

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #31
28th April, 2022



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

Dear WSS Parents,

Wishing all our families a wonderful Eid break. Eid Mubarak!

Pending T3 Fees

We really appreciate the timely payment of fees, since this is the only income we have to pay our dear teachers' salaries & bills. We sincerely thank the many parents who have thoughtfully cleared their fees to support smooth school operations. Unfortunately we still have a huge pending debt, which is impacting on operations. If you have outstanding fees, please clear at the earliest. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Mon. 2nd-Sunday 8th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Eid Al Fitr. Eid Mubarak! All Y11, Y12 & Y13 Board exams scheduled for next week during Eid will go ahead as per the given schedule. School resumes as per normal timings from Monday 9th May
Monday 9th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students return to F2F after Eid with normal school timings. As per SPEA Circular on 27/4/22, students over age 12 must have an Al Hosn Green Pass. If they travelled they must have a 72 hour valid negative PCR.
Thurs. 30th June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of the academic year for students
Mon. 29th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of new Academic Year 2022-2023. T1 Fees need to be cleared in full before any student joins. Please budget accordingly as there are no T1 Payment Plans.



Innovation Week Projects



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 31
28 أبريل 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

نتمنى لجميع عائلاتنا عطلة عيد سعيدة .
عيدكم مبارك.

رسوم T3 المعطلة

نحن نقدر حقاً دفع الرسوم في الوقت المناسب ، نظراً لأن هذا هو الدخل الوحيد الذي يتعين علينا دفعه رواتب وقواتير المطنين الأعزاء. نشكر بصدق العديد من أولياء الأمور الذين قاموا بتخليص رسومهم بعناية لدعم عمليات المدرسة السلسة. لسوء الحظ ، لا يزال لدينا ديون معطلة ضخمة ، مما يؤثر على العمليات. إذا كانت لديك رسوم مستحقة ، فيرجى توضيحها في أقرب وقت ممكن.
شكراً لكم.



التفاصيل	التاريخ
المدرسة مغلقة لعيد الفطر عيدكم مبارك. جميع امتحانات الصفوف 11 ، و 12 ، و 13 المقرر إجراؤها في الأسبوع المقبل خلال العيد سيتم وفقاً للجدول الزمني المحدد. تستأنف المدرسة حسب المواعيد العادية اعتباراً من الاثنين 9 مايو.	الاثنين. 2 - الأحد 8 مايو
يعود الطلاب إلى F2F بعد العيد بمواعيد المدرسة العادية. وفقاً لمنشور هيئة التعليم الخاص بتاريخ 27/4/22 ، يجب على الطلاب الذين تزيد أعمارهم عن 12 عامًا الحصول على بطاقة الحصن الخضراء. إذا سافروا ، يجب أن يكون لديهم PCR سلبي صالح لمدة 72 ساعة.	الاثنين 9 مايو
آخر يوم في العام الدراسي للطلاب	الخميس. 30 يونيو 2022
اليوم الأول من العام الدراسي الجديد 2022-2023 يجب تسوية رسوم الفصل الأول بالكامل قبل انضمام أي طالب. يرجى وضع الميزانية وفقاً لذلك حيث لا توجد خطط دفع للفصل الأول	الاثنين. 29 أغسطس



Innovation Week Projects



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

Dear School Principals and COVID-19 School Taskforces,

Greeting from COVID-19 Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (CMEC)
in Private Schools & Nurseries.

This is to confirm that in order to return to F2F learning at schools &
Nurseries after the Eid Al Fitr holidays, "Green Pass" on Al Hosn
Application is required from all staff and students aged 12 and above.

As for those returning to the UAE from abroad, a negative PCR test
result with a validity not exceeding 72 hours is required from all staff
and students aged 12 and above.

We wish you Eid Mubarak in advance, and continued health and safety.

السادة مديرو المدارس وفرق كوفيد-19 المدرسية المحترمون

تحية طيبة من لجنة المتابعة والتقييم لحالات كوفيد-19 في المدارس والحضانات الخاصة.

نفيدكم باعتماد المرور الأخضر في برنامج الحصن كشرط لدخول المؤسسات التعليمية، لكافة العاملين والطلبة
بعمر 12 سنة فما فوق، للعودة الى التعليم الحضوري في المؤسسات التعليمية بعد إجازة عيد الفطر المبارك.

بالنسبة للقدامين من السفر من خارج الدولة، يشترط إبراز نتيجة سلبية لفحص مسحة الأنف لمدة لا تتعدى 72
ساعة، من كافة العاملين والطلبة بعمر 12 سنة فما فوق.

عيدكم مبارك مقدماً ونتمنى لكم دوام الصحة والسلامة.

بالنيابة عن لجنة المتابعة والتقييم لحالات كوفيد-19 في المدارس والحضانات الخاصة

On behalf of COVID-19 Monitoring and Evaluation Committee in Private Schools & Nurseries

Find our updated Parent Hand-
book through this QR code.
Check-out school policies & pro-
cedures to be familiar & com-
fortable with our system.



WSS Superstar Sheikha Fatima Scholarship Award Champions!

We were proud to share in the celebration held at WSD for the Sheikha Fatima scholarship award winners (for WSS Nourhan; 2020-2021 & Zuha; 2021-2022). We congratulate them, their proud parents & teachers!

The award is given for academic excellence, exemplary character & social service.

Here are Nourhan & Zuha with some of their friends, Ms. Shaniya & Ms. Valerie.



WSS Superstar Champions!



Ayat Yasir and Qaima Mehdi (Y5S2) showed determination and grit when challenged and their confidence grew in Maths. It was a delight to see how they progressed and went from finding it challenging to completing super challenge. Thanks to Ms Anju Kumar for creating an engaging and challenging environment in Mathematics.

Star student Mohammed Abdurrehmen (Y1S2) was the first to share his work and demonstrated good writing and reading skills. Our SPEA School Improvement Advisor Ms. Lynn was delighted! Thanks to Ms. Israa for providing a rich learning experience in Arabic lesson.

Dear Ms Tincy

Good day

I am writing this email to appreciate your great efforts done with my daughter Hala

And the great progress I noticed in almost all subjects

No words can really explain how much I am really thankful for you

That means also successful management and leadership, whom hiring well qualified teachers like you

From deepest part of my heart(thank you so much)

Many thanks



We filled up our marble jar-Term 3

I would really like to take this chance to thank you again and again...

My words can't explain how much I am thankful for you
For noticing progress of maria

She is coming picking everything from school I don't need to revise with her more than 15 mins
When I ask her about topics taken she is answering in very confident way

It is my pleasure to have maria with you this year

Thank you also for management that are hiring such hard working teachers and well qualified staff

WSS Superstar Champions!



Star Students– in FS2 showed good mathematical skills- Amaya Sreejesh, Sajid Shahim along with Ami Zella showed determination even when the task got challenging. She did not give up. Thank you to Ms. Karen and Ms. Vinnarasi.

Star students of Y10 GD-Mariam Moataz Mohamed Mostafa Shams and Zainab Idris Janoowala led on stimulating and enriching conversations with confidence in their Business studies lesson. Thanks to Ms. Rebecca Sebastian for proving a student centered environment.

Star students of Y13 GH1 - Manail Amjad Ali, Jeeya Shailendra Joshi and Bereket Ashebir- showed commitment to maintain high quality work in class, which was well-presented and responded to the teachers' support and instructions. Well done to Ms. Divya Rajesh on the quality of feedback to her students so that writing can be of a high level.

First of all I would like to thank you and to all WSS team, Miss Shumail, Miss Raghi, Class Teacher Miss Uzma, Assistant teacher Miss Benil, Mr. Jowej, Miss Eman and Miss Sheema, they all are really contributing towards Kashaf's progress. Their countless efforts, immense love and heartfelt dedication is truly appreciated.

Thank you so much for this lovely award, its really a great motivation for Kashaf to excel herself. We feel so blessed that our daughter is WSS student, the one of the best School of UAE. A big thank you to all of you.



Thank you very much for arranging the PTM session and it was pleasant as always and fruitful.

As parents it is really important for us to know how our child develops and how he perform at school. And we are so glad that our son is doing well in school. We really appreciate your advice for us as parents to focus on our child. The tips you provide us to improve his abilities at home are really beneficial.

We really appreciate your effort and kindness you put on our child's development. Also we would like to thank Ms. Afroz also for her support.

Thanks again.

I really want to thank Ms Israa for her efforts during this year, Ms Israa manner of teaching is so wonderful and refreshing!! really knows how to motivate her students. She's great at building confidence and keeping lessons fun and engaging through a variety of activities that improve conversation, writing, and reading skills.

Also Ms Mariam and Ms Aneez are an excellent teachers! They provide both a great mix of listening, speaking and practical learning activities and a very safe, supportive learning environment.

Best regards
Mays' Mother
Kg2 S2

, Hello (Mr. Ahmed)

It is my duty to thank you for your wonderful effort in teaching Islamic education to my son, which is evident through the positive impact that I noticed on my son Nasr and his love for studying Islam and his love for performing prayer .after he (hate) studying Islam in previous years and considers it a difficult and unpleasant lesson

.If this indicates something, it indicates your great effort and your influence on the students' love for the lesson

Thank you very much

.May God reward you well and make your work and effort in the balance of your good deeds, God willing

Nasr Omar's mother

G4D2

WSS Superstar Champions!

Congratulations! You have been nominated

Created by Cambridge University Press, the **Dedicated Teacher Awards** are a global competition that recognise the hard work teachers put in everyday. The awards give students, friends and colleagues all around the world the chance to say thank you to a teacher who has made a difference in their life.

We are delighted to inform you that you have been nominate for the Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards. Download your certificate below.

[Download](#)



You have been nominated for the Dedicated Teacher Award from Cambridge University Press.

Thank you for your dedication to the profession of teaching.

Peter Phillips
Chief Executive

Congratulations to Ms. Ayesha Aslam (HOD English) who has been nominated for the Cambridge Board 'Dedicated Teacher' Awards. We wish you every success in the finals!



Our Superstar Teachers are awarded prizes for their outstanding application of CPD strategies! Congratulations & thank you to Dr. Lisa for motivating us to all continue lifelong learning!

WSS Superstar Champions!

Wow! Happy to get stickers from Ms. Shamail



We are confident to show our work



Congratulations!

Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!
The WSS Ramadan Charity Drive, 2022!



Here we see the many full bags of food donated by our students, parents & staff as part of our special Ramadan Charity Drive. Your generous contributions to appreciate & support our wonderful Support Staff & Drivers were much appreciated. They were delighted with this token of appreciation! Thank you so much for your generous & kind contributions to bring a smile to their faces! We thank our dedicated Islamic & Arabic Team for their organisation of this annual event., & our dynamic student leaders for hosting & helping to organise this special event.



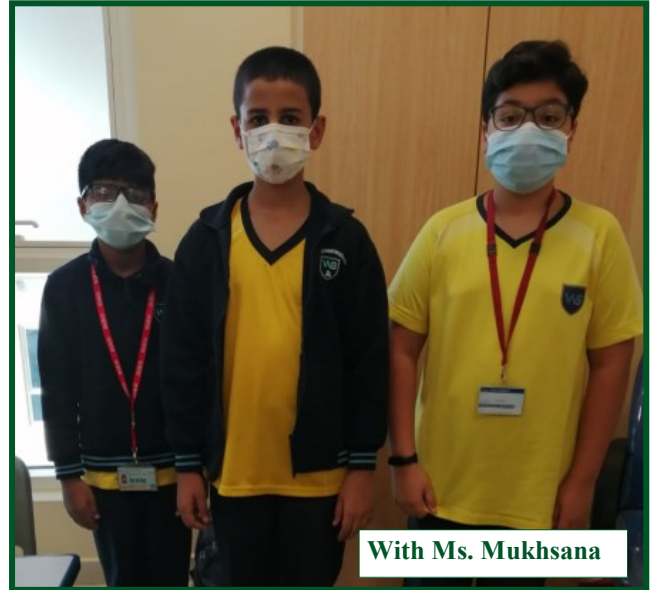
Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!
Awarded for Contributions to the WSS Ramadan Charity Drive



Thank you to Mahnoor (Y5F1) who brought charity kits for the WSS Ramadan challenge



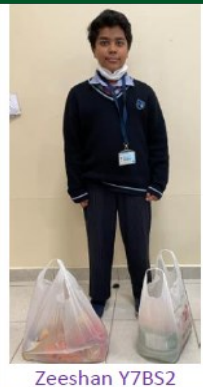
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With Ms. Mukhsana



Hamdan, Araf Y7BD



Zeeshan Y7BS2



Shahvaiz, Syed Y7BH



Adeena Y7GF



Dana Y7GF



Zainab Y7GS

Year 7
RAMADAN CHARITY DRIVE

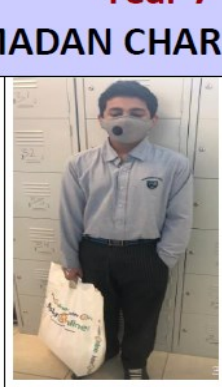
With Ms. Sony



Aleem Y7BS1



Syed Aliyan 7BF1



Azaan Y7BS1



Aarav, Muzammil, Azaan Y7BH



Saad, Syed Ahsan, Abdullah Y7BF



Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!
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Y3S2 with Ms. Sangeetha



Ramadan act of kindness- Syed Taha

Collecting Trash



With Ms. Mukhsana



*Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!
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Our Y5F2 generous charity giver on the Holy month of Ramadan with Mr. Arvie. We thank you!

Omar Imad



Sarah Peer



Kareem Mohamed



Hafsa Adnan



Hamda Ali of Y5F2 received an award for her respect and motivation.



Our Emirati, Abdulrahman led the flip learning during the lesson.



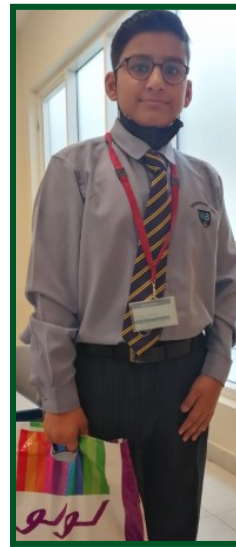
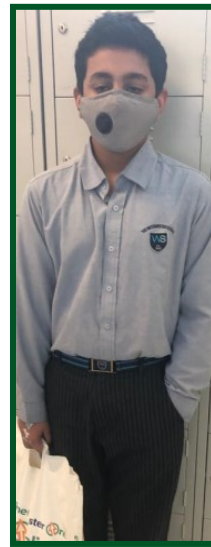
Sohaila modelled her creativity in discussing the water cycle.



The Y5H2 celebration of learning after the collaborative activity in the Geography lesson about the importance of Water cycle.



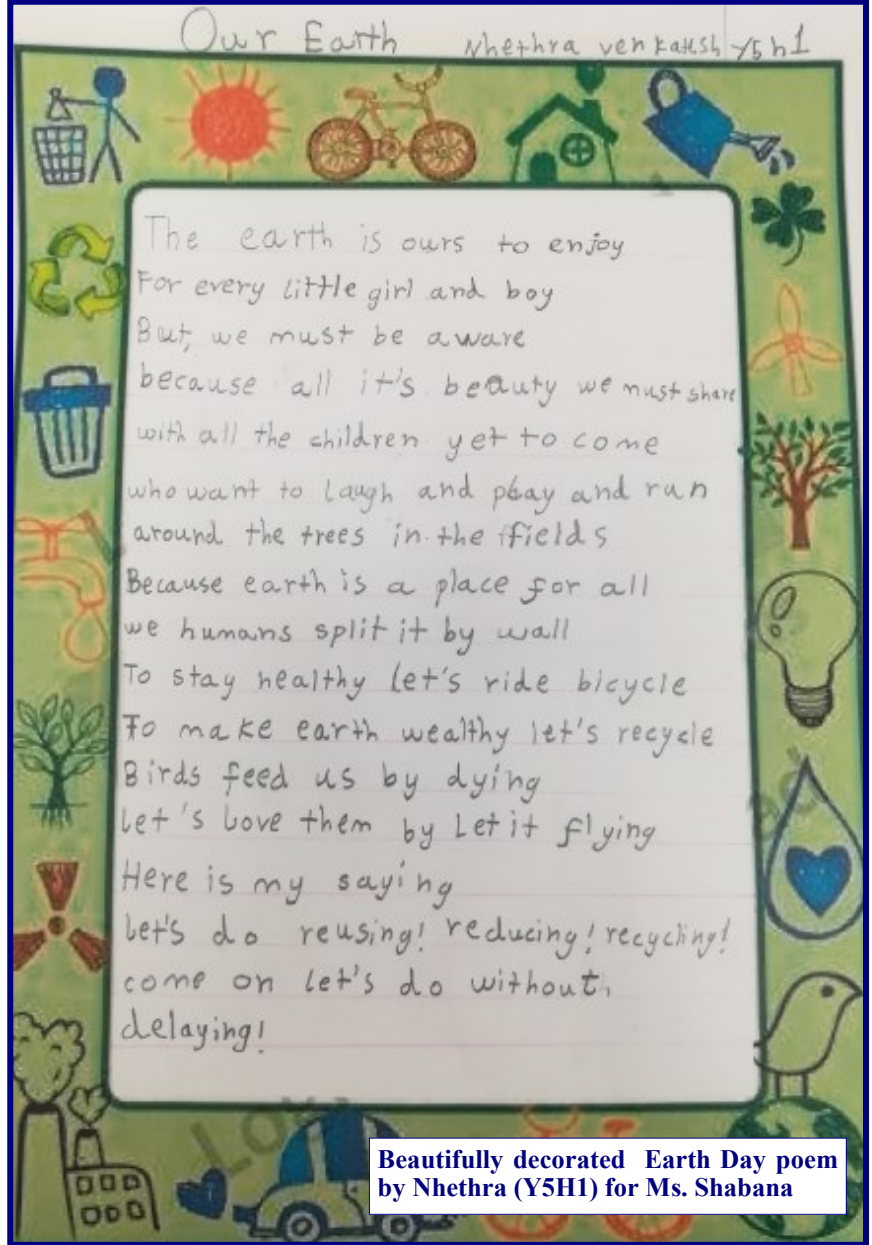
Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!
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With Ms. Mukhsana



Whole School News; WSS Celebrates Earth Day!



Beautifully decorated Earth Day poem by Nhethra (Y5H1) for Ms. Shabana



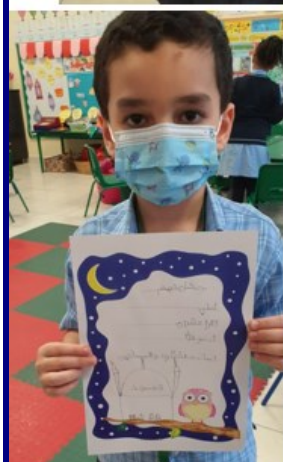
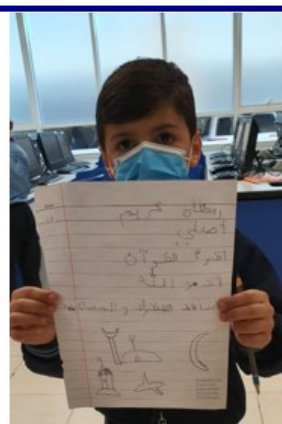
Whole School News; WSS Celebrates Ramadan!



WS **Eid Mubarak**
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Dear **WSS** staff, wishing you and your family a very happy, prosperous and blissful **Eid Day!**

Y2, Y3 & Y4 work with Ms. Shamma on Ramadan



Whole School News; WSS Celebrates Ramadan!



The happy WSS Iftar Party on 21/4/21. We thank our very generous parents who kindly helped arrange this special event.



We are busy making Eid cards



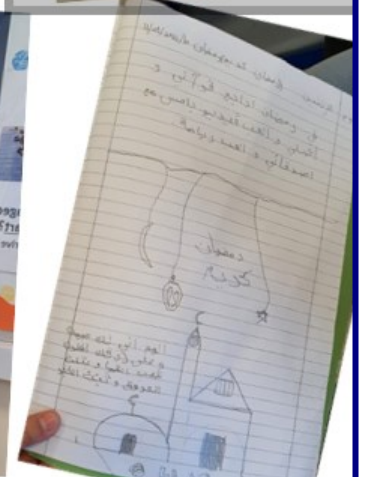
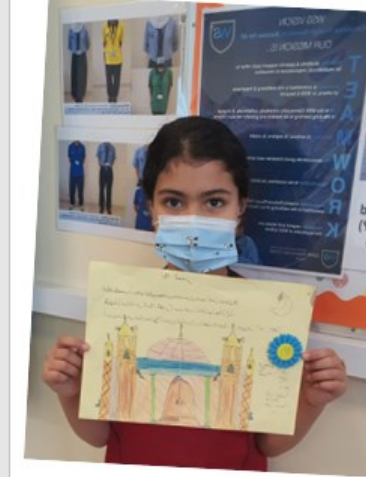
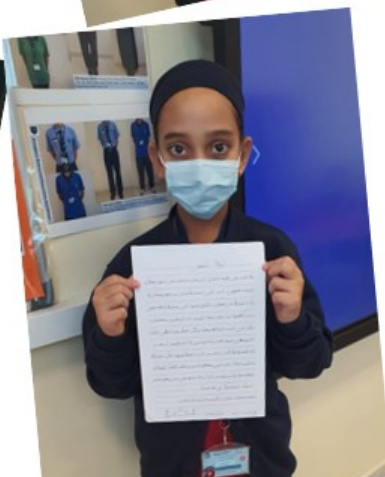
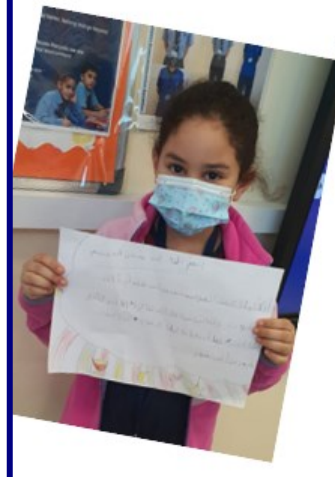
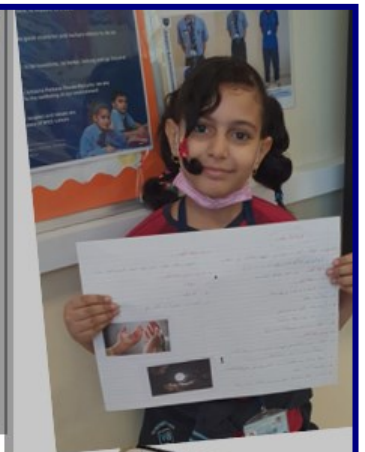
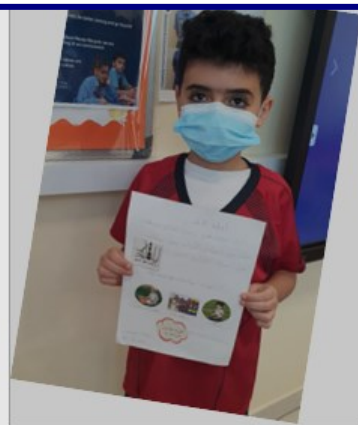
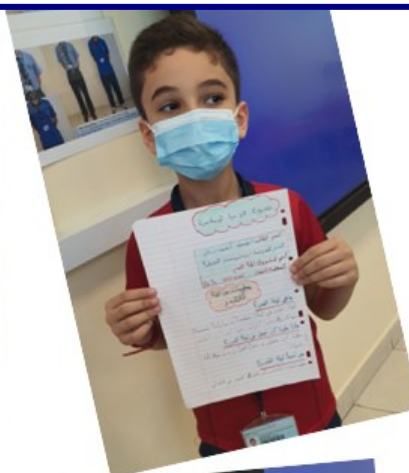
MANNERS OF EATING AND what is RAMADAN? presented by Nabia

Whole School News; WSS Celebrates Ramadan!

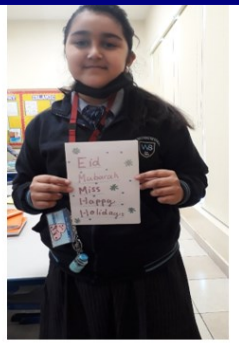
Eid Cards prepared by students



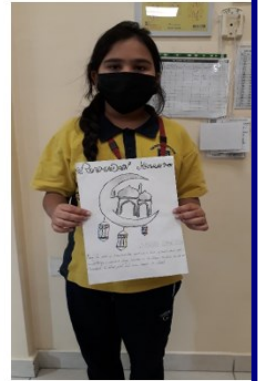
Y2, Y3 & Y4 work with Ms. Shimaa & Ms. Khatma on Ramadan



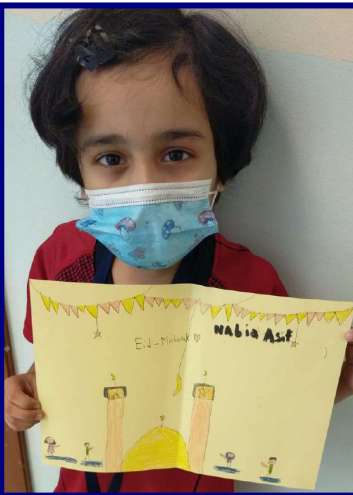
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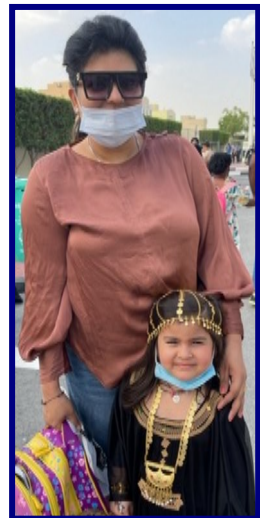
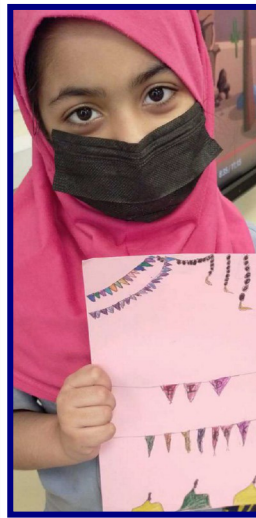
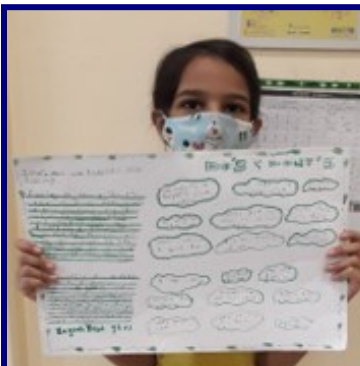
Ramadan posters



With Ms. Khatma



With Mr. Muh'd Kashif



Whole School News; WSS Celebrates Ramadan!



Ramadan posters



With Ms. Asma Sarwar



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With Ms. Surbhi



EID Celebration
(Yr. 5 & 6)



Junior Section News; Practical Activities in FS2!



Doubling Activity using Playdough.



Hunting Initial Sound.

Creating Henna Design FS2 S2.



Busy in Construction Area Activity.

FS2S2 with Ms. Maria

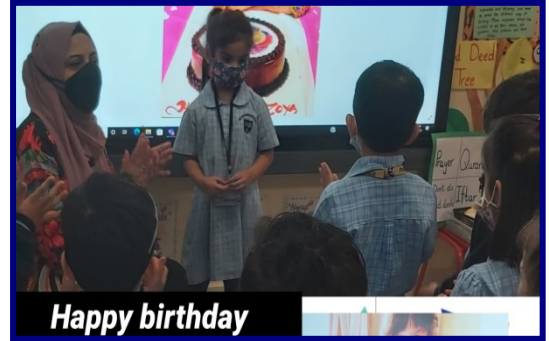


Learning about Number Bonds.

Junior Section News; Learning Activities in FS2!



FS2 D1 busy in OLA 2



Happy birthday



FS2 D1

Happy birthday



FS2 D1 Home learning



Charity is giving happiness

FS2D1 with Ms. Nikhat

Junior Section News; Practical Activities in FS2!



FS2S2 with Ms. Jobelle

Junior Section News; Learning Fun in FS2!



Learning & wellbeing activities with Ms. Neha & Ms. Sonia

Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y1!

Eid Mubarak
From Y1 D1 Class



Y1 D1 engaged in activities

Revising at OLA



Learning about skip counting



We thank you for your generosity

Ramadan Charity Drive



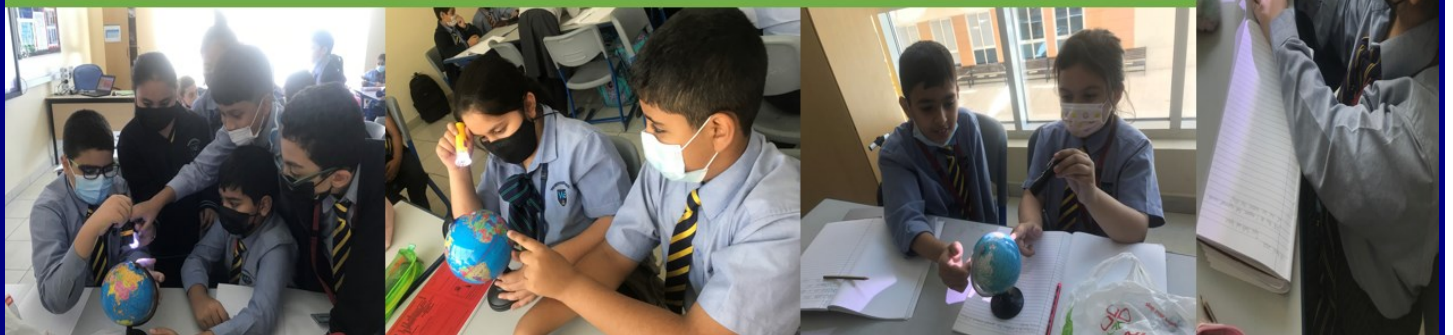
Primary Section News; Scintillating Science in Y5!



**LFQ: How do I explore the apparent movement of the sun across the sky?
Group activity – Demonstration of formation of Day & Night.
Y5 H1**



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Group activity – Demonstration of formation of Day & Night.
Y5 F1**



With Ms. Anju

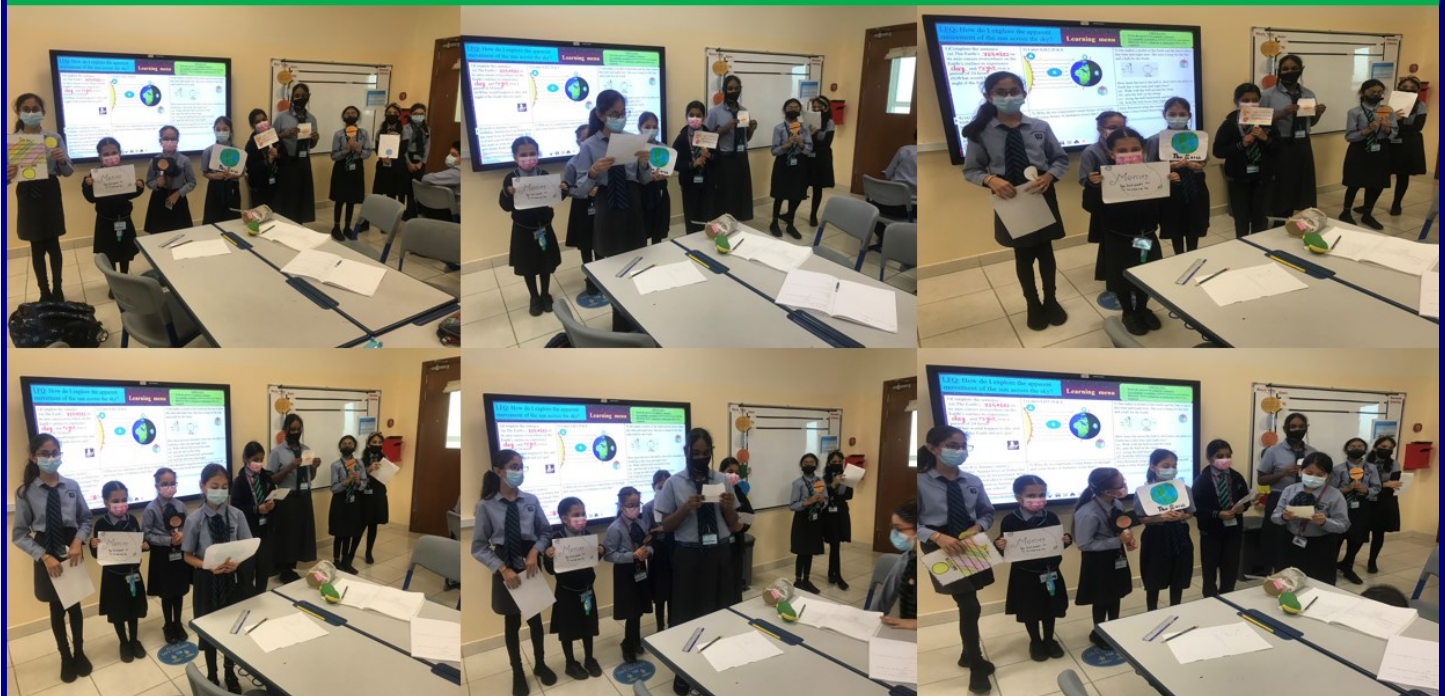
Primary Section News; Scintillating Science in Y5!

Describing our SOLAR SYSTEM by the students of Y5 S1



Student Voice

Describing our SOLAR SYSTEM by the students of Y5 H1



Primary Section News; Scintillating Science!

*LFQ: How do I create fossil?
Y3D2's investigation to find the formation of fossils.*



Y3D2 with Ms. Lissy

Primary Section News



Innovation and Creativity day Project made by Darakshan Imran (Y4D1) for Ms. Susweta.

Y6 Islamic Arab students' work for Mr. Ahmed

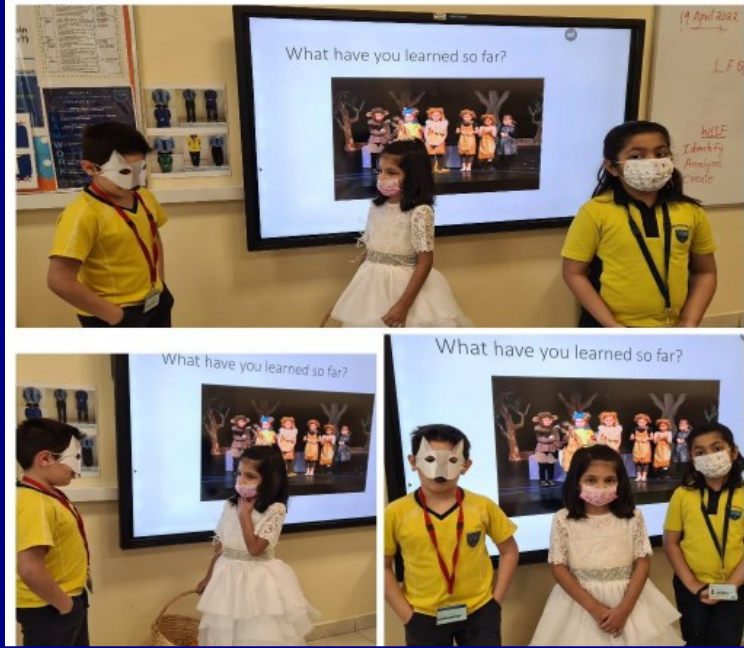


It's drama time in Y3F2 with Ms. Azreen!



Primary Section News

Y3F2 – Ms . Azreen Ashraf



It's drama time!



Y3S2 Maths activity with Ms. Sangeetha

Upcoming Events @ WSS

Student Voice!
You Said...More activities & Trips please!
We Did...arrange these for T3!

WSS presents to you with bundle of fun and joyous moments. Join us while we bring to you the following recreational activities specially tailored for enjoyment with classmates!



Talent Show - 25th May Yr7-9

★ This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase and flaunt your talent with your WSS family!
★ What are you waiting for?
Have you informed your teacher about the participation?
Hurry up! WSS cannot wait to celebrate your talent.



Trip Day- Bounce X 30th May - 2nd June

Yr7-10
WSS plans to take you in a freestyle playground with trampolines and many other equipment's designed for building physical fitness. Are you ready to go on a trip with your friends and spend the day away from books?

Happiness Day - 10th May Yr7-10

Are you tired of wearing the same uniform everyday? Do you feel like doing something special for your friend?
Then let's spread happiness by wearing colour dress. you have the chance to also be creative in making your best friend feel on cloud nine!

Cambridge & Edexcel Exam information session Year 11,12 &13 students.



**Assistant Principals
Mr. Franklin & Ms. Sreeja
presenting WSS exam
policy to Year 11,12 and 13
students.**



Mr. Franklin, Ms. Sreeja and Mr. Francis (Examinations Officer) conducted Cambridge & Edexcel exam information session to Year 11-13 students in the school auditorium on 19th April 2022.

Cambridge & Edexcel Exam information session Year 11,12 &13 students.



**Examination officer Mr.
Francis giving exam
information to candidates.**

INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES

- ▶ You are allowed to carry the following materials during examination.
 - ▶ Writing materials –pens(blue/black), pencils(HB), an eraser, a ruler, mathematical instruments if required for specific examination must be put in a clear transparent bag.
 - ▶ Carry extra pens/ pencils for the exams.
 - ▶ **No highlighters or correction fluid is allowed in the exam room.**
 - ▶ A clear transparent bottle with no labels(brand name) containing water.
 - ▶ A scientific calculator if authorized for the examination. The cover of the calculator must be not be bought to the exam room.
- Mobile phones, smart watch or any portable electronic devices, which provides wireless connectivity and data usage. Any such devices **must be kept outside** prior to the entering the examination room.



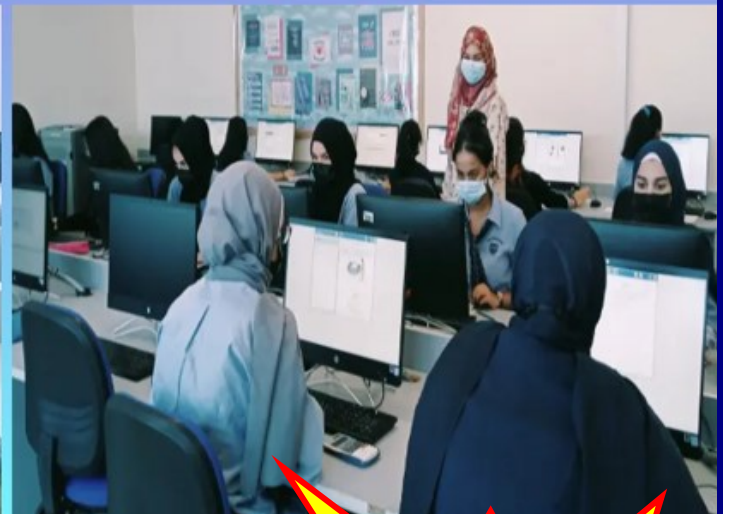
**Year 11,12 and 13 students
in the auditorium.**



PISA 2022 @ WSS



WSS Students giving International PISA test in school ICT labs.

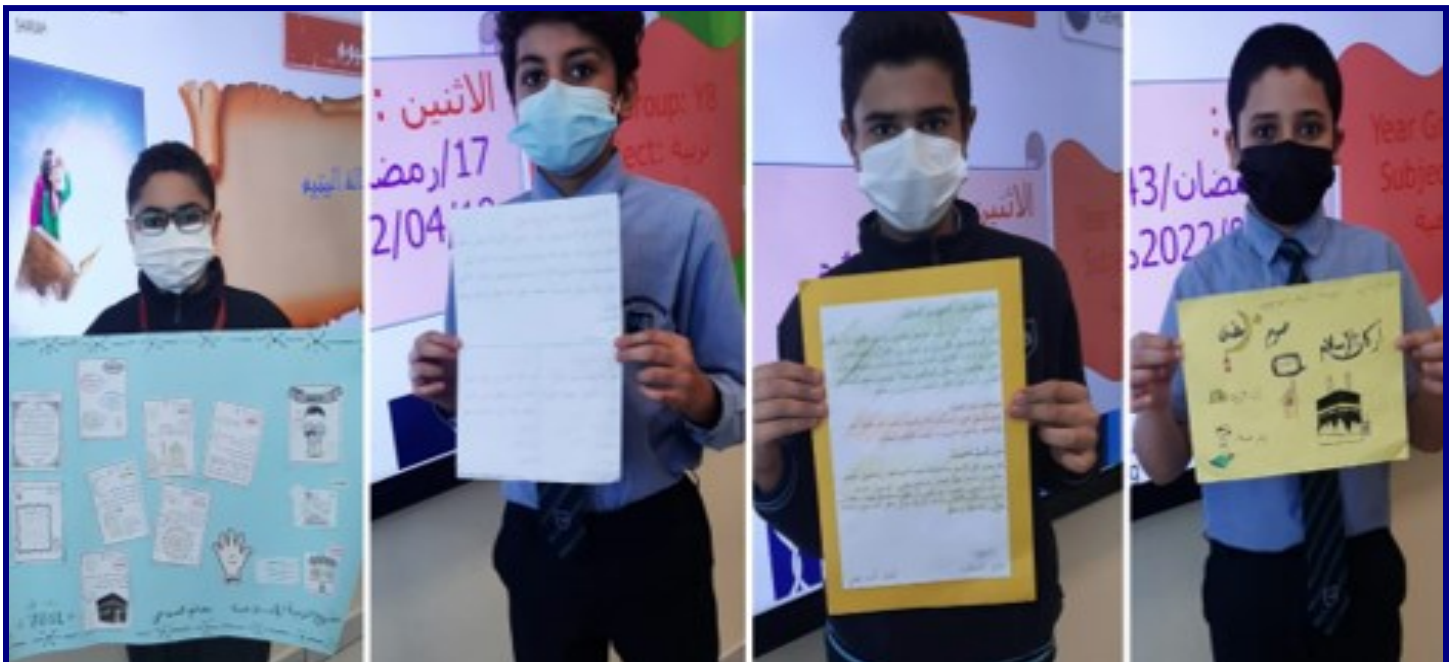


Supporting UAE's national Agenda targets to be a top PISA performing country!

Secondary Section News



Y10 & Y8 Islamic (for Arabs) projects for Mr. Ahmed



Secondary Section News



Y9 Islamic (for Arabs) projects for Mr. Ahmed



Second session with the Principal Ms. Valerie & KS3 student leaders working on the Code of Conduct discipline policy refresh on 26/4/22.

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Y7 students act out one of their novel's scenes while adding the Arabic character to it. They were excited and pleased with this activity with Ms. HEND!

