

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #33  
14th May, 2026



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

Dear WSS Parents,

**Safety First—Studded Football Boots**

We are very happy to see our students engaging with sports activities & WSS is privileged to have a very strong football team. Our children's commitment to developing their footballing talent is a pleasure to see. Please just remind your children **not to wear studded football boots to or around school. Studded football boots can be very slippery on stairs & tiles, so dangerous to wear inside. Students should wear trainers or regular shoes to & around school & change into football boots for the PE lesson if required, only. Thank you.**

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Monday 25/5/26 to Thursday 28/5/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed for Eid holiday. Eid Mubarak!</li> </ul>
Monday 8/6/16- Thursday 18/6/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole school moves to exam timings, 7:15am-12:15pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 2/7/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officially students' last day of the academic year.</li> <li>The last Promotional Exam is on Thursday 18/6/26, subject to SPEA approval</li> </ul>
Monday 31/8/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Day of the new Academic Year for New Joiners. Full T1 Fee &amp; Assessment Fee must be cleared before any child has a class confirmed to join for the new academic year. No T1 Payment Plans. Thank you.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 1/9/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Day of the new Academic Year for returning students. Full T1 Fee &amp; Assessment Fee must be cleared before any child has the class confirmed to join for the new academic year. No T1 Payment Plans. Thank you.</li> </ul>



'Take home Teddy' Class Superstar Ayla!



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

# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 33  
14 مايو 2026



رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي  
السيدة فاتمري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الشارقة الأعزاء،

## السلامة أولاً - أحذية كرة قدم مرصعة

يسعدنا جداً أن نرى طلابنا  
يشاركون في الأنشطة الرياضية،  
وتتمتع مدرسة WSS بامتياز  
امتلاك فريق كرة قدم قوي للغاية.  
إن التزام أطفالنا بتطوير مواهبهم  
الكروية أمرٌ يسعدنا رؤيته.

يرجى تذكير أطفالكم بعدم ارتداء أحذية كرة القدم ذات  
المسامير في المدرسة أو حولها. فقد تكون هذه الأحذية زلقة  
ل للغاية على السلالم والبلاط، مما يجعلها خطيرة عند ارتدائها  
داخل المنزل. ينبغي على الطلاب ارتداء أحذية رياضية أو  
أحذية عادية عند الذهاب إلى المدرسة والتنقل فيها،  
وتغييرها إلى أحذية كرة القدم لحصة التربية البدنية فقط عند  
الحاجة. شكراً لكم.

## المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
• المدرسة مغلقة بمناسبة عيد الفطر. عيد مبارك!	من الاثنين 25/5/26 إلى الخميس 28/5/26
• تنتقل المدرسة بأكملها إلى مواعيد الامتحانات، من الساعة 7:15 صباحاً إلى الساعة 12:15 ظهراً	من الاثنين 8/6/2016 إلى الخميس 18/6/2026
• اليوم الأخير رسمياً للطلاب في السنة الدراسية.	الخميس 2/7/26
• اليوم الأول من العام الدراسي الجديد للطلاب الجدد. يجب تسديد رسوم T1 الكاملة ورسوم التقييم قبل تأكيد انضمام أي طفل إلى فصل دراسي للعام الدراسي الجديد. لا توجد خطط دفع من النوع T1. شكراً لك.	الاثنين 31/8/2026
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اصطحبوا معكم إلى المنزل نجمة الفصل توي، أيليا!



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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# WSS News; Preparing for Eid!



## *WSS News; Staff CPD!*

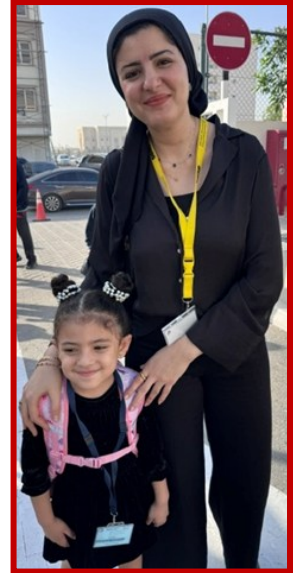


Shelter in Place Amber Alert training for BBT staff, Saturday 9/5/26. This important session was refresher safety training.



TA training with Ms. Raghi on 'Supporting student learning', 13/5/26.

# WSS News; Family First; Junior Section Mothers' Day Breakfast & Healthy Breakfast Competition, 14/5/26!



## *WSS News; Family First; Participants in the 'Design a Healthy Breakfast' Competition, 14/5/26!*



Thank you to all the enthusiastic & talented Mums & Dads who participated in the 'Design a Healthy Breakfast' Competition on 14/5/26. There was an amazing menu of healthy options displayed, with confident presentations by the students about the health benefits. The judge Ms. Seema had a very difficult time selecting the table winners from such a large talent base. We loved the positive engagement!

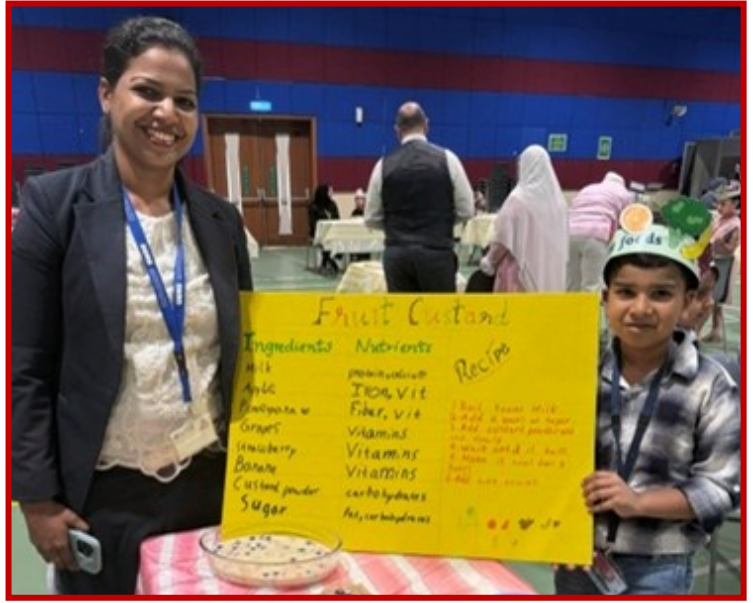


# WSS News; Family First; Junior Section 'Design a Healthy Breakfast' Competition, 14/5/26!



# WSS News; Family First; Junior Section

## ‘Design a Healthy Breakfast’ Competition, 14/5/26!





# *WSS News; Family First; Junior Section 'Design a Healthy Breakfast' Competition & Mothers' Day Celebrations, 14/5/26!*

Dear Teachers,

I hope you are doing well.

Thank you for organizing the wonderful Healthy Breakfast Competition today. It was such a great and meaningful event for the children. The competition encouraged healthy eating habits in a fun and creative way, and the students truly enjoyed participating.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and efforts in making this event so special for all the students.

Please find attached some photos of Aseel from the event.

Thank you once again for the amazing organization and effort.



I would like to thank you for the lovely Mother's Day breakfast and celebration today. We truly enjoyed the time spent together, and the whole event was beautifully organized. The atmosphere was warm, joyful, and full of lovely moments.

We had so much fun and spent such a wonderful time with you and the children. Thank you for all the effort, care, and happiness you always bring to the classroom activities.

**We really enjoyed Mother's Day. It was a beautiful day full of love, happiness, and special moments. 🌸**

**We had so much fun celebrating the most precious people in our lives.**

**It was an unforgettable day that will always stay in our hearts. ❤️**





## *WSS News; Family First; Junior Section 'Design a Healthy Breakfast' Competition & Mothers' Day Celebrations, 14/5/26!*

Hope this email finds you well. Thank you for given us opportunity to celebrate this beautiful day with our precious children's and makes everything possible.

Regards,  
Lamia's Parent  
FS2-D2



## *WSS Superstar Inclusion Champions!*

Dear Ms Rema

I hope you are doing well.

I would like to inform you that tomorrow will be Aydin's last day at WSS, as we have shifted him to another school.

Thank you so much for all the support, care, patience, and guidance you have given him throughout his time at the school. We truly appreciate everything you and the team have done for him.

Aydin will truly miss his teachers, friends, and everyone at WSS. We wish you and the entire school all the very best for the future.

Thank you once again for everything.

Best regards,  
Jasir

# Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



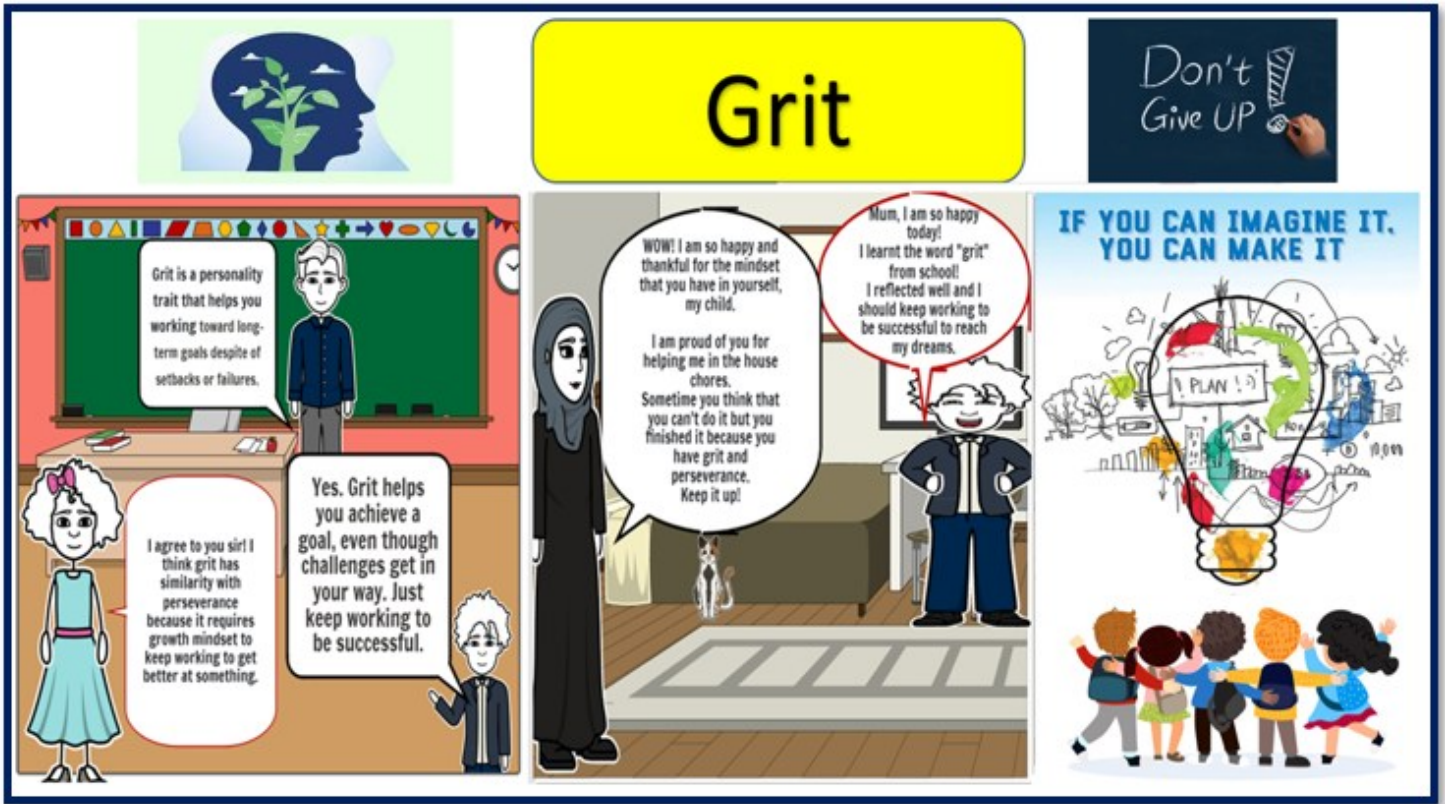
Super environmental awareness & recycling projects



**Recycling Superstars!** We invite all our students to bring in their empty plastic water bottles for recycling by our recycling partner company into T-shirts!



# WSS News; Storyboard Top Tips!



**Grit**

Don't Give UP

**IF YOU CAN IMAGINE IT, YOU CAN MAKE IT**

Grit is a personality trait that helps you working toward long-term goals despite of setbacks or failures.

I agree to you sir! I think grit has similarity with perseverance because it requires growth mindset to keep working to get better at something.

Yes. Grit helps you achieve a goal, even though challenges get in your way. Just keep working to be successful.

WOW! I am so happy and thankful for the mindset that you have in yourself, my child.

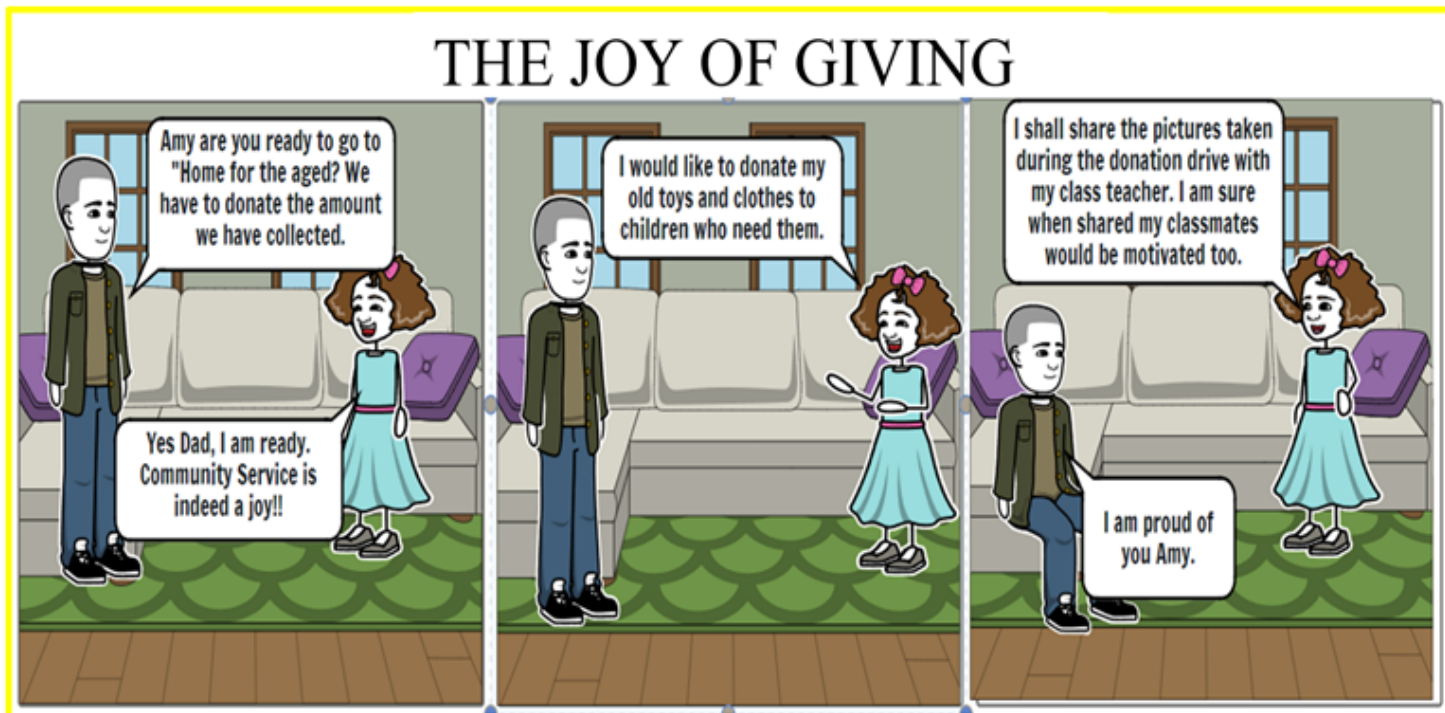
I am proud of you for helping me in the house chores. Sometime you think that you can't do it but you finished it because you have grit and perseverance. Keep it up!

Mum, I am so happy today! I learnt the word "grit" from school! I reflected well and I should keep working to be successful to reach my dreams.

! PLAN !

The storyboard features a central yellow box with the word "Grit". To the right is a chalkboard with the phrase "Don't Give UP" and a hand drawing a pencil. Below the chalkboard is a poster that says "IF YOU CAN IMAGINE IT, YOU CAN MAKE IT" with a lightbulb illustration containing a cityscape and the words "PLAN", "GO", and "DO". The main storyboard panels show a classroom scene with a teacher and a student, a home scene with a mother and son, and a group of children celebrating.

## THE JOY OF GIVING



Amy are you ready to go to "Home for the aged? We have to donate the amount we have collected.

Yes Dad, I am ready. Community Service is indeed a joy!!

I would like to donate my old toys and clothes to children who need them.

I shall share the pictures taken during the donation drive with my class teacher. I am sure when shared my classmates would be motivated too.

I am proud of you Amy.

The storyboard is divided into three panels. In the first panel, a father asks Amy if she is ready to go to "Home for the aged" to donate collected items. Amy replies that she is ready and that community service is a joy. In the second panel, Amy explains she wants to donate her old toys and clothes to children in need. In the third panel, Amy says she will share photos of the donation drive with her teacher to motivate her classmates, and her father expresses his pride in her.

# *WSS News; This Week's Leadership GEMStone!*

APRIL – WEEK 20

## LEADING WITH ADAPTABILITY

 **AQUAMARINE**

Helps students embrace change with resilience and flexibility.

“ Listening to feedback helps you learn;  
using it helps you improve. ”

**MESSAGE:** Feedback is important because it helps you learn and get better. When you listen to advice and make changes, it shows that you want to grow and improve.

**REFLECT:** How can I make sure I listen carefully to feedback from others and teachers? What steps can I take to act on feedback and show I'm learning?

## *Happy Birthdays!*



# Happy Birthdays!



# WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Kishwar and Ms. Maryam,

I am writing this email with heartfelt gratitude and immense happiness. It fills me with joy to see my daughter Crystal now doing her worksheets independently and taking true responsibility for her learning.

As a working mom, I rarely found time to sit and teach her, and she has had no tuition either. Yet, she is showing remarkable improvement in reading and writing. All the credit goes to you both. You have nurtured a child who once struggled to read and write into a confident learner who can now express her thoughts in her own words.

Your teaching skills, patience, and dedication shine through in her progress. I want you to know that your hard work and efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Thank you for your unwavering support, care, and for being such incredible teachers.

Crystal loves school because of you both, and I cannot thank you enough for that gift. Thank you for believing in her ❤️ .

Thank you for motivating her with such love ❤️ .

With love,  
Keerthy Vijay



Superstar Zidan (Y2D2) persevered & developed resilience to overcome his fears!



## *Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!*

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



Hurray! We filled our marble jar.



Happy Birthday



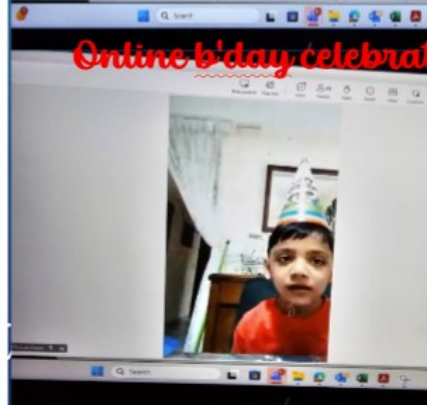
### Y1 D2 with Ms. Aneeza and Ms. Gurpreet



Story Session



Online b'day celebra



*Junior Section News; Y1H Learning Activities!*

Y1 H1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadiya



**Happy Mother's Day!**

Y1 H2 with Ms. Kishwar and Ms. Maryam



Happy Mother's 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; Y1F Learning Activities!

## Y1F with Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Aaditya



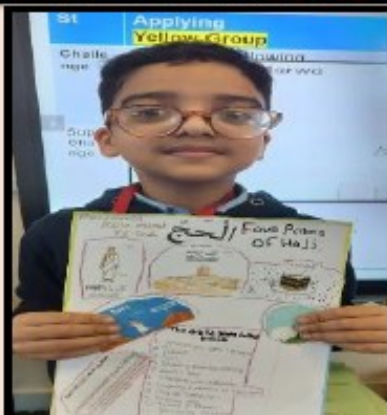
# Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!



# Junior Section News; Y2 Islamic Learning Activities!

## Y2, Islamic Education Hajj Activities

Our students explored the journey of Hajj through fun Islamic activities. Children learned about faith, unity, patience, and kindness in Islam. Students enjoyed activities about Hajj and Eid al-Adha. A wonderful day of learning, creativity, and spiritual connection.



# Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!



**Y2H1 RECOUNT WRITING**

I Do

Arrange the following sentences in order and punctuate where needed.

**On Sunday**

**First**  
We ate a burger with fries.

**Next**  
We headed toward our home and slept.

**Finally**  
We did shopping.  
We went to a mall.

Handwritten student work showing the sequence of events: On Sunday, First, Next, Finally. The students have written their own versions of the story, such as 'On Sunday, I went to the mall with my family. First, we ate a burger with fries. Next, we went to a mall. Finally, we did shopping and went home. We slept peacefully.'



*Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!*

Junior Section: Y2 H2 Ms. Jinitra and Ms. Jameela

*Class room activities*



English - Descriptive writing



Every corner holds a story waiting to be told



*Reading log*



Congratulations champions



## *Junior Section News; Y2F Learning Activities!*



*Marbles in the Jar*



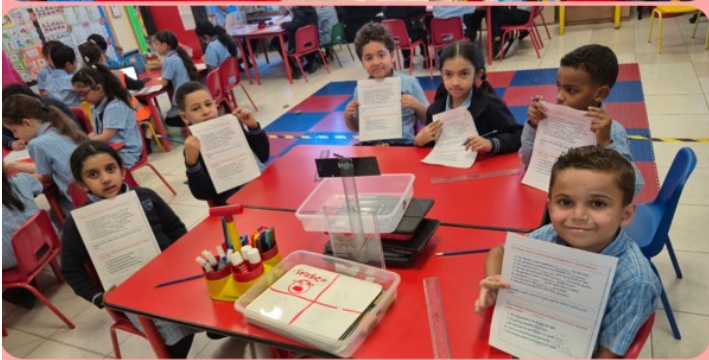
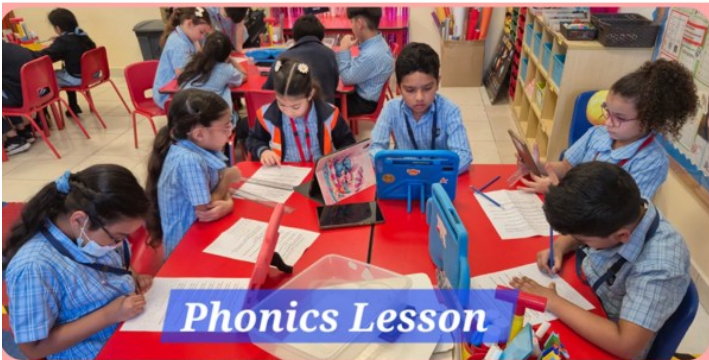
*English Lesson*



*Y2F with Ms. Mangala Ms. Fiza*

# Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!

## Y2S2-Class activities with Ms. Sabiha and Ms. Benil



## Y2S2-Mother's Day with Ms. Sabiha and Ms. Benil



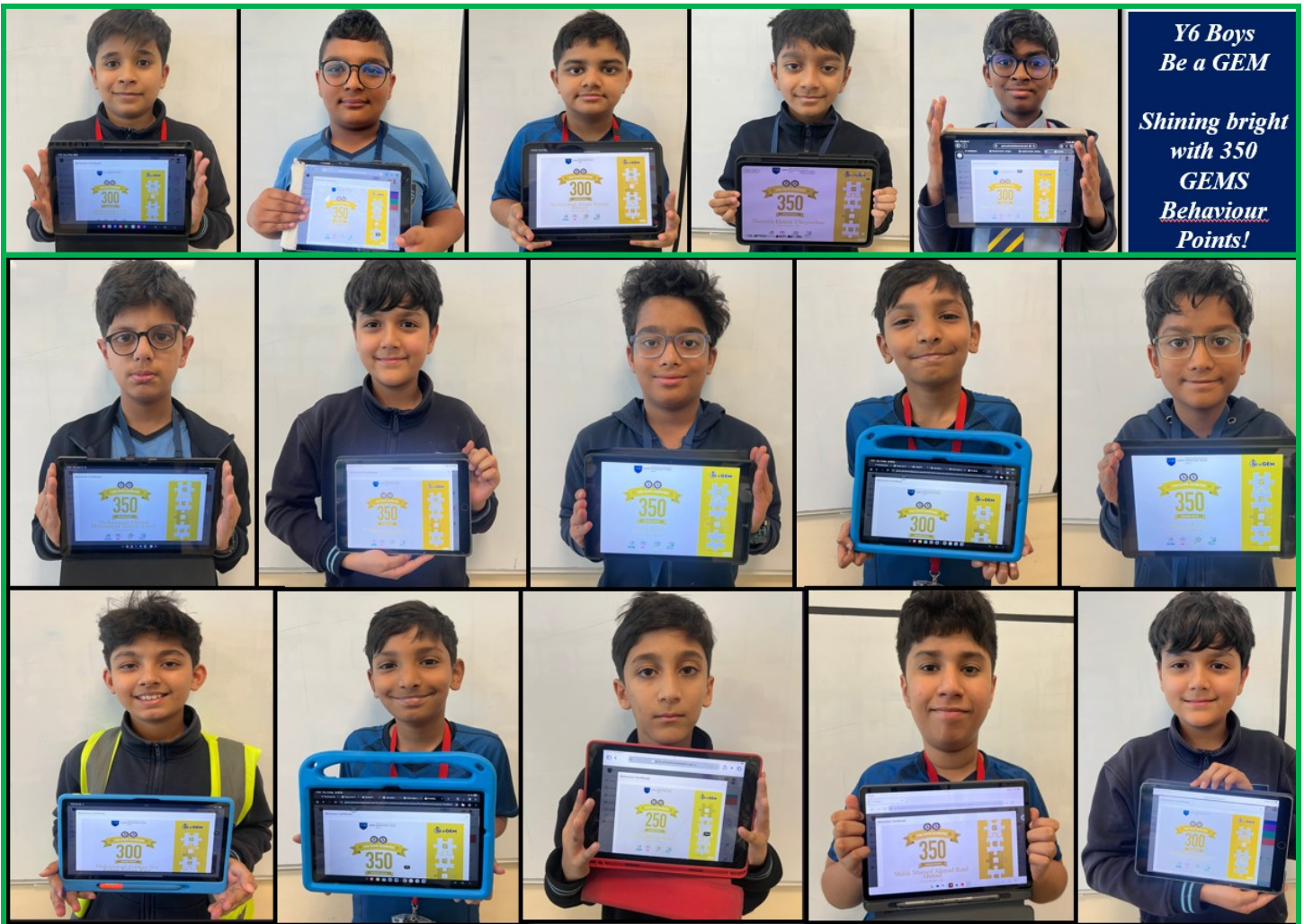
## Junior Section News; Learning Activities (General)!



A Young Scientist at work!



# WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



*Y6 Boys  
Be a GEM  
Shining bright  
with 350  
GEMS  
Behaviour  
Points!*

*Reaching 350 GEMS Points through excellent behaviour and positive choices!*

# Primary Section News; Haj Activities!



## Experiencing the Journey of Hajj

Our Primary Section students took part in exciting and interactive Hajj activities that brought learning to life. Through the "Hajj Journey Walk," "Passport to Hajj," "Hajj Reporter Role-Play," and "Hajj Challenge Game," students explored the rituals and values of Hajj in a fun, engaging, and meaningful way while developing teamwork, communication, and critical thinking skills.



Students took part in engaging activities including the 'Hajj Journey Walk', 'Passport to Hajj', 'Hajj Reporter Role-Play', and 'Hajj Challenge Game', where they explored the rituals and values of Hajj in a fun, interactive, and meaningful way.

# Primary Section News; Hajj Activities!



## Experiencing the Journey of Hajj



# Primary Section News; Hajj Activities!



## Experiencing the Journey of Hajj



*Primary Section News; Y6 Concert,  
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, 13/5/26!*



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Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, 13/5/26!*



*Primary Section News; Y6 Concert,  
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, 13/5/26!*



Huge thanks to the wonderful Y6 team of students parents & teachers who together created a highly entertaining concert based around the story 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory'. The designers, producers, actors, singers & dancers pulled out all the stops to delight & charm the audience. There was some impressive talent on show in this creative, confident performance.

*Primary Section News; Y6 Concert,  
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, 13/5/26!*



*An unforgettable  
concert with  
amazing  
performances and  
wonderful  
memories to  
treasure forever!*

*A spectacular  
concert and a  
beautiful ending to  
a truly special day!*



# Primary Section News; Y5 Learning Activities!

Y5S1  
involved  
in Steam  
activity



# Primary Section News; Y5 Learning Activities!

## BE A GEM

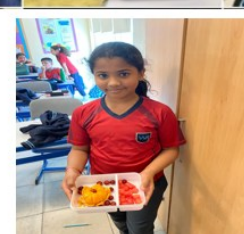
## KENKEN



## Students engaged in GEMSTONE and NGRT



## Year 5 healthy Eating Week



## Primary Section News; Y4F&H Learning Activities!

The Year 4 F1 students engaged in a creative STEAM activity, transforming pencil shavings into stunning pieces of artwork while showcasing their imagination and innovation.



Year 4 H1 students explored STEAM by transforming pencil shavings into beautiful works of art.



# Primary Section News; Y4S Learning Activities!

## Y4 S1: Enjoying STEAM Activity and Celebrating Be a GEM



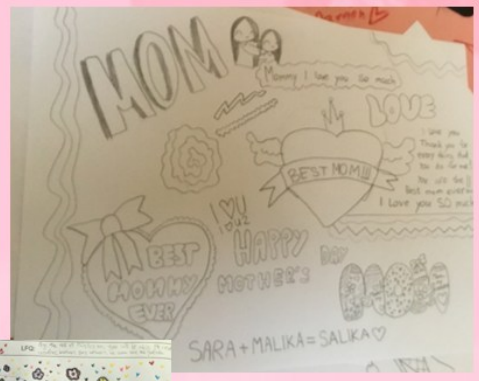
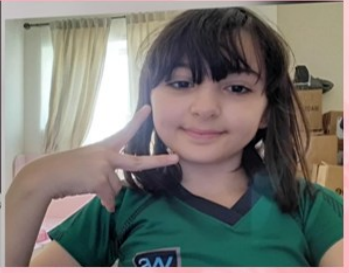
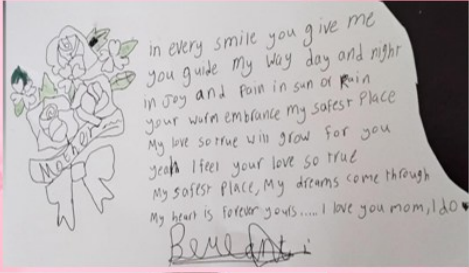
## Y4S2 students create symmetrical patterns using lines of symmetry through collaborative STEAM art.



# Primary Section News; Creativity in Art!



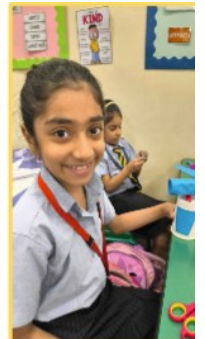
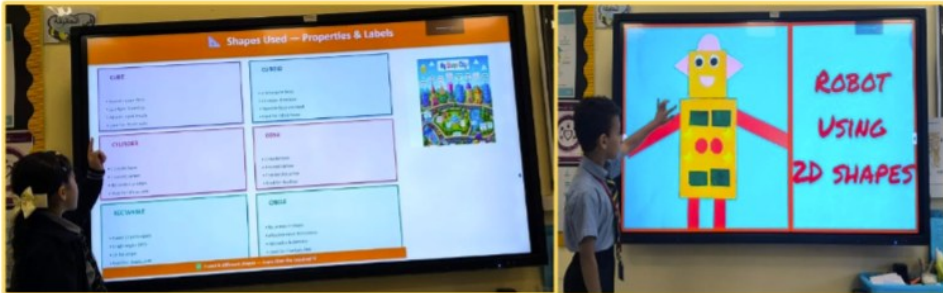
**LO:** By the end of this lesson, you will be able to create creative Mother's Day artwork to show love and gratitude.



**Artwork by Y5**  
 Happy Mother's day

# Primary Section News; Y3 Learning Activities!

**Y3F1-** A hands-on math project where students explored 3D shapes by building models and presenting their learning.



Y3F1 Students explored 3D shapes in a by programming and guiding robots to study their properties collaboratively. ✨



# Primary Section News; Y3 Learning Activities!

Year 3H1 enjoyed a hands-on activity exploring different types of rocks.



Y3S2- A hands-on activity exploring rocks.



# Primary Section News; Learning Activities (General)!

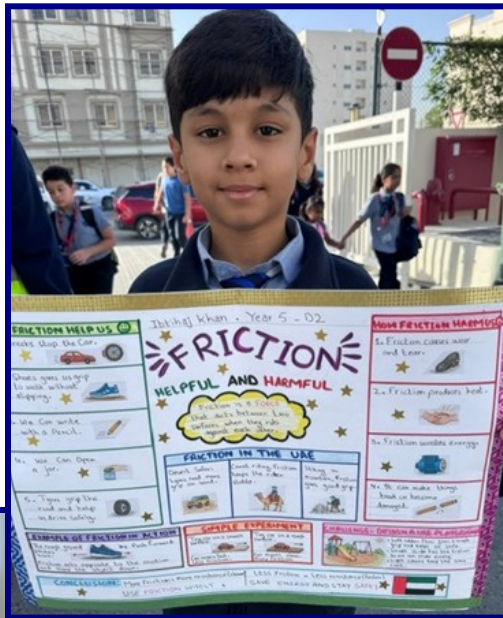


"I am Sila from GEMS Westminster School, and I feel proud and blessed to live in the UAE — the country of safety, peace, and happiness.

The United Arab Emirates is my beautiful home, where dreams grow and people live with love and respect.

With all my heart, I thank our wise leaders and honourable Sheikhs for their endless efforts in making our country a symbol of security, success, and unity.

I will always be proud to call the UAE my home 🇦🇪 🏠."



Kinda applying her Arabic lesson while working on her project, along with the written steps of the activity.



# WSS Secondary Section BAG Superstar Champions!

## KS3-BAG REWARDS FOR THE WEEK

YOU HAVE ACHIEVED

50

REWARD POINTS

Musa Khan Mudassar Habib Year7/Grade6 YR7BF

EXCELLENCE CARE TEAM LEARNING

GEMS EDUCATOR



YOU HAVE ACHIEVED

50

REWARD POINTS

Abdul Hadi Imran Imran Siddique YR7BD

EXCELLENCE CARE TEAM LEARNING

GEMS EDUCATOR



YOU HAVE ACHIEVED

50

REWARD POINTS

Selim Ahmed Hassan Mahmoud Year7/Grade6 YR7BH

EXCELLENCE CARE TEAM LEARNING

GEMS EDUCATOR



YOU HAVE ACHIEVED

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REWARD POINTS

Muhammad Nafay Haroon Year7/Grade6 YR7BH

EXCELLENCE CARE TEAM LEARNING

GEMS EDUCATOR



YOU HAVE ACHIEVED

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REWARD POINTS

Annaya Mohsin Mohsin Khan Tarar Y7 GS

EXCELLENCE CARE TEAM LEARNING

GEMS EDUCATOR



YOU HAVE ACHIEVED

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REWARD POINTS

Chinmaye Sarauanan Palaniyandi Y7 GH

EXCELLENCE CARE TEAM LEARNING

GEMS EDUCATOR



YOU HAVE ACHIEVED

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REWARD POINTS

Gia Ann Y7 GF

EXCELLENCE CARE TEAM LEARNING

GEMS EDUCATOR



YOU HAVE ACHIEVED

50

REWARD POINTS

Jessica Prejith Prejith Kunjunni Prabha Y7 GD

EXCELLENCE CARE TEAM LEARNING

GEMS EDUCATOR



# WSS Secondary Section BAG Superstar Champions!

**Row 1:**

- Muhammad Arham Nagori / Naseem Ahmed Nagori**: Year 9/Grade8 / BD, 400 Reward Points.
- Shayan Haroon Moeen**: Year 9/Grade8 / BS, 200 Reward Points.

**Row 2:**

- Muhammad Azaan Naveed Iqbal**: Year 9/Grade8 / BS, 200 Reward Points.
- Adham Aly Ahmed Kashef**: Year 9/Grade8 / BF, 200 Reward Points.
- Oluwafcranmi Tawose**: Year 9/Grade8 / BH, 100 Reward Points.

**Row 3:**

- Zoha Ahammed Razik Vengatt**: Year 9/Grade8 / GD, 450 Reward Points.
- Yasmeen Ahmed Abdelhamid Said Shokr**: Year 9/Grade8 / GS, 400 Reward Points.

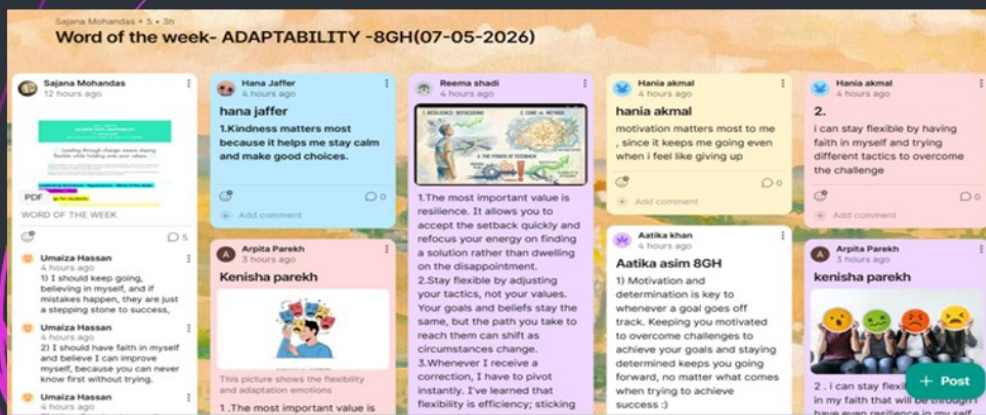
**Row 4:**

- Fatima Bilal**: Year 9/Grade8 / GH, 350 Reward Points.
- MARIAM MOHAMED ABDOU IBRAHIM MOHAMED**: Year 9/Grade8 / GP, 250 Reward Points.

## WSS Secondary Section Teacher Superstar Champions!

The very prompt, alert, and proactive support shown by the Form Tutor of Y8GH towards student outreach truly reflects dedication and commitment to student well-being and growth. Such consistent care and timely efforts help create a positive, supportive, and nurturing environment where every student feels valued and encouraged to succeed.

**Form Tutor –Y8GH**  
**Ms. Sajana**



The positive and kind words received from our parents truly reflect the strong partnership between home and school. Such encouraging feedback motivates us to continue nurturing a supportive, engaging, and enriching learning environment for our students

**Form Tutor -Y9BH**  
**Mr. Steaphan J.**



Mohammed Anany <eng\_anany

To Steaphan Jathanna

Cc Saritha Binu; Meee



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Dear,

thank you so much for your kind message and for sharing this positive feedback about Malik.

We are truly pleased to hear about the noticeable improvement. your encouragement, guidance, and continuous support at school are greatly appreciated.

We will continue supporting Malik at home and encouraging him to maintain this positive attitude, discipline, and cooperation. It is very motivating for us as parents to see his efforts being recognized and appreciated.

Thank you once again for your dedication and support.

# Secondary Section News; Library Report!



## SECONDARY LIBRARY NEWS

### BEST READER OF THE YEAR

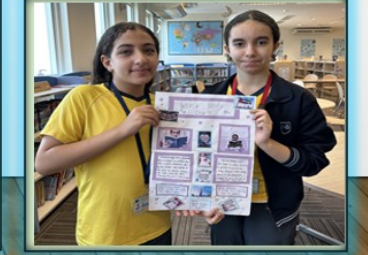
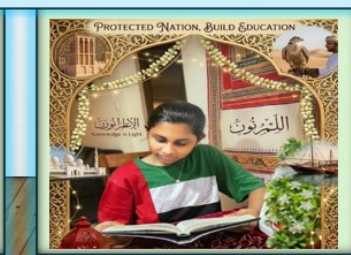
### BEST READING CLASS OF THE YEAR

Y8 GF & Y8 GS



MARYAM SAJAD Y7 GS

### PROTECTED NATION, BUILD EDUCATION LIBRARY ACTIVITIES



### QUIZ COMPETITION

### 'IDENTIFY THE BOOK'

### BOOKMARK DESIGN

### READ ALOUD ACTIVITY



### BOOK QUIZ COMPETITION WINNERS

- |           |                         |           |                            |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 1st Place | Aizah Khan Y8 GF        | 1st Place | Maryam Sajad Y7 GS         |
| 2nd Place | Maryam Sajad Y7 GS      | 2nd Place | Sarah Mahdiah Rahman Y8 GF |
| 3rd Place | Syeda Hania Jafar Y8 GD | 3rd Place | Aizah Khan Y8 GF           |



- ### BOOKMARK COMPETITION WINNERS
- |           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 1st Place | Hoor Mahmoud Y7 GH  |
| 2nd Place | Eshaal Owais Y8 GF  |
| 3rd Place | Sumaiyah Umar Y8 GS |

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|-----------|--------------------------|
| 1st Place | Tiara Ann Varghese Y8 GD |
| 2nd Place | Sedra Amro Hassan Y7 GF  |
| 3rd Place | Sarah Fadi Y7 GF         |
|           | Haya Masood Y7 GF        |



# WSS News; Family First; KS3 Matching Outfits Activity!

**Syed Taha Ahmed and family Y7BH**



## Secondary Section News; KS3 Learning Activities!

**Word of the week- ADAPTABILITY -8GH(07-05-2026)**

**KS3-reflection on Awareness session by Dr. Funke**

**Sajana Mohandas** 12 hours ago  
1. I should keep going, believing in myself, and if mistakes happen, they are just a stepping stone to success.

**Hana Jaffer** 1 hour ago  
1. Kindness matters most because it helps me stay calm and make good choices.

**Reema shadi** 1 hour ago  
1. The most important value is resilience. It allows you to accept the setback quickly and refocus your energy on finding a solution rather than dwelling on the disappointment.

**Hania akmal** 4 hours ago  
motivation matters most to me since it keeps me going even when I feel like giving up

**Aatika khan** 4 hours ago  
1) Motivation and determination is key to whenever a goal goes off track. Keeping you motivated to overcome challenges to achieve your goals and staying determined keeps you going forward, no matter what comes when trying to achieve success.

**Arpita Parekh** 4 hours ago  
**Kenisha parekh**  
This picture shows the flexibility and adaptation emotions

**Umaliza Hassan** 4 hours ago  
2) I should have faith in myself and believe I can improve myself, because you can never know first without trying.

**Umaliza Hassan** 4 hours ago  
3) I should have faith in myself and believe I can improve myself, because you can never know first without trying.

**Umaliza Hassan** 4 hours ago  
3) I had to learn roller skating myself, I was scared at first and planned to take support of the wall for the entire time, but I realized that I would never learn properly, so I changed my plan my moving freely, because even if I fall, it's just a mistake that we can all learn from, and now, I manage to freely roam around in roller skaters by myself.

**Prisha** 4 hours ago  
1. The value perseverance is important to me when things don't go as planned as it reminds me to never give up.

**Anaya Taxyab** 4 hours ago  
1) The value most important to me when things don't go as planned is perseverance because it helps me stay calm and continue trying instead of giving up.

**Umaliza Hassan** 4 hours ago  
2) I can stay flexible without giving up what I believe in by adjusting my plans while still

**Kenisha parekh**  
1. The most important value is adaptability and flexibility they can help your emotions adjust when things don't go as per we planned its okay sometimes they help also strengthen our emotions that can eg. when me and my mom planned to go to grocery store to get some bread spices vegetables etc..so then after finished my studies I was getting ready as I saw my mom slept she was having a high fever I quickly called my dad he gave mom a rest and said quietly "let her sleep ok" that how I got a lesson that sudden attacks can happen.

**Kenisha parekh**  
this is exactly what a grocery looks like  
Yes I remember very well when I had to go get some grocery by myself because my mom was sick ,at first I was scared but then I asked someone help a trusted security guy that I am

# Secondary Section News; KS3 Learning Activities!



**GEM Stone of the Month: AQUAMARINE** – ✨ – KS3 girls coming together to inspire and uplift one another by creating meaningful posters on the theme “Together We Rise, encouraging teamwork, confidence, and mutual support.



## An interactive lesson led by Ms Vijisha in KS3 classes, using the practice clinic technique - Show me

This Practice Clinic led by Ms Vijisha focuses on the Show Me technique, with an emphasis on using clear and consistent cues. She demonstrates how to secure simultaneous responses by establishing precise, predictable signals. Through the use of consistent cues and countdowns, she ensures all students respond together—allowing for accurate checks for understanding while strengthening participation, clarity, and accountability across the class.



# Secondary Section News; KS3 Islamic Learning Activities!

## Islamic Solutions to Community Problems (KS3 students)

KS3 students investigated issues like **bullying, dishonesty, disrespect, and environmental harm**. They connected these challenges to Islamic teachings that promote kindness, honesty, respect, and care for the environment. The project encouraged students to apply these values in real life to create a better school and community. (Ms. Ashmabi)

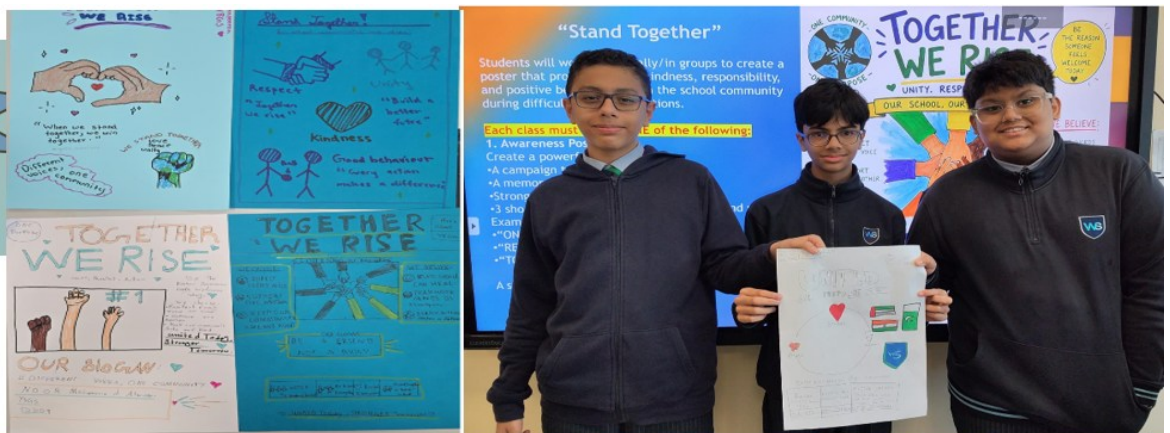
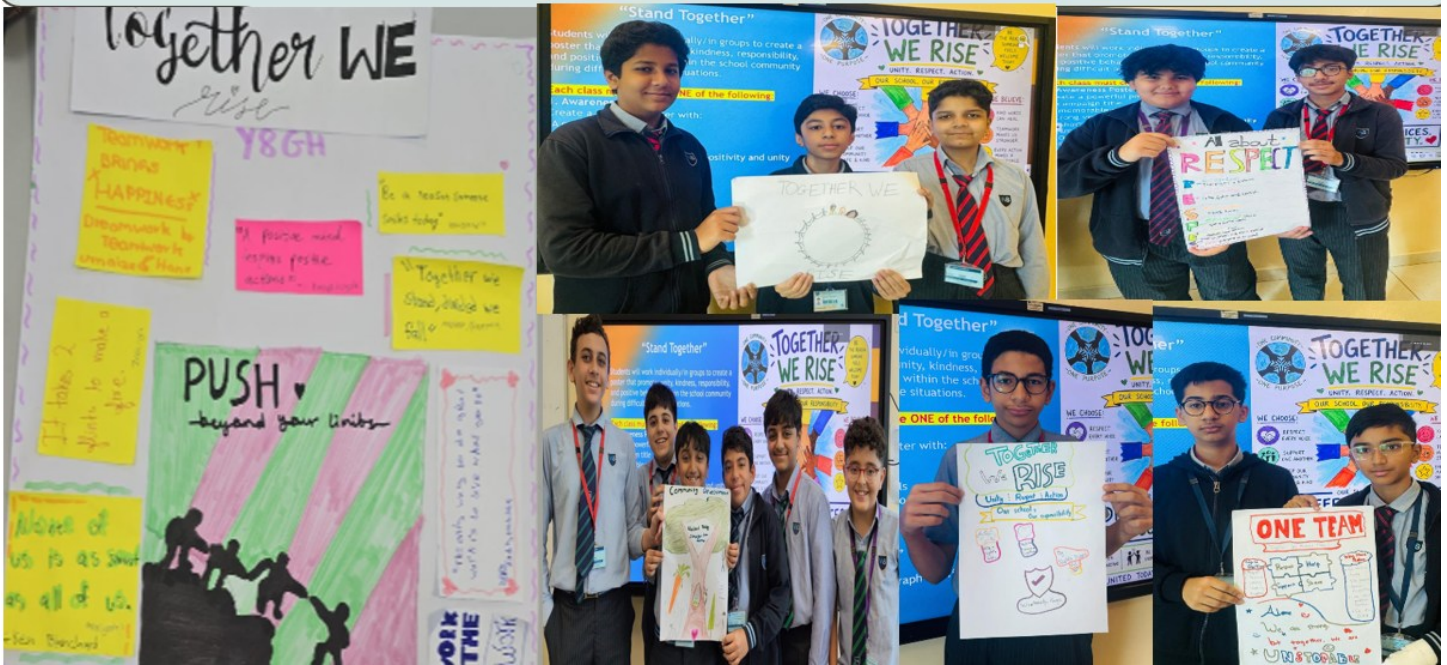


# Secondary Section News; KS3 Learning Activities!

Lead with Vision  – Inspired by GEMSTONE AQUAMARINE-

# KS3

Standing together, supporting one another and rising as one team. Our students beautifully reflected the spirit of “Stand together” through creativity, respect, unity and teamwork.

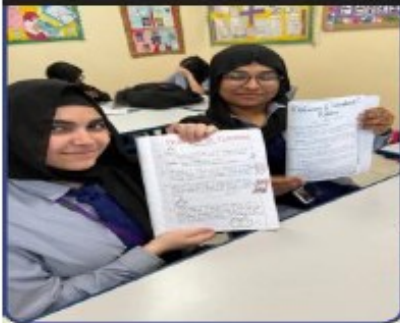


# Secondary Section News; KS3 Islamic Learning Activities!



## Dhul Hijjah Activities and Reflections - KS3

Students explored the steps and significance of Hajj while learning how to maximize rewards during the blessed first 10 days of Dhul Hijj



*Secondary Section News; KS4 Leadership Gems—Leading with Adaptability & the Market Crash!*

KS4 ACTIVITY BASED ON LEADERSHIP GEMSTONE  
AQUAMARINE - LEADING WITH ADAPTABILITY

# MARKET CRASH

**CAN YOUR COMPANY  
SURVIVE UNDER PRESSURE?**



Teams will compete to build the tallest free-standing tower using limited materials. But there's a catch — throughout the challenge, unexpected events will force teams to adapt quickly.



Success won't just depend on building the best tower, but on how well your team reacts when everything changes.

REGISTER SOON!



**YEAR 10 STUDENTS ONLY**  
**LOCATION:** Activity Room (F58)  
**TIME:** Second Break  
**DATE:** Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May

**BUILD.  
ADAPT.  
WIN.**

## CHALLENGES

- BUDGET CUTS
- MATERIAL SHORTAGES
- LEADERSHIP CHANGES
- SILENT WORKING PERIODS
- NEW REGULATIONS

## WHAT WE'RE TESTING

- LEADERSHIP
- TEAMWORK
- COMMUNICATION
- PROBLEM-SOLVING
- ADAPTABILITY UNDER PRESSURE

## CHALLENGE FORMAT

- TEAMS OF 3-6
- LIMITED MATERIALS PROVIDED
- MULTIPLE SURPRISE EVENTS
- COMPETITIVE TIMED CHALLENGE

## WINNING TEAM

- THE TEAM WITH THE STRONGEST COMBINATION OF:
- TOWER PERFORMANCE
  - ADAPTABILITY
  - TEAM COORDINATION
  - LEADERSHIP

**THINK FAST. ADAPT FASTER.**



PLAN



COLLABORATE



ADAPT



WIN

**ONE TEAM.  
ONE TOWER.**

**ENDLESS CHALLENGE**  
**ARE YOU READY?**



*Secondary Section News; KS4 SPARK-X Winners !*

**KS4 SPARK X  
WINNERS**



The KS4 Spark X Competition is an exciting platform designed to inspire creativity, innovation, and critical thinking among students.



Y10 student Adnan sharing his experience and key take aways from KS4 SPARK X competition



**SPARK X first prize winners**

*Secondary Section News; Learning Activities (General)!*

