

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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26th May, 2022



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Fees for 2022-2023

Just to reassure parents that fees for next year remain the same as this year (last fee change was in September 2019).

I am sure that this is a relief for your Budgeting.

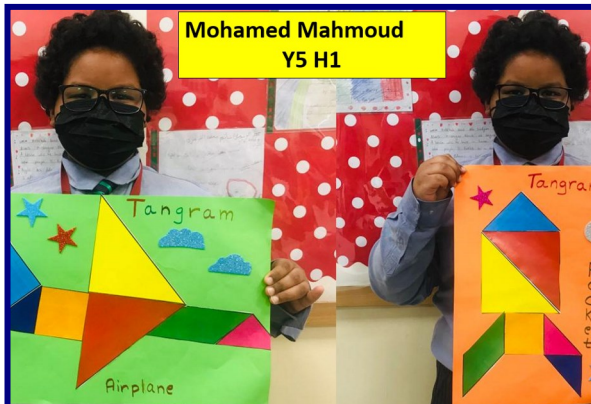
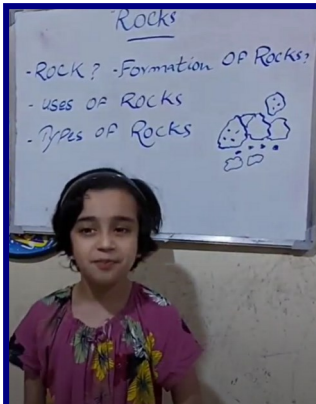
Parent Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to all the parent who have already responded to the Parent Survey with such specific, supportive & positive feedback. judgment. We request that you consider issues that are within our control

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thurs. 23rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam day timings from Monday 13/6/22 will be <u>7:30am-12:15pm</u> Last exam day Thurs. 23/6/22
Thurs. 30th June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last official day of the academic year for students
Mon. 29th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

when making your judgement, such as school environment & teaching. Please avoid issues that are that are situations beyond our control, such as strict COVID protocols, the 4-day week/longer school day, etc.



Our SPEA Inspection Review Visit has been confirmed for Wednesday 1st-Thursday 2nd June. We are looking forward to showing off our wonderful community's Teamwork, progress & achievement! We know that our children will shine! Do please give us extra support by having your children in school on time by 7:30am latest, wearing extra smart uniform (tie, Scarf, ID card etc.). Thanks!



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 34
26 مايو 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة ألياء أمور

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

الرسوم لعام 2022-2023

فقط لطمأنة أولياء الأمور إلى أن رسوم
العام المقبل ستظل كما هي هذا العام (آخر
تغيير للرسوم كان في سبتمبر 2019).

أنا متأكد من أن هذا يريح ميزانيتك.

استييان رضا الوالدين

شكرًا لجميع أولياء الأمور الذين استجابوا بالفعل لاستطلاع أولياء الأمور
بمثل هذه التعليقات المحددة والداعمة والإيجابية. عادل.

نطلب منك مراعاة القضايا التي تقع في نطاق سيطرتنا عند إصدار حكمك
، مثل البيئة المدرسية والتعليم. يرجى تجنب المشكلات التي تكون خارجة
عن إرادتنا ، مثل بروتوكولات COVID الصارمة ، وأسبوع 4 أيام / يوم
دراسي أطول ، وما إلى ذلك.

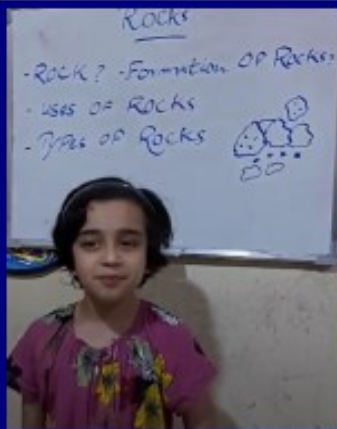
المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
مواعيد يوم الامتحان من الاثنين 13/6/22 ستكون 7:30 صباحًا - 12:15 مساءً	الخميس، 23 يونيو
يوم الامتحان الأخير	الخميس، 30 يونيو 2022
آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي للطلاب	الالاثنين، 29 أغسطس
اليوم الأول من العام الدراسي الجديد 2022-2023، يجب تسوية رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل انضمام أي طالب.	
يرجى وضع الميزانية وفقًا لذلك حيث لا توجد خطط دفع T1	

تم تأكيد زيارة مراجعة التفقيش الخاصة بنا
من SPEA ليوم الأربعاء 1 - الخميس 2
يونيو. نتطلع إلى إظهار العمل الجماعي
الرائع والتقدم والإنجاز في مجتمعنا!

نحن نعلم أن أطفالنا سوف يتألقون! يرجى
تقديم دعم إضافي لنا من خلال وجود
أطفالك في المدرسة في الوقت المحدد
بطلول الساعة 7:30 صباحًا على أبعد
تقدير ، وارتداء زي أنيق إضافي (رابطة
عق ، وشاح ، وبطاقة هوية ، وما إلى
ذلك).

شكرًا!



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

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



GEMS Westminster 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 ملاحظتك 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! الآباء 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 جدًا 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! الآباء 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. بشكل 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 "غير 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,

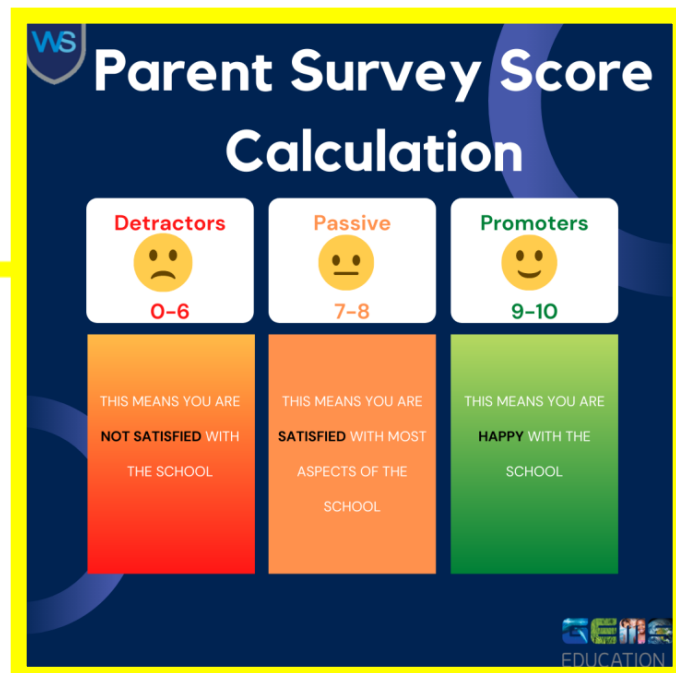
Ms. Valerie Thompson
WSS Principal/CEO

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; COVID Safety!

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Tiredness
- Body Pain
- Nasal Congestion / Runny Nose
- Headache
- Conjunctivitis
- Sore Throat
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell
- Rash on skin
- Discoloration of fingers and toes

We are still getting a few COVID cases in school, so please note the following policy related to keeping your children safe in school:

- **Never send your child to school with any COVID symptom**
- **Never send your child to school when anyone in the close family is waiting for a PCR Report.**
- **Please inform your Section SLT AND the school Dr. in case you or your child is a Positive Case or Close Contact.**
- **It is still compulsory to wear masks in school, so please send with your child daily (plus a spare in the bag)**
Thank you.

Student health & Wellbeing

Whole School News; Special Alumni Report!



Alumni Ms. Samia Aijaz, the previous 2014-2015 WSS Sheikha Fatima Scholarship winner, kindly took the time to share a few encouraging & inspiring words for the current Secondary students:

“My name is Samia, and I studied at WSS from 2014-2016. During this time, I had the honour of receiving the Sheikha Fatima Award, while also serving as the Senior Secondary Section Head Girl. Six years after leaving WSS, I still think of my time there with fondness and gratitude, and I am immensely thankful for all the opportunities I was given under the wonderful support of the SLT and my teachers. It is true that life beyond school gets very challenging quite quickly, particularly as you move into Tertiary Education and then into a professional career. In these moments, I have gained a lot of confidence and determination from the early experiences that shaped my development as a student. Especially now, as I work through the challenging process of applying to Postgraduate Medical School, my school level achievements continue to give me faith in the power of perseverance.”

If there is anything I would advise younger students, it's to make the most of your time at school - immerse yourself in the various co- and extra-curricular activities available to you, gather wonderful learning and personal growth experiences, and most importantly, make friends. While a lot of your peers will go different ways after school, you will still hold on to the connections you made there. After all, school isn't a formality - it's a window into your future. It is up to you how you choose to shape it, through the experiences you decide to take on right now.”



TIPS FOR STUDENTS

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND INTERNET SAFETY

1 LAWS Many sites and web tools are 13+. Most images and work online are protected by copyright.



2 TALK Tell your parents what you're doing online. Always ask a trusted adult if you're unsure of anything.



3 FRIENDS Don't add or meet online friends without parent permission. Don't trust everything friends tell you.



4 PRIVACY Keep personal info private: **Y**our full name, **A**ddress, **P**hone number, **P**asswords, **Y**our plans and birthday.



5 REPUTATION Don't post anything you wouldn't want teachers, family, friends, and future employers to see.



6 QUESTION You can't believe everything you read and see online. There's a lot of incorrect and biased info.



7 BULLYING Tell someone if you think cyberbullying is happening to you or other people you know.



8 ACCOUNTS Choose sensible email addresses and usernames. Use strong passwords and don't share them with others.



9 MANNERS Be polite and respectful at all times. Treat others online how you'd like to be treated.



10 UNPLUG Balance your screen time and green time. Get outdoors, move, play, and interact face to face.



If in doubt, **think** about and **talk** it out

#DigitalResilience #LearnWithWSS

WSS Staff of Term 2 Superstar Champions!

	Staff Awards; WSS Staff Stars of Term 2	Term 2: January – March 2022	
			
Ms. Uzma Kanwal	Ms. Afroz Omar	Ms. Lincy Jain	Mr. Anil Kumar Rajan
Teacher of the Term Junior	Teacher Assistant of the Term Junior	Teacher of the Term Primary	Teacher of the Term Primary
			
Ms. Remya Lloyd	Ms. Ashmabi Jaleel	Ms. Supriya Kumari	Ms. Rebecca Sebastian
Teacher of the Term Secondary	Teacher of the Term Secondary	Teacher of the Term Secondary	Teacher of the Term Secondary
			
Ms. Sangeetha D'souza	Ms. Gilani Fernando	Ms. Chamila Harshanee	
Admin. Staff Award of the Term	Support Staff of the Term	Support Staff of the Term	

WSS Superstar Champions; T2 & T3 Y5-Y6 Primary Achievement Assembly, 23/5/22!



Primary students met together for the first Assembly in 2 years since COVID. Students were very excited as we discussed the difference between a gift & achievement, & how important hard work & Teamwork are for our achievement.

Students received certificates for academic progress, Academic success, 'Star Student of the Year', Sports, Character & Leadership, Art, Uniform, Environmental initiatives & the Rubric Cube competition. Congratulations to all achievers!



WSS Superstar Champions; T2 & T3 Y5-Y6 Primary Achievement Assembly, 23/5/22!



WSS Superstar Champions; T2 & T3 Y3-4 Primary Achievement Assembly, 24/5/22!



WSS Superstar Champions; T2 & T3 Y3-4 Primary Achievement Assembly, 24/5/22!



WSS Superstar Champions; T2 & T3 Y3-4 Primary Achievement Assembly, 24/5/22!



WSS Superstar Champions; T2 & T3 Y3-4 Primary Achievement Assembly, 24/5/22!



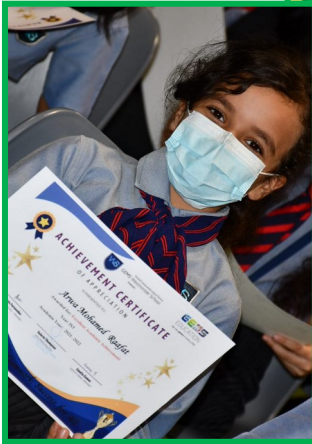
WSS Superstar Champions; T2 & T3 Y3-4 Primary Achievement Assembly, 24/5/22!



WSS Superstar Champions; T2 & T3 Y3-4 Primary Achievement Assembly, 24/5/22!



Achievers of Y5H2



WSS Superstar Champions;

WSS students through to the 2nd Round with Mr. Eldib of the تحدي القراءة العربي الموسم السادس 2021-2022 Arab Reading Challenge Season 6 2021-2022. We wish our students every success in the next Round!



Thank you to our Superstar Character Champion! This young man kindly helped out his injured peer by carrying his bag.



Dear Ms Shabana,

Hopefully you are doing great...

I am very thankful to you for supporting and encouraging Rayyan throughout the year. He always feels comfortable with you .

Warm regards

Mother of Rayyan.

Dear Ms. Chandani,

I am happy to receive your email regarding Mohammed's progress and would like to thank you for being the wonderful teachers that all of you are, so efficient and dedicated towards your profession.

Thank you once again for your support and for the good words about Mohammed.

Kind regards,
Zeenath

WSS Superstar Champions!



Well done to these 3 Honesty Champions for showing their good character. They handed in a mobile phone to Lost & Found.



Hazel & her mother make many super projects together. Even more importantly, Hazel is able to confidently talk about her learning!

Dear teacher I am very much happy to know about Aaban's progress In his class. He is practicing keywords at home daily. At home he can write the digraphs words and keywords independently. But as u respected teacher told now to write the small sentences also,so I will work on it. Dear mam all this is because of your hard work and kind attention towards Aaban. I know he is little weak In maths but I am working on it with him.In shaa ALLAH gradually he will be able to overcome it. I noticed that he is now confident about his school and class. He talks about his daily class activities now. And now mostly he tries to finish his lunch box . Dear teacher I acknowledge your support and efforts for Aaban. And i am extremely thankful to you. ALALH PAK bless you 🙏🙏🙏always.Ameen.

Thanks and regards
Aaban's mother



Congratulations to Superstar Karate Champion Taymullah (Y5H1) who won first place in the IFK Karate Championships! We love your hard work & focus on developing your skills!



Congratulations to Niranjana Binu (Y8) along with her dedicated teacher Ms. Payal Dave. We observed great effort and progress in Mathematics as Niranjana rose to the challenge set by Ms. Payal to complete her class activities consistently. Thank you Ms. Payal & well done!

WSS Superstar Champions!

Hello dear teachers 🍷

I congratulate you on the approaching end of the school year, which was full of vitality and activity. In fact, I have to stand here 🙋 a little respect and appreciation for the mighty effort ❤️❤️❤️

1/ Let's start with the math teacher

Miss Binju, the math teacher and figure teacher - she's really funny and kind and explains well, the lovely soul she does her job, she made the math lessons so fun, it's like she plays the piano and makes the pupils enjoy the music 🎹🎵, how amazing you are 🍷❤️

2/ Miss Jonella Gonsalves, the science teacher, she is very calm because the students are like 🐒🐒 monkeys and she is very kind and explains well. You are patient and dedicated to your work. You are like a beautiful flower 🌸🌸🌸 that smells of perfume. ❤️

3/ Miss sreemithra, the English teacher, explains the content well and helps other students with their doubts. Allow me to applaud you, what is this creativity, my teacher, what is this flexibility in dealing. You are like a palm tree 🌴 in your steadfastness and strength in storms. ❤️

4/ Miss Sangalika, a computing teacher, explains really well and can't resist her job. What is this activity, my teacher, you are like the sea 🌊 that gives without limits ❤️

5/ Miss Nida, the geography teacher, makes the whole class excited in her lesson, we give conclusions and she understands. What is this noise and enthusiasm in the geography lesson?! You are like a beautiful bird 🐦 that sings with a beautiful voice 🎵❤️

A distinguished school such as GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah. We are not surprised that there are teachers like them. They are all a real addition to the school, and of course with the responsibility and leadership of our lovely miss Valerie 🙋🙋 who showed us all the meaning of leadership and respect in the school. ❤️❤️❤️
Please accept our utmost respect and appreciation.

Mother of a student / Lara Khalil
GRADE: 7GD1

Super stars of Y5 H2



Minahil



Sarah



Hana



Mahi



Muhammad
Mustafa

FS2 D1



Wow! Happy to get sticker from Ms. Shamail

Positive Reviews

Great job, you got a new 5-star review

John Park

This user only left a rating

WSS Environmental & Recycling Superstar Champions!



Whole School News; Student Wellbeing & Safety!



A group of Admin. & Support Staff attended First Aid training on Friday 20/5/22. Our student's Health, Safety & Wellbeing are our #1 priority!

Mr. Ajit is the WSS Students of Determination SEND Rep. on our Governance team, the Local Advisory Body (LAB). He spent the day with us on 25/5/22, reviewing our support documentation & lesson planning & observing SofD learning in lessons. He was very impressed by the structured support system in place to meet SofD individual learning needs, the Teachers' knowledge of their students & the level of engagement during lessons. Mr. Ajit then shared 'next steps' with SLT for continuous development. We thank him for his extremely useful, expert & practical support.



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



Happy Birthday!



Congratulations to Ms. Anjukrishna, winner of Mr. Andrew's 'Random Act of Kindness'.

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



You Said,

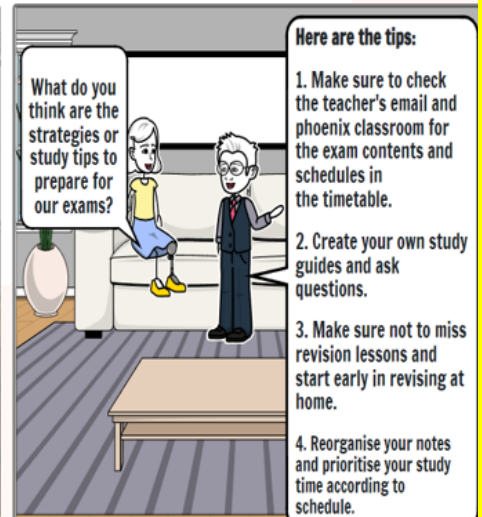
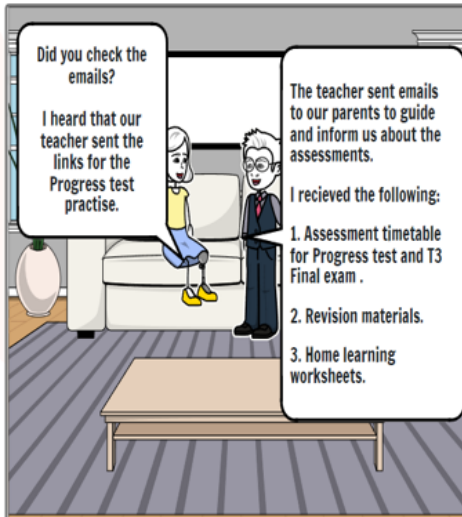
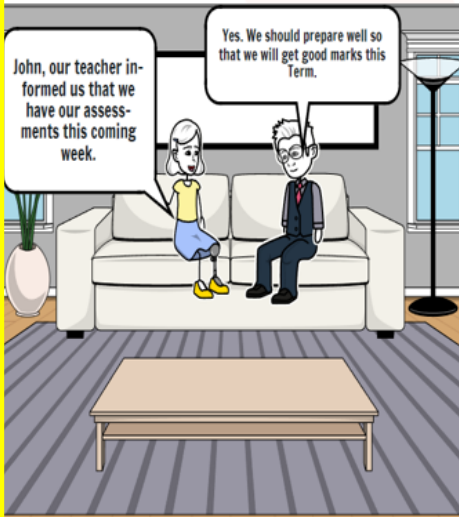
We need an extended break time for Secondary.

We did.

Included two half an hour break sessions in the Timetable.



Assessment Preparation storyboard



Junior Section News: Fun in FS2!



Happy birthday



FS2 D1



FS2 D1

Home learning



Busy in OLA

With Ms. Nikhat



FS2 D1

Fire drill



FS2 D1

Busy in OLA



Busy in OLA



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Junior Section News



FS2S2 With Ms. Maria



Making Bear craft.



FS2S2 enjoying P.E Session with Miss Sheema.



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We have learnt alot this week

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Primary Section News; Marvelous Maths!

★ Y5H1 students with the Tangram Puzzle they made ★



With Ms. Anju

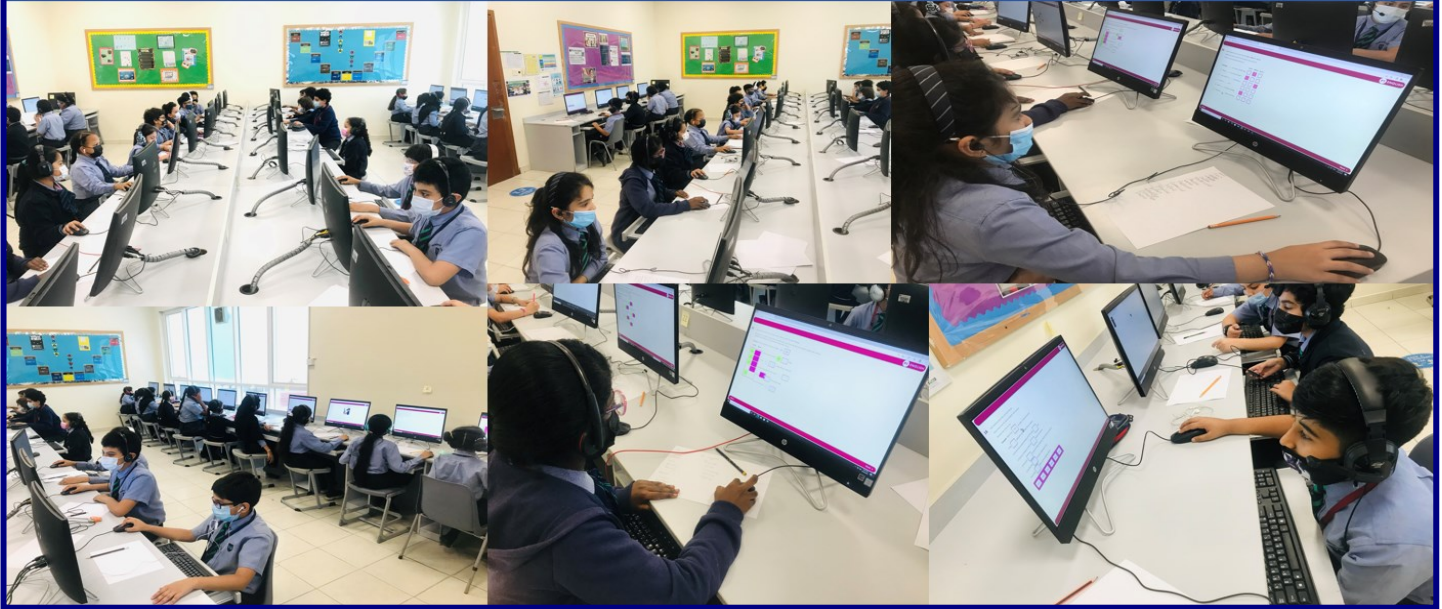
★ Y5H1 students with the Tangram Puzzle they made ★



Primary & Secondary Section News



Y5 PROGRESS TEST 2021-2022



Two of Ms. Ghousia's Sociology students, Aisha Abdul Solanki & Arafa Ali, joined the extended SLT meeting on 23/5/22 to present findings & recommendations from their Sociology project on Wellbeing. They were super well-prepared & confident & impressed the team. Their recommendations will be given careful consideration as we develop the new Wellbeing Framework. Thank you Ms. Ghousia for your support & hard work on this project.

Secondary Section News; Amazing Artwork!

Mohamed Montasir



Sonadie Y10



Creative & inspirational artwork with Ms. Maha



Happy Birthday!

Sonadie



Year 10 Art Work

Kritika Y10



Somaya



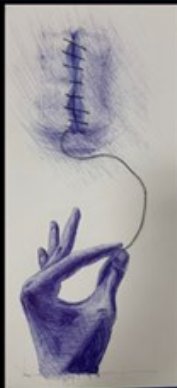
Sonadie



Kritika



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Sama Y10GD



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