

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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11th May, 2023



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

School Fees, Next Academic Year 2023-2024

As many of you will have read in the media, the Authorities have approved a minimal fee rise of around 2.5% for the new academic year in schools across the Emirate, to cover rising costs, including a review of Teacher salary, which has been frozen, along with a fee increase freeze, since the start of COVID. As soon as we have confirmation of the exact approved fees from SPEA we will inform parents for budgeting.

Being Thoughtful of others; Behaviour in Reception

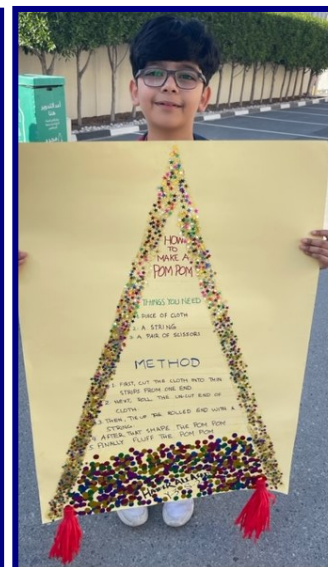
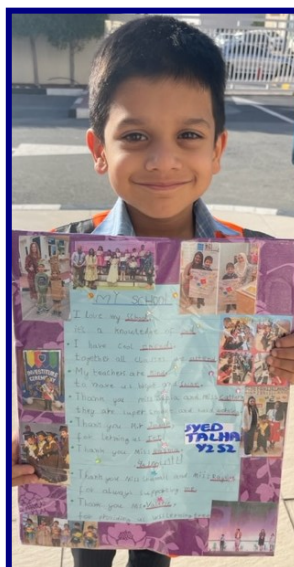
Parents & guests are welcome to visit and wait in the Reception area. However, we must avoid disturbing others who are visiting or working in Reception. Please ensure that noise is kept to a minimum, devices are kept at minimum volume and that your children sit quietly (running and playing about in Reception disturbs others & is unsafe). Thank you for your support & cooperation.

Taking Other People's Children Home

If you need someone else to take your child home, it is critical that you inform school in writing in the morning, so that we can inform BBT, Security and the teacher. It is **absolutely not allowed to take someone else's child out of school without the parent's written permission**. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
29/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official last day of the academic year (TBC by SPEA)
Thurs. 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to apply on the system for a TC (Transfer Certificate), if leaving WSS. Deadline to apply for any certificate attestation arranged through the GRE Ms. Abir. After this date, we would be unable to guarantee completion of your documents before August 24th due to staff Annual Leave
July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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"> Returning students to rejoin from Tuesday 29/8/23, subject to full T1 fees having been cleared. Students must return within one week from school opening (by latest Monday 4th September). <u>Seats will not be held beyond this date</u>, even if the re-enrollment fee has been paid). 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.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم #30
11 مايو 2023



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي السيدة
فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

الرسوم المدرسية للعام الدراسي القادم 2024-2023

نظرًا لأن العديد منكم قد قرأ في وسائل
الإعلام، فقد وافقت السلطات على زيادة
الحد الأدنى في الرسوم بنحو 2.5% للعام
الدراسي الجديد في المدارس في جميع أنحاء الإمارة، لتغطية
التكاليف المتزايدة، بما في ذلك مراجعة راتب المعلم، الذي تم
تجديده، إلى جانب تجميد زيادة الرسوم منذ بداية COVID.
بمجرد حصولنا على تأكيد للرسوم المعتمدة بالضبط من SPEA،
ستبلغ أولياء الأمور بوضع الميزانية.

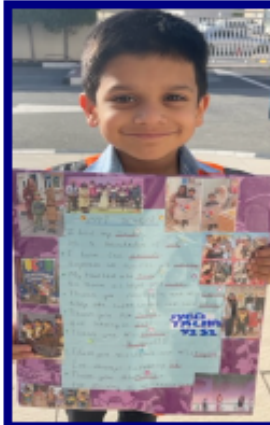
التفكير في الآخرين: السلوك في المستقبل

الآباء والضيوف مدعوون للزيارة والانتظار في منطقة الاستقبال.
ومع ذلك، يجب تجنب إزعاج الآخرين الذين يزورون مكتب
الاستقبال أو يعملون فيه. يرجى التأكد من تقليل الضوضاء إلى
الحد الأدنى، والحفاظ على الأجهزة عند الحد الأدنى من الصوت
وأن أطفالك يجلسون بهدوء (الجري واللعب في المستقبل يزعج
الآخرين ويصبح غير آمن).

شكرا لدعمكم وتعاونكم.

أخذ الأطفال الآخرين إلى المنزل

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى شخص آخر ليأخذ طفلك إلى المنزل، فمن
الأهمية بمكان أن تبلغ المدرسة كتابيًا في الصباح، حتى تتمكن من
إبلاغ BBT والأمن والمعلم. لا يُسمح مطلقًا بإخراج طفل شخص
آخر من المدرسة دون إذن كتابي من ولي الأمر. شكرًا لك.



المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
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 عيبر. • بعد هذا التاريخ، لن تتمكن من ضمان استكمال المستندات الخاصة بك قبل 24 أغسطس بسبب الإجازة السنوية للموظفين.
يوليو 2023	لمعلوماتك، سيكون الزي الرسمي لخطوط WSS من النموذج السادس Y12-13 متاحًا لتوزيع في متاجر خطوط البيع بالتجزئة اعتبارًا من يوليو 2023. التاريخ القطعي TBC بحلول منتصف يونيو 2023.
الاثنين 28/8/23	اليوم الأول للطلاب الجديد في العام الدراسي الجديد، يخضع لمداد رسوم T1 كاملة.
الثلاثاء 29/8/23	• عودة الطلاب للالتحاق ابتداءً من يوم الثلاثاء الموافق 29/8/23 بشرط تصفية رسوم T1 كاملة. • يجب أن يعود الطلاب في غضون أسبوع واحد عند افتتاح المدرسة (بحلول آخر يوم اثنين 4 سبتمبر). لن يتم الاحتفال بالمقاعد بعد هذا التاريخ، حتى لو تم دفع رسوم إعادة (التسجيل). • لا توجد خطط دفع للفترة 1، لذا يرجى وضع الميزانية وفقًا لذلك. سيتم قبول الطلاب للعام الدراسي الجديد فقط بمجرد مداد رسوم T1 بالكامل. 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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Find our updated **Parent Hand-book** through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.



Environment & Recycling Superstar Champions!



Dear Ms.Doaa SS.T teacher

I'd like to thank you for everything you're doing for my daughter Jana , your treatment as a mother in many situations happened with my daughter indicates your respect and profession
Kindly accept my huge appreciation.

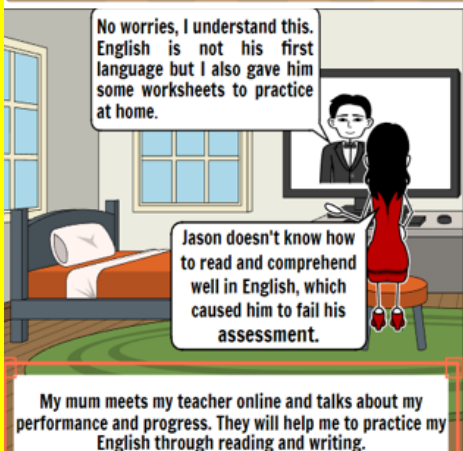
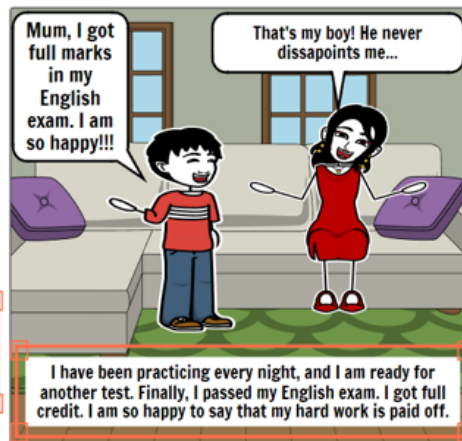
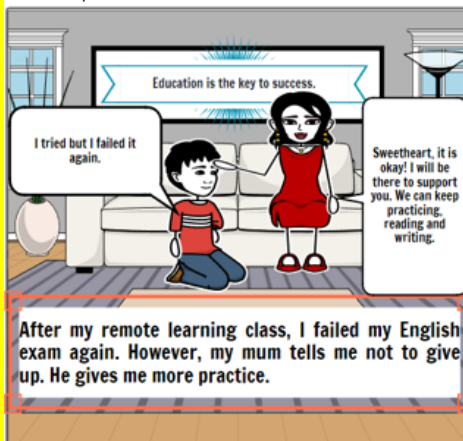
Thank you very much for everything , thanking not enough for all you did
I hope if every Teacher treat all students like a mother like you doing

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته
مس دعاء اريد ان اشكرك علي مجهوداتك المبذولة مع جني في مواقف كثيرة جدا .
تعاملك كأُم في مواقف عديدة مع ابنتي تدل علي ذوقك واحترامك

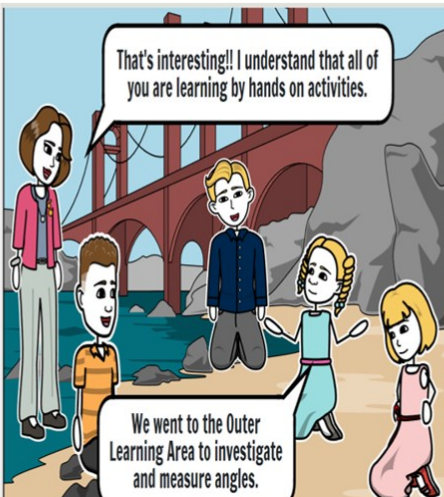
Jana's mother

Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

REWARDS FOR HARDWORK IN DEVELOPING THE NECESSARY SKILLS



Preparing students for the future



Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!

Awarded for demonstrating Good Character

(Respect, Kindness & Community Spirit)



Thank you to Jeremiah (Y8BH1) for his kindness to his friend Muzammil.

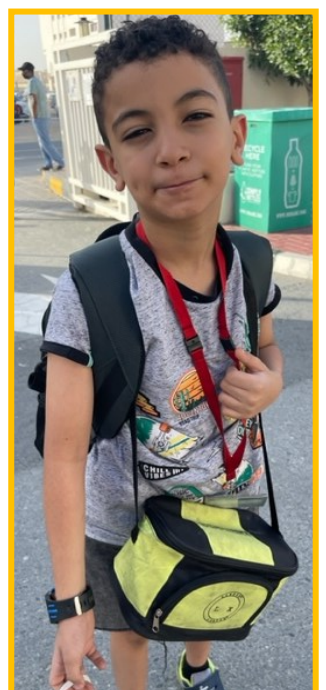
Jeremiah went out of his way to help Muzammil (Y8BH1), who was using a wheelchair to get around in the classroom. The care and compassion he showed towards the student makes us proud of his actions & character.

His actions were a shining example of the values we strive to instill in our students: kindness, compassion, and empathy. He not only helped the injured student with the wheelchair but also went the extra mile to make him feel included and valued in the classroom.

Thank you to our superstar buddies Hatem and Ziad (Y9BS1) for helping Abdullah Nabeel to carry his bag after his accident.



Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



Birthday celebrants in Y2S2 with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin 🎉



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Dears Ms. Shamail/Ms. Raghi/Ms. Sabiha,

We would like to thank you from the deepest of our heart for the amazing event of Y2 graduation ceremony last week.

We were so happy & proud to attend the ceremony, watching our son Yassin participating as a speaker & celebrating his learning journey success with his teachers and friends.

It wouldn't have reached that level of arrangement and success without all your hard work, support & dedication.

Myself & my wife would like to thank you again for the event arrangement & scripts which were being told by Y2 students.

We are sure that Yassin will receive expected education quality in primary stage under supervision of Ms. Sonia & Ms. Emelia, which he already enjoys the same with Ms. Sabiha Malik under supervision of Ms. Shamail & Ms. Raghi.

Once again, thank you.

Best Regards,,

Mohamed El Esawy




Junior Section News




Talha (Y2S2) has been practicing writing poetry! Great application of your literacy skills, Talha!

WRITING POEMS TALHA Y2S2




BREAD

I like to eat bread,
With peanut butter spread.
It is so yummy,
It full my tummy.




CLEAVER
FOX

one clever fox,
Likes to wear socks.
He likes in a box,
Tom locks the box.



FLUFFY BEAR

A fluffy bear,
sat on a chair.
He ate honey,
Played with bunny




SAD CAT

One fat cat,
sitting on a mat.
He played with a bat
Still feeling sad

SILLY DRAGON

A silly dragon,
sitting on the station train.
He sat in train,
to go to Spain.



Junior Section News

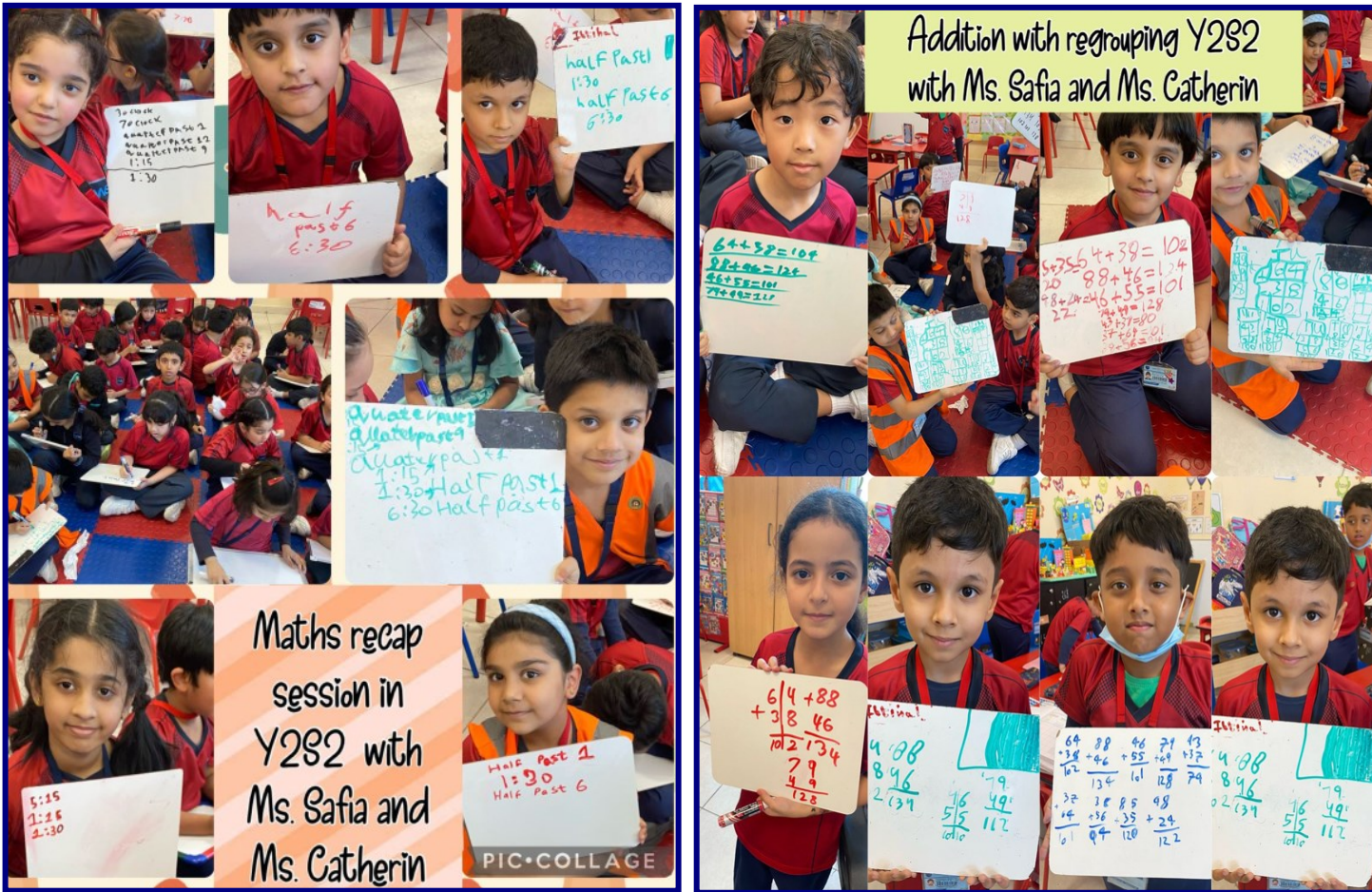


Well done to Ms. Israa for her challenging, activity-filled lesson. Here is HOD MOE Subjects Mr. Osama enjoying his Lesson Observation in FS2.

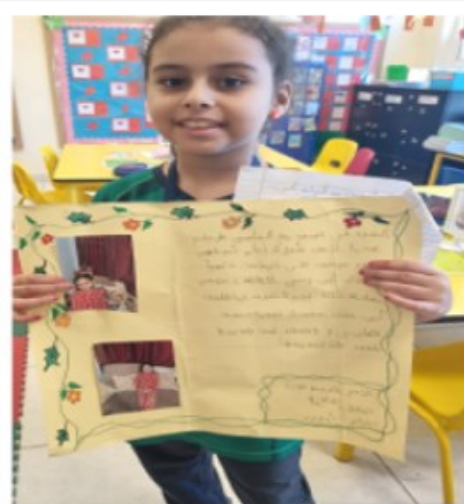
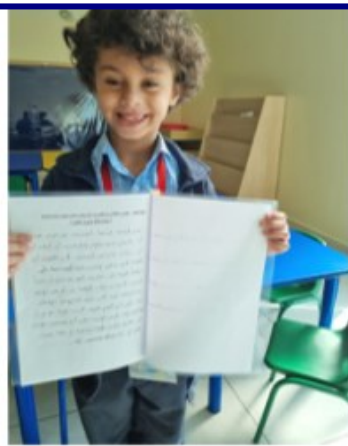
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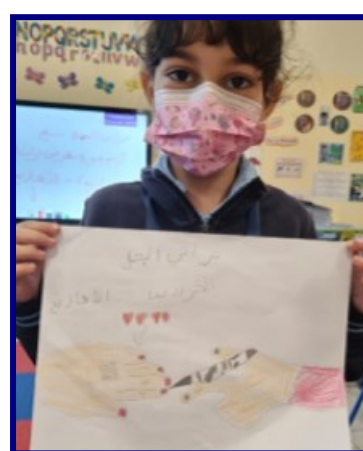
Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!



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Y2 Social Studies
with Ms. Amira



Primary Section News



Thank you for your
cute video on divi-
sion, Nabia!



Well done to Ms. Basma, who created her own action rhyme to help her Arabic students enjoy their learning more.



Secondary Section News; Mathsmania Magazine Launch, 8/5/23!



Check out the link to our maths magazine MATHMANIA 2023:
https://www.canva.com/design/DAFbE6ZwECE/3DOnw03_IKh-XOboGvdeTg/view?utm_content=DAFbE6ZwECE&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink



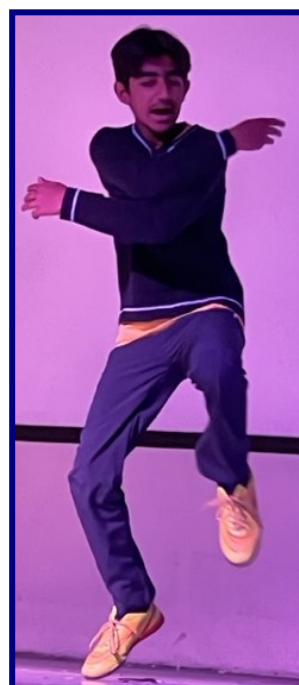
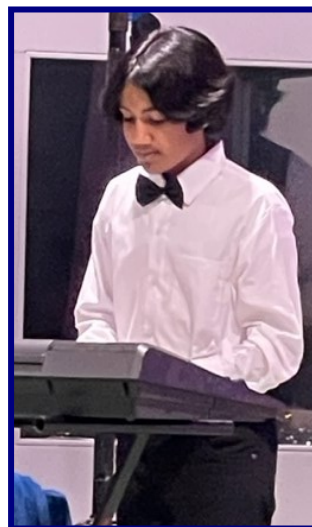
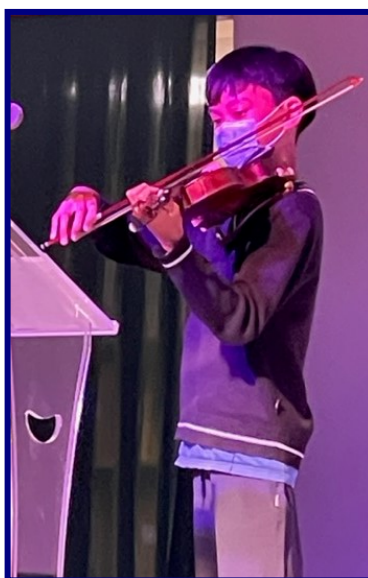
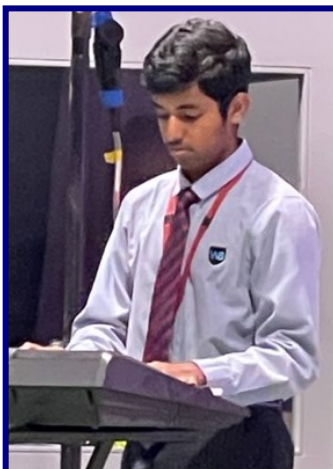
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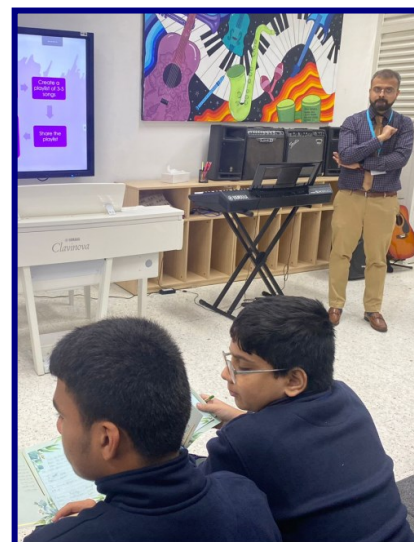
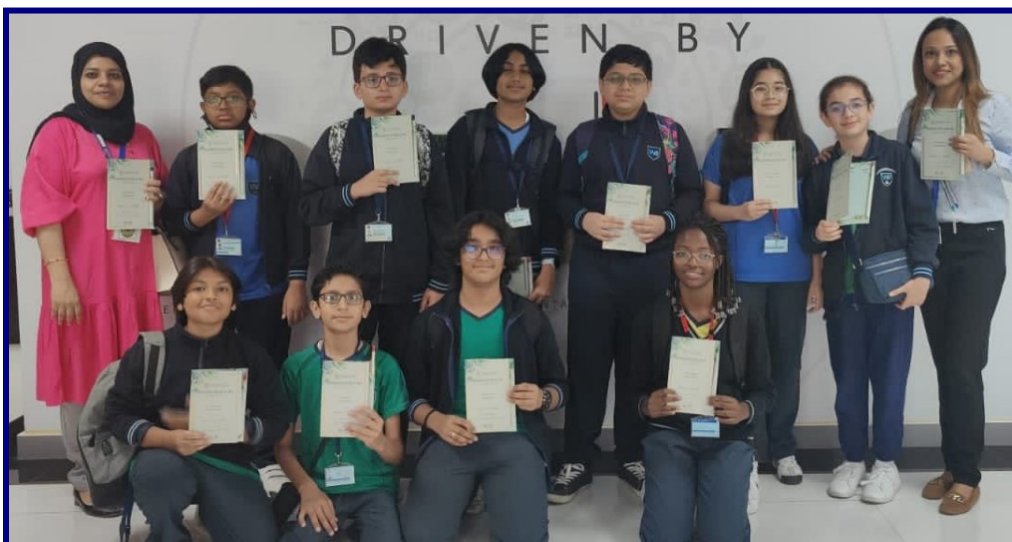


Secondary Section News; TMS Wellbeing Festival!

WSS students participated in the Wellbeing Festival Mind + Body + Soul hosted by The Millennium School Dubai., on Saturday 6/5/23.

This event promoted wellbeing as holistic, in that energizes all three - body, mind, and soul, & that a sustainable state of wellbeing can be achieved by making small lifestyle changes. The event helped students explore and understand the various facets of good health through a range of fun activities.

WSS students participated in many activities like pottery, exploring mandala, drama, dance and movement, Judo, Yoga, music for healing, etc. Here are images expressing their enjoyment and wellbeing.



Secondary Section News; TMS Wellbeing Festival!

Fatima Zahra (Y8GD1): “I was invited to go to The Millennium School, Dubai for a wellbeing festival Mind+Body+Soul. There were many activities for each of them; I had selected dance, mandala art and pottery. It helped us understand the different aspects of good mental health and these sessions helped us reach that goal. I got to meet many amazing teachers and students from other schools. Thank you to Ms Swati and Ms Laneetha for accompanying us on this wonderful trip.”

Nada Odeh (Y8GH1): “On Saturday 6th May, I was invited to a special event in @TMS (The Millennium School) to attend the festival Well-being Mind+Body+Soul we were welcomed by the principal and the vice principal led after that with a nice song, sung by the students, then we went to our sessions, I choose pottery, yoga, and dance and movement. I loved everything there the students And the volunteers everything. I thank my teacher, Ms. Swati, and Ms. Binju, for choosing me for this event.”

Nada’s Mother reply to our email: “...it was my pleasure. And my daughter Nada was happy for attending the event.”

Ratib Hayat (Y7BD1): “On Saturday 6th May. Me, my friends, my teachers and the whole GEMS community were invited to a wellbeing festival @TMS (The Millennium School in Dubai). It was from 8:30 am till 2:00 pm. There were so many activities and all of them were interestingly fun. We chose three sessions out of options. First session we had pottery which was my first time and was nice for me to learn something new, second was judo and to be honest judo was ... fun learning also. Last one was ‘no more drama’ which helped us to learn to manage friendships and such relationships with conflicts. Overall, All the teachers, principals were very nice to us, students guidance @TMS was very helpful to us, & the arrangement was absolutely amazing. I would like to thank everyone for making this happen, Ms Swati and Ms Sony for helping us to make this come true.”



Secondary Section News; NASA Week STEAM Activities!

SCIENCE



Make a Pinwheel Galaxy Pinwheel KS3 BOYS STEAM lesson with Ms. Divyamol.
The Pinwheel Galaxy is a spiral-shaped galaxy about 21 million light years away from Earth. Scientists call this swirling galaxy *M101*. You can find it in the constellation Ursa Major, or the "Big Dipper," in the Northern Hemisphere. With a nice, dark sky, you can see it with binoculars or a small telescope.



SCIENCE



MIRROR MAZE CHALLENGE -STEAM KS3 GIRLS LESSON WITH Ms. Abia

One of the James Webb Space Telescope's science goals is to look back through time to when galaxies were young. Webb does this by observing galaxies that are very distant, at over 13 billion light years away from us. To see such far-off and faint objects, Webb needs a large mirror. A telescope's sensitivity, or how much detail it can see, is directly related to the size of the mirror area that collects light from the objects being observed.

Secondary Section News; NASA Week STEAM Activities!



English STEAM lesson with Ms. Anju

Students as scientist- interviews conducted had helped our students to develop critical thinking, problem solving and communicative skills

Science Fair Projects



Secondary Section News; NASA Week STEAM Activities!

MATH

Build a NASA rocket challenge in STEAM lesson with Mr. Nishad



MATH STEAM Lessons with Ms. Binju and Ms. Priya

Calculating Solar Power in Space-Students explore practical applications of exponents and division to investigate what it takes for NASA spacecraft to travel deep into the solar system using only solar power.



STEAM Art and the Cosmic Connection with Ms. Maha

Using the elements of art — shape, line, color, texture, value — students make sense of images of planets, asteroids, comets and moons, honing observation skills and inspiring questions. Learners of all ages create a beautiful piece of art while learning to recognize geologic and atmospheric features of solar system objects. The lesson begins with what we know here on Earth and then uses that awareness to help students interpret features on distant objects in the solar system. Art and the Cosmic Connection offers a terrific bridge between Earth and space science, as well as a wonderful dive into the potential of science to inspire art — and art to empower science!



Secondary Section News; NASA Week STEAM Activities!



STEAM MOVIE CLUB ACTIVITIES WITH Ms. RENISHA

Interview with scientists and astronauts about the past, present and future missions of NASA which enhanced the knowledge of rocketry missions and projects



STEAM ARABIC NASA ACTIVITIES WITH Ms. IMAN



KS3 STEAM PE-Spaced Out Sports with Mr. Sumosh

Students apply their understanding of Newton's laws of motion to design a game or activity for a microgravity environment.

Space exploration has much in common with sports. Success in each requires great teamwork and lots of practice. Getting a spacecraft - or a ball - to its destination means thinking about speed, distance, trajectory and the effects of gravity. Astronauts train their bodies to be able to maintain fitness both on and off Earth. Plus, it's human nature to want to have fun and play, no matter where we are! Every May is National Physical Fitness Month.



Secondary Section News; Creativity in Art!

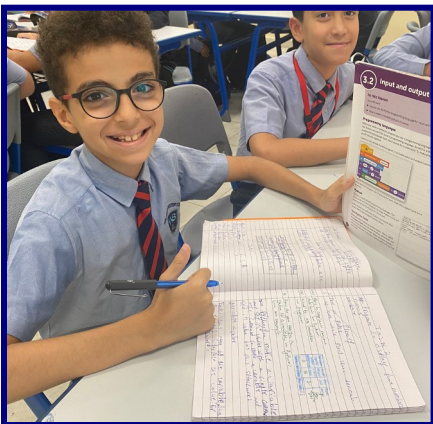
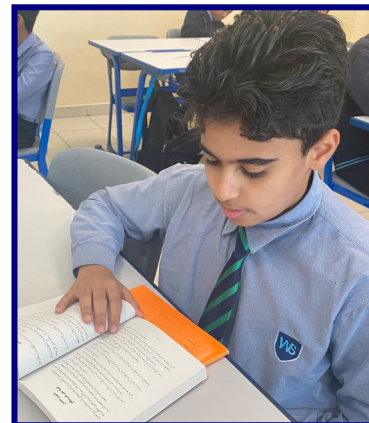


With Ms. Maha

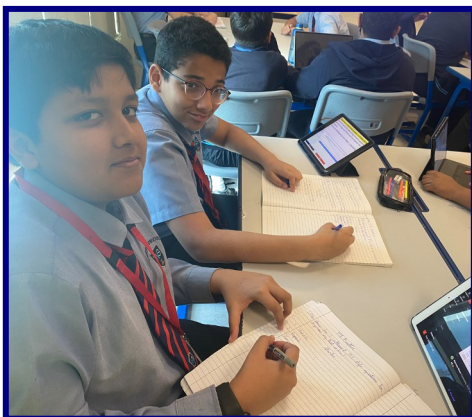
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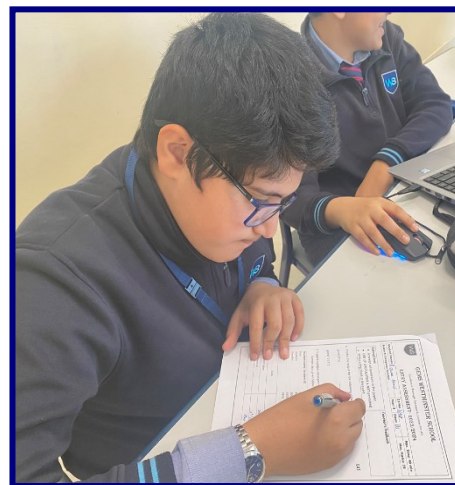
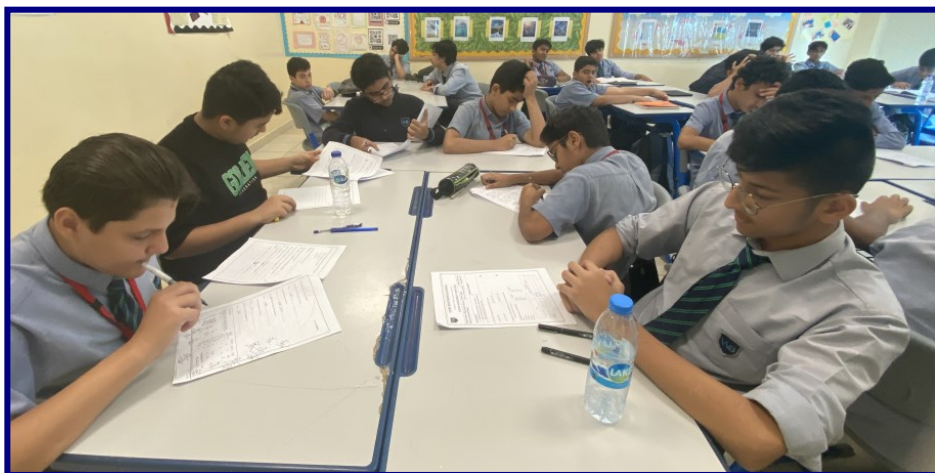
The Cambridge Board exams have started. WSS is an accredited CIE Examination Centre. Here are our English Second Language cohort on Friday 5th May. We wish all our students every success in their examinations.



- Abdul Rehman and Moh Omar (Y7BF1): Uniform Leaders diligently doing their task of uniform checking.
- Hamza Y7BH1: Reading Arabic book for assignment.
- Taqiuddin Ahmed (Y7BS1) answering challenging question to achieve his target in Computing lesson. He also explained certain concepts on Computing topics flawlessly.
- Marwan and Moh. Tahir (Y8BS1) practicing for upcoming Progress Test
- Namish and Azan (Y8BF2) completing maps for Geography assignment.

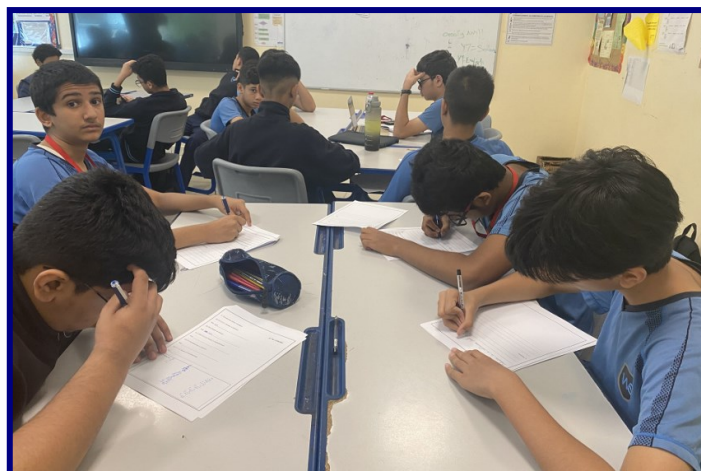


Secondary Section News



Y9 students doing the theoretical part of their Computer Science assessment.

The assessment was conducted smoothly by the ICT Department.



WSS is an accredited Cambridge Examination Board Examination Centre. Here are IGCSE/AS/AL board exams in progress under full examination conditions.

