

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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3rd March, 2022



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Uniform

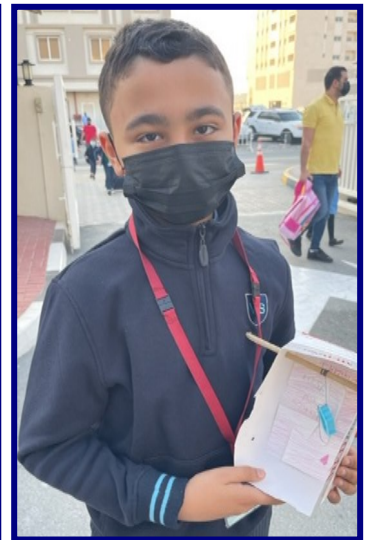
Many thanks dear parents for your support of our 'Professional Dress' smart uniform policy. The standard of uniform has really improved this week & now almost all students are wearing ties/scarves & super professional uniform to school. Great teamwork!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Monday 21st to Thursday 24th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 2 Exam Week. Timings for all students will be 7:30am-12:30pm
TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The online re-enrollment facility will open shortly 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 <u>re-enrollment deadline is Sunday 10th April 2022</u>. After this date we will assume you do not want seats for September & have to give un-booked seats to the Waiting List.
28th Feb. to 10th March	<p>Class & Portrait photographs by Lensman. Please ensure that your child comes to school with extra smart uniform on these days. Thanks.</p>



This week we have been extremely busy celebrating World Book Day, through a range of competitions & activities across the school. Literacy, including critical reading skills allow students to access many other areas of learning to ensure success in their future!



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

WSS Superstar Champions!



FS2 S1

We are excited to get stickers from Ms Raghi



FS2 S1



Hurray! We filled up our marble jar



The teaching team are awarded prizes by Learning Coach Dr. Lisa, for demonstrating best practice in their teaching & applying CPD strategies to learning activities. Congratulations!

WSS Superstar World Book Day Champions!



Literacy activities included Book Cover design, Extreme Reading Challenge, Story-Telling & Poetry Recitation. Students showed confidence as they applied their reading skills! Well done to all our literary Superstars!

WSS Superstar World Book Day Champions!



World book day winners

WSS Superstar Champions!



WSS Superstar Champions!



BISHOU SAAD SAMWAIL LABIB REZK

BELAL MOHAMED MAHMOUD ABDELAZIZ

Y6 BS

 Class
 Champions
 A LITTLE
 PROGRESS
 EACH DAY
 ADDS UP
 TO BIG RESULTS



MUHAMMAD SHAHEER

MOHAMMAD ALI

TANUSH MENON



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

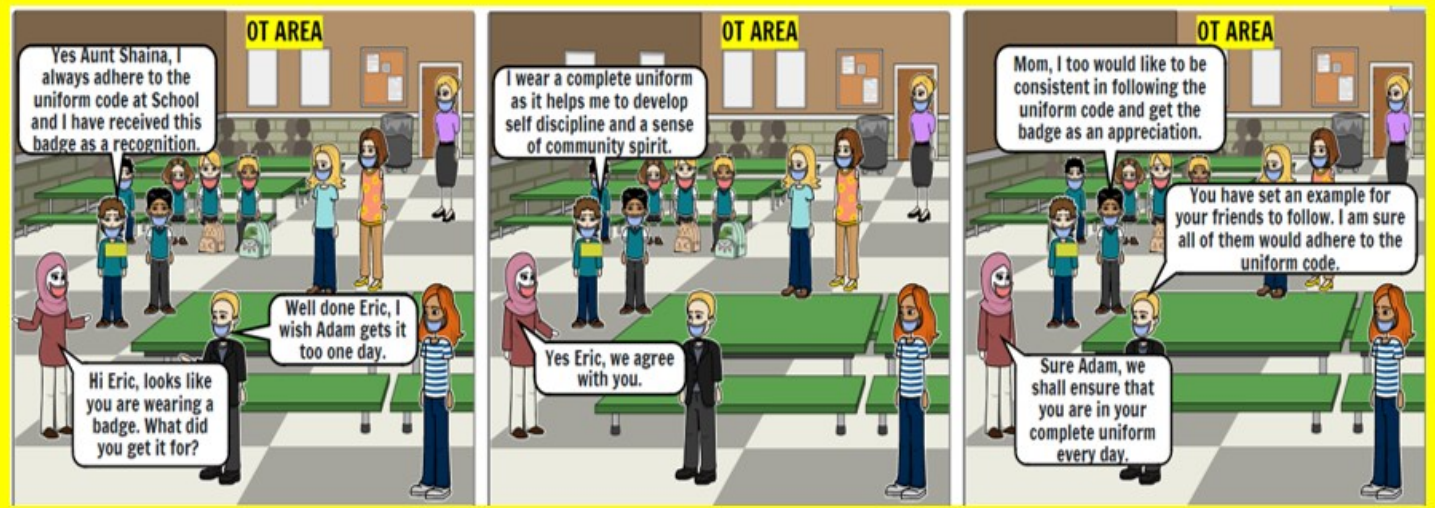


Staff First Aid Training for our children's health & safety; we now have 32 members holding a valid first aid training certificate. Thanks to the team who attended additional First Aid training on Friday 25/2/22.

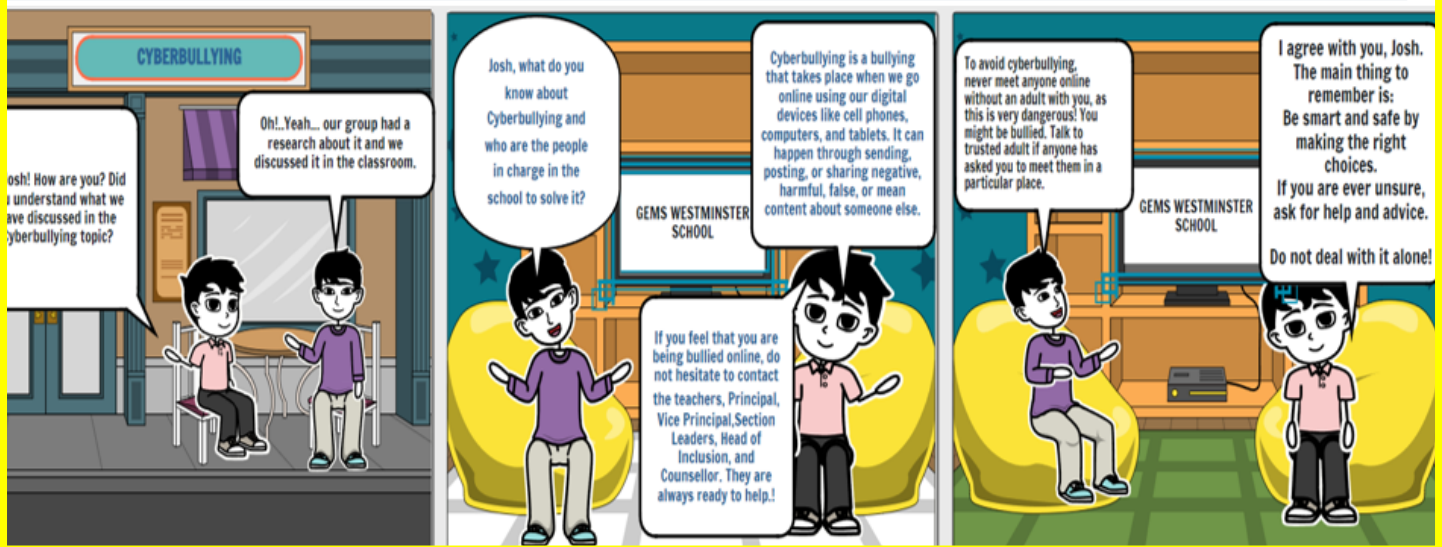
Find our updated Parent Handbook through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.



Whole School News; Thoughts for the Week!



CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS



Junior Section News; Trips are Back! Thank you SPEA!!



With Ms. Sadiqa

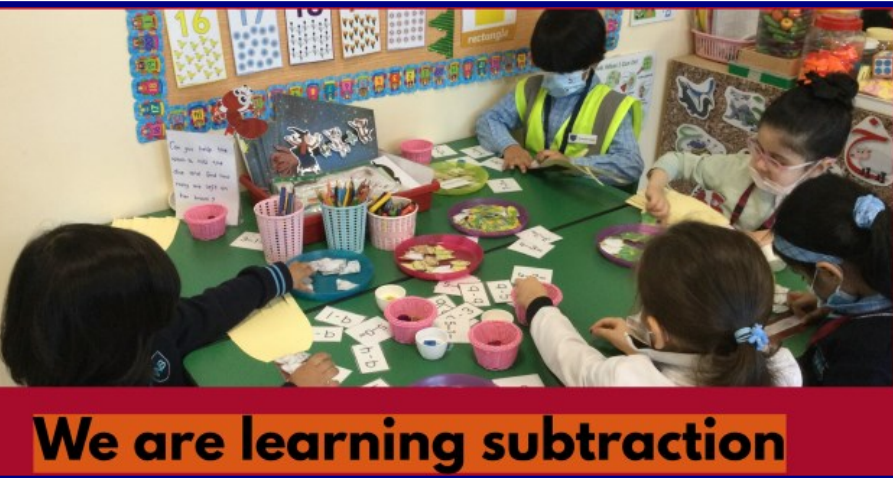


Y2H2 with Ms. Aqueen



Thank you Hazel for your cute song, 'The Wheels on the Bus'. Ms. Valerie really enjoyed it!

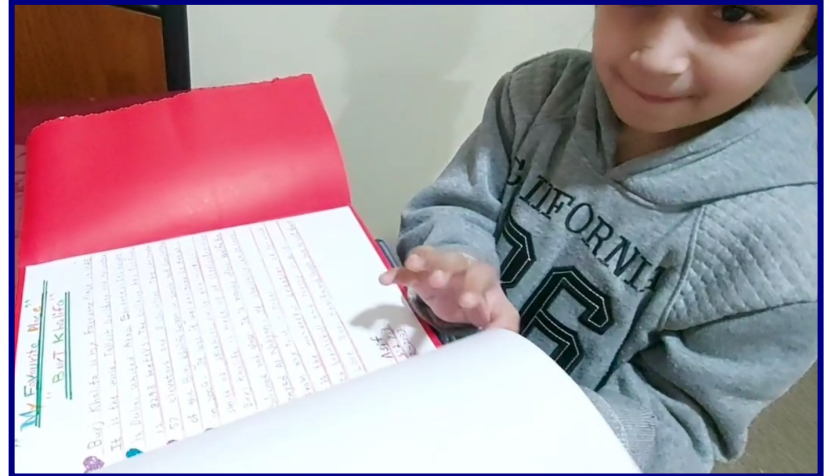
Junior Section News; Learning Activities & FS2!



Junior Section News



Thank you Nabia for sharing your super video, project & writing.



Presented by
Nabia Asif
Gr:2 S:2 Y:3
Music Teacher
Mr: Dinesh

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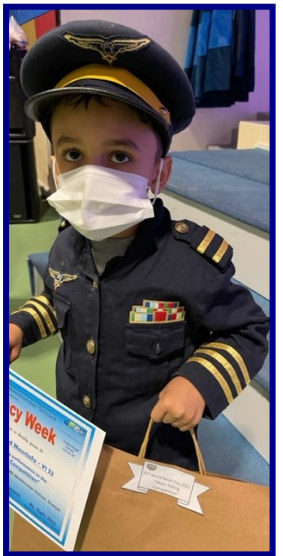
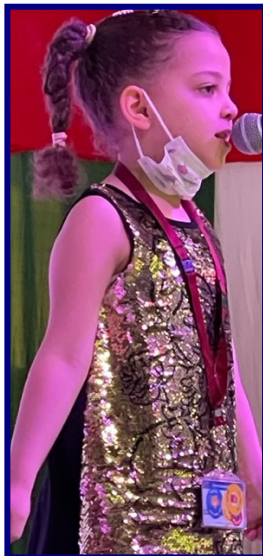
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Junior Section News; World Book Celebration, 3/3/22!



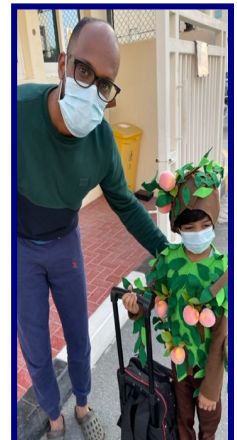
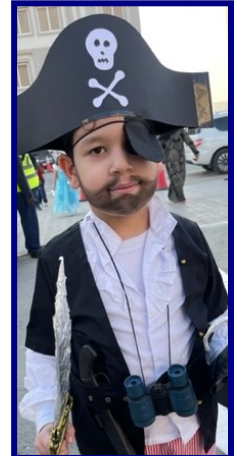
World Book Prize-Giving Ceremony for Poetry Recitation, Story-Telling, Extreme Reading Challenge, Character Costume & Book Cover Design, 3/3/22!



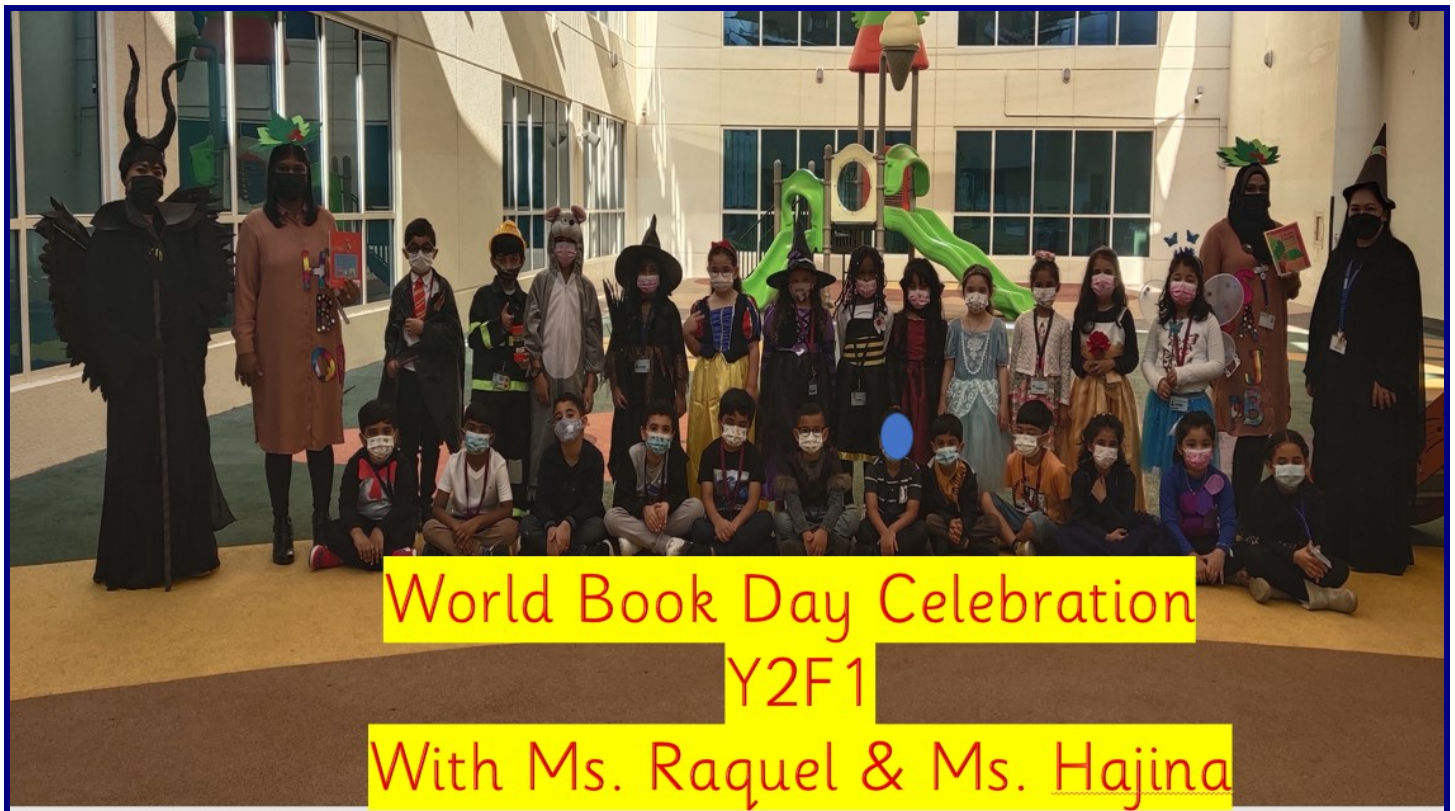
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Junior Section News; Learning Activities in FS2!



FS2 D1 experimenting objects which dissolve and do not dissolve



FS2 D1 at the play dough station

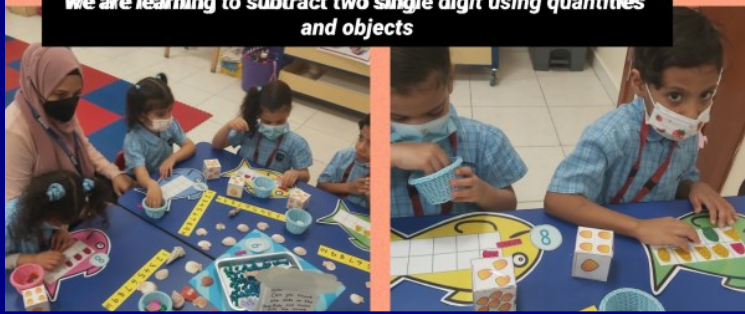


FS2 D1 sequencing story cards



FS2D1

We are learning to subtract two single digit using quantities and objects



FS2 D1 at the creative station

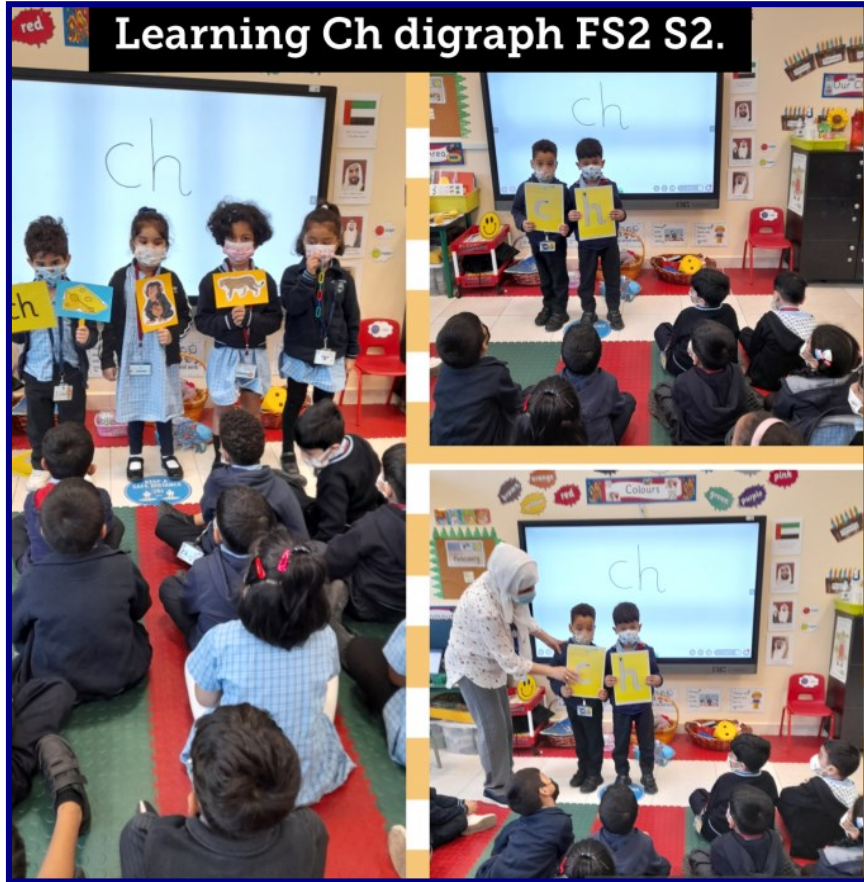


We can feed hungry cheetah with "ch" diagraph words

PIC-COLLAGE

With Ms. Nikhat & Ms. Afroz

Junior Section News

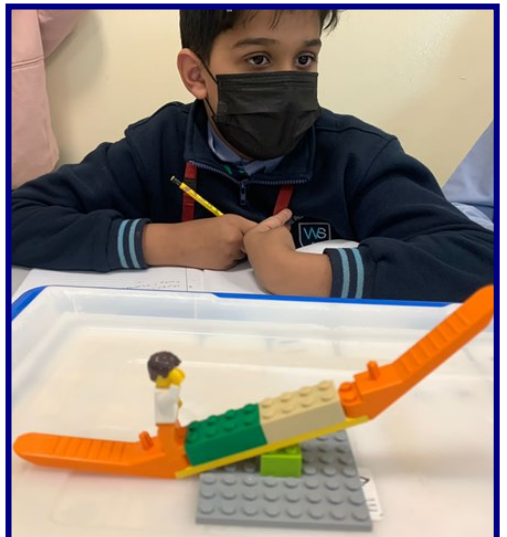
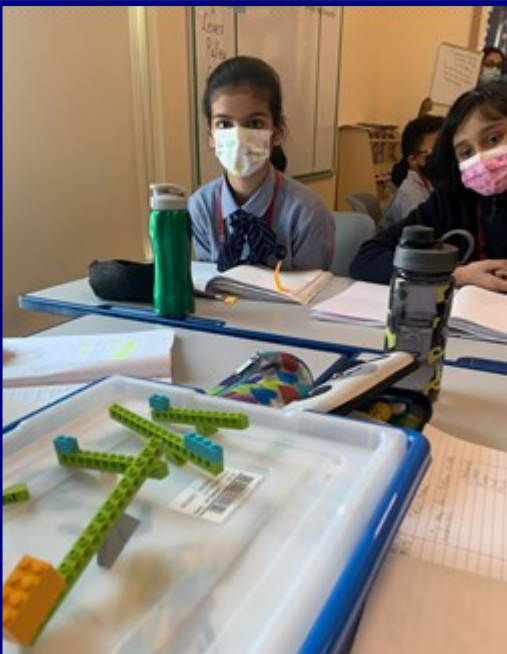
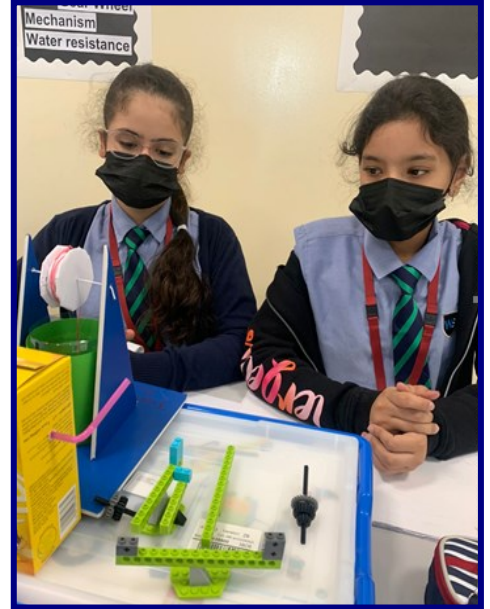
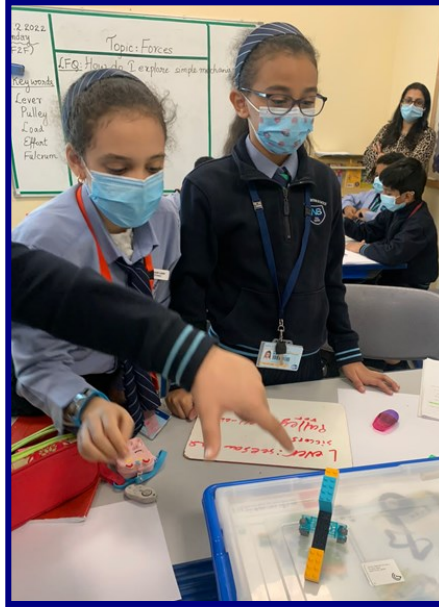
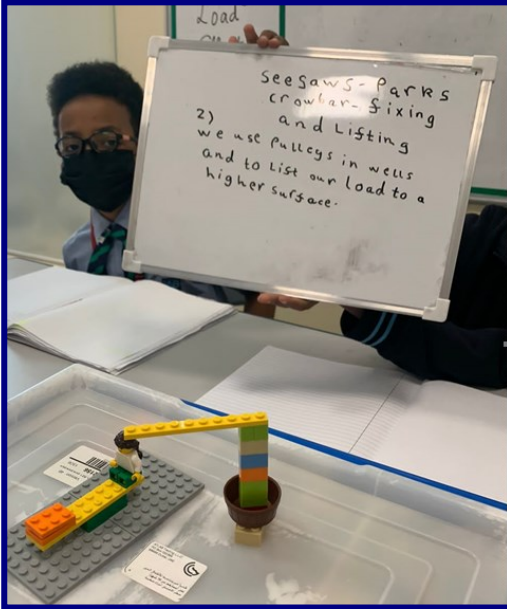


With Ms. Maria

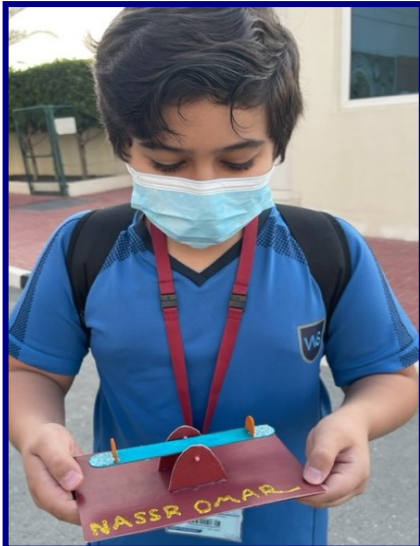
Well done for the Home Learning



Primary Section News; Scintillating Science!



Y5H2 practical Science lesson with Ms. Lakshmi, learning about simple mechanisms, pulleys & levers.



Primary Section News



Y3S2 projects for Ms. Sangeetha

Y3S2 learning Multiplication using resources with Ms. Sangeetha



Y3S2

Primary Section News

**LFQ: To create a cityscape with paper collage
Yr.4**



**LFQ: To create designs by using
recyclable materials. (Yr. 6 Boys)**

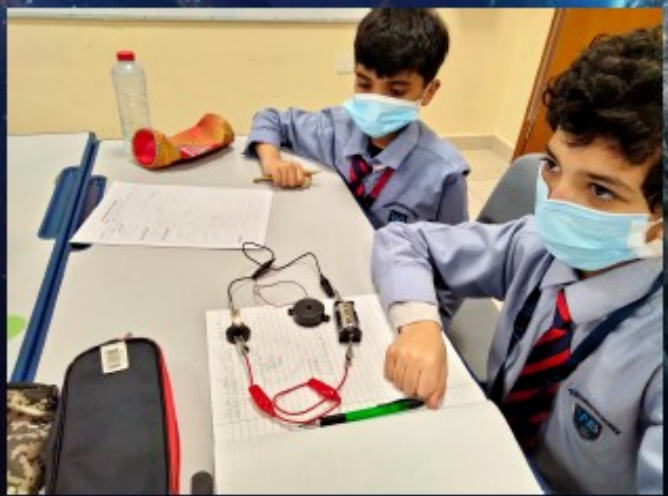


Creativity in Art lessons with Ms. Surbhi

Primary Section News

Students are engaged in investigative work that focuses on using ideas about circuits to construct circuits, observe how they work and using results to draw conclusions.

Y6BS with Ms. Anila



Secondary Section News; 6th Form Options Event, 28/2/22!



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SIXTH FORM OPTION MEETING 28TH FEBRUARY 2022



Our Vice Principal, Mr. Andrew Wilson welcoming Year 11 students to the options meeting.



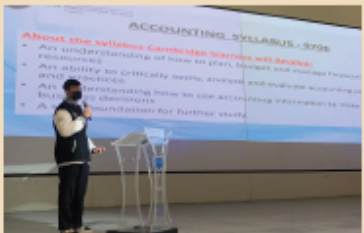
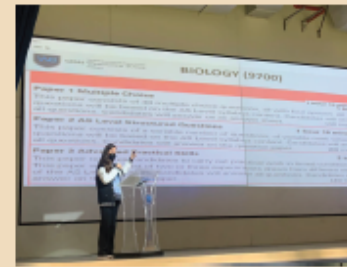
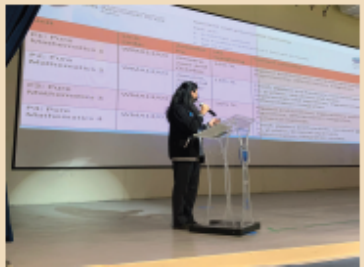
Assistant Principal, Mr. Alfred Franklin presenting Ministry requirements for completing secondary school in British curriculum & EmSAT procedure in UAE.



Assistant Principal, Ms. Sreeja Nair presenting the Sixth form course details and the selection criteria at WSS.



Parent Partner, Mr. Anil Mathews Words of Wisdom to our Year 11 students.



Secondary school Student Council members
Joanne Mathews(Head Girl), Saim Shaikh(Head Boy),
Loujain Feras(Deputy Head Girl) and Zuhair Atiq(Deputy Head Boy)
presenting AS/AL Subject specifications.



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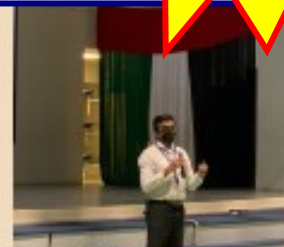


Secondary Section News; 6th Form Options Event, 28/2/22!



Sixth form Phase leader, Ms. Swarupa Kommareddi presenting "Backward Planning" to Year 11 students.

School Leaders answering student and parent queries regarding Sixth form options.



Year 11 students attending the meeting.



Secondary Section News; Inter-School STEAM Carnival at TWS!

The event held on Thursday, 24th February 2022 in GEMS WINCHESTER JEBAL ALI. STEAM Carnival's theme is in line with "The Year of the 50th ". STEAM Carnival will provide opportunities for students to build critical thinking skills as well as enhance their collaboration and innovation skills through challenging tasks on programming and STEAM.



TEAM Alpha Led
by Ms. Geethu

- MALAK AL AJRAMI Y8GD
- TASNIM MEJRI Y8GD
- NAKSHATRA Y8GD

Secondary Section News; Peer Mentoring!

Mentoring sessions are a part of passport program

IGCSE Mentoring

AS and A level mentors are conducting mentoring sessions for IGCSE students during break time.



AS mentoring

During the sessions AL ('A' Level) mentors take the class with lot of dedication and enthusiasm. The mentees (AS Level students) are also happy and thankful when their seniors teach them.



Preparing Students
for their Future!

When you teach, you learn.

Helen Sumner