

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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8th September, 2022

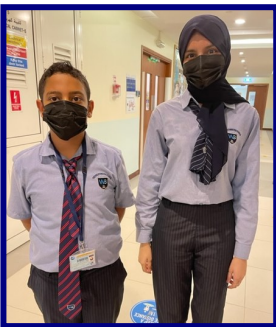


**Message from the  
Principal/CEO  
Ms. Valerie Thompson**

Dear WSS Parents,

**Healthy Lifestyle—Birthdays**

We are trying to promote a healthy lifestyle with our children. Please **avoid sending cake & sweets to school**, even for birthdays. Please send only healthy snacks/treats to school, such as **fruit baskets/kebabs**. Sugary hyper-fuel foods such as cake & sweets would have to be **returned home**, so to keep our children healthy & to avoid upset, please do **not send in**. Thank you.



**Smart Uniform**

Wearing smart, correct uniform to school is important. When a team shares a uniform, this creates a sense of belonging & equality. We are training our children to become successful business people, with smart, professional dress, including tie/scarf. Many thanks to all those parents who are ensuring their

children come to school everyday ready for their 'office' looking smart & professional, including tie/scarf & school ID.

If your child still needs to buy a tie/scarf, please send the following amount with your child who may visit the Bookstore in school to purchase:

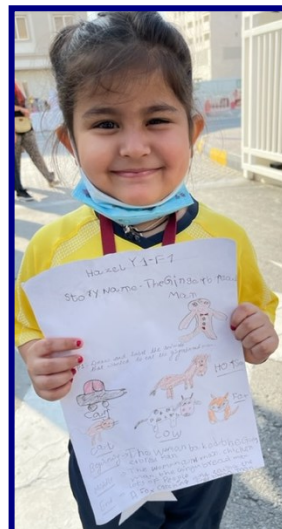
- Tie—AED27/-
- Scarf—AED31.50

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Wed. 26th Oct & Thurs. 27th Oct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School closed for Mid-Term Break.</li> <li>• School resumes on Monday 31st Oct. as usual</li> </ul>
Mon. 12th Dec. to Sunday 1st Jan. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School closed for Winter Break.</li> <li>• School resumes for T2 on Monday 2nd January, 2023. Please note that T2 school fees are due. Thanks you.</li> </ul>

**Student Safety; Exiting School Gates with Parent/Guardian Only**

We understand that parking & traffic around school are particularly challenging at the moment, but our priority has to be student safety. Students are not allowed to exit school without their parent/designated adult or without Parent written permission. **If you want your older child to leave school unaccompanied, please complete & return an Unaccompanied Exit Slip** (email [aiysha.k.wss@gemsedu.com](mailto:aiysha.k.wss@gemsedu.com) if you need the form). Thanks for your support with our students' safety.



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

# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 3  
8 سبتمبر 2022



## المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الأربعاء 26 أكتوبر والخميس 27 أكتوبر	المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة منتصف الفصل الدراسي. تستأنف المدرسة يوم الاثنين 31 أكتوبر كالمعتاد
الاثنين 12 ديسمبر إلى الأحد 1 يناير 2023	المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء. تستأنف المدرسة T2 يوم الاثنين 2 يناير 2023. يرجى ملاحظة أن الرسوم المدرسية T2 مستحقة. شكرا لك.



رسالة من  
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي  
السيدة كاليري ترميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الشارقة الأعزاء،

**أسلوب حياة صحي - أعياد ميلاد**

نحن نحاول تعزيز أسلوب حياة صحي مع أطفالنا. يرجى تجنب إرسال الكيك والحلويات إلى المدرسة، حتى في أعياد الميلاد. يرجى إرسال وجبات خفيفة / وجبات خفيفة صحية فقط إلى المدرسة، مثل سلال الفاكهة / الكباب. يجب إعادة الأطعمة السكرية الغنية بالوقود مثل الكيك والحلويات إلى المنزل، لذلك للحفاظ على صحة أطفالنا وتجنب الانزعاج، يرجى عدم إرسالها.

شكراً لك.

الزبي الرسمي الأتيق



من المهم ارتداء الزي الرسمي الصحيح والمتناسق للمدرسة. عندما يشترك فريق في الزي الرسمي، فإن هذا يخلق إحساساً بالانتماء والمسؤولية. نحن ندرّب أطفالنا ليصبحوا رجال أعمال ناجحين، بملابس احترافية أنيقة، بما في ذلك ربطة عنق / وشاح.

شكراً جزيلاً لجميع أولياء الأمور الذين يضمنون قدوم أطفالهم إلى المدرسة يومياً بالاستعداد لمقرهم يظهر ذكي وأنيق، بما في ذلك ربطة العنق / الوشاح وبطاقة الهوية المدرسية.

إذا كان طفلك لا يزال بحاجة إلى شراء ربطة عنق / وشاح، يرجى إرسال المبلغ التالي مع طفلك الذي قد يزور متجر الكتب في المدرسة لشراؤه:

ربطة عنق — 27 درهماً إماراتياً /

وشاح — 31.50 درهم إماراتي

سلامة الطلاب : الخروج من بوابات المدرسة مع ولي الأمر / الوصي فقط.

نحن ندرك أن وقوف السيارات وحركة المرور حول المدرسة يمثلان تحديًا خاصًا في الوقت الحالي، ولكن أولويتنا يجب أن تكون سلامة الطلاب. لا يُسمح للطلاب بالخروج من المدرسة دون أحد الوالدين / الكبار المعيّنين أو بدون إذن كتابي من ولي الأمر. إذا كنت تريد أن يترك طفلك الأكبر المدرسة بدون مرافق، يرجى إكمال وإرجاع قسيمة الخروج بدون مرافق (البريد الإلكتروني [ajivsha.k\\_wss@gemsedu.com](mailto:ajivsha.k_wss@gemsedu.com)). إذا كنت بحاجة إلى النموذج، نشارك على دعمك لسلامة طلابنا.



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



WSS Vision

Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All

OUR MISSION IS...

- T** Tomorrow is built today
- E** Environmental awareness & sustainability
- A** Achieving Excellence
- M** Growth Mindset
- W** Wellbeing & Happiness
- O** Overall character development
- R** Relationships
- K** Knowledge, Skills & Understanding

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



مدرسة الجمعيه في غرب الدبي  
GEMS Westminster School  
SHARJAH



# Whole School News; Happy Onam!

To all our families who celebrate, a very happy Onam! Onam is a cultural festival in the Indian state of Kerala.



# Whole School News; Optional ASP!



7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

Dear Parents,

## Subject: Optional WSS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME (ASP), TERM 1

Our optional After School Programme aims to offer additional opportunities for children to participate in various activities to develop their sporting & other talents and interests, under the supervision of our coaches. *Details are as follows:*

**Grades:** Year 2 – Year 13  
**ASP Programme:** Advance coaching classes for **FOOTBALL, BADMINTON, BASKETBALL and CRICKET** (useful for those students who would like to enhance their skills to excel in the field of sports).  
**ART & CRAFT: PAINTINGS, SKETCHING & CRAFT OUT OF WASTE.**  
**MUSIC classes: KEY BOARD, VIOLIN, GUITAR & DRUMS.**

### Schedule:

Date	Day	Time
19/09/2022	Monday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
21/09/2022	Wednesday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
26/09/2022	Monday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
28/09/2022	Wednesday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
03/10/2022	Monday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
05/10/2022	Wednesday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
10/10/2022	Monday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm
12/10/2022	Wednesday	3:30 pm to 5:00pm

Student Wellbeing

**Programme Duration:** Weeks of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022.  
**Timings:** 03:30pm – 05:00 pm  
**Sessions:** 8 sessions (weekly 2)  
**Days** Mondays and Wednesdays  
**Coaching cost** AED 350/-  
**Transport:** Own transport only (WSS BUS Transportation NOT available for ASP activities).  
**Refreshment:** Please send snack, towel & water (for sports), or as per ASP teacher's request.  
**Health & Safety:** Please inform the Sports coaches if there is any medical issue concerning your child.  
**Attendance:** Recommended to attend all sessions (no refunds unless session cancelled by school).

If you wish your child to participate, please complete the permission slips attached & return with payment to your child's class teacher or pay online, before joining. Thank you.

Mr. Jisharmon A.  
Head of PE Department, ASP Coordinator.

## Whole School News; Optional ASP!

<i>Parent to sign &amp; return</i>			
<b>Acknowledgement Slip for Optional ASP TERM 1</b>			
<b>Student's name:</b>	<b>ID:</b>	<b>Class:</b>	
<b>I would like my child to join the optional TERM 1 ASP: Please <span style="color: yellow;">✓</span> one category only</b>			
FOOTBALL	BASKETBALL	BADMINTON	CRICKET
KEYBOARD	GUITAR	VIOLIN	DRUMS
PAINTINGS	SKETCHING	CRAFT OUT OF WASTE	
I accept that while WSS staff take every care to ensure student safety, there is chance of injury in contact sports as well as individual performance. WSS accepts no responsibility for sporting injuries caused by the student's deliberate misuse of equipment or indiscipline.			
<b>I attach payment of AED:</b>		<b>Signed (Parent)</b>	<b>Date:</b>

<b>Acknowledgement Slip from parent; Optional ASP TERM 1</b> <i>(parent, Teacher &amp; BBT CCE sign) copy to be <u>sent home</u> in Student's Planner</i>			
<b>Student's name:</b>	<b>ID:</b>	<b>Class:</b>	<b>Usual Bus no:</b>
<b>My child opted for a place in the optional ASP TERM 1:</b>			
<i>To be completed by parent:</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>my child is a bus user: I will use Own Transport facility after ASP to home. I will pick he/she at 5:00 pm from WSS.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>my child is an own transport user: I will use Own Transport after ASP to home. I will pick he/she at 5:00 pm from WSS.</i>			
		<i>Parent signature:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
		<i>Signed BBT CCE (for regular Bus users):</i>	<i>Date:</i>
		<i>Signed (class teacher):</i>	<i>Date:</i>



# Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!

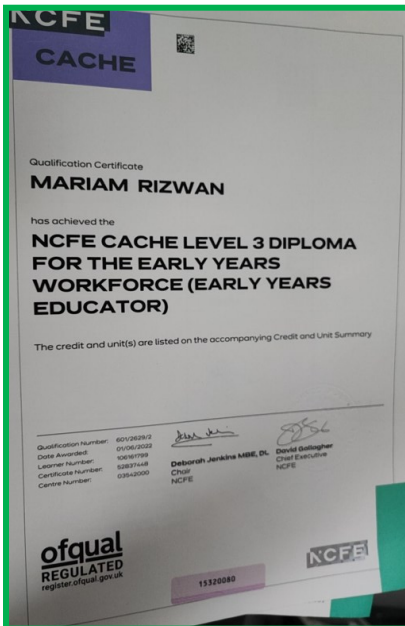


## WSS Superstar Champions!



Well done to Arjun Sujeer (Y9H1) for readily and capably accepting the challenge set for him in his Mathematics lesson by Mr. Nisha. This supported not only his progress but the progress of others in the class. Thanks Mr. Muhammad Nishad.

Great job by Meerab Raheel, Garmiru S, and Ethar Mahmoud Ahmed Hassan (Y4 D2) for their creative Poetry writing in English. Thank you Ms. Jisha for providing this opportunity.



Congratulations to Ms. Mariam Rizwan for achieving this prestigious qualification! We love 'learning for life!'



This young sibling was helping his big brother with his school bag. It was so cute to see this teamwork!



Congratulations to our WSS FOH Receptionist Mr. Kinan for his 'above & beyond' contribution to customer care.



Ms. Lamyaa receiving her certificate for outstanding performance & feedback from SPEA Arabic Development Advisor Ms. Rania Nazaal.

### FS2D1 Happy to get stickers from Ms. Shamail





## WSS Staff Superstar Champions!

	Staff Awards; WSS Staff Stars of Term 3	Term 3: April – June 2022	
			
<b>Ms. Nikhat Imran</b>	<b>Ms. Maria Khan</b>	<b>Ms. Lakshmi Deepa</b>	<b>Ms. Vandana Parashar</b>
<b>Teacher of the Term Junior</b>	<b>Teacher Assistant of the Term Junior</b>	<b>Teacher of the Term Primary</b>	<b>Teacher of the Term Primary</b>
			
<b>Ms. Sasirekha Selvaraj</b>	<b>Mr. Nageswararao Dukka</b>	<b>Ms. Geethu Gangakrishnan</b>	<b>Ms. Jyothi Pradeep</b>
<b>Teacher of the Term Primary</b>	<b>Teacher of the Term Secondary</b>	<b>Teacher of the Term Secondary</b>	<b>Teacher of the Term Secondary</b>
			
<b>Ms. Rema Premchand</b>	<b>Mr. Anil Rane</b>	<b>Ms. Rejen Dondoyano</b>	
<b>Admin. Staff Award of the Term</b>	<b>Support Staff of the Term</b>	<b>Support Staff of the Term</b>	

## *WSS Environmental Recycling Superstar Champions!*

WSS will be participating in a GEMS-wide e-waste collection drive as part of our Environmental Awareness programme.

- We will receive a flat-pack e-waste Fixerman bin made from recycled cardboard for students, parents & staff to deposit old/unused e-waste (such as Mobile phones, tablets, laptops and smartwatches)
- The Fixerman van will collect the donated devices every week from each school. All discarded devices will be safely destroyed and disposed of through Dubai Municipality-registered recycling company E-Scrappy (devices will not be repurposed or sold). Fixerman will weigh each collection box to measure how much has been collected from each school.

What devices can be collected? Mobile phones, tablets, laptops and smartwatches.

Please note that chargers, batteries and leads cannot be collected for disposal.

All files should be deleted from the device and data will be erased by E-Scrappy before recycling. Thank you.

I am writing this email to appreciate Ms sameena efforts with her students,my daughter Hala ahmed elgendy

She is very happy with her,so excited to do and show her best

I appreciate also her response to my emails with no delay although her busy time

I am sure enshallah my daughter will improve more and more with her enshallah

Good luck to everyone, wish all of you a new academic year full of success and good memories

## Junior Section News; Learning is Fun in FS1!



With Ms. Kishwar

# Junior Section News



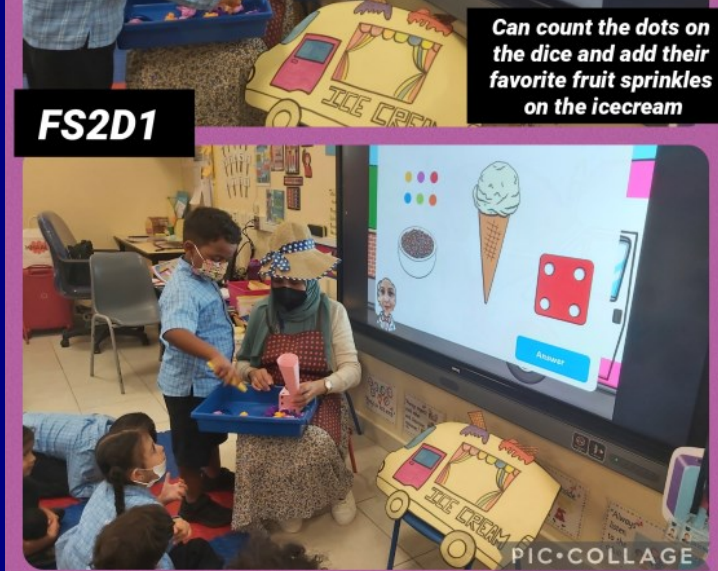
FS2D1 enjoying in westplay area



On a treasure hunt with captain Penny



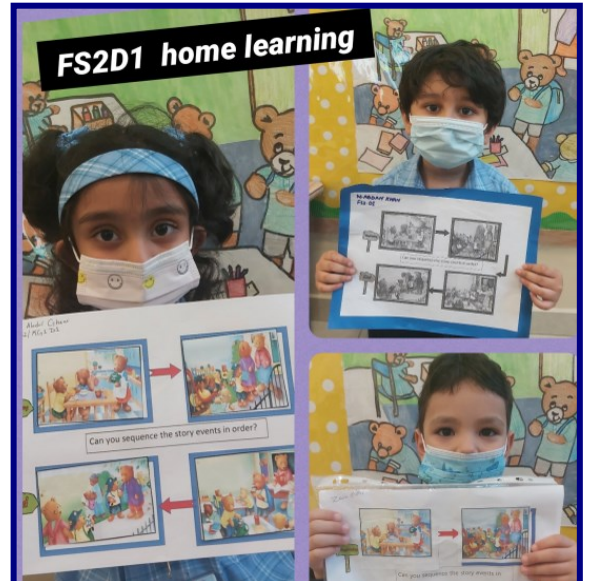
Can count the dots on the dice and add their favorite fruit sprinkles on the icecream



FS2D1



Can draw and talk about the events from the story



With Ms. Nikhat

# Primary Section News

Year 5S2 students are starting to show their best (student-led learning/ flip learning) during the teaching and learning process in English lesson with Mr. Arvie.



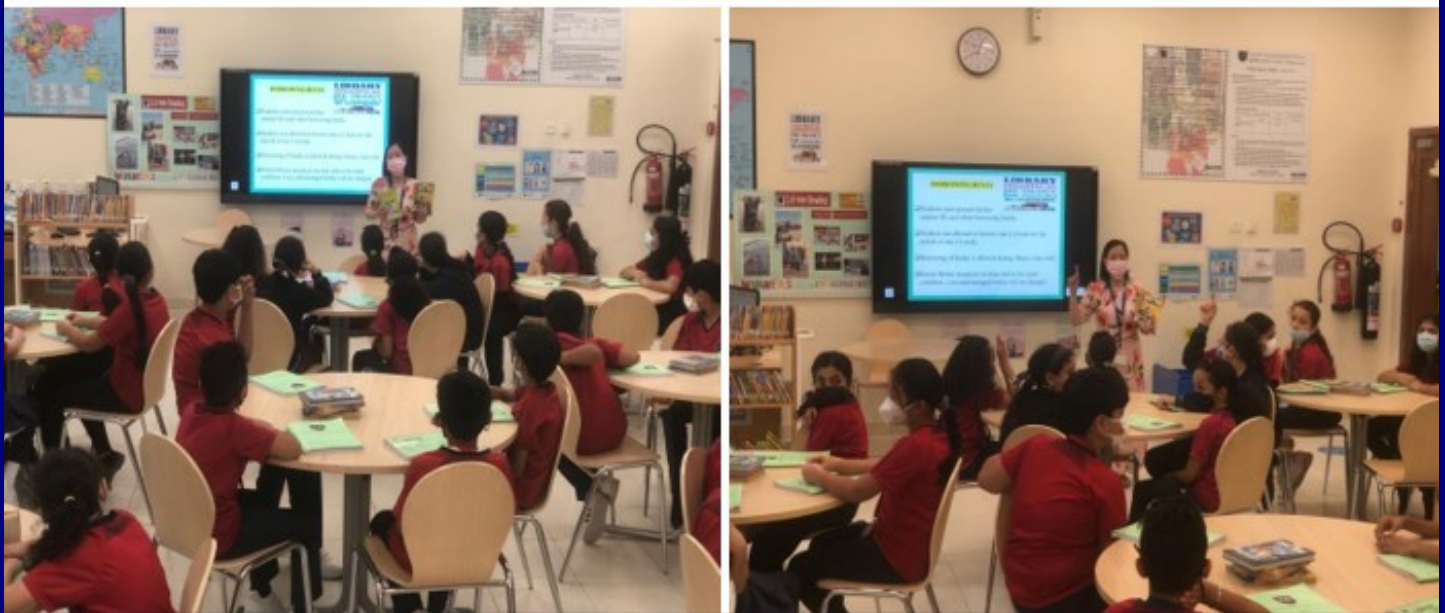
## Primary Section News!

With Ms. Loannie



Y4S1- Learning by doing. They were able to show how the particles look like from the 3 states of matter which are Solid, Liquid and Gas.

Year 5S2 Library orientation with our Primary Librarian, Ms. Rapunzel.



And Mr. Arvie

# Primary Section News!



Y5H1



It's our play time!



Students Wellbeing

## Collaborative Learning in science lesson

LFQ: How do I describe the stages in the life cycle of an amphibian?

Y5F2



Preparing students for the future.

With Ms. Anju

# Primary Section News!



Reading improves your memory and focus, enhances your imagination, increases your vocabulary and strengthens your writing skills.

With Ms. Anju



LFQ: How do I describe the stages in the life cycle of an amphibian?



Y5H2 Y5S1



With Ms. Syeda Razvi



# Primary Section News



With Ms. Sangeetha

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FOR LIFE

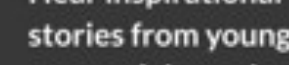
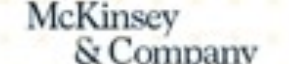
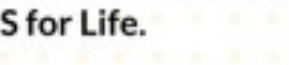
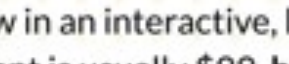
# CAREER DAY



5 Oct

• LIVE

6-7pm UAE Time



Preparing students for their Future!

## The High School Career

### Event of the Year ~~\$99~~ Free for GEMS students

Take a deep dive into the careers of tomorrow in an interactive, live and online event for forward-thinking students. This event is usually \$99, but free for GEMS students, with special thanks to GEMS for Life.



Engage with industry professionals



Get university application insights



Hear inspirational stories from young successful people



## SCAN ME

to register - limited spots

LaunchPad Scholarship giveaways



# **Student Council 2022-2023**

**Up and live for Self Nomination**

**Deadline: 11th of September, Sunday 2022**

**Make a difference!**

**Join Today!**

*Dedication*

*Confidence*

*Reliability*

*Leadership*

LINKS AND POSITIONS WILL BE SENT TO ALL STUDENTS.

## *Secondary Section News*



**Class of 2020 Alumni students Taha Naseem & Muhammed Ishaan Fariz shared their 'secret for success', "Don't give up on your dreams. Even if you get low marks, don't give up. Just keep trying harder!"**