

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #29  
4th May, 2023



## Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

### Safeguarding: Student & Parent IDs

As per company Safeguarding Audit, wearing a WSS ID in school is compulsory for Staff, Students & Parents. Many thanks to all who have been supporting with this important security initiative & ensuring that you & your children wear the ID to school daily. If you need to purchase a new lanyard, cardholder or card, do please contact the BBT (Bus) office, situated in Reception, or send AED25/- with your child to school so we can help organise a new ID.



### Professional Dress: Smart School Uniform

Almost all our students are coming to school dressed in smart, professional full school uniform—thank you dear parents. Wearing uniform helps to teach self-discipline, promote high standards of professional dress & gives a sense of belonging to a community. If your child still needs to buy a tie/scarf, please send the money with your child so that we can help them to purchase from the school Bookstore (Tie AED27/-, Scarf AED32.50/-). Thank you.

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Tuesday 2/5/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Deadline to pay the re-enrollment fee.</b> Un-booked &amp; unpaid seats beyond the given deadline would be given to the Waiting List. Seats are limited, so to avoid stress &amp; disappointment, do please complete re-enrollment &amp; re-enrollment payment by the given deadlines.</li> </ul>
29/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Official last day of the academic year (TBC by SPEA)</b></li> </ul>
Thurs. 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Deadline to apply on the system for a TC (Transfer Certificate), if leaving WSS.</b></li> <li><b>Deadline to apply for any certificate attestation arranged through the GRE Ms. Abir.</b></li> <li><b>After this date, we would be unable to guarantee completion of your documents before August 24th due to staff Annual Leave</b></li> </ul>
July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>FYI, The WSS Threads Sixth Form (Y12-13) uniform will be available for distribution at Threads retail stores from July 2023. Actual date TBC by mid June 2023.</b></li> </ul>
Monday 28/8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>New student's first day of the new academic year, subject to full T1 fees being cleared.</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday 29/8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Returning students to rejoin from Tuesday 29/8/23, subject to full T1 fees having been cleared.</b></li> <li><b>There are <u>no Payment Plans for Term 1</u>, so please Budget accordingly. Students will only be admitted for the new academic year once T1 fees have been cleared in full. Thank you.</b></li> </ul>



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

# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 29  
4 مايو 2023



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي السيدة  
جالييري توملينسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الشارقة الأعزاء،

**للحمية : الطالب و هوية أولياء الأمور**

وفقاً لتدقيق الحماية الخاص بالشركة ، يعد ارتداء معرف WSS في المدرسة أمراً إلزامياً للموظفين والطلاب وأولياء الأمور.

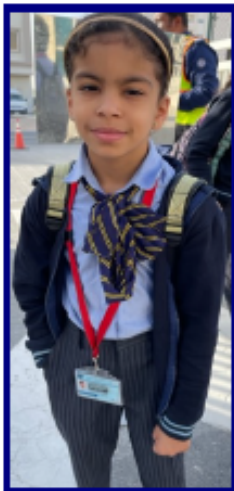
شكراً جزيلاً لجميع الذين دعموا هذه المبادرة الأمنية الهامة والتأكد من أنك وأطفالك يرتدون بطاقة الهوية إلى المدرسة يومياً.

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى شراء حبل أو حامل بطاقة أو بطاقة جديدة ، فيرجي الاتصال بمكتب (BBT الحافلات) ، الموجود في مكتب الاستقبال ، أو إرسال 25 درهماً إماراتياً مع طفلك إلى المدرسة حتى تتمكن من المساعدة في تنظيم بطاقة هوية جديدة.

**ملابس رسمية وزي مدرسي كامل ومنسق**

يأتي جميع طلابنا تقريباً إلى المدرسة وهم يرتدون زيّاً مدرسياً منسقاً ومهيناً بالكامل - شكراً لك والوالدين الأعزاء. يساعد ارتداء الزي الرسمي في تعليم الانضباط الذاتي ، وتعزيز مستويات عالية من اللباس الاحترافي ، ويعطي إحساساً بالانتماء إلى المجتمع. إذا كان طفلك لا يزال بحاجة إلى شراء ربطة عنق / وشاح ، فيرجي إرسال الأموال مع طفلك حتى تتمكن من مساعدته في الشراء من مكتبة المدرسة (التعادل 27 درهماً إماراتياً / -).

وشاح 32.50 درهماً إماراتياً / -). شكراً لك.



## المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
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.
29/6/23	آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي (TBC by SPEA)
الخميس 29 يونيو	الموعد النهائي للتقدم إلى النظام للحصول على TC (شهادة النقل) ، في حالة مغادرة WSS. • الموعد النهائي لتقديم طلب للحصول على أي شهادة يتم ترتيبها من خلال GRE السيدة غير. • بعد هذا التاريخ ، لن تتمكن من ضمان استكمال المستندات الخاصة
يوليو 2023	لمعلوماتك ، سيكون الزي الرسمي لـ WSS من النموذج السادس (Y12-13) متاحاً للتوزيع في متاجر خيوط البيع بالتجزئة اعتباراً من يوليو 2023. التاريخ الفعلي TBC بحلول منتصف يونيو 2023. • سيتم إيقاف بيع الزي الرسمي الحالي من الطراز السادس (Y12-13) من متاجر البيع بالتجزئة بحلول نهاية أبريل 2023.
الاثنين 28/8/23	اليوم الأول للطلاب الجديد في العام الدراسي الجديد ، يخضع لسداد رسوم T1 كاملة.
الثلاثاء 29/8/23	• عودة الطلاب للالتحاق ابتداء من يوم الثلاثاء الموافق 29/8/23 بشرط تصفية رسوم T1 كاملة. • لا توجد خطط دفع للفترة 1 ، لذا يرجى وضع الميزانية وفقاً لذلك. سيتم قبول الطلاب للعام الدراسي الجديد فقط بمجرد سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل. شكراً 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

### Extreme Western Hairstyles & Long Hair for Boys

WSS had a 2-day SPEA Inspection this week, where they looked into all areas of school operations, visited classes, checked facilities, collected evidence of Safeguarding & Inclusion processes & interviewed key staff.

One area for Action that they identified was that they found several boys with long hair (below shoulder length). They said that this is not allowed (see Parent Handbook p16, quoting the 2018-2019 MOE Bilo, Rule #0.13, p22). Parents are requested to ensure that boys' hair is cut in a smart, short, professional, traditionally male style, as per MOE expectations. Girls hair should not be styled in extreme western styles, eg. avoid unnatural, bright hair colour. Thank you.

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



## *Whole School News*

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## *Environment & Recycling Superstar Champions!*





## *Environment & Climate Change Action Superstar Champions!*

GEMS & WSS are looking at ways to become more sustainable & environmentally friendly, such as through our recycling initiative & reducing the use of plastic in school. GEMS Teachers are currently undertaking the following United Nations Climate Change online courses to raise awareness of the impact of our consumption of energy, water & resources, along with devastating consequences of the rising level of Greenhouse Gases in the atmosphere.

If you are interested, feel free to participate too!

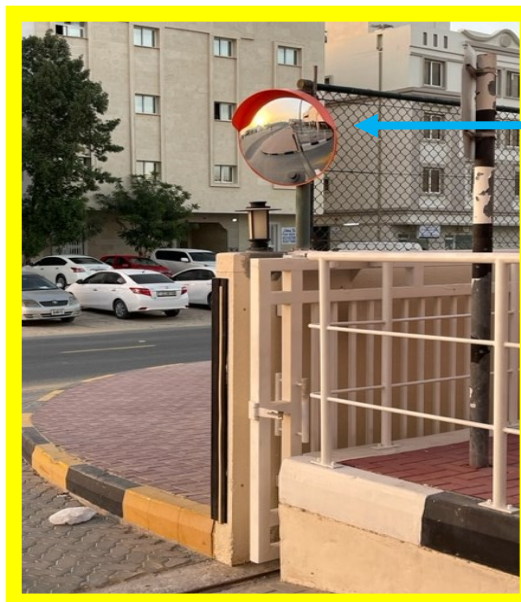
- [Course: Sustainable Diet \(unccelearn.org\)](https://unccelearn.org/courses/sustainable-diet)
- [Course: Introductory e-Course on Climate Change \(unccelearn.org\)](https://unccelearn.org/courses/introductory-e-course-on-climate-change)
- [Course: Children and Climate Change \(unccelearn.org\)](https://unccelearn.org/courses/children-and-climate-change)
- [Course: Human Health and Climate Change \(unccelearn.org\)](https://unccelearn.org/courses/human-health-and-climate-change)

## *WSS Superstar Champions!*



Mr. Arvie receiving his 'Star Teacher of the Week' prize from Dr. Lisa, in recognition of his 'above & beyond' contribution to the Primary Section & his class' learning. Thank you Mr. Arvie!

## Whole School News; Safeguarding!



On 1/5/23, all WSS staff performed an offsite evacuation drill to our sister school GCS, in order to practice incase there was ever a critical emergency requiring us to fully evacuate WSS grounds. Many thanks to their Principal Ms. Albie & the GCS team for hosting this important Safeguarding practice.

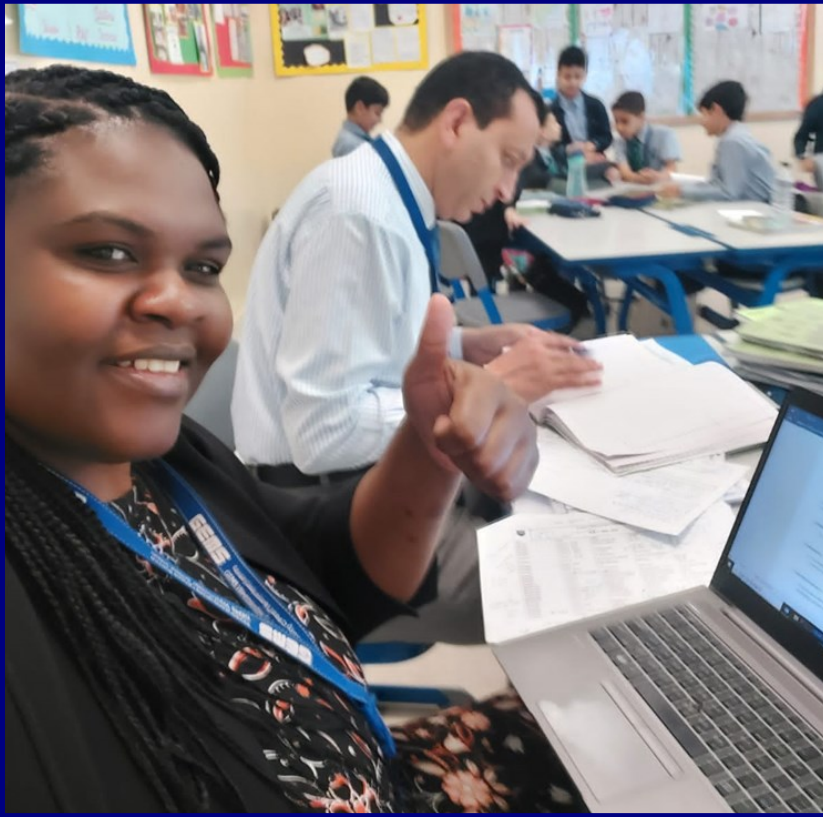


On 2/5/23 WSS performed our T3 Fire drill. Termly Fire Drills are required to practice evacuation protocols & routes, so that in case of any emergency evacuation, we are all familiar with the required actions. Fire Drills are attended by a representative of Safecore, our Security Provider. Students & staff achieved the smoothest, fastest full-school exit yet. Well done!





## *Whole School News!*



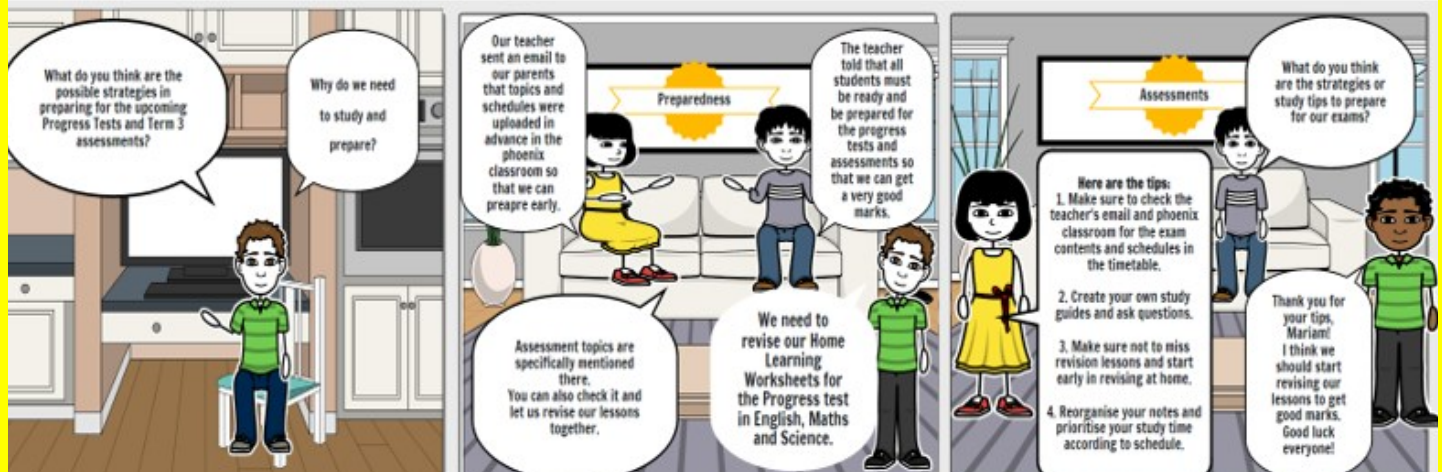
**Congratulations to Mr. Osama for his promotion to HOD MOE Subjects. This extended responsibility covers Arabic, Islamic Studies and Social Studies (Arabic). We wish him & his team every continuing success. Here Mr. Soma observes a lesson with our Learning Coach Dr. Lisa, as part of our CPD (Continuing Professional Development) programme for teachers. Lesson observations at WSS include 'Book Looks' to monitor the improvement over time of students' written work, Teachers' marking & feedback, as well as the quality of Lesson Plans & support for individual learning needs.**



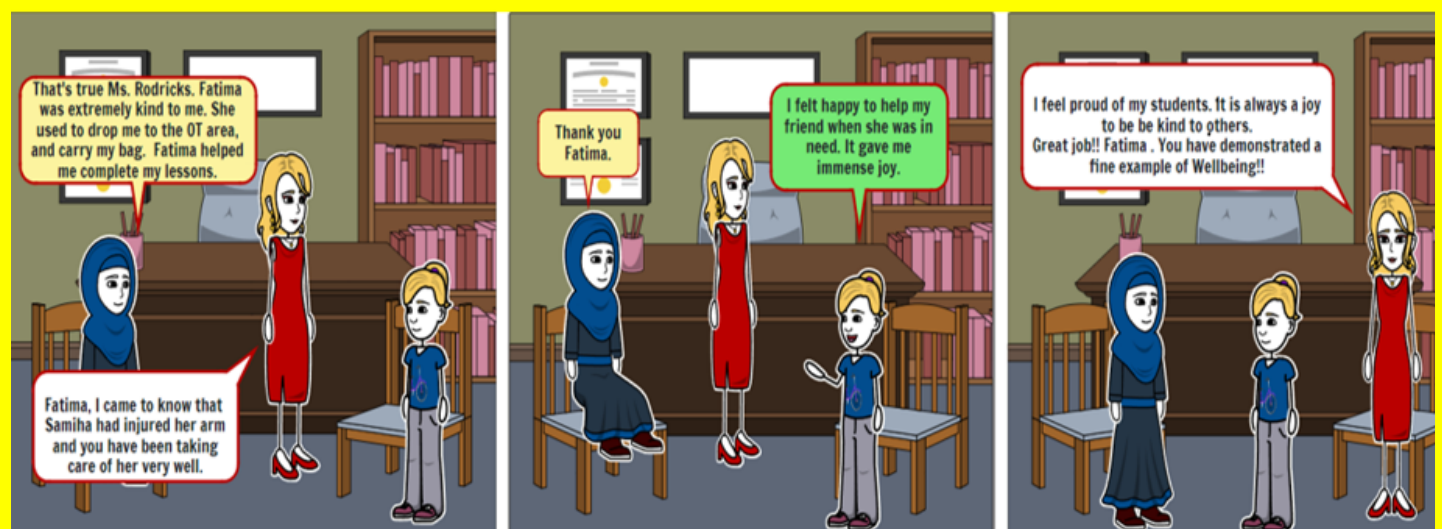
**MOE Subjects Team  
CPD with VP Mr. Suj,  
LC Dr. Lisa & MOE  
HOD Mr. Osama**

## Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

### Progress Test and Term 3 Assessment Preparation Storyboard



### ACT OF KINDNESS





## *Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!*





## WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Thank you Ma'am for such a wonderful event 😊

At last the Key stage 1 of batch 2020 flew away in blink of eyes.

Appreciate the efforts of dedicated team leads, hardworking teachers and supportive staff in boosting my son's confidence, learning skills and personality. We as parents highly appreciate the activity based learning of this school and teaching environment, so glad our kids are part of gems family.

Thank you Ms. Valerie for providing such a positive learning environment.



Dear Mrs. Sabiha,

Unfortunately due to work conditions I couldn't attend the graduation ceremony today to thank you in front of everyone.

I thank you very much for your great effort and sincerity, which is greatly appreciated. How lucky are the students who study under your supervision. We will never forget your great effort with Mohammed, Omar and their colleagues. We are now reaping the fruits of your effort with them and you will be a partner in every success they reach in the future and we will still owe you the favour.

May Allah bless you and your family

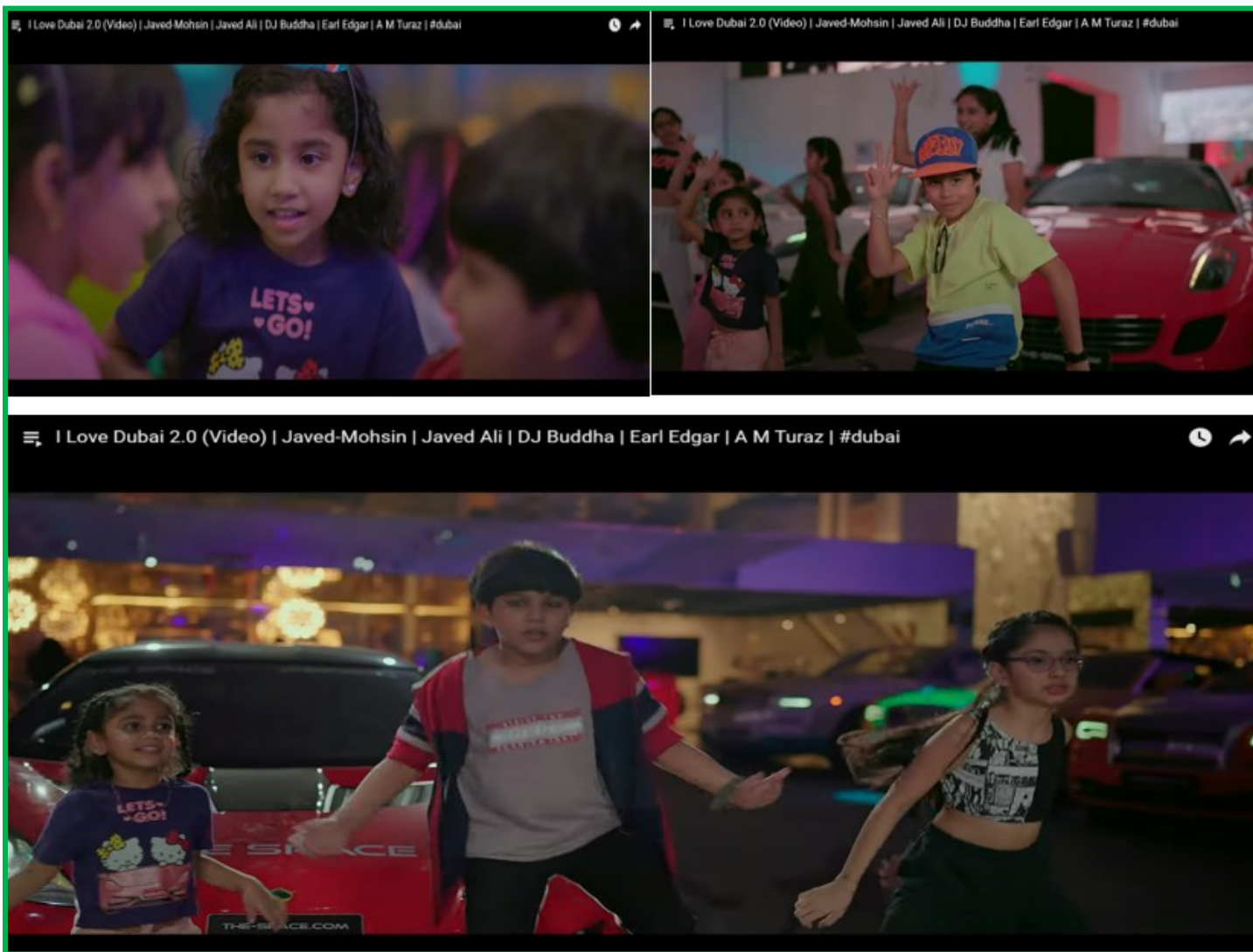




## WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



Well done to Liam Baraka (Y2 H1) for showing excellent mathematical skills and justifying his answers. Thanks to Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil for setting the engaging challenge for the students.



Congratulations to performer superstar Tanishka Preemon (FS2 D2) who acted in the Music video 'I love Dubai 2.0' created by Blue Music Record Label. It was released last week. Below is the youtube link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8iF3La049k&list=RDG8iF3La049k&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8iF3La049k&list=RDG8iF3La049k&start_radio=1)



*Junior Section News; Y1F2 Assembly, 1/5/23!*





## *Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation Ceremony, 1/5/23!*





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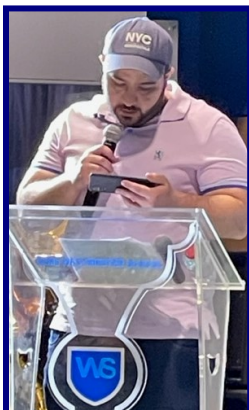


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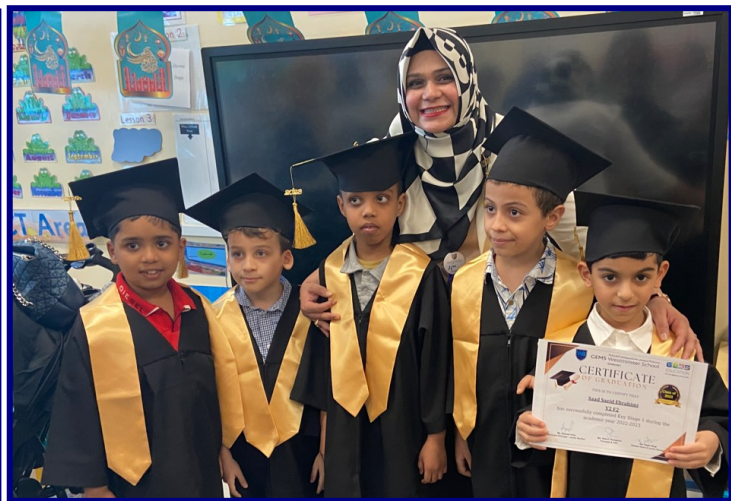


## *Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation Ceremony, 1/5/23!*



It was such a beautiful ceremony, The kids have enjoyed a lot  
Thank you for making it so special ❤️🥰

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## Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation Ceremony, 1/5/23!

Y2D2 – Graduation Day Celebration (Ms. Jinitra and Ms. Kavitha)





## Junior Section News; FS2 Learning Activities!

**FS2D1**

FS2D1 with Ms. Nikhat



**Busy writing their favorite part of the story**

**FS2D1**



**Reading with partners**



PIC•COLLAGE

**FS2D1**



**Can use language of size like "taller than" and "shorter than"**



**FS2D1 helping Little Red Hen to bake some bread**



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## *Junior Section News; FS2 Learning Activities!*





## *Junior Section News; FS2 Learning Activities!*



FS2S2 with Ms. Karen



## *Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!*

*Y2H2 with Tr Sabiha, AT-Priya*



*We are sharing our food on EPD celebration day*



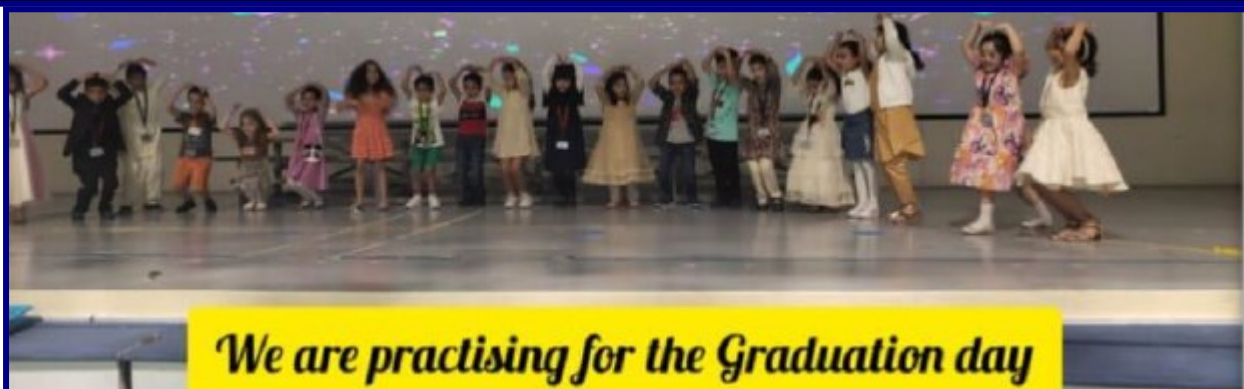
*Our Moral education projects*



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*We are doing the activity of extreme habitats*

*Project based learning*



*We are practising for the Graduation day*



## *Junior Section News; Y2 ME Project Exhibition!*

# Year 2 Moral Education Projects 2023





## *Junior Section News; Y2 ME Project Exhibition!*





## *Junior Section News; Y2 ME Project Exhibition!*



*Moral Education Projects*



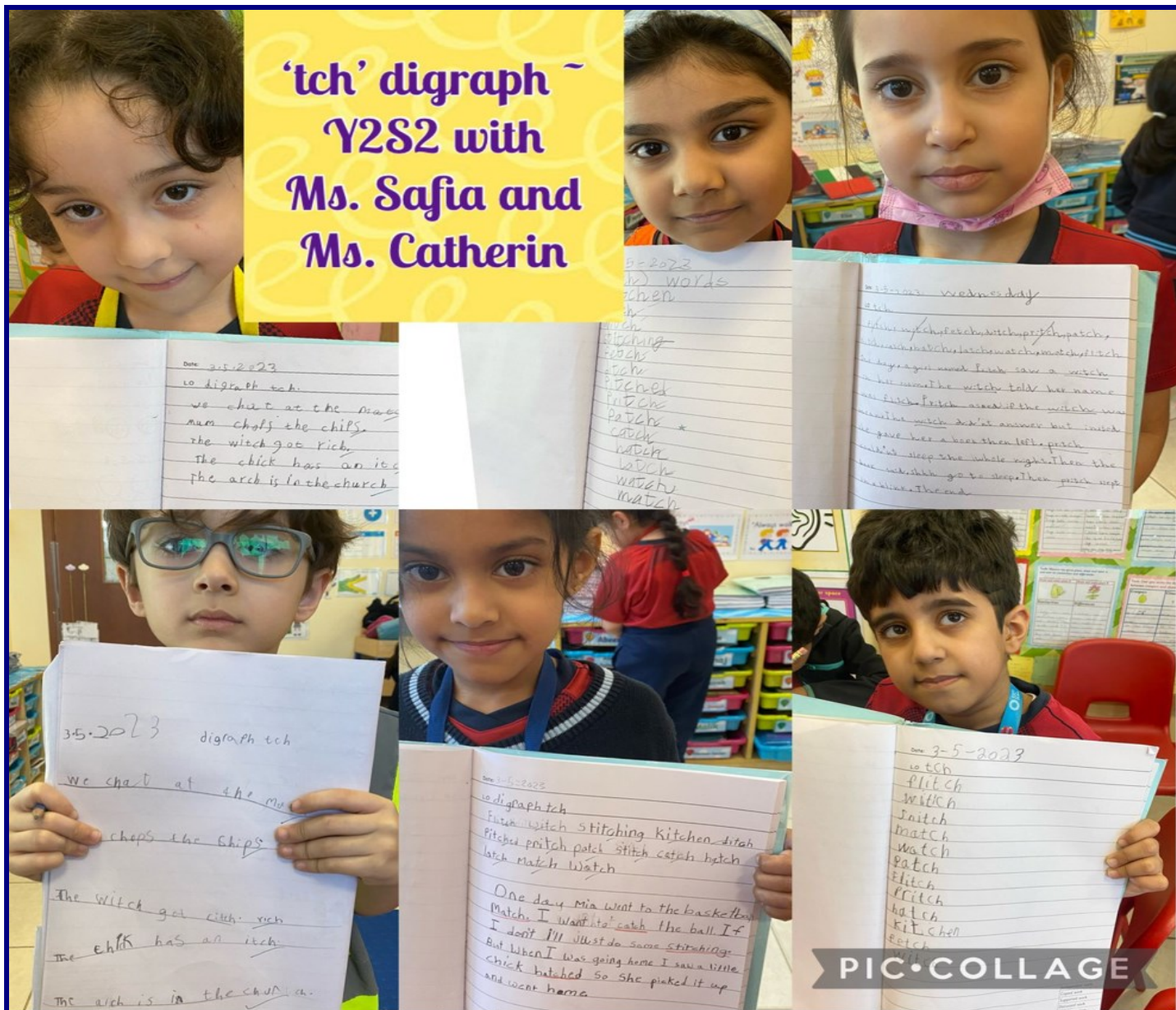
**Y2F2**



**with Ms Ashika**

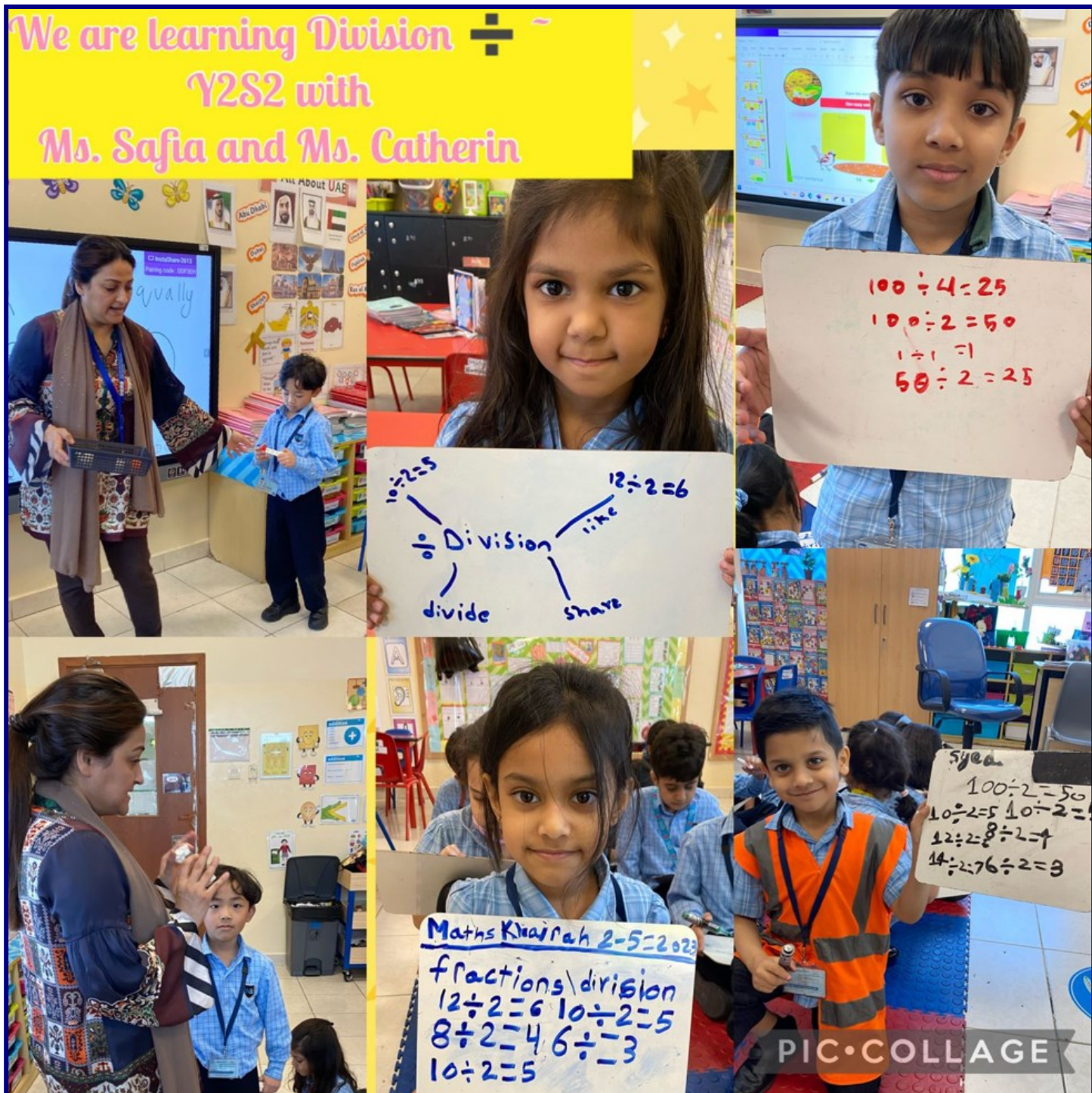


*Junior Section News; Y2 Literacy Skills!*





## Junior Section News; Y2 Numeracy Skills!



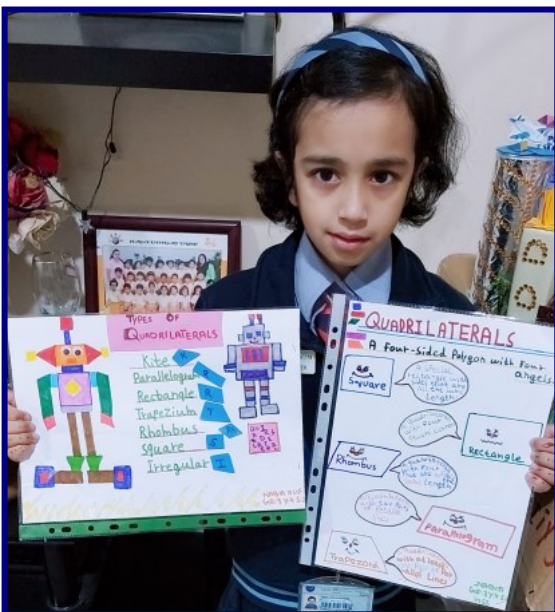


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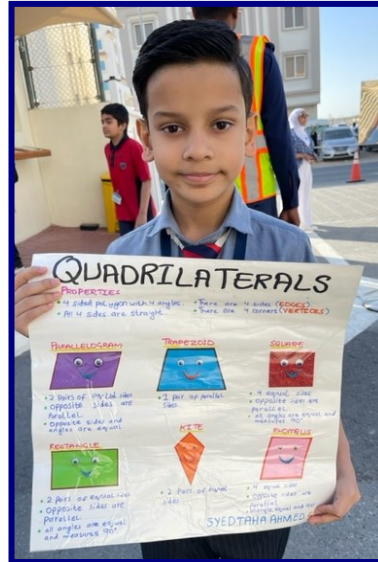


## Primary Section News; Project-Based Learning!





## Primary Section News; Project-Based Learning!



Y5F3 with Mr. Arvie learning through group activities to use prefixes effectively in writing a narrative poem.



## *Primary Section News*

### *Islamic Education Ramadan Assembly*





## *WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!*



Well done to Mohamed Ahmed Abdelraouf- (Y4 H2) for his excellent research in Islamic studies. His knowledge showed information well above expectations for his age. Thanks to Ms. Asmaa Gadou for providing the challenge.



## *WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!*

Dear Ambika Ma'am,

I hope my mail finds you in good health

I really don't know where to start with my mail. I really find the letters unable to describe my feelings towards you. You were the tender mother and the older sister of my son, Ahmed Hani Muhammad, before you were a teacher. You did not excel in knowing how to deal with Ahmed's temperament, especially that he is an emotional and sensitive personality, and I was really unique in dealing with him. Since he entered the house, he did not stop talking about you and your good treatment of him. He even mentioned to me a situation where his hands were hurting, and you made an alternative plan for him and created quizzes with the same goal. The other students did not miss the class as he lost it with some because of the tiredness of his hands. This is a small situation from the situations he told me and he never stops talking about your smile in the class and your understanding of him and his position always, even when you take a stand about a wrong behavior he did. You comply with the order of my teacher Ambika and listen to the speech. Thank you, my teacher Ambika, for all your effort, so you have all my appreciation, and thanks to God, and thanks to you, there has been a great development in the subject of the English language. It will remain above my head as long as I live, and I will not forget you. You left a good imprint on my heart as a mother and on my son's heart as a child. Thanks again.

Mother Ahmed Hani Y8 GR7 BF1



## Secondary Section News; Maths Mania!

### MATH MANIA 2023

#### Final Round

#### KS3 Paper Frenzy Origami Battle

#### KS4 Abstract Fusion Artistic Contest



KS3 'Paper Frenzy: Origami Battle' and KS4 'Abstract Fusion: Artistic Contest'





## Secondary Section News; Maths Mania!

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