

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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8th June, 2023



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Learning Time; Punctuality to School

Please note that lesson one starts promptly at **7:30am**. Students are marked late from 7:30am, so please ensure that your children arrive to school on time to avoid losing learning/exam time. Thank you.

SPEA Approval; Fee Increase

We have now received SPEA approval for the fee increase. We will share details as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.



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 (Monday 19/6/23 for Y7, Y9 & Y11 Arab students) Whole School timings 7:30am-12:15pm
Mon. 19/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Required IBT Arabic Exam for Y7, Y9 & Y11 Arab Students</u>
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 (Monday 19/6/23 for Y7, Y9 & Y11 Arab students). 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 # 34
8 يونيو 2023



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي السيدة
قاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

**وقت التعلم؛ الالتزام بالمواعيد في
المدرسة**

يرجى ملاحظة أن الدرس الأول يبدأ
على الفور في الساعة 7:30 صباحاً.
يتم وضع علامة على الطلاب في وقت
متأخر في الساعة 7:30 صباحاً ، لذا يرجى التأكد من وصول
أطفالك إلى المدرسة في الوقت المحدد لتجنب فقدان وقت
التعلم / الامتحان.

شكراً لك.

موافقة SPEA : زيادة الرسوم

لقد تلقينا الآن موافقة SPEA على زيادة الرسوم. سوف
نشارك التفاصيل في أقرب وقت ممكن.

شكراً لك على صبرك.



المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
امتحانات T3 الترويجية الإيجابية حتى الخميس 15/6/23 (الاثنتين 19/6/23 للصف السابع والتاسع والحادي عشر للطلاب العرب).	الخميس. 1 - الخميس. 15 يونيو
مواعيد المدرسة 7:30 صباحاً - 12:15 مساءً	
آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي (TBC by SPEA)	29/6/23
آخر يوم لجميع امتحانات T3 الترويجية هو الخميس 15 يونيو. (الاثنتين 19/6/23 للصف السابع والتاسع والحادي عشر للطلاب العرب).	
ومع ذلك ، يمكن للطلاب الذهاب إلى المدرسة حتى العيد ، إذا رغب الآباء في ذلك.	
الموعد النهائي للتقدم إلى النظام للحصول على TC (شهادة النقل) ، في حالة مغادرة WSS.	الخميس. 29 يونيو
• الموعد النهائي لتقديم طلب للحصول على أي شهادة يتم ترتيبها من خلال GRE السيدة عبيد.	
• بعد هذا التاريخ ، لن تتمكن من ضمان استكمال المستندات الخاصة بك قبل 24 أغسطس بسبب الإجازة السنوية للموظفين.	
اليوم الأول للطلاب الجديد في العام الدراسي الجديد ، يخضع لمداد رسوم T1 كاملة.	الاثنتين 28/8/23
• عودة الطلاب للالتحاق ابتداء من يوم الثلاثاء الموافق 29/8/23 بشرط تصفية رسوم T1 كاملة.	الثلاثاء 29/8/23
• 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 وفقاً لذلك. سيتم قبول الطلاب للعام الدراسي الجديد فقط بمجرد سداد رسوم T1 بالتكامل. شكراً 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.



WSS Superstar Champions!

There are people in life whom we cannot deny their right, there remains space for them in the heart no matter how large their position in it, and they remain for them in the soul no matter how far the distances are from them, they are the teachers, you are the ones who stand by us at all moments, and make great efforts for the sake of our children and here we are today We conclude with you a whole year's march in which you proved that you are the best of those who carried this title and the best of those who fulfilled the trust and delivered the message, so it was necessary for us to express our thanks and gratitude to you for all that you have given thanks to you, honorable ones.

Thank you one by one.

Please extend my thanks for each and everyone in WSS family.

Environment & Recycling Superstar Champions!



Whole School News

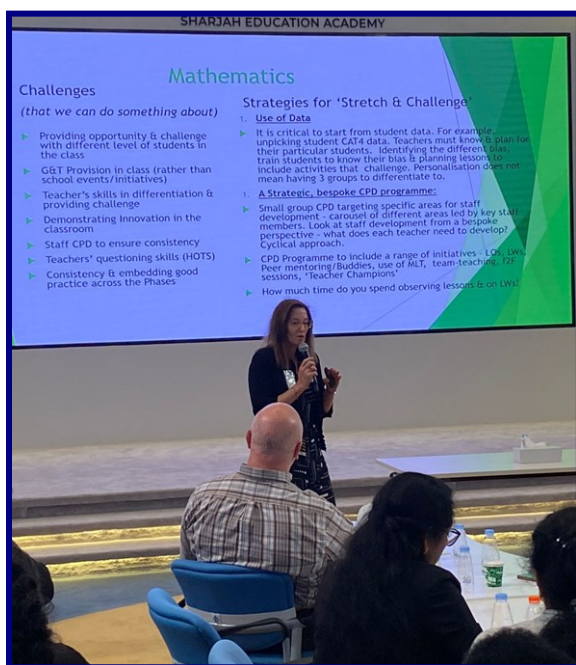


Our Cluster Leader, Senior Vice President, Schools, Ms. Ranju Anand was enthralled on her visit to WSS on 6/6/23 by these Junior superstars, who confidently read out their creative writing & chatted to her about their learning. They also invited her to their forthcoming Concert. Ms. Ranju visits WSS regularly to support SLT with school development. We thank her for her ongoing support & commitment to raising standards of learning provision over the year.



Head of Inclusion Ms. Rema & Guidance Counsellor Ms. Gincy, attended an important Conference on 7/6/23 on the theme 'Inclusion Matters', at the Manthena American School, Sharjah.

Whole School News; CPD for Lifelong Learning!



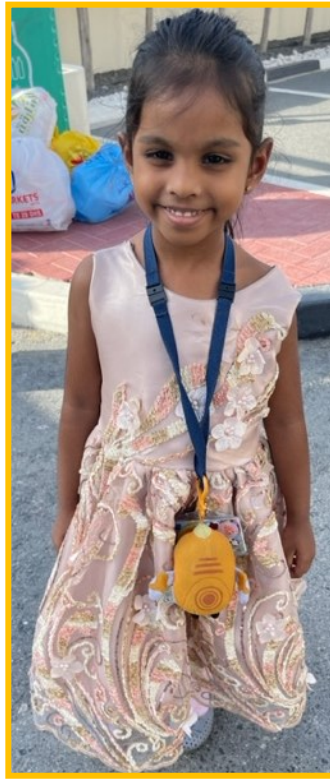
The SPEA Excellence Day was held at the SPIA Academy for British Curriculum schools on 7/6/24. Ms. Valerie was one of the four presenters for the Beacon School initiative, aimed at sharing 'Best Practice' across the cluster.



On 8/6/23, Ms. Rema Head of Inclusion attended a Wellbeing Framework workshop.



Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to super sportsman Talha, who was awarded 'Best player' for tournaments in the month of May in the football academy. Well done for your hard work & great character!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Lovely Ms. Mariam Rizwan,

It was a beautiful journey with you. Your regular efforts have changed my daughter's behavior dramatically. Unbelievably she is a different person with positive aspects about others and very much social and friendly. Most important her corona fear is overcome and has developed eating habits timely.

Wholeheartedly thankful stay blessed 🍀🍀🍀

Regards.



YAHOO! STICKER REWARDS FOR

OUR FILLED MARBLE JAR 😎

~ WITH MS. SAFIA AND

MS. GATHERIN

Dear Miss Jinitha

Thank you very much for your contribution in helping Minaakshi to progress and develop herself. She is much more confident now from a situation where she could not even read or speak a two line paragraph.

I would say without hesitation that you along with Miss Kavitha have played a crucial role in developing her skills and confidence.

Thank you and wishing you all the success.

Thanks & Regards

Sachith Suresh

Junior Section News; Junior Concerts Coming Soon!

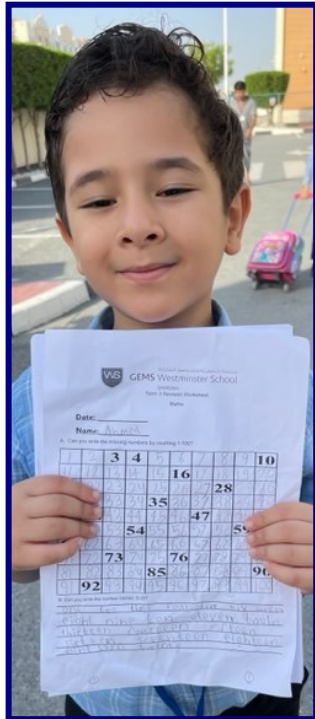
The cute and charming hosts and narrators.



The confident and talented hosts and narrators.



Junior Section News



Lovely Art Work From Farida Y2F2
to Ms Shamail & Ms Raghi



Junior Section News; Y1 Learning Activities!



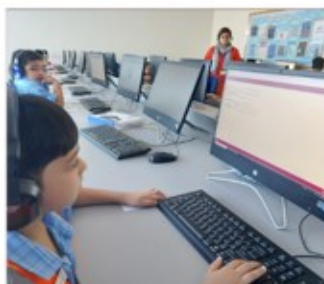
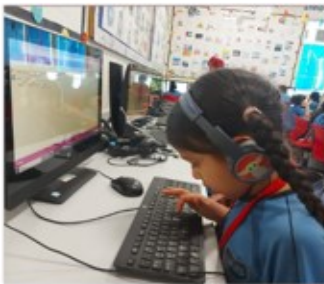
Year 1D2

Class activities

With Ms. Sadiqa



Y2 Progress Tests in Maths & English

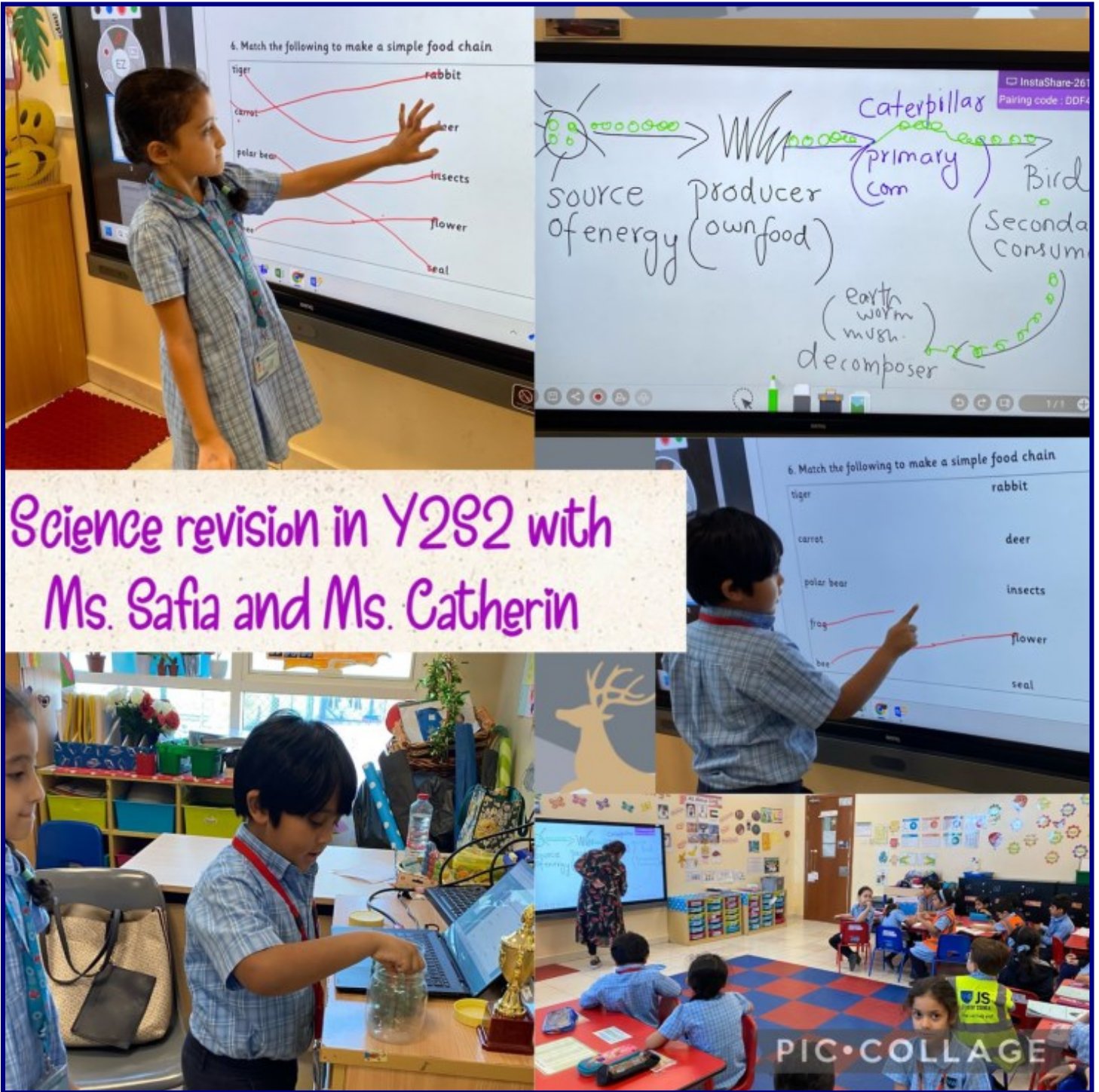


Excellent progress in their reading comprehension and problem solving skills.

Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Primary Section News; Creativity!



A.R.M. Holding Children's Programme
Art Workshop by ART DUBAI.

With Ms. Surbhi

Primary Section News; Project-based Learning!



Good morning

Dear Ms, Valerie

I want to thank Ms, Sangeetha a lot about her hard work during whole the academic year.

About her hard work for every thing she is really a very good teacher As I can see a great improvement for my daughter skills in most of the subjects even also my daughter became more confident in herself. She is really such as a wonderful teacher.

My daughter Maha Mohammed Y3F2.

Thanks and regards

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Professor Ahmed Kamal,

I hope this message finds you well. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude and great appreciation for you and the fantastic efforts you have put into teaching the Arabic language to the students of the school.

Lara was one of the attendees on Thursday, but unfortunately, I couldn't attend that day, and she was extremely saddened by her absence. I couldn't hide my profound sadness when I heard the news of your departure from the school. You have been an excellent and inspiring teacher, with a unique ability to convey knowledge and passion for the Arabic language to your students. You have nurtured their love for the Arabic language and supported them in their educational journey, and thus, losing you will be a great loss to the school.

I would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment to your role as an Arabic language teacher. You have been an example of dedication and hard work in the field of education, and it was evident that you genuinely cared about the progress and success of your students. You were always available to answer their questions and provide the necessary assistance, and you had unique and innovative ways of delivering information, making it enjoyable and engaging.

I cannot thank you enough for your contributions, as you have been more than just a teacher to me. You have been a leader and a mentor, embodying high moral values and the respect that should be given to a role model.

I wish you all the best and success in the next stage of your personal and professional life. I am confident that you will excel in any endeavor you undertake, as you possess the competence, talent, and determination needed to achieve success in any field you choose.

We will deeply miss you here at the school. You have left a positive impact in the hearts of the students and your colleagues, and your memory will remain alive and engraved in our minds. We hope you will stay in touch and visit us from time to time to share your success stories and continue sharing your

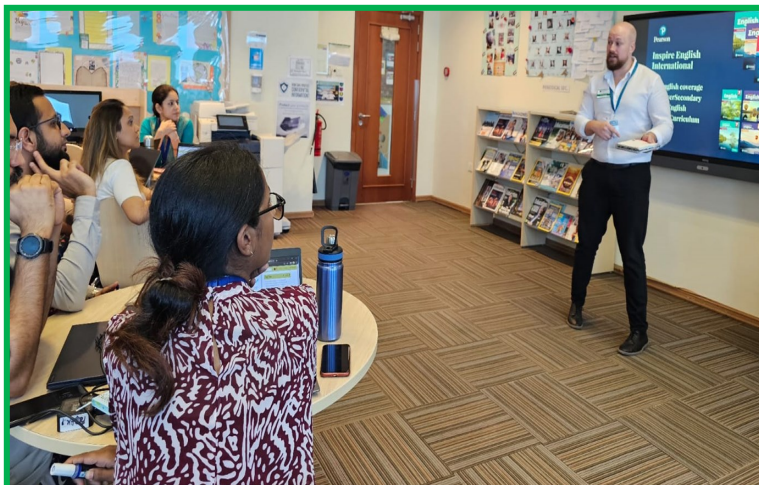
valuable experience and knowledge.

Finally, I apologize if this message falls short in conveying the true words of thanks and appreciation that I wanted to express. Thank you once again for everything you have done for us and for the school, and I wish you a bright and successful future filled with happiness.

With sincere regards and gratitude

Lara Khali's mother

Y9GD



Well done to the Secondary team for their commitment to improving student learning resources. Here they are attending a session run by Pearson on effective use of resources.



A student gifted this beautiful artwork to Mr. Muhammad Ajmal to show appreciation.