

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #30  
23rd April, 2026



## Message from the Principal/CEO

Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear Wonderful WSS parents—thank you for your incredible cooperation & support throughout the current situation & transition. Just a few gentle reminders from the [Parent Guidance Letter shared on 19/4/26 &](#)

[21/4/26](#) to support the safe return of your children to school. Your cooperation is critical & much appreciated.

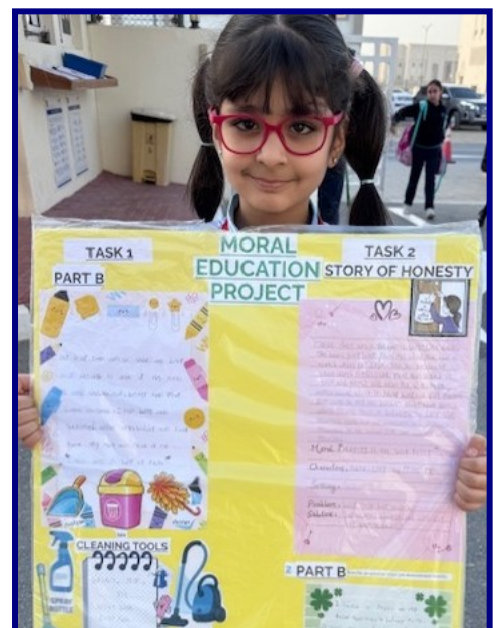
Please note that **children must either be dropped off 6:45-7:25 & picked up on time at 2:05pm, or be on DL online** as we cannot have crowds around school. Parents, once you drop/pick up your child, please leave the premises immediately to reduce crowding.

If you wish to change the mode of learning (DL/F2F) it takes time to make the required arrangements, so please **only change for the following week**. Please note that SPEA require us to provide online & F2F teaching during the school day, which means that **if your child is online, their teachers may change**. This is unavoidable as the same teacher cannot be both F2F & online at the same time.

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Monday 16/2/26 to Sunday 27/4/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Re-enrolment facility for seats for Sept. 26-27 is open, subject to no pending T2 fees or behaviour blocks/On Probation.</li> <li>Deadline to re-enroll (online &amp; payment) is Monday 27/4/26, after which time un-booked seats would be released to the Waiting List. Seats are limited, so to avoid inconvenience &amp; upset, do please re-enroll/pay within the deadline.</li> <li>Please note that the re-enrollment fee is non-refundable &amp; non-transferable in any case, however is deducted against T1 fees.</li> </ul>
Monday 20/4/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-person F2F school &amp; buses resumes. DL option available if required.</li> </ul>
Thursday 2/7/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officially students' last day of the year.</li> <li>Last Promotional Exam scheduled for Thursday 18/6/26, subject to SPEA approval</li> </ul>

The school **internal doors open at 7am for children & parent drop-off**. Please do not enter school before then. We understand that parents are happy to meet their school gate buddies after a long time, however we must avoid crowds; parents who come for pick-up & drop-off, do please **'Drop & Go'**. It is important to avoid socializing in open areas & corridors. Thank you.



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

# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة

النشرة الإخبارية رقم 30  
23 أبريل 2026



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي  
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الشارقة الأعزاء،

**رسالة إرشادية للوالدين، تم نشرها  
في 19/4/2026 و 21/4/2026**

لدعم عودة أطفالكم الآمنة إلى  
المدرسة في الوضع الحالي، يرجى  
اتباع الإرشادات الواردة في رسالتي  
أولياء الأمور المرسلت إلى المنزل يوم الأحد 19/4/26 ويوم  
الثلاثاء 21/4/26. من الضروري اتخاذ تدابير أمنية أكثر صرامة  
لتعزيز الأمن في هذا الوقت، لذا فإن تعاونكم أمر بالغ الأهمية  
ونقدره كثيراً.

يرجى ملاحظة أنه يجب إما توصيل الأطفال بين الساعة 6:45 و  
7:25 واستلامهم في الوقت المحدد الساعة 2:05 مساءً، أو أن  
يكونوا مسجلين في نظام التعلم عن بعد عبر الإنترنت حيث لا  
يمكننا السماح بالتجمعات حول المدرسة. أيها الآباء، بمجرد  
توصيل/استلام طفلكم، يرجى مغادرة المكان فوراً لتقليل الازدحام.

إذا كنت ترغب في تغيير طريقة التعلم (DL/F2F)، فإن الأمر  
يستغرق بعض الوقت لإجراء الترتيبات المطلوبة، لذا يرجى التغيير  
للأسبوع التالي فقط. يرجى ملاحظة أن منظمة SPEA تريد منا  
تقديم التعليم عبر الإنترنت والتعليم وجهاً لوجه خلال اليوم  
الدراسي، مما يعني أنه إذا كان طفلك متصلاً بالإنترنت، فقد يتغير  
معلمه. هذا أمر لا مفر منه، حيث لا يمكن للمعلم نفسه أن يكون  
حضورياً وعبر الإنترنت في نفس الوقت.

## المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تم فتح باب إعادة التسجيل للمقاعد للفترة من 26 إلى 27 سبتمبر، بشرط عدم وجود رسوم T2 معلقة أو مخالفات سلوكية / تحت المراقبة.</li> <li>لا يمكننا الاحتفاظ بالمقاعد غير المحجوزة/غير المدفوعة بعد 27/4/26، والتي سيتم منحها بعد ذلك إلى قائمة الانتظار. المقاعد محدودة، لذا لتجنب أي إزعاج أو استياء، يرجى إعادة التسجيل/الدفع قبل الموعد النهائي. شكرًا لكم.</li> <li>يرجى ملاحظة أن رسوم إعادة التسجيل غير قابلة للاسترداد وغير قابلة للتحويل في أي حال من الأحوال، ومع ذلك يتم خصمها من رسوم T1.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>من يوم الاثنين 16/2/26 إلى يوم الأحد 27/4/26</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>تستأنف الدراسة الحضورية والحافلات المدرسية. يتوفر خيار التعلم عن بعد عند الحاجة.</li> </ul>	الاثنين 20/4/26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>اليوم الأخير رسمياً للطلاب في السنة الدراسية.</li> <li>آخر امتحان ترقية مقرر ليوم الخميس 18/6/26، رهناً بموافقة إدارة الشؤون العامة.</li> </ul>	الخميس 2/7/26

تُفتح الأبواب الداخلية للمدرسة في تمام الساعة السابعة صباحاً لاستقبال الأطفال وأولياء أمورهم. يرجى عدم دخول المدرسة قبل ذلك الموعد. نحن نفهم أن أولياء الأمور سعداء بلقاء أصدقائهم عند بوابة المدرسة بعد فترة طويلة، ولكن يجب علينا تجنب الازدحام؛ لذا نرجو من أولياء الأمور الذين يأتون لاصطحاب ابنائهم وتوصيلهم اتباع نظام "التوصيل والمغادرة".

من المهم تجنب التجمعات في الأماكن المفتوحة والممرات. شكرًا لكم.



رؤيتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح للجميع"

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Parent Handbook Access QR

The most important gifts you can give your child are a **quality education** and the **values** that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey



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

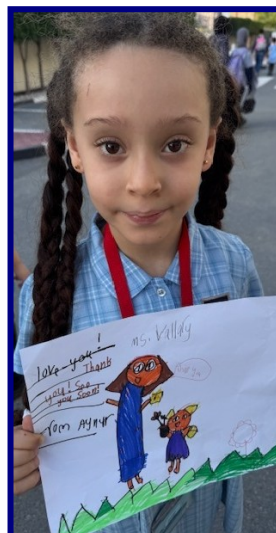


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Huge thanks to our amazing parents for all the cooperation, support & teamwork to ensure a smooth return to school

*Welcome Back to School, Monday 20/4/26!*  
*“Protected Nation—Build Education!” SPEA*



## *Welcome Back to School FOW Meeting, 23/4/26!*



**Friends of WSS (FOW) members met the Principal & PRE Ms. Aiysha on 23/4/26 for a welcome back catch-up. The Principal shared appreciation for the extra-positive & cooperative support received from parents through the current situation & transition back to school. The teamwork is much appreciated.**

**FOW discussed Term 3 support actions & next steps.**



**Happy to be back in school with friends!**

# Whole School News; Shelter in Place Safe Zone Training!



Staff training Shelter in Place Safe Zone was conducted over the weekend. Here we see all Support Staff, Drivers & Conductors attending their training in school on Sunday 19/4/26.



Form Tutors took their children on a walk through of their Shelter in Place Safe Zone & how they have to respond in case of an Authority Alert.

# *Whole School News; Shelter in Place Safe Zone Training!*

Safety first! Y4H1 students actively participating in a “Shelter in Place” drill for an Amber Alert.



## **Shelter in Place During an Alert: Student Preparedness Orientation**

Year 5 Students learn what to do when an alert is announced—move quickly and calmly to the assigned safe zone, follow teacher instructions, and remain quiet and alert.



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# Whole School News; Shelter in Place Safe Zone Training!



**KS3**

**Creating awareness, building confidence—guiding students to stay safe in designated zones**



**Year 8 TL Mr. Aboobakker empowering students with Safe Shelter Zone safety**



**Safe Zone**

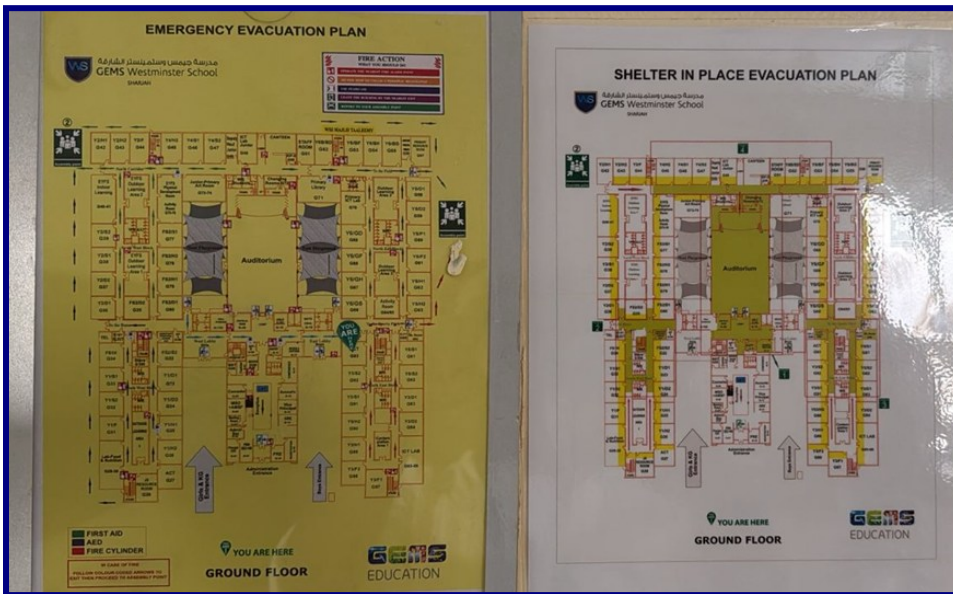


# SHELTER IN training PLACE **KS4**

The school successfully carried out a high-level shelter-in-place training. The exercise highlighted our strong commitment to safety, with students and staff responding with impressive calm, focus, and coordination.

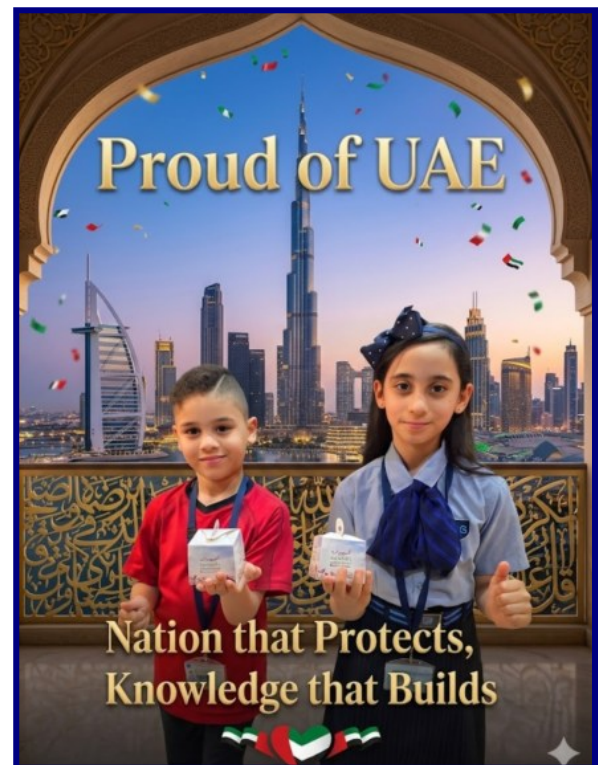
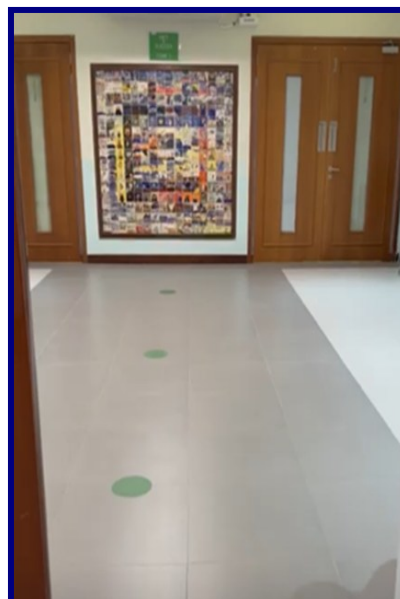
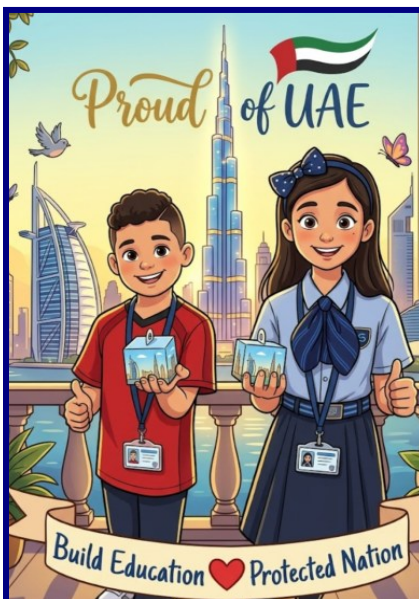


# Return to School Safety Measures!



School Shelter in Place Safe Zones have been displayed in the corridors. Staff & Students are trained on where the nearest safe zones are & how they have to respond to an Amber Alert.

We have displayed SPEA's new slogan "Protected Nation, Build Education"



We thank the UAE's Leadership for taking such great care of community safety & for sharing detailed & strict safety guidance aimed at making schools as safe as possible in case of any alert or incident. School level actions include:

- Shelter in Place Safe Zone training for all staff
- Clear Safe Zone markings & posters
- Safe Zone identification in classroom & corridors
- Additional First Aid training & kits in key safe Zones
- Updated safety documentation & policies
- SPEA 'Proud of UAE; Build Education' poster & activities

**Whole School News; Family First April Poetry Competition!**

**What Most of My Days Are Like At Home**

I wake up in the morning, with Mama calling out my name.  
What shall I do? Breakfast, TV, or shall I finish my game?

In the afternoon, Papa and I just want to relax.  
I'm happy until I find out my sister ate all my snacks.

The sun is setting, so I go out and ride my bike.  
I feel safe when I come back home at night.

Papa cracks a joke, the room is filled with laughter.  
Origami, paper art, I am such a good crafter.

I sleep at night after the big family movie.  
My dreams might be filled with all things spooky.

My family and home is a fun place to be.  
This poem was not written by chatgpt.

©2023 NAME: Aleena Khan CLASS: Y5 SECTION: H2 SCHOOL NAME: WSS

Through the lens of my family home

when i look at my family i see love

when i feel lonely my family gives my company

when i am hurt i get comforted by my family

no one takes better care of me than my family

when i see my family i get excited.

i love my family

Emir Faraz Y6BD

©2023 NAME: Emir Faraz CLASS: Y6 SECTION: WSS SCHOOL NAME: Westlake school of arts

**By Ahmed Amin (Y6BS)**

the windowpane, frames a world of its own  
In the garden of stories we have grown  
Like a labradorite grey until light  
The light fighting for a chance to delight  
As the stars ignite  
On a Wednesday breeze  
We live with such ease  
In a home we all please

**Family First April Poetry Competition!**

A student walk with doors to wide,  
with books and hope held close tight.  
Though slopes right and there long,  
they learn that trying is enough!  
Each step they take, though small it  
seems,  
Leads them close to their dreams.

M. Faiq  
Y6BD

By Muh'd Faiq (Y6BD)

## Family First April Poetry Competition!

**Tiffany Aimee-Y8GS**



## Family First; Parent Voice!

Respected Ms Khatma Noureen,

Assalam o alaikum.I hope you are doing well.

I would like to take a moment to sincerely appreciate your remarkable teaching throughout the year. Your dedication, consistency, and the way you guide the students have truly made a positive impact. The support and clarity you provide help students not only understand the subject but also build confidence.

Your method of teaching Islamic Education is especially admirable. The way you explain concepts with practical examples from daily life makes it easier for students to connect with and apply what they learn, reflecting the true spirit of Islam as a practical way of life. This approach is truly commendable.

I would also like to appreciate your efforts during the online learning period. Despite the challenges, you remained punctual and ensured that the quality of teaching stayed excellent. Whether online or face-to-face, your teaching has always been effective and engaging.

My son, Abdulhadi, has personally benefited a lot from your guidance, and I am sure many other students have as well.

Thank you for your continuous support, dedication, and hard work. It is truly valued and appreciated.

May Allah bless you.  
Warm Regards,  
Fizza Imran.  
(Mother)

Dear Miss Rupa,

Greetings, hope you are doing well.

I wanted to take a moment to sincerely appreciate and thank you for your remarkable dedication and outstanding teaching throughout the year. Your teaching style and the way you engage with the students—whether in class or during assembly—are truly admirable.

Your positive attitude, patience, and humble nature create such a comfortable and encouraging environment for the children. The way you guide them, support them, and boost their confidence makes a real difference. It is clear that you play a very important role in shaping their character and helping them grow not only academically but also personally.

I have personally noticed more positive changes in Abdulhadi. His confidence, behavior, and overall attitude have improved, and I truly believe your guidance has been a big part of this. Even during online classes, your calm, respectful, and caring approach towards the students stands out.

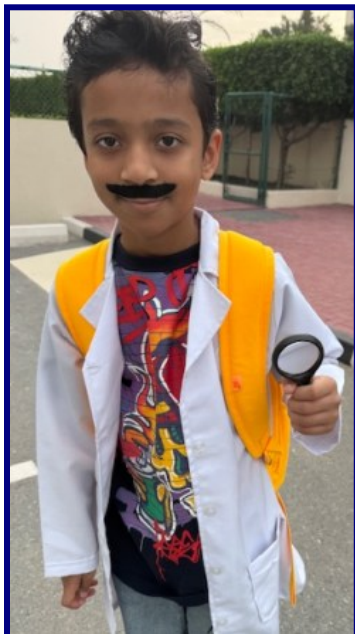
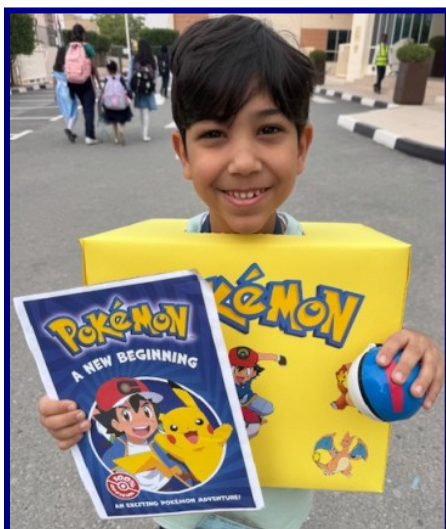
No doubt you are a Gem 💎 We are very grateful to have a teacher like you. Abdulhadi is truly lucky to be your student. The way you have managed everything throughout the year has been wonderful.

May Allah bless you always and reward you for all your efforts.

With sincere gratitude,

Parents.

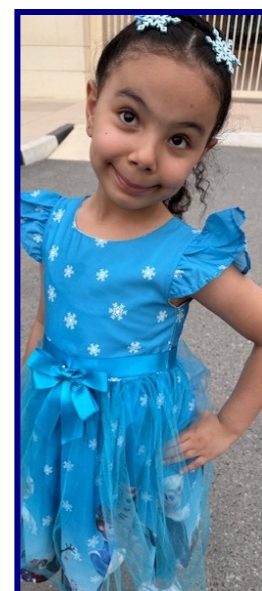
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One day, I open Minecraft and a new world appears. I feel excited because I know I can build, explore and go on amazing adventures.

**Kenan's (Y2H2) favorite adventure story and game**

I meet new friends like Steve, and I have to be brave when I see a Creeper! I gather resources, build my house, and explore caves to find treasure.  
Every day in Minecraft is a new adventure!



## New Friends

In the morning, I explore the forest. I meet a friendly wolf and give it food. Now it is my pet and follows me everywhere! I am happy because I have a new friend in my adventure.



*Teachers brought stories to life by dressing up as beloved book characters, celebrating World Book Day with joy and creativity alongside students.*



## Whole School News; This Week's Leadership GEMStone!

APRIL — WEEK 17

### LEADING WITH VISION



LABRADORITE

Promotes goal-setting and planning for future success.

“Your daily actions shape the future you imagine.”

**MESSAGE:** Every small action you take shapes the kind of leader you become. Being consistent in how you treat others and solve problems helps build trust and create a positive environment.

**REFLECT:** Are my daily habits helping me become the leader I want to be? What small changes can I make to create a better future for my team and myself?

#### Top Tips for Parents

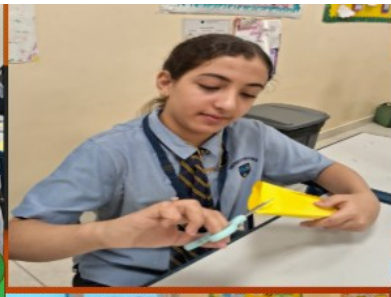
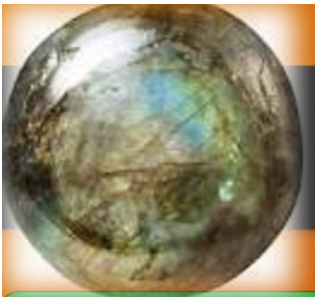
This week, our wellbeing focus continues with *Vision (Labradorite)*, and our word of the week is **Possibility**. We encouraged students to understand that growth is always happening—even when things feel uncertain or challenging. By nurturing a sense of possibility, children learn to stay open-minded, patient, and confident in their ability to improve step by step.

#### To Explore at Home:

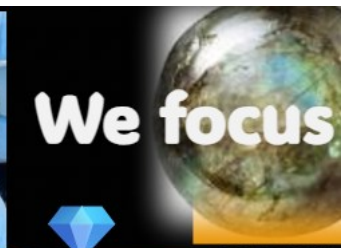
- Encourage small wins: Help your child notice and celebrate progress, no matter how small.
  - Talk about challenges positively: Remind them that uncertainty is part of learning and growing.
  - Use the word “yet”: If your child says, “I can’t do this,” guide them to say, “I can’t do this *yet*.”
  - Model openness: Share your own experiences of trying something new or overcoming difficulties.
- Ask reflective questions: For example, “What is something new you tried today?” or “What could you try next time?”

Together, we can support children in seeing possibilities instead of limitations, building resilience and confidence along the way.

# Whole School News; This Week's Leadership GEMStone!



**KS3 Girls shine with Labradorite – creativity and focus through bouquet making!**



*WSS Superstar Staff of Term 2 Champions!*



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# Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!

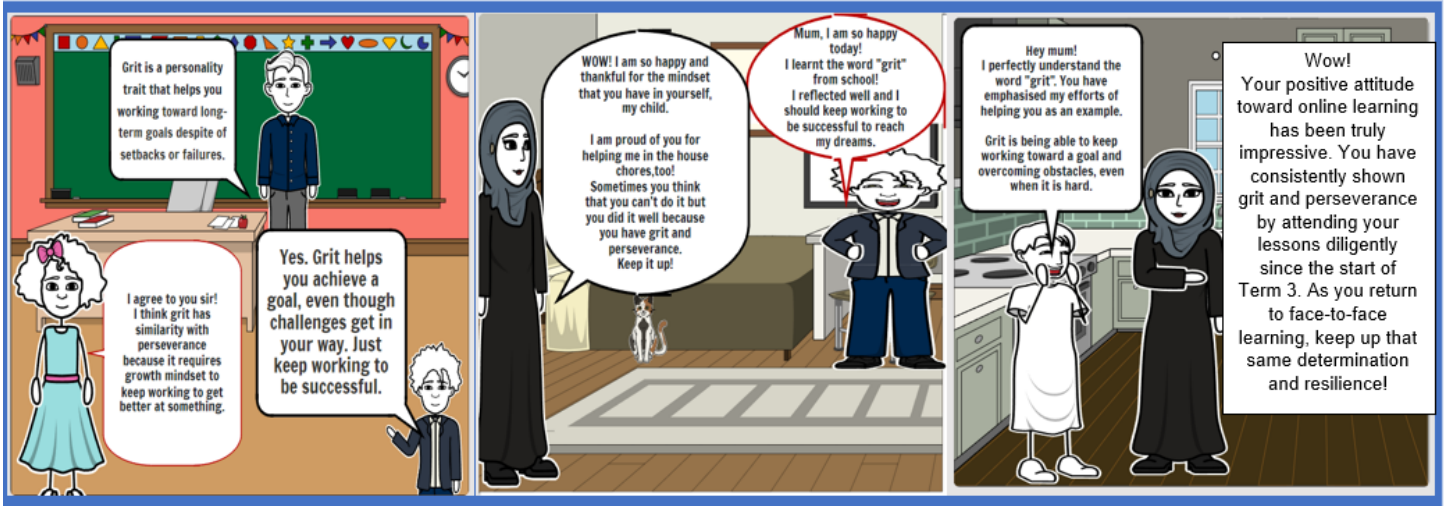


## Y2S2-Celebrated Earth day with Ms. Aliya



# Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

## Grit and perseverance storyboard



## Reading Workshop Impact and Implementation



# Happy Birthdays!



## WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

We made this video and shared to Miss Jinitra and she asked us to share this to you as well.. also Miss Jinitra has impacted my Daughter in many ways that she has developed such confidence to speak well in front of others and she always wants to participate in such activities..



We would like to thank you for your dedication and continuous support during the online sessions. Your engaging lessons and clear guidance have had a positive impact on the students' progress. I especially appreciate how you focus on each student's individual needs while also giving them feedback on completion of their challenges. The activities provided keep the students motivated and involved. We are grateful for your hard work and commitment.

Regards

Good morning Ms. Aneeza and Ms. Gurpreet,

I hope you are both having a wonderful start to your day. I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for everything you do. We sent you today a small gift as a token of our love and gratitude, and I hope it brings a smile to your faces. We are truly grateful for the way you nurture and guide our children.

Over the past month, while I was working from home, I had the opportunity to observe firsthand how much effort you both pour into teaching and caring for the students. It was inspiring to see the warmth and patience with which you handle each day and how lovingly you help our kids grow. As a teacher's daughter myself, I have always admired the commitment and passion that teachers bring to their work, and seeing you both in action only deepened my respect.

Hats off to both of you for everything you have done as Sara's teachers this year. I am so proud of you, and I feel incredibly fortunate that Sara has had such wonderful teachers guiding them.

Thank you again.

Best regards,

Nilofar Ali  
Sara's Mom



# Junior Section News; World Book Day Activities!



**MOHAMMAD**  
**THE SKILLED DOCTOR**

Mohd & his parents created an inspiring story about achieving his dream. They shared, "As part of Reading Week, we wanted our role to go beyond participation, so we turned reading into a real experience we share with them to truly root it in their hearts. With this in mind, Mohammad, Kinda, their father and I created an original short story, carefully tailored to their level, with the aim of strengthening their love for reading and deepening their connection to it. At home, we consistently reinforce these values. I always remind them that, "Reading is food for the soul," and their father often says, "A reader is a leader." This inspired us to make reading a meaningful and enjoyable experience for them.

Whenever Mohammad was asked about his dream, his answer was always clear: "I want to become an outstanding doctor." He would wear his little white coat, carry his medical bag filled with tools, and stand in front of his toy, treating it with passion and care, as if he were a real doctor.

## Junior Section News; Celebrating World Book Day, 23/4/26!



Some of our Junior Teachers amazing World Book Day costumes on 23/4/26!

We enjoyed a school costume parade when the children paraded through other parts of the school showing off their creative costumes & love of stories. Visiting FOW members & Reception guests thoroughly enjoyed the lively treat.



Ms. Raghi story-reading as part of World Reading Day. She shared her love of reading in support of 'Read Like a GEM'?

Huge thanks to Ayat's Mother & Abde Akber for joining class today for story-reading. What a treat!



## Junior Section News; Celebrating World Book Day, 23/4/26!



Huge thanks to Muhd's Mother for joining class today for story-reading. What a treat! She said, "I just wanted to share how much I enjoyed today's reading session with Mohammad and his classmates. It was truly a wonderful experience. I was very happy to see how engaged and excited the children were during the story. Their enthusiasm made the session even more special and meaningful. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be part of their learning experience. I truly appreciate your efforts in creating such enjoyable and enriching activities for the students."

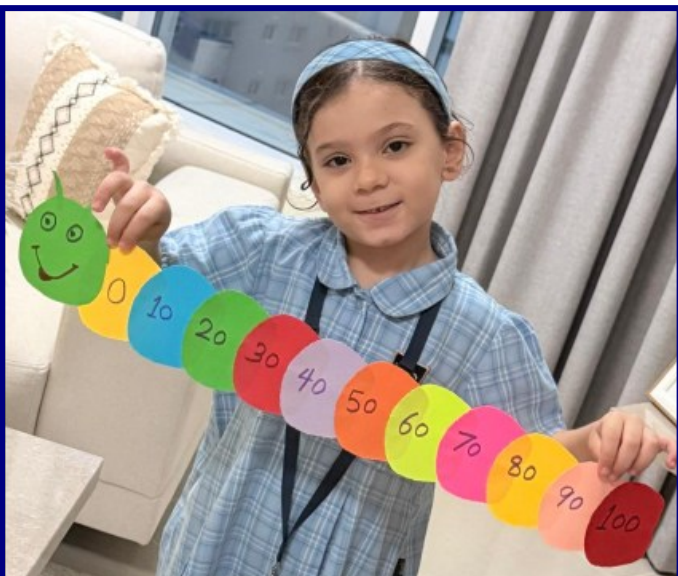
## Junior Section News; Y1F Learning Activities!

### Y1F with Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Aaditya We celebrated World Book Day!



We made the cover page of our favourite story book

# Junior Section News; Learning Activities!



# Junior Section News; FS1H1 Learning Activities!

FS1 H1

Ms. Sidra and Ms. Soumya

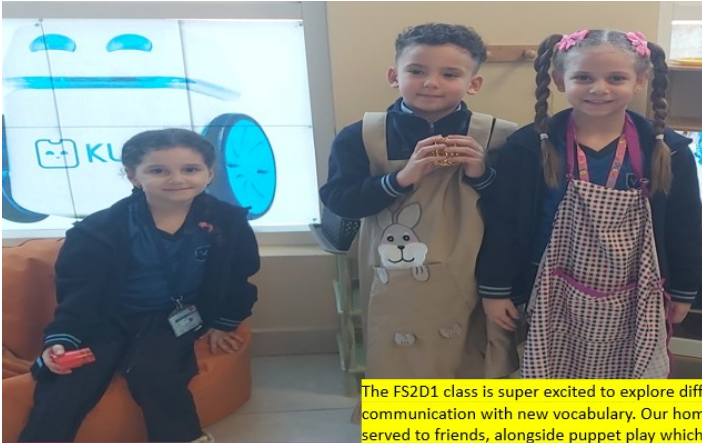


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# Junior Section News; FS2D1 Learning Activities!



With Ms. Nikhat and Ms. Afroz

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# Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

## Y1 D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna



## Y1 D2 with Ms. Aneeza and Ms. Gurpreet



## *Junior Section News; Y1H Learning Activities!*

### Y1 H1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadiya



### Y1 H2 with Ms. Kishwar and Ms. Maryam



## World Book Day

# Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

## Y1 S1 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Mani



## Y1 S2 with Ms. Sadiqa and Ms. Asma



# Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Marble jar!



Leading with Vision



ART poster



World Book Day Advertisements



Moral Education Project



Shelter in place!

# Junior Section News; Y2F Learning Activities!

Y2F with Ms. Mangala & Ms. Fiza



Art Lesson

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# Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!

## JUNIOR SECTION Y2H2 Ms. Jinitra and Ms. Jameela

✍️ Together again, shaping young minds. Welcome back to school!



**Drill**



**Happy Birthday**

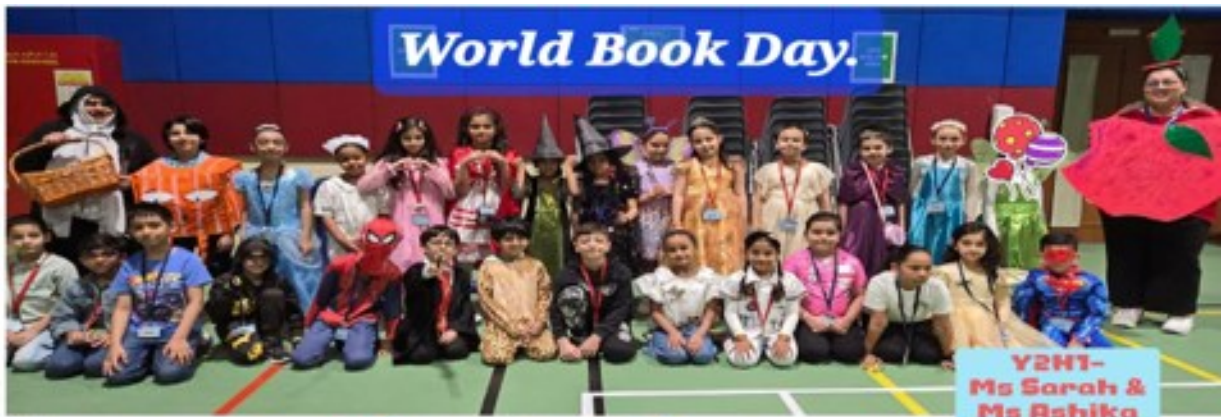


# Junior Section News; Y2D2 Learning Activities!

Ms. Millicent and Ms. Tahira in Y2D2



# Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!





## *Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!*



**Y2S2-World Book Day Poster**



**Y2S2-World Dress up day with Ms. Sabiha and Ms. Benil**



# WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



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# Primary Section News; World Book Day Activities!



Sila & her family had a lot of fun celebrating World Book Day & reinforcing her love of reading & stories.

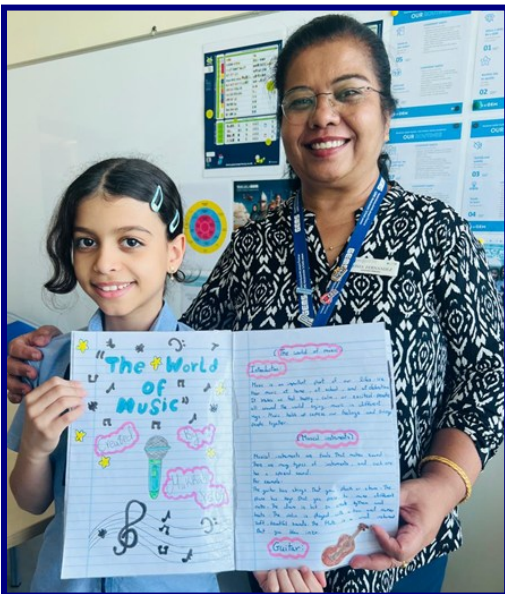
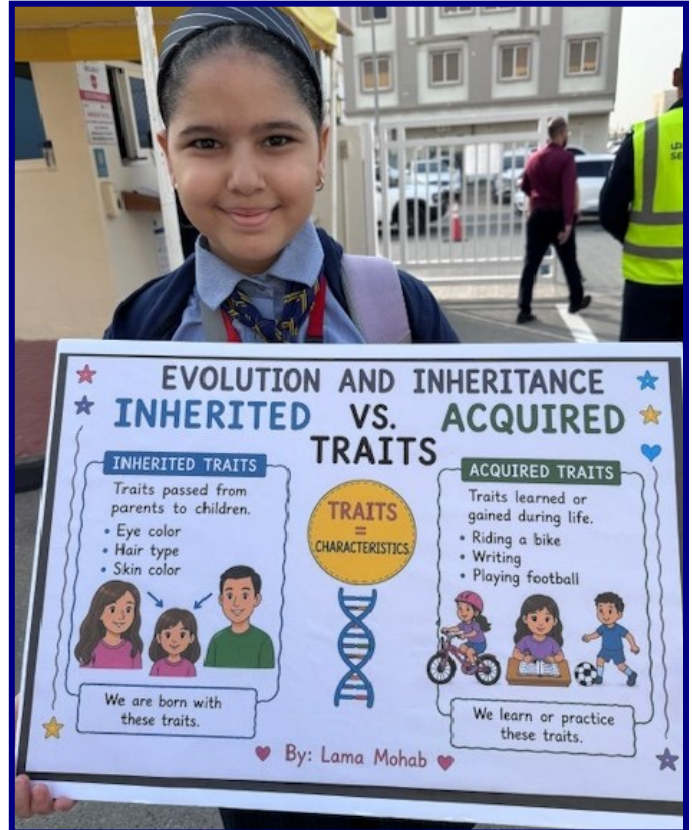
We proudly dedicate this story to our school, GEMS Westminster School, and especially to our principal, Ms. Valerie Thompson, who inspires us to learn, grow, and achieve our dreams.

Kinda's parent shared, "As part of Reading Week, we wanted our role to go beyond participation, so we turned reading into a real experience we share with them to truly root it in their hearts. With this in mind, Mohammad, Kinda, their father, and I created an original short story, carefully tailored to their level, with the aim of strengthening their love for reading and deepening their connection to it.

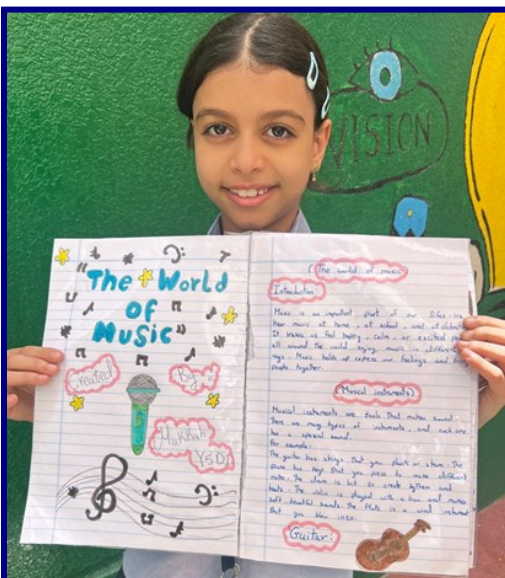
At home, we consistently reinforce these values. I always remind them "Reading is food for the soul." And their father often says, "A reader is a leader." This inspires us to make reading a meaningful and enjoyable experience for them."

**KINDA**  
**THE CLEVER DENTIST**

# Primary Section News



Well done to Makkah (Y5D1) for her lovely work. She has been exploring her love of music by creating a book, 'The World of Music', which is filled with colourful illustrations of instruments & even her own song. This reflects wonderful creativity & confidence.



## Primary Section News; Music With Mr. Satish Benjamin!



Makkah from Y5D1 created a beautiful music book that reflects her creativity and effort, It's wonderful to see her musical ideas develop so thoughtfully and students are also enjoying playing the virtual piano while learning to read and perform simple songs.



## Primary Section News; Y3 Learning Activities!



**Maths Activity** - Students of Y3S1 have mastered the properties of 3D shapes using hands-on resources like 3D shapes.



Staying calm, staying safe—Y3F2 showing great responsibility!



✦ For World Book Day, **YEAR 3 teachers** encouraged a love for reading by dressing up as storybook characters, inspiring and engaging students in a fun and memorable way. ✦ 😊

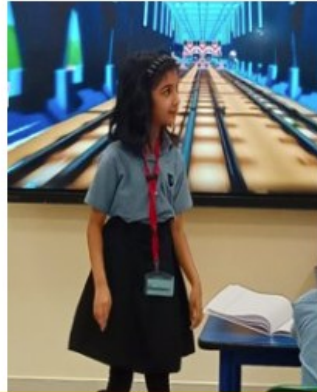
# Primary Section News; Y3D Learning Activities!

Y3D1 - Students meaningfully engaged in investigating light and shadows. 💡 ✨



# Primary Section News; Y3F Learning Activities!

Y3F1 Well Being ✨ 😊



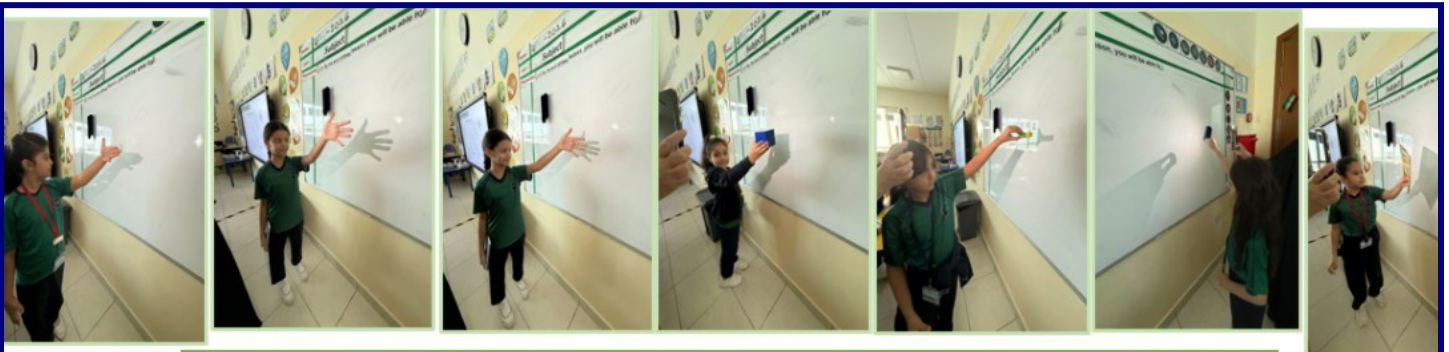
Y3F1 Exploring with Shadows ✨ 😊



Hands-on,  
minds-on!  
Y3F2 is back  
to onsite  
learning and  
loving every  
moment!

# Primary Section News; Y3H Learning Activities!

Y3 H1 - Students explored various 2D shapes through a hands-on activity and recorded their properties on a worksheet. 🐱 🍌 🌟



Y3 H2 Students Discovering how light creates shadows—learning by doing. 🐱 🍌 🌟



# Primary Section News; Y3S Learning Activities!



Y3S2- Students learning essential safety protocols through alert training.



Y3S2- Students actively engaged in exploring 3D shapes through hands-on learning.



Y3S2- Students actively engaged in exploring shadows through hands-on learning. 🌟📚



# Primary Section News; Y4D Learning Activities!

Y4D1 celebrates the joy of reading this World Book Day, bringing stories to life through creativity, imagination, and a love for books.



Y4D2 had a wonderful World Book Day celebration, where students created bookmarks from recycled paper and shared their favorite characters along with their famous lines.



# Primary Section News; Y4F1 Learning Activities!

Year 4F1 students greatly enjoyed crafting their own postcards during our wellbeing session, sharing their thoughts, feelings, and positivity in a creative and meaningful way.



Turning pages, unlocking imaginations—Happy World Book Day!  
Y4F1 celebrates the joy of reading by bringing stories to life through creativity, imagination, and a true passion for books!



## Primary Section News; Y4F2 Learning Activities!



Y4F2 celebrated World Book Day with great excitement. Students came dressed as their favorite story characters, filling the classroom with colour, creativity, and joy.



Y4F2 STEAM: Students created paper animals through step-by-step folding while exploring how polygons change in shape, size, and orientation.

# Primary Section News; Y4H Learning Activities!



Hands-on Science learning in Y4H2:  
Creating a simple circuit.



Y4H2, STEAM-To construct paper animals by folding paper step-by-step and understanding how polygons change in shape, size, and orientation through folding.

# Primary Section News; Y4 Learning Activities!

Y4H1 celebrating the joy of reading this World Book Day — bringing stories to life through creativity, imagination, and a love for books!



Year 4 S1 celebrated World Book Day with great excitement and creativity. The classroom was filled with joy as students came dressed as their favorite story characters, bringing books to life in a colorful and imaginative way.



# Primary Section News; Y5 Learning Activities!

## The Year 5 Face to Face STEAM and Wellbeing session

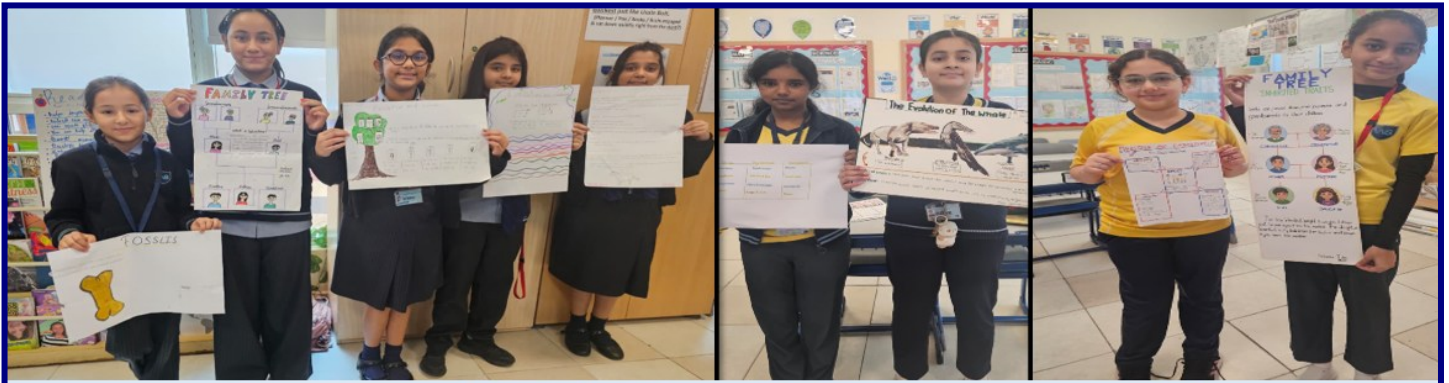
Students explored Gravity through creative poster making, building teamwork, confidence, and a positive sense of wellbeing.



On 23rd April 2026, Year 5 students and teachers joyfully joined the World Book Day, celebrating their love for reading through fun and engaging activities.



# Primary Section News; Y6 Learning Activities!



*Y6 students with their Science Project posters on evolution*



**Y6GD & GF A book is a dream you hold in your hands.**



# Primary Section News; Y6D Learning Activities!



*Y6BD Welcome Back to school*

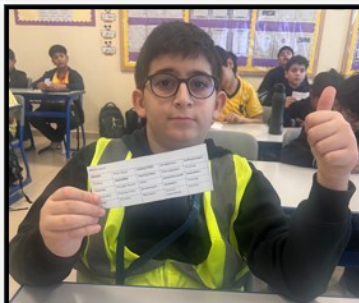
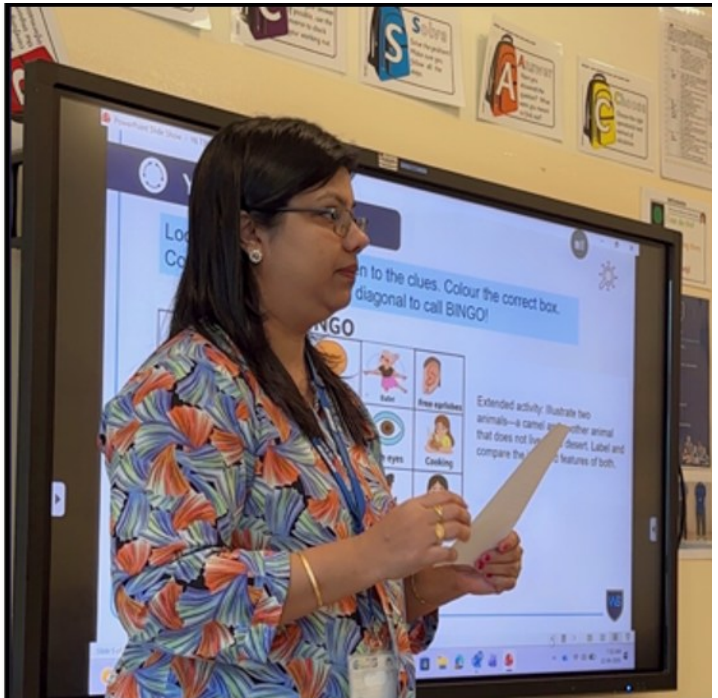


*Y6BD Steam lesson Activity Fun Learning Traits with BINGO*

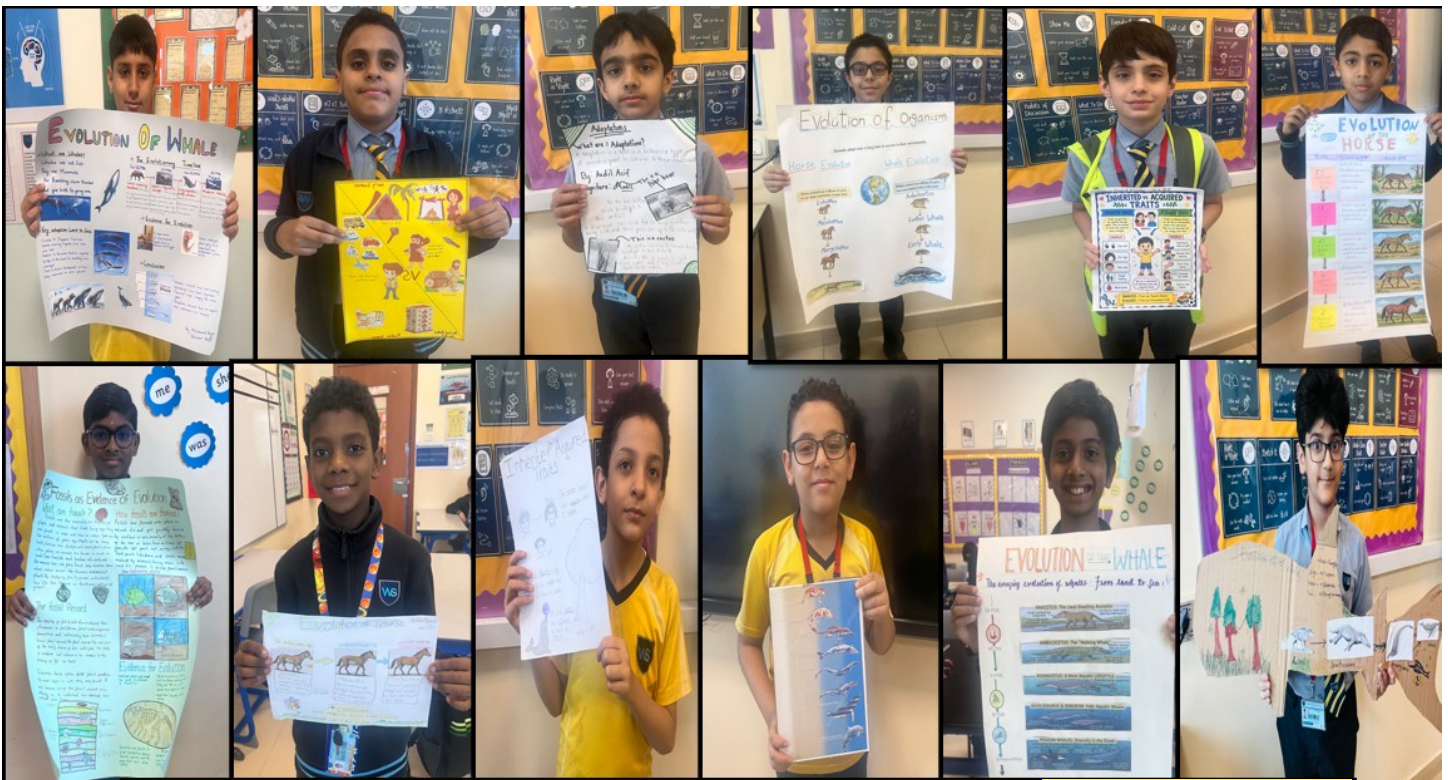


*Y6BD and BS English Activity Students leading the scoreboard.*

# Primary Section News; Y6F Learning Activities!

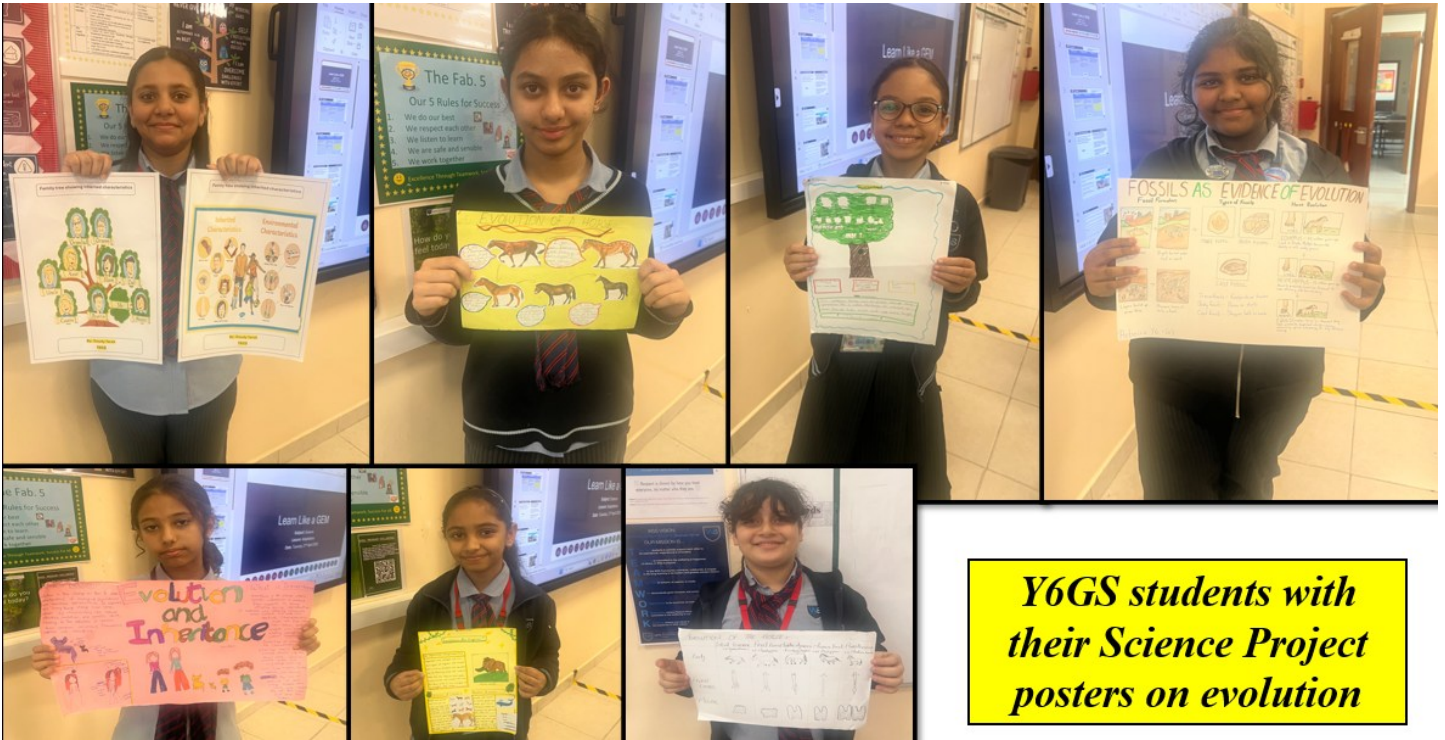


**Y6BF – STEAM lesson – Bingo game – Differentiate between inherited and acquired traits**

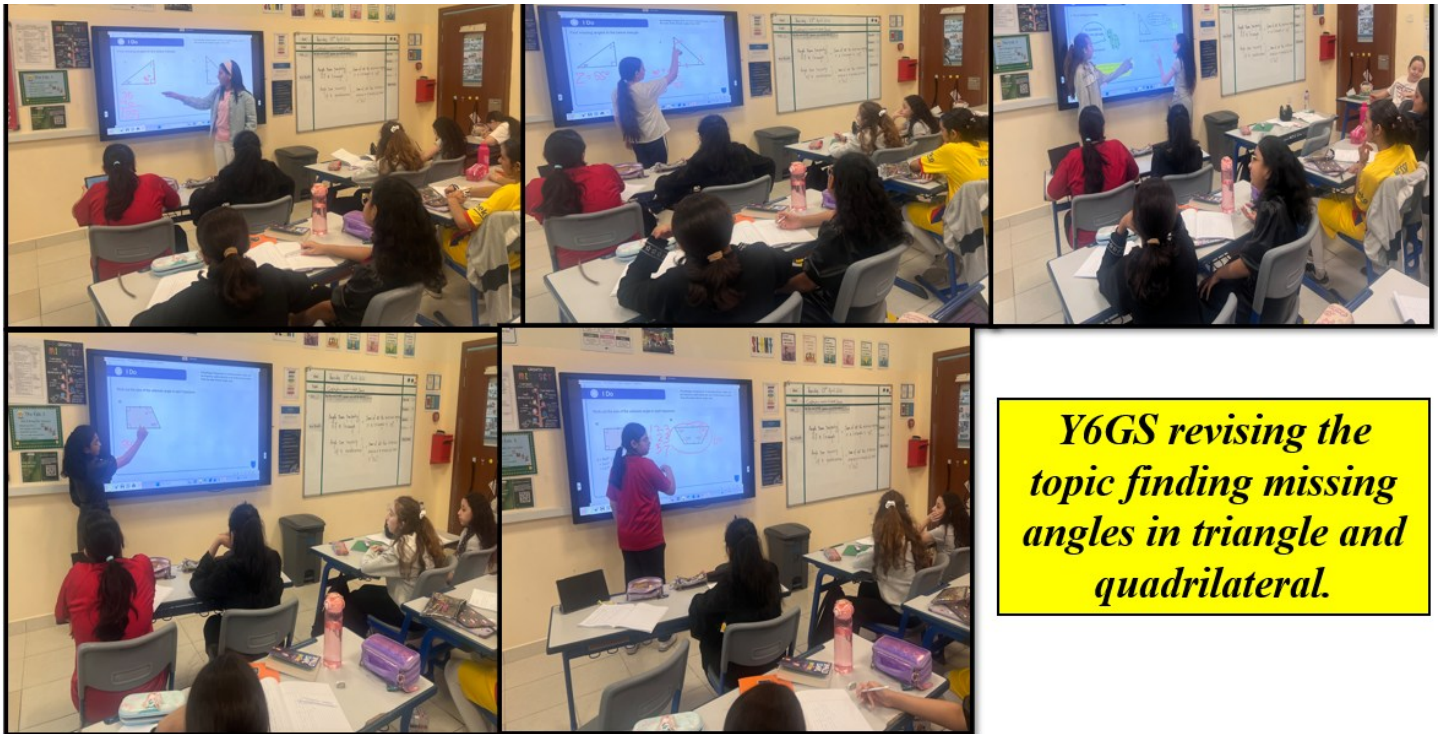


**Y6 BF students with their Science Project posters**

# Primary Section News; Y6S Learning Activities!





*Y6GS students with their Science Project posters on evolution*






*Y6GS revising the topic finding missing angles in triangle and quadrilateral.*

# Celebrating Y13 University Offers!


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**AHMED ABBAS SHAHZADA**






*Congratulations*

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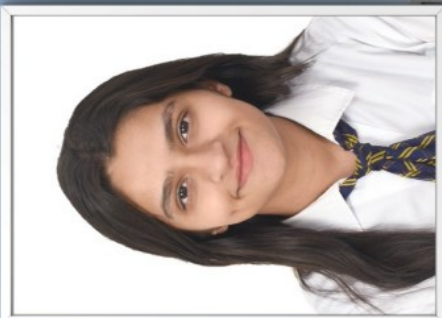




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*Muhammad Butt, Alman Ahmad, Muhammad Abdullah Irfan*

*Gems Westminster School Sharjah*

For winning **First** place in the Computer Programming track

**AUS School Computing Competition (ASCC-2026)**

18<sup>th</sup> - April - 2026

*Tamer Shanableh*

**Dr. Tamer Shanableh**

Chair of the Competition  
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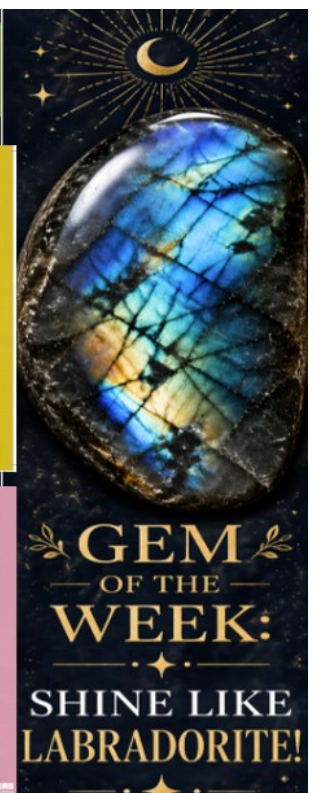
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## WSS Secondary Section Form Tutor Superstar Champions!



### Parent Appreciation Spotlight – Celebrating the Inspiring Work of Ms. Sunu S (Form Tutor Y7BH)



Nirmala Venkatesh  
To: Sunumol Radhakrishnan  
Cc: Laneetha Shajahan

From: farooq abbasi <farooqabbasi78@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 11:07 PM

To: Sunumol Radhakrishnan <sunumol\_r\_wss@gemsedu.com>

Cc: Nirmala Venkatesh <nirmala.v\_wss@gemsedu.com>; Laneetha Shajahan <laneetha.s\_wss@gemsedu.com>

Subject: Re: Appreciation for Consistent Participation in Online Learning

Dear Ms. Sunu,

Good evening...

Thank you for your email. We sincerely appreciate your encouraging feedback regarding Emad. We are grateful for your continued guidance and support. We are confident that with your assistance and that of other teachers, he will achieve excellence in both his academic pursuits and personal development.

We extend our gratitude once again for your unwavering support and guidance.

Farooq

Parent of Mohammed  
Emaad Abasi Y7BH



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### Gratitude from parents for the unwavering care and commitment (Form Tutor Y9BD)



Dear Ms Geethu

I hope this message finds you well.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued care and follow-up regarding our son, Saif Mahmoud. We truly appreciate the remarkable effort, dedication, and guidance you consistently provide to support his academic progress and personal development.

Please be assured that from our side, our encouragement and support for Saif will always be available to reinforce the valuable work you are doing.

Once again, we greatly appreciate your commitment and guidance.

Kind regards,  
Saif's Parent

Parent of Saif –Y9BD

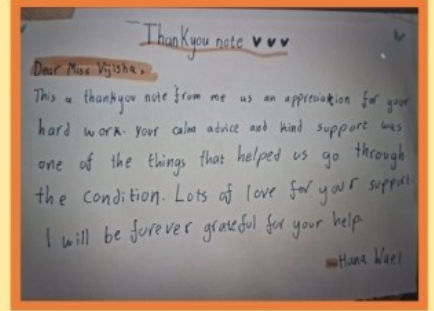
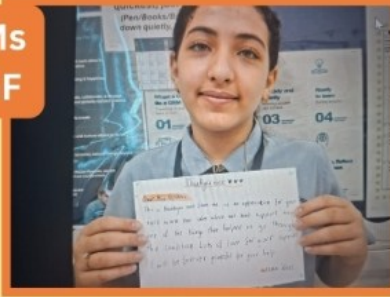


# WSS Secondary Section Form Tutor Superstar Champions!

Parents appreciation email for Ms Vijisha Suresh Form tutor of Y8GF



Empowering Teacher



Appreciation for Your Support and Guidance



Ahadur Rahman <ahadur0201@gmail.com>  
To Vijisha Suresh

Summarize  
Reply Reply All Forward Fri 17-04-2026 3:13 PM

Good afternoon Ms Vijisha

I would like to sincerely thank you for supporting my daughter in both her online and offline classes. Your guidance has made a meaningful difference in her learning, especially in Mathematics during Term 1. Beyond academics, I truly appreciate how you instill moral values and provide opportunities for leadership. Giving her roles where she can express her talents and develop her leadership skills has greatly boosted her confidence. My daughter often mentions how supportive and encouraging you are to all students, and how you make an effort to help everyone succeed in their learning. It is reassuring to know she is learning in such a positive and nurturing environment.

Thank you once again for your dedication and commitment.

Thanks & Regards  
Ahadur Rahman (father of Sarah Mahdiyah Rahman Y8GF)

## Secondary Section News; KS3 'Proud of UAE' Activities!

**PROUD OF UAE!!!**  
**KS3 students expressing heartfelt gratitude to the UAE through their creative reflections**





## **GEMS Youth Parliament Online Edition**

### **Topic: AI, Technology & Remote Learning**



**“This session on Artificial Intelligence in education exposed me to numerous insights on AI in modern education.**

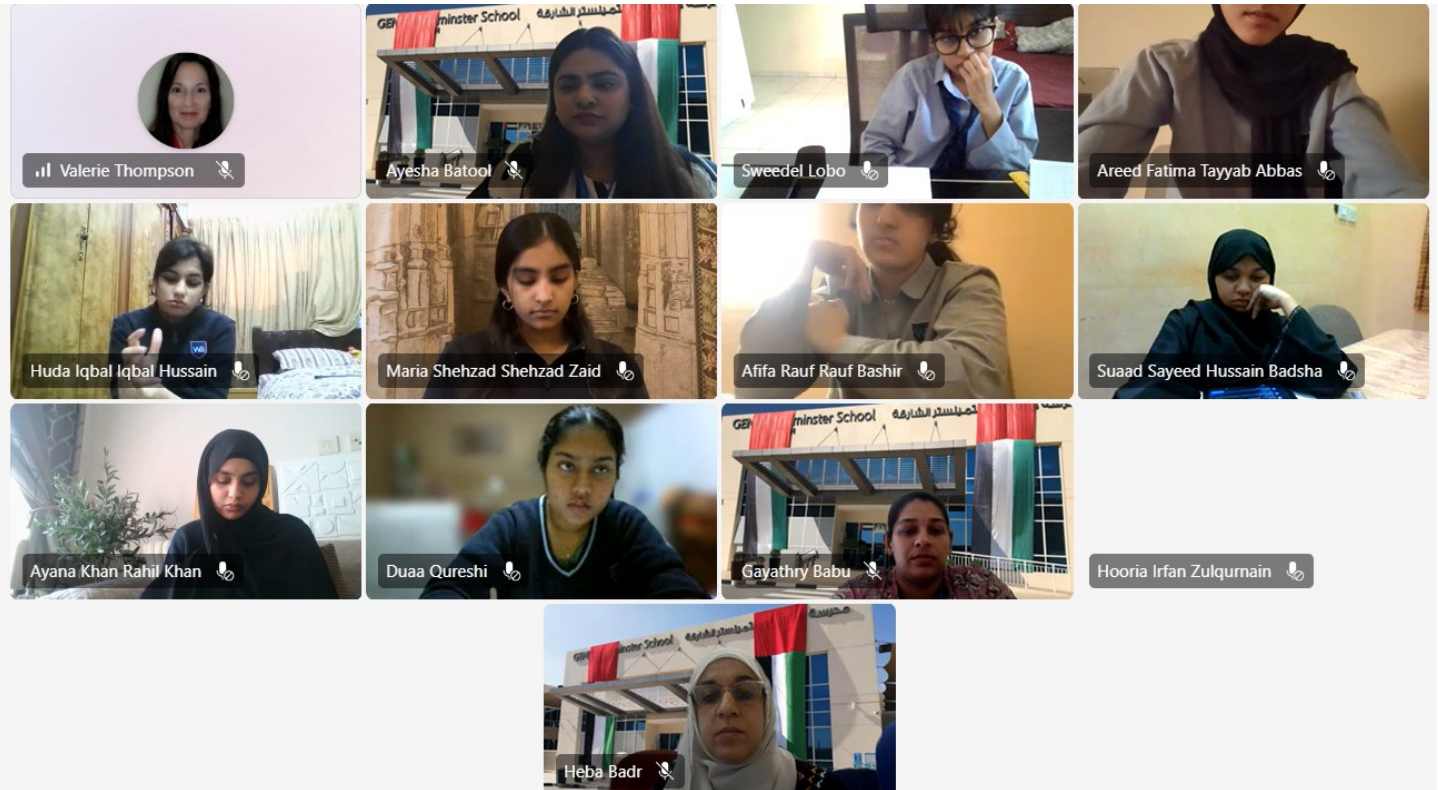
**We discussed the several opportunities AI presents for advancing school and higher education, as well as methodologies to prevent the negative implications of AI in this field.**

**This was a wonderful opportunity to gain familiarity with a rapidly expanding field.”**

**Qazi Hamza, WSS Youth Parliamentarian.**



## Secondary Section News; Online Board Mock Exams!



### New Beginnings: Principal's Welcome Visit to Students

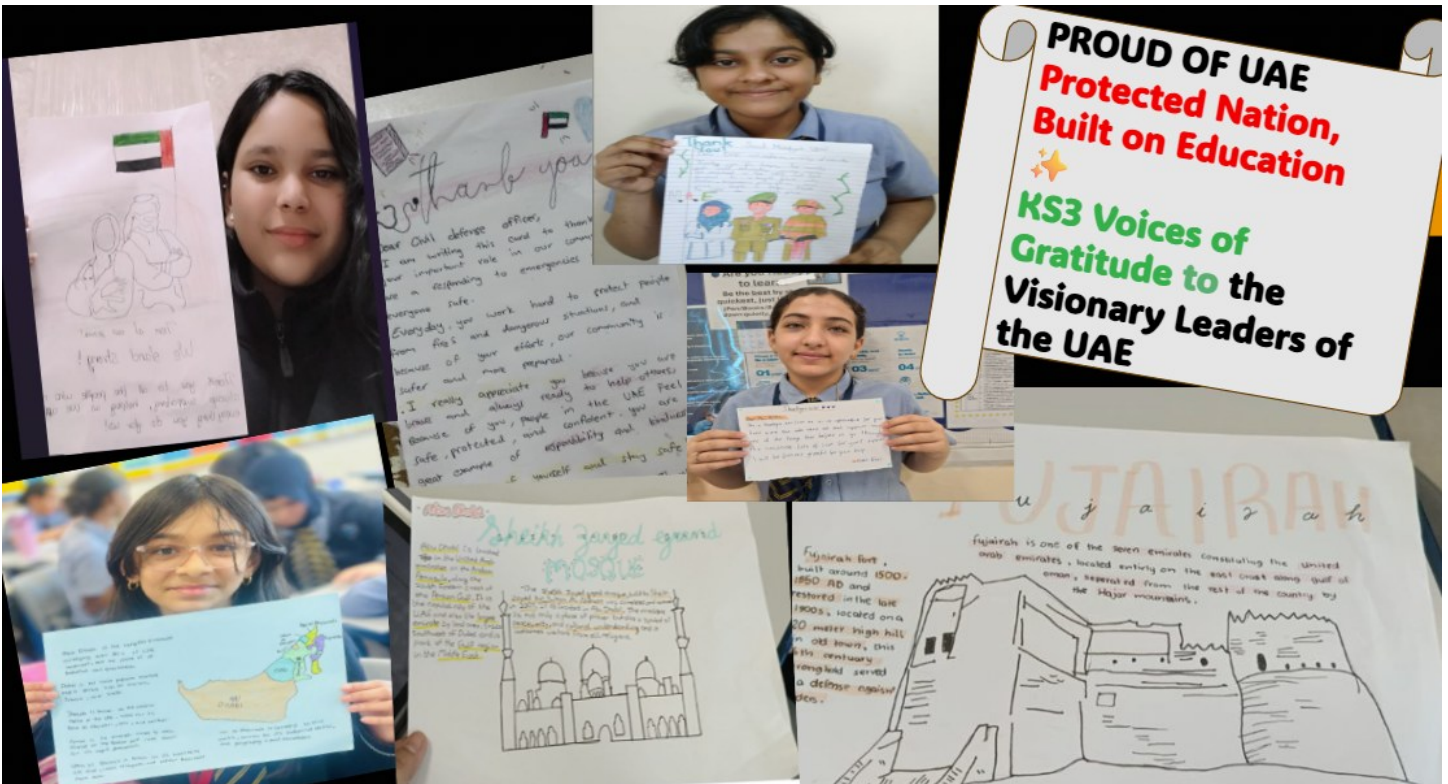


**The Principal visited classrooms to warmly welcome students back and encourage a positive start. The interaction created a sense of belonging and motivation as students began their learning journey.**

# Secondary Section News; KS3 'Proud of UAE' Activities!



**KS3 Students sharing creative thoughts to thank the UAE for its unwavering support and opportunities**



# Y10 GIRLS PSHE LESSON Ms.Smitha

LO: By the end of the lesson, students will be able to reflect on the slogan "Protect the Nation, Build Education" and create a poster on it.



Samridhhi Shrestha Y10GD  
Kate Joanne -Y10GH



Y10GD1-  
Niya Mary Thomas & Rhea Agnes

**ACTIVITY SHEET**  
**POSTER DESIGN**  
"Protect the Nation, Build Education"

Name: PSHE  
Class: 10B  
Date: 22-11-24

**TASK:**  
Create a colorful poster showing:  
• One side: Protect the Nation (soldiers, environment, unity)  
• Other side: Build Education (books, schools, students)

**INSTRUCTIONS:**  
1. Use bright colors and creative ideas.  
2. Show clear pictures or drawings.  
3. Add a slogan in the center that connects both sides.  
4. Make your poster neat and meaningful.

<p><b>PROTECTED NATION</b> (Soldiers, Environment, Unity)</p> <p>A shield of red, a field of green, The strongest land that we have seen, with books in hand and minds so bright, we build our future with our light.</p>	<p><b>BUILD EDUCATION</b> (Books, Schools, Students)</p> <p>• Replacing fear with facts • Solving problems quickly • A longing to change • Knowledge is your shield.</p>
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**OUR SLOGAN**  
Education builds  
protection, peace,  
and a better  
future.

**REFLECTION**  
How does education help to protect and build a strong nation?  
Education builds our future and protects our values.

**CHECKLIST**

- My poster is colorful and creative.
- I have shown both sides clearly.
- My slogan connects both sides.
- My poster is neat and meaningful.

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<p><b>PROTECTED NATION</b> (Soldiers, Environment, Unity)</p> <p>• Soldiers guard our country • They keep us safe and secure • We should respect and support them • They make our nation strong • We must take care of our freedom.</p>	<p><b>BUILD EDUCATION</b> (Books, Schools, Students)</p> <p>• Education gives us knowledge • Shows how to learn new things • Students use the future of the nation • Learning helps us succeed in life • Education builds a better future.</p>
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**OUR SLOGAN**  
Education builds  
protection, peace,  
and a better  
future.

**REFLECTION**  
How does education help to protect and build a strong nation?  
Education builds, peace, profit, and a strong nation.

**CHECKLIST**

- My poster is colorful and creative.
- I have shown both sides clearly.
- My slogan connects both sides.
- My poster is neat and meaningful.

# *KS4 SPEA Slogan Activities; 'Protected Nation, Build Education'!*

## KS4- PROTECTED NATION, BUILD EDUCATION

Students participated in an engaging activity inspired by the theme "Protected Nation, Build Education," where they reflected on and expressed how the school supports their sense of safety. The activity highlighted students' appreciation of the secure, supportive environment that enables them to learn with confidence.

