

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #35
29th May, 2025



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

We wish your children all the very best for their exams from next week—please support them with lots of sleep, encouragement, follow-up & healthy food.

If you have not yet cleared **T3 fees & submitted the Authority-mandated Clinic forms**, please do so urgently. Both of these items are critical. Thank you.

School will be closed from Thursday 5/6/25 until Sunday 9/6/25 inclusive for the Eid Al Adha break. Wishing all our families a blessed Eid.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Wed. 4th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school moves to exam timings, 7:15am-12pm (12:30pm bus departure)
Thurs. 5/6 to Sun. 8/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Eid Al Adha. Eid Mubarak!
Mon. 16/6/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for Y9-12 parents to complete the Independent Exit Survey
Thurs. 19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of compulsory T3 Promotional Exams Activity programme for students in school from 23/6/25 to 3/7/25 inclusive.
Thurs. 3rd July, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The last official day for students for this academic year.
Monday 25th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of T1 for new joiners. T1 fees need to be cleared in full before any student is admitted into class for the new year. There are no exceptions to this, so please budget accordingly.
Tuesday 26th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of T1 for returning students. T1 fees need to be cleared in full before any student is admitted into class for the new year. There are no exceptions to this, so please budget accordingly.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 35
29 مايو 2025



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومبسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

نتمنى لأطفالكم كل التوفيق في
امتحاناتهم التي تبدأ الأسبوع المقبل -
يرجى دعمهم بالكثير من النوم
والتشجيع والمتابعة والطعام الصحي.

إذا لم تقم بعد بتسوية رسوم T3 وتقديم نماذج العيادة المطلوبة
من قبل الهيئة، فيرجى القيام بذلك على وجه السرعة. كلا الأمرين
بالغي الأهمية. شكرًا لك.

سيتم إغلاق المدرسة من يوم الخميس 5/6/25 حتى يوم الأحد
9/6/25 بما في ذلك عطلة عيد الأضحى المبارك

نتمنى لجميع عائلاتنا عيدًا مباركًا.

الموايد

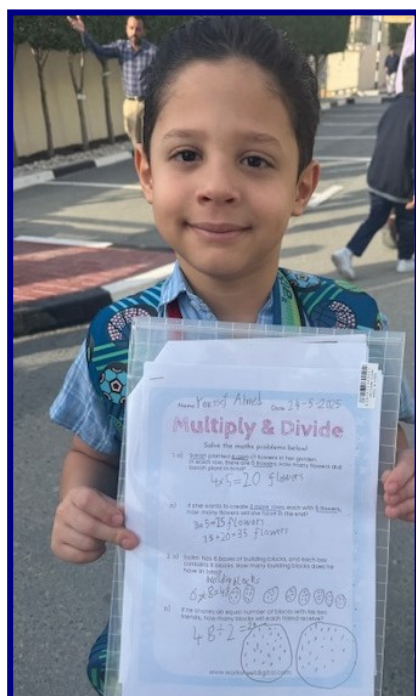
التاريخ	التفاصيل
الأربعاء 4 يونيو	• تنتقل المدرسة بأكملها إلى مواعيد الامتحانات، من الساعة 7:15 صباحًا إلى الساعة 12 ظهرًا (مغادرة الحافلة الساعة 12:30 ظهرًا)
من الخميس 5/6 إلى الأحد 8/6	• المدرسة مغلقة بمناسبة عيد الأضحى المبارك. عيد مبارك!
الاثنين 16/6/25	• الموعد النهائي لأولياء أمور طلاب الصفوف من التاسع إلى الثاني عشر لإكمال استبيان الخروج المستقل
الخميس 19 يونيو	• آخر يوم من امتحانات T3 الترويجية الإلزامية • برنامج الأنشطة للطلاب في المدرسة من 23/6/25 إلى 7/3/25 شامل.
الخميس 3 يوليو 2025	• آخر يوم رسمي للطلبة لهذا العام الدراسي.
الاثنين 25 أغسطس	• اليوم الأول من T1 للمنضمين الجدد. • يجب سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل قبول أي طالب في الفصل الدراسي للعام الجديد. لا توجد استثناءات لهذا، لذا يرجى إعداد الميزانية وفقًا لذلك.
الثلاثاء 26 أغسطس	• اليوم الأول من الفصل الدراسي الأول للطلاب العائدين • يجب سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل قبول أي طالب في الفصل الدراسي للعام الجديد. لا توجد استثناءات لهذا، لذا يرجى إعداد الميزانية وفقًا لذلك.



رؤيتنا: "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح 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



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

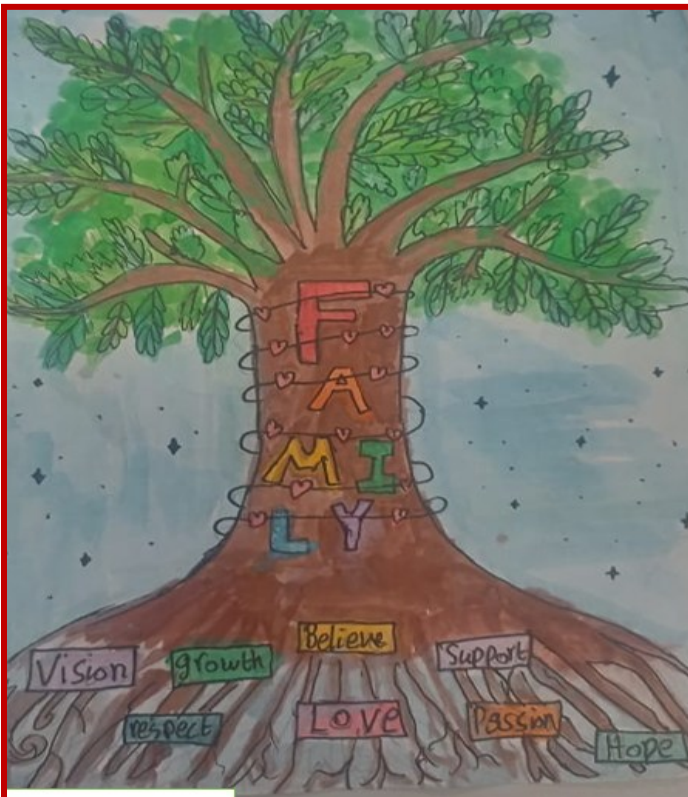


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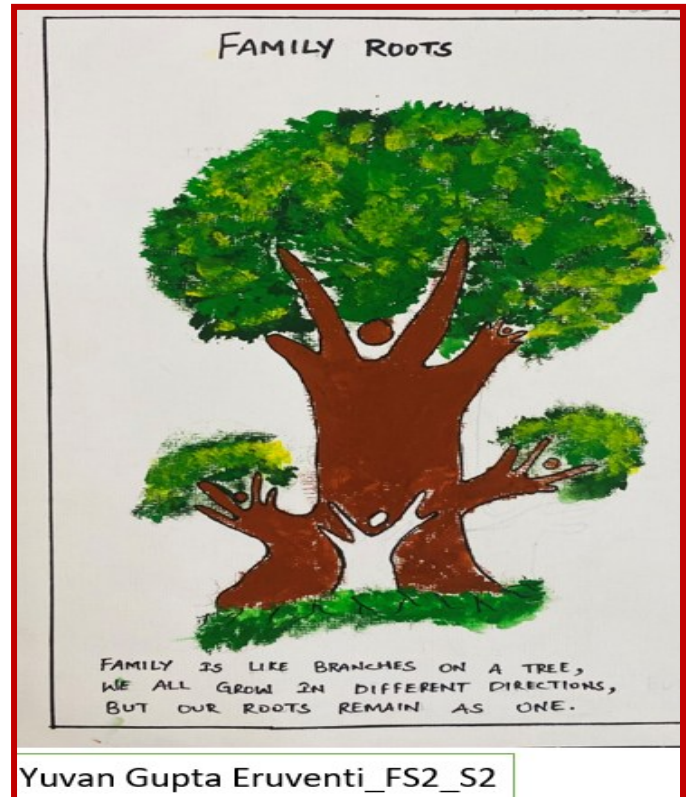
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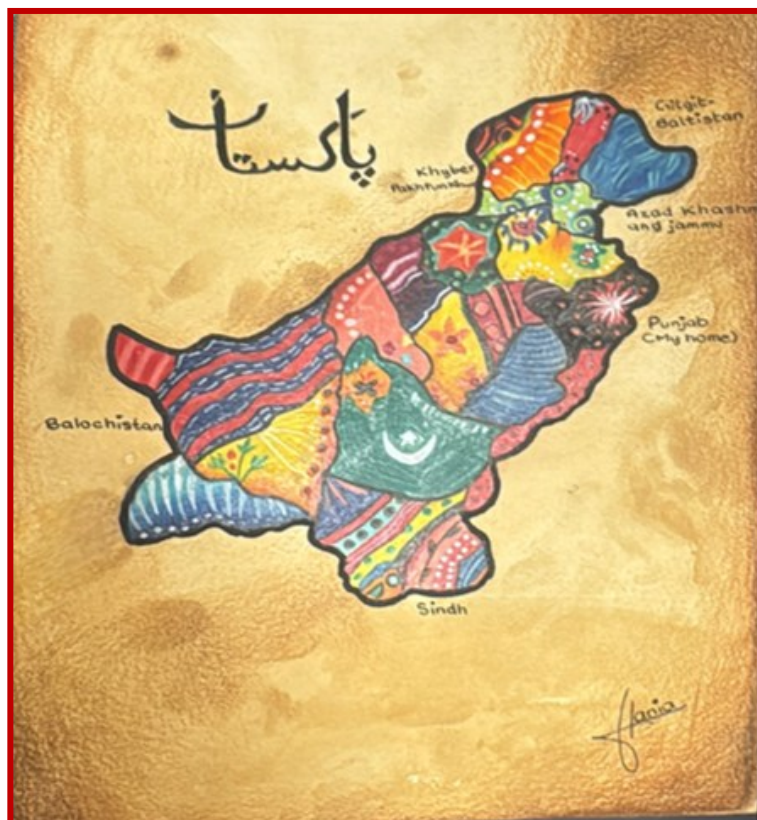
Whole School News; Family First Art Competition!



Kiria Raafat/Y6



Yuvan Gupta Eruventi_FS2_S2



Hania Haroon /Y10



Whole School News; Family First Art Competition!



Huda / Y6

Family

is like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions, but our roots remain as one.



Some beautiful, creative & highly meaningful Art projects were submitted for May's 'Family Roots' competition. Well done to all participants!

JUNE – WEEK 22

LEADING WITH SERVICE



PERIDOT

Encourages generosity and prioritising the needs of others.

“ Leaders help others grow and reach their potential. ”

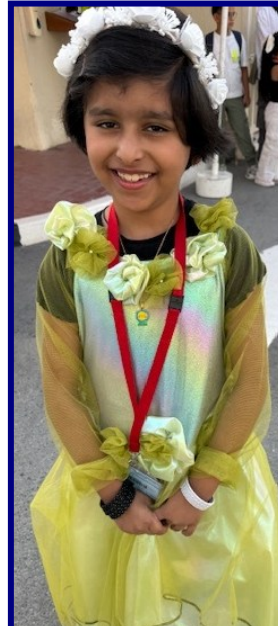
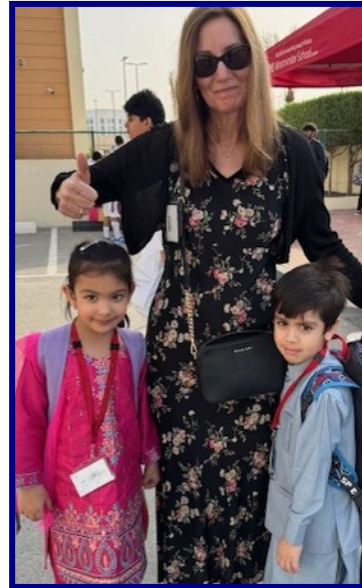
MESSAGE: Leadership is about helping your friends and team reach their goals. When you support others and help them grow, you leave a lasting impact.

REFLECT: How can I focus on helping others grow and improve? What steps can I take to support my classmates or team in becoming their best selves? How can I inspire others to believe in their potential?

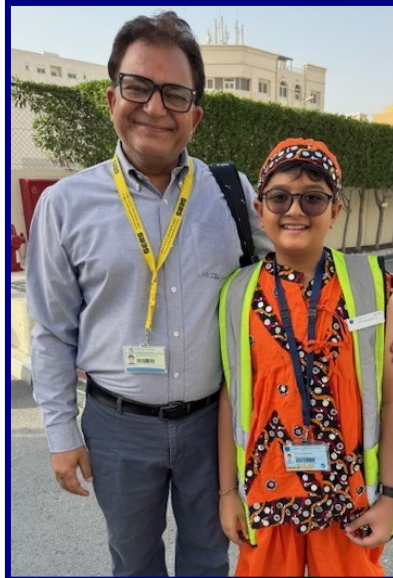
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Whole School News; Staff CPD & Parent Voice!




Junior Section Teachers Ms. Mariam, Ms. Nikhat and Ms. Himaya attended SPEA SIA Ms. Lynn's Hub CPD at Al Ansar school on 28/5/25. The theme was on the topic of Assessment in FS.

Parent Voice; 'You Said...We Did...'



You Said,

Parents have requested more opportunities for revision and a reduction in the assessment portions for Year 7 and Year 10 Arabic. Their aim is to lighten the academic load and help students concentrate more effectively during the exam period.



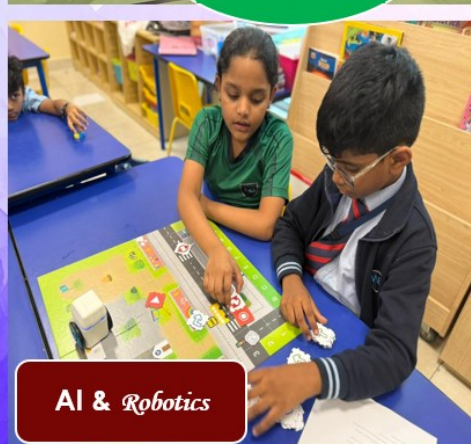
We Did,

In response, we promptly implemented additional structured revision sessions and adjusted the assessment scope to cover fewer lessons per test. These changes were made in close coordination with staff to maintain academic standards while prioritizing student well-being.

Whole School News; Week 5 ECA Report!



Term 3 ECA
WEEK 5

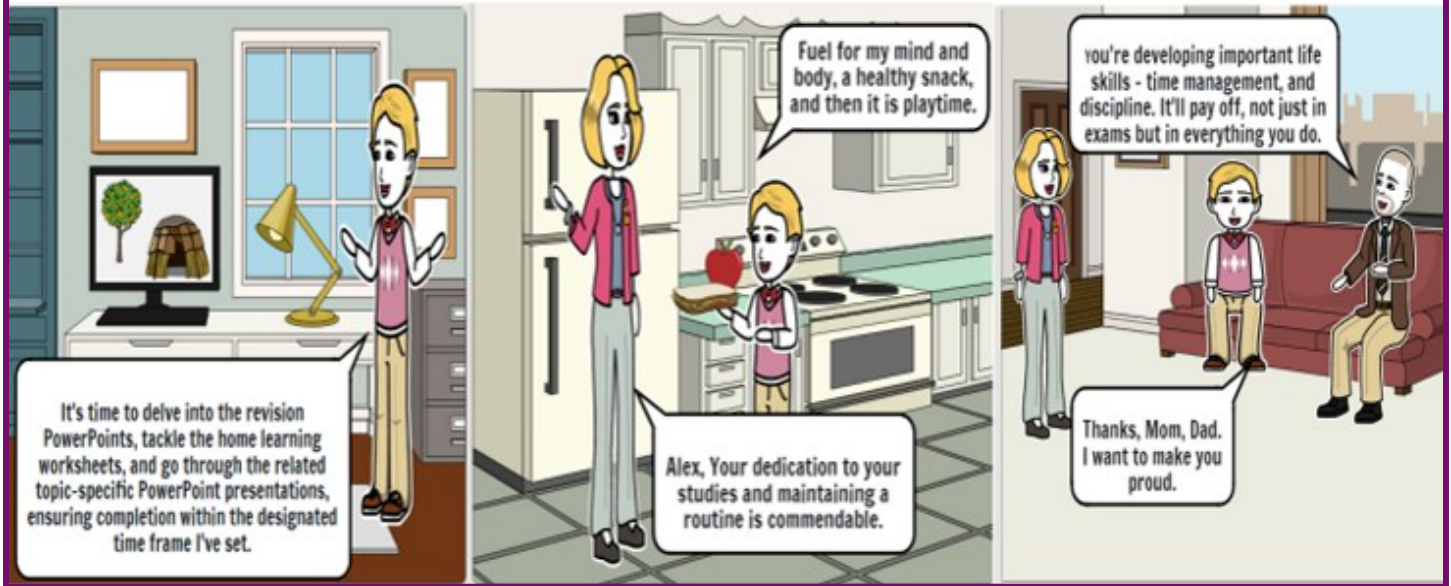


Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!

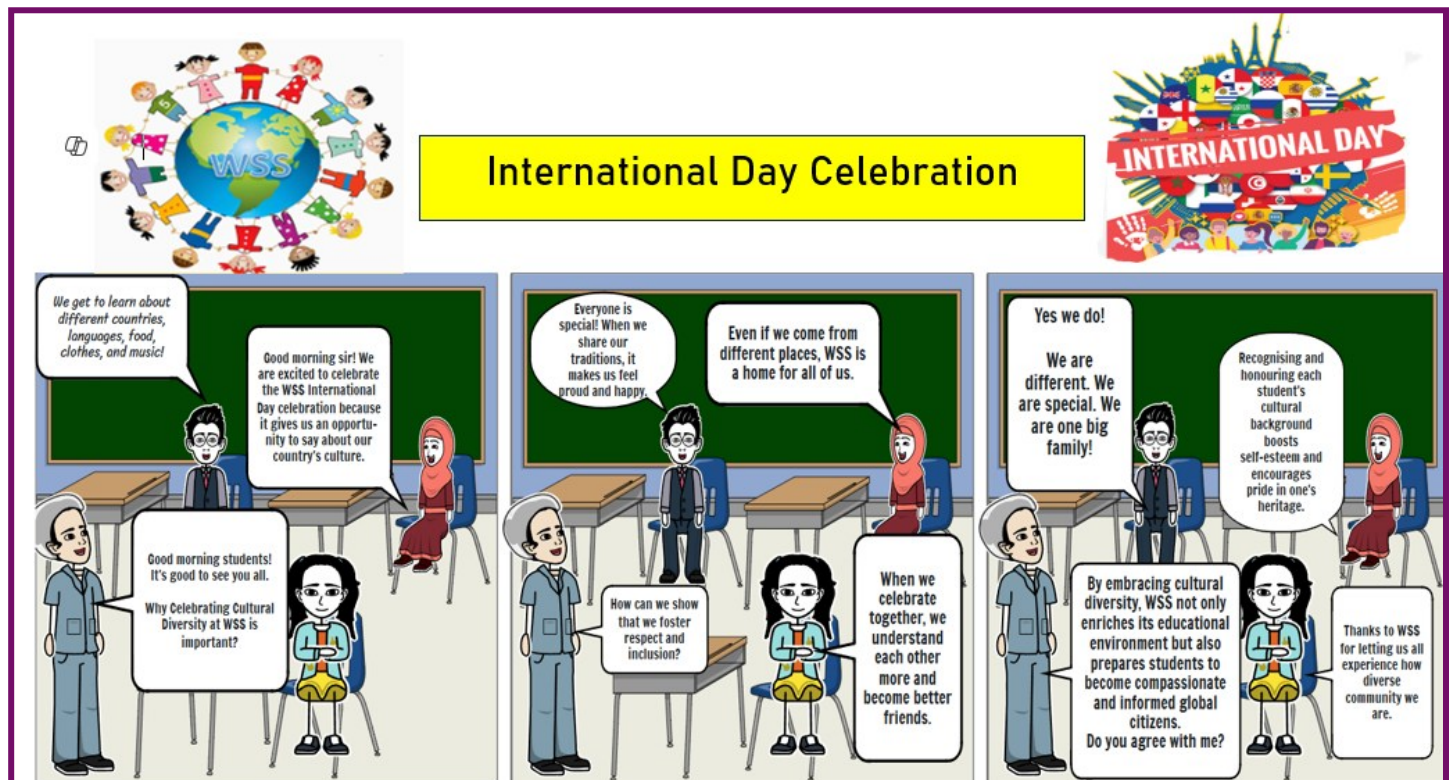


Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

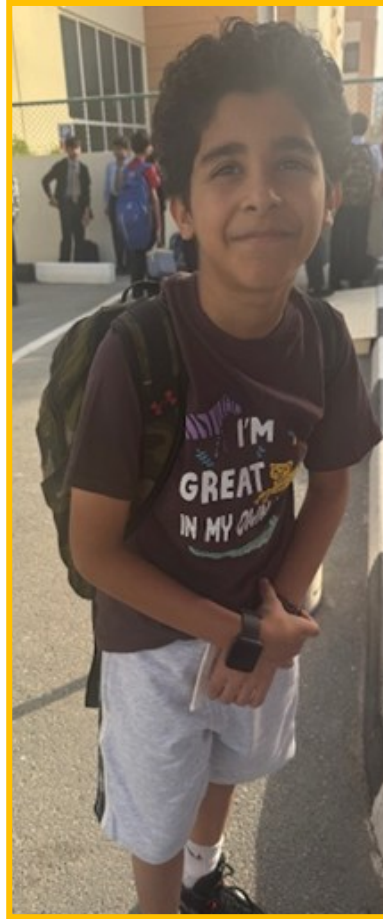
Alex's Journey to Exam Success



International Day Celebration



Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



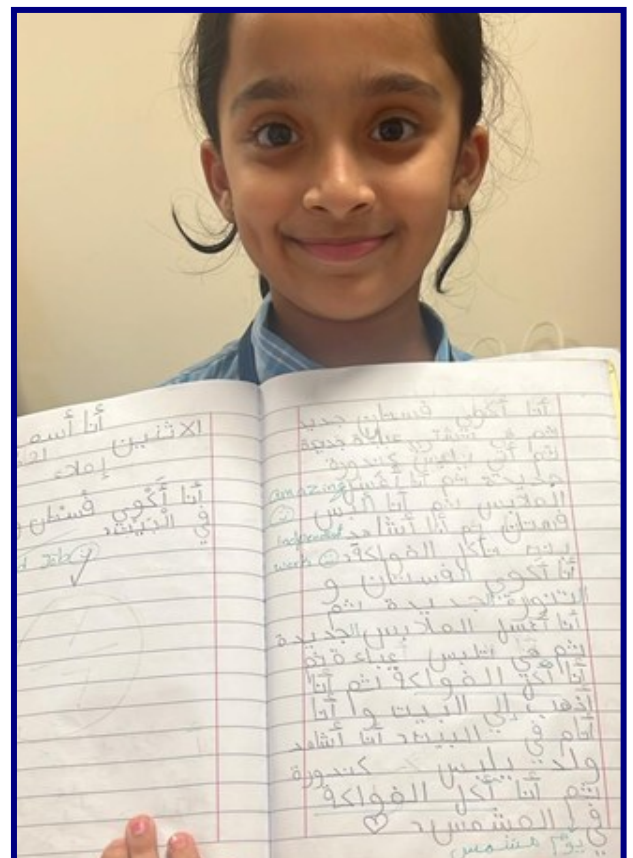
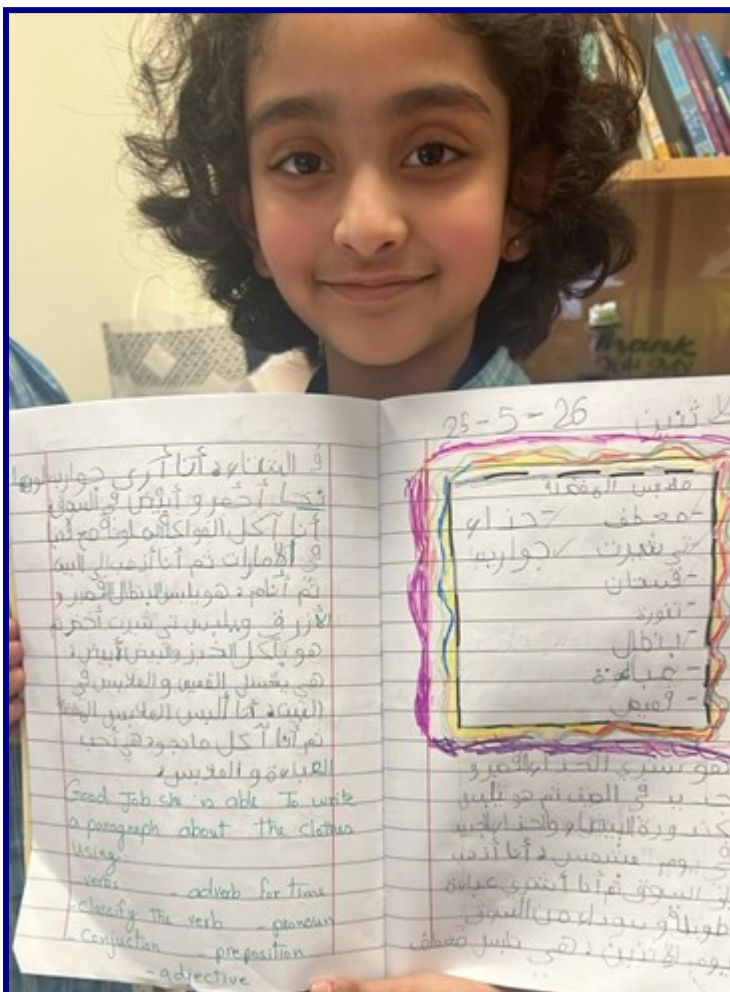
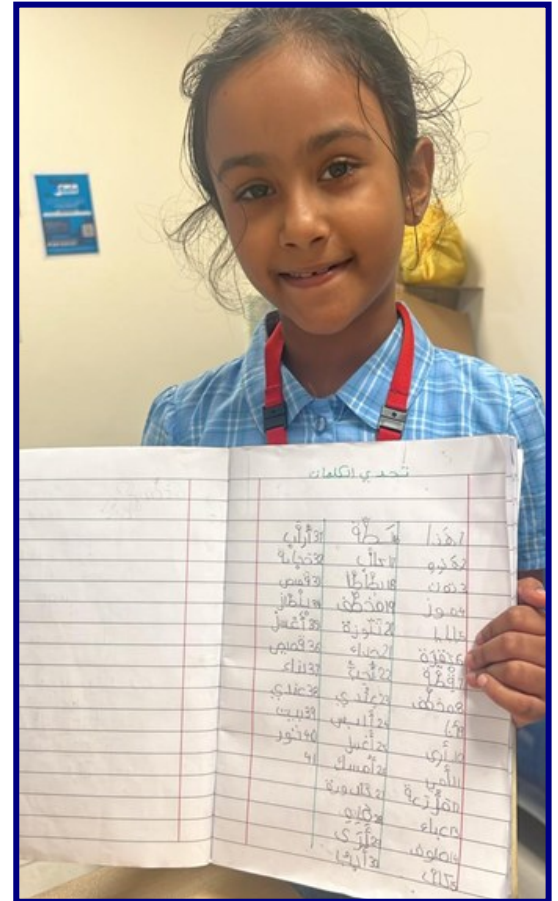
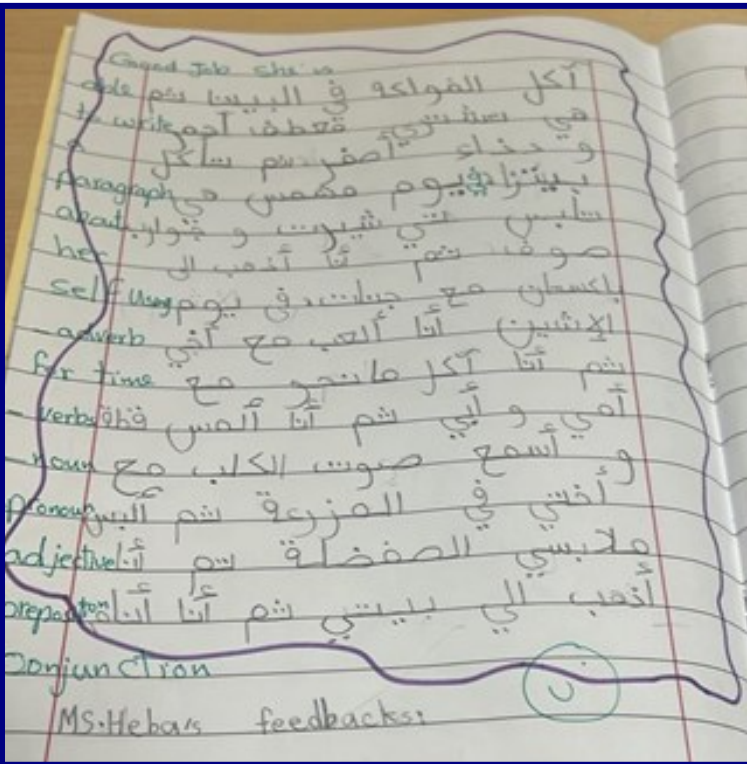
Congratulations to superstar gymnast Ayla, who won two impressive victories in a recent international gymnastics competition.



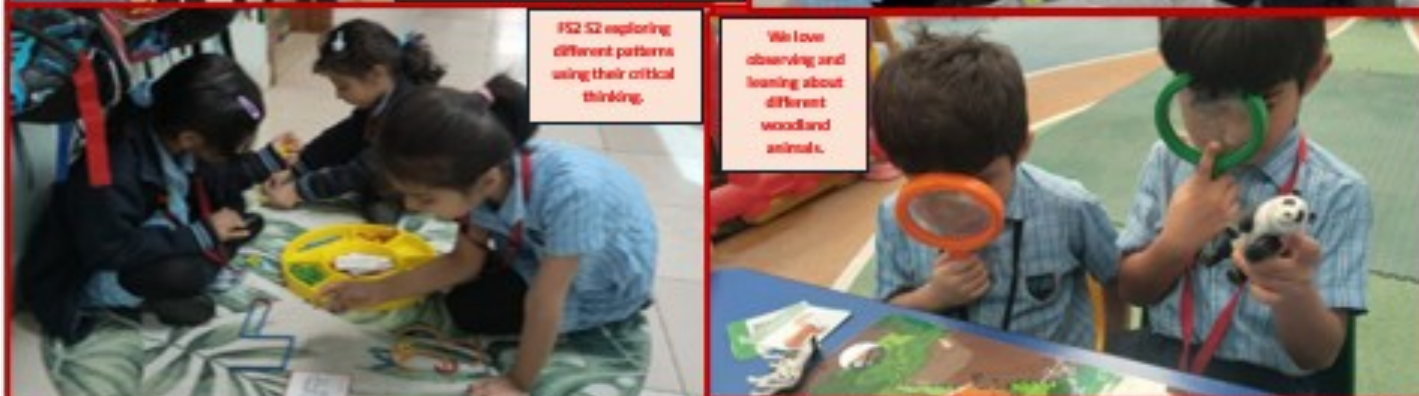
Congratulations Ali (Y2H1) for your 'BrainTrain' participation. Great to see you exercising your mental superpowers!



Junior Section News; Y2 Arabic B Superstars with Ms. Heba!



Junior Section News; FS2S2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

Y1 D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna



P.E lesson



Learning about Float / Sink



English lesson



ICT lesson



Y1D2 with MS Sadiqa and Ms Asma



Junior Section News; Y1F Learning Activities!

Y1F1 WITH MS. FARAH AND MS. JAMILA



Y1F2 WITH MS. ANEEZA AND MS. GURPREET



Junior Section News; Y1H Learning Activities!

Y1H1 WITH MS. AAFREIN AND MS. AMBREEN



Y1H2 WITH MS. KISHWAR AND MS. MANI



Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

Y1S1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadiya



Y1S2 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Foumy

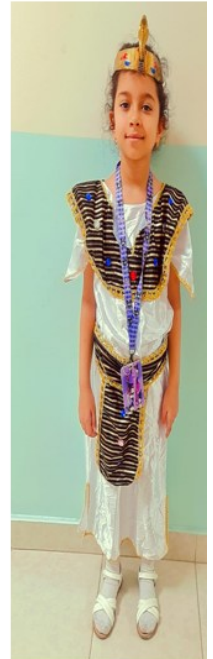
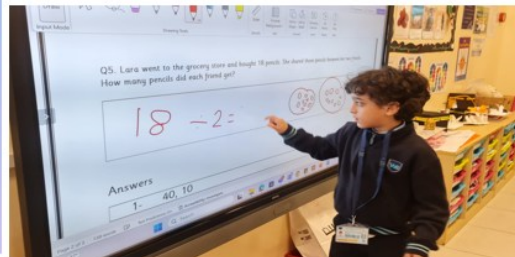
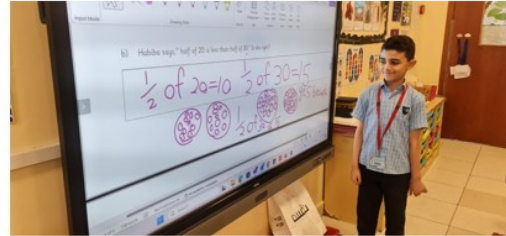


Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2D2 & Y2S2 Learning Activities!

MS MILLICENT & MS TAHIRA Y2D2



Y2S2 with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!

Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Y2F2-Cultural Day with Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!



Y2H2 MS.ROOMANA AND MS.AQUEEN



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Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!

Junior Section: Y2 H1 Learning Activities!

Miss Jinitra and Miss Maryam



Cultural Day



Learning Time



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!

Y2S1 with Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza



Spell Check



Maths Lesson



SST Lesson



Music Lesson

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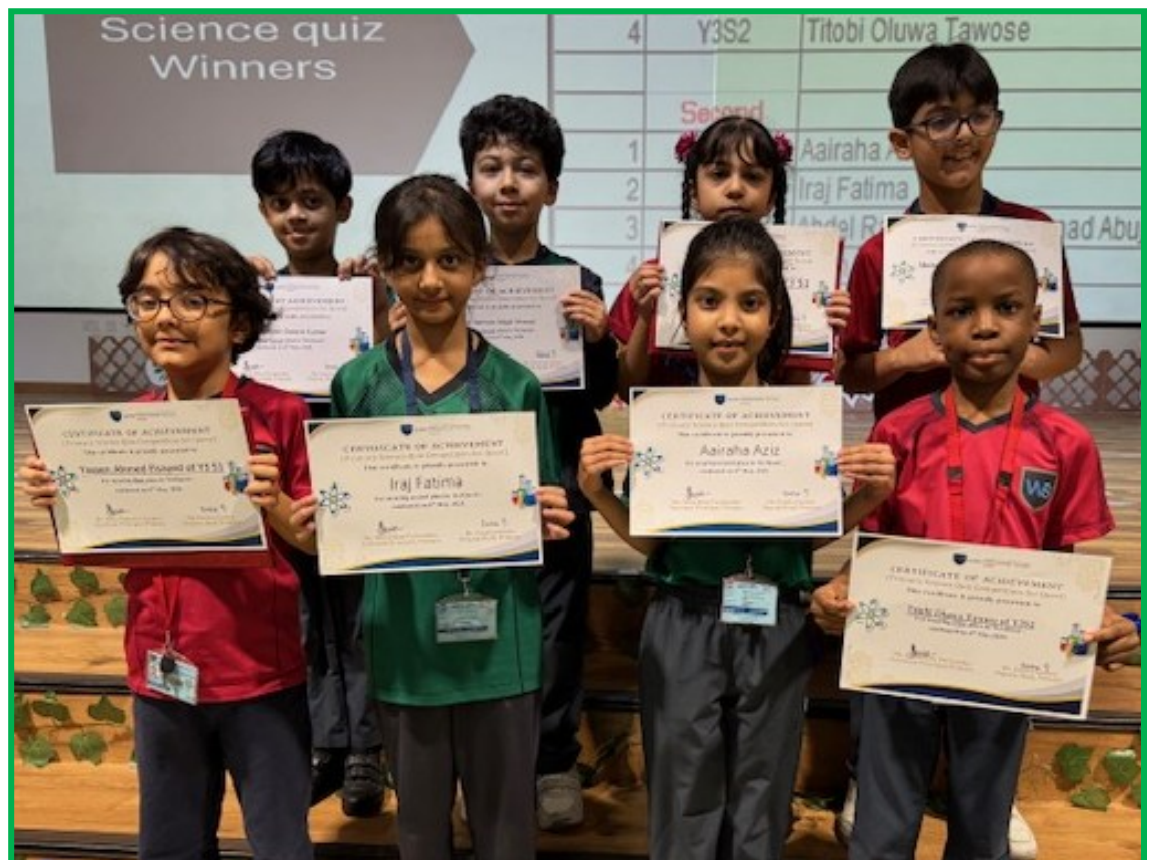
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Primary Section News; Y6 Concert, 26/5/25
Travels & Professions!



Primary Section News; Y6 Concert, 26/5/25
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Primary Section News; Y6 Concert, 26/5/25

Travels & Professions!



Y6 put on an entertaining & colourful Concert related to travel & Professions. Huge thanks to all the organisers for the amazing decorations & hard work. The students did a great job. Many thanks to the parents for attending & supporting their children with costumes, moves & lines.



Primary Section News; Y5 Concert, 28/5/25 'A Journey with Ibn Battuta'!



Dear Mr Statish panjman,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the effort, time, and dedication you put into training the choir. The performance was absolutely wonderful — truly one of the highlights of the concert.

It's clear how much hard work went into preparing the students, and the improvement in the choir was very noticeable. Their voices, confidence, and harmony reflected your guidance and commitment.

Thank you for inspiring the students and helping them shine on stage. The result was something really special and memorable.

With sincere appreciation,
Sereen's parents
Y5 f2 .



Y5 Students. Parents & Staff put on a fabulous Concert on the theme 'A Journey with Ibn Battuta'. The use of light, props & costumes was very creative & the children spoke their lines extremely confidently! Thanks dear parents for all your support.

Dear Teachers,

I would like to sincerely thank you all for your incredible effort and dedication in organizing the school concert. It was truly more than just a performance — it was one of the most amazing and memorable events we've experienced at school.

Your hard work, creativity, and attention to detail were clear in every moment of the show. The atmosphere, the music, and the students' performances were simply outstanding. It was evident how much time and care you put into making it such a success.

Please also extend our thanks to the teachers from the other classes who contributed as well — this concert was a beautiful team effort, and it wouldn't have been the same without everyone's support.

Once again, thank you for such a fantastic experience!

Warm regards,
NOSYBA NIMIR
SEREEN'S MOM
Y5F2

Primary Section News; Y5 Concert, 28/5/25
'A Journey with Ibn Battuta'!



Primary Section News; Y5 Concert, 28/5/25
‘A Journey with Ibn Battuta’!



Primary Section News; Y3S2 & Y4S2 Learning Activities!



Y3S2 students enjoyed making and presenting the Islamic project with utmost care and respect.

With Ms. Benish



Cultural Day celebrations- Our differences make us stronger...!

Y4S2

Primary Section News; Learning Activities!



We really enjoyed the Y6 Concert!

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to Oniru for his outstanding recent achievements in athletics. In two consecutive events held on Saturday and Sunday, he secured 1st place in both the 100m and 200m individual sprint events, clocking impressive times of 11.87 seconds in the 100m and 24.83 seconds in the 200m.

One of these events was organized by AIS, which is recognized as one of the most prestigious and widely attended athletic competitions in the UAE. Oniru's performance at the AIS event was particularly remarkable, as he is now officially recorded as the fastest sprinter in the UAE under the 15 age group!

Secondary Section News; KS3 STEAM Learning!

KS3 Boys: Roz Inspires STEAM!



Secondary Section News; KS3 STEAM Learning!



Students have begun exploring weekly themed challenges inspired by The Wild Robot through creative STEAM tasks.



Secondary Section News; KS4 Achievement Celebrations!



We are proud to celebrate the achievements of our Year 10 boys, who were recognized with certificates for their **outstanding performance throughout the academic year**, as well as for being selected as **Star Students for Term 2 and Term 3**.

These certificates were awarded "**for consistently upholding moral values and achieving academic excellence**", reflecting not only their dedication to their studies but also their exemplary character.

Congratulations to all the recipients! Your hard work, integrity, and commitment have truly made you stand out. Keep aiming high and inspiring others! ✨



Secondary Section News; KS4 Achievement Celebrations!



*KS4 girls celebrating heritage,
pride, and unity—one outfit, one
smile, one story at a time.*