

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Safeguarding; ID

Great job on the WSS ID cards & smart uniform, dear parents. Many thanks! Almost all our students & parents are now entering school with their ID card.

Term 3 Promotional Exams

Please note that attending T3 Promotional exams is compulsory. However, if a child is sick & brings a Medical Leave Certificate, Continuous Assessment grades will be given in the T3 Report for those missed exams. If there is no Medical Certificate provided, then the student would lose the 50% exam marks from the T3 Report grade. We wish all our students every success in their forthcoming exams!

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) The last day for all T3 Promotional Exams is Thursday 15th June. However, students may attend school until Eid, if parents wish.
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
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"> <u>Returning students to rejoin from Tuesday 29/8/23</u>, subject to full T1 fees having been cleared. Students must return to school 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 # 31
18 مايو 2023



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة خاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

الحماية: الهوية المدرسية

عمل رائع على بطاقات هوية WSS والزي
القبي، أيها الآباء الأعزاء. جزيل الشكر!
يلتحق جميع طلابنا وأولياء أمورنا تقريبا
بالمدرسة ببطاقة الهوية الخاصة بهم.

الامتحانات الترويجية للفصل الدراسي 3.

يرجى ملاحظة أن حضور اختبارات T3 الترويجية إلزامي.

ومع ذلك، إذا كان الطفل مريضاً وأحضر شهادة إجازة طبية، فسيتم
تقديم درجات التقييم المستمر في تقرير T3 لتلك الاختبارات الفالطة.

إذا لم يتم تقديم شهادة طبية، فسيخسر الطالب 50٪ من علامات
الامتحان من درجة تقرير T3. نتمنى لجميع طلابنا كل النجاح في
اختباراتهم القادمة!



المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي (TBC by SPEA)	29/6/23
آخر يوم لجميع امتحانات T3 الترويجية هو الخميس 15 يونيو. ومع ذلك، يمكن للطلاب الذهاب إلى المدرسة حتى العيد، إذا رغب الآباء في ذلك.	
الموعد النهائي للتقدم إلى النظام للحصول على TC (شهادة النقل)، في حالة مغادرة WSS.	الخميس 29 يونيو
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	
اليوم الأول للطلاب الجديد في العام الدراسي الجديد، يخضع لمداد رسوم T1 كاملة.	الاثنين 28/8/23
عودة الطلاب للالتحاق ابتداء من يوم الثلاثاء الموافق 29/8/23 بشرط تصفية رسوم T1 كاملة.	الثلاثاء 29/8/23
يجب أن يعود الطلاب في غضون أسبوع واحد عند افتتاح المدرسة (بحلول آخر يوم اثنين 4 سبتمبر). لن يتم الاحتفاظ بالمقاعد بعد هذا التاريخ، حتى لو تم دفع رسوم إعادة التسجيل).	
لا توجد خطط دفع للفترة 1، لذا يرجى وضع الميزانية وفقاً لذلك. سيتم قبول الطلاب للعام الدراسي الجديد فقط بمجرد مداد رسوم T1 بالكامل. شكراً لك.	

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

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

Sunny Varkey

Whole School News

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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.



School Timings

(Apology for the error in NL#23)

FS1: 7:20am-12:25pm
 FS2-Y13: 7:20m-2:20pm

Environment & Recycling Superstar Champions!



Plant A Legacy campaign successfully done with parental participation from WSS @Tadweer waste management center DXB. Super!

Ms. Laneetha shared, *“I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who participated in our celebration of International Day of Families by Planting a Legacy. Your participation and support made this event a huge success, and we are grateful for all of the time and effort you put into making it such a meaningful experience.*

As you know, this year's theme for International Day of Families is "Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13". In line with this theme, we came together to plant trees at Tadweer Waste Management, creating a beautiful green space that will last for generations to come.

We are thrilled to report that we had an incredible turnout from WSS, and the enthusiasm and energy of our students was truly inspiring. It was wonderful to see families, teachers, and students of all ages working together to make a positive impact on our environment.

Once again, thank you for your dedication and commitment to International Day of Families by Planting a Legacy (PAL) such a success. Looking forward to continuing to work with all of you to make WSS and our communities a better place for everyone.”

WSS Superstar Champions!

BRITISH ORCHARD CENTRE GRADUATION



Lifelong learning; congratulations to Ms. Shamail, Ms. Raghi, Ms. Mariam & Ms. Neha who have just graduated in the prestigious, internationally recognised Cache Level 3 professional qualification. We love this commitment to continuing professional development.

Whole School News; SPEA Online Safety Sessions!

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

We would like to inform you that the Ministry of Education is organizing awareness-raising workshops titled " Online Safety".

These workshops are aimed at spreading awareness among children and school students on the challenges of the digital world and encouraging them to use the Internet in a safe and positive manner.

Therefore, we are pleased to invite students and parents to attend the workshops listed in the table below. The workshops are in Arabic and English language.

Best Regards

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

بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه، نحيطكم علماً بأن وزارة التربية والتعليم بصدد تنظيم ورش توعوية بعنوان "السلامة الرقمية" وذلك بهدف توعية الأطفال وطلاب المدارس بتحديات العالم الرقمي وتشجيعهم على استخدام الإنترنت بشكل إيجابي وآمن.

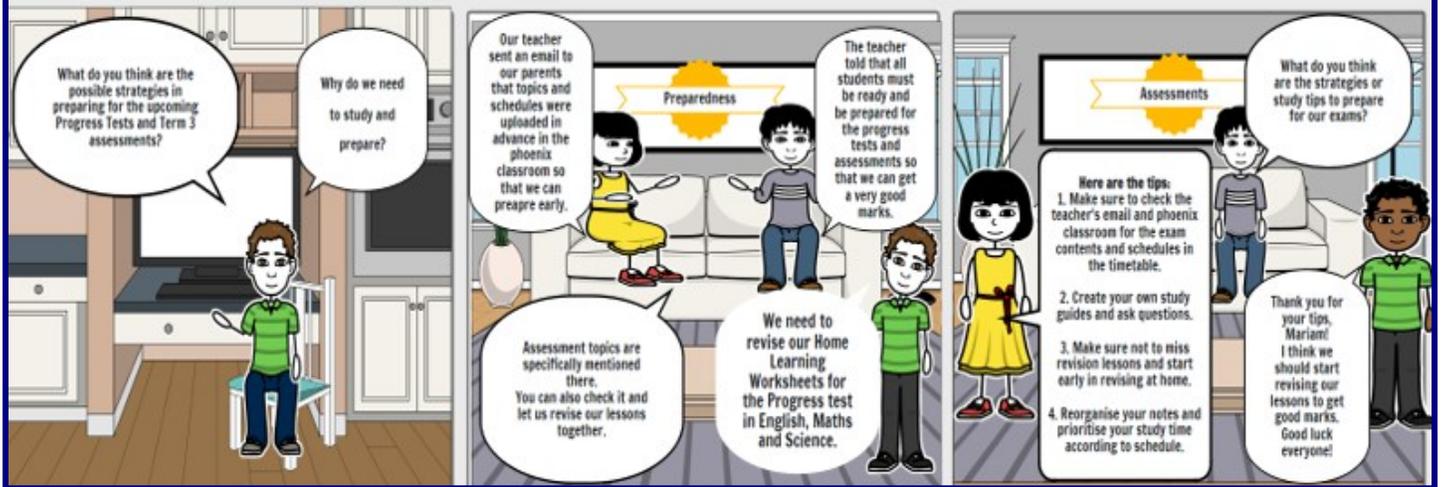
لذا يسرنا دعوة الطلبة وأولياء الأمور لحضور الورش المذكورة في الجدول أدناه، علماً بأن الورش باللغتين العربية والإنجليزية.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام

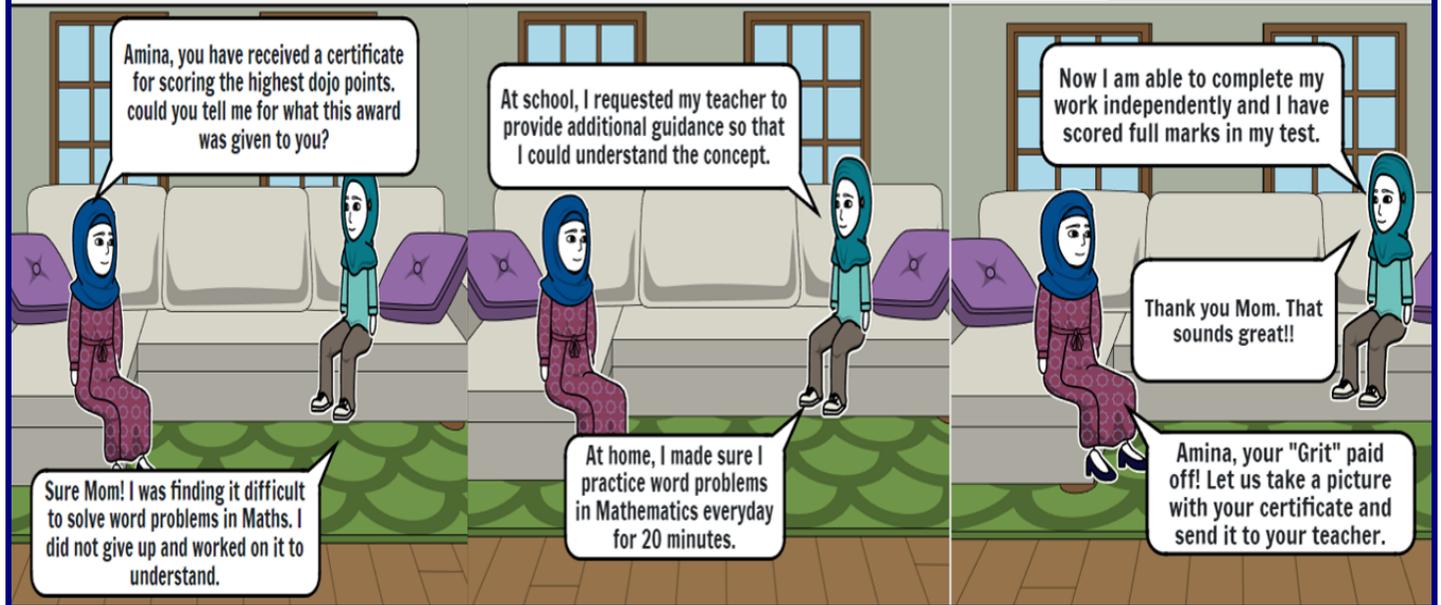
ورشات السلامة الرقمية Online Safety Workshops			
المستهدفين Targeted Group	لغة التدريب Training Language	التوقيت والتاريخ Date and Time	رابط التدريب Training Link
ورشات أولياء الأمور Parents Workshops	اللغة الإنجليزية English Language	2023/5/18 2:00 – 1:00	https://bit.ly/41kZxLr
	اللغة العربية Arabic Language	2023/5/18 11:00 – 10:00	https://bit.ly/3NZ81g4
ورشات الطلبة Students Workshops	اللغة الإنجليزية English Language	2023/5/22 2:00 – 1:00	https://bit.ly/3Bdd6Sz
	اللغة العربية Arabic Language	2023/5/22 11:00 – 10:00	https://bit.ly/3prsLet

Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

Progress Test and Term 3 Assessment Preparation Storyboard



CHARACTER TRAIT: "GRIT"



Whole School News; PIRLS!



Ms. Sonia & Ms. Emelia attended a SPEA PIRLS presentation on 17/5/23. PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study) provides internationally comparative data on how well children read in Y4.



Happy Birthdays!



***Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!
Awarded for demonstrating Good Character
(Respect, Kindness & Community Spirit)***



Dear MS. Swati

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the exceptional support and assistance I received during my time in a wheelchair due to a fractured leg at GEMS Westminster School Sharjah. As a student in Y8 BH1, under the guidance of my class teacher, Mr. Nishad, I experienced an extraordinary level of care and understanding.

On the first day of my injury, I was in considerable distress, but Mr. Nishad and my classmates, including Abdullah Sarwar, Jeremey, Mohammed Kalifa, Alman, Abdul Muizz, Juzer, and many others, who are part of the GEMS Westminster School Sharjah community, went above and beyond to help me navigate through my challenges and ensure my learning experience was not hindered. Their patience, compassion, and willingness to assist me were truly commendable.

I would also like to acknowledge the school's commitment to my safety. GEMS Westminster School Sharjah provided a lift and a wheelchair, which significantly contributed to my well-being. I hold a deep appreciation for Uncle Gopi, whose name I may not know, but who ensured my safety by arriving early to escort me from the bus, taking me to class, and safeguarding me during busy dispersal times. The school's dedication to providing these resources and ensuring my comfort and safety made a tremendous difference in my recovery process.

Even after my cast was removed, GEMS Westminster School Sharjah continued to support me by facilitating access to the lift until I regained the ability to walk independently. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all my friends, teachers, staff members, and the entire GEMS Westminster School Sharjah community for their unwavering support and assistance throughout this challenging period. Their collective efforts made a positive impact on my overall experience and helped me overcome the difficulties I faced.

In conclusion, I am deeply grateful for the kindness, understanding, and support I received from Mr. Nishad, my classmates, and the entire GEMS Westminster School Sharjah community. The empathy and assistance extended to me during my time in a wheelchair were truly invaluable. I am fortunate to have been surrounded by such caring individuals and a school that prioritizes the well-being and education of its students.

With utmost gratitude,

Muzamnil Ansari



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Y2 H2 with Tr-Sabiha, AT-Priya



We are excited to fill our marble jar! Y2F1



Junior Section News; SPR Inspection Action Training; Increasing Innovation & Challenge in the Classroom!



Junior Section News; Y1 Learning Activities!



Y1 H2 Ms. Beena & Ms. Mani

Junior Section News; Y1 Learning Activities!



Learning about materials
Year 1 D2

Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!

MY SCHOOL

I Love my school,
it's a knowledge of poet.
I have cool friends,
together all classes we attend.
My teachers are kinds
to make us bright and shine.
Thank you miss Safia and miss Catherin
they are super smart and hard working.
Thank you Mr Jowie,
for learning us ICT.
Thank you Miss Rasma,
وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
Thank you Miss Shamail and Miss Raghi
for always supporting me.
Thank you Ms. Valerie,
for providing us with learning tree

SYED TALHA Y2 S2

Class Learning

ICT lesson in Y2

PIC•COLLAGE

Beautiful poem written by Talha from Y2S2 with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin

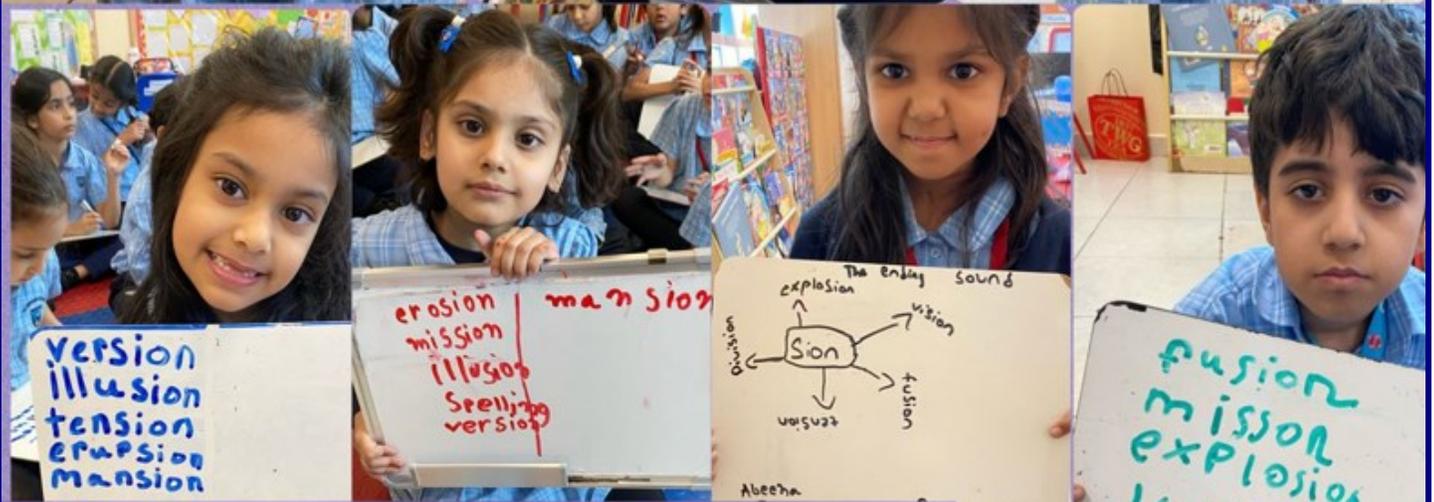
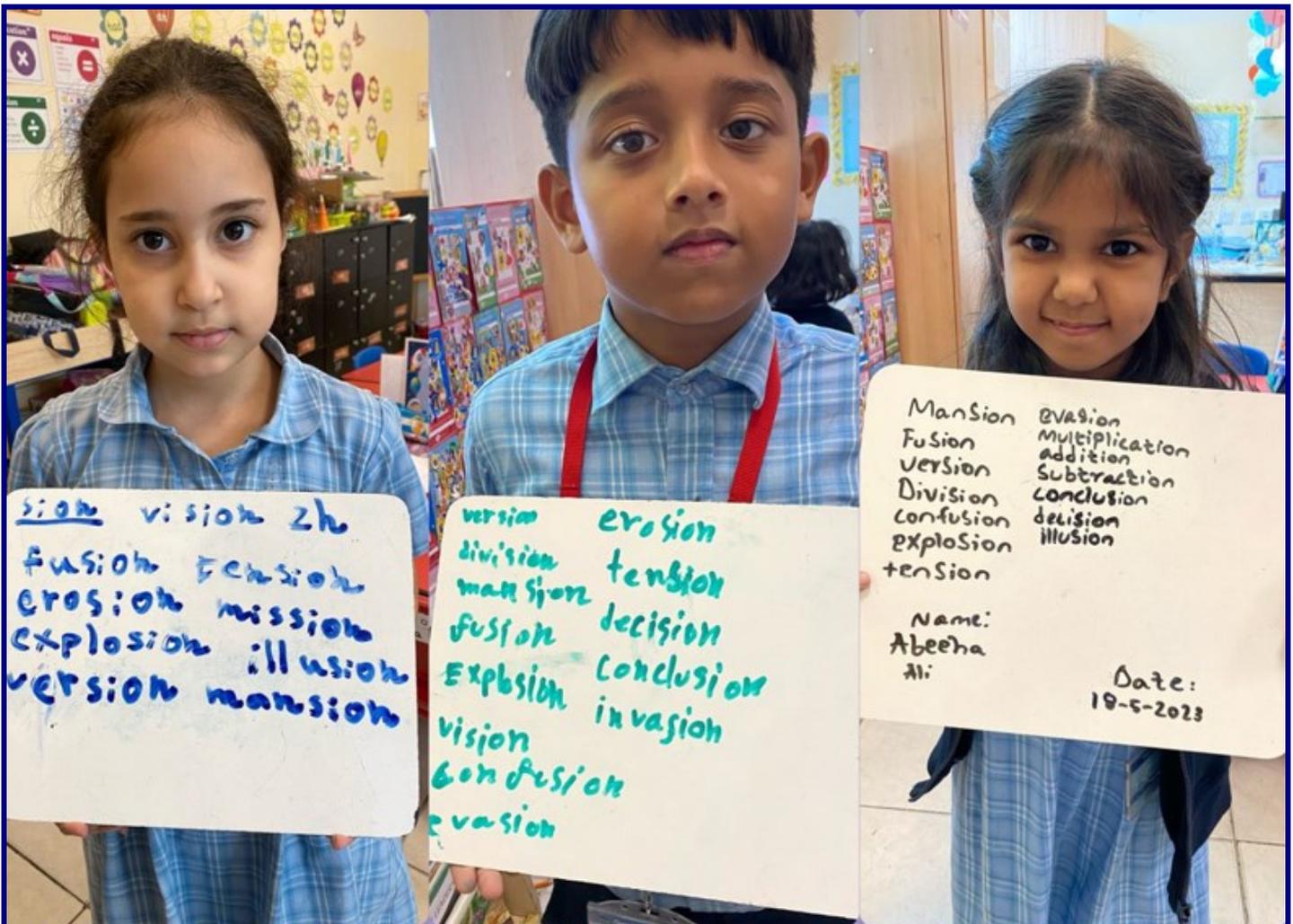
Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!



Farm animals art by Y2S2 students
with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin



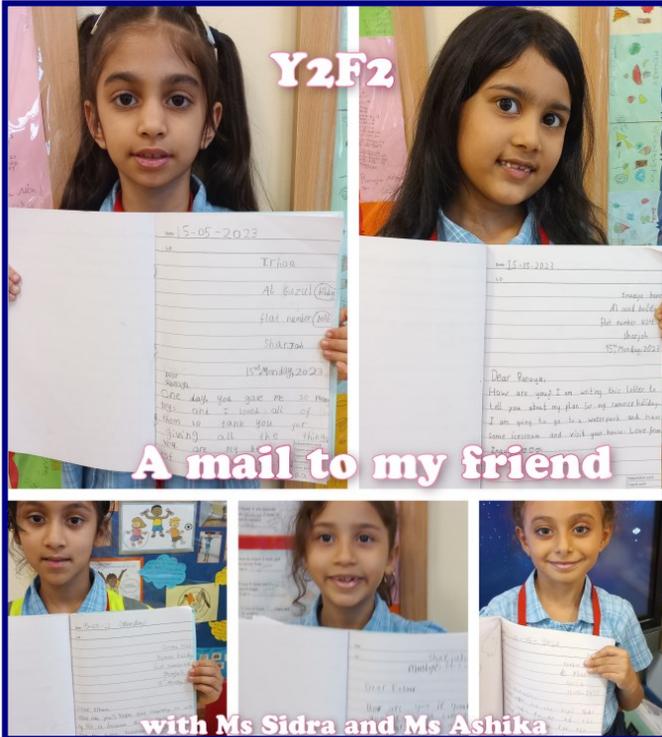
Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!



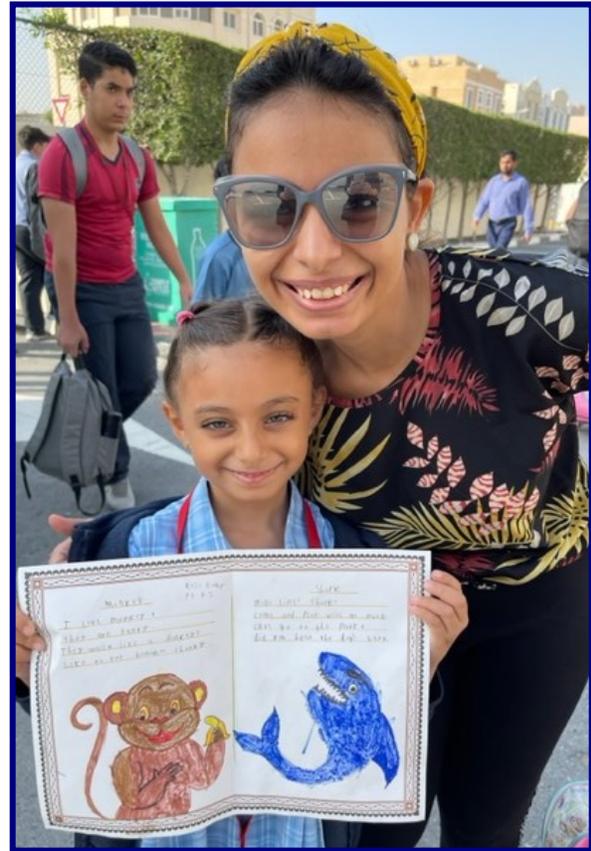
We are learning to write 'sion' sound words
Y2S2 with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin

PIC•COLLAGE

Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to Zaid Eyad (Y5H1) for his sporting prowess!

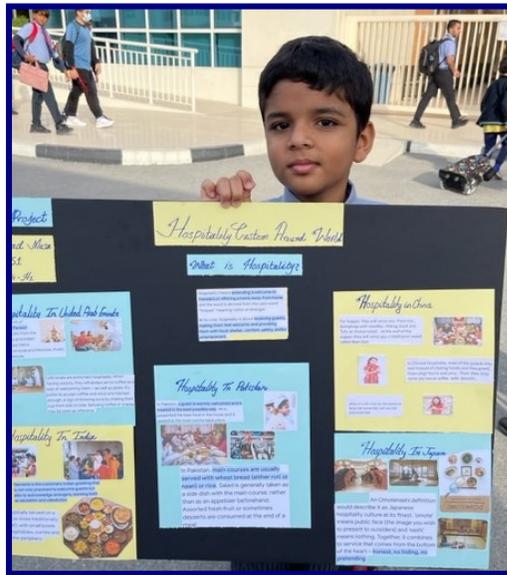
This is to certify that the above named person is a holder of the Taekwondo 1st Poom grade registered in the Kukkiwon.



Rose Ramy reciting her poem to Ms Shamail & Ms Raghi



Primary Section News; Project-based Learning!



Cooperation is a Key to Success.

"Cooperation"

Meaning
Cooperation is the ability to work effectively and respectfully with teams or people work together to achieve a goal.

Reward
Reason for getting help from Allah.

Effect on Society

- ▶ Achieve Success
- ▶ Leads to accurate Performance of work.
- ▶ Removes Selfish feelings.

Allah Says: "but help you one another into righteousness and pious duty. Help not one another into sin and transgression." (Surat Al-Maidah).

The Prophet (S.A.W) Said, "Allah helps a person as long as he helps his brother." (Muslim)

What does Cooperation look Like?

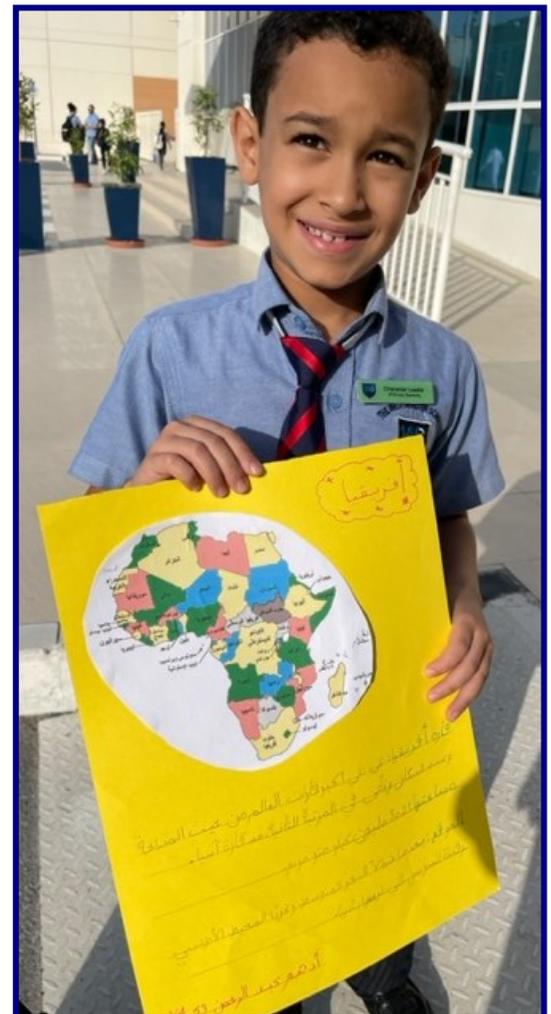
- * Working as a team.
- * Uses good communication skills.
- * Helping needy people.
- * Helping female worker in cooking.
- * No interrupting, listening each other.
- * Encouraging others.
- * Discussing Problems.
- * Showing respect for each other.
- * Taking responsibility.
- * Apologize if needed.
- * Give praise, Receive praise.
- * Seeking Knowledge.
- * Model good Citizenship.
- * Cooperate well both school and at home.
- * Accept criticism.
- * Ask For clarification.

My friends love me when I cooperate with them.

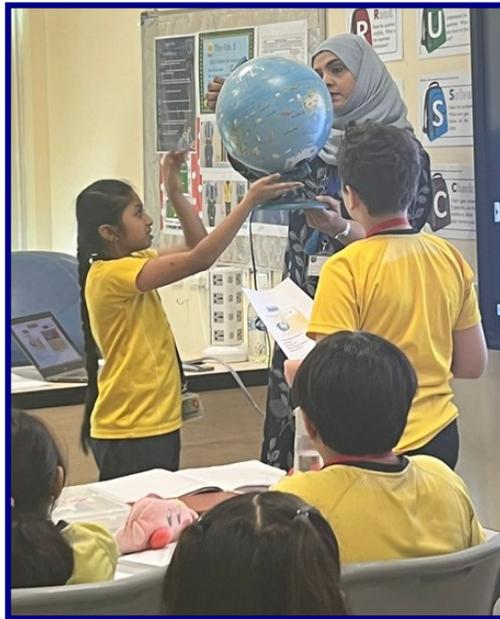
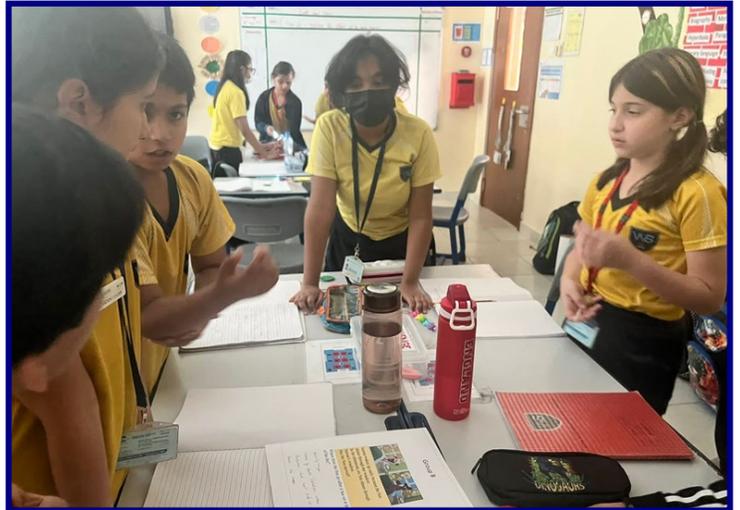
I cooperate with others to follow the example of Prophet (S.A.W).

My behavior is my responsibility.

NABIA ASIF
G:3 Y:4 S:2



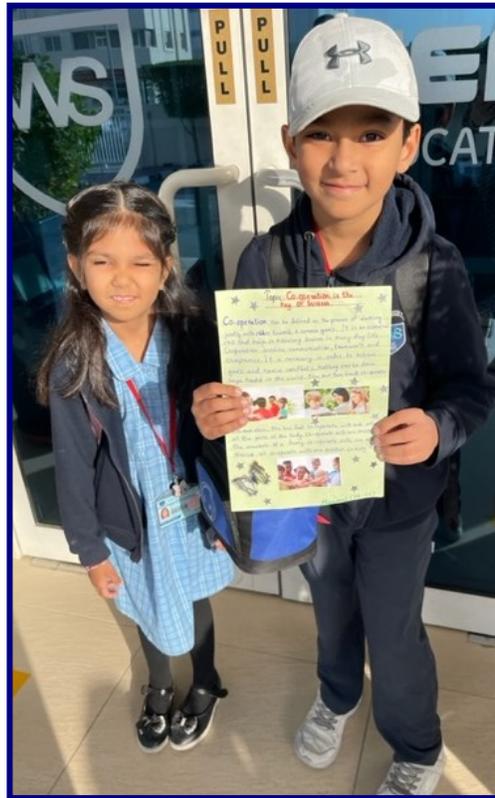
Primary Section News; Scintillating Science!



Y5 Students learning about 'Night & day'



Primary Section News



WSS Secondary Section Honesty Champions!



Well done to Honesty Superstar Champion Mahmoud Ahmed (Y10BS2) for handing in lost & found AED10/- to the TL Office. Thank you Mahmoud!

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; Science Expo Winners!

BOYS:

FIRST		SECOND		THIRD	
NAME	CLASS /SECTION	NAME	CLASS /SECTION	NAME	CLASS /SECTION
Haider ahmed	Y10 BH	MOHAMMED SHAHRAM FAKHRUL ANOWAR	Y10 BS2	Hamdan Shoaib	Y7 BF1
Muhammad Hasan Nadeem Wali	Y10 BF	Ayaan Azmat	Y8 BS	Muhammad Jasir Samiullah Khan	Y10 BF
Mekyle Mujtaba	Y 9 BH	Omar Haitham Adel Yousef Elbeksh	Y8 BF2	Alman Ahmad	Y8 BH
Mohamed Ahmed Fouad Ali Khalifa	Y 8 BH	Wael Rehman	Y7 BS1	Hatem mahmoud	Y 9 BS
Malek ayman	Y7 BS1				Y9 BF
					Y8 BH
					Y7 BS1
					Y7 BD1

GIRLS:

FIRST		SECOND		THIRD	
NAME	CLASS /SECTION	NAME	CLASS /SECTION	NAME	CLASS /SECTION
Adn Fatemah	Y7 GS	Takomborerwa Muwani	Y9 GF	Yoanaa Emad	Y7 GS
Rida Zainab Iqbal	Y9 GH	Amana Bukhari	Y10 GD	Czaee Herumb Khot	Y10 GF
Iman Rehman	Y9 GF	Fatim Navas	Y8 GD		
Emaan Waqas	Y10 GS	Umaiza QURESHI	Y7 GS		

As a part of the WSS Science Expo, the Secondary Science department conducted a Science quiz competition on 11th May 2023. Above are the winners—congratulations!



WSS Secondary Science Quiz Competition organized by the Science Department for Yr7-Yr10 students



Dear Ms Sony

Good evening

I would like to thank you for your great efforts and support not only for my son (ammar ahmed y7bf)

But also for me

You did a great job and so all his class teachers

I would like to thank you all for your cooperation, I am happy to see ammar overcoming all personal issues and the tough time he went through and starting to get back to his academic level

Just special request ,please it is a good chance to motivate him and let him feel the difference by rewarding him even with a certificate as soon as possible please

Many thanks

Winners of Literature Festival in Secondary Library

BOOK COVER DESIGN - BOYS

1st Prize: Mekyle Mujtaba Rehman Y9 BH1

2nd Prize: Francis Emmanuel Y9 BH2

3rd Prize: Ihan Shameer Y7 BS

Wael Mujtaba Y7 BS



BOOK COVER DESIGN - GIRLS

1st Prize: Ardra Sujeev Y9 GH

2nd Prize: Mishaal Ali Waraich Y8 GH



Story Writing Competition

1st Prize: Nakshatra Preemon Y9 GD

2nd Prize: Mohamed Ali Omer Y8 BF2

3rd Prize: Jana Wael Mahmoud Y9 GS

3rd Prize: Avikhna S Nair Y8 GF

Change the Climax

1st Prize: Shabhavi Dole Y8 GF

2nd Prize: Abdullah Khan Y8BF1



Poster Making Competition

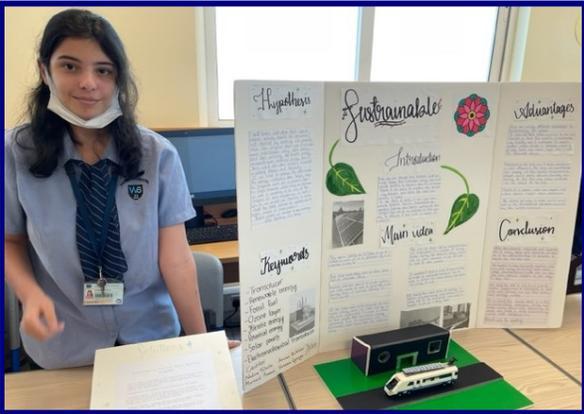
1st Prize: Arjun Sujeev Y9 BH1

2nd Prize: Devdarsh Rahul Y9 BH2

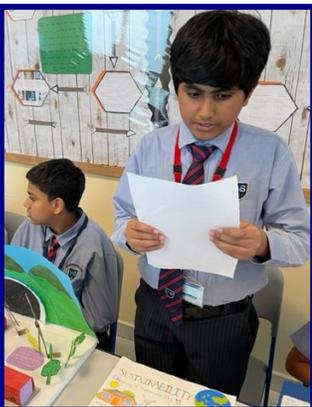
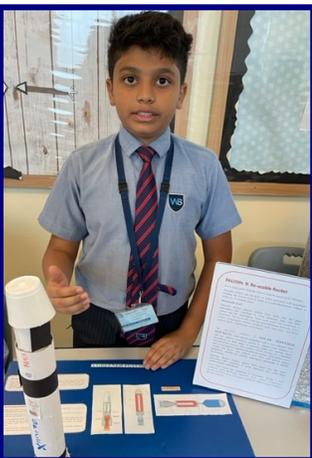
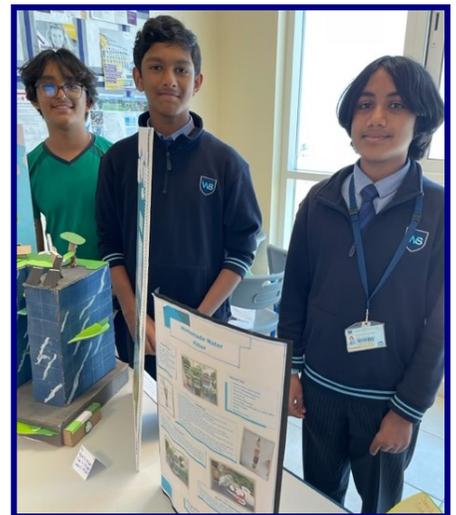
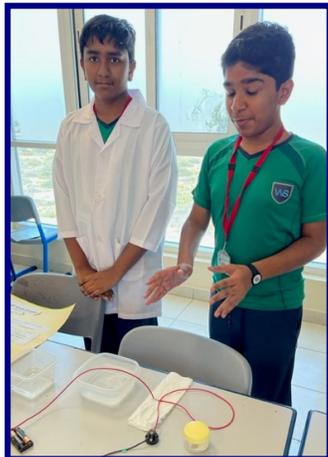
3rd Prize: Hooria Irfan Y8 GD



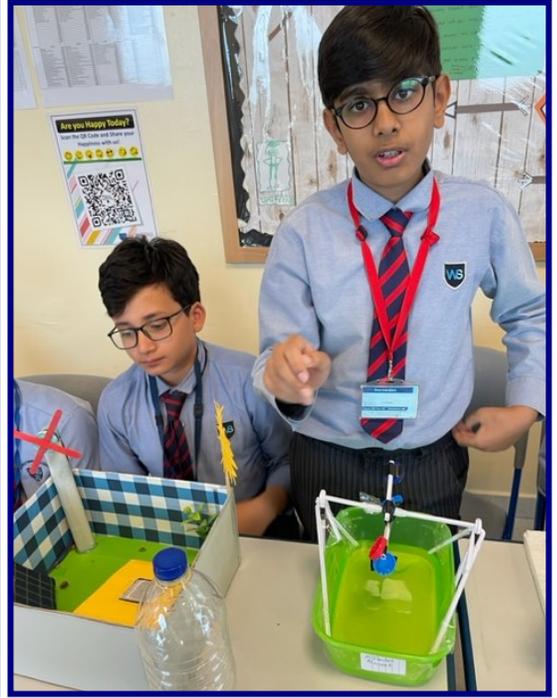
Secondary Section News; Sustainability Exhibition!!



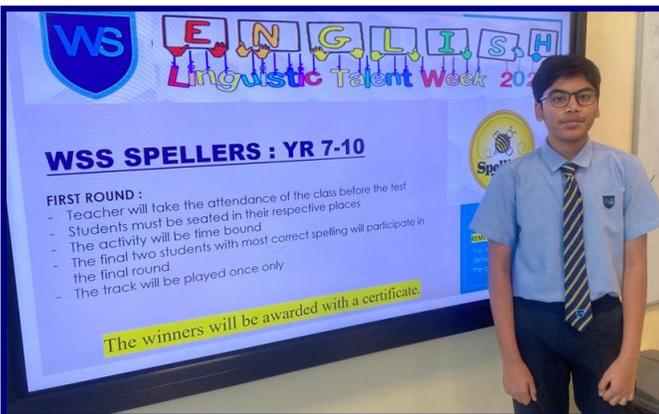
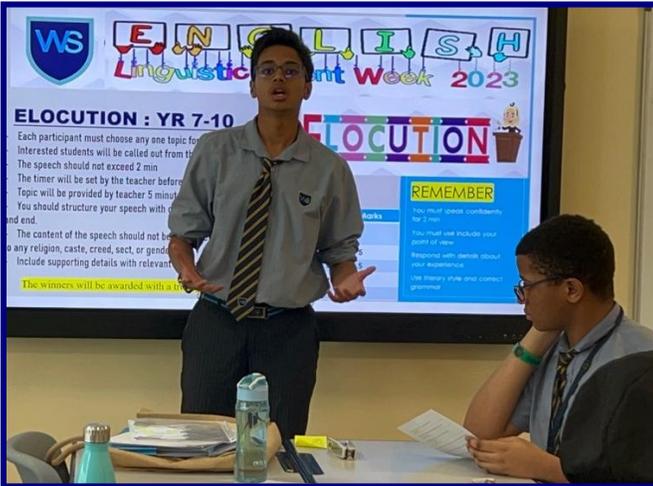
Secondary Section News; Sustainability Exhibition!!



Secondary Section News; Sustainability Exhibition!!



Secondary Section News; Literacy Talentastic Competition!



All students of Year 7 – 10 participated in the English Department’s linguistic Talent Week, 2023. The ‘Pitch Perfect’ Competition was even online from their homes!

The winners will be announced during the Prize distribution Ceremony of English Linguistic Talent Week 2023, on 24th May.

162 Correct words per minute

5 Practiced Words

97% Accuracy rate

5 Mispronunciations

2 Omissions

5 Insertions

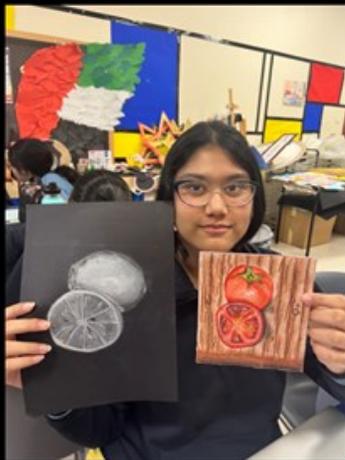
0 Repetitions

0 Self-corrections

Secondary Section News; Cake Fest 2023!



Art and Design Y10



Art and Design Y10

