

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #33
19th May 2022



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

SPEA Inspection Review Visit

Just to keep you informed, our scheduled SPEA IRV had to be postponed from 16-17/5/22 due to Mourning protocols. However, we are ready & excited to show off all the great work that our students are doing with their teachers! We will let you know when the IRV is rescheduled & look forward to your ongoing support as usual.

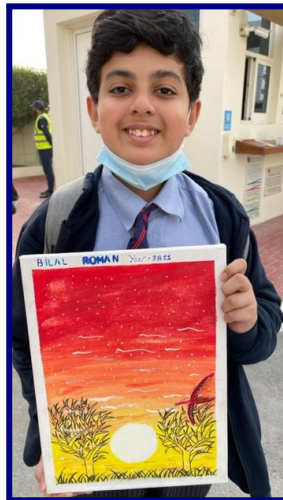
Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thurs. 23rd June	• Last exam day
Thurs. 30th June 2022	• Last official day of the academic year for students
Mon. 29th August	• First day of new Academic Year 2022-2023. T1 Fees need to be cleared in full before any student joins. Please budget accordingly as there are no T1 Payment Plans.

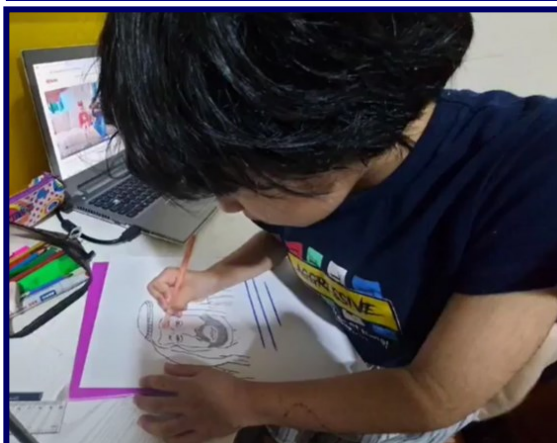
Parent Satisfaction Survey

This will be released shortly. Many thanks in advance for your time to complete it to support our

developmental journey. Your positive Promotor feedback is valued & reviewed. Judgment guidance is on p3-4. Thank you.



WSS shares sincere condolences with the rulers, family & all the people of UAE on the sad passing of HH Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed al Nahyan, President of the UAE from 2004 until 2022. Thank you to Nabia for sharing your moving & carefully created video commemorating his life. May he rest in peace.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 33
19 مايو 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومبسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

زيارة مراجعة تفتيش SPEA

فقط لإبلاغك على اطلاع ، كان لا بد من
تأجيل SPEA IRV المجدول لدينا من 16-
17 / 22 / 5 بسبب بروتوكولات الحداد.

ومع ذلك ، نحن مستعدون ومتحمسون لإظهار كل العمل الرائع الذي يقوم
به طلابنا مع معلمهم! سنخبرك عند إعادة جدولة IRV ومنتطلع إلى
دعمك المستمر كالمعتاد.

استبيان رضا الوالدين

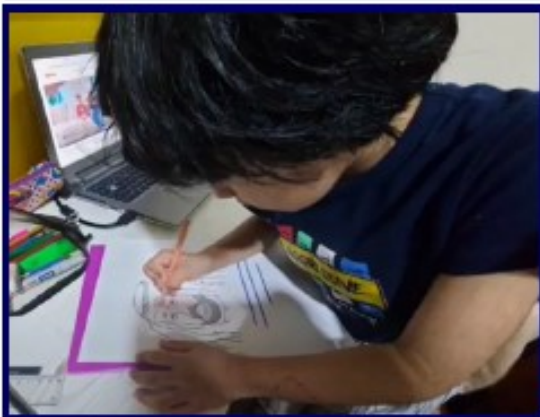
سيتم الإفراج عن هذا قريبا. شكرا جزيلا مقدما على الوقت الذي قضيته
في إكمالها لدعم رحلتنا التنموية. تقييم ومراجعة ملاحظات المروج
الإيجابية الخاصة بك. إرشادات الحكم موجودة في الصفحتين 3 و 4.

المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الخميس، 23 يونيو	يوم الامتحان الأخير
الخميس، 30 يونيو 2022	آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي للطلاب
الاثنين، 29 أغسطس	اليوم الأول من العام الدراسي الجديد 2022-2023. يجب تسوية رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل انضمام أي طالب. يرجى وضع الميزانية وفقا لذلك حيث لا توجد خطط دفع T1



نتقدم WSS بأحر التعازي مع الحكام والأسرة وجميع أفراد الإمارات العربية المتحدة في وفاة صاحب السمو الشيخ خليفة بن زايد آل نهيان ،
رئيس دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة من عام 2004 حتى عام 2022. حياته.



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

Whole School News; Be a Promotor—Parent Survey Guidance!



مدرسة جيمس وستمنستر للتربية
GEMS Westminister School
SHARJAH

Date: May, 2022

Dear Parents,

Subject: GEMS Parent Survey

At WSS, we are committed to engaging with our parents to achieve our vision, 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success for All'. We aim to provide the very best possible learning experience and outcomes for your child, so value your balanced, regular feedback on what is working well, and what can be improved further. In order to gain further parent feedback, GEMS will shortly issue a Parent Survey link to your registered email. We would highly appreciate you taking some of your valuable time to complete this to share your valuable insights.

في WSS ، نحن ملتزمون بالتواصل مع أولياء الأمور لتحقيق رؤيتنا، "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح للجميع". نحن نهدف إلى تقديم أفضل تجربة تعليمية ونتائج ممكنة لطفلك، لذا نقدر ملاحظاتك المتوازنة والمنتظمة حول ما يعمل بشكل جيد، وما الذي يمكن تحسينه أكثر. " من أجل الحصول على المزيد من ملاحظات الوالدين، ستصدر GEMS قريباً رابط استطلاع رأي أولياء إلى بريدك الإلكتروني المسجل. نحن نقدر تقديراً عالياً أنك استغرقت بعض الوقت الثمين لإكمال هذا لمشاركة أفكارك القيمة.

FYI, please note:

Score	What this means	Some examples for scoring
10	Top score! Parent is a Promotor & would highly recommend WSS to family & friends أعلى نتيجة! الأباء هم المروجون ويوصون WSS للعائلة والأصدقاء بشدة.	Very happy & satisfied with school & management in all areas that are within school's control. Any queries/issues have been responded to promptly & solved. Child is making very good progress & is very happy with Teacher & to attend lessons. Parent feels that school is fully committed to improvement & high standards. سعيد جداً وراضٍ عن المدرسة والإدارة في جميع المجالات التي تقع تحت سيطرة المدرسة. تم الرد على أي استفسارات / مشكلات على الفور وحلها. يحرز الطفل تقدماً جيداً للغاية وهو سعيد جداً بالمعلم وحضور الدروس. يشعر ولي الأمر أن المدرسة ملتزمة تماماً بالتحسين والمعايير العالية.
9	Good score! Parent is a Promotor . Parent would recommend WSS to family & friends نتيجة جيدة! الأباء هم المروجون ويوصون WSS للعائلة والأصدقاء بشدة.	Generally happy & satisfied with school & management in most areas that are within school's control. Any queries/issues have been responded to & solved where possible. Child is making good progress & is happy with Teacher & to attend lessons. Parent feels that school is generally committed to improvement & high standards. يشكل عام سعيد وراضٍ عن المدرسة والإدارة في معظم المناطق التي تقع تحت سيطرة المدرسة. تم الرد على أي استفسارات / مشكلات وحلها حيثما أمكن ذلك. الطفل يحرز تقدماً جيداً ويسعد بالمدرس وحضور الدروس. يشعر ولي الأمر أن المدرسة ملتزمة عموماً بالتحسين والمعايير العالية.

Whole School News; Be a Promotor—Parent Survey Guidance!

7-8	Average score. Parent is 'Passive' متوسط درجة. الوالد "كثير فعال"	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Child's generally likes school & learning, but individual needs are only partially met for reasons within the school's control. Parent unsure whether they wish to continue at WSS due to aspects of the learning environment that are within the school's control. لا راض ولا غير راض. يحب الطفل عموماً المدرسة والتعلم، ولكن يتم تلبية الاحتياجات الفردية جزئياً فقط لأسباب تخضع لسيطرة المدرسة. الوالد غير متأكد مما إذا كانوا يرغبون في الاستمرار في WSS بسبب جوانب بيئة التعلم التي تقع تحت سيطرة المدرسة.
0-6	Low score. Parent is a 'Detractor' Parent would not recommend WSS to family/friends. درجة منخفضة. الوالد هو "منتقد" لن يوصي الوالدان بـ WSS للعائلة / الأصدقاء.	Parent/child not comfortable with the WSS learning environment/management/Teachers for reasons within the school's control. School does not respond to queries/issues or solve them where possible. Parent feels that school is not fully committed to improvement & high standards. الوالد / الطفل غير مرتاح لبيئة التعلم / الإدارة / المعلمين الخاصة بـ WSS لأسباب تحت سيطرة المدرسة. لا تستجيب المدرسة للاستفسارات / المشكلات أو تحلها حيثما أمكن ذلك. يشعر ولي الأمر أن المدرسة ليست ملتزمة تماماً بالتحسين والمعايير العالية.

We look forward to your feedback to support achievement of our vision, *'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success for All!'*

Thank you, dear parents.

Regards,

Ms. Valerie Thompson
WSS Principal/CEO

نتطلع إلى تلقي ملاحظاتك لدعم تحقيق رؤيتنا، "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح للجميع!"

شكراً لك الأباء الأعزاء.

مع تحياتي،

السيدة فاليري طومسون
مدير / WSS الرئيس التنفيذي

Whole School News

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

Sunny Varkey

YOU SAID, WE DID!

You said,

“We would like earlier exams.”

We did.

“Moved last exam date to 23/6/22.”

YOU SAID, WE DID!

More trips please!

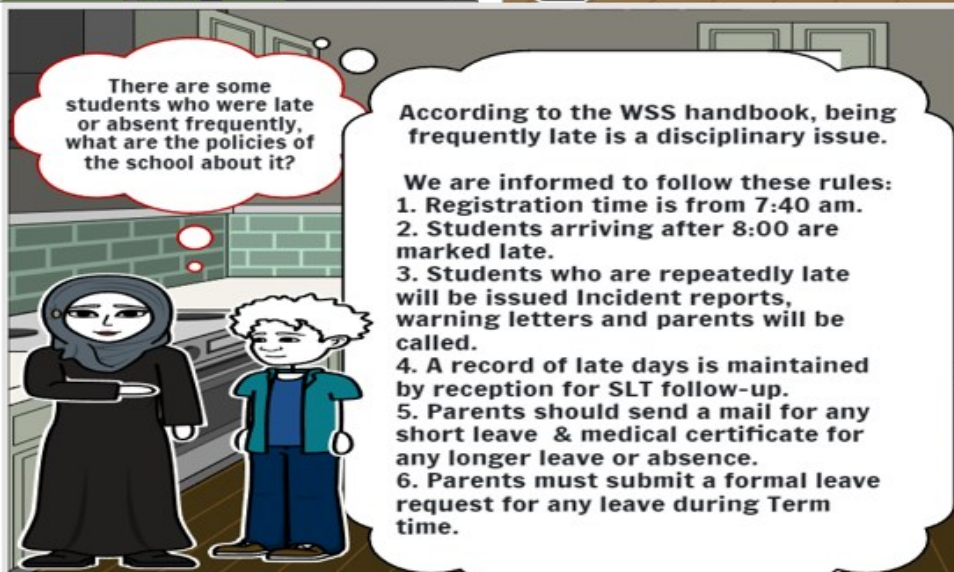
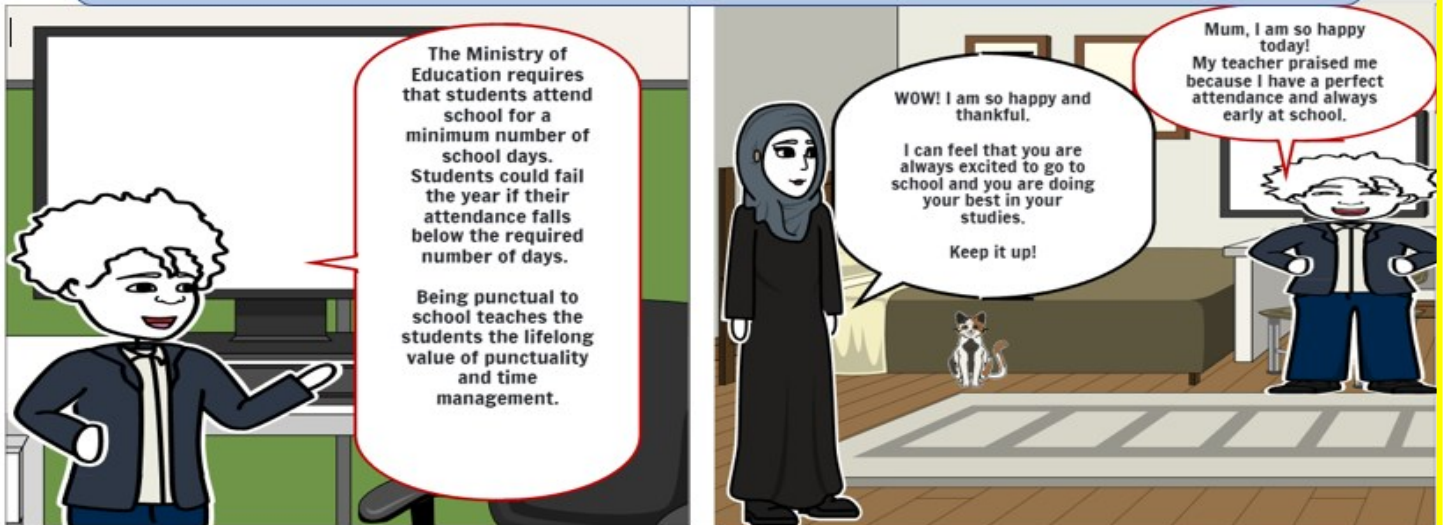
Arranged Trips for Term3!

Find our updated Parent Handbook through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.

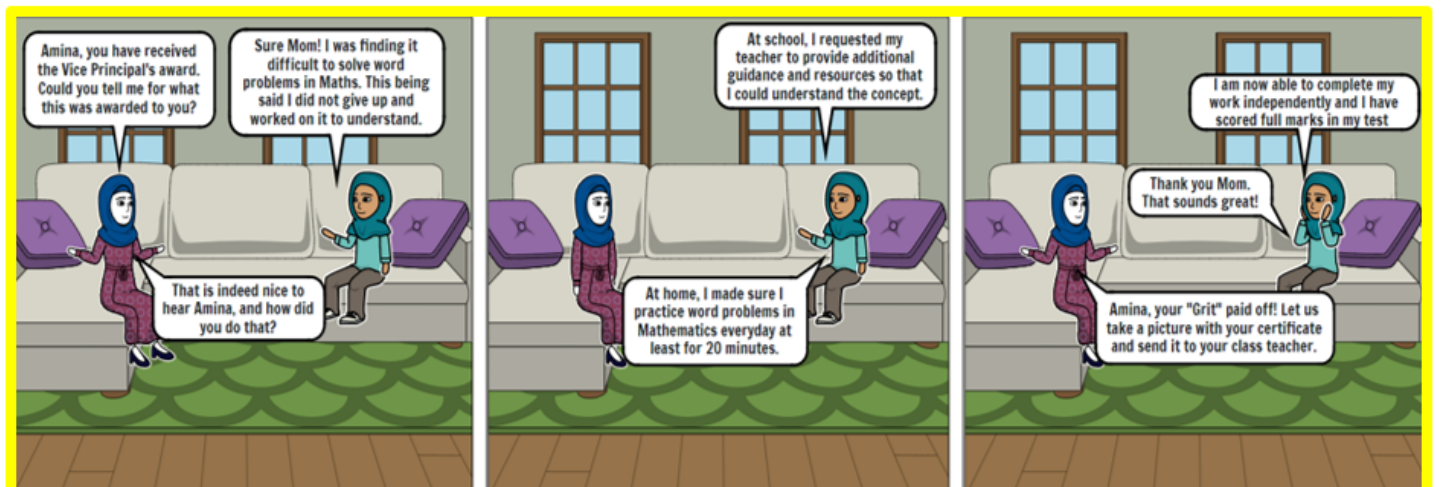


Whole School News!

WSS Attendance and Punctuality Policy



CHARACTER TRAIT: "GRIT"

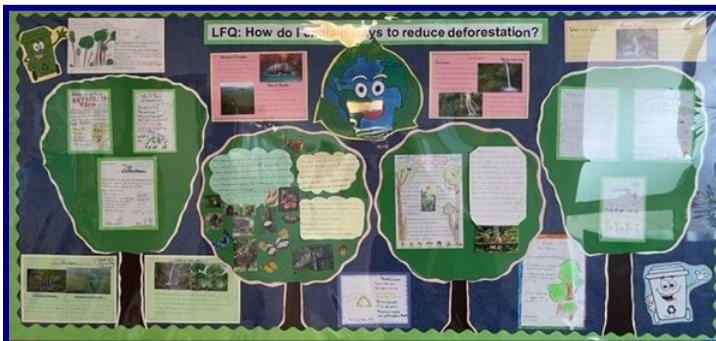


Whole School News; the Use of Displays to Enhance Learning, Values, Character & School Vision!

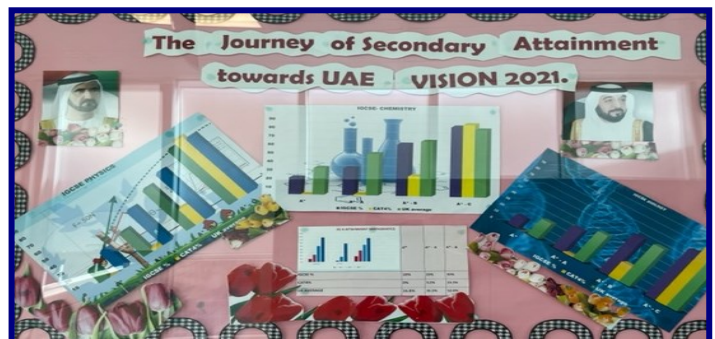
We use displays to reinforce key messages, celebrate students' achievement & progress, give opportunities for student voice & to highlight core learning. Here are some examples below:



Reading skills development is a whole-school key target. We prioritise meeting the UAE's Vision & sharing UAE culture!

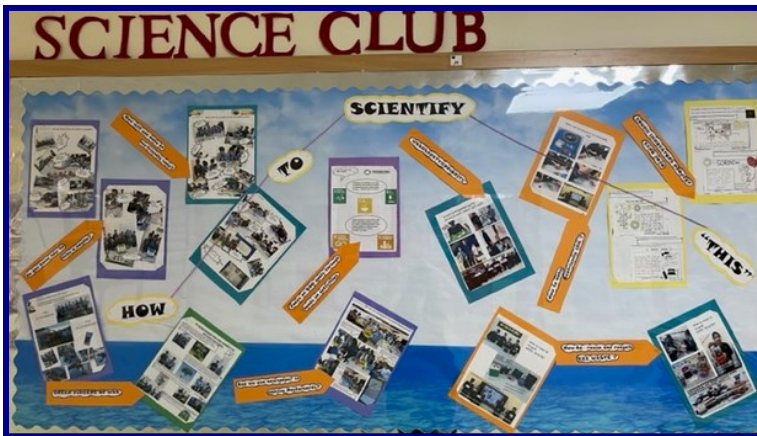


We promote environmental awareness & globally responsible citizenship, through linking concepts & problem-solving to real-life & using cross-curricular links. Displays have a clear LFQ to promote thinking & learning.



Some displays focus on promoting Islamic values, a love for Arabic & Arabic traditions & Culture. Our innovative STEAM initiative includes Arabic.

Whole School News; the Use of Displays to Enhance Learning, Values, Character & School Vision!



Displays are used to reinforce the curriculum, to celebrate students' ideas, voice, projects, interests, Achievement & progress.



Some displays explain how the curriculum is assessed, with exemplars of students work swing expectations & grades.

Whole School News; the Use of Displays to Enhance Learning, Values, Character & School Vision!



Displays are used to promote healthy lifestyle choices & habits for life-long wellbeing!

Doors, windows & hanging spaces are also used to display work & motivate with a WOW! Factor!



Improving reading skills is a UAE National Agenda target. Parents are represented too!



Whole School News!

Our Sheikha Fatima winner for 2021-2022, Zuha, at the ceremony on 26/4/22



WEE held it's Termly whole-school Fire Drill on 18/5/22. Safe & orderly evacuation was completed in record time!



WSS Environmental/Recycling Superstar Champions!



WSS Superstar Champions!

Year 1 H2 – Celebrations with Ms. Beena!



Y2H2; We are excited to win stickers from Ms. Shamail and Ms. Raghi!



Dear Mr Andrew,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for acknowledging my daughters efforts and appreciating her.

It is amazing to see Maryam enjoying school and being excited everyday to meet her teachers and her classmates.

All the credit goes to the school who have made the atmosphere so loving and caring.

A special thanks to Ms Shamail and the Junior section Team leaders for selecting Maryam for this special award.

And last i would also like to Thank Ms Beena who has been a constant support for Maryam in every field. She has always gone out of her way in loving and caring for all the students.

Thanks

Aoshah Almansouri

Mother of Maryam Imran rao.

WSS Superstar Champions!

Dear Miss Shamail , Miss Raghee , Miss Sabiha. and Miss Aisha.

I hope you in good health.

thank you very much for your interest in the complaint that I submitted. I also thank you for the high professionalism in handling the situation from all administrative, educational and psychological aspects.

Actually , every day I am more and more proud of the presence of Karim at GEMS Westminster School under the professional and exemplary supervision of Miss Shamail and Miss Raghee, as well as the presence of a classy and **highly professional** teacher like Miss Sabiha.

Really we consider the **GEMS Westminster** community to be our big family, and we wish you always success and excellence.

God bless you.



Honesty Superstar Champion! This young lady found a lost calculator & handed it to Security. We love her honesty & thoughtfulness towards her peers! Thank you!

Its a short journey of my child Sia Chitnavis in Gems Westminster school, Sharjah from 2018 where she entered the school first in FS 1 after the interview.

From that day onwards, we as a parent, saw a very remarkable and enthusiastic journey of growth of my daughter. She is very excited about different subjects, new learnings in the school, music, art, maths and other subjects.

During Pandemic, everyone were concerned about the studies and school has implemented amazing procedures for the safety of children.

Sia always talks nice about all her teachers from past classes to the present and we are very thankful to you and all the staff members, teachers and transportation staff for the extended support during Sia's journey in the Gems Westminster school, Sharjah.

Thank you.

Best Regards,
Pallavi Chitnavis

Dear Teacher,

Thanks for everything. We acknowledge all your efforts towards bright future of my son M. Huzaifa & we can see the positive changes in his attitude & learning power. We always appreciate your personal interest on students personal growth.

Sohail Iqbal Khan

الجميلة هناء معلمتي

أشكرك على حسن تعاملك مع أطفالنا في المدرسة وعلى طريقة تعليمك الممتازة حيث اننا نشعر بتفوق اطفالنا واجتهادهم في مادة اللغة العربية وهذا بفضل جهودك معهم . أنت أفضل مثال لمعلمة متفانية ومجتهدة ، كما أشكر مديرة المدرسة على اختيارها المتميز للمعلمين .

أوجميع المعلمين على تفانيكم والتزامكم تجاه اطفالنا ونشكر مديرة المدرسة على كل التعب والمجهود المبذول، نحن نقدر احترافكم وتعاطفكم والتزامكم بمهنتكم GEMS WESTMINSTER اشكر مدرسه

My beautiful teacher Ms/Hanaa

Thank you for your good treatment of our children at school and for your excellent method of learning, as we feel our children's superiority and diligence in the Arabic language, and this is thanks to your efforts with them. You are the best example of a dedicated and hardworking teacher. I also thank Principal of school for her outstanding selection of teachers.

Mother of Mariam khaled

Grade 3 F1

Thanks and best regards

Dalia Mohamed Hassan

WSS Superstar Champions!

Thank you so much for the potential opportunity. This is no doubt the hard work and efforts of the teachers, miss kishwar and miss maria. i really appreciate their work and the schools environment that encourages my child to be better everytime. My child joined the session in january but i am trly amazed to see the productivity and immense development. Thank you once again for everything.

With regards
Umaima's parents.

The winning team in the Group Competition

With Ms. Majedah



Y4D2&F3



Y4H1



Y6BD&S



Y6GH1



Y5 S1 – Superstars



Dima Mahfouth
Class Champion



Mohammad Azizi
Positive Character Award

WSS Superstar Champions!

Lara



Iqra



Rumeha



STAR STUDENTS OF Y5 H2

Preparing students for their Future

Vihaan



Sarah



Maria



Whole School News; Farewell & Thank You MSO Mr. Dhijin!



On 11/5/22, we said farewell to our dynamic & hard-working MSO, Mr. Dhijin. He had received his immigration papers to start a new adventure in another country. We thank him for all his hard work, forward thinking & kindness over his 3 years' dedicated service at WSS (14 years with GEMS, starting as a Support Staff & rising through the ranks to take on one of the most critical roles in school!). Thank you & we wish you every continuing success in your new adventure! Ms. Sera, currently Assistant Manager School Operations (AMSO) will take over the MSO role. We wish Ms. Sera every success!



Our Sheikha Fatima winner for 2020-2021, Nourhan, at the ceremony on 26/4/22.

Ms. Sera has taken on the Acting MSO role. We wish her & the team every continuing success!



Junior Section News



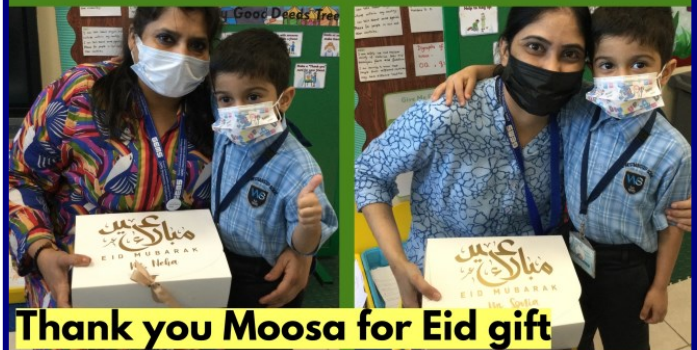
**FS2 S1
Happy
Birthday
Burhanuddin**



Home learning work of Arabic



**FS2 S1
We can create our own
clock**



Thank you Moosa for Eid gift

With Ms. Neha & Ms. Sonia M. Below, thank you Nabia.



**FS2 S1
Group activities of Time**



**Nabia from Gems
Westminister school
pays tribute to UAE's
HH SHEIKH KHALIFA
BIN ZAYED AL
NAHYAN**

Junior Section News



Learning about "ai" digraph" FS2 S2

With Ms. Maria



FS2 S2 Learning about Halving with Miss Kishwer.

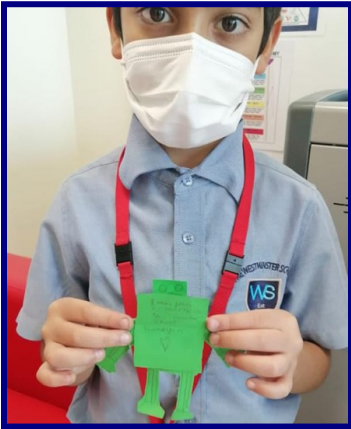
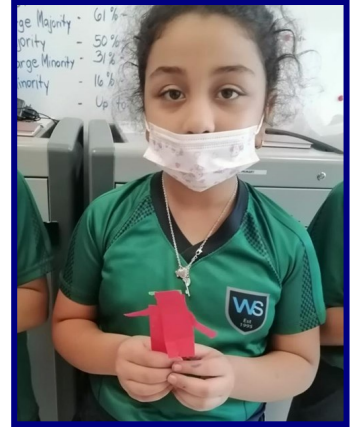


It's my birthday 😊

Y1H2 Class Activities with Ms. Beena!



Primary Section News



Inspiring learning with a WOW! Factor; Ms. Dalal's Y3H2 students learnt through creating models from craft paper & egg cartons.



Y5D2 Tangram Puzzle activity

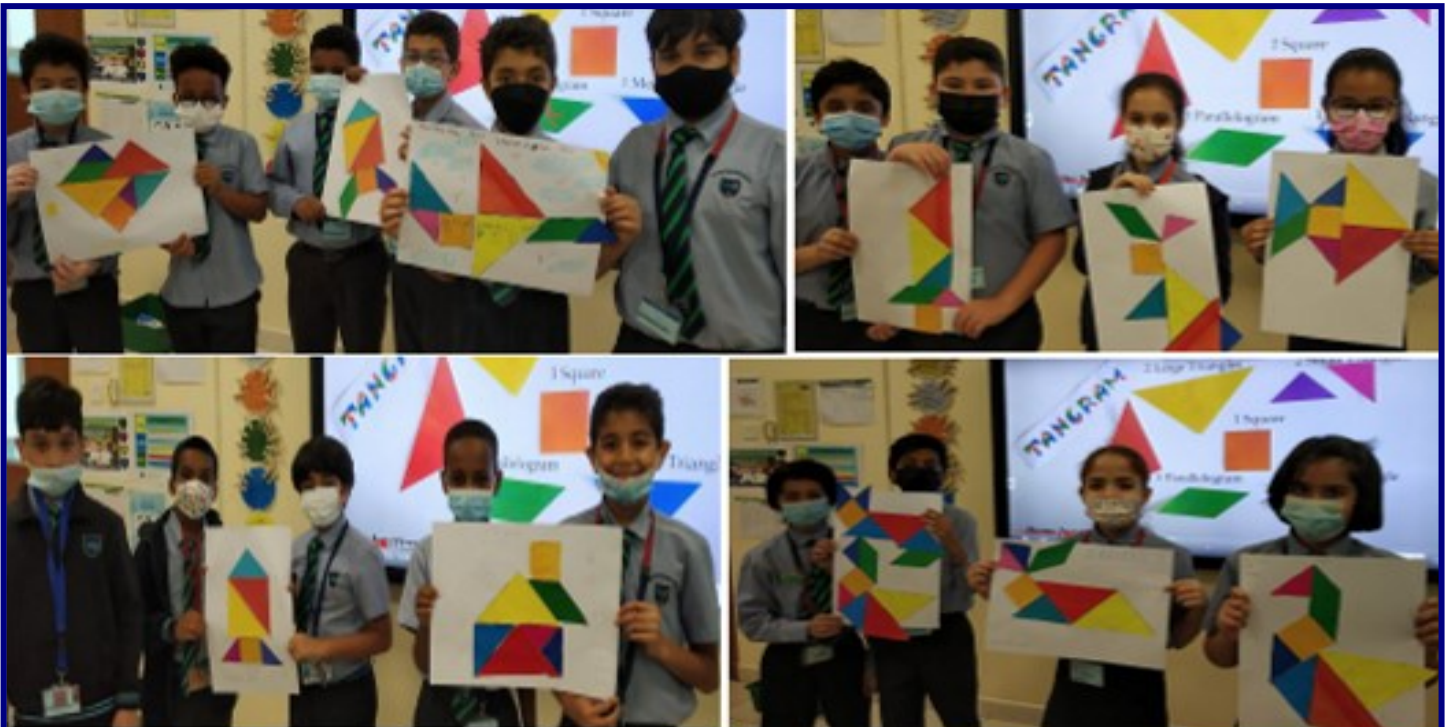




TANGRAM PUZZLE ACTIVITY - Y5 H1



With Ms. Anju

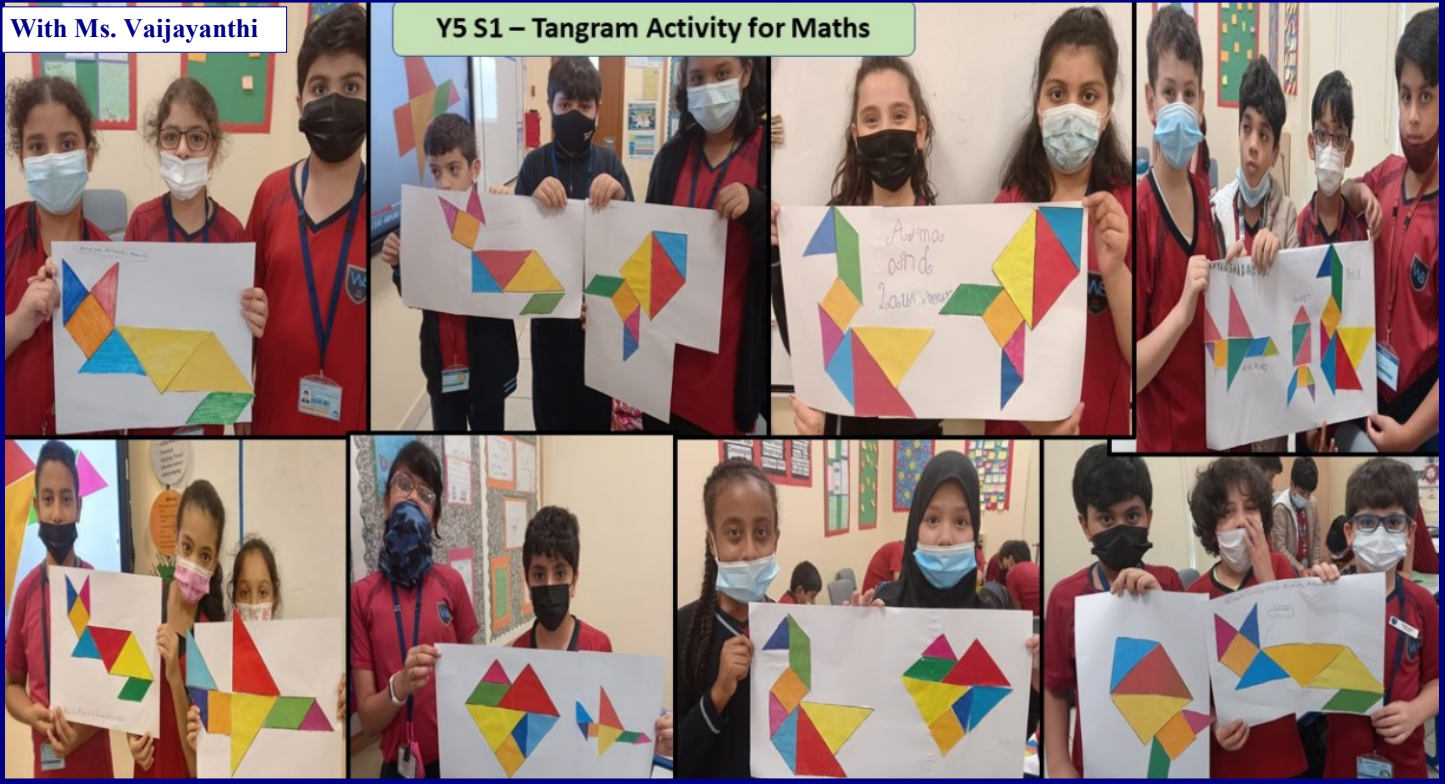


Student Wellbeing – Y5H2 with Ms. Lakshmi
TANGRAM PUZZLE FUN ACTIVITY

Primary Section News; Marvelous Maths!

With Ms. Vaijyanthi

Y5 S1 – Tangram Activity for Maths



Linking Art to Real Artists & Arabic Culture!

In the style of Arabic Artist
Hussein Amin Bikar
Y6



With Ms. Surbhi

Secondary Section News

