

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #31
1st May, 2025



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Pending School Fees

Many thanks to all parents who have cleared pending school fees to support the smooth operations of school & payment of teachers' salaries. Without fee income, the school is unable to meet its financial obligations. Unfortunately, as of 30/4/25 there are 766 students with unpaid fees. This is untenable. If your child's fees are pending, do please clear at the earliest. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

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



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 31
1 مايو 2025



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

رسوم المدرسة المعلقة

شكرًا جزيلاً لجميع الآباء والأمهات الذين قاموا بسداد الرسوم المدرسية المعلقة لدعم السير السلس للمدرسة ودفع رواتب المعلمين. بدون دخل من الرسوم، لا تستطيع المدرسة تلبية التزاماتها المالية. لسوء الحظ اعتباراً من 30/4/25 يوجد 766 طالباً لم يدفعوا الرسوم الدراسية. هذا غير مقبول. إذا كانت رسوم طفلكم معلقة، يرجى تسديدها في أقرب وقت. شكرًا لكم.

المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الخميس 26 يونيو	• آخر يوم من امتحانات T3 الترويجية الإلزامية
الخميس 3 يوليو 2025	• آخر يوم رسمي للطلبة لهذا العام الدراسي.
الاثنين 25 أغسطس	• اليوم الأول من T1 للمتمتعين الجدد.
	• يجب سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل قبول أي طالب في الفصل الدراسي للعام الجديد. لا توجد استثناءات لهذا، لذا يرجى إعداد الميزانية وفقاً لذلك.
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رويتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح للجميع"

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

Sunny Varkey

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




Whole School News; SPEA Wellbeing Survey for Parents!

Sharjah Private Education Authority is pleased to extend its warmest greetings to you...

In line with SPEA's strategic priority of enhancing the quality of life of the learning community. You are kindly requested to share the survey link below with **parents** to complete the survey by **Thursday, May 8, 2025**.

Please Note that this survey is important as it will help us understand and improve the wellbeing needs of all students in Sharjah Private Schools.

Category	Link
Parents	LINK 

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best Regards

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يطيب لهيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص أن تهديكم أطيب التحيات وصادق الأمنيات...

تماشياً مع الأولوية الاستراتيجية لهيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص، المتمثلة في تعزيز جودة حياة المجتمع التعليمي، يرجى التكرم بمشاركة الرابط أدناه مع أولياء أمور طلابكم، مع ضرورة استكمال الاستبانة في موعد أقصاه يوم الخميس الموافق 8 مايو 2025.

تعد هذه الاستبانة ذات أهمية لفهم واقع جودة حياة المجتمع التعليمي، مما ستمساعد في العمل معكم لتحسين جودة حياة الطلبة في إمارة الشارقة.

الفئة	الرابط
أولياء الأمور	LINK 

شاكرين حسن تعاونكم

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LEADING WITH ADAPTABILITY



AQUAMARINE

Helps students embrace change with resilience and flexibility.

“ Leading through change means staying flexible while holding onto your values. ”

MESSAGE: Leadership is about navigating change with an open mind and staying grounded in what you believe. Change brings challenges, but it also creates opportunities to grow and find new solutions. By remaining steady in your values, you can inspire others to face change with confidence and a positive outlook.

REFLECT: How can I approach change while staying true to my values? What steps can I take to remain flexible when faced with challenges? How can I encourage my team to embrace change as a chance for growth?

Whole School News; 360° SEF & SIP Review Meeting, 29/4/25!

Our 360° T3 School Improvement Plan & School Self Evaluation Document Review Meeting involved SLT, MLT, LAB, FOW parents & student Leaders. We reviewed previous 360° feedback, progress towards targets & ideas for next steps. The Principal presented key 'School Strengths' & 'Areas for Development' from the recently published SPEA SPR ITQAN inspection report. The Report confirmed an uplift of 44 elements, with 4/6 Key Performance Indicators judged as Very Good. We are very proud of the team's achievement & progress over time, & thanks the community for their ongoing support & commitment to WSS.





Shine like Labradorite

In every hug and bedtime song,
my family helps me grow strong.
Every night mamma tucks me into the bed,
which makes my worries shed.

I can feel the light of Labradorite,
I know everything will be alright.
I want to achieve my dream,
I know my family is my team.

To lead with heart,
To start the spark,
With my family by my side,
I shine like a Labradorite!

Name: Liyaana Sharmeen Zakky

School: Gems Westminster School, Sharjah

Class: Y5D1



The light within us, like labradorite

Labradorite always Shines,
Alight that always guides
Through every change and stormy weather
We all face it, shining together
My family ,my life
They used to care for me until I'm alive

Labradorite looks blue,
But deep inside it carries such hue
Just like their color change in light ,
My family glows day and night
I love my family,
They are the biggest piece of me
In my family , I see a light ,
Shining so bright ,like labradorite
They all stuck together, just like glue
We all laugh together, and share memories as much as ever

The time with them , it never fades ,
A love in me , they create
They help me when I'm hurt,
I know they love me even if im not first
They carry a light no eyes can see,
But deep inside ,They glow for me .

Name: kerria Refit

School: Gems Westminster School, Sharjah

Class: Y6G

Age Category: Under 13

☀ *Where the Light Comes From*

People ask: "What makes you strong?"
Is it speed? Muscles? Proving them wrong?
Not all strength is loud or the same—
We don't need money, or even fame.

Even when times are rough,
What we have is more than enough.
Even though nobody's perfect,
Everything still has its purpose.

Dad says, "Kindness is stronger than a boxer's fist."
Mom says, "Look at what others have missed."
Grandma says, "Even if it's dark, never hide."
And my brother's always by my side.

He doesn't talk big, but he's always there—
No matter what, he stays calm, always aware.
We don't have a life full of gold,
But we are still brave, still bold.

One day, I found a stone,
Shining in the dark, all alone.
Labradorite—that's what it's called,
A quiet glow, not loud or tall.

A sign of transformation and leadership,
Even when it comes to relationships.
Like Labradorite, I glow from deep inside—
Not loud, but strong, with nothing to hide.

Transformation from weak to strong—
Still wondering if it's wrong?
Leadership is responsibility—
It starts when you discover your ability.

Even when the sky feels gray,
Choose to do the right thing anyway.

Even when your path's unclear,
Trust your heart—it's always near.

Rainbows paint the sky with grace,
Sunlight warms the darkest place.
Even when the night draws near,
The moon still shines to make it clear.

Stars sparkle softly beside the moon,
And the sun will rise again—soon.
Whether your day feels dark or bright,
Always choose to do what's right.

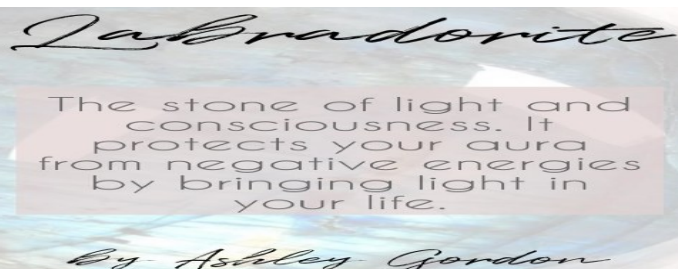
Family means more than being near—
It's growing stronger, year by year.
Not just blood or last names shared,
But those who love and truly care.

Love is more than hearts and rings—
It's leading with the little things.
They say if you give, you truly care—
Kindness is strength when you choose to share.

But what is wrong, and what is right?
Look again—from a clearer sight.
Bravery isn't always bold or loud,
It's choosing calm when faced with a crowd.

Strength is quiet—a steady stand,
Helping others with your hand.
Not for glory, not for show—
But because your heart tells you so.

Every voice has power and might—
Even whispers can spark light.
You don't need noise to be strong and heard—
Sometimes strength is just one word.



Whole School News; Staff CPD!



Training and CPD

This is to confirm that

Rema Premchand

has attended ASDAN training on

5th February 2025

and is approved to register as an ASDAN co-ordinator for

Preparing for Adulthood

Melissa Farnham
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Training and CPD

This is to confirm that

Gincy James

has attended ASDAN training on

5th February 2025

and is approved to register as an ASDAN co-ordinator for

Preparing for Adulthood

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We love to see life-long learning at WSS! This includes our staff, who are committed to their own ongoing professional development. Well done to Ms. Rema & Ms. Gincy for completing additional CPD!



You Said,

Parents have expressed a desire for stronger incorporation of Islamic practices and greater family involvement in supporting students' spiritual development.



We Did,

Promoting Head Covering During Qur'an Recitation

During Islamic lessons, students will be gently encouraged to cover their heads while reciting the Holy Qur'an. This respectful practice helps foster a sense of reverence and consistency, and may, over time, inspire students to embrace the Hijab with love, understanding, and a deep personal connection.

Hajj Workshop for Parents

We are excited to launch an engaging Hajj Workshop especially for parents. This initiative is designed to support your own spiritual growth and deepen your understanding of this vital pillar of Islam. It also offers a wonderful opportunity to share the learning journey with your child, reinforcing a strong connection between home and school.

Whole School News; Social Studies Event, 1/5/25!



Well done to teachers & students for a wonderfully engaging & relevant Social Studies Event.



Whole School News; Social Studies Event, 1/5/25!



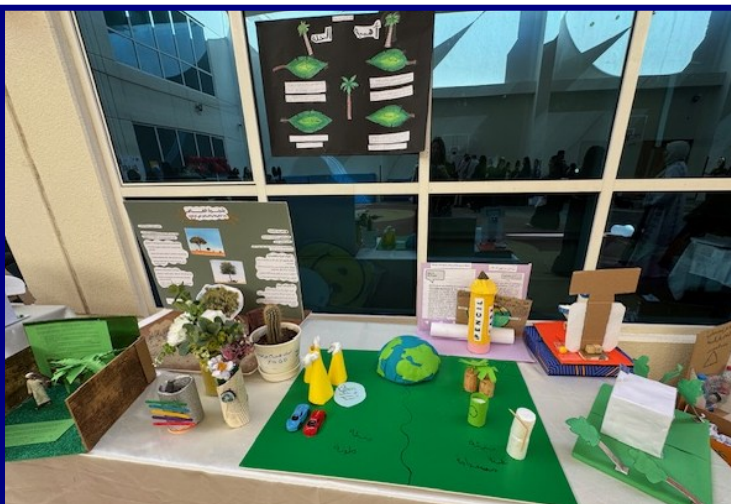
Whole School News; Social Studies Event, 1/5/25!



The Event theme was environmental awareness & actions, plus UAE Culture.



Whole School News; Social Studies Event, 1/5/25!



Whole School News; Social Studies Event, 1/5/25!



Whole School News; Social Studies Event, 1/5/25!



Whole School News; Week 1 ECA Report!



Football



Badminton

**Term 3 ECA
WEEK 1**



**WSS
Foodies**



Theatre



AI & Robotics



Football

Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!

RECYCLE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW
THE NATIONAL E-WASTE DRIVE BY

Sharaf DG



Top 3 Countries

Win
Exciting
Prizes

Turn Your School into a
Sustainability Champion!

How to Participate

Bring your old electronics and drop it in the e-Waste bins placed in your school during the 2-week collection period.

The more e-Waste you donate,
the closer you get to winning!



Prizes for Schools



AED
5,000



AED
3,000



AED
2,000

Prizes for Students



AED
500



AED
200



AED
100

(TOP 3 PER SCHOOL)

Recycling Partner **enviroserve**
انفيريو سرف

Tech Partner **Renie**
The future of waste is digital

Start collecting!!
The E-Waste Collection Bin has
arrived.- your child should show
items to the Form/Class Teacher
then place in the designated bin.

Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



مدرسة جيمس وستمنستر الشارقة
GEMS Westminster School
SHARJAH

29th April, 2025

Dear Parents,

Subject: WSS E-Waste Collection Campaign

After the success of our first E Waste drive in 2023, I am happy to share that we will be running the 2nd edition of E-Waste Collection in association with Sharaf DG this year.

We invite all students, parents & staff to contribute E-waste as part of our commitment to sustainable living.

Duration of the event: 30th April to May 08, 2025

E Waste items: Old computers, mobile phones, printers, smartwatches, household appliances, chargers, electrical toys & similar

Where to put: Show to your Form/Class Teacher, who will record the top contributors & then the student can put the items in the designated Bin kept in the School premises.

Rewards: Sharaf DG awards Top 3 students from each school with a Gift.

Top 3 Schools to collect highest E-waste will be awarded with a certificate and Trophy along with vouchers for the students.

Acknowledgement: Acknowledgement Slip attached below to be sent to the Form Tutor, along with the E-Waste.

We look forward to your participation in showing the WSS' community commitment to sustainability!

Thanks, and regards,

Ms. Valerie Thompson
WSS CEO/ Principal



E-Waste Collection Drive ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE

Student's Name _____ Class: _____ ID: _____

E-Waste items: _____

Weight of the E-Waste (kg/gm): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!

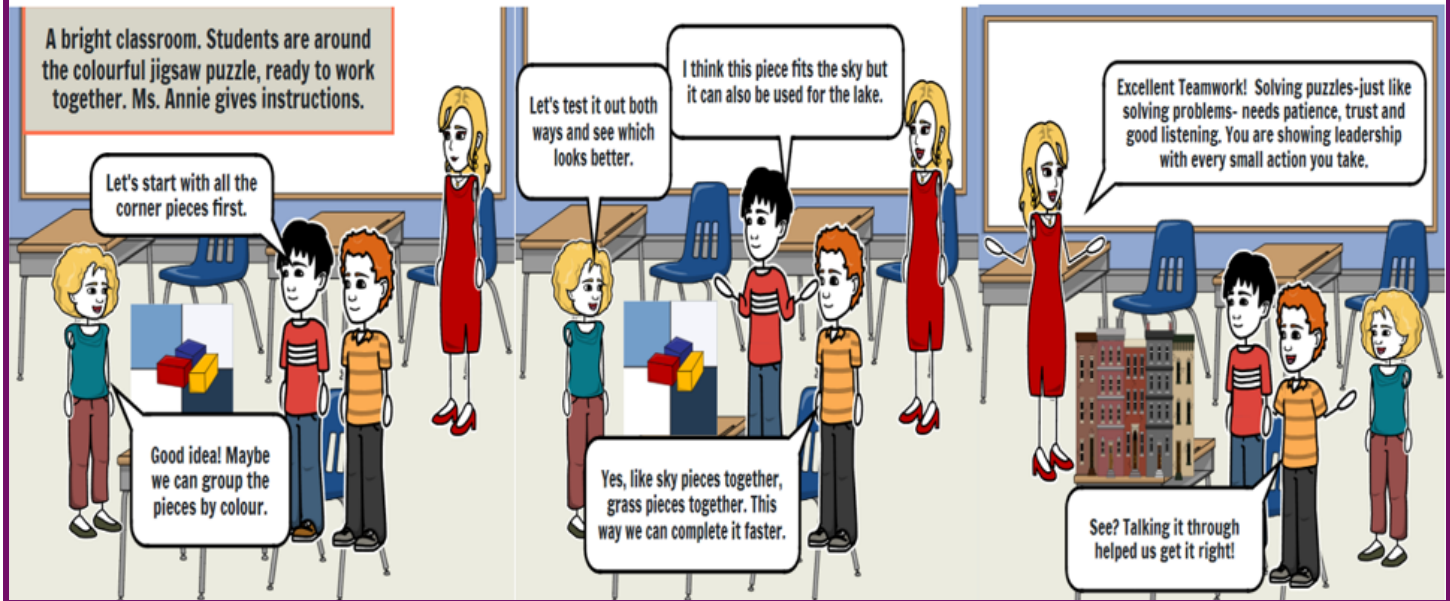


Happy Birthdays!

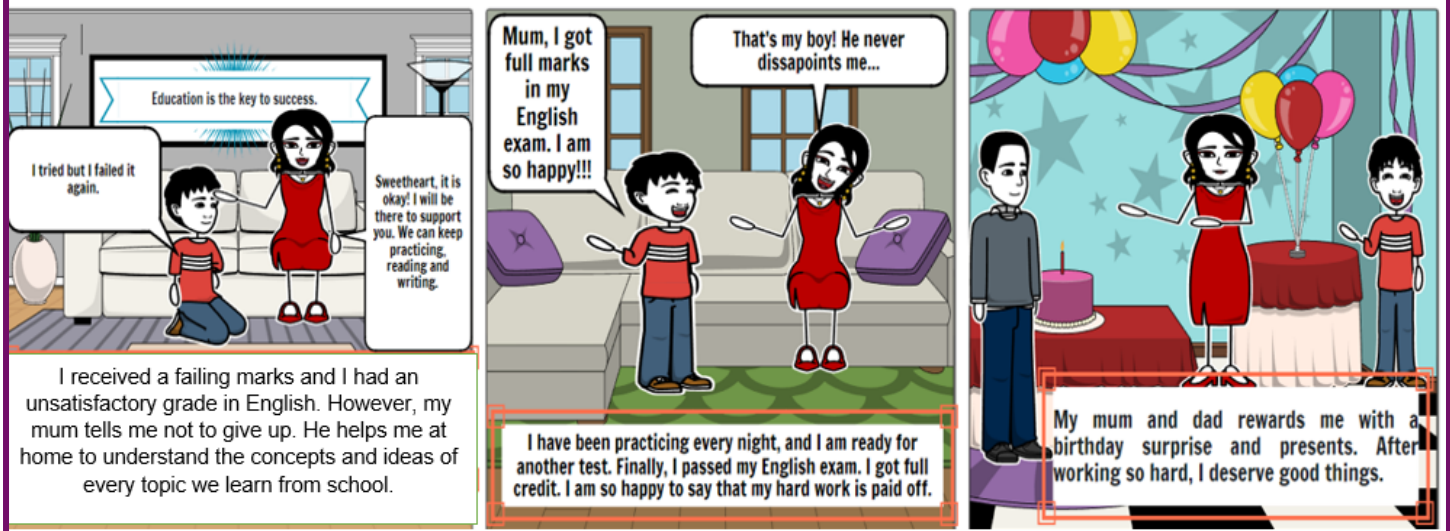


Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

Solving Together, Leading Together



REWARDS FOR HARDWORK IN DEVELOPING THE NECESSARY SKILLS



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

It was an unforgettable day ❤️

Many thanks and appreciation to the amazing efforts of all the administration and wonderful teachers!!

It was truly a wonderful final concert ❤️ !!

Saif ,
FS2 S2



Junior Section News; FS Concert, 1/5/25



The Concert theme was 'Growth Mindset. We went on a colourful, entertaining journey with a Giraffe who wanted to learn to dance. Friends from all over the world shared tips & encouragement until they all met at Global Village in UAE & learnt to dance together! It was a fantastic show & well-attended by enthusiastic parents. Our students showed off their confidence & skills so beautifully.



Junior Section News; FS Concert, 1/5/25



Junior Section News; FS Concert, 1/5/25



Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

Y1D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna

ICT lesson



Learning Prefix -un



Home learning



Happy Birthday



Math lesson



Y1D2 with MS Sadiqa and Ms Asma



Junior Section News; Y1F Learning Activities!

Y1F1 WITH MS. AYSHA AND MS. JAMILA



Y1F2 WITH MS. ANEEZA AND MS. GURPREET



Junior Section News; Y1H Learning Activities!

Y1H1 WITH MS. AAFREIN AND MS. FIZZA



Y1H2 WITH MS. KISHWAR AND MS. MANI



Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

Y1S1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadiya



Y1S2 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Foumy



Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



At the Art exhibition.



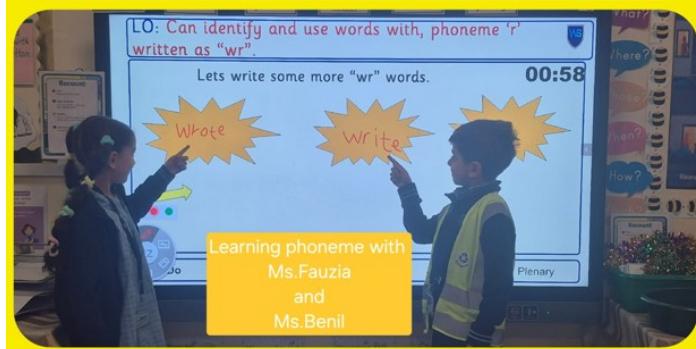
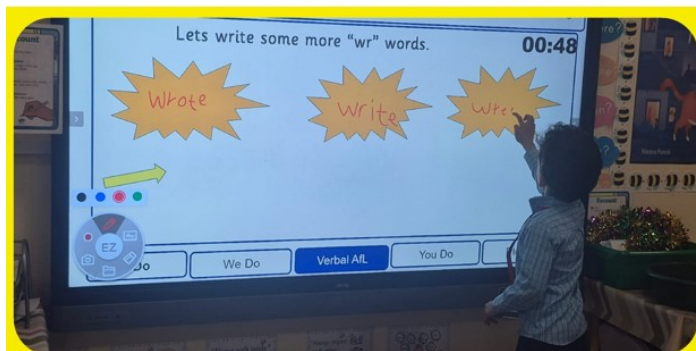
Art Lesson.



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

Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!

Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!

Junior Section: Y2 H1 Learning Activities!

Miss Jinitra and Miss Maryam



Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!

Y2S1 with Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza

English Lesson

Science Lesson

Art Lesson

Mother's Day Celebration

Primary Section News; Learning Activities (General)!



PRIMARY RADIO STATION @ WSS

		
Yara Mohamed Shefsin Y6 GH	Sedra Amro Hassan Y6 GF	Hibah Binti Irfan Y6 GF

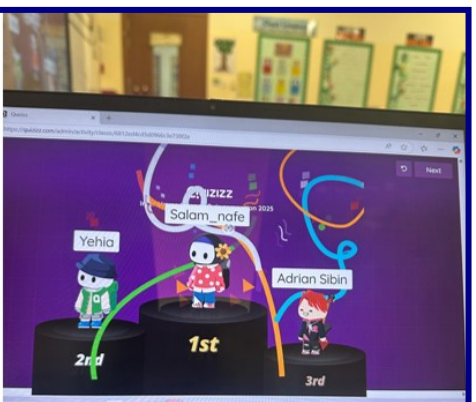


Primary Section News; Y4F1 Learning Activities!



Y4 F1's Maths lesson with Ms. R. Oshin
LFQ: How do I read, write and demonstrate the
units of time?

Primary Section News; Y5 Science Quiz!



Primary Section News; Y5 Science Quiz!



Primary Section News; Y6BF Superstars!

Super Stars! - Y6BF



Mohammed Izaan

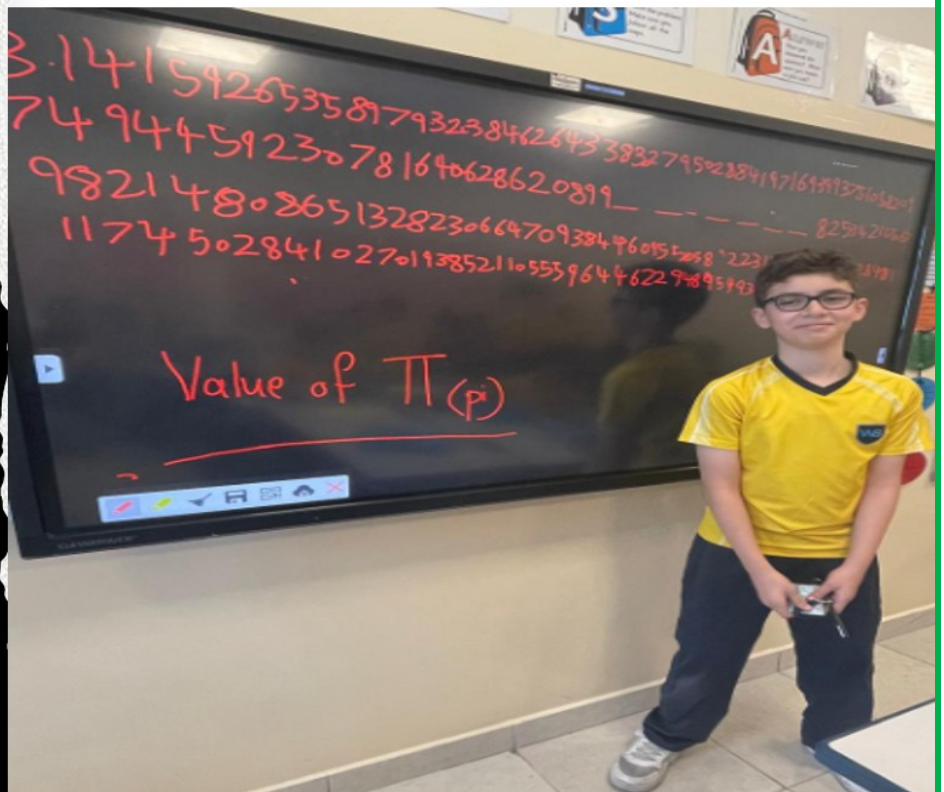


Omar Mohammed



Amir Mohammed

**Malek
Ahmed of
Y6BF
recorded
the value of
 π (Pi) up to
100
decimal
points.**



WSS Secondary Section Maths Superstar Champions, 28/4/25!



WSS Secondary Section Science Fair Superstar Champions, 29/4/25!



WSS Secondary Section Science Fair Superstar Champions, 29/4/25!



WSS Secondary Section Science Fair Superstar Champions, 29/4/25!



WSS Secondary Section AUS Physics Day Winners, 29/4/25!



AUS Physics Day Winners		
•Certificate Presentation 🏆		
Outstanding Project Presentation, AUS Physics Open Day		
2025		Zaid Rahmou
2026		Haider Hassan
2027		Youseff Mohamed
2028		Kenzy Ayman
2029		Menna Ahmed
2030		Nejar Nagah

AUS Physics Day Winners	
•Certificate Presentation 🏆	
Quiz AUS Physics Open Day 2025	
1st Place:	Elie Bechaalany
2nd Place:	Tamim Hijazi
3rd Place:	Qusay Rafat
6th Place:	Islam Elsayed
9th Place:	Yaseen Elgazayerly

WSS Secondary Section Library Superstar Champions!

WSS SECONDARY LIBRARY NEWS

BEST READER OF TERM 2

SHEZA MOHAMED FAISAL Y8GS



1st PLACE
FALCONS

Sarah Mahdiya Y7GF
Hayah Hashim Y8GF
Joudi Ahmed Y8GF
Syeda Zimal Y7GF
Mariam Mohamad Y8GF

BEST READING CLASS
AWARD Y8GF



LIBRARY QUIZ COMPETITION WINNERS

2nd PLACE
SCORPIONS

Assil Benachour Y8GS
Vaibhavi Palit Y8GS
Afsheen Asthak Y8GS

3rd PLACE
ARABIAN HORSES

Aathika Asim Y7GH
Anaya Noor Y7GH
Mariam Primuswala Y7GH



LIBRARY QUIZ COMPETITION WINNERS

1st PLACE
FALCONS

Steven Ehab Y8BF
Qazi Zarrar Y8BF
George Wael Y7BF

2nd PLACE
ARABIAN HORSES

David Sikander Y8BH

Ahmed Omar Y8BH
Syed Mohammad Y7BH
Muhammad Kashif Y7BH
Mustafa Nabeel Y7BH

3rd PLACE
SCORPIONS

Muhammad Hammad Y8BS
Sandeep Kumar Y8BS



Poster Making 1st Place

Samridhhi Shrestha Y9GD

Book Cover Design

1st Place - Maham Ashiq Y9GD
3rd place - Fatima Faizan Y9GD
3rd place - Zunairah Anis Y9GD

Poster Making

2nd Place - Jovan Samson Y8D



Book Cover Design

2nd Place - Muhammad Hamdan 7BH



WSS Secondary Section KS3 Superstar Champions!

KS3 Boys Wellbeing Champions



KS3 Girls Wellbeing Champions



Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y9GD, 28/4/25!



Y9GD's Assembly covered the important theme of 'Women's Empowerment & Gratitude'. The Assembly was attended by SPEA Auditors.

Secondary Section News; KS3 Assembly Time!

KS3 Girls Assembly on Gratitude



Thankfulness, reflection, and smiles—our Gratitude Assembly had it all.



Teaching gratitude, one assembly at a time.

Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y7BH, 28/4/25!



Y7BH's Assembly on 'Gratitude' was entertaining, clear & shared some practical examples of a positive gratitude mindset applied to daily life. Well done!



Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y7BH, 28/4/25!

KS3 Boys Assembly on Gratitude



Our students reminded us that gratitude turns what we have into enough.

Lessons in gratitude, led by future leaders.

Secondary Section News; Y9G Arabic Learning!



The Y9 girls' section stood out with dynamic, interactive activities that reflected strong topic understanding and high engagement. From debates and quizzes to simulations and problem-solving challenges, students showcased critical thinking, creativity, and teamwork. Their enthusiasm and collaboration fostered communication and leadership skills beyond classroom learning.