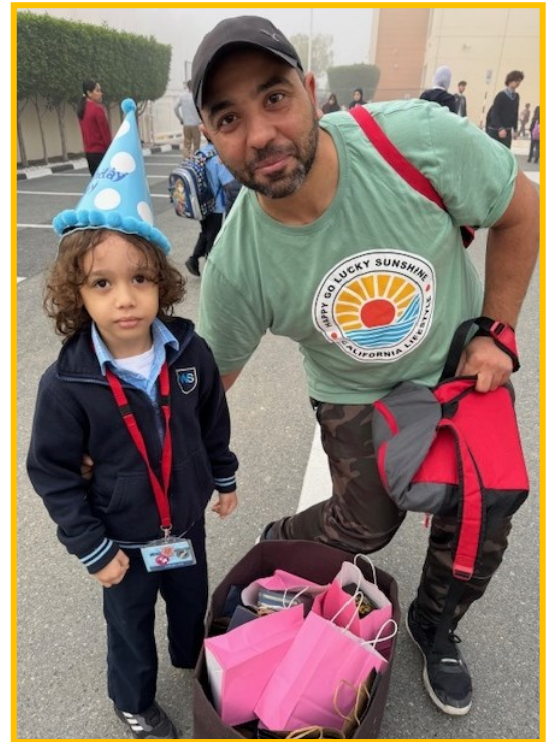
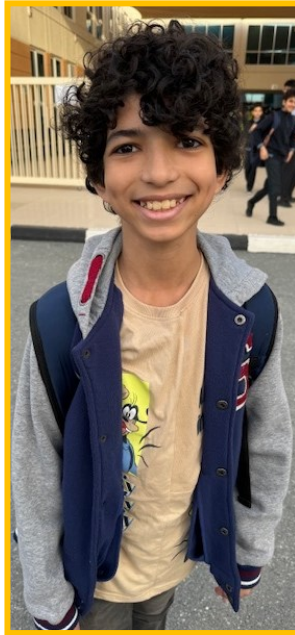
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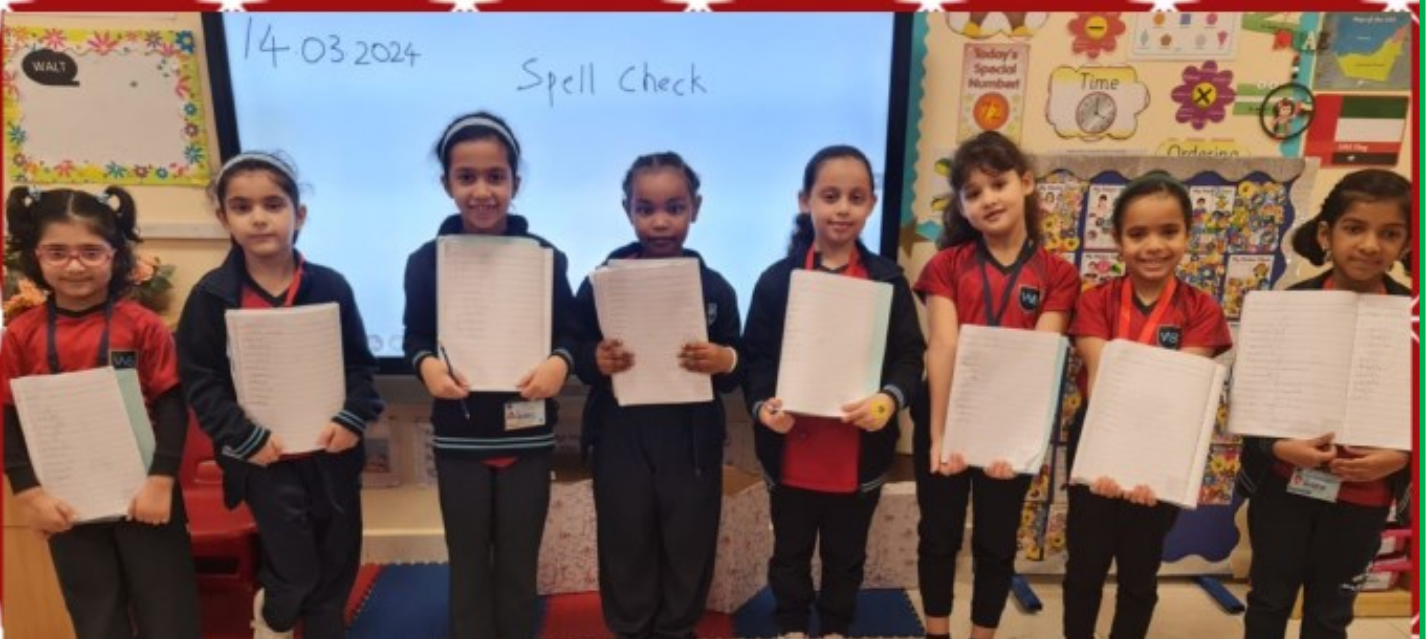
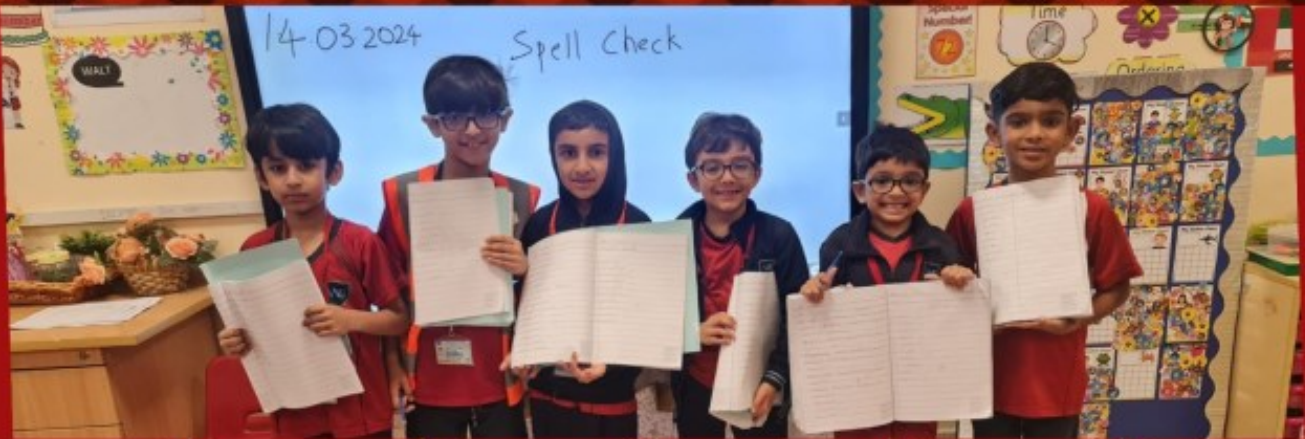


Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Spell check champions of Y2S1
with Ms. Sara and Ms. Catherin



Junior Section News; YFS2 D1 Learning Activities!



Busy sequencing story cards



Busy exploring Ramadan sensory tray



**Busy creating
Ramadan
crafts**



Homelearning

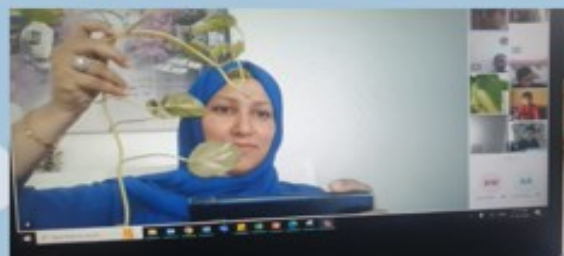
Junior Section News; Y1D2 Learning Activities!



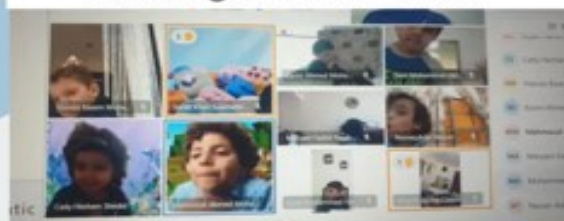
Practicing for the concert



Learning about weight



Learning about Climbers



Y1-D2 with Ms. sadiqa and Ms. Asma

Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!

TR: Jinitra Rajesh

TA: Asma Mohamed



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!



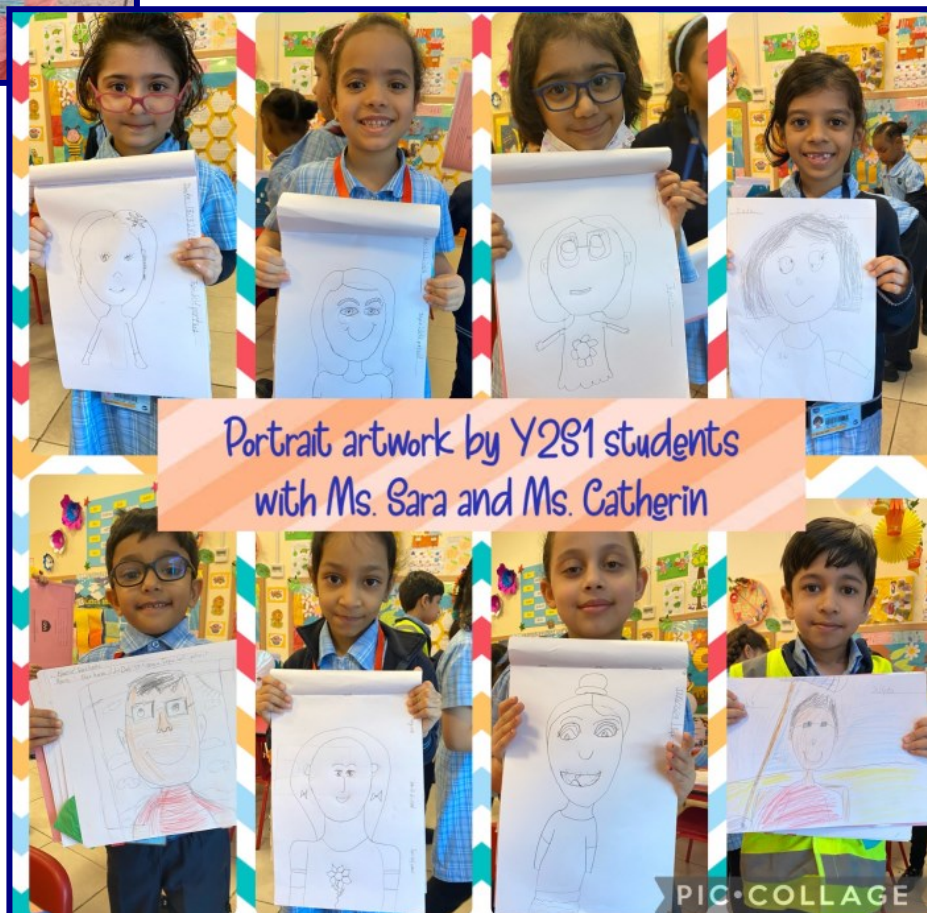
As our favourite book characters || Y2S1
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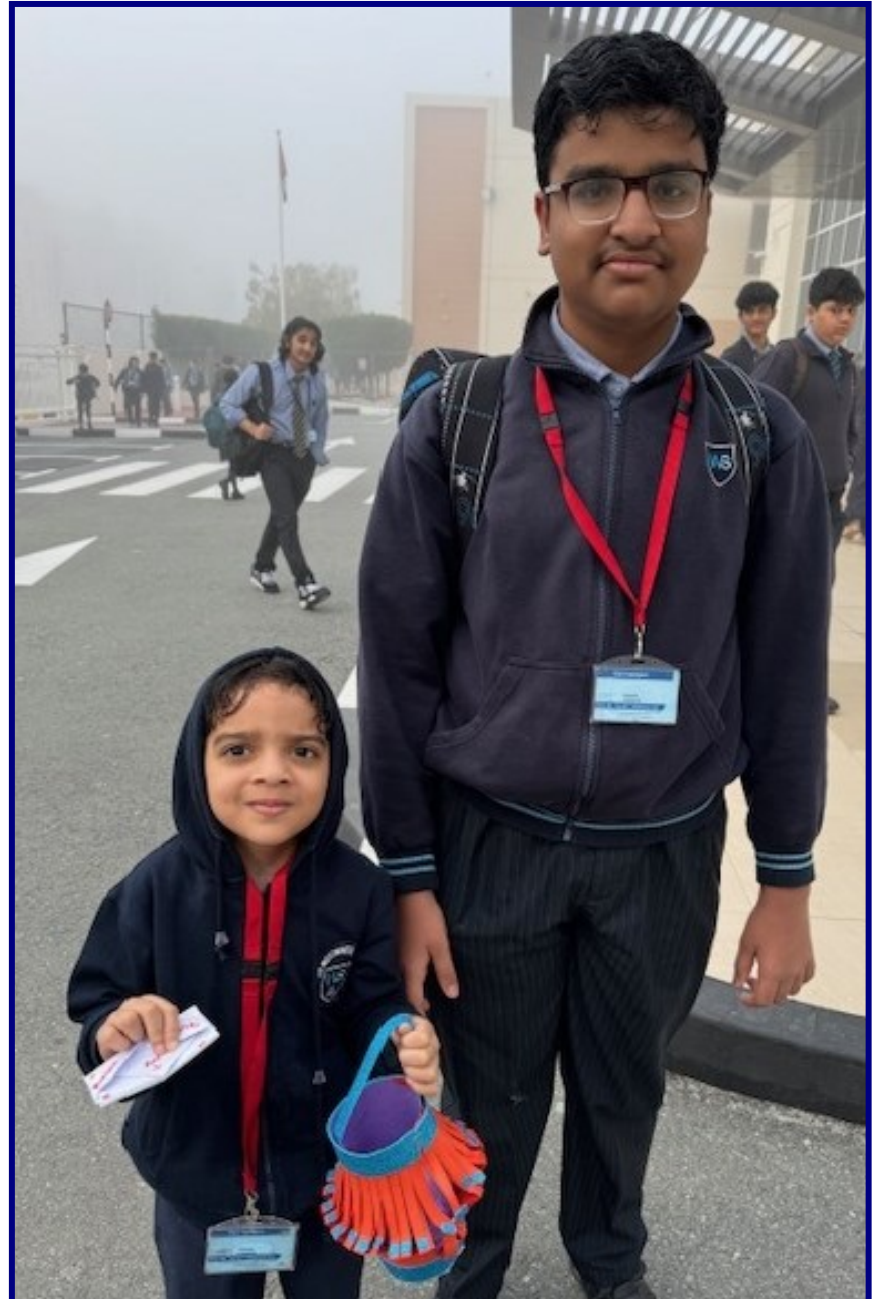
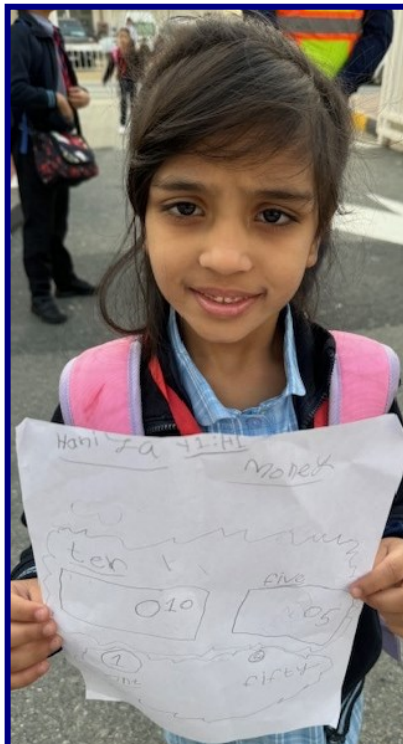


Best costume winner || Yassen of Y2S1
with Ms. Sara and Ms. Catherin



Portrait artwork by Y2S1 students
with Ms. Sara and Ms. Catherin

Junior Section News

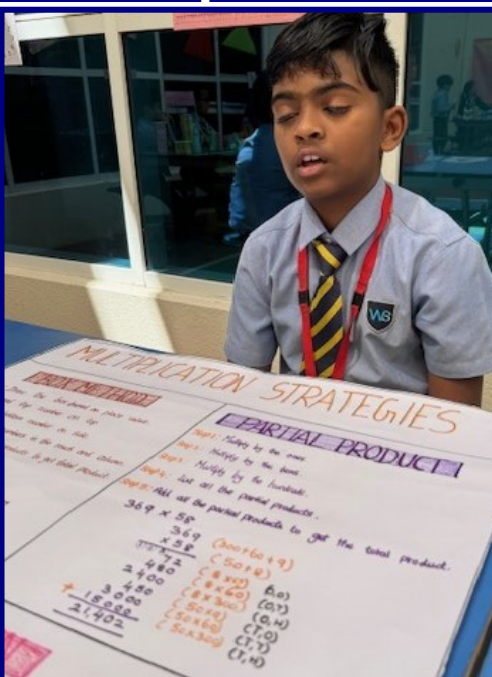
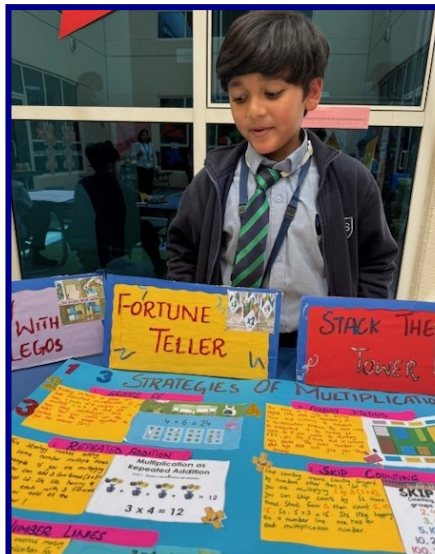
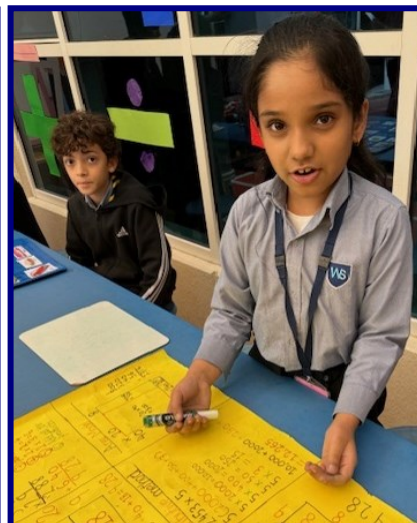


WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

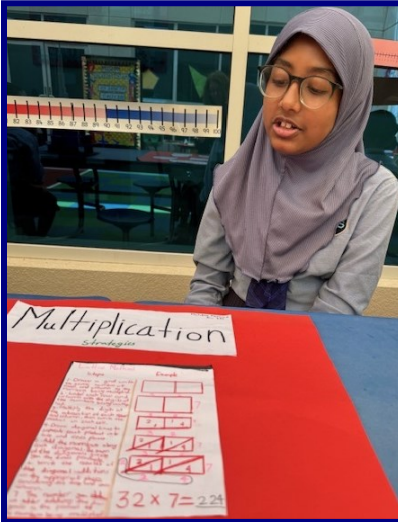
★ ★ ★ ★ Super stars of Y5D1 ★ ★ ★ ★



Primary Section News; Y4 Maths Workshops, 12/3/24!



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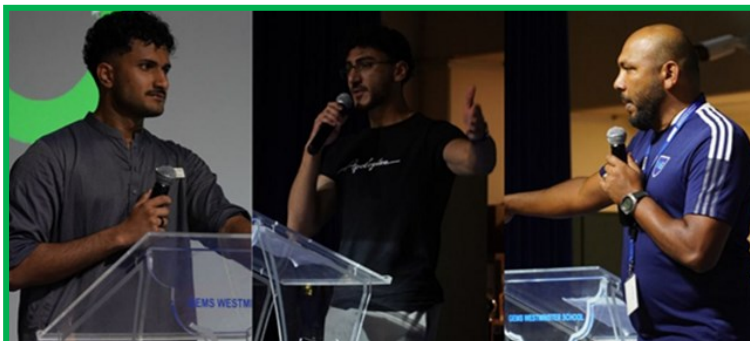


Primary Section News!



The VP along with Primary SLT met with Mr. Jordan Searce of Century Tech. for a mid-year review on how the platform is working in class to support with personalisation. He was pleased to share that WSS is in the top 5 schools for usage!

WSS Secondary Section Breakbusters Superstar Champions!



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WSS Secondary Section MUN Superstar Champions!

A WSS student team participated in the GEMS World Academy MUN event recently. Nearly 90 WSS students registered, with 50 being allocated seats due to capacity constraints. It was fulfilling to witness our students engage with the inspiring speeches delivered by distinguished figures such as His Excellency Ban Ki Moon, Former Eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Dr. Heinz Fischer, 11th President of Austria, along with our esteemed Group Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Dino Varkey, and Global Chief Education Officer, Principal/CEO of GWA, Dr. Saima Rana.

At GWA, our students achieved remarkable success, garnering various awards amidst 730 delegates/participants. Notable mentions include Carine receiving the Best Chair award, Hussein (Y12) securing the title of Best Delegate, Hatim (Y12) as the 2nd Best Delegate, Mashal (Y12) earning 3rd Best Delegate, Ranem (Y12) recognized as the Best Delegate, Emanuel (Y13) awarded Best Delegate, Adil Sultan (Y12) receiving the Best Position Paper award, Harris (Y12) as the 2nd Best Delegate, Haidar (Y12) with the Best Position Paper accolade, Aimen (Y10) named Runner-up Best Delegate, Ayesha (Y10) honored with the Best Position Paper, and Manahil (Y10) also receiving the Best Position Paper award. Special acknowledgment goes to Mariam Shams (Y12) for her outstanding coordination and management efforts at GWA.

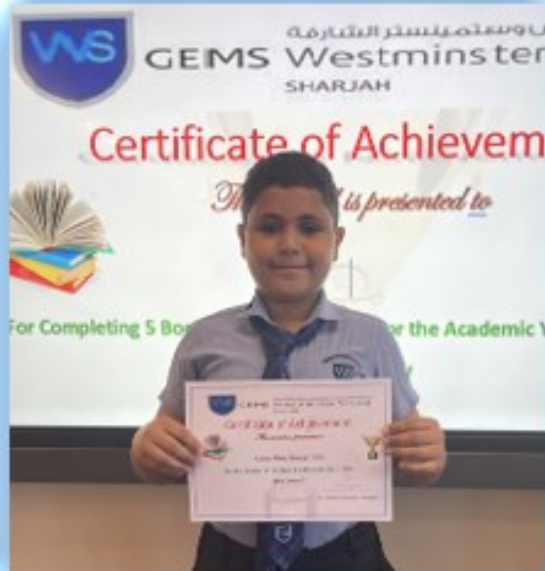
GWA MUN 2024 – MAR 8TH TO 10TH



WSS Secondary Section Reading Superstar Champions!

READER OF TERM 2

AMMAR AHMED Y8BS & IHAN SHAMEER Y8BS



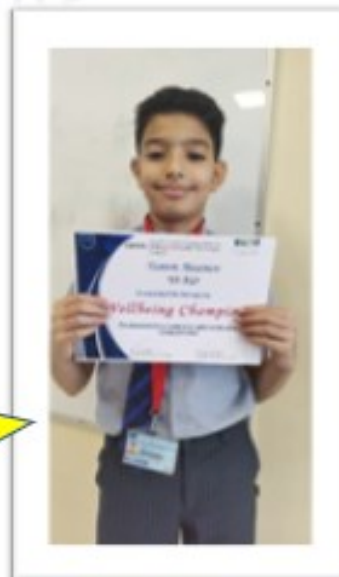
COMPLETED 5 BOOK REVIEWS IN TERM 2

HANA AHMED, OMNIA HASSAN & MALK AHMED



WSS Secondary Section Y8 Superstar Champions!

Y8- Star Students



Century-Tech Champions

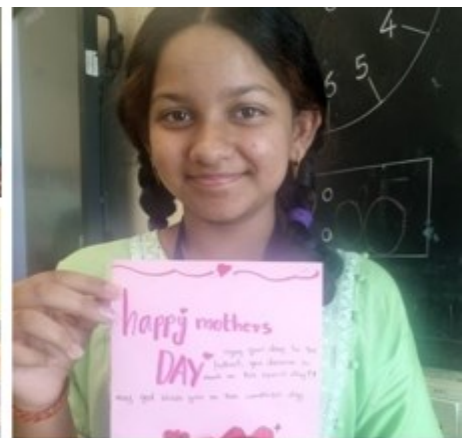


Secondary Section News; Y7 Learning Activities!

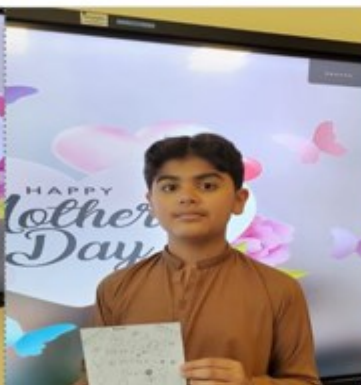


Adaptability in
uncertainty

- Year 7 showcased amazing adaptability during a surprise online day on Monday this week



Tribute to Mothers by Year 7girls



Paying Homage to our mothers (Year 7Boys)

INTERNATIONAL DAY

