

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #35  
2nd June, 2022



Message from the  
Principal/CEO  
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

**SPEA School Improvement Review Visit (IRV), 1-2/6/22**

We would like to thank all our dear parents who shared best wishes & supported our SPEA IRV this week. Special thanks to the Positive Parent Partners who met the Review team in a formal parent meeting on 2/6/22, & to all parents for ensuring students came super smart in perfect, professional uniform & punctual to school. It was wonderful to see the students excited to show off their best behaviour & learning, & being so proud of their school. Well done!

Formal Review judgements will be shared once we receive the official IRV Report from SPEA.

Please see p3 & p4 for the Review Team's commendations & recommendations for 'next steps' development.

## Dates for Your Diary

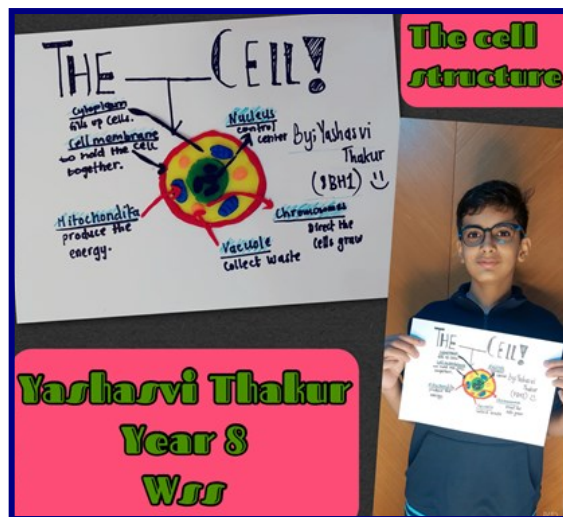
Date	Details
Thurs. 23rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exam day timings from Monday 13/6/22 will be 7:30am-12:15pm</li> <li>Last exam day Thurs. 23/6/22</li> </ul>
Thurs. 30th June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last official day of the academic year for students</li> </ul>
Mon. 29th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>There is no fee rise again this year. However, as per updated Authority Circular #25 received on 30/5/22, please note that students <b>must join within the first week of the new academic year, or lose their booked seat to the Waiting List.</b></li> <li>For information for future budgeting, moving forwards for new enrollments &amp; late re-enrollments, the Re-enrollment Fee/Seat Booking Fee for next time may be adjusted up to AED1,000/- (TBC)</li> </ul>



Superstar Recyclers!



Student Led Flip Lesson activity  
Hania Irfan VS



Yasharvi Thakur  
Year 8  
WSS

The cell structure



Happy Birthday!

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



# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 35  
2 يونيو 2022



رسالة من  
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي  
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الشارقة الأعزاء،

زيارة مراجعة تحسين المدرسة SPEA  
(IRV)، 2-1 / 6/22

نود أن نشكر جميع الآباء الأعزاء الذين شاركوا أطيب التمنيات ودعموا  
SPEA IRV هذا الأسبوع.

شكر خاص للمشاركين من أولياء الأمور الإيجابيين الذين التقوا بفريق  
المراجعة في اجتماع رسمي للآباء في 2/6/22 ، وإلى جميع أولياء  
الأمر للتأكد من أن الطلاب أصبحوا أكثر اهتماماً للتعلم في زي احترافي مثالي  
و دقيق في المواعيد إلى المدرسة.

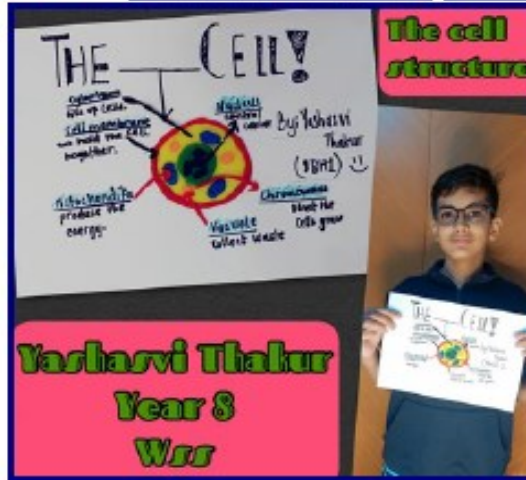
كان من الرائع رؤية الطلاب متحمسين لإظهار أفضل سلوكياتهم وتعلمهم  
، وأن يكونوا فخوريين جداً بمدرستهم.

أحسنت!

ستتم مشاركة نتائج المراجعة الرسمية بمجرد تلقينا تقرير IRV للمكتب  
من SPEA.

## المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الخميس، 23 يونيو	مواعيد يوم الامتحان من الاثنين 13/6/22 ستكون 7:30 صباحاً - 12:15 مساءً
الخميس، 23/6/22	أخر يوم امتحان الخميس.
الخميس، 30 يونيو 2022	أخر 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 وفقاً لذلك حيث لا توجد خطط دفع T1
	ليس هناك زيادة في الرسوم مرة أخرى هذا العام. ومع ذلك ، وفقاً لتعميم السلطة رقم 25 المحدث الذي تم استلامه في 30/5/22 ، يرجى ملاحظة أنه يجب على الطلاب الانضمام خلال الأسبوع الأول من العام الدراسي الجديد ، أو فقد مقدمهم المحجوز في قائمة الانتظار
	للحصول على معلومات حول الميزانية المستقبلية ، والمضي قدماً للتسجيلات الجديدة وإعادة التسجيل المتأخرة ، قد يتم تعديل رسوم إعادة التسجيل / رسوم حجز المقعد في المرة القادمة حتى 1,000 درهم إماراتي / - (يحدد لاحقاً)



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



## Whole School News; SPEA School Improvement Review Visit (IRV), 1st-2nd June!



WSS hosted a team of 6 Improvement Review Visit inspectors this week. We thank them for their time to get to know our strengths & areas for development to support our ongoing learning & improvement journey to excellence! Here is a picture of the Lead Reviewer visiting a super-busy & well-resourced Junior OLA activity area during a maths session. He enjoyed chatting with the students about their learning, & our students were confident to reply.

### Report on the IRV Findings (feedback):

The Team Leader said that they were delighted with the progress that school has made since the last Review Report.

#### 3.1: Teaching for Effective Learning

##### What Went Well

- ✓ Teachers' subject knowledge & understanding about how students learn
- ✓ Thorough Planning for purposeful lessons
- ✓ Teaching leads to independent, self-directed, actively engaged learners.
- ✓ Teacher-student interactions positive. Teachers able to use multiple approaches.
- ✓ Effective teaching strategies including appropriate use of technology that meets student needs.

##### Recommendations for Further Development:

- More challenge for the more able students
- Include critical thinking in all lessons for all students

#### 3.2: Assessment

##### What Went Well

- ✓ Consistent approach to assessment processes across school
- ✓ Triangulated data is actioned to scaffold students' learning
- ✓ Wide range of integrated assessment strategies that affectively inform Teaching & Learning.
- ✓ Quality of written & oral feedback to support learning

##### Recommendations for Further Development:

- More opportunities for peer assessment within group activities
- Whole class feedback opportunities particularly during Plenary sessions
- Personalised assessment to individual students as well as groups
- Strategic recommendation: Focus on CPD to enhance levels of challenge & critical thinking for all.
- Integrate peer assessment more effectively into planning strategies



Huge thank you to our supportive Positive Parent Partners for attending the SPEA IRV Parent Meeting on 2/6/22. Their long experience with the school gave them in-depth knowledge & examples to share with the Review Team.

Our SPEA inspection Improvement Review Visit went very well! We are super pleased with the result, which we will share with you once it is confirmed by SPEA. Thanks for all your support!

The Review Team Leader Mr. David shared the following special message to our students:

*“What a Wonderful experience I and the rest of the review team had when we visited WSS!*

*It was so inspiring to see such dedicated, enthusiastic & independent learners. You can feel proud, as I am sure the school is proud of you. Best wishes for the rest of the year!”*

## *Whole School News; SPEA School Improvement Review Visit (IRV), 1st-2nd June!*

### **Report on the IRV Findings (feedback):**

#### **6.1; The Effectiveness of Leadership**

##### **What Went Well**

- √ SLT & MLT work well as a team to provide clear direction for school.
- √ The Leadership actively & regularly seeks the views of stakeholders
- √ The Leadership has an impact on performance across a range of standards
- √ SLT & MLT have capacity to drive this highly inclusive school forwards

##### **Recommendations for Further Development:**

- Greater collaboration between Sections to maximise opportunities for improvement for all students, considering resources.
- Ensure all subjects provide consistent quality of learning

#### **6.2; Self-Evaluation & Improvement Planning**

##### **What Went Well**

- √ The SEF is in the hands of those directly responsible for that area.
- √ The SEF is produced collaboratively
- √ Good integration of previous Inspection Report recommendations in SEF, SDP & Dept. Action Plans.
- √ SEF is realistic.
- √ SDP clearly identifies achievable key priorities
- √ The strength & accuracy of monitoring teaching performance, leading to further Teacher improvement

##### **Recommendations for Further Development:**

- Streamline the SEF (too long) & make it more evaluative rather than descriptive

#### **6.3; Partnerships with Parents & the Community**

##### **What Went Well**

- √ School maintains strong partnerships with parents as shown by PPP
- √ Parents are involved in their children's education
- √ Strong communication channels with school & Governors
- √ Reporting strategies effective in providing parents with a full, regular & rounded picture of student's academic & social development.
- √ Connections & involvement the school has established with the local community has a positive impact on students enhancing their social skills.

##### **Recommendations for Further Development:**

- Develop school involvement in international communities

### **Report on the IRV Findings (feedback):**

#### **6.4; Governance**

##### **What Went Well**

- √ Board's Close & appropriate involvement in SEF & development planning
- √ Open channels of communication that are well-used to canvas stakeholders views.
- √ Governance monitors closely the actions of SLT. & objectively holds them to account whilst still able to act as a critical friend.
- √ Regular, positive influence on school Performance.

##### **Recommendations for Further Development:**

- To continue to look into ways to develop use of resources to further improve student experience

#### **6.5; Management, Staffing, facilities & Resources**

##### **What Went Well**

- √ Day-to-Day management of school
- √ Sufficient deployment of suitably qualified staff, including TAs & Support Staff.
- √ Regular & personalised CPD for most Teachers

##### **Recommendations for Further Development:**

- Improve the consistency & availability of appropriate resources across all phases & subjects
- Strategic recommendation: CPD & long-term Budgeting to ensure consistency of high standards across all subjects

**Our IRV went very well. We are looking forward to receiving our formal Report from SPEA in July, when we will be able to celebrate our positive achievement & indicative judgements with you!**

# WSS Superstar Champions!

FS2 S1



Getting stickers from Ms Shamail for our work



FS2 S1



We filled up our marble jar

**Positive Reviews**

MEMOONA IRFAN  
2 reviews • 0 photos  
★★★★★ Yesterday

West Minster is one of the best and exemplary school in Sharjah UAE. The dedication, hardwork and endless efforts of the teachers, and willingness to help ensure all students achieve success in academics as well as strong character building is unsurpassed highly recommended.



Dear Ms. Chandani,

Your email is very much appreciated.

Inspite of her struggles with this challenging subject, grateful to have this positive note.

Indeed, her hardwork and determination paid off. And we are very much thankful for your continuous support and all the resources that she can use for studying.

She will be lucky to have you again next year.

Regards,



## WSS Superstar Champions!



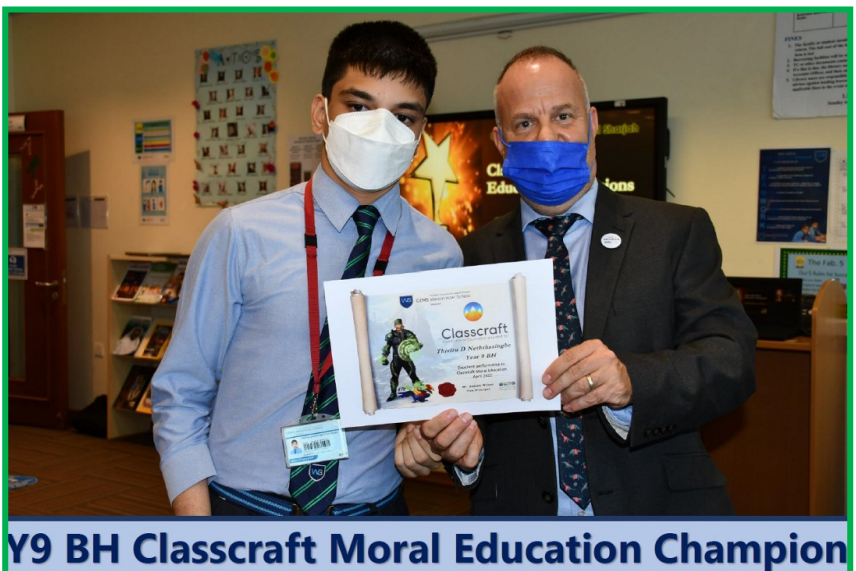
Congratulations to Jawad for his Kungfu sporting achievement! This reflects his hard work, hours of focused practice & teamwork with his Kungfu teacher & amazing support by his parent. Great job!



Hope this message finds you well, I'm writing this thanks letter to you for your good choice of teachers. We can touch how much they are doing to our children they are supporting them and give them self-confidence, provide them with the required education, and work hard to deliver and clarify all the required information from the deep of their hearts.  
 Please extend our thanks to : Mrs. Sasirekha y6 , Mrs. Shabana y5, Mr. lissy y3 and Mrs. Rochelle y2. And all Arabic, Islamic and social studies teachers.  
 Big thank for your PE trainers they provide our kids with happiness and the ICT teachers.  
 Thanks for being amazing team ❤️  
 Al Suwaidi Family



## WSS Superstar Champions!



Dear Ms. Mariam,

Here we approach academic year end 2021/2022 which was a milestone & promising year for my son Yassin.

We would like to thank you for your dedicated work, support, supervision, love & caring which you showed and reflected in Yassin's progress.

We also appreciate listening to & considering our concerns whenever raised regarding Yassin's learning & progress.

Once again, thank you so much & hope that Yassin will be assigned in Year2 to a teacher like you who is able to deal with him, listen to him, recognize his personality, abilities, needs & also to push/motivate him towards more progress and success, following up with him during the class on daily basis to make sure that he understood his lessons & tasks.

As you know Ms. Mariam, Yassin is depending on what is being taught & told to him in the class. Also, he is a smart & fast learner as you mentioned earlier.

He is also doing well & achieving more progress when "Learning by activity/fun" concept is applied.

Hope we have a teacher like you in year2 to continue our happiness journey with Gems Westminster School - Sharjah.

Wishing you all the best.

Best Regards,,,

Mohamed El Esawy

## WSS Superstar Champions!

Dear Miss Chandani,

Thanks for your positive feed back. But I think credit goes to you.

You are doing a great job around the clock. I think you have a strong bonding with your students. Nowadays students strength is high in wss and it's not easy, but still you work hard to achieve your targets by involving them to do more hard work. From explanation to involving them either in led lessons or doing case study. Maryam is learning how to apply business in daily life.

I am getting weekly updates and feedback from you so I really appreciate it.

Maryam Kashif is trying to achieve good score in business and she is working on it.

Once again Thanks for your support. Great job.

Regards,  
Wajiha Kashif.



## Y3D2 stars with their Achievement Certificates



Dear Miss Neha & Miss Sonia,

Hope you are doing great.

I hereby wants to thanks both of you for your kind efforts for our child Aashir Ahmad Khan throughout this academic year and without your efforts and great skills it was not possible that our child groomed to this level.

He has been improved alot since he was enrolled in Westminster and hope that he will keep progressing in coming years as well.

Being parents we are very happy with your efforts and satisfied alot.

In the end I wants to say thanks to Miss Valerie, Miss Shamile and Miss Aiysha Khan for their support as well.

Thanks & best regards,  
Aashir's parents  
FS2-S1



# WSS Superstar Champions!



## WSS Superstar Environment & Recycling Champions!

On average, a UAE resident generates 17.2 kg of e-waste per annum, much of which ends up in landfill sites where it can negatively impact the environment and local wildlife. WSS will be participating in an e-waste recycling campaign. This campaign aims to collect e-waste (**old or broken mobile phones, laptops, tablets, and smartwatches**) from the GEMS community so that it can be safely disposed of. Please note that devices will not be repurposed or sold. Fixerman will weigh each collection box to measure how much has been collected from each school. The year-long campaign and donations will be collected beginning next week and continuing through May 2023.

### How the campaign works:

1. We will shortly receive a Fixerman e-recycling bin, made from recycled cardboard. It will be placed in an accessible location.
2. All personal files should be deleted from the device, and data will be erased by E-Scrappy before recycling.
3. The Fixerman van will collect the donated devices every week from school.
4. All discarded devices will be safely destroyed and disposed of through Dubai Municipality-registered recycling company E-Scrappy.

### What devices can be collected?

**Mobile phones, tablets, laptops and smartwatches.**

Please note that chargers, batteries and leads cannot be collected for disposal.



Dear great teacher  
Really from deepest part of my heart

Thank you so much for your efforts, I am more than happy with ammar level in math and science  
He is totally independent now for studying both subject even to revise in exam time

My words will never be enough to explain how grateful I am to you, but I will always try to get chances to appreciate your efforts

Good bless you:)



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

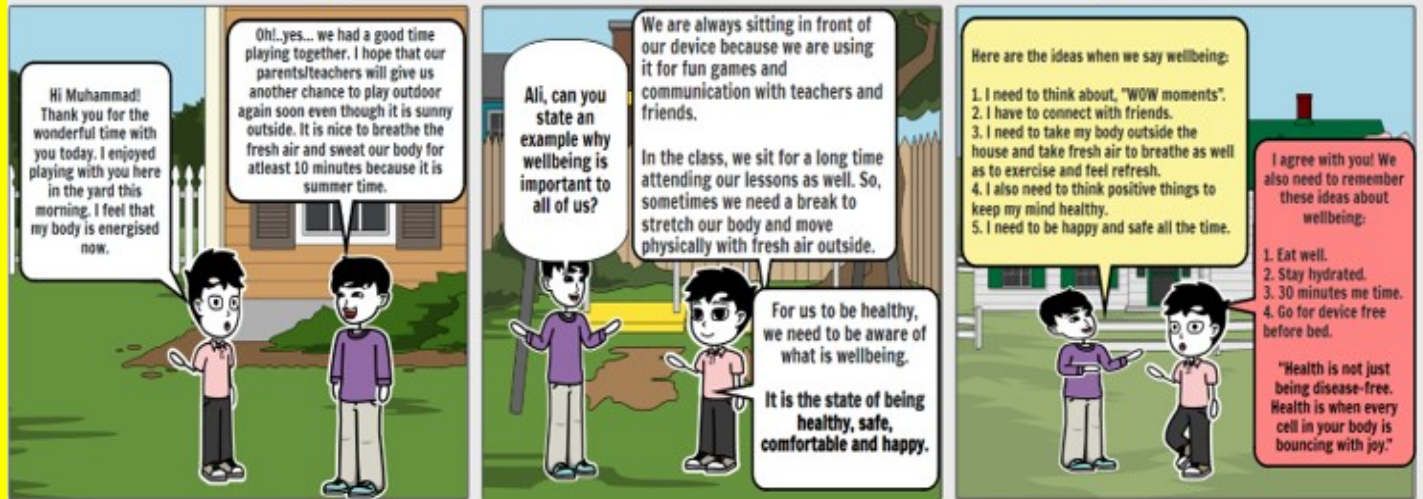


Find our updated Parent Handbook through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.



The Principal attended a MOE training session on Y13 Equivalency on 31/5/22. The session outlined the requirements & process for students to apply for their Graduation Equivalency, as required to study further in UAE & some other countries.

## Wellbeing for Students



## LEADERS IN A CLASSROOM





## Whole School News; Sharjah Award for Educational Excellence!

Sharjah Private Education Authority is pleased to extend its warmest greetings to you...

With reference to the above mentioned subject and in order to promote and spread the culture of excellence in the educational field, we would be very grateful if you would circulate and encourage all educational staff, students and parents to participate in the Sharjah Award for Educational Excellence, Session 28 for the academic year 2022-2023 in its various and new categories by visiting the Award's website : <https://award-shj.ae>

Accordingly, we enclose the following:

1. Explanatory video of how to participate in the Award  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12aF3WL7biUeOi3XP-bMtgmmLjdJ2eCcp/view?usp=sharing>
2. Award Categories and Rewards
3. All nomination forms and explanatory symptoms in the award  
<https://award-shj.ae>
4. Undertaking (Each participant must fill out the undertaking and to be signed and send it to the email [suha.faris@spea.shj.ae](mailto:suha.faris@spea.shj.ae) stamped by the Authority, so that it can be attached with the participation file)

**link participation in Arabic and English + detailed presentation of the award Download files within 6 days**

<https://we.tl/t-s4cCZdetlM>

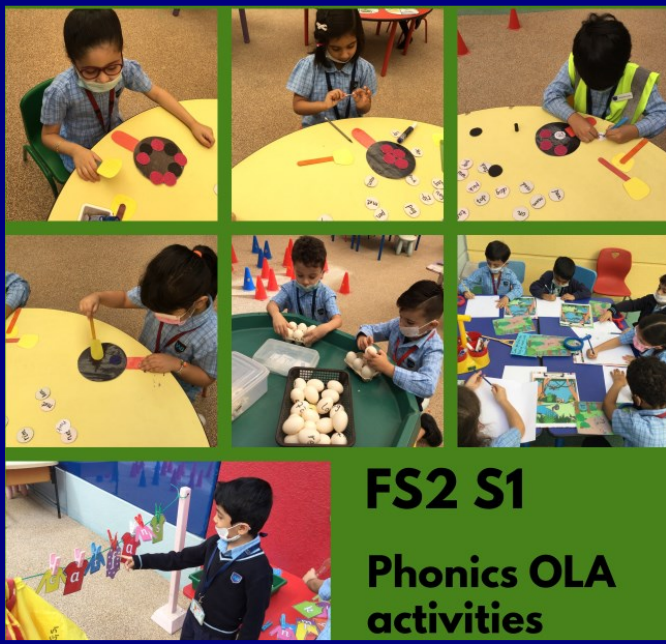
تحية طيبة وبعد

يطيب لهيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص أن تهديكم أطيب التحيات وصادق الأمنيات... بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه ومن منطلق تعزيز ونشر ثقافة التميز في الميدان التربوي نتطلع منكم التعميم و تشجيع كافة الكادر التربوي والطلبة وأولياء الأمور للمشاركة في جائزة الشارقة للتميز التربوي \_ الدورة 28 للعام الدراسي 2022-2023 في فئاتها المختلفة والجديدة عن طريق زيارة الموقع الالكتروني للجائزة : <https://award-shj.ae> وعليه نرفق لكم التالي:

1. فيديو توضيحي لكيفية المشاركة في الجائزة  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12aF3WL7biUeOi3XP-bMtgmmLjdJ2eCcp/view?usp=sharing>
  2. فئات ومكافآت الجائزة
  3. كافة استمارات الترشيح والأدلة التفسيرية في موقع الجائزة - <https://award-shj.ae>
  4. التعهد ( يجب على كل مشترك تعبئة التعهد وارساله على البريد [suha.faris@spea.shj.ae](mailto:suha.faris@spea.shj.ae) ليتم توقيعه وختمه من قبل الهيئة حتى يتم ارفاقه مع ملف المشاركة )  
رابط يحتوي على فيديو المشاركة باللغتين العربية والانجليزية + عرض تفصيلي عن الجائزة يرجى تحميل الملفات خلال 6 أيام  
<https://we.tl/t-s4cCZdetlM>
- علماً بأن آخر موعد لرفع الملفات الخميس 2022/9/23 للاستفسار : أ. سهى فارس 0505677472  
شاكرين حسن تعاونكم...  
وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام..



# Junior Section News; Learning is Cool, in FS2!



**FS2 S1**  
**Phonics OLA activities**



**FS2 S1**  
**UW OLA activities**

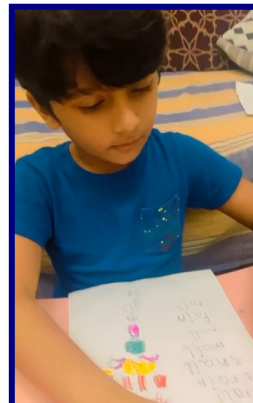


**FS2 S1**

**Arabic Home Learning**



**FS2 S1**  
**Birthday's token of love for teachers**

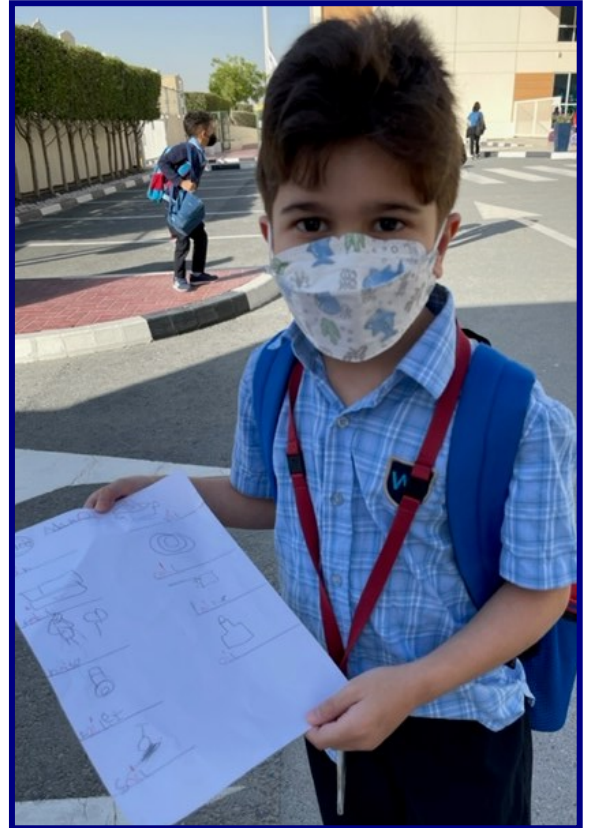




## Junior Section News



'I'm learning about the 4 Seasons!'



'I'm learning about the 'oi' sound!'



Recited by Nabia

The Holy Quran

﴿ Surah 91 ﴾

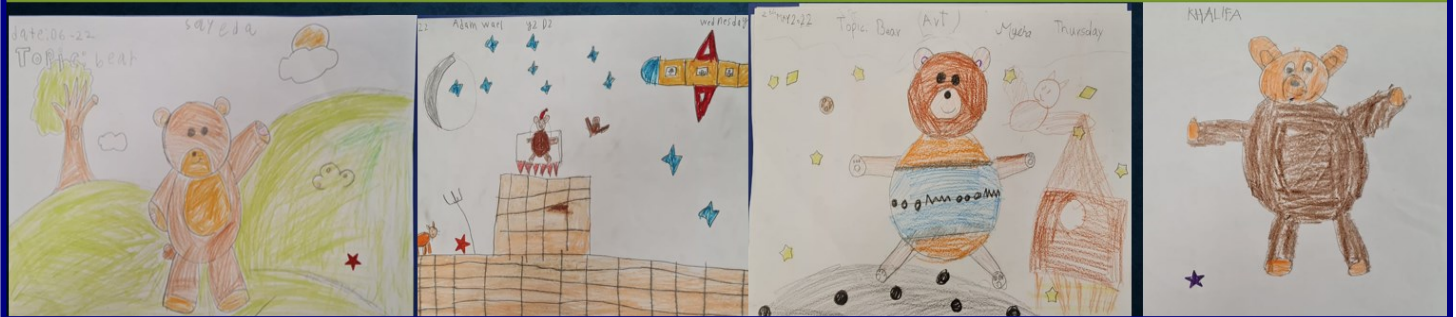
سورة الشمس

Surat Ash-Shams (The Sun)

# Junior Section News



**LFQ:-HOW DO I DRAW BEAR WITH SHAPES ?  
YEAR 2**



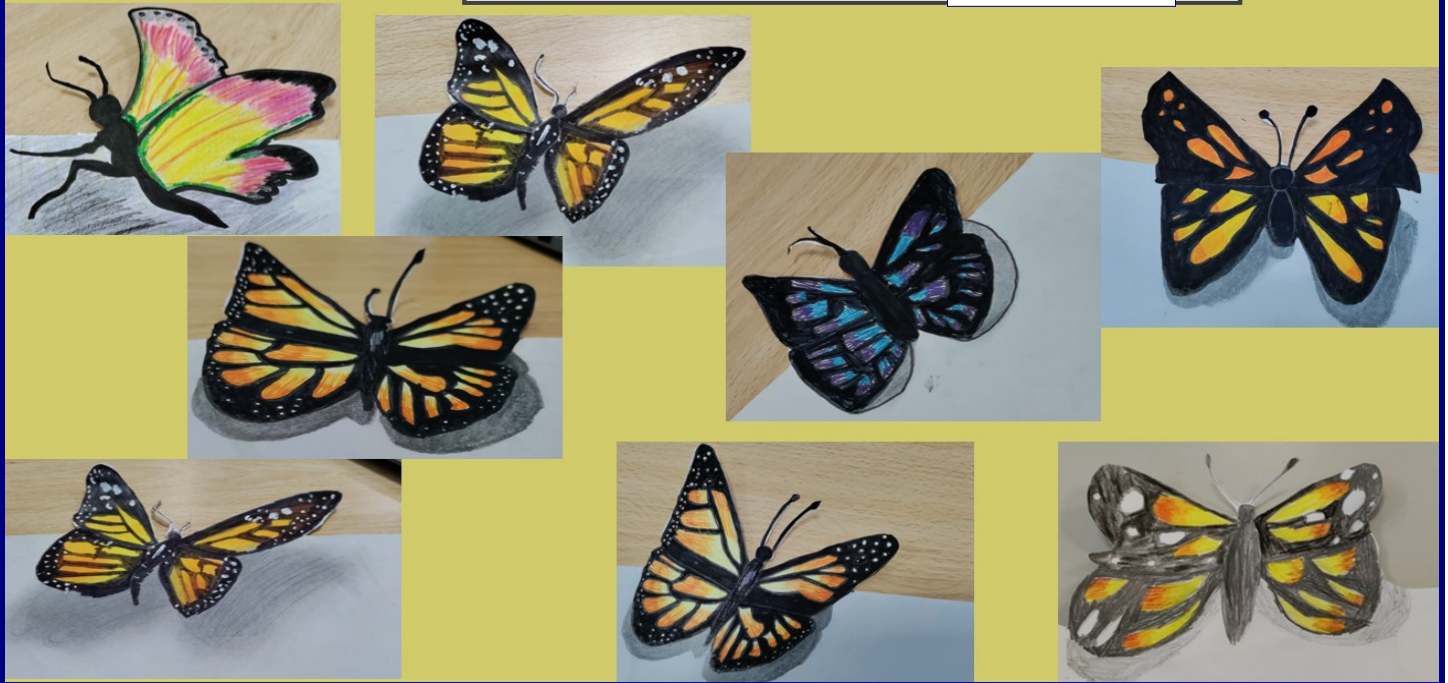
**Y2 with Art Teacher Ms. Jaspreet**



# Primary Section News

LFQ: How do I create 3D butterfly?  
Y4&5

With Ms. Surbhi

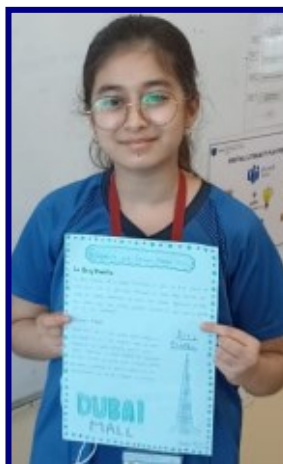
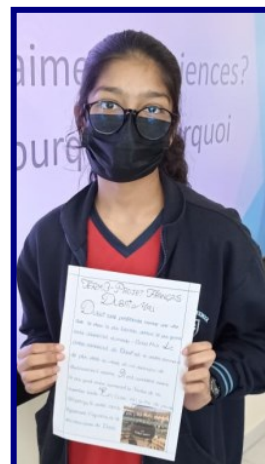
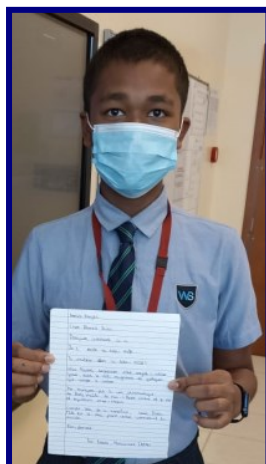
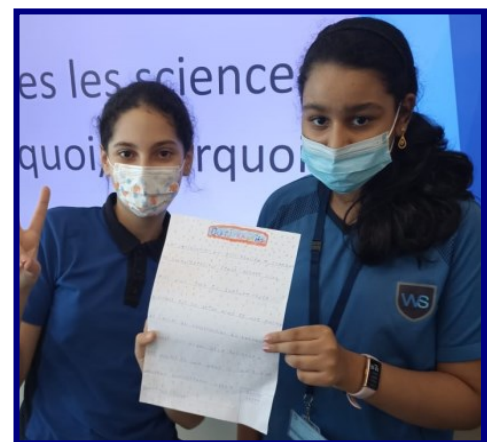
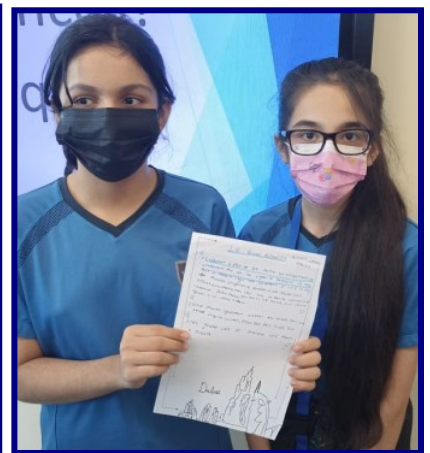
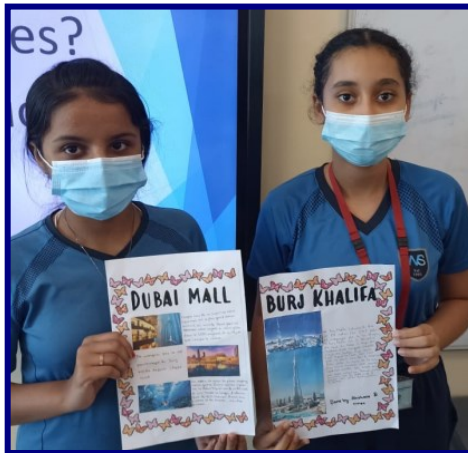
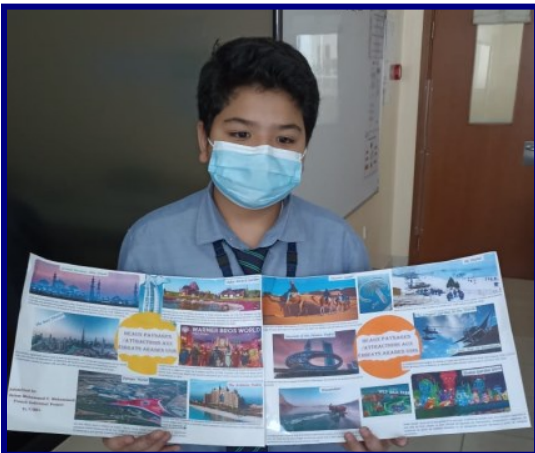
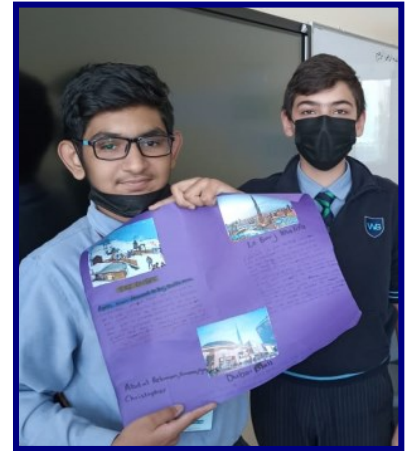
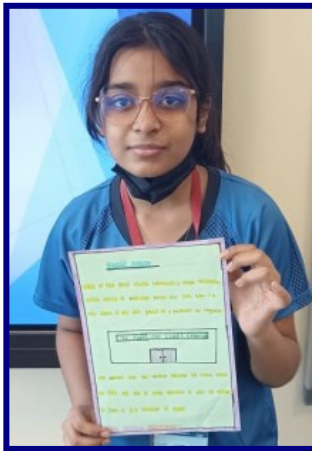
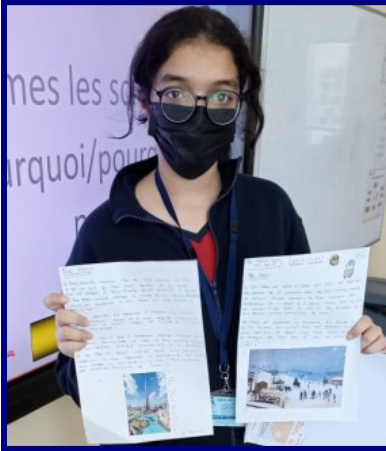


Y3S2 Robot making math activity

With Ms. Sangeetha



# Secondary Section News; French Literacy!



Y7 & Y8 French students with Mr. Abdelrahman



# Secondary Section News; Fun Trips!



## Year 7 TRIP TO BOUNCE-X, DUBAI



Happy Birthday!

