

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

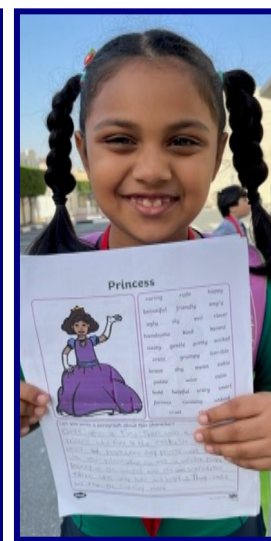
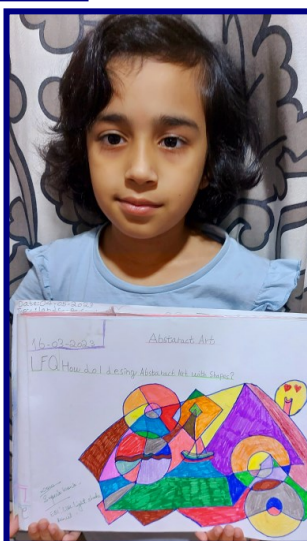
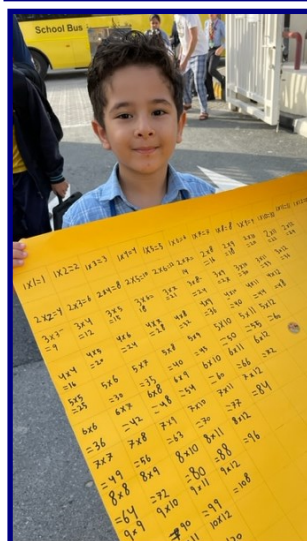
Dear WSS Parents,

GEMS Internal Review

As well as the SPEA SPR Inspection this year, we also hosted a team of internal GEMS reviewers on 23/5/23. The Review focus was 'Innovation & Challenge in the Classroom', a key target identified in the SPEA SPR inspection Report. The team spent the day doing lesson observations, & held meetings with students and staff to triangulate the data. We were judged overall 'Good'. We are so proud to share that our students' behaviour & attitude to learning was again praised & appreciated as a clear strength of the school by all the Review team. Thank you parents—your children are a credit to you! Thank you students—you made us super proud!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thurs. 1st- Thurs. 15th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T3 compulsory Promotional Exams until Thursday 15/6/23 Whole School timings 7:30am-12:15pm
29/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official last day of the academic year (TBC by SPEA) The last day for all T3 Promotional Exams is Thursday 15th June. However, students may attend school until Eid, if parents wish.
Thurs. 29th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to apply on the system for a TC (Transfer Certificate), if leaving WSS. Deadline to apply for any certificate attestation arranged through the GRE Ms. Abir. After this date, we would be unable to guarantee completion of your documents before August 24th due to staff Annual Leave
Monday 28/8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New student's first day of the new academic year, subject to full T1 fees being cleared & all required documents submitted.
Tuesday 29/8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Returning students to rejoin from Tuesday 29/8/23</u>, subject to full T1 fees having been cleared in full. Students must return to school within one week from school opening (by latest Monday 4th September). <u>Seats will not be held beyond this date</u>, even if the re-enrollment fee has been paid). There are <u>no Payment Plans for Term 1</u>, so please Budget accordingly. Students will only be admitted for the new academic year once T1 fees have been cleared in full. Thank you.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 33
1 يونيو 2023



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي السيدة
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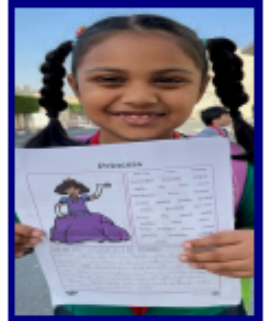
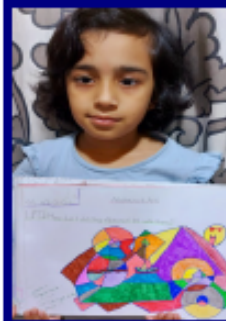
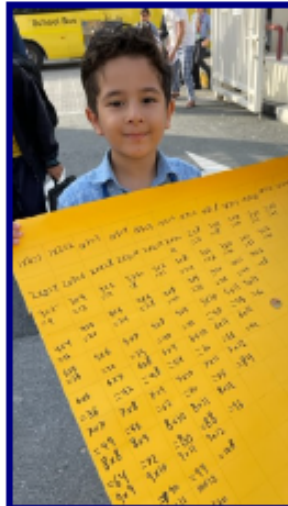
أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

مراجعة GEMS الداخلية

بالإضافة إلى فحص SPEA SPR هذا العام ،
استضافنا أيضًا فريقًا من مراجعي GEMS
الداخليين في 23/5/23. كان تركيز المراجعة
على "الابتكار والتحدي في الفصل الدراسي" ،

وهو هدف رئيسي تم تحديده في تقرير فحص SPEA SPR.

أمضى الفريق اليوم في إجراء ملاحظات الدرس ، وعقد اجتماعات مع
الطلاب والموظفين لتتبع الملاحظات. تم تقييمنا بشكل عام بـ "جيد". نحن
فخورون جدًا بالمشاركة في أن سلوك طلابنا وموقفهم تجاه التعلم قد تم
الإشادة به مرة أخرى وتقديره كقوة واضحة للمدرسة من قبل جميع
فريقي المراجعة. شكرًا لك الوالدين - أطفالك فضل لك!
شكرًا لكم أيها الطلاب - لقد جعلتمونا فخورين للغاية!



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 عيبر. • 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 الجديد في العام الدراسي الجديد ، يخضع لسداد رسوم T1 كاملة. • عودة الطلاب للاتحاق 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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Find our updated **Parent Hand-book** through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.



Whole School News; Trolley Bag Policy for September 2023



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GEMS
EDUCATION

NO Trolley Bags

Safety Policy



For the safety and well-being of our students, **trolley bags will not be allowed in school from the next academic year (2023-2024).**



Pulling heavy trolley bags poses a risk of accidents.

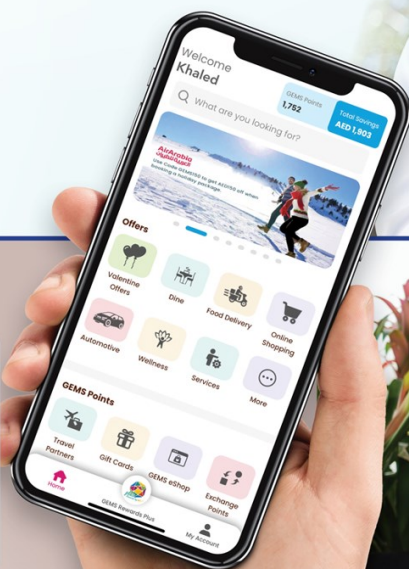
In Junior Section, students will not be expected to carry heavy books to and from school every day, so they will not need huge bags. Instead, the notebooks/ writing books will be kept in the school and the home learning books/practice books will be kept at home to reduce the bags' weight.

Primary-Secondary students will be offered a Locker to store their books.

Environment & Recycling Superstar Champions!



Whole School News; GEMS for Life!

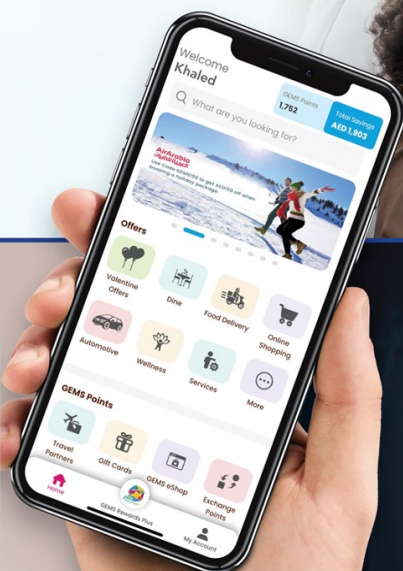


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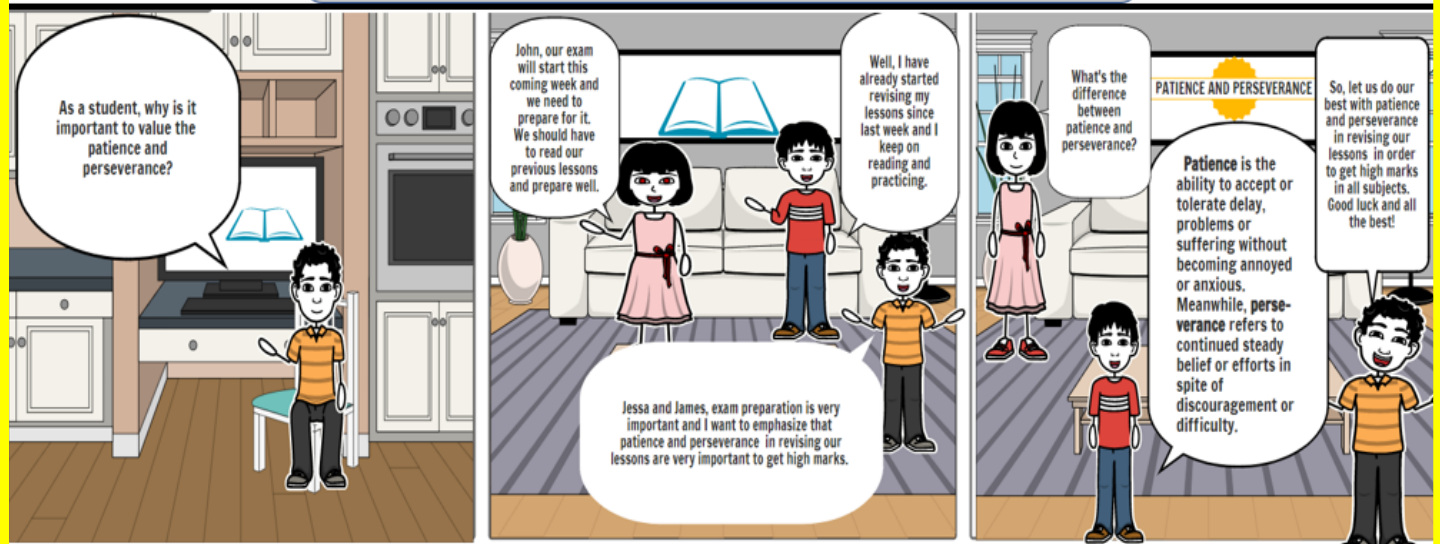
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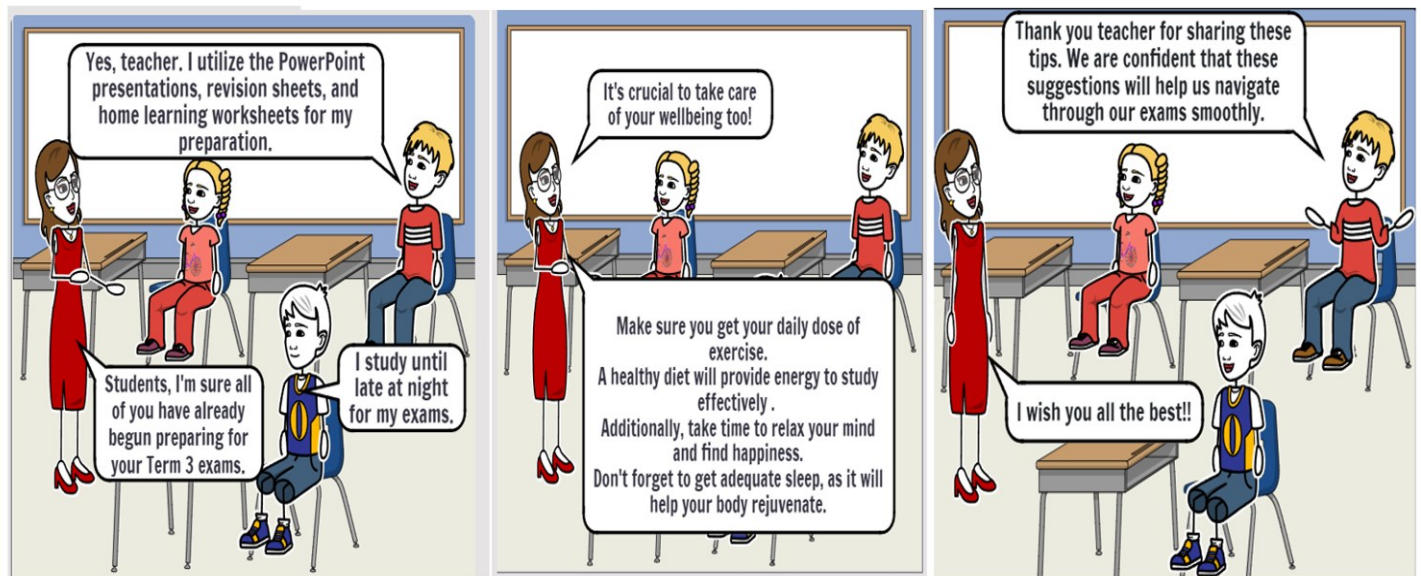


Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

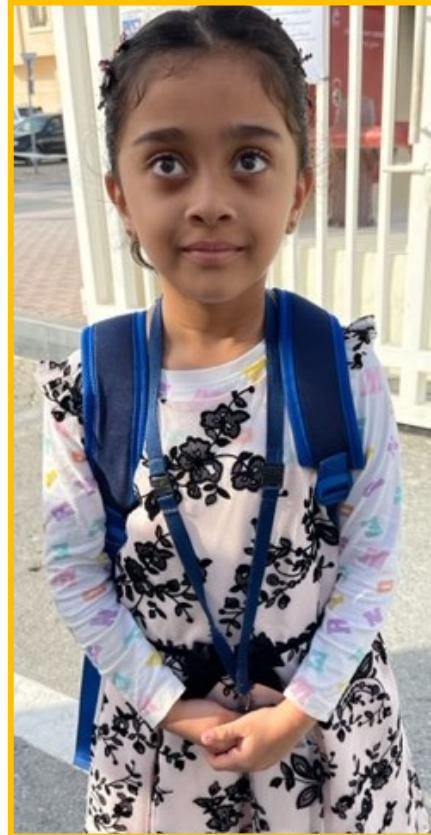
Patience and Perseverance



EXAM PREPARATION AND WELLBEING



Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Miss Shamail,

Hope you are doing well, I am really happy after receiving my son's assessment result. He has been passed in his admission test and is in waiting list for academic year 2023-2024 for FS2 with SR: 1349917.

It would not be possible without your support. The way you are facilitating the parents is really remarkable.

I am really hopeful for his admission. WSS is my high priority as I am a happy parent and part of WSS family since 2020. I always give positive remarks in each survey and all the social media platforms and tried to play my role positively.

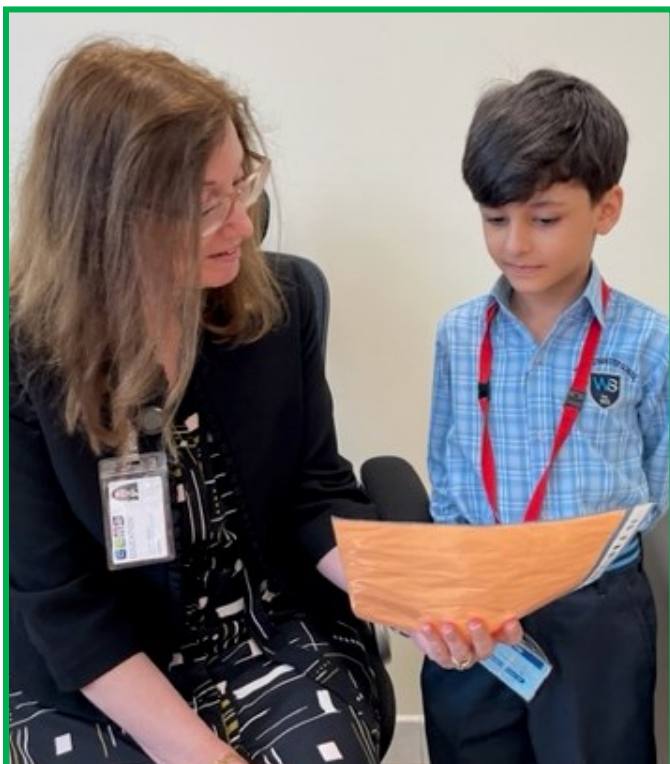


Well done & thank you to Ms. Mariam, Ms. Neha, Ms. Nikhat & Ms. Himaya for their commitment to professional development. They joined a CPD session on 'Creating Enabling EYFS Environments' at GCS on 20/5/23, with the Principal & SPEA SIA Ms. Lynn also attending. The guest speaker was Ms. Ruth Swailes, an EYFS expert.

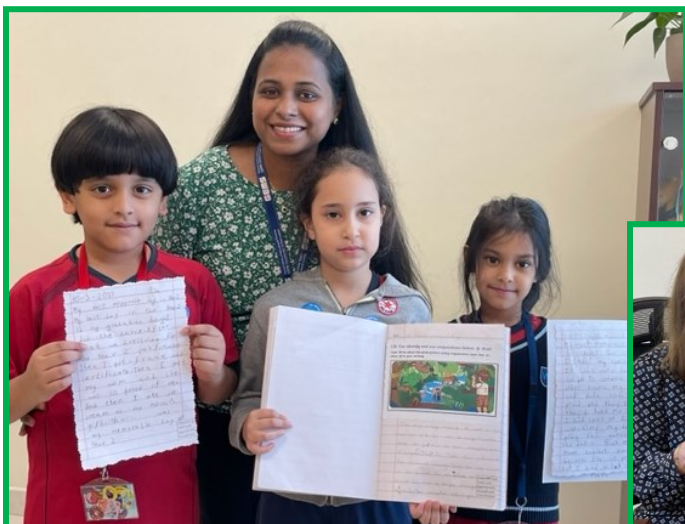


The Principal was treated to a super cute dramatization of 'The Owl Babies'. The narrator did a great job reading the story book.

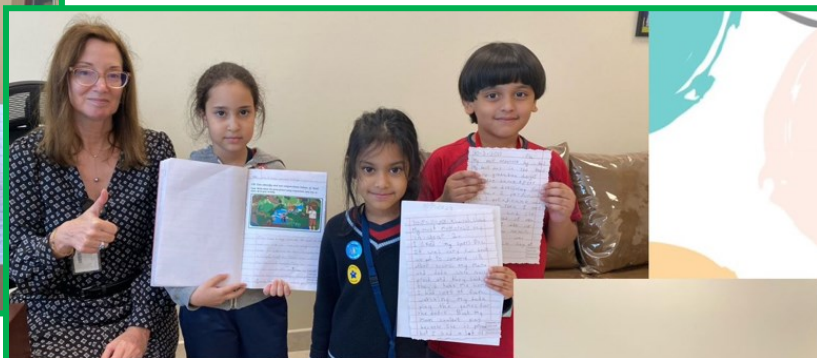
Beautiful poetry recitation.



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



Ms. Valerie was treated to three amazing stories, written by our budding authors. They had used amazing WOW! words t& used beautiful hand-writing too. Thank you for sharing your creative writing!



Students of Y2S2 reading their best writings to SLTs ~ with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

FS 1 H with Ms.Kishwar and Ms.krishna ..



Hooray! Ms.Valerie admired our Progress 🥰👏🎉



Y2F2

Well done Kasrass for your beautiful poem & confident recitation!

Junior Section News; FS & Y1 Preparing for Their Concert!



Junior Section News; Learning Activities in FS1!



FS 1 H having fun in Arabic class!!



FS 1 H



Busy with class room activities!!



Junior Section News; Learning Activities in FS2!

With Ms. Christine and Ms. Maria

FS2H1 TELLS AND ENACT THE STORY OF "OWL BABIES" BY Martin Waddell



ANOTHER FILLED MARBLE JAR,
ANOTHER PROGRESS!



FS2H1 IS BUSY HAVING FUN AND
LEARNING AT THE SAME TIME
WITH MS. CHRISTINE AND MS.
MARIA



Junior Section News; Learning Activities in FS2!

**CARPET TIME WITH REVISION
FS2H2**



MS.NEHA AND MS.RASHINI

**ARABIC HOME LEARNING
FS2H2**



WITH MS.ISRA

**READING TIME
FS2H2**



MS.NEHA AND MS.RASHINI

Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y1!



Class Activities



Learning about Split i_e



Learning about that classification of animals



Learning about Birds



Learning about Birds

Junior Section News; Creative Activities in Y1 & Y2!



Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y2!

We are enjoying our OLA 3.



Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y2!

Y2S2 students learned to make tally chart with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin



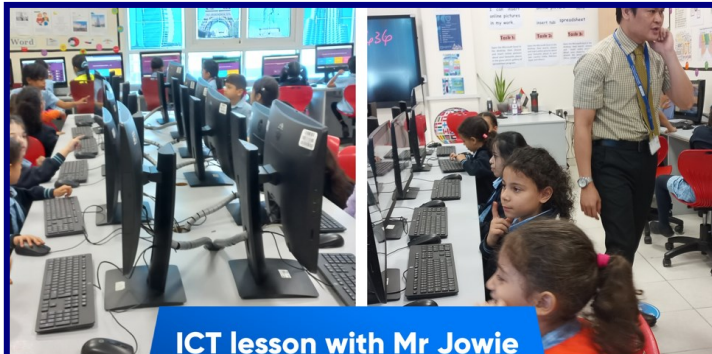
Junior Section News; Learning Activities in Y2!



Y2F2



Math Lesson with Ms Sidra and
Ms
Ashika

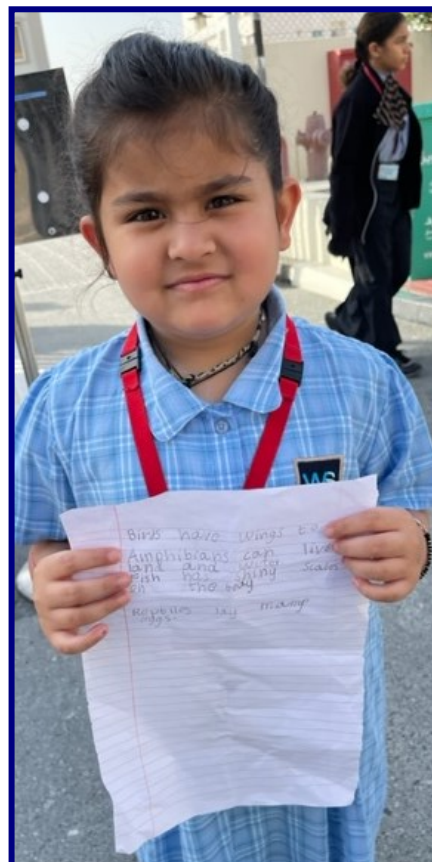


ICT lesson with Mr Jowie



Y2F2

Junior Section News



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Teachers,

I would like to thank each one of you for motivating WSS students as usual.

I had noticed big improvement in Natalie's academic level this year.

She starts studying more and she is always make sure that all her homework's are done on time.

This is such a major turn in her level and in her personality as well.

The appreciation certificate and the trophy you have given to her last Thursday made her so glad and more confident, I wouldn't be able to do it without you all.

You made me so happy as well, thank you from the depth of my heart.

I'm so proud to keep my daughters in WSS, keep it up and thank you again.

Note: I appreciate if you can share photos you've taken in the mentioned assembly.

Regards,

Natalie's Mother



Y5 Swimming Champion!



Y-5D2: Izaan



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Good day

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the recognition and support provided to Arham Jafri (Y3/D1)

We would also like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication.

Thank you so much.

Zeeshan Jafri.

Dear teachers,

As the academic year 2022-2023 is about to end I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the phenomenal work all the teachers have done with my son (Yahya Farrukh) and all the students in Year 3.

I would like to begin by thanking Ms. Anshy (Class teacher), who has been a guiding light in teaching Math, English, Science, and Geography. Thank you for the tireless efforts you've put into making learning so engaging and fun. I have seen my son's understanding and curiosity grow in these subjects, and his progress is a testament to your dedication and expertise. You have fostered a love of learning that has, without a doubt, prepared him well for his future studies. Not only that your continuous encouragement has led to a massive boost in his confidence.

Moving on, I would like to thank Ms. Asma (Islamiat's teacher) for her steady and caring way of teaching this deep subject. Your teaching has really helped my son grow in his spiritual life and in knowing what is right and wrong. The important things you've taught him will definitely help him all through his life. What he's learned from you goes beyond just school - it has helped him understand and respect our beliefs and customs.

To the teacher, Ms. Sarada and Ms. Nikita (teacher of Social Studies and moral education), thank you for introducing my son to the broader world and igniting an interest in the people, cultures, and societies that make up our global community. Your lessons have sparked countless conversations at home and have made him more aware of the world he is part of. I admire your dedication.

Ms. Eman (Arabic teacher) your dedication to teaching such a beautiful yet complex language is truly commendable. Your patience, enthusiasm, and unique teaching style have made the language accessible and enjoyable for Yahya. Now, Arabic is one of his favorite subjects.

And lastly, Ms. Namitha (ICT teacher), thank you for equipping my son with the essential digital skills he needs in this increasingly technological world. Your lessons have not only been educational but also very engaging.

I am incredibly thankful to all the teachers for their dedication, and hard work. Hope you know how much we appreciate your efforts and how grateful we are for your influence in our kid's life.

Thank you for this amazing, exciting, successful, and enjoyable year.

Thanks and regards

Ayesha Farrukh

Mother of Yahya Farrukh

Y3 H2

Dear Mrs. Syeda Razvi,

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for your exceptional dedication and hard work as a class teacher for **Year 5/Grade 4 - H2**.

Your commitment to educating and nurturing students is truly admirable, and I am grateful for the positive impact you have had on my child's education.

Your passion for teaching shines through in your engaging lessons, creative approaches, and unwavering support for each student's growth. You go above and beyond to ensure that every child feels valued, encouraged, and motivated to learn.

Your ability to create a nurturing and inclusive classroom environment has made a significant difference in my child Yousuf Salah's educational journey. Your patience, understanding, and ability to connect with students on a personal level have fostered a love for learning and a sense of confidence in his abilities.

Thank you for making learning exciting and meaningful, and for inspiring a thirst for knowledge within my child. Your tireless efforts and genuine care for your students are truly appreciated.

Wishing you continued success and fulfillment in your teaching career. You are a remarkable educator, and I feel fortunate that my child has the opportunity to learn from you.

With profound gratitude,

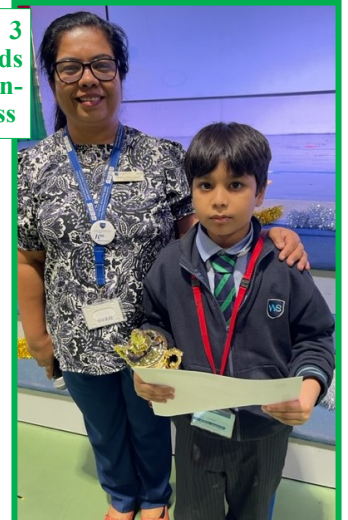
Student Name : Yousuf Mohamed Salah

Year 5/Grade 4 - H2

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions; Y3-Y4 Achievement Assembly, 30/5/23!



Ms. Sonia's 3
Special Awards
for the Environ-
ment & Kindness



*WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions;
Y3-Y4 Achievement Assembly, 30/5/23!*



Primary Section News; Achievement Assembly Entertainment, 30/5/23!



Y3D2



Y4S2



Y4D2

Y-5F1: Midrara



Y-5S2: Memona



Y-6G: Haya



Y-5S2: Umer



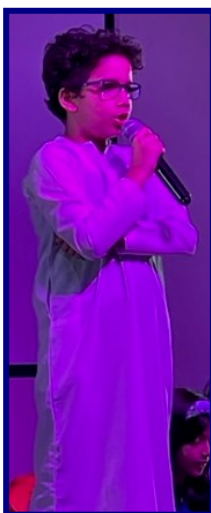
Primary Section News; Assembly Time With Y3S2!



Y3S2's super Assembly was about developing 'Good Character Traits' to make the world around us better & to improve ourselves through making good choices. The speakers had learnt their lines so well & presented very confidently.



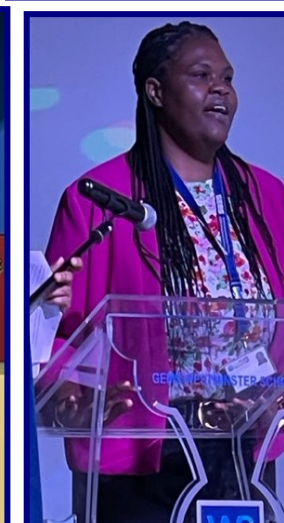
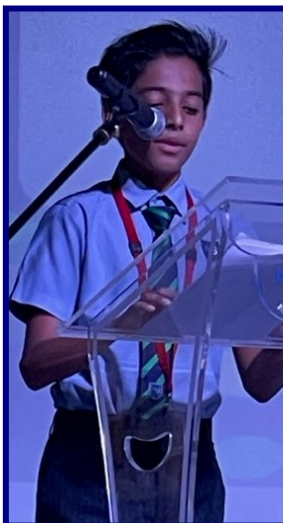
Primary Section News; Assembly Time With Y4S3!



Y4S3's super Assembly was on the importance of 'Respect' & how we can demonstrate respect in our daily life.



Primary Section News; Y6 Transition Assembly, 31/5/23!



Y6 students attended their Transition Assembly on 31/5/23, when they met Secondary senior leaders and enjoyed a range of entertainment to celebrate the end of their Primary education. We wish them all the very best on the next stage of their learning journey!



Primary Section News; Y6 Transition Assembly, 31/5/23!



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

Classroom Award in Islamic lessons given by (Ms. Khatma Noureen)

Y-9GD: Maham Ibrahim, Maham Sohail, Khadijah



Y-8BH: Hamid, Muizz, Shahvaiz, Alman



Y-8GS; Eman, Yaraa



Y-7GS; Maysha, Eman, Umaiza



Y-7BD/H: Hassan, Dawood



Well done to Fatima Zahra (Y8GD) for completing the super challenge task and being able to explain the concept eloquently using a self-made model to explain the concept of Aerobic Respiration. Thanks Ms. Aparna for the challenge task and for enabling innovation in the lesson.

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms, Divyamol

This's Jana Hany's mother,

I'd like to Thank you for everything , and it's a pleasure to hear from my daughter about you . I appreciate your kind words and your recognition of the impact a teacher's treatment can have on a student's level of achievement. I believe that an educator, it is a responsibility to create a supportive and nurturing environment for students.

Jana is an emotional child who values her memories, as this can be a great asset for her learning and growth. When students feel valued and supported, they are more likely to engage actively in their education and strive to achieve their goals.

If there are any specific areas or concerns you would like to address, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you again for your kind words and trust. Together, which can help Jana succeed and develop into a confident and accomplished learner.

Warm regards,

Haqar Awad

Dear Ms Anju

Good evening

Hope my email finds you well

I want to take this chance to thank you for all your efforts and kindness with Nouren that let her do her best to achieve her goals

We appreciate all what you are doing .

Regards

Radwa fahmy



Certificate of Participation

This certificate is presented to

Sreeja Sivaraman

For participation in the webinar "From Assessment to Achievement:
Optimizing Data Analysis for Student Growth"

On 22nd May, 2023

24/05/2023

Co-Founder, Shiminly

www.shiminly.com

Lifelong Learning; well done to Ms. Sreeja for her commitment to ongoing professional learning.



Secondary Section News; Linguistic Talent Week Prize Distribution, 1/6/23!



Competitions included Elocution, Spell Bee & SPAG Royale. Congratulations to all the finalists & winners for their hard work, & thank you to the teachers who supported.



Secondary Section News; Linguistic Talent Week Prize Distribution, 1/6/23!



Secondary Section News; Linguistic Talent Week Prize Distribution, 1/6/23!



Secondary Section News; KS3 Learning Activities!



Y7BF1



**Ahmed Zubair Y8BF1
presenting to his class**



**Learning Activities in KS3; Y7 students taking
ongoing Progress Test in the class.**

**Ahmed Zubair Y8BF1 conducting a student
led lesson as a part of revision.**



Y7BS1

STEAM in ACCOUNTING

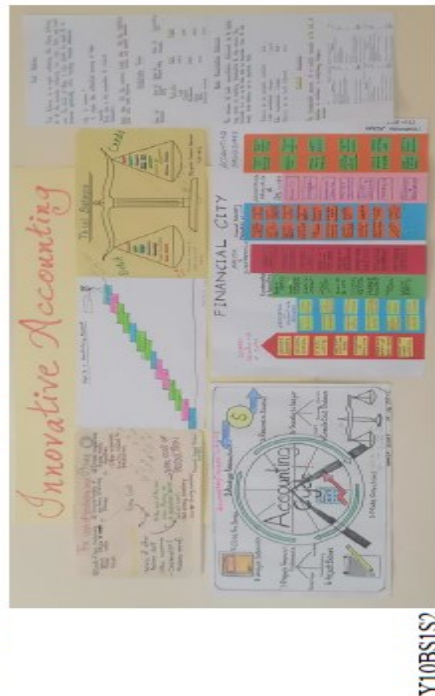
As part of STEAM lessons, students of Y10BS1S2 under the guidance of Ms. Asha Joseph were worked as the contractors of NASA by manufacturing NASA SPACE CRAFT and categorized the different types of cost for manufacturing NASA's space craft as direct & indirect costs. Students were revising the 'Accounts for manufacturing business' & applied their knowledge by analysing different types of spacecraft manufacturing cost & critically evaluate why these costs are classified as direct & indirect.



Y10GD/FS & Y10BS1/S2 presented different accounting practices, concepts, formats & treatments in an innovative form based on their target or challenging level during the GEMS review week. Students created a 'Wall for Innovative Accounting' based on the different teaching strategies implemented in their accounting lessons with Ms. Asha. Here we see the students' innovative learning outcomes & how they are connected to real life. In addition they categorized the different cost for manufacturing NASA's space craft.

Innovative Accounting

Students of Y10GDFS & Y10BS1S2 were presented the different accounting practices, concepts, formats & treatments in an innovative form based on their target or challenging level during the GEMS review week under the guidance of Ms. Asha Joseph. Thus, the students were created a "Wall of Innovative Accounting". Below are the different teaching strategies implemented in my accounting lessons & the students innovative learning outcomes.



Y10GDFS

Secondary Section News; Celebrating Arabic Success!



Celebrating success in Arabic, & saying farewell to Mr. Ahmed.

