

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Welcome back to WSS for Term 3! We have planned a busy, productive Term & look forward to your continuing engagement & support. We wish you & your children every success & an enjoyable Term ahead. Eid Mubarak for next week!

Health & Safety: Compulsory WSS Parent ID Card to Enter School Premises

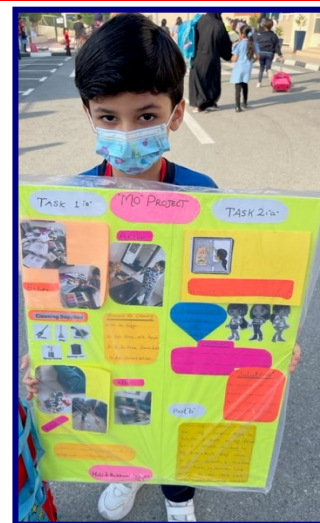
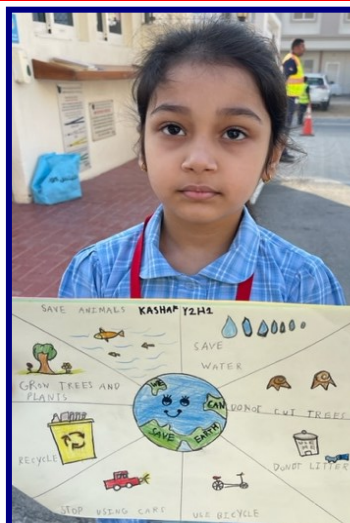
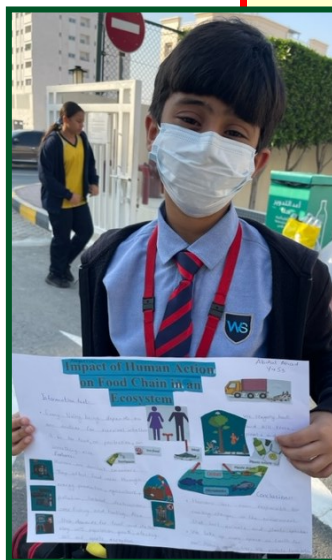
An action from our recent Health & Safety Audit requires that we ensure all parents & other visitors wear/show their parent school ID & lanyard to enter school premises through Gate Security. Please note that from Monday 24th April, we will be very strict with this, so to avoid inconvenience, do please bring your WSS ID to school with you if you wish to enter the school premises (& for any driver collecting your child).

- If you need a new ID, holder or Lanyard, do please contact BBT (Bus) office urgently.
- A Parent ID card is issued free on joining WSS (the same original, old card can be used every year)
- Any additional card would be charged
- Each adult must show an ID card to enter through the gate.
- One adult can enter/exit with multiple siblings using one parent ID card per adult.

Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thurs. 23rd March until Eid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramadan. • <u>8am-1pm. No Babysitting</u> after 1pm. Parents of OT students, please collect them on time. Thanks.
10/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 3 starts on <u>Monday 10/4/23</u> with Ramadan timings. • T3 fees due, thank you. • New school timings (7:20am-12:25/2:20pm) start from the first school day after Eid.
Wednesday 19/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T3 Mid-Term Break (non-teaching day) for students. • <u>PTM 8am-12pm</u>. Students are invited to attend along with their parents to meet their Teachers. Students should wear school Uniform.
Thursday 20/4/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closed for Eid. Eid Mubarak! (TBC by Authorities)
Tuesday 2/5/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Deadline to pay the re-enrollment fee</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.
29/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official last day of the academic year (TBC by SPEA)
Monday 28/8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New student's first day of the new academic year, subject to full T1 fees being cleared.
Tuesday 29/8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Returning students to rejoin from Tuesday 29/8/23</u>, subject to full T1 fees having been cleared. • There are <u>no Payment Plans</u> for Term 1, so please Budget accordingly. Students will only be admitted for the new academic year once T1 fees have been cleared in full. Thank you.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 27
13 أبريل 2023



رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي السيدة
فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

مرحبًا بك مرة أخرى في WSS للفصل 3!

لقد خططنا لفترة طويلة ومثمرة ونتطلع
إلى استمرار مشاركتك ودعمك. تتمنى لكم
ولأطفالكم كل التوفيق وفصل دراسي ممتع
في المستقبل. عيد مبارك للأسبوع القادم!

الصحة والأمان: بطاقة هوية WSS للوالدين إجبارية لدخول المباني المدرسية.

يتطلب إجراء من تدقيق الصحة والسلامة الذي أجريناه مؤخرًا أن
تأكد من أن جميع الآباء والأمهات والزائرين الآخرين يرتدون /
يظهرون هويتهم المدرسية للدخول إلى مباني المدرسة من خلال
البوابة الأمنية. يرجى ملاحظة أنه اعتبارًا من يوم الإثنين 24
أبريل، ستكون صارمين للغاية في هذا الأمر، لذا لتجنب أي
إزعاج، يرجى إحضار معرف WSS الخاص بك إلى المدرسة معك
إذا كنت ترغب في دخول مباني المدرسة (وأي سائق يجمع طفلك).
إذا كنت بحاجة إلى هوية مدرسية جديدة، فيرجى الاتصال بمكتب
BBT على وجه السرعة.

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى هوية جديدة أو حامل أو حبل قصير، فيرجى الاتصال
بمكتب BBT (حافلة) على وجه السرعة.

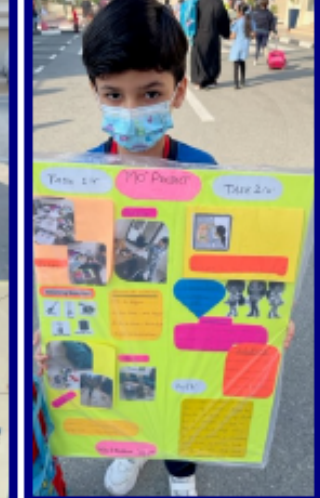
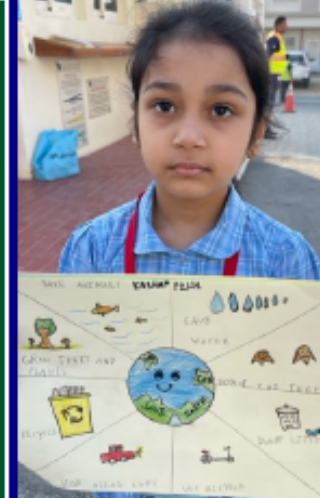
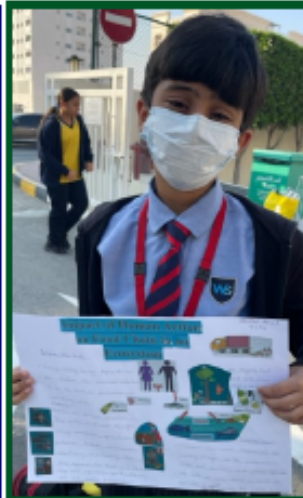
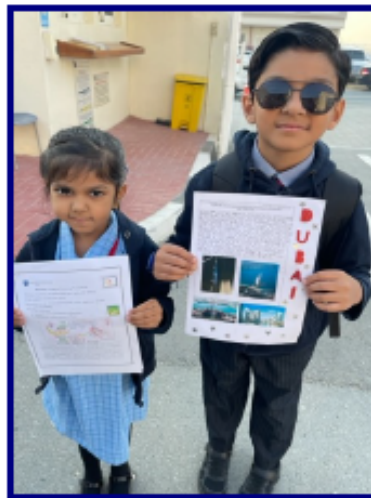
سيتم إصدار بطاقة هوية الوالدين مجانًا عند الانضمام إلى WSS يمكن
استخدام نفس البطاقة الأصلية القديمة كل عام.

سيتم فرض رسوم على أي بطاقة إضافية يجب على كل بالغ إبراز
بطاقة الهوية للدخول من البوابة.

يمكن لشخص بالغ الدخول / الخروج مع عدة أشخاص باستخدام بطاقة
هوية أحد الوالدين لكل شخص بالغ. شكرًا لك.

المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الخميس، 23 مارس حتى العيد	8 صباحًا - 1 مساءً. ممنوع خدمة مجالسة الأطفال بعد الساعة الواحدة مساءً. آباء الطلاب أصحاب النقل الذاتي (الخاص)، يرجى جمعهم في الوقت المحدد. شكرًا.
10/4/23	يبدأ الفصل الثالث يوم الإثنين الموافق 10/4/23 بتوقيت رمضان. مرسوم T3 المستحقة، شكرًا لك.
الأربعاء 19/4/23	• مواعيد المدرسة الجديدة (7:20 صباحًا - 12:25/2:20 مساءً) تبدأ من أول يوم دراسي بعد العيد. استراحة منتصف الفصل الدراسي T3 (يوم غير تعليمي) للطلاب. PTM • صباحًا 8 - 12 مساءً. الطلاب مدعوون للحضور مع أولياء أمرهم لمقابلة معلمهم. يجب على الطلاب ارتداء الزي المدرسي.
الثلاثاء 2/5/23	الموعد النهائي لدفع رسوم إعادة التسجيل. 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.
29/6/23	آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي لم يحدد من SPEA.
الاثنين 28/8/23	اليوم الأول للطلاب الجديد في العام الدراسي الجديد، مع مراعاة رسوم T1 كاملة.
الثلاثاء 29/8/23	• عودة الطلاب للالتحاق ابتداءً من يوم الثلاثاء الموافق 29/8/23 بشرط تصفية رسوم T1 كاملة. • لا توجد خطط دفع للفترة 1، لذا يرجى وضع الميزانية وفقًا لذلك. سيتم قبول الطلاب للعام الدراسي الجديد فقط بمجرد سداد رسوم T1 بالتكامل. شكرًا لك.



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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Stranger-Danger

Please note that it is strictly **not allowed** to talk to, touch or in any way engage with other people's children without their parents' permission (please note p59 of the Parent Handbook as published on our website).

Please remind your children of stranger-danger & to report to school staff incase any stranger engages with them.

In case you have an issue with another WSS student, please bring your concern to the school PRE/Management for their follow-up & support. Thank you.

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



Junior Section News; Junior Section Dates for Your Diary!



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Upcoming EVENTS











Co-curricular activities and events related to important days are always an integral part of the Junior Section learning programme. Students get numerous opportunities to learn while collaborating with their peers in a fun-filled and friendly environment. These co-curricular activities are even more successful and fruitful with your unwavering support and cooperation. Therefore, for your convenient forward planning, please note details of upcoming events in Junior Section:

Name of the Event	Date
*JS Face-to-Face PTMs (Parent-Teacher Meetings)	19 th April 2023
*JS Eid Celebrations	27 th April 2023
*JS Coffee Morning (Year End Expectations)	27 th April 2023
*Y2 Graduation Day	1 st May 2023
*JS – My Progress Steps Throughout the Year	11 th May 2023
*Y2 Progress Tests (PTM & PTE)	5 th to 8 th June 2023
*Y1 Annual Concert	14 th June 2023
*F5 Annual Concert	15 th June 2023

WSS Junior Section



WSS Superstar Champions; Staff of Term 2 Awardees!

	Staff Awards; WSS Staff Stars of Term 2	Term 2: January – March 2023
		
<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Kishwar Nawaz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Teacher of the Term Junior</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Catherin Murali</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Teacher Assistant of the Term Junior</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Lincy Jain</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Teacher of the Term Primary</p>
		
<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Asha Kumar Sunil</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Teacher of the Term Secondary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Jisharmon Arangodan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Teacher of the Term Secondary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Sumosh Anandan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Teacher of the Term Secondary</p>
		
<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Glory Faith Cabillo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Admin. Staff Award of the Term</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Vinitha Vasudevan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Admin. Staff Award of the Term</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Shalna Puthiloum Kunnath</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support Staff of the Term</p>

Whole School News; BBT Ramadan Charity Drive!



STUFF THE BUS! *with Hope*

STS GROUP

This Ramadan, STS Group has joined hands with Bring Hope Humanitarian Foundation to connect students in the UAE with displaced families in Kurdistan and Africa.

ITEMS TO INCLUDE



Toys



Clothes



Educational
Books



Stationery



School
Equipment



No
Perishables



An item of sentimental value and a heartfelt letter explaining its significance to you.

HOW TO DONATE



Deposit in the allocated drop-off area.



Contact your SDE volunteer to pack items for shipment.

BRING
HOPE



Whole School News; WSS Iftar Event!

Thank you to Ms. Mukhsana (HOD Islamic Studies), her team of dedicated Teachers & our active Student Leaders for organizing this special event. We were honoured to welcome 2 special guest speakers who addressed us about the importance of Ramadan values to our daily lives.



Whole School News; WSS Iftar Event!



Dear All,,,

May God bless you always, you bring joy to our hearts and the hearts of our children. Thank you for the special Iftar.

As usual, Miss Doaa creates innovations every year and makes us and our children happy with events and events. Today, our joy increased with the beautiful Ramadan Iftar, so we had to thank her and thank you for hosting us and making us happy. You have all our love and appreciation



Environment & Recycling Superstar Champions!

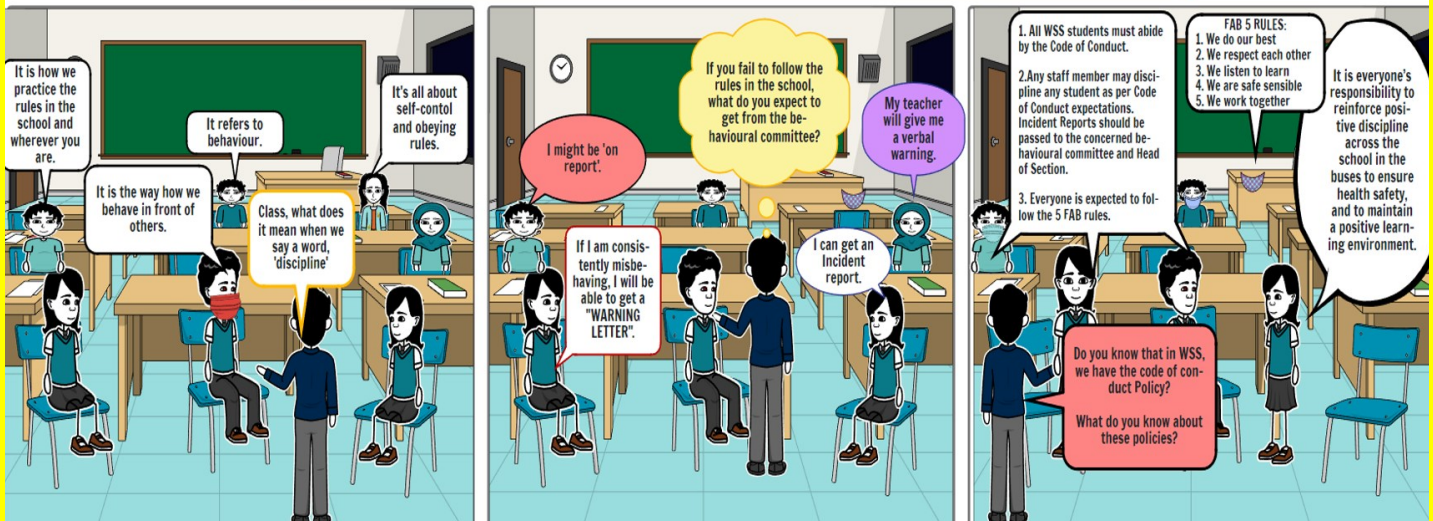


Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!
Awarded for Participation in the Ramadan Charity Drive!

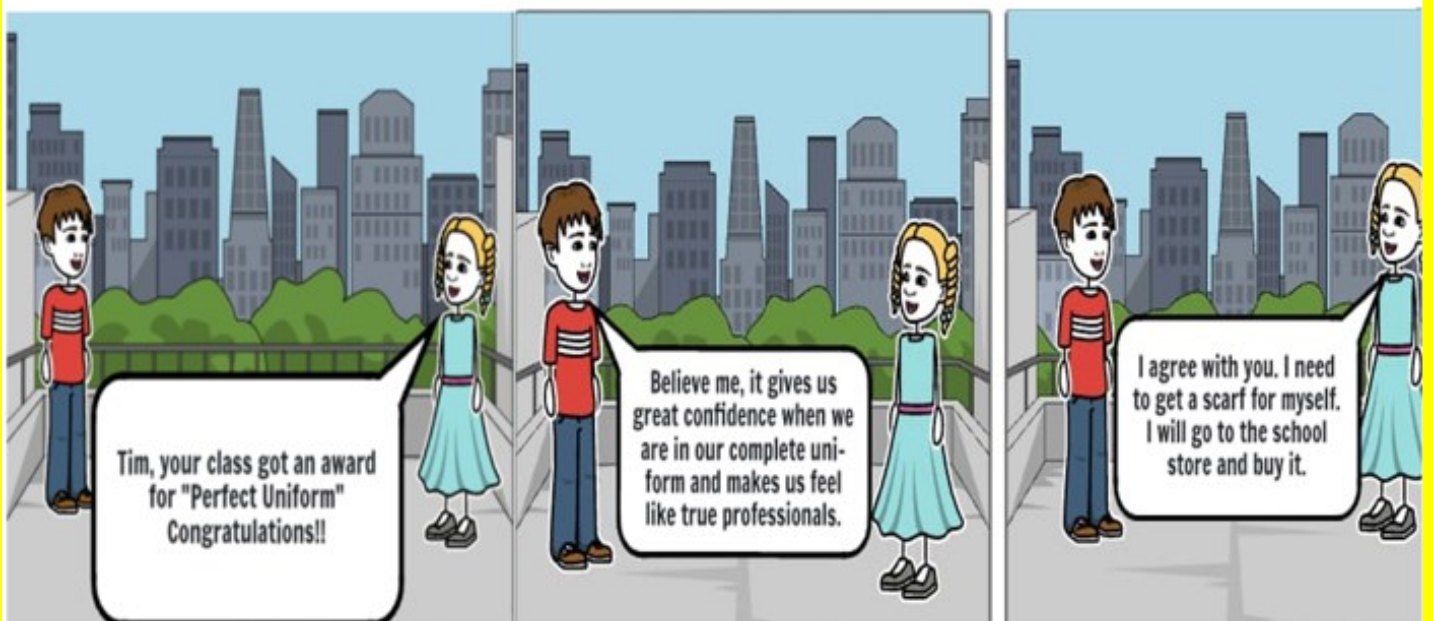


Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

Discipline and the school code of conduct



A Complete School Uniform



Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

We wanted you to know just how grateful we are for everything that WSS family have done for Kashaf's Progress.

A big thank you to Miss Shamail, Miss Raghi and Miss Liza for their utmost care, love and motivation for all the children.

Heartiest thank you to Miss Fauzia and Miss Munjo for always being there for Kashaf for each and everything. Our gratitude to both of you for all you have done, which we will never forget. We truly appreciate you and your time you spend helping her on many occasions. She enjoys every minute of your lectures. Thank you very much for making learning so fun and developing her interest to learn more and helping her to grow.

Last but not the least, very warm thank you to Miss Hiba, Miss Sana, Miss Asma, Miss Jaspreet, Miss Shima and Mr. Jowie for helping Kashaf, we appreciate you all for all the countless efforts you have put into for Kashaf's Progress.

We are so grateful and happy beyond words that all we can say is Thank you everyone!

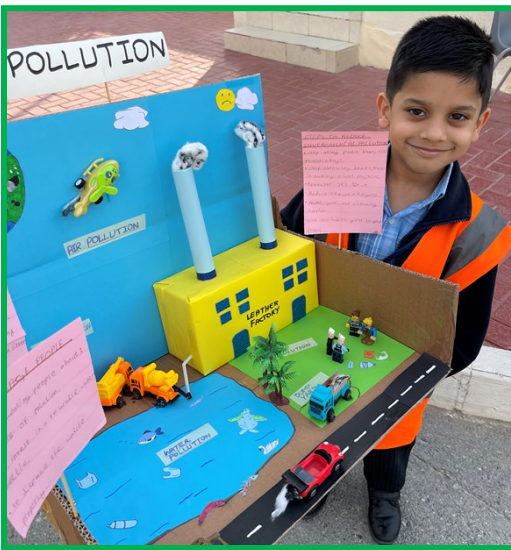
Thank you WSS for always being a great and reliable shoulder to lean on.

Wishing all the WSS Family a very happy and blessed Ramadan Kareem!

Regards
Sadia Farhan



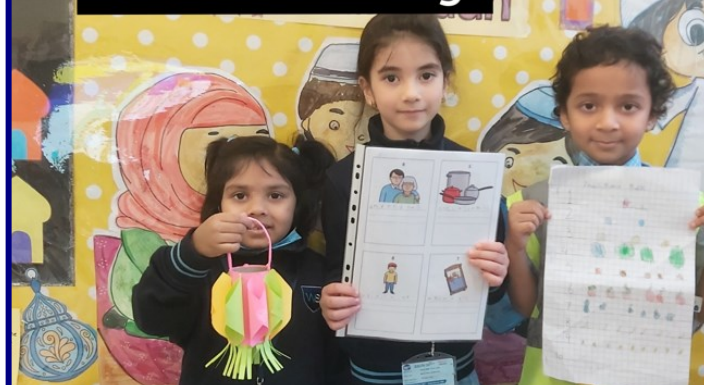
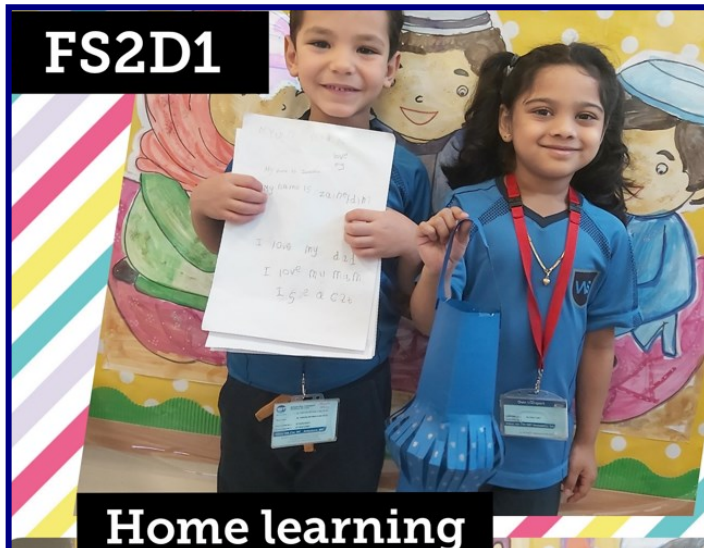
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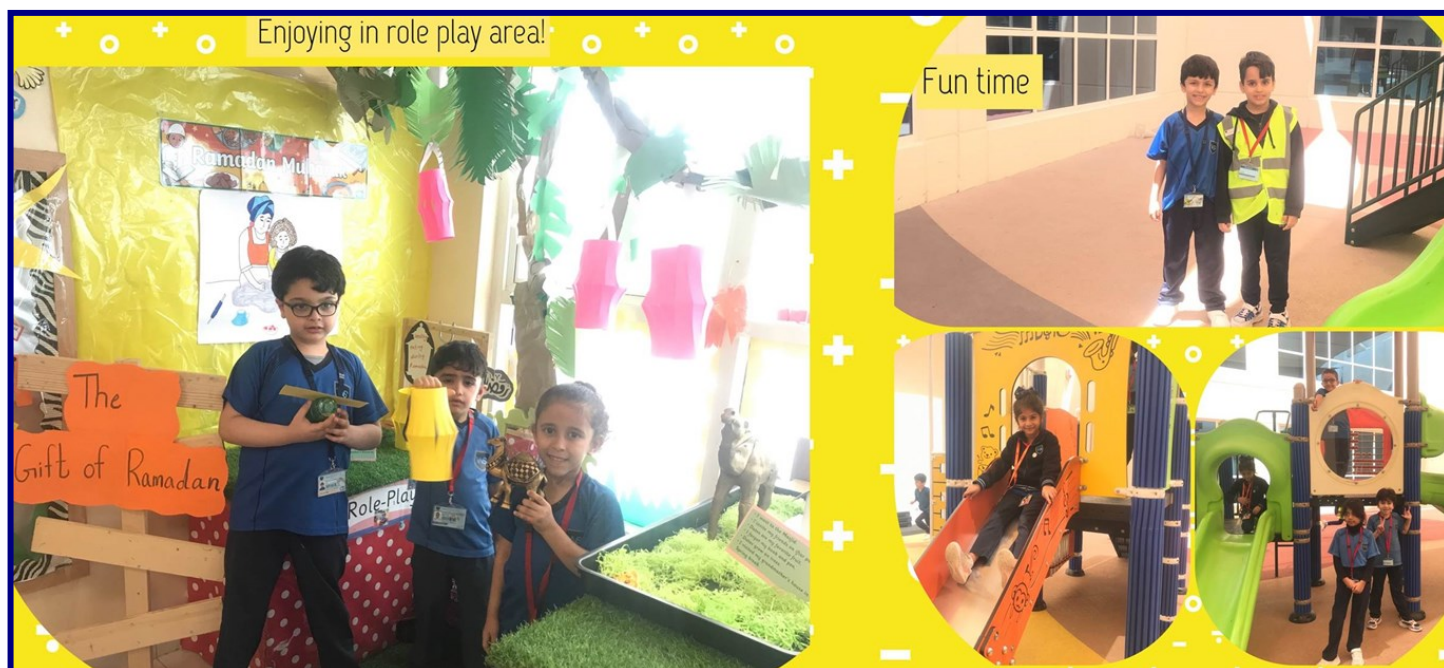
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Junior Section News; Learning Activities in FS2!



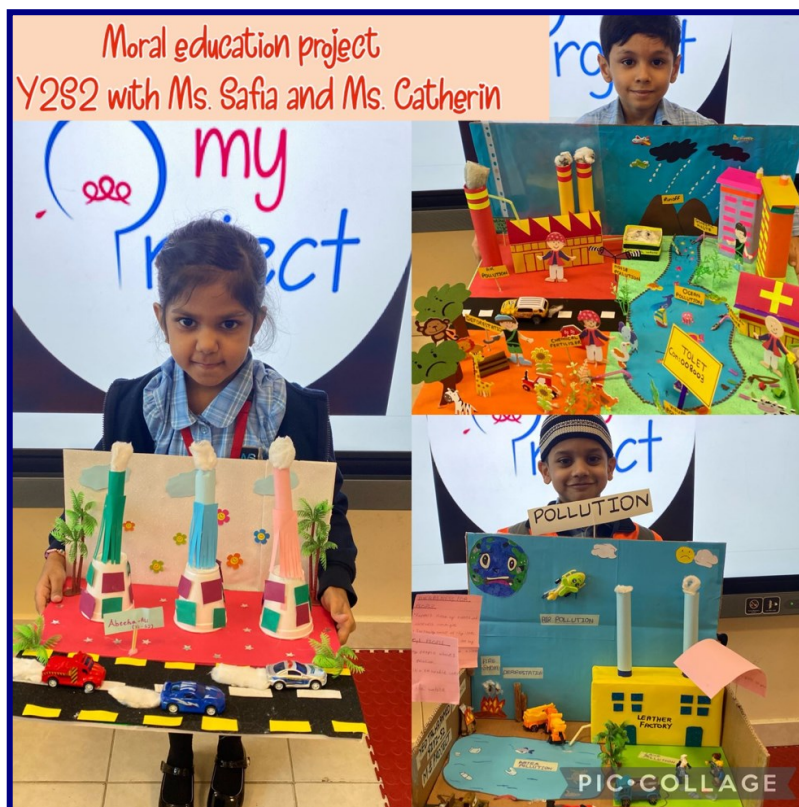
Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y1!



Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y2!



Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y2!



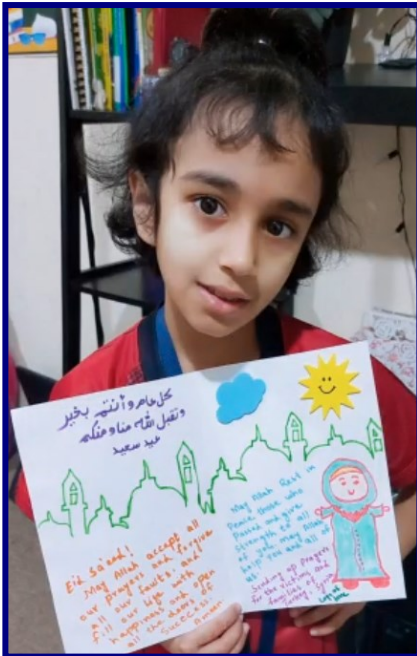
WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Primary Section News



Thank you Nabia for your inspiring Ramadan video.



RAMADAN IS THE MONTH OF FASTING



MONTH OF PRAYERS

Primary Section News

Y3D2 Students investigating and presenting their findings on different properties of rocks.

with Ms. Lissy



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



Sheikha Fatima Award & Board Exam Toppers Ceremony, 9/3/23