

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #33
15th May, 2025



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Y3-Y12 Clinic Forms

We sent an important email home on 14/5/25 relating to Authority-mandated Clinic forms for your child's Clinic File update. Kindly submit these by **Thursday 29/5/25**. Many thanks.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thurs. 29th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Awareness Day, whole school. Students may come dressed in traditional dress & bring traditional food to share with friends. Deadline for FS1-Y12 parents to submit their child's Clinic forms. Thanks.
Thurs. 6/6 to Sun. 8/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Eid Al Adha (TBC by Authorities)
Thurs. 19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of compulsory T3 Promotional Exams
Thurs. 3rd July, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The last official day for students for this academic year.
Monday 25th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of T1 for new joiners. T1 fees need to be cleared in full before any student is admitted into class for the new year. There are no exceptions to this, so please budget accordingly.
Tuesday 26th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of T1 for returning students. T1 fees need to be cleared in full before any student is admitted into class for the new year. There are no exceptions to this, so please budget accordingly.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 33
15 مايو 2025



رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاثري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس
ويستمينستر الشارقة الأعزاء،

نماذج عيادة Y12 - FS1

أرسلنا بريداً إلكترونياً هاماً إلى
المنزّل بتاريخ ١٤/٥/٢٠٢٥
يتعلق بنماذج العيادة الملزمة من
الهيئة لتحديث ملف عيادة طفلكم.
يرجى إرسالها بحلول يوم
الخميس ٢٩/٥/٢٠٢٥. شكراً
جزيلاً.



المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الخميس 29 مايو	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> يوم التوعية الثقافية، لجميع طلاب المدرسة. يُسمح للطلاب بالحضور بالزي التقليدي وإحضار مأكولات تقليدية لمشاركتها مع أصدقائهم. آخر موعد لأولياء أمور الصفوف من FS1 إلى 12 لتقديم استمارات عيادة أطفالهم. شكراً.
من الخميس 6/6 إلى الأحد 8/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> إغلاق المدارس بمناسبة عيد الأضحى المبارك (سيتم الإعلان عنه لاحقاً من قبل السلطات)
الخميس 19 يونيو	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> آخر يوم من امتحانات T3 الترويجية الإلزامية
الخميس 3 يوليو 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> آخر يوم رسمي للطلبة لهذا العام الدراسي.
الاثنين 25 أغسطس	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> اليوم الأول من T1 للمتضمنين الجدد. يجب سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل قبول أي طالب في الفصل الدراسي للعام الجديد. لا توجد استثناءات لهذا، لذا يرجى إعداد الميزانية وفقاً لذلك.
الثلاثاء 26 أغسطس	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> اليوم الأول من الفصل الدراسي الأول للطلاب العائدين يجب سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل قبول أي طالب في الفصل الدراسي للعام الجديد. لا توجد استثناءات لهذا، لذا يرجى إعداد الميزانية وفقاً لذلك.

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

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

Sunny Varkey



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



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Y6 Family First Breakfast

"The fondest memories are made when gathered around the breakfast table."



We Year 6 had a heartwarming Family First Breakfast with our class, where students and their families came together to enjoy a morning of connection and community. It was a wonderful way to start the day with smiles, conversations, and shared moments over a healthy meal.

Thank you so much for giving us opportunity to attend such a nice event. I was very happy for being there with my child. It is a great way to teach kid about importance of healthy breakfast in real time. Kids instead of just reading when they see in reality they adopt more. Kids learn more about healthy eating from their school fellows.

The event was beautifully organised by school management. One thing I like most that there are disposables and gloves available which is very very thoughtful.

Thank you WSS team and organisers for such an amazing job.

Kind regards

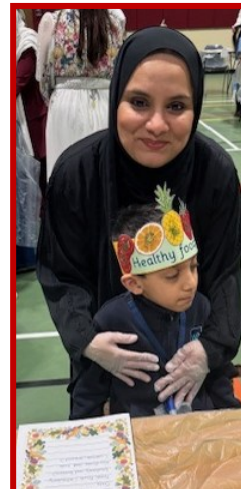
Mother of Zahra Rauf

Y2-S2

Whole School News; Family First Primary Y6 Breakfast, 14/5/25!



Whole School News; Family First Junior Section Y2 Breakfast Competition, 14/5/25!



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Huge thanks to all the many enthusiastic parents who attended Family First Breakfast events this week. These were so joyous! Students were extremely excited to share breakfast in school with their parents & classmates. Thank you dear parents for sharing your valuable time & delicious snacks. Great teamwork too!



Y3D2 - Family Breakfast with parents. Children enjoyed their food and their time with their mothers/ fathers.














"العائلة أول درس في الحياة،
والمدرسة أول خطوة نحو المستقبل...
فلنربط الجذور بالثمار"

Family is life's first lesson, and
school is the first step to the
future — let's connect the
roots to the fruits.

Whole School News; Family First Poetry Competition Participants!



WSS T2 Staff Superstar Champions!

	Staff Awards; WSS Staff Stars of Term 2	Term 2: January – March 2025
		
Ms. Himaya Imad	Ms. Askia Unissa	Ms. Sameena Ayaz
Teacher of the Term Junior	Teacher Assistant of the Term Junior	Teacher of the Term Primary
		
Ms. Phyllis Jacob	Ms. Sanjalika Jayachandran	Ms. Remya Lloyd
Teacher of the Term Primary	Teacher of the Term Secondary	Teacher of the Term Secondary
		
Ms. Huda Khan	Mr. Sumosh Anandan	Ms. Vinitha Vasudevan
Teacher of the Term Secondary	Teacher of the Term Secondary	Admin. Staff Award of the Term
		
Mr. Sarath Sasidharan	Mr. Gokul Sreekala Raj	M. Ebin Devasia
Admin. Staff Award of the Term	Support Staff of the Term	Support Staff of the Term

Whole School News; Week 3 Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) Report!



Whole School News; Staff CPD!

The Principal attended a Sharjah Principals' Strategy Meeting at SEA on 15/5/25. The Agenda was a review of previous KPIs & to introduce the 2025-2028 SPEA Strategy. KPIs related to raising student achievement & preparing students for their future. Principals were addressed by Dr Muhadditha Al Hashimi, Chairperson SPEA, President of Sharjah Education Academy & other SPEA Heads



Whole School News; SPEA British Schools Hub Beacon School Initiative—EYFS CPD for EYFS Leaders, 13/5/25!



Thanks to our passionate EYFS Junior Assistant Principal Ms. Shamail for leading an EYFS CPD session for 41 EYFS practitioners & leaders from Sharjah British schools. The theme was 'Transitions'.

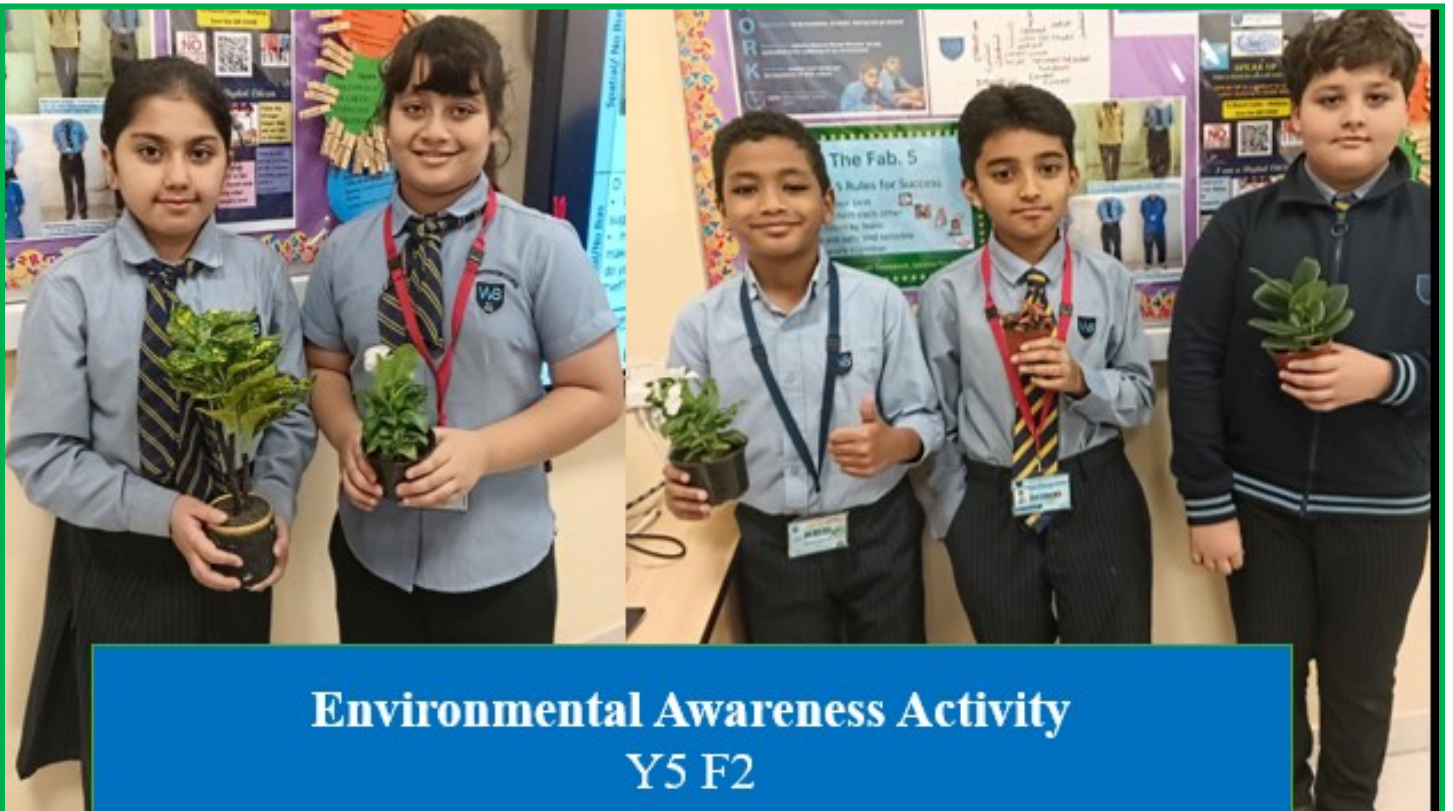
“Transition is not an event, it is a process.”



“Harness the power of real-life links.”



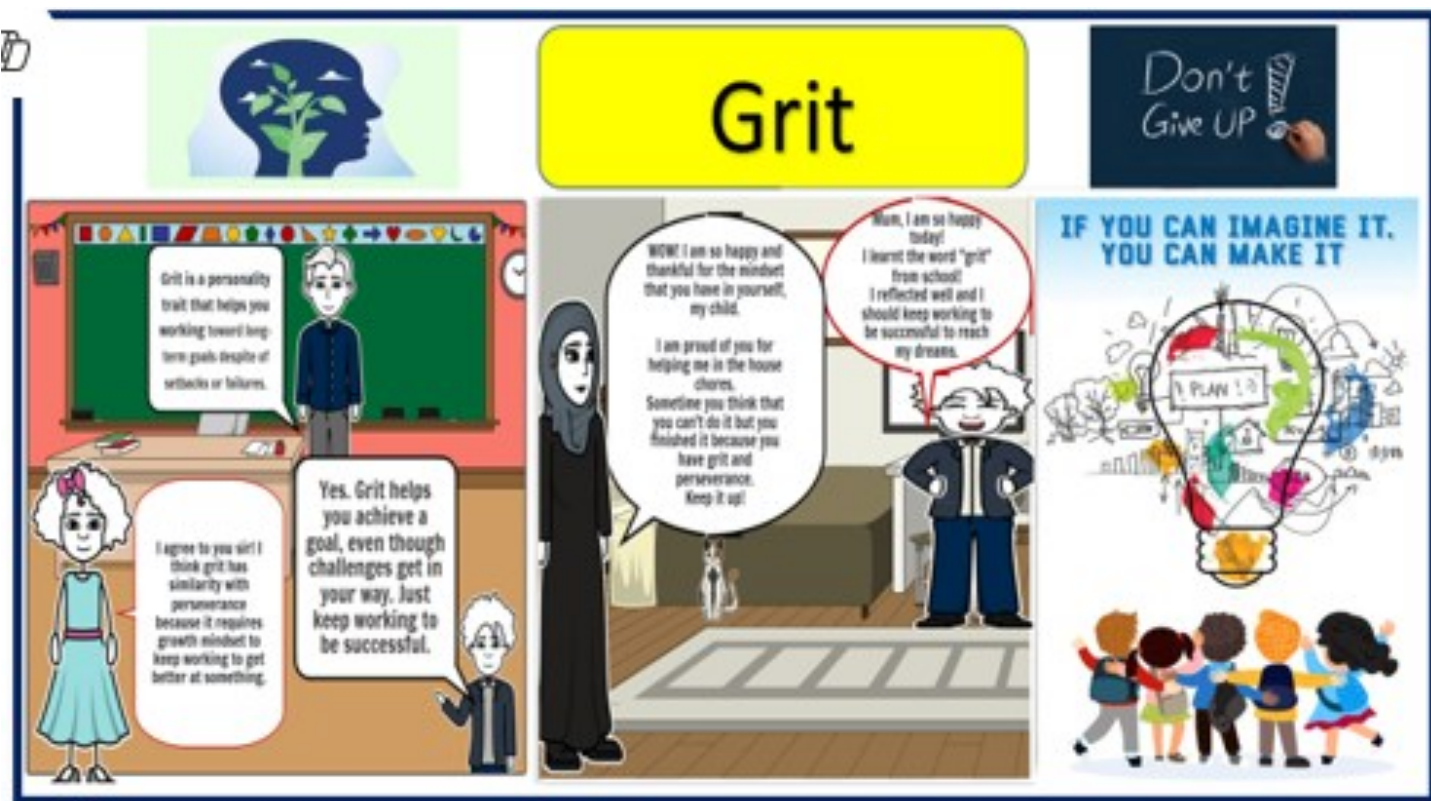
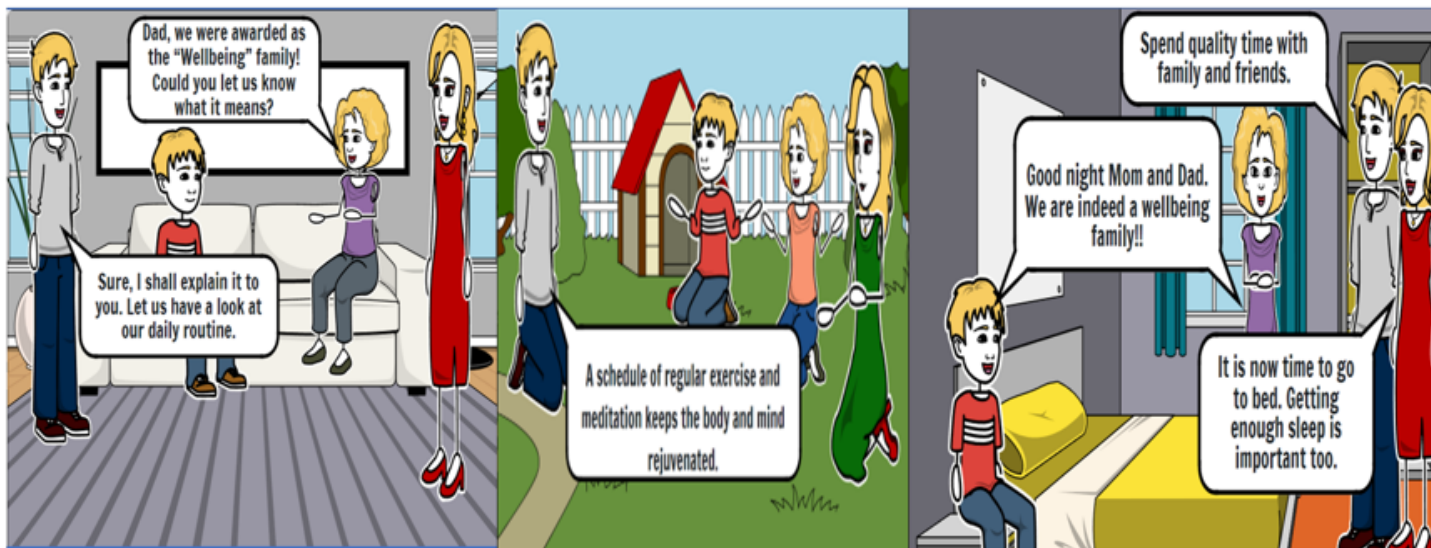
Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



Environmental Awareness Activity
Y5 F2

Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

WELLBEING!!



Happy Birthdays!



APRIL – WEEK 20
LEADING WITH ADAPTABILITY
AQUAMARINE
Helps students embrace change with resilience and flexibility.

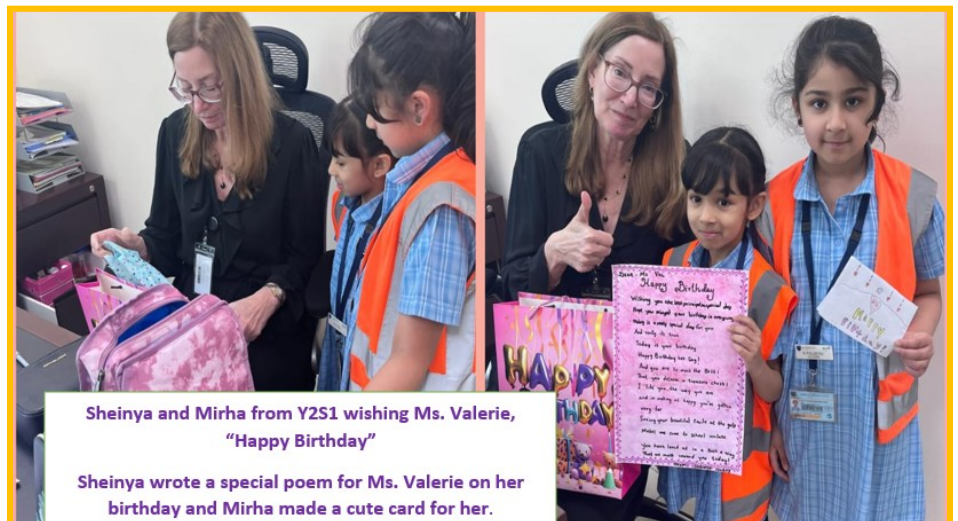
“Listening to feedback helps you learn;
using it helps you improve.”

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?

*This Week's
Leadership
GEMStone*

Happy Birthdays!



Sheinya and Mirha from Y2S1 wishing Ms. Valerie, "Happy Birthday"

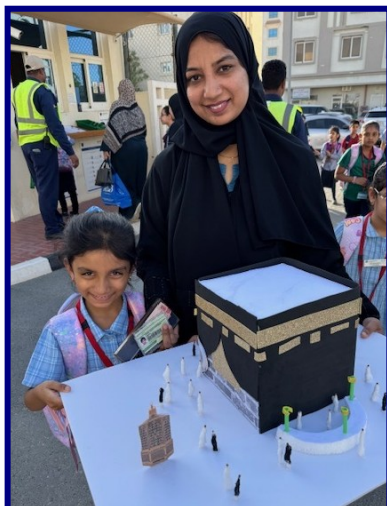
Sheinya wrote a special poem for Ms. Valerie on her birthday and Mirha made a cute card for her.

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to our 'Take Home Teddy' Champions

Junior Section News; Learning Projects!



Junior Section News; FS2D1 Learning Activities!

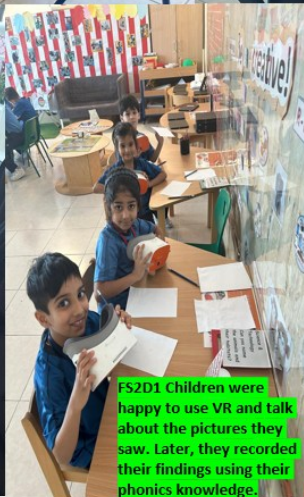
FS2 D1
Arabic Home learning



We had fun and learned a lot while playing during the STREAM lesson.



FS2D1 Children used their imaginations and creativity to create their own Gruffalos and used descriptive words to describe them.



FS2D1 Children were happy to use VR and talk about the pictures they saw. Later, they recorded their findings using their phonics knowledge.



FS2D1 students built a metro station, incorporating mathematical concepts and understanding the world by connecting the lesson to real-life applications



Happy birthday

FS2 D1



With Ms. Nikhat and Ms. Afroz

Junior Section News; FS2S1 Learning Activities!



F2 S1
learning
Gruffalo



FS2 S1 students
thinking critically
to solve your
problems



Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

Y1D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna

Learning about materials



Learning about the suffixes -er and -est."



Y1D1 @ 01A

Learning about division



ICT lesson



Y1D2 with MS Sadiqa and Ms Asma



Little imagination at work !!!



Learning division through hands on activities!!!!



Time for some experiment to check absorbent and non absorbent !!!



Our little artists



Junior Section News; Y1F Learning Activities!

Y1F1 WITH MS. AYSHA AND MS. JAMILA



Y1F2 WITH MS. ANEEZA AND MS. GURPREET



Junior Section News; Y1H Learning Activities!

Y1H1 WITH MS. AAFREIN AND MS. FIZZA



Y1H2 WITH MS. KISHWAR AND MS. MANI



Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

Y1S1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadiya



Y1S2 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Foumy



Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



Y2F1 with Ms Sabiha & Ms Ashika.

Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!

Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!

Junior Section: Y2 H1 Learning Activities!

Miss Jinitra and Miss Maryam



Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!

Y2H2 MS.ROOMANA AND MS.AQUEEN

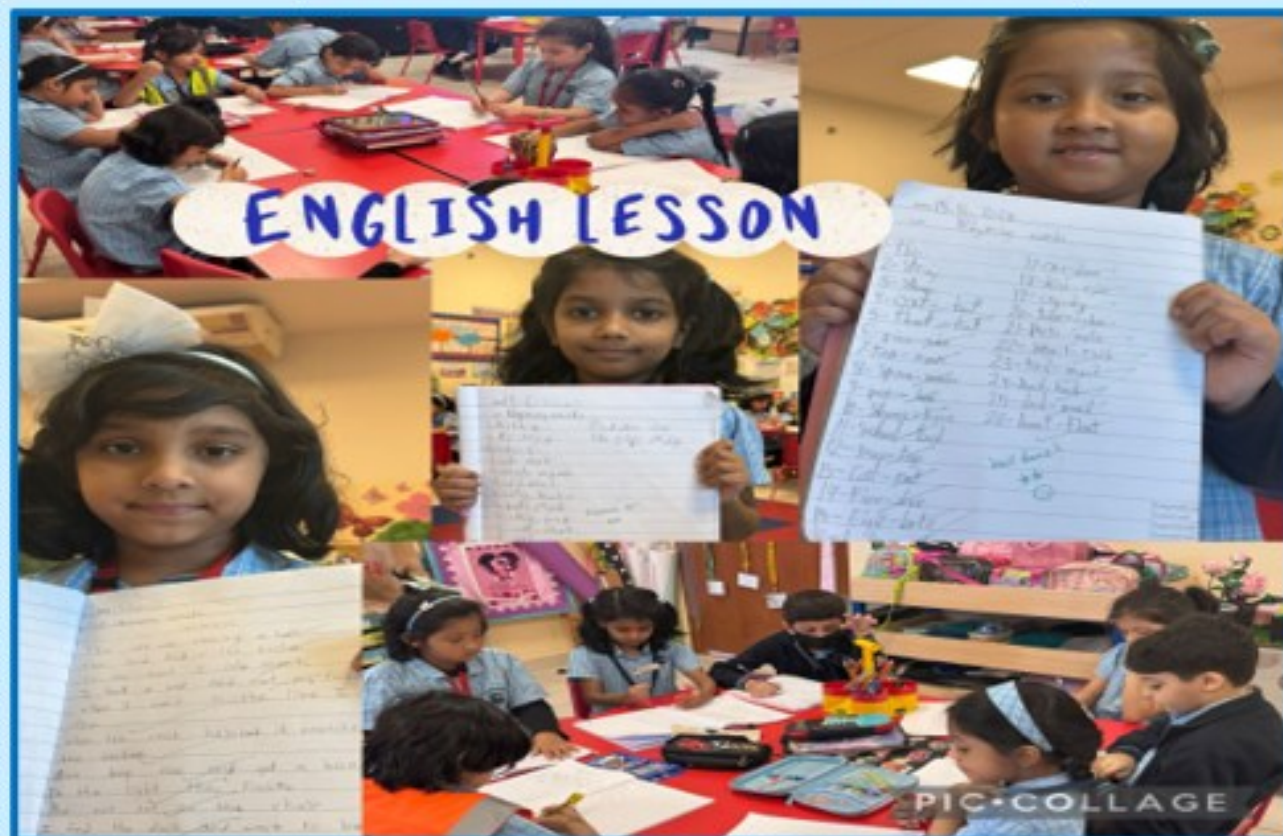


MS MILLICENT & MS TAHIRA Y2D2

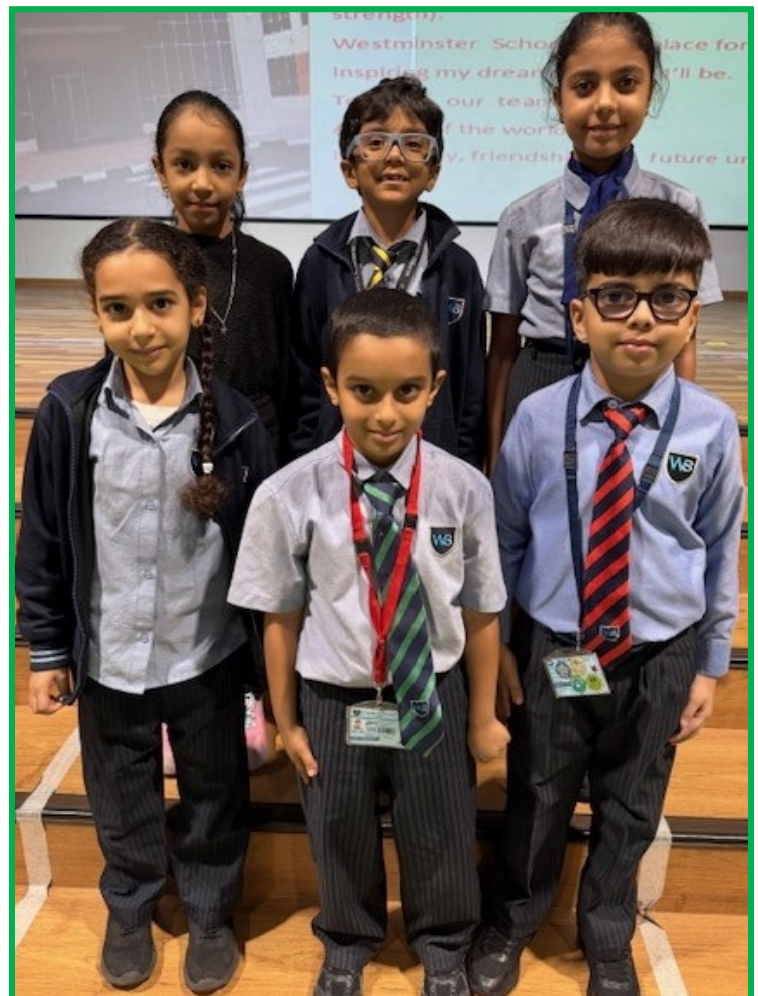


Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!

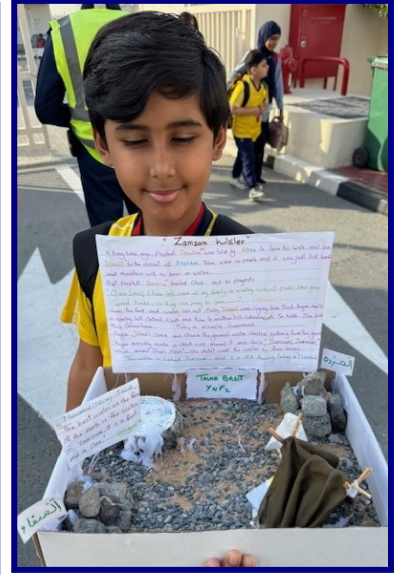
Y2S2 ~ Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin



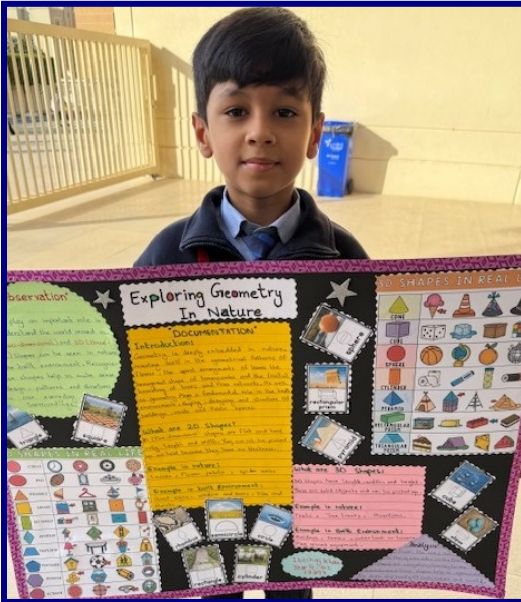
WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



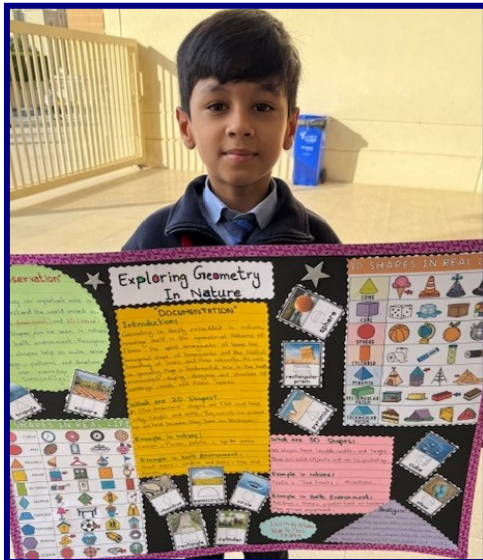
Primary Section News; Haj Learning Projects!



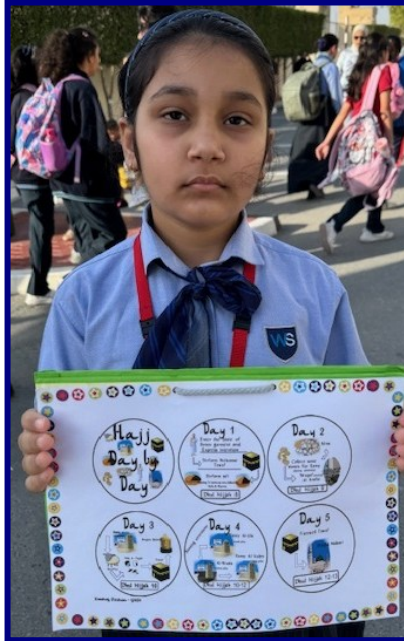
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Primary Section News; Learning Projects!



WSS PRIMARY Y4 RADIO STATION



RJ Omar

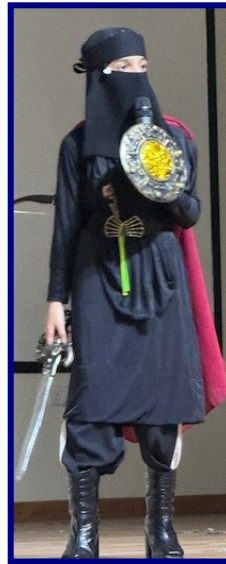
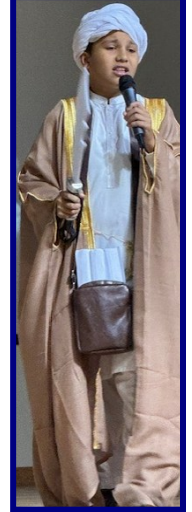
RJ
Adam

RJ
Zahid

RJ
Karma

ROAD SAFETY

Primary Section News; Islamic Warriors Assembly, 14/5/25!



This was a very interesting Assembly, with amazing costumes & dramatic speeches. We learnt about some core values, leadership strengths & roles of some key political figures from Islamic history. Thanks to Ms. Khatma & the Islamic team for leading this unique Assembly.

Primary Section News; Y6 Graduation, 12/5/25!



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Primary Section News; Y6 Graduation, 12/5/25!



Dear Ms.Valerie :)

On this special occasion of Year 6 graduation, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire WSS leadership and teaching team.

It feels just like yesterday when the Junior Section journey began, and now we are already at the end of Primary. It has been a remarkable experience watching our son grow through these formative years.

WSS has played a vital role in shaping his overall development — fostering his intellectual growth, character building, and confidence. The nurturing environment, strong academic foundation, and emphasis on holistic learning have truly made a difference.

As parents, we are proud and thankful for the commendable progress Syed Taha has made, thanks to the dedication of his teachers and the thoughtful supervision of the SLT throughout his journey.

Thank you once again for making this journey so meaningful and today so memorable.

Warm regards,
Parents of Syed Taha Ahmed Y6BH

Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5H2, 14/5/25!



Well done to Y5H2 for an excellent Assembly on the theme 'Resilience'. We learnt that a positive growth mindset & giving ourselves encouraging messages, will help us meet challenges. & targets.



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y3S1, 14/5/25!



Well done to Y3S1 for a super confident Assembly on the theme 'Resilience'. We learnt to keep trying & never give up.. The song & dance were very well presented.



Primary Section News; Y3S1 Learning Activities!



Primary Section News; Y3 Activity With Ms. Dalal!

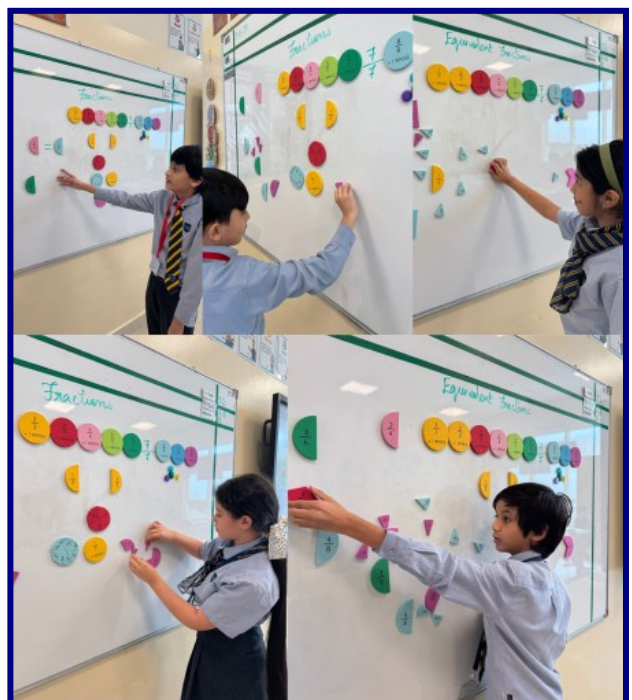


Primary Section News; Y3 & Y4 Maths Activities!

Y3F1 Students enthusiastically took part in the Maths event, engaging in hands-on activities that built their problem-solving and reasoning skills in a fun, interactive way.



Maths Week Activities - Students of Y3F2 explored different activities which was conducted by the Teachers of Y3.



Y4F1's Maths lesson with Ms. Oshin.
LFQ: How do I identify and find equivalent fractions?

Primary Section News; Y3 Family First Breakfast, 15/5/25!

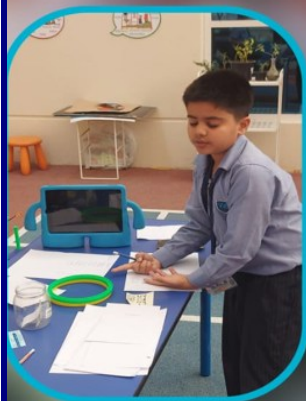


It was a wonderful day of family breakfast. Parental engagement was truly remarkable, and both students and parents thoroughly enjoyed the event. They shared food, laughter, and meaningful conversations making it a warm and memorable occasion for everyone.

Primary Section News; Y3S2 Learning Activities!



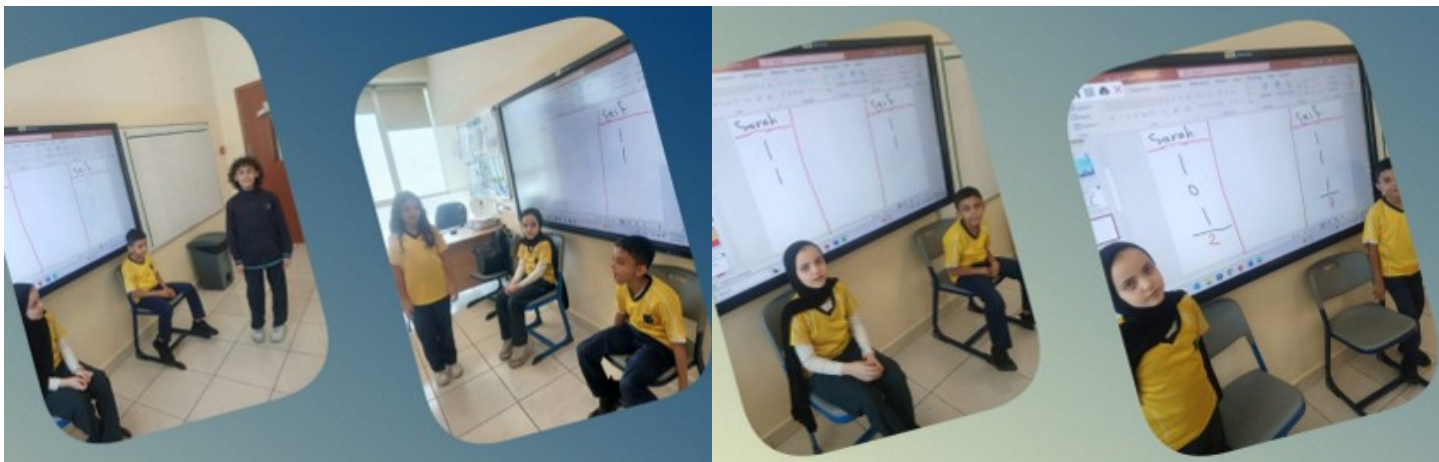
Y3S2 Fun and engaging Math activity was conducted to enhance students' understanding of mathematical concepts . Students participated in activities such as number games, shape puzzles, and measurement tasks. These activities encouraged critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.
With Ms. Lissy



Y3S2 -Delightful Family First Breakfast where students, parents, and teachers came together to start the day with warmth and togetherness. Laughter, conversations, and smiles filled the morning as children proudly shared their school space with their parents. It was a heartwarming experience that strengthened our school community . **With Ms. Lissy**



Primary Section News; Y4 Learning Activities!



The 'Chair Strategy' involves selected students seated in front of the class. The students direct questions at each other, and — all based on the material covered during the lesson. At the end of the activity, the winning team is announced.

This fun activity helps students develop their teambuilding skills & confidence. Thank you Ms. Dalal for sharing this fun strategy.



Primary Section News; Y4D Maths Learning Activities!

Y4D1



Y4 D2 Maths Activity Pictures:



Primary Section News; Y4F Maths Learning Activities!

Y4F1



Y4 F2



Primary Section News; Y4H Maths Learning Activities!

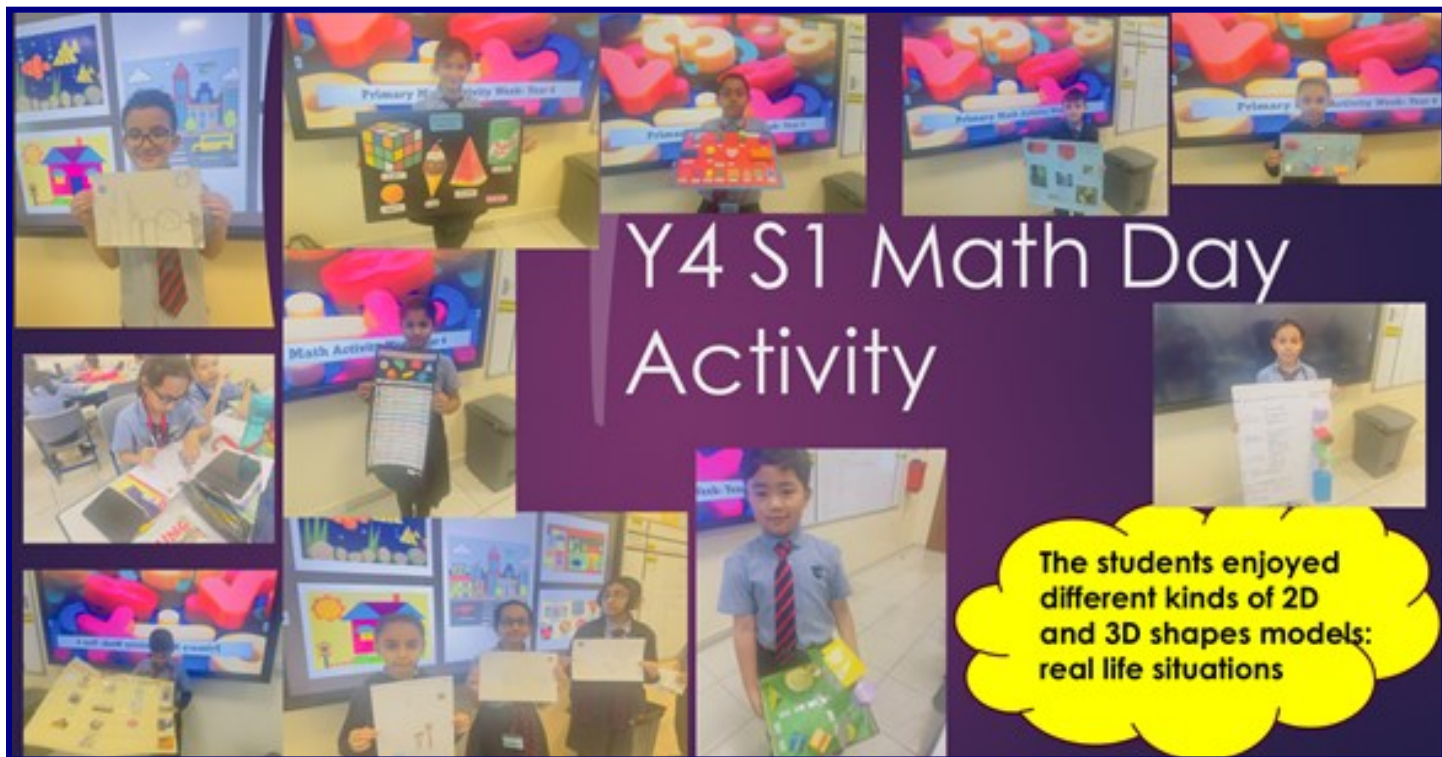
Y4H1



Y4H2



Primary Section News; Y4S Maths Learning Activities!



Primary Section News; Y5 Maths Problem-Solving Activity, 14/5/25!



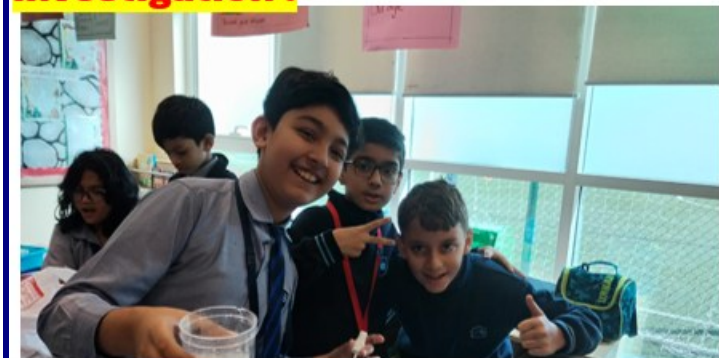
Primary Section News; Y5 Maths Problem-Solving Activity, 14/5/25!



Primary Section News; Y5—The Joy of Being a Scientist!



The Joy of Being a Scientist – Y5D2 discovered the thrill of scientific investigation .



Y5D2 explored chemical reactions by mixing vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. The fizzing showed that a gas was made — proof of a real chemical change!

Primary Section News; Y5S2 Maths & Science Activities!



Year 5S2 students enthusiastically took part in Maths Week, exploring the spirit of Maths through exciting games and fun-filled activities.



Exploring the Science of Change:
When Reactions Can't Be Reversed

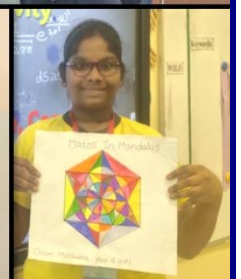
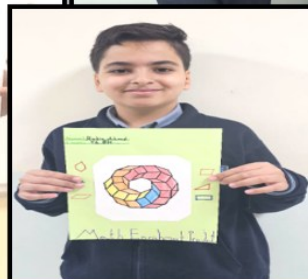
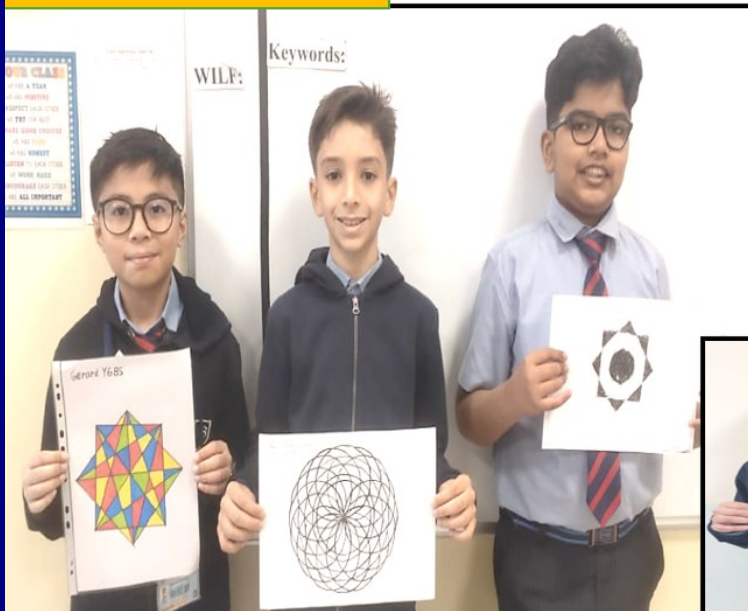
Primary Section News; Y5 & Y6 Maths Activities!



Y5H1

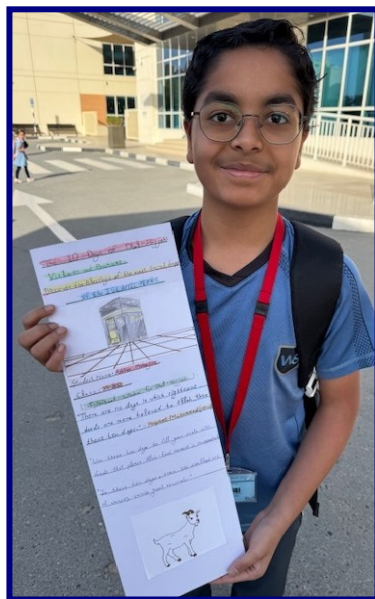
"Math + Fun = Learning Magic!"

Y6 Maths activity



Year 6 students enjoyed fun-filled Math's activities that fostered collaboration, critical thinking, and a genuine enjoyment of mathematics.

Secondary Section News; Learning Projects!



Secondary Section News; Parent Voice—'You Said...We Did...'



You Said,

Year 11 Arabic students and parents requested targeted revision for Paper 1 and Paper 2 topics.



Cambridge IGCSE®
**Arabic as a
First Language**

We Did,

In response, the department arranged online revision sessions covering essential topics from both papers. These sessions were tailored to meet all student needs, with additional academic support provided to ensure thorough preparation and boost confidence ahead of the exams.

Secondary Section News; Participation in the 'Sultan's Wisdom; Empowering Minds' SPEA's Competition at SEA !



WSS students Maryam Mohamed (Y10GF) and Tallia Tariq (Y10GF) represented WSS in the final round of the 'Sultan's Wisdom: Empowering Minds' competition held at the Sharjah Education Academy, organized by SPEA.

We are very proud of their enthusiastic engagement! They shared very positive feedback about the experience and thoroughly enjoyed their time during the competition.

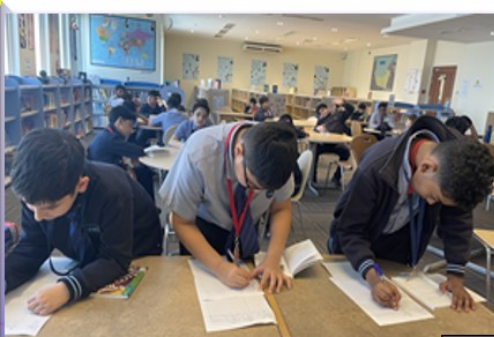
Thank you Ms. Shaymaa for your support & encouragement.



Secondary Section News; Library News!

WSS SECONDARY LIBRARY NEWS -TERM 3

COLLABORATIVE READING CHALLENGE



IN EACH CLASS, THREE GROUPS READ THREE DIFFERENT BOOKS AND LATER SHARED INSIGHTS THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AND CRITICAL QUESTIONS. A GREAT DISPLAY OF TEAMWORK AND A LOVE FOR READING!



Secondary Section News; KS4 Wellbeing!

“Take what you need”! Wall



Books—if your child is going to reuse textbooks next year (e.g. for IGCSE), please remember to store them safely over the summer. The same book will not be issued to your child more than once. Thanks.

KS4 students created a space to reflect on their needs and support each other with positive affirming messages

Secondary Section News; KS4 Wellbeing!



As part of our wellbeing initiative, Year 10 boys took part in the “*Take What You Need Today*” activity—selecting positive affirmations to support their mental health and sharing uplifting messages with peers. They also enjoyed a lively *Break Buster Football Match*, fostering teamwork, energy, and a great sense of camaraderie during their break time.

