

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #32  
25th May, 2023



Message from the  
Principal/CEO  
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

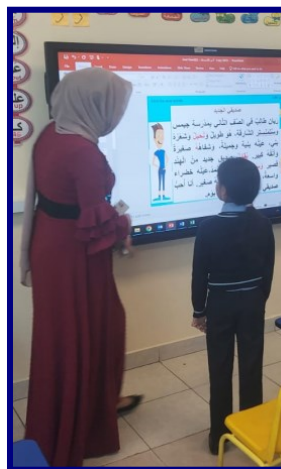
## Wellbeing: Exam Success

As we head into exam time, please remember that these represent just a fraction of your child's year-long journey of learning & exploring new experiences. While it is natural to be a little anxious about performing our very best in exams, rest assured that if your child has worked hard & engaged actively throughout the year, practiced & revised to consolidate learning, then good performance in the exams will surely follow. Your child does not need to feel stressed, or lose sleep revising late into the night. Please just ensure that your child has quiet time & space to revise, gets plenty of encouragement, sleeps early & gets plenty of nourishment.

We wish all our students every success in their forthcoming exams.

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thurs. 1st- Thurs. 15th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3 compulsory Promotional Exams until Thursday 15/6/23 (Y10 start exams &amp; exam timings from Monday 29th May).</li> <li>Whole School timings 7:30am-12:15pm</li> </ul>
29/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official last day of the academic year (TBC by SPEA)</li> <li>The last day for all T3 Promotional Exams is Thursday 15th June. However, students may attend school until Eid, if parents wish.</li> </ul>
Thurs. 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline to apply on the system for a TC (Transfer Certificate), if leaving WSS.</li> <li>Deadline to apply for any certificate attestation arranged through the GRE Ms. Abir.</li> <li>After this date, we would be unable to guarantee completion of your documents before August 24th due to staff Annual Leave</li> </ul>
Monday 28/8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New student's first day of the new academic year, subject to full T1 fees being cleared &amp; all required documents submitted.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 29/8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Returning students to rejoin from Tuesday 29/8/23, subject to full T1 fees having been cleared.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>



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

# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 32  
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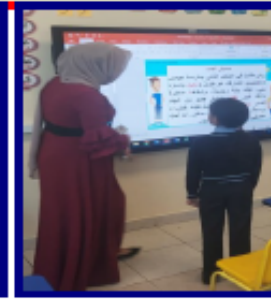
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السيدة فاليري تومسون  
أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الشارقة الأعضاء،

## الرفاهية: نجاح الامتحان.



مع اقترابنا من وقت الامتحان ، يرجى تذكر أن هذه لا تمثل سوى جزء بسيط من رحلة طفلك التي تستغرق عامًا للتعليم واستكشاف تجارب جديدة. في حين أنه من الطبيعي أن تكون قلقًا قليلًا بشأن أداء أفضل ما لدينا في الامتحانات ، فكن مطمئنًا أنه إذا كان طفلك قد عمل بجد وشارك بنشاط على مدار العام ، وممارسه ومراجعه لتعزيز التعلم ، فسيتمتع ذلك الأداء الجيد في الاختبارات بالتأكيد. لا يحتاج طفلك إلى الشعور بالتوتر ، أو أن يفقد النوم عند المراجعة في وقت متأخر من الليل. يرجى فقط التأكد من أن طفلك لديه وقت ومساحة هادئة للمراجعة ، وأنه يحصل على الكثير من التشجيع ، وينام مبكرًا ويتلقى الكثير من التغذية. نتمنى لجميع طلابنا كل النجاح في امتحاناتهم القادمة.

## المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الخميس. 1 - الخميس. 15 يونيو	امتحانات T3 الترويجية الإلزامية حتى الخميس 15/6/23 (تبدأ امتحانات Y10 ومواعيد الامتحانات من الاثنين 29 مايو). مواعيد المدرسة 7:30 صباحًا - 12:15 مساءً
29/6/23	آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي ( TBC by SPEA ) آخر يوم لجميع امتحانات T3 الترويجية هو الخميس 15 يونيو. ومع ذلك ، يمكن للطلاب الذهاب إلى المدرسة حتى العيد ، إذا رغب الآباء في ذلك.
الخميس. 29 يونيو	الموعد النهائي للتقدم إلى النظام للحصول على TC (شهادة النقل) ، في حالة مغادرة WSS. الموعد النهائي لتقديم طلب للحصول على أي شهادة يتم ترتيبها من خلال GRE السيدة غير.
بعد هذا التاريخ ، لن تتمكن من ضمان استكمال المستندات الخاصة بك قبل 24 أغسطس بسبب الإجازة السنوية للموظفين.	
الاثنين 28/8/23 الثلاثاء 29/8/23	اليوم الأول للطلاب الجدد في العام الدراسي الجديد ، يخضع لعدد رسوم T1 كاملة. • عودة الطلاب للالتحاق ابتداءً من يوم الثلاثاء الموافق 29/8/23 بشرط تصفية رسوم T1 كاملة. • يجب أن يعود الطلاب في غضون أسبوع واحد عند افتتاح المدرسة (بحلول آخر يوم اثنين 4 سبتمبر). لن يتم الاحتفاظ بالمقاعد بعد هذا التاريخ ، حتى لو تم دفع رسوم إعادة التسجيل). • لا توجد خطط دفع للفترة 1 ، لذا يرجى وضع الميزانية وفقًا لذلك. سيتم قبول الطلاب للعام الدراسي الجديد فقط بمجرد سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل. شكرًا لك.



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

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

Sunny Varkey

## Whole School News

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





## ***WSS Sporting Superstar Champions!***



**Congratulations to the WSS U12 boys team, who won the Pioneer Sports Academy Tournament. Many thanks to Mr. Jishar & his dedicated team for their training support & accompanying to take the boys so far! Congratulations to Tournament Best Playmaker Abdullah Albaloushi, & Tournament Best Player Mostafa Tarig!**





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## Environment Superstar Champions; Ecophilia, 23!



"It was really a lovely experience for me to showcase my artistic skills at an interschool competition at Ecophilia Art competition organized by Our Own High School, Dubai. Fathima and I enjoyed presenting our view on the SDG goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy."

Fathima Zahra and Nabia Ahmed from Year 9GS represented WSS at the Ecophilia Art Competition organized by Our Own High School, Dubai on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. They had to create a painting on 'SDG Goal 7; Affordable and Clean Energy' in two hours. The students had a wonderful experience presenting their work.





## Environment Superstar Champions; Plant a Legacy, 23!

We would like to express our gratitude to all students, parents & Teachers who participated in our celebration of International Day of Families by 'Planting a Tree 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.

This year's theme for International Day of Families is 'Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) 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. We are looking forward to continuing to work with all of you to make WSS and our communities a better place for everyone.



**Y9GD -Nakshatra Preemon and Father**

My experience with climate action through tree plantation has empowered me to contribute to a greener and more sustainable future. Being involved in tree plantation initiatives has shown me that small actions, such as planting trees, can have a significant impact in addressing climate change. Through my experience, I have learned that tree plantation is a practical and effective climate action strategy that can be implemented by individuals and communities alike.

**Y8BH-Mohamed Ahmed Fouad A**



My experience with the sustainability of trees has made me realize their significant role in mitigating climate change. Witnessing the positive impact of afforestation and reforestation projects on carbon sequestration has reinforced the vital connection between trees and climate resilience. Through my experience, I have gained a deeper understanding of how trees act as natural carbon sinks, absorbing and storing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.





## Environment Superstar Champions; Plant a Legacy, 23!



My experience with the sustainability of trees has highlighted their crucial role in maintaining a balanced ecosystem. Learning about sustainable forestry practices has deepened my understanding of how to responsibly manage and utilize tree resources. Understanding the link between sustainable tree cultivation and climate change mitigation has motivated me to actively support and promote tree sustainability efforts.

### Yusef Hamza Kenawi Ramdan



My experience with tree plantation was both rewarding and fulfilling. I enjoyed the process of planting trees and witnessing the growth and development over time. Being involved in tree plantation allowed me to connect with nature and appreciate its beauty. I learned about the importance of proper tree care and maintenance to ensure their survival.





## Whole School News; SPEA SPR ITQAN Inspection Outcomes Ceremony, 20/5/23!



Thank you to Mr. Osama (HOD MOE Subjects), who attended the prestigious SPEA ITQAN (Inspection) results ceremony, which celebrated the successes of schools through focused development, including WSS, which achieved a 'Good' judgement. We thank our School Improvement Advisors (SIA) Ms. Lynn & Ms. Rana (Arabic SIA) for their continuous & invaluable guidance & support throughout the ITQAN programme.

Thanks to our super proactive Ms. Rema, Head of Inclusion & GC Ms. Gincy, for attending this training on 25/5/23 on supporting Students with Learning Difficulties.



Topics included:

- 1) High leverage practices and Applications for students with learning disabilities: towards improving students' outcomes.
- 2) Response to Intervention.

How to improve well being of SofD by using social emotional learning Retrieval practice Use of technology for SofD- applications and strategies.

Different Learners, Equal Opportunities Seminar  
 25 May 2023

Partner | شريك  
 Organized by | تنظمه

### دعوة

بحضور  
 معالي حصة بنت عيسى بو حميد - وزيرة دولة  
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 يتشرف مركز الشارقة لصعوبات التعلم  
 دعوتكم لحضور افتتاح ندوة صعوبات التعلم  
 تحت شعار ( متعلمون مختلفون، فرص متكافئة )

In the presence of  
 H.E. Hessa Bint Essa Buhmaid - Minister of State  
 Director General of the Community Development Authority - Dubai  
 Sharjah Center for Learning Difficulties cordially invites you  
 to the opening of Learning Difficulties Seminar  
 under the slogan ( Different Learners, Equal Opportunities )

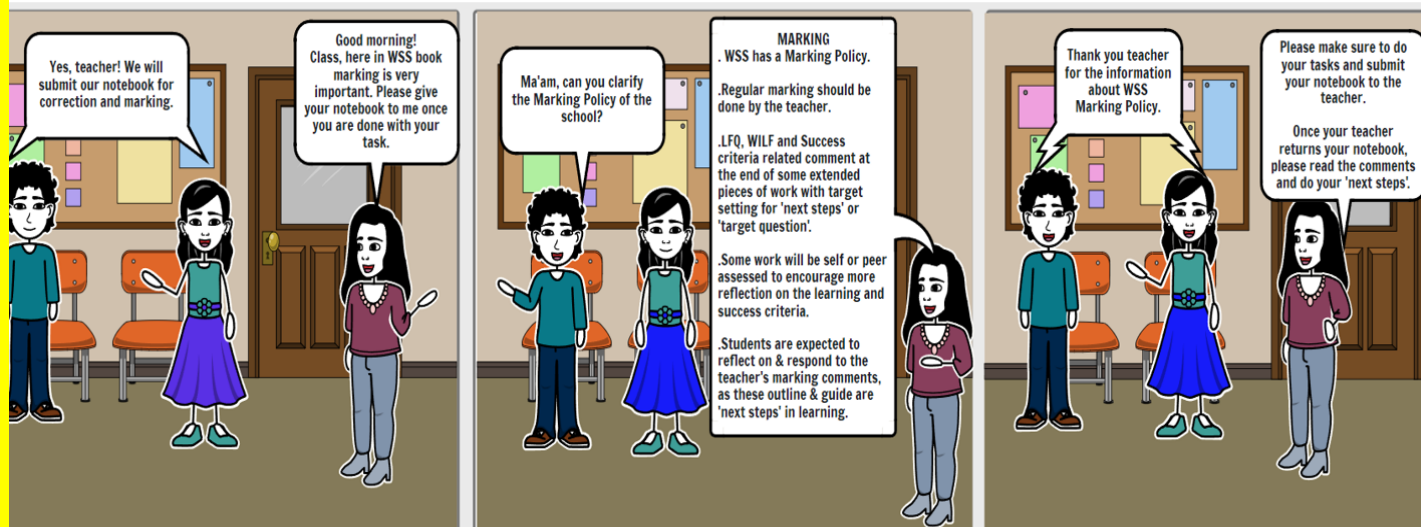
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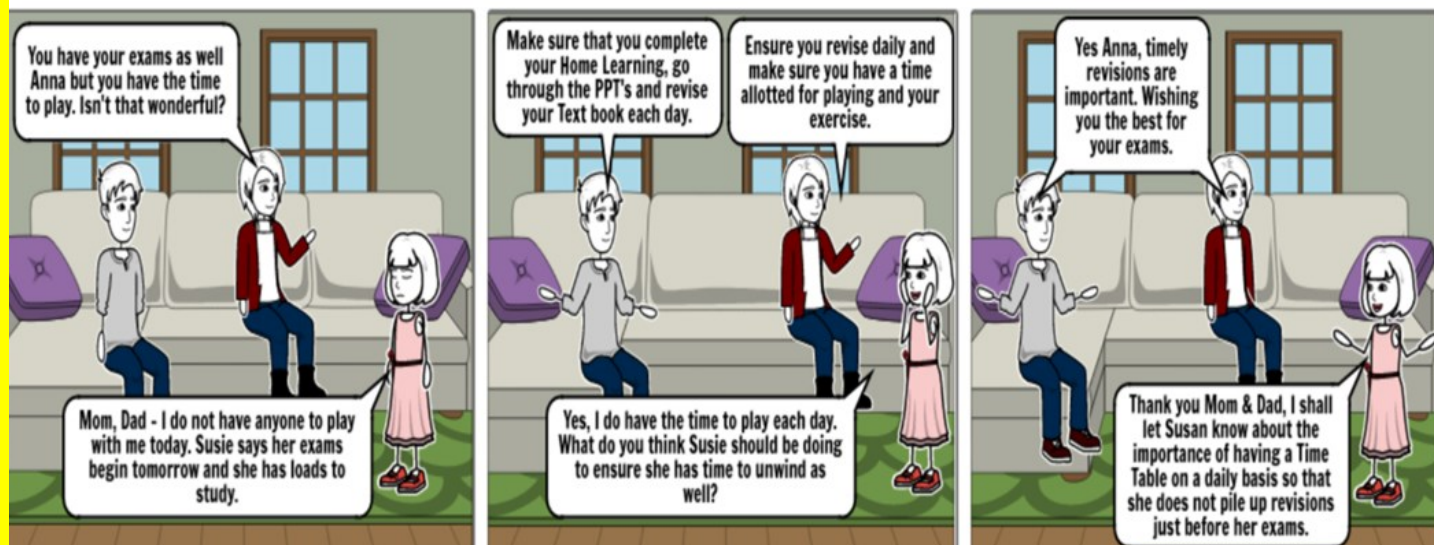
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 May 25

## WSS Storyboard Top Tips!

### WSS MARKING POLICY



### "PREPAREDNESS FOR EXAMS"





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



We love to see community service & positive character in action! Here we have a helpful student helping out his injured friend. Thank you & well done!



## WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



FS2H2 MS.NEHA AND MS.RASHINI



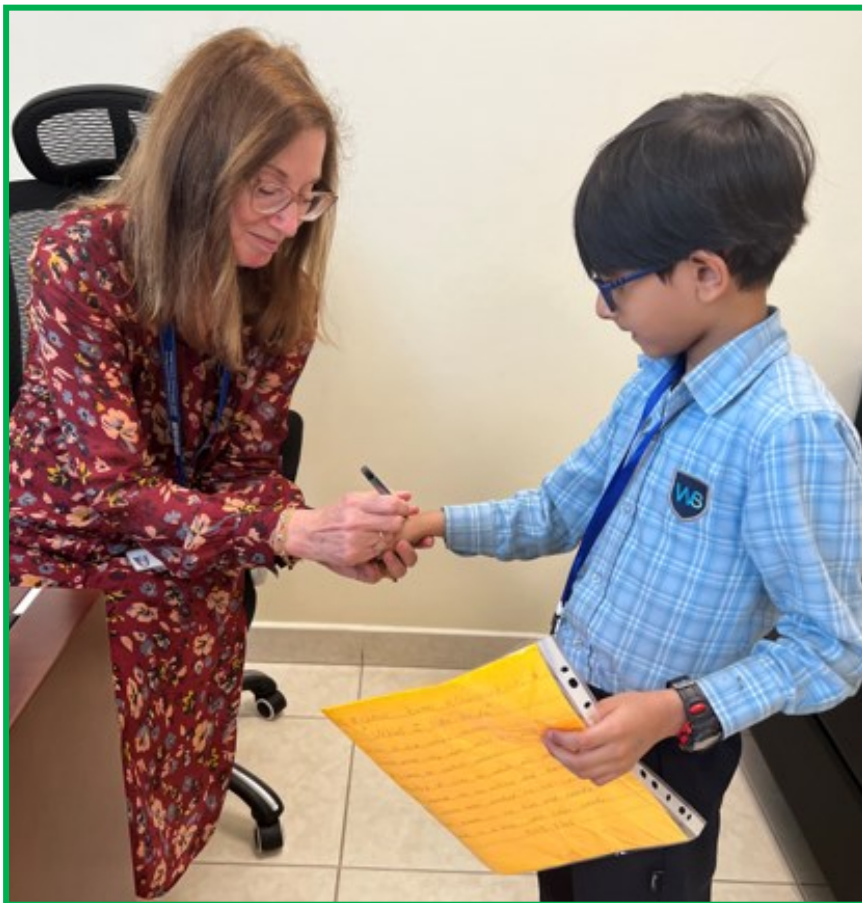
WITH MARBLE JAR

PIC•COLLAGE

FS2H2 with Ms. Neha & Ms. Rashini



## WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



Shuraim Bilal (Y2D2) confidently read his super poem to Ms. Valerie, who was happy to give him a special Principal's Smiley Face was reading poem.



Well done to Jannat Abdul Ghani and Maria Mohamed Emam (FS2D1) for their creative writing using “ar” digraph and for showing excellent progress in their writing journey. Thanks to Ms. Nikhat and Ms. Afroz for providing the ongoing challenge.

## WSS Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Shanny

I hope you doing great. I am writing to express my deepest appreciation for the role you have played in my child's education. Your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to my child growth have had a remarkable impact on his academic and personal development.

Since the beginning of the academic year, I have witnessed a remarkable transformation in my child's enthusiasm for learning, their confidence in tackling challenges, and his overall academic performance. I firmly believe that your teaching methods, personalized attention, and genuine care for each student have contributed significantly to their progress.

As a parent, it brings me immense joy and satisfaction to witness my child's progress under your guidance. I am genuinely grateful for your tireless efforts towards the whole class.

Thank you once again for being an exceptional teacher and making a difference in my child's life.

With profound appreciation,

regards.

Parents

Muhammad Sanan



## *Junior Section News; Learning Activities in FS2!*



FS2H2 with Ms. Neha & Ms. Rashini



## CLASS ACTIVITIES FS2H2



MS.NEHA & MS.RASHINI



PIC-COLLAGE



Ms. Valerie was treated to two amazing stories written by these FS2 superstars! Ms. Valerie was very impressed by their confidence, creativity & writing skills!





## *Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y1!*



With Ms. Sadiqa



Year 1 D2 enjoying class activities



Year 1 D2

Learning about adjectives



*Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y2!*



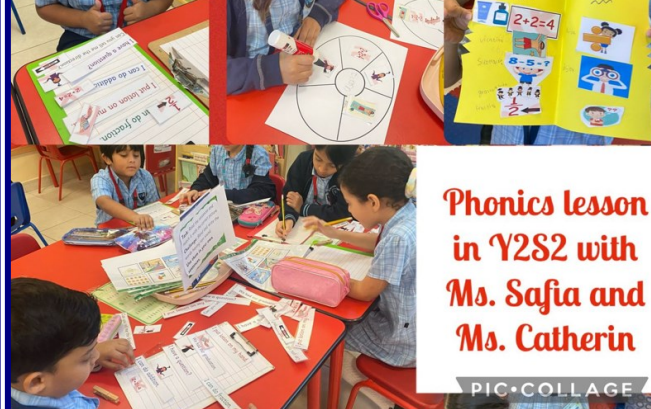
**Y2H2 with Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Krishna**



*We are doing revision of Fractions*



## Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y2!

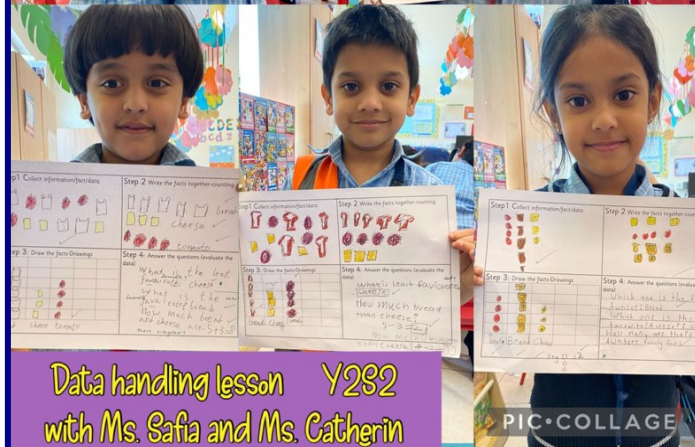
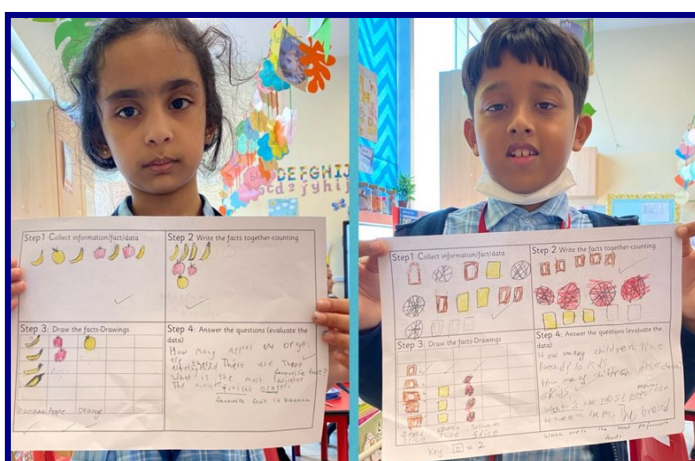


**Pictogram lesson in Y2S2 with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin**

**Phonics lesson in Y2S2 with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin**



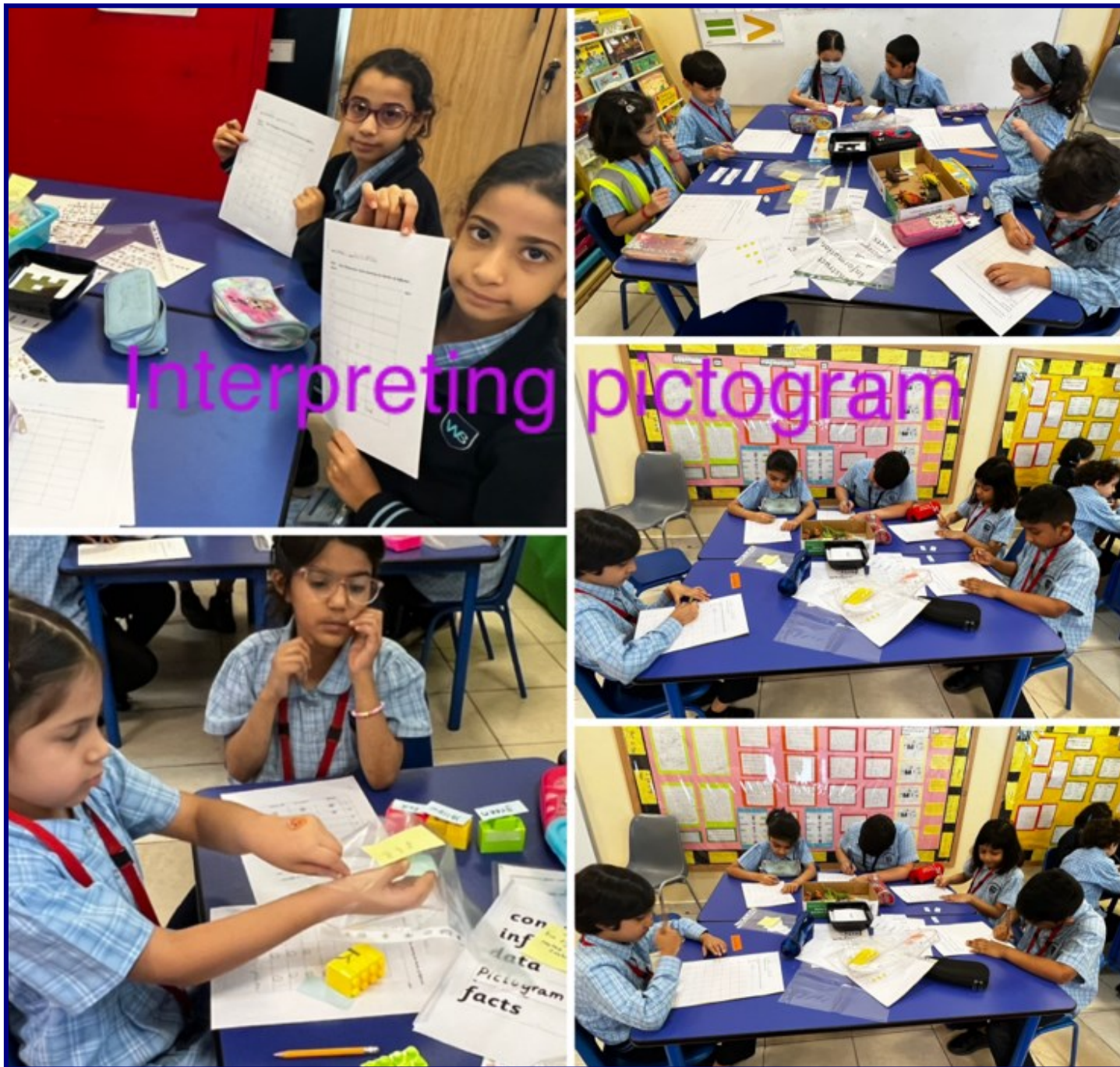
**SST lesson in Y2S2 with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin**



**Data handling lesson Y2S2 with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin**



## *Primary Section News; Learning Activities in Y2!*



Y2D2 with Ms. Jinitra & Ms. Kavitha



## Junior Section News; Extension Activities in the OLA!



Learning in the OLA (Outside learning Area). These challenge & extension activities are curriculum-based.

Creative free-play space. Activities in this area are not curriculum-bound. This space is for free play, to give our students the opportunity to let their imaginations & creativity run free!



Lovely home learning projects by Nameera Nujayer (FS2S2)





*Primary Superstar Champions; Y5 & Y6 Achievement Assembly, 25/5/23!*





*Primary Superstar Champions; Y5 & Y6 Achievement Assembly, 25/5/23!*



The wonderful Primary Student Leadership Team



Honesty Superstar Champion Judi (Y3) handed in lost & found money to SLT. We love how you demonstrated your great character Judi, well done!



## *Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y6GS!*





## *Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5F1!*



The Assembly theme was about healthy eating & choosing a Healthy Lifestyle



*Primary Section News; Achievement Assembly Entertainment, 25/5/23!*





# Primary Section News; Y3 Learning Activities!

English – “How do I write an instructional text?”

“Paper Mosaic Art.”



Y3 H2

Science- “How do I investigate and record what soils are made of?”



Champs!



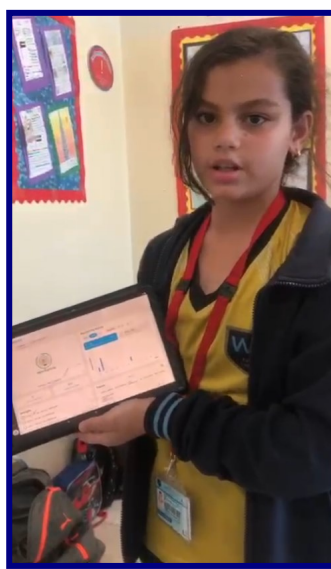
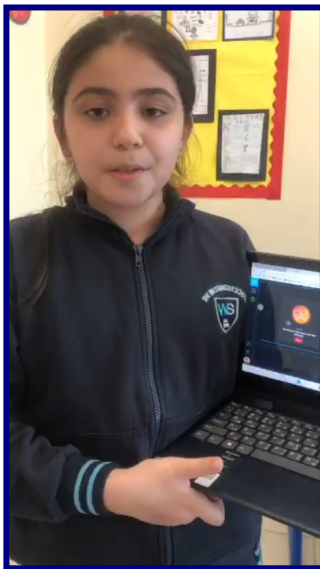
With Ms. Anshy Anto



## Primary Section News; Y3 Investigating Soil!



Y3 students investigating the properties of different types of soil.



Y5 students piloted new technology at WSS, CenturyTech, which supports personalisation of maths learning, by pitching tasks & feedback to the students' ability a/c current level. These girls made videos explaining how the technology had supported their accelerated learning.



## *Primary Section News; Y3 Investigating Soil!*

Science Investigation- Y3D2 students investigating the properties of the soil and recording their findings.

with Ms. Lissy





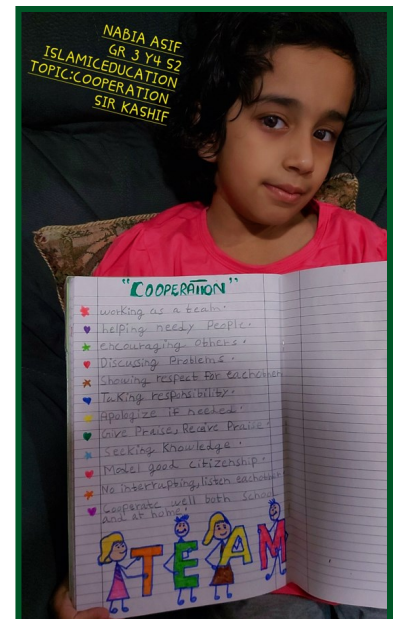
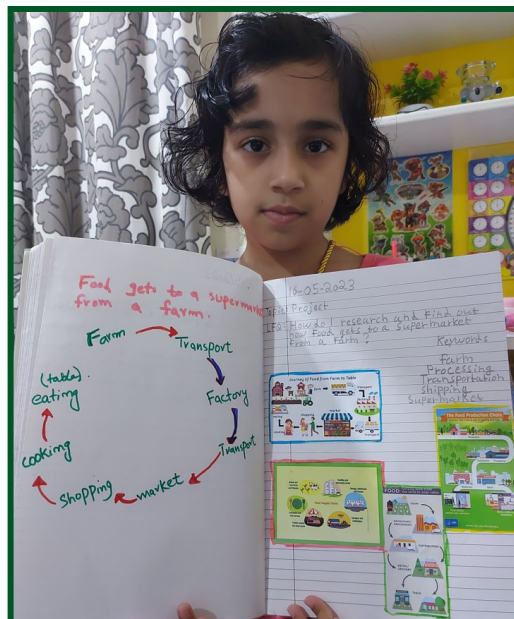
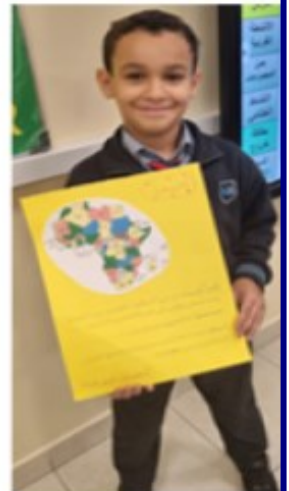
# Primary Section News; Y4 Learning Activities!

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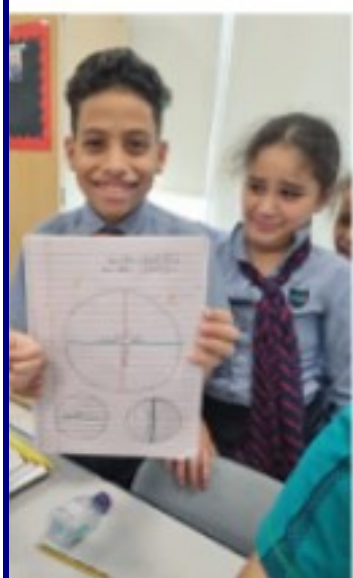
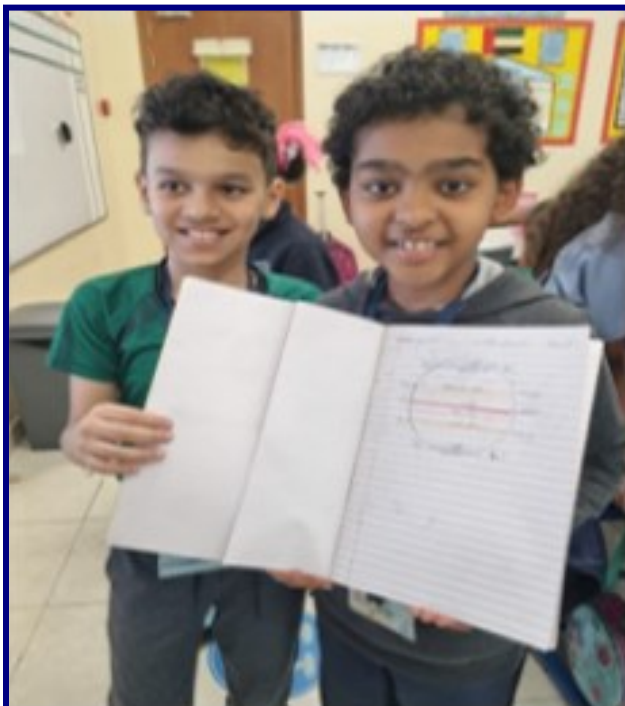
Amira AbdelMoniem

With Ms. Amira Abdel





## Primary Section News: Y5 Learning Activities!



Y5 H2S1

مادة الدراسات الاجتماعية وتفاعل  
الطلاب أثناء الحصة

Amira Abdelmonim

With Ms. Amira Abdel

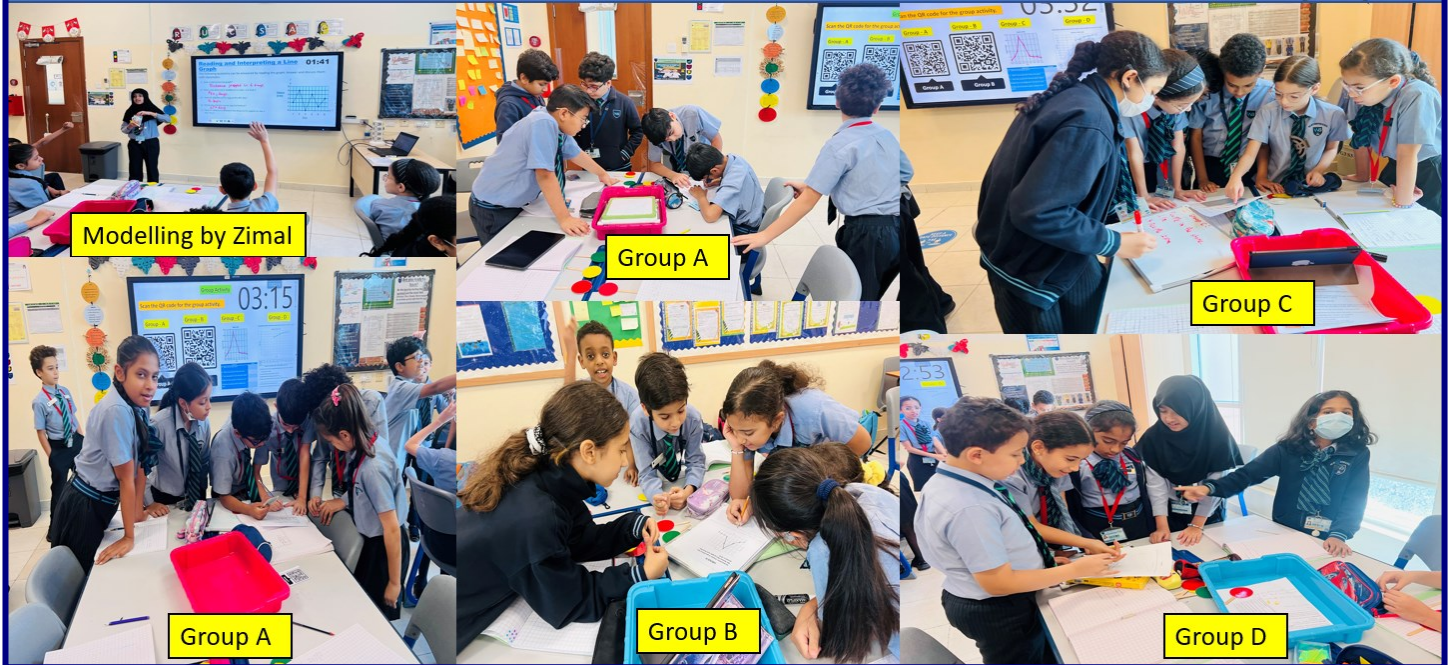


## Primary Section News; Innovation in the Classroom!

**Innovation** - Collaborative Learning, using technology, Student led activity, differentiation

LFQ: How do I compare and contrast information present in a line graph?

Y5H1



Y5H1 with Ms. Anju Kumar



**Innovation – Student led activity**

LFQ: How do I explain the movement of the moon relative to the Earth?



Y5H1





## Primary Section News



Many thanks to Ms. Mary of Sharjah English School (SES) for hosting Primary SLT & leaders on 24/5/23, as part of our school-school sharing expertise initiative to support WSS to achieve our Maths improvement targets. We thank the Principal of SES Mr. Darren, who is on our school LAB (Local Advisory Body) & has been working alongside the other LAB members to support WSS school improvement.



## *Secondary Superstar Champions!*



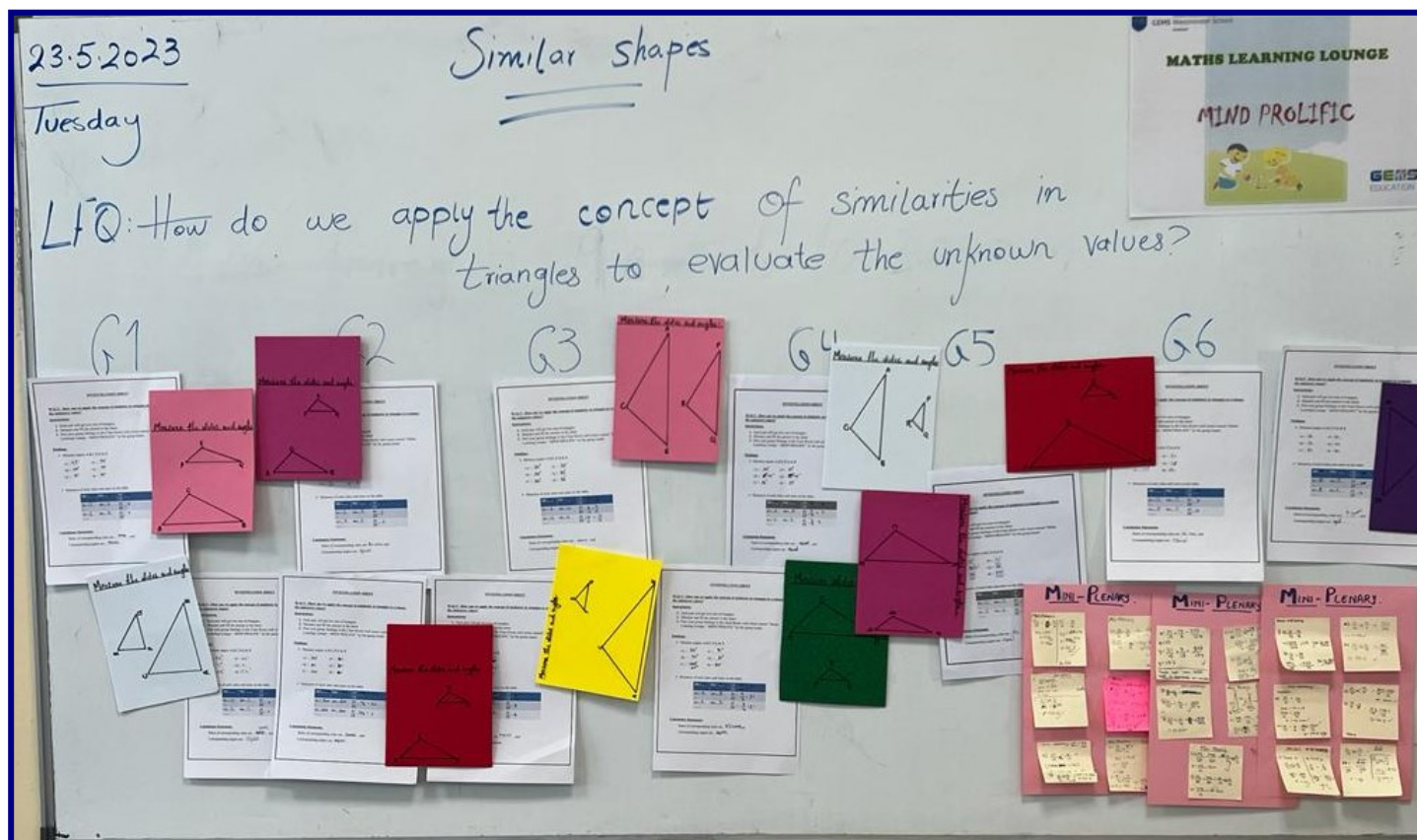
Well done to all these Y10G students for their achievement in Arabic with Mr. Ahmed Kamal



Well done to budding artist Meerab (Y10GS) for her participation in the GEMS Cluster Arts Festival. Our Cluster SVP Ms. Ranju particularly asked to keep the painting for an office! Well done Meerab, and thank you.



## Secondary Section News; Innovation in Maths!



Here are students of Y9GF this week, working with Ms. Payal. They investigated and learnt about how triangles can be proved to be similar. They also created lovely poems based on the same topic including real life examples.