

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #28
10th April, 2025



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,
We hope that you had restful & joyful Eid & Spring Break. We welcome you back for T3 & wish you & your children every success & positive team-work.

Term 3 Fee Invoices

Please note that the school has changed Bank. Please ignore the previous invoice details for HSBC. **New invoice & payment details** are as follows:

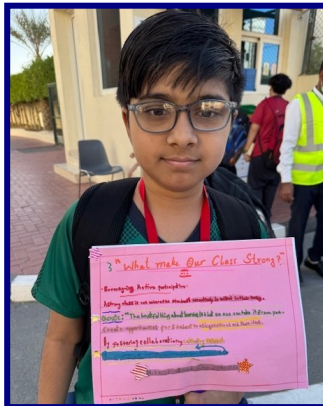
New Bank Account	
Account Name :	GEMS Westminister School, Sharjah LLC
Bank Name :	Dubai Islamic Bank
Account No. :	001520152534301
IBAN :	AE970240001520152534301

Tuition Fees for 2025-2026

Please note that there will be a slight fee increase in **WSS tuition fees** next year. As soon as we have confirmation from SPEA, we will inform parents of the exact year-wise amount. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thursday 17/4/25	• PTM for Y11-13, 3-5:30pm
Thurs. 26th June	• Last day of compulsory T3 Promotional Exams
Thurs. 3rd July, 2025	• The last official day for students for this academic year.
Monday 25th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of T1 for new joiners. • T1 fees need to be cleared in full before any student is admitted into class for the new year. There are no exceptions to this, so please budget accordingly.
Tuesday 26th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of T1 for returning students. • T1 fees need to be cleared in full before any student is admitted into class for the new year. There are no exceptions to this, so please budget accordingly.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 28
10 أبريل 2025



رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فائزة توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

نأمل أن تكونوا قد أمضيت عطلة عيد
الفطر وعطلة الربيع الممتعة والمريحة.
نرحب بكم مرة أخرى في T3 ونتمنى لكم
ولأطفالكم كل النجاح والعمل الجماعي
الإيجابي.

**قوائم رسوم الفصل الدراسي
الثالث**

يرجى ملاحظة أن المدرسة قامت بتغيير البنك. يرجى تجاهل تفاصيل
الفاتورة السابقة لبنك HSBC.
تفاصيل الفاتورة الجديدة و الدفع هي كما يلي:

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المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الخميس 17/4/25	PTM للصفوف من 11 إلى 13، من الساعة 3:00 إلى 5:30 مساءً
الخميس 26 يونيو	آخر يوم من امتحانات T3 الترويجية الإلزامية
الخميس 3 يوليو 2025	آخر يوم رسمي للطلبة لهذا العام الدراسي.
الاثنين 25 أغسطس	اليوم الأول من T1 للمنتسبين الجدد. يجب سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل قبول أي طالب في الفصل الدراسي للعام الجديد. لا توجد استثناءات لهذا، لذا يرجى إعداد الميزانية وفقاً لذلك.
الثلاثاء 26 أغسطس	اليوم الأول من الفصل الدراسي الأول للطلاب العائدين يجب سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل قبول أي طالب في الفصل الدراسي للعام الجديد. لا توجد استثناءات لهذا، لذا يرجى إعداد الميزانية وفقاً لذلك.

الرسوم الدراسية للعام الدراسي 2025-2026

يرجى ملاحظة أنه سيكون هناك زيادة طفيفة في
رسوم الدراسة في WSS في العام المقبل.
بمجرد حصولنا على نموذج التأكيد SPEA،
سوف نقوم بإبلاغ الوالدين بالمبلغ الدقيق لكل
سنة.



رؤيتنا: "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح 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

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Parent Handbook Access QR Code

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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.



APRIL – WEEK 14
LEADING WITH VISION



LABRADORITE

Promotes goal-setting and planning for future success.

“ Leaders see the future and inspire
others to build it together. ”

MESSAGE: Leaders dream big and help others see how they can work together to make those dreams come true. Sharing your ideas with excitement can inspire your friends to join in.

REFLECT: What is my big idea for my school or team? How can I explain it to get others excited? What steps can I take to make it happen?

Whole School News; Family First!

Sharing your Family Values!



We have a beautiful new Family First 'Tree' in Reception, already decorated with pictures & messages related to family values—please check it out when next you visit Reception.

This month, please feel free to share your special family pics. of Ramadan, Eid or Spring Break related family activities with us for publication.

There will be other themes in the months to come.

We are looking forward to sharing these with the WSS family!



Whole School News; Family First! Celebrating Eid with Family!

Parent of Syeda Fathima, YR9GF



Parent of Ishaal Abba, YR9GF



Parent of Parisa Farooq, YR9GF



Parent of Fatemah, Y9GD



Parent of Kainat - YR9GD



Parent of Abbas Raza, YR9BF



Whole School News; Family First! Celebrating Eid with Family!

Parent of Hamdan, YR7BH



Parent of Mohammad Samee, YR8BD



Family of Khattab Kenz, Y8BD



Mohammad Azaan, YR9BF



Family of Haya, Y8GF



Whole School News; Family First!

Celebrating Eid with Family!

Parent of Ahmed Abdennebi, YR8BD



**Parent of Syed Muhammad Usman,
YR 8BD**



Parent of Menna and Malak, Y9GH



Whole School News; Student Voice - 'You said...We Did...'!



You Said,

Junior Section parents wanted a closer look into classroom experience.



We Did,

We launched special engagement activity - inviting parents to read stories with our FS students every Wednesday.



You Said,

Our **Primary Section** parents asked for opportunities to engage with the school community.



We Did,

We hosted an exciting **Family Fun Day**, bringing together students, parents, and teachers for a variety of games and activities. From friendly competitions to collaborative challenges, everyone joined in the fun. The event fostered teamwork, strengthened relationships, and celebrated the spirit of our school community.

Whole School News; Parent Voice - 'You said...We Did...'



You Said,

Primary Section parents have shared their eagerness to take part in school activities with their children, showing a strong desire to be more involved in their learning journey.



We Did,

Family Science Time.

An evening of discovery and connection.

We brought students and parents together for hands-on science fun. Families explored exciting experiments, tackled challenges, and enjoyed interactive demonstration. The event sparked curiosity, strengthen family bonds, and made science alive for everyone.



You Said,

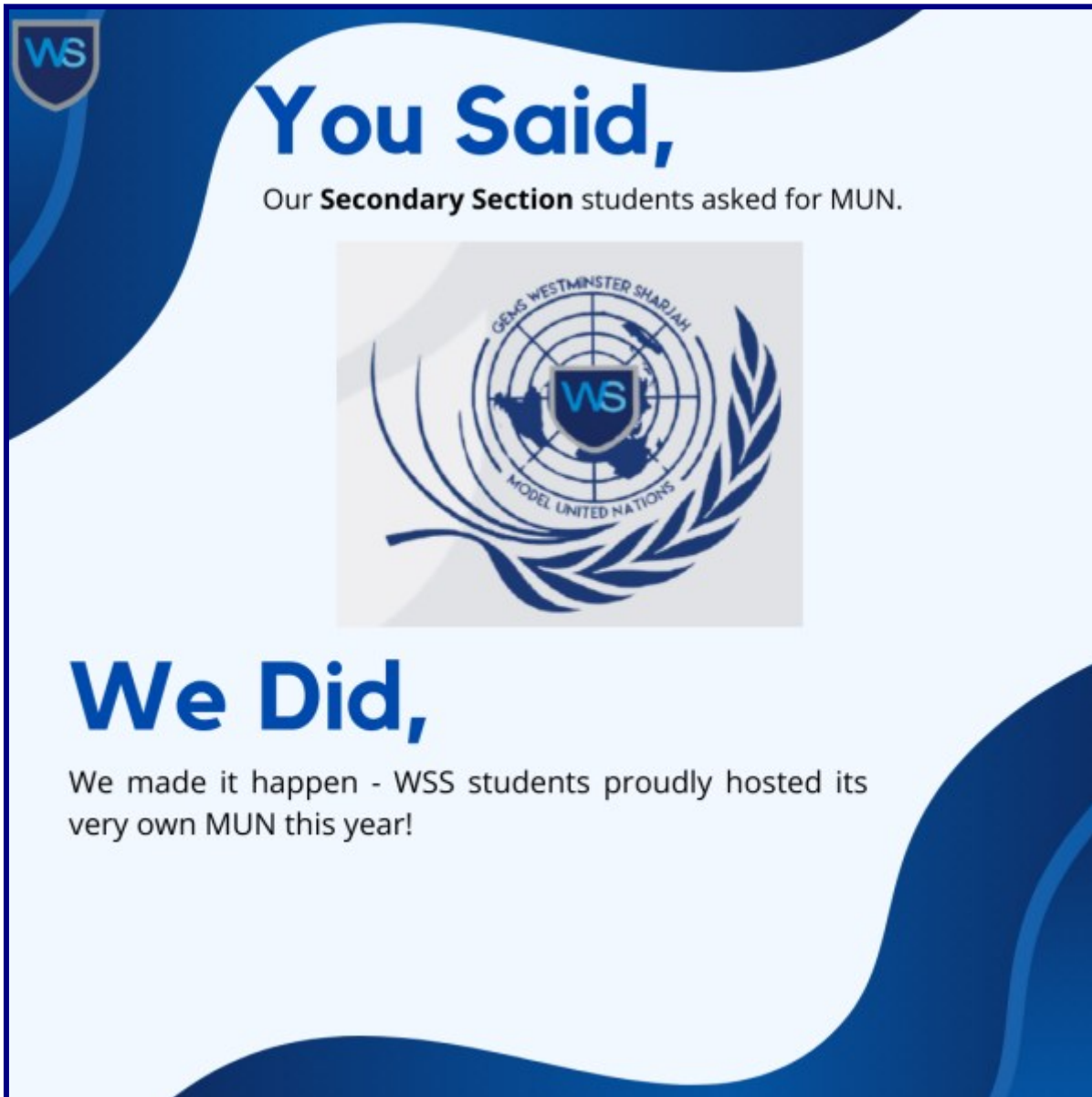
Primary Section parents requested for timely communication to stay informed about school activities and their children progress.



We Did,


Reading sessions organized where parents and students collaborated to foster a love for reading and strengthen their bond. This interactive activity was a great success, encouraging shared learning experiences.

Whole School News; Parent Voice - ‘You said...We Did...’!



You Said,

Our **Secondary Section** students asked for MUN.



We Did,

We made it happen - WSS students proudly hosted its very own MUN this year!



WE ARE A VAPE-FREE SCHOOL

GEMS Education is against all forms of vaping and will take swift action to maintain a healthy, vape-free environment

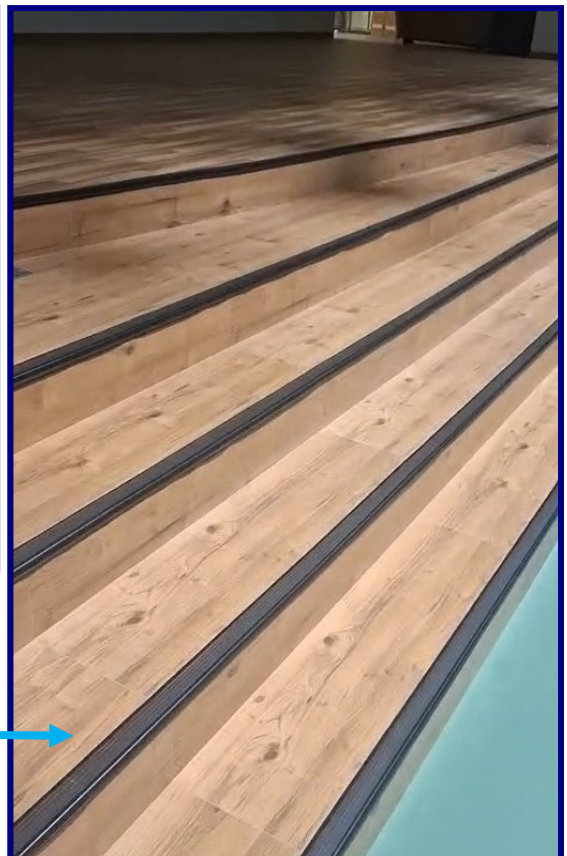
Random bag checks, vaping sensors, and diligent supervision in hot spot areas ensure our schools are vape-free

GEMS
EDUCATION



We have a smart new display in Reception celebrating our 2019-2025 Sheikha Fatima Award winners!

We are happy to share that we have smart new Auditorium stage steps & stage flooring, all ready for our T3 Assemblies & other programmes!



Whole School News; U17 Student Soccer League, 2025!



WSS will be participating in the U17 Student Soccer League 2025, organized by the Sports & Cultural Association. This is an amazing opportunity to showcase sporting skills, develop teamwork & engage in healthy competition to create lasting experience & amazing memories! We wish team WSS every success! Thank you PE HOD Mr. Jishar & team for your support of WSS sporting talent.



الجمعية الرياضية الجمعية
SPORTS & CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Presents

**U17 STUDENTS SOCCER LEAGUE 2025
THE GRAND REVEAL
OF THE TROPHY & JERSEY CEREMONY**



 Millennium Airport Hotel

Invitation

6:00 PM 


GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SHARJAH
PRINCIPAL, COACH AND TEAM CAPTAIN

We cordially invites you to the prestigious Trophy & Jersey Revealing Ceremony of the U17 Students Soccer League 2025—a momentous occasion marking the unveiling of the league's iconic symbols of excellence!



10TH APRIL 2025

 **GADGETS TO GROUNDS**

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
الجمعية الرياضية الجمعية
SPORTS & CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS



**U17 STUDENTS
SOCCER LEAGUE 25**

EVENT DATE
20/04/2025
Time : 9 AM To 8 PM

VENUE
Dubai Club for People of
Determination, Near Stadium
Metro Station, Dubai

 Contact Details

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Whole School News; Staff CPD!



Everyone is a learner at WSS; congratulations to Ms. Rema our dedicated Head of Inclusion for successfully completing the Level 3 Award in Special Educational Need & Inclusion, & Ms. Israa for successfully completing the Organisation Leadership Programme. We love life-long learning & a growth mindset at WSS!



WSS Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Valerie,

On this special occasion of Mother's Day, we want to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for everything you do for us.

You are not just our school principal; you are like a second mother to us- always guiding, supporting and inspiring us to be the best we can be.

Your kindness, wisdom, and care make our school feel like a second home, and we are truly lucky to have you in our lives 🥰

Thank you for always looking after us with so much love and dedication.

Happy Mother's Day! Wishing you all the happiness and love you deserve ❤️

With love,

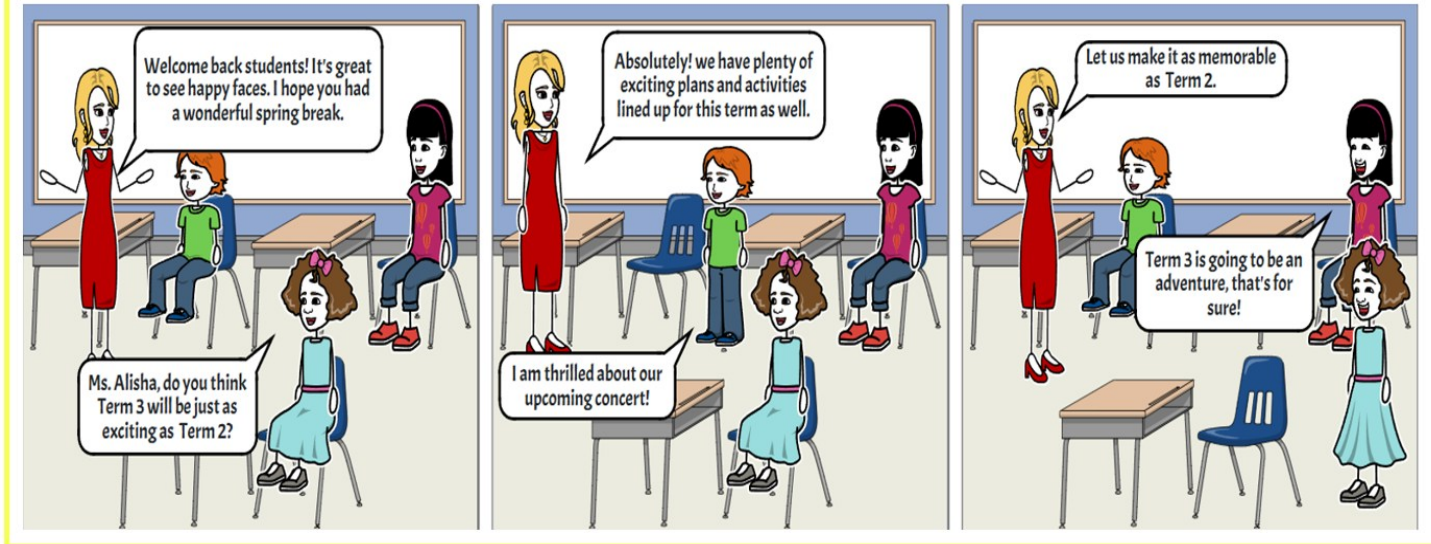
Yaseen Moaz & Ayla Moaz

Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!

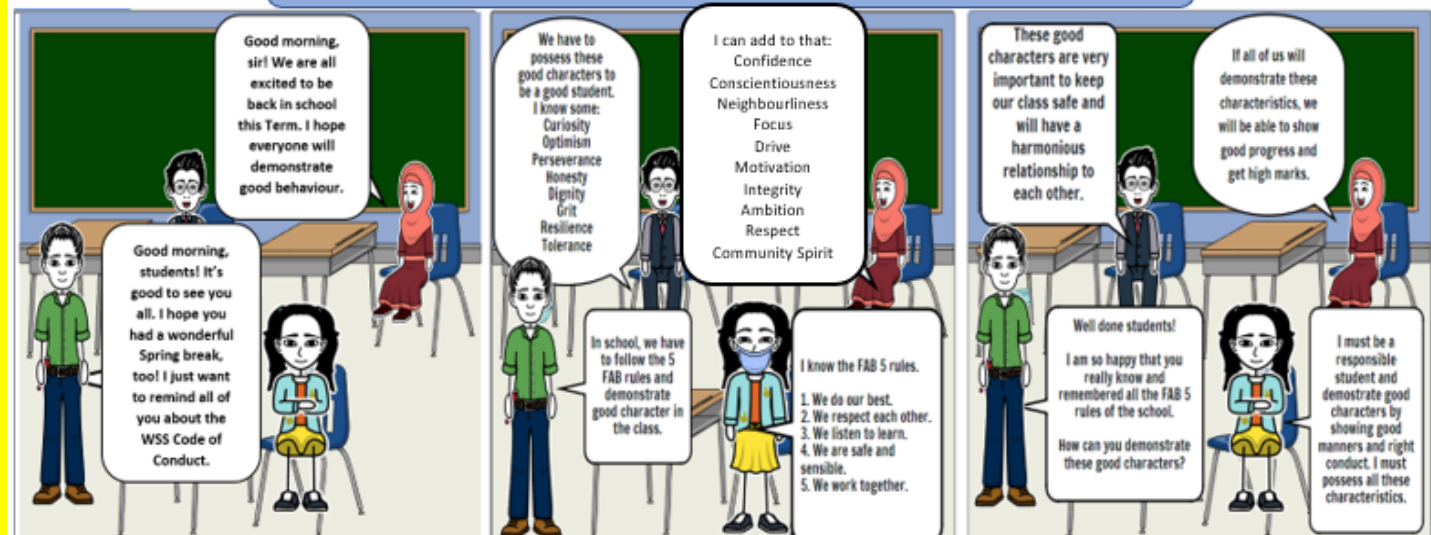


Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

Welcome to Term 3



WSS Code of Conduct for Students



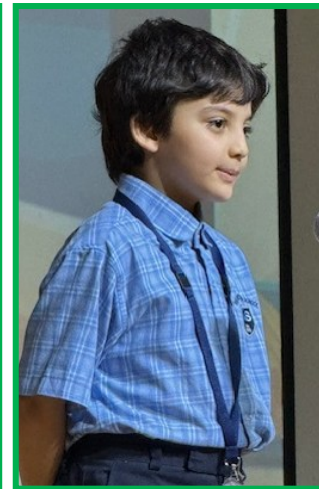
Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions; Celebrating Literacy Week Superstar Winners, Assembly, 10/4/25!



Our Junior Literacy superstars entertained & impressed us with their poetry recitation & story-telling. Well done to our confident performers, & many thanks to parents for supporting their children to learn lines. Super teamwork!



*WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions; Celebrating
Literacy Week Superstar Winners, Assembly, 10/4/25!*



Junior Section News



Thank you Kinda for your sweet Eid Mubarak wishes video.



Thank you parents for supporting your children with their Spring Break projects.



From Holidays to Masterpieces- Year 2



Junior Section News



The WSS Junior Choir, 10/4/25

Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

Y1D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna

Y1 D1 @free play center



Science lesson



ICT lesson



Learning about half of quantity



Y1D2 WITH MS. SADIQA AND MS ASMA



Kids having fun in exploring action verbs through activities!!!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF LITERACY WEEK, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS!!!



Junior Section News; Y1F Learning Activities!

Y1F1 WITH MS. AYSHA AND MS. JAMILA



Y1F2 WITH MS. ANEEZA AND MS. GURPREET



Junior Section News; Y1H Learning Activities!

Y1H1 WITH MS. AAFREIN AND MS. NOORA



Y1H2 WITH MS. KISHWAR AND MS. MANI



Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

Y1S1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadia

Story Time



Learning about half of shapes.



Learning about half.



ICT Lesson

Learning about classification of plants.



Y1S2 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Foumy



Learning is fun in OLA



Learning about half of quantity - Maths Lesson



Learning about 'ew' digraph



Learning about Verbs

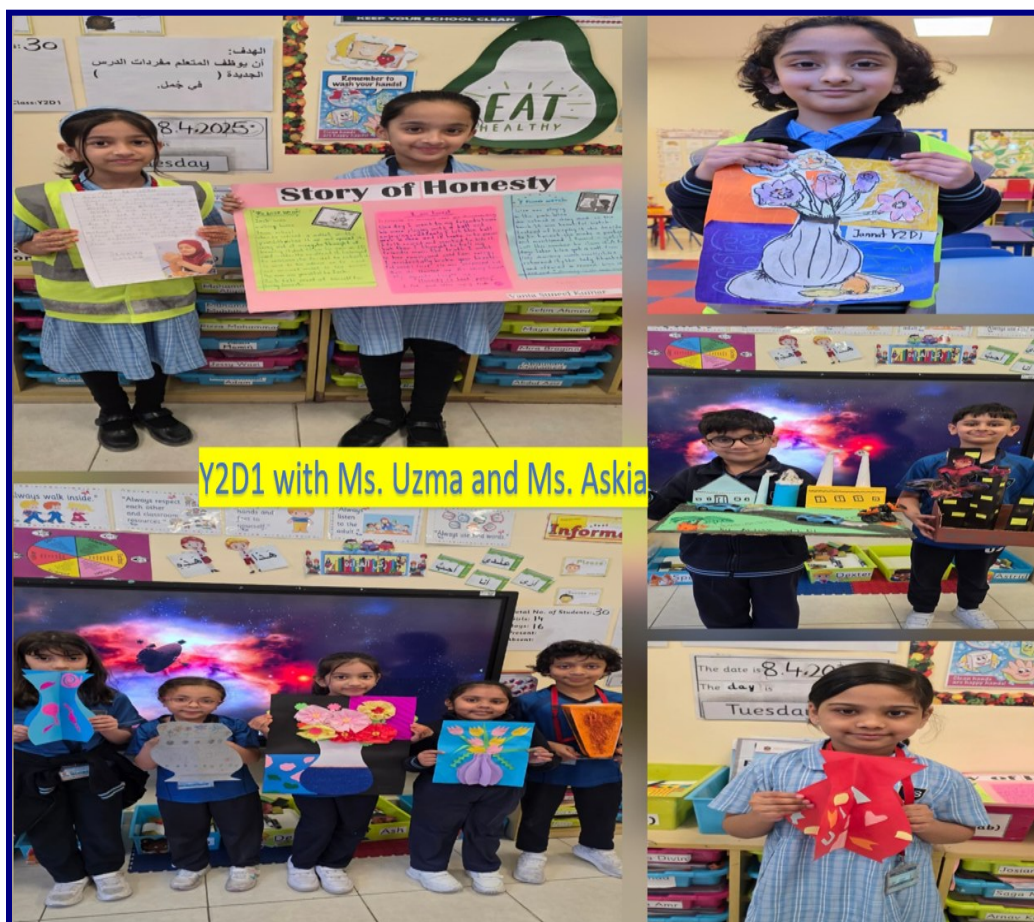


Classification of plants - Creeper and Climber



ICT lesson

Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



**Y2F1 with
Ms Sabiha &
Ms Ashika.**

Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!



Y2H2 MS.ROOMANA AND MS.AQUEEN



Y2S1 with Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza



SST Lesson

Learning about different Materials



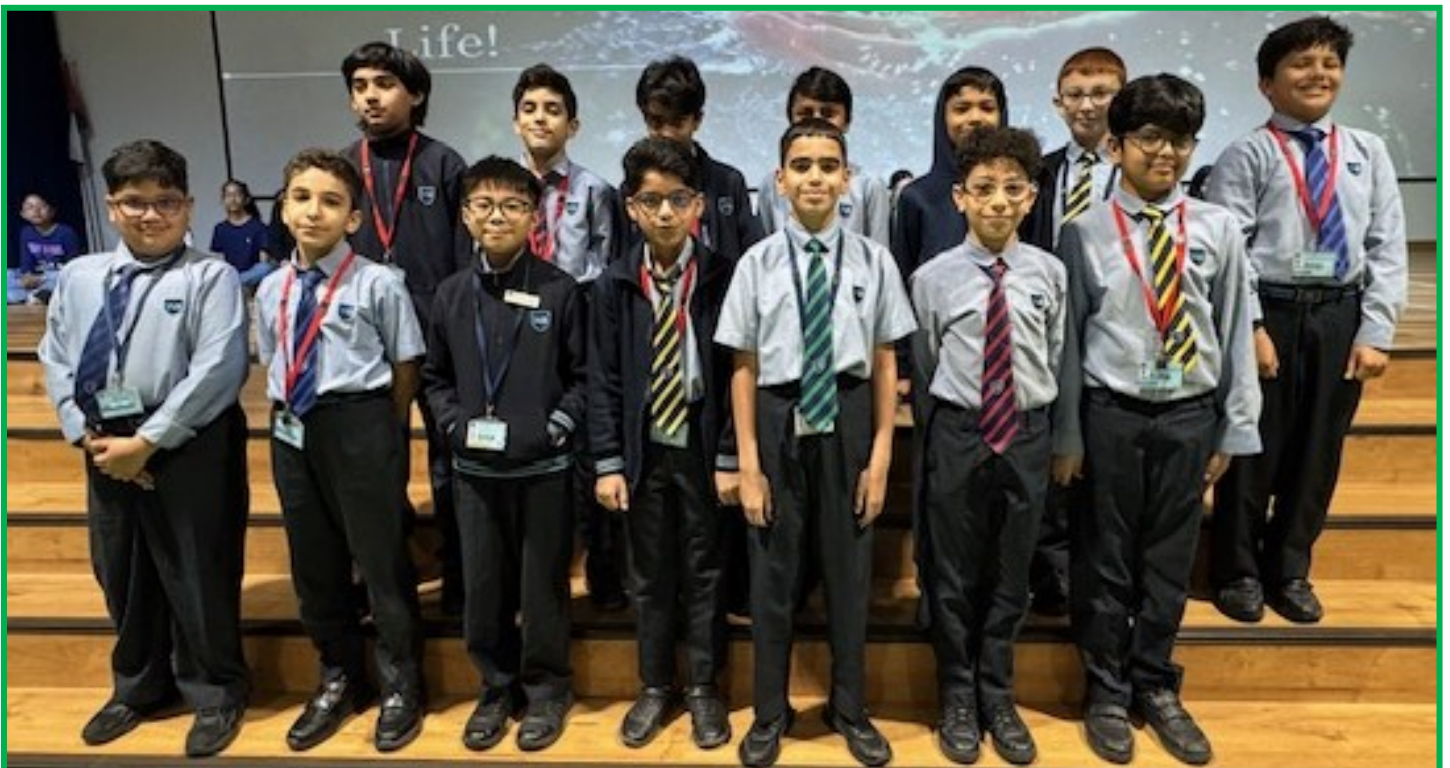
Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!

Y2S2 – with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin

**LITERACY WEEK WINNERS OF
Y2S2**



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Dear Ms. Azza,

Eid Mubarak and good day! I hope this message finds you well.

As the new term begins and hope it will finish also on very positive note., I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the effort you have put into helping Leila with Arabic. Your dedication and support have made a significant impact on her, and it is clear that her love for the subject is a direct result of your passion and care. You have found a way to inspire her and foster a genuine interest in Arabic, which is very big deal. Your encouragement, attention, and concern for her progress have truly made a difference, and we are deeply appreciative. Both of us, specially Leila's father, who takes great pride in her achievements as an Arab, and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for all that you do. We are so proud of her progress and the love she now has for the subject, thanks to your guidance.

Wishing you continued success.

Best Regards,
Natalia

Dear Ms. Sonia, Ms. Azreen, and Ms. Benish,

Good Morning!

Thank you so much for your kind and encouraging messages. As it's very obvious that Your unwavering support and commitment to her education have played a pivotal role in her progress and achievements this term. All Your guidance not only boosts her confidence but also motivates her to keep striving for excellence.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued support, dedication, and encouragement. I look forward to seeing Simal continue to grow and thrive under your guidance in the coming term.

Kind Regards ,

Zaima Nadeem

Heartiest Congratulations for completing another fun filled term with interactive learning to meet the year end goals. 🎉

I would like to thanks to you, the whole management team, all WSS staff and all the teachers, especially Miss Ringamphi Class teacher, who is the core part of Kashaf's second term achievements, and all other teachers as they are striving hard to make our children "WSS Superstars." 🌟

Wishing you and all WSS Family everlasting success and happiness. May WSS touch the horizon of success and nobility always. ❤️ Thank you so much once again for everything. The countless efforts of WSS Family are highly appreciated. 🙏

Regards,
Sadia Farhan

Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y6GD, 9/4/25!



Y6GD presented a very important & entertaining Assembly on the theme 'Water Conservation'. We learnt that 'every drop of water counts' & practical strategies to apply at home & school to reduce water wastage.

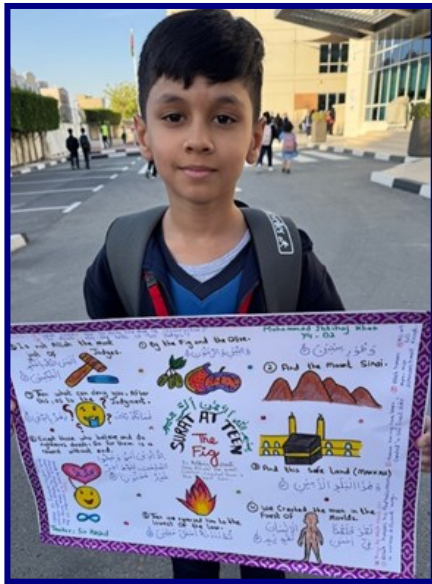


Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y3H2, 9/4/25!

Y3H2 presented a very confident & well-practiced Assembly on the theme 'Listen to Nature'. We learnt about the need to implement sustainability strategies in our lives, such as not wasting water or paper.



Primary Section News; General Learning Activities!



A fantastic, learning-rich Spring Break Project. Thank you parents for your support with holiday home learning.



WSS@Y3PRIMARY RADIO STATION



Raylen F2

Aira S2

Rateel D1

BRAINWAVES ON AIR!

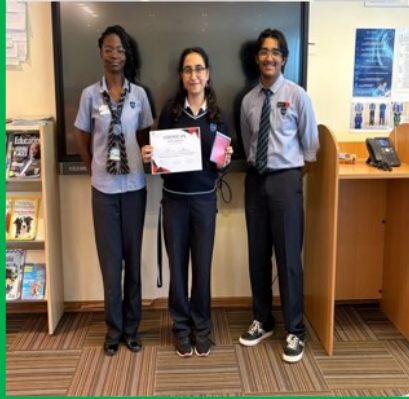
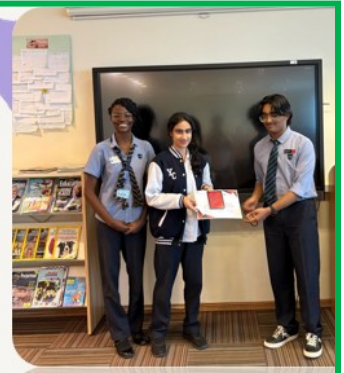
Y3 linked their Radio presentation to this week's Leadership GEMStone, 'Leading with Vision; Let's see the future & inspire others to build it together'

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; Celebrating TED Talk Participants!

SIXTH FORM GIRLS

"Success is not about winning every time; it's about learning, growing, and never giving up."

**CONGRATULATIONS-
TED Talk Participants**



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; Cyber Tank Certificate Distribution!



Secondary Section News; KS5 Learning Activities!

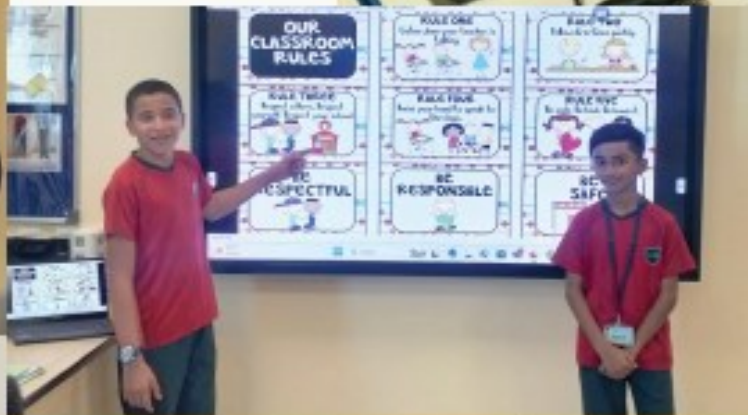
SIXTH FORM GIRLS



Secondary Section News; KS3 Wellbeing Activities!



Every word and action
shapes our community; let's
build an environment where
everyone feels safe and
valued.



**KS3
BEHAVIOURAL
MANAGEMENT**



Secondary Section News; KS3 Wellbeing Activities!



Secondary Section News; Y10 & Y11—Understanding Children’s Rights!!



Year 10 boys engaged in a visual learning session exploring the “Children’s Version” of the UNCRC. The video helped them understand their rights in an interactive and impactful way.

Understanding Children’s Rights – Year 10 & Year 11 Learns with the UNCRC

About the UNCRC

- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is a global agreement to protect and promote children’s rights.
- It explains who children are, their rights, and the responsibilities of governments.
- The rights are **interconnected**, **equally important**, and **cannot be taken away**.