

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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**Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson**

Dear WSS Parents,

This has been an incredibly joyful week celebrating Graduations & transitions from Juniors to Primary & Primary to Secondary. As we reflected on the tremendous growth & develop-

ment of our young superstars over time, we also recognised the significant power of positive home-school partnerships & teamwork. WSS is your child's second family, so let's keep up the positive communication, patient support & open-minded problem-solving to ensure that your child's learning journey continues into their new chapter as successfully as the last. Huge thanks to all our wonderful parents who attended events this week, with special appreciation to our parent partners who gave such encouraging speeches.

Y13 & Y2 Graduating Classes of 2026 did a paired walk through school celebrating this milestone for both year groups. It was a proud, super cute moment seeing the youngest students being escorted proudly through Reception & the corridors by our Y13 students, & seeing how children at WSS are nurtured to grow up to be such confident, skilled leaders.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Monday 15/6/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Islamic New Year
Monday 13/7/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SCO (Arabic Secretary/GRE will take summer leave. So, if you need any document/support from her, the deadline to request this in writing is Monday 13/7/26. After this date, documents will only be processed from 31/8/26
Monday 8/6/16- Thursday 18/6/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school moves to exam timings, 7:15am-12:15pm
Thursday 2/7/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officially students' last day of the academic year. The last T3 Promotional Exam is on Thursday 18/6/26, subject to SPEA approval
Monday 31/8/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of the new Academic Year for New Joiners. Full T1 Fee & Assessment Fee must be cleared before any child has a class confirmed to join for the new academic year. No T1 Payment Plans. Thank you.
Tuesday 1/9/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of the new Academic Year for returning students. Full T1 Fee & Assessment Fee must be cleared before any child has the class confirmed to join for the new academic year. No T1 Payment Plans. Thank you.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 35
4 يونيو 2026



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

لقد كان هذا أسبوعاً مليئاً بالفرح بشكل لا يصدق، حيث احتفلنا بالتخرج والانتقال من المرحلة الابتدائية إلى المرحلة الإعدادية ومن المرحلة الإعدادية إلى المرحلة الثانوية. من المرحلة الابتدائية إلى المرحلة الثانوية. وبينما كنا نتأمل في النمو والتطور، الهائلين لنجومنا الصغار على مر الزمن، أدركنا أيضاً القوة الكبيرة للشراكات الإيجابية بين المنزل والمدرسة والعمل الجماعي. تعتبر WSS بمثابة العائلة

الثابتة لطفلك، لذا دعونا نحافظ على التواصل الإيجابي والدعم الصبور وحل المشكلات بعقلية منفتحة لضمان استمرار رحلة تعلم طفلك في فصله الجديد بنجاح كما كان الفصل السابق. شكراً جزيلاً لجميع أولياء الأمور الرائعين الذين حضروا الفعاليات هذا الأسبوع، مع تقدير خاص لشركائنا من أولياء الأمور الذين أنقوا كلمات مشجعة للغاية.

قام طلاب الصفين 13 و 2 المتخرجين عام 2026 بجولة تثنائية في المدرسة احتفالاً بهذا الإنجاز لكلا الصفين. لقد كانت لحظة فخر ولطيفة للغاية أن نرى أصغر الطلاب وهم يرافقون بفخر عبر الاستقبال والممرات من قبل طلاب الصف الثالث عشر، وأن ليتشأنوا قادة WSS ترى كيف يتم رعاية الأطفال في مدرسة واتقين وماهرين.

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
المدرسة مغلقة بمناسبة العام الهجري الجديد.	الاثنين 15/6/26
سيأخذ مسؤول العلاقات الحكومية إجازة صيفية. لذا، إذا كنت بحاجة إلى أي مستند/دعم منها، فإن الموعد النهائي لطلب ذلك كتابياً هو يوم الاثنين 13/7/26. بعد هذا التاريخ، لن تتم معالجة المستندات إلا ابتداءً من 31/8/2026	الاثنين 13/7/26
تنتقل المدرسة بأكملها إلى مواعيد الامتحانات، من الساعة 7:15 صباحاً إلى الساعة 12:15 ظهراً	من الاثنين 8/6/2026 إلى الخميس 18/6/2026
اليوم الأخير رسمياً للطلاب في السنة الدراسية. امتحان التخرج من المستوى الثالث (T3) سيستمر يوم الخميس الموافق 26/6/18، رهناً على موافقة هيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص	الخميس 2/7/26
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رؤيتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح للجميع"

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“ 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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WSS News; Staff CPD!



Our Primary Librarian, Ms. Sarah Iyer attended the GEMS RLAG librarians meeting held in SRI in Dubai on 3/6/26. The event focused on Library Management and Cataloguing along with the Summer Reading Bingo Challenge for the children. She has also been assigned to the Readers Catalogue Committee. Thank you Ms. Sarah.

WSS News; Week 4 ECA Report!

**TERM3
ECA
WEEK4**

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FAMILY FIRST



Peridot

ART COMPETITION
June 2026

***"Family First
Building Memories Together"***

Unleash Your Creativity

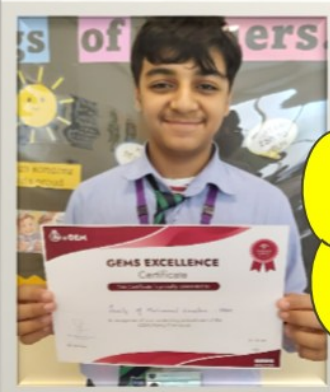
***Create an artwork inspired by
"Building Memories Together"
and the gemstone Peridot,
symbolising kindness,
generosity, and care for
others.***

***Submission
Deadline
24th June 2026***

***Category
Under 8
Under 13
Under 19***



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**Family first,
values always!
Proud to
recognise our
students for
their
wonderful
participation.**



Tala Haitham Y7GF



Ethar Mahmoud Ahmed
Y7GF



Gia Ann Y7GF

Eid Al-Adha Family Moments

KS3 students celebrated Eid Al-Adha by spending quality time with their families, creating meaningful memories and embracing the values of togetherness, gratitude, and joy. Students shared special moments from their celebrations, highlighting the spirit of this blessed occasion.

Zakiya and family-Y8GH

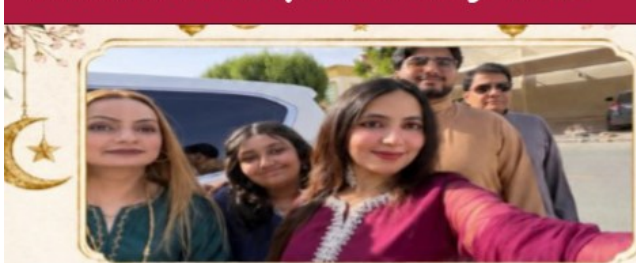


*Eid Al-Adha Reflections-
KS3 students shared
highlights from their Eid
celebrations, showcasing
the values of gratitude,
kindness, and
togetherness.*



Lavanya and family-Y8GH

Amhani Farooq and Family Y7GD



This is how me and my family spent eid **Eid al-Adha** is a special festival celebrated by Muslims around the world. On Eid morning, my dad and brother went to the mosque to perform the Eid prayer. After returning home, they sacrificed a goat to remember the obedience and sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim (AS). We shared the meat with relatives, neighbors, and people in need. We also enjoyed delicious food and spent time together as a family. During the Eid holidays, my family and I visited **Ferrari World Abu Dhabi**. We had a wonderful time enjoying the exciting rides and attractions, especially the fast roller coasters. The trip made our Eid celebration even more special and helped us create many happy memories together.

Eid Mubarak

• Eva Sujith and Family Y9GD



Maria Merchant and Family Y9GD



Eid Mubarak

**Syed Taha Ahmed
and family Y7BH**



Eid Al Adha: Moments of Joy and Gratitude

Celebrating faith, togetherness, and the joy of Eid Al Adha.
our students are creating treasured memories with their families and friends!





Islamic Council Students' Achievements

The Islamic Council students demonstrated strong leadership throughout the year. They actively supported school events and promoted Islamic values among their peers. Their dedication, responsibility, and positive attitude made a valuable contribution to the school community.



WSS News; Islamic Council Newsletter!





Hajj Activities Winners

The students participated actively in the Hajj activities. They showed good understanding and effort in their work. They are recognized as winners for their excellent performance.





Islamic General Knowledge Quiz Winners

The students participated enthusiastically in the Islamic General Knowledge Competition. They displayed good knowledge of Islamic topics and put forth excellent effort throughout the quiz. They are being recognized as winners for their remarkable performance and success..





Good Performance in Islamic Lesson

The students showed good understanding and engagement in Islamic lessons. They participated actively and completed their work responsibly. They are recognized for their positive performance and effort.



WSS News; This Week's Leadership GEMStone!

Over the past weeks, our students have been exploring Leadership Gemstone Aquamarine, representing Adaptability, and this week we will be focusing on Peridot, representing Leading with Service.

Through Aquamarine, students have been learning the importance of Composure—remaining calm, focused, and positive when faced with challenges or changes. Adaptable leaders understand that situations do not always go as planned, and composure helps them respond thoughtfully and confidently.

Through Peridot, students will be exploring Contribution—recognizing that leadership is about serving others and making a positive difference. Whether helping a classmate, supporting their family, or participating in the community, every contribution matters and strengthens the people around us.

Parent Reflection Questions:

- Tell me about a time when you had to adapt to a change. How did you maintain your composure?
- How have you contributed to your family, school, or community this week?
- Why is it important for leaders to stay calm during challenges?

How can serving others help us become better leaders?

Tips for Supporting These Leadership Qualities at Home:

- Encourage your child to view challenges as opportunities to learn and grow.
- Model calm and positive responses when plans change unexpectedly.
- Provide opportunities for your child to contribute through household responsibilities and acts of kindness.
- Celebrate moments when your child demonstrates flexibility, self-control, and a willingness to help others.
- Discuss how adaptable leaders use composure to overcome obstacles and how service-minded leaders make meaningful contributions to their communities.

By developing both composure and contribution, our students are learning that effective leadership involves adapting to challenges with confidence while making a positive impact through service to others.

JUNE – WEEK 23

LEADING WITH SERVICE



PERIDOT

Encourages generosity and prioritising the needs of others.

“ Listening with care helps you find the best way to serve others. ”

MESSAGE: Leadership through service starts with listening to others. By understanding their needs, challenges and ideas, you can offer the right support to help them grow and succeed. Listening is a powerful way to show respect and make others feel valued, creating a team environment where everyone thrives and works together toward shared goals.

REFLECT: How can I listen better to understand and serve others? What steps can I take to show that I value their ideas and support their needs?

WSS News; This Week's Leadership GEMStone in KS3!



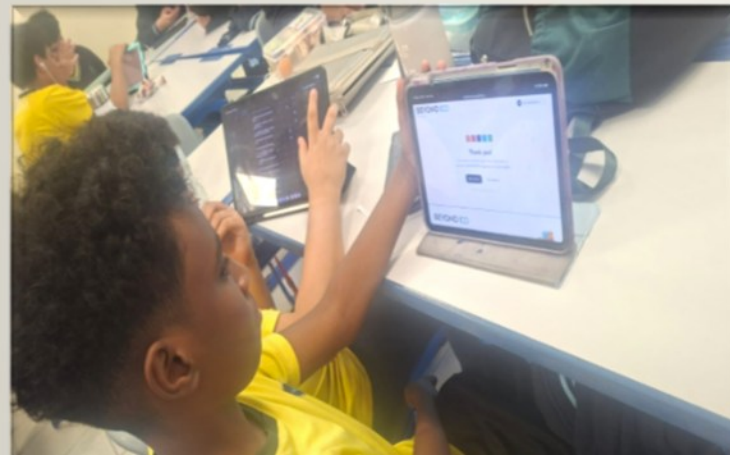
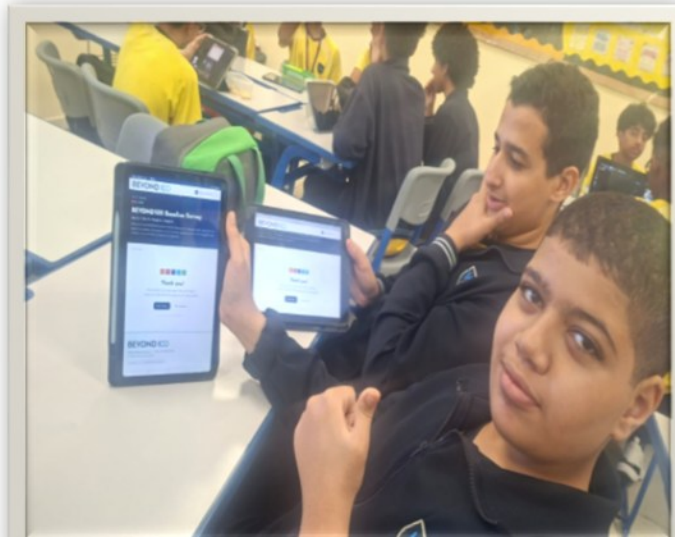
Leadership Gemstone: PERIDOT- Leading with service virtual Awareness session by Dr . Funke

Session in KS3



BEYOND 100

Student wellbeing program Survey completion by KS3 Students



WSS Superstar Champions!

Dear Principal, Teachers, and the Entire School Team,

As a parent, it is difficult to put into words the emotions I feel while writing this email today.

Our son, Shazil, joined your school back in 2012 as a very young child, and now, in just a few days, he will be graduating in June 2026. It honestly feels like yesterday when we first walked him through the school gates with hopes, dreams, and prayers for his future.

Over the past 14 years, this school has not simply been a place of education for him, it has been a second home. A place where he grew, learned, laughed, made lifelong memories, faced challenges, discovered himself, and slowly transformed from a little boy into a young man ready to step into the next chapter of life.

As parents, we often remember the big milestones, but what truly stays in our hearts are the thousands of small moments that schools create quietly every single day. The guidance from teachers, the encouragement during difficult times, the discipline, the friendships, the assemblies, the events, the celebrations, all of these became part of Shazil's journey and part of our family memories forever.

I sincerely want to thank every teacher, coordinator, administrator, and staff member who played a role in shaping his character and supporting his journey over the years. Your efforts may sometimes feel routine, but for parents like us, they become lifelong memories we carry with gratitude.

Graduation is such a special milestone, not only for students but also for parents who have watched their children grow year after year within the same institution. For our family, this moment is especially emotional because it marks the end of a beautiful chapter that has lasted since 2012.

No matter where life takes Shazil in the future, this school will always remain a very important part of his story.

Thank you once again for everything you have done for our son and for all the wonderful memories you have given our family over these many years.

With sincere gratitude and warm regards,

Parents of Syed Shazil
Y13-BD

WSS Alumni Superstar Champions!



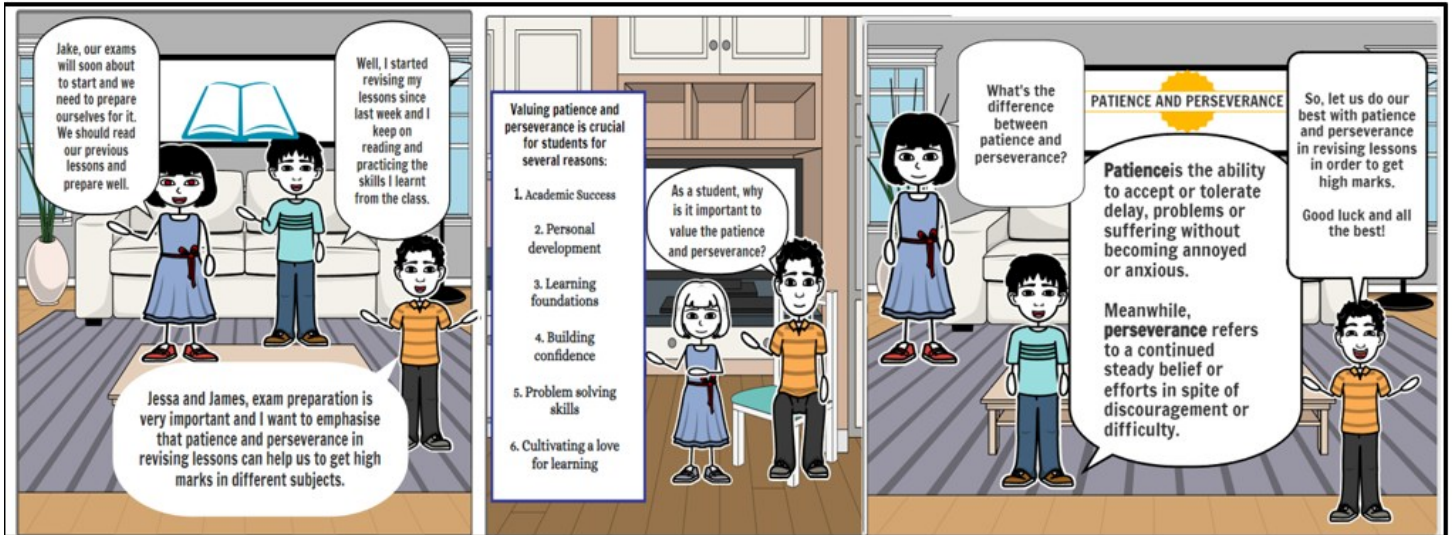
Ms. Valerie was very happy to welcome back WSS Alumni (Class of 2017) Tehniyat Hammad, who shared the exciting news that she has now qualified to be a Doctor. She shared happy memories of her time at WSS & appreciated the leadership opportunities at WSS that facilitated her success.

We wish Dr. Tehniyat every ongoing success!

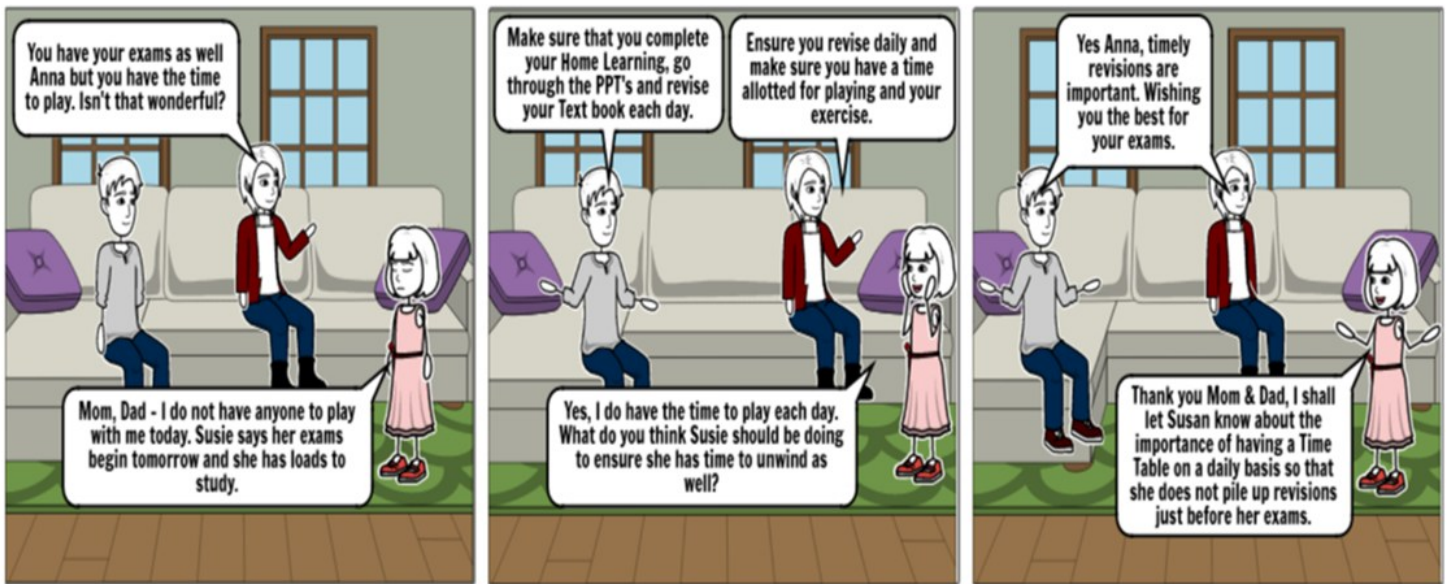
Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



Patience and Perseverance



"PREPAREDNESS FOR EXAMS"



Happy Birthdays!



FS2 D1 Happy Birthday
With Ms. Nikhat and Ms. Afroz



FS2 D1
With Ms. Nikhat and Ms. Afroz



Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Rajina and Ms. Mani for their hard work, dedication, patience, and support throughout the year.

Over the past year, I have seen a great improvement in Ismail academically and personally. Earlier, he was not very interested in writing, but now he genuinely enjoys it. He takes interest in his work, has become more confident in learning, and his maths skills have improved significantly as well.

What makes me happiest as a parent is seeing how excited and happy he is to go to school every day. He speaks positively about his teachers, enjoys his classes, and has developed a genuine love for learning.

I would especially like to appreciate the teachers for the way they handled online learning as well. Even during the period of online classes, they remained extremely supportive, attentive, and vigilant towards the children's learning and progress. Ismail learned a great deal during that time, and full credit goes to Ms. Rajina and Ms. Mani for making the experience meaningful and effective.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude and special thanks to Ms. Shamail and Ms. Raghni for their excellent leadership and the wonderful way they have taken care of the entire junior section. My children have grown up in this school, and I have personally witnessed how much they have learned and developed under their leadership. The environment they have helped create is warm, supportive, disciplined, and encouraging for children.

As a parent, I feel extremely grateful and proud to have my child studying in such a nurturing environment.

Please convey my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Ms. Rajina and Ms. Mani for their continuous efforts, dedication, and care towards the students.

Thank you once again for providing such a positive and supportive learning environment for our children.

Warm regards,

Anisa.

Dear Ms Binju,

Thanks a lot for your great support and efforts, Your patience, encouragement, and commitment to your students' success are truly appreciated.

We are very grateful for everything you have done.

Regards,
Enas

Dear Miss Summara,
Greetings!

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for your countless efforts and kind support that you have provided to Kashaf not only at her study level but also her positive character building. Kashaf is really happy to have you as her teacher and mentor. ❤️

You are always there to help her. Your kind support is truly appreciated. 🥰

May you shine like a true gem and spread your kindness and support among everyone and stay blessed always in both worlds. (Ameen sum Ameen) 🌸

Regards,
Sadia Farhan

Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation, 4/6/26!



Huge congratulations to our Y2 superstars, as they marked the end of their Junior Section journey. We thoroughly enjoyed the entertaining dances. We saw UAE links, 'Be a GEM', parent partner speeches & the wonderful positivity of teamwork.



Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation, 4/6/26!



Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation, 4/6/26!



Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation, 4/6/26!



Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation, 4/6/26!



Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation, 4/6/26!



Junior Section News; Y2 Islamic Studies!

OUR Y2, (Islamic Education) students enjoyed a fun and creative **EID UL ADHA** card-making activity. They designed beautiful cards using bright colors and thoughtful messages to celebrate the joy of Eid. Through this activity, students learned about the importance of kindness, sharing, and caring for others during Eid ul Adha while expressing their creativity.



Junior Section News: FS2 Learning Activities!

Eid celebration with FS2 D1



Junior Section News: Y1F Learning Activities!

Y1 F with Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Vidhya



Junior Section News: Y1D Learning Activities!

Y1 D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna



Y1 D2 with Ms. Aneeza and Ms. Gurpreet



Junior Section News: Y1H Learning Activities!

Y1 H1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadiya



Y1 H2 with Ms. Kishwar and Ms. Maryam



Junior Section News: Y1S Learning Activities!

Y1 S1 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Mani

Party Day



Y1 S2 with Ms. Sadiqa and Ms. Asma

*Tiny treasures in their
Eid best !!!*



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

We are proud to share the achievement of Aadhvik Prajith (Y5D1). Aadhvik has successfully completed the internationally recognized Professional Association of Diving Instructors Open Water Diver Certification by demonstrating all the required scuba diving skills and completing the qualifying dives in ocean waters up to 12 meters deep. This achievement is particularly special because he completed the certification at the age of 10 years and 1 month, making him one of the youngest scuba divers to earn this certification. Only a very small number of children achieve this qualification in world at such a young age. Children who complete the certification at 10 years old are relatively rare as compared with teenage and adult divers, because the course requires swimming skills, theory exams, confined-water training, and open-water dives. Despite facing challenging conditions, including rough sea waters during training, Aadhvik showed determination, confidence, and perseverance throughout the course. He successfully completed all the required skills and was awarded his certification and badge by Bermuda Diving Center. Well done Aadhvik!



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Thanks a lot for this great year, we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for all Gems wss team for their efforts and dedication, looking forward to more prosperous years coming.

Tamer Mohamed
Talia's father

Dear Ms. Valerie and Ms. Sameena,

I hope you are both doing well.

As we approach the end of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for Ms. Sameena's dedication, professionalism, and support throughout the year.

As a parent, one of the things I value most is clear communication and a teacher's willingness to support students and their families. Over the course of the year, I have reached out on a number of occasions regarding projects, assignments, school activities, and other matters concerning Aleena's education. What has stood out to me is the consistency with which Ms. Sameena has responded. Whether the matter was significant or relatively minor, she has always been prompt, professional, and willing to help. As a parent who takes an active interest in my child's education, this level of communication and partnership is something I greatly value.

Most recently, when I requested assistance in obtaining Aleena's pending Ministry of Education books from the school bookstore, Ms. Sameena responded quickly and coordinated the matter without delay. While this may seem like a small task, it reflects the same level of care and commitment that I have observed in her throughout the year.

What I appreciate most is that this has not been limited to one particular situation. Throughout the year, Ms. Sameena has always been approachable, supportive, and dependable whenever assistance or clarification was needed. Knowing that communication would be acknowledged and followed through on has been reassuring and has helped foster a positive partnership between home and school.

Teaching is about much more than delivering lessons. It is also about supporting students, working collaboratively with parents, and creating an environment where children can thrive. Ms. Sameena has demonstrated these qualities consistently, and I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank her for the effort she puts into her role every day.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all your hard work and support throughout the academic year. Aleena has been fortunate to have a teacher who is committed to her students and takes pride in what she does.

Wishing you all the very best and a well deserved, restful break.

Kind regards,
Hina Mehboob

Dear Mr Dimple

I hope this message finds you well.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for the dedication, care, and support you have shown to Rohail throughout the year. You have been the best teacher for Rohail so far. There wasn't a single day when he had come from school and not talked about you.. Offcourse you are his virat kohli that's what he always says.

You have been the best support for him and for me whenever I have asked you something, your cooperation commitment and knowledge has always given me guidance in shaping rohails studies better.

Your passion for teaching and genuine concern for his growth is evident, and we are grateful for the impact you have had on our child's educational journey.

Thank you for all you have done. We feel fortunate to have had such a wonderful teacher. After today's graduation ceremony I feel very emotional my son has grown and he has been shaped in such wonderful hands. We will definitely miss you.

Regards and Best wishes
Nida Syed, Sami Khan and yours Rohail Khan

Dear Ms. Iram,

Thank you for your heartfelt message. Reading your words brought both joy and emotion to our hearts.

I would like to sincerely thank you for everything you have done for our children throughout this year. At the beginning of every school year, parents naturally feel a little anxious about how a new teacher will connect with and guide their children. However, from the very beginning, you made those worries disappear.

This year has been truly exceptional, and you have left a beautiful and lasting mark on Yaseen's heart. Your care, warmth, patience, guidance, and advice have helped him grow not only academically but also personally. We deeply appreciate the balance you maintained between kindness and the right amount of firmness whenever it was needed. That combination made a real difference in shaping his confidence, responsibility, and character.

Thank you for the love, dedication, and genuine care you showed every day. Teachers like you leave memories that children carry with them for many years, and we are truly grateful that Yaseen had the opportunity to be part of your class.

We wish you happiness, success, and many more years of inspiring young minds. Thank you once again for making this school year so special for our son and for all your students.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude,

Yaseen's Parents

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Iram Sayed,

I hope you are doing well. As we reach the end of this school year, I wanted to express my deepest gratitude for the remarkable support, encouragement, and care you have given my son, Ahmed.

Your influence on him has been truly transformative. Under your guidance, he not only grew academically and personally, but he also became one of the top highly-remarked students in the class — an achievement that fills us with pride and gratitude. Your belief in him strengthened his confidence and helped him discover what he is capable of.

This was beautifully reflected today during the graduation ceremony. Watching him stand on stage with pride, speaking and performing with such confidence, was a moment we will never forget. It was clear that your encouragement and dedication played a major role in shaping that milestone.

I also want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort you put into teaching all your students. Your commitment goes far beyond classroom hours. Your constant communication with parents made us feel as though we were part of the classroom every day, following our children's progress closely. Your dedication, warmth, and genuine care for your students shine through in everything you do.

You are a teacher who deserves every appreciation and recognition. The impact you leave on your students stays with them for life, and we are sincerely grateful for everything you have done for Ahmed and for the entire class.

Wishing you continued success, fulfillment, and joy in your teaching journey.

Warm regards,
Mohammed Salah
Ahmed's Father, Y6, BD



Y4S2 Be A Gem Superstar –
Duryab Chauhan



Y4S2 Be A Gem Superstar –
Abel Perumpallil

Primary Section News; Y6 Girls' Graduation, 2/6/26!



Students were excited to visit SLT to give a personal invitation to the Y6 Graduation Ceremony this week.



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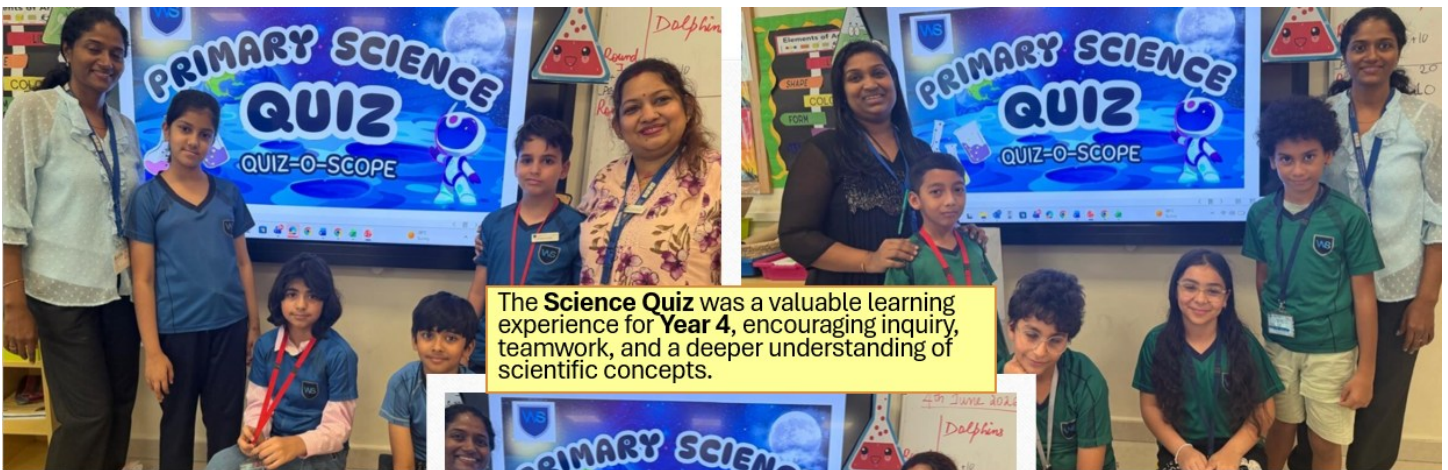


Primary Section News; Y6 Boys' Graduation, 3/6/26!



Primary Section News; Y4 Learning Activities!

The preliminary round of the **Year 4 Science Quiz** set the stage for an engaging and competitive learning experience, with students demonstrating strong enthusiasm and foundational knowledge.

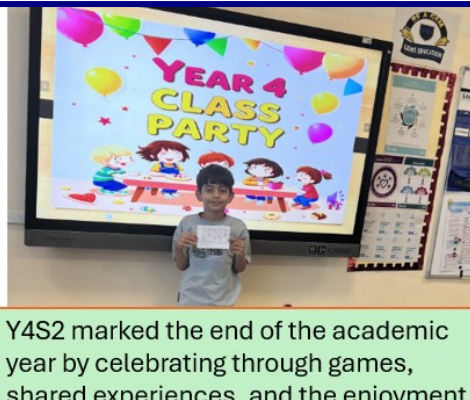
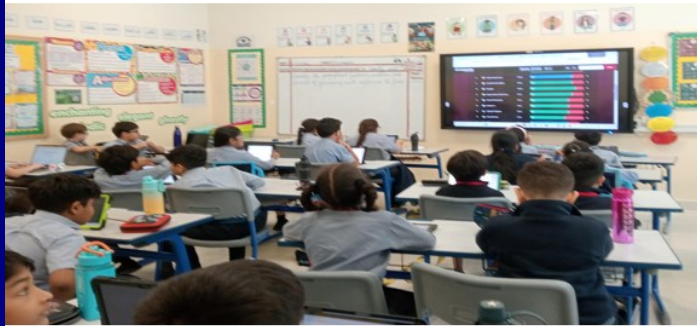


The **Science Quiz** was a valuable learning experience for **Year 4**, encouraging inquiry, teamwork, and a deeper understanding of scientific concepts.



Primary Section News; Y4 Learning Activities!

Y4F1 Science quiz competition



Y4S2 marked the end of the academic year by celebrating through games, shared experiences, and the enjoyment of treats together.



Primary Section News; Y5 Learning Activities!

Year 5 students took part in a fun and exciting **Science Quiz** that encouraged curiosity, teamwork, and quick thinking. They answered questions about forces, materials, living things, and more—showing how well they understand what they've learned in class. Our young scientists did an amazing job and enjoyed every moment of the challenge.



Primary Section News; Y5 Learning Activities!



Congratulations to our Year 5 finalists!

After demonstrating excellent scientific knowledge and problem-solving skills, these students have advanced to the final round. We wish all participants the best of luck as they compete for the title of Year 5 Science Champion.



Students enthusiastically explored 3D shapes through a hands-on activity, identifying faces, edges, and vertices while building models. This engaging experience strengthened their understanding of geometry and made learning fun and interactive.



Primary Section News; Y6 Learning Activities!



Hemasha from Y6BD Thankful note and a token of gratitude for Mr. Benjamin.

Y6 secondary Teacher's meetings with primary



Y6 BD Class Party: An amazing day for the teacher and students.



Y6 Girls Class Party: An amazing day for the teachers and students.



Primary Section News; Y6 Learning Activities!



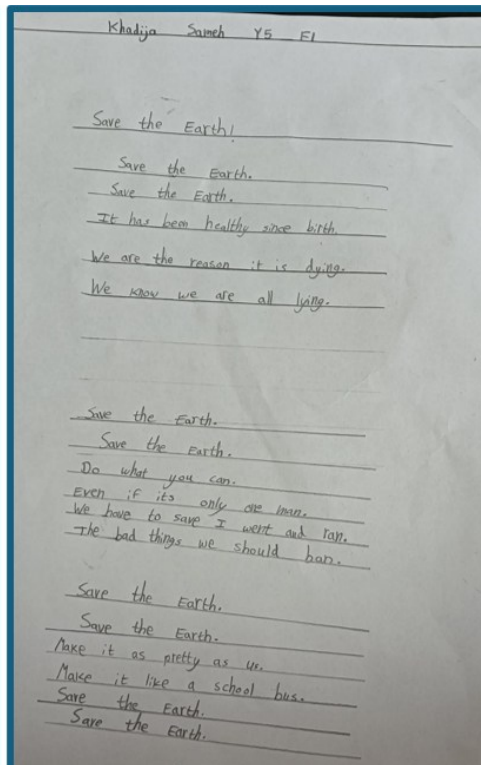
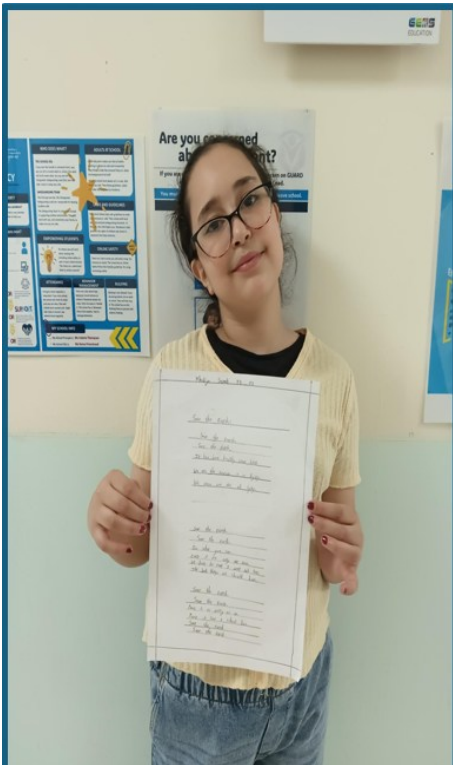
Y6 Science Quiz Competition



Y6 Boys Be A GEM Certificate

Y6 Osama RLAG Certificate

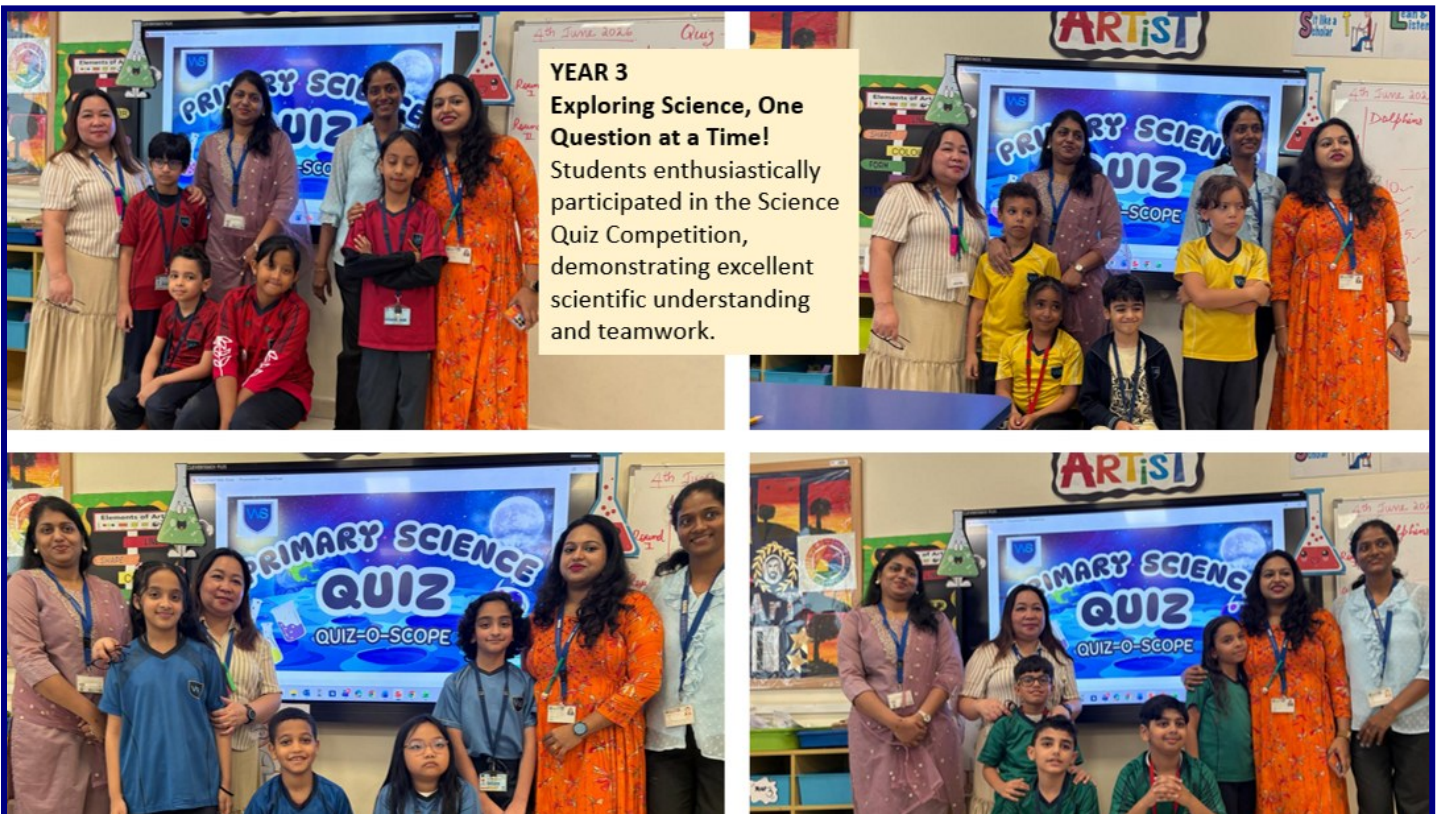
Primary Section News; Y5 Learning Activities!



Celebrating Young Voices for Our Planet

In English class this week, Khadija from Y5F1 impressed us all with her heartfelt narrative poem *Our Planet, Our Responsibility*. Through vivid imagery and a powerful message, she reminded readers that caring for nature is not just a duty but a shared privilege. Her poem encourages us to pause, appreciate the beauty around us, and take meaningful steps to protect our environment. We're proud to see such thoughtful creativity and environmental awareness shining through her work.

Primary Section News; Y6 Learning Activities!



University Offers, KS5 Superstar Champions!



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EDUCATION

MRIDINI SUR



Congratulations

We're delighted to recognise our Head Girl, Mridini Sur, on receiving an offer from Semmelweis University for their highly competitive Medicine programme.

This outstanding achievement is a testament to her resilience, leadership, dedication, and academic excellence, and marks a proud moment for the entire WSS community.

Well done, Mridini - your journey in medicine is only just beginning, and the future looks incredibly bright.

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EDUCATION

**MENNA AHMED ABDELRAHMAN
HAFEZ ABDELRAHMAN**



Congratulations

We're delighted to recognise our student, Menna Ahmed, on receiving an offer from American University of Sharjah.

This outstanding achievement reflects her hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence, and marks a proud moment for the entire WSS community.

Well done, Menna – this is a remarkable milestone, and we look forward to seeing all that you achieve in the years ahead.

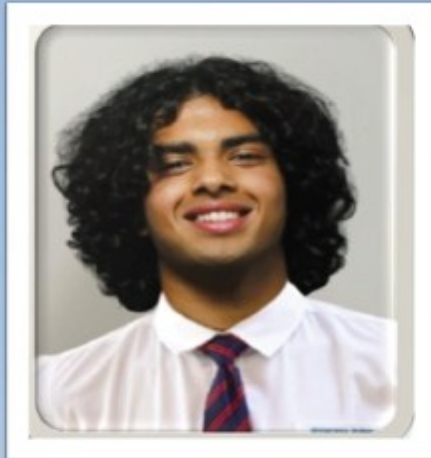
University Offers, KS5 Superstar Champions!



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KAILAS NATH KIZHAKKEKARA



Congratulations

We're delighted to recognise our student, Kailas, on receiving offers from renowned universities and securing impressive scholarship awards across Dubai and India:

- Hult International Business School – Accepted – 50% Scholarship
- Curtin University – Accepted – 40% Scholarship
- Middlesex University – Accepted
- MIT World Peace University – 50% Scholarship
- Jain University – Accepted – 20% Scholarship

These remarkable achievements reflect Kailas's hard work, determination, and commitment to academic excellence. Securing admissions and scholarships from prestigious institutions is a proud milestone and a testament to his perseverance and ambition.

University Offers, KS3 BAG Superstar Champions!

Celebrating Our KS3 -Be a Gem Achievers



University Offers, KS3 BAG Superstar Champions!

Be a GEM

YOU HAVE ACHIEVED

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REWARD POINTS

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WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Miss Anaswara,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to write this letter to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for everything you have done for us throughout Year 8. Ever since the very first day of Y8, you have been my favourite science teacher, and I truly mean that from my heart.

Science can sometimes be difficult and confusing, but the way you teach makes every lesson more interesting, understandable, and enjoyable. You always explain topics clearly and make sure every student understands before moving on. Your patience, kindness, and dedication are things that I admire greatly.

I want to thank you for all the hard work you put into preparing lessons, helping students, answering questions, and encouraging us to do our best. Being a teacher is not always easy, but you continue to teach with passion and care every day. Your effort does not go unnoticed.

What makes you special is not only your teaching but also how you treat your students. You are supportive, understanding, and always encourage us to believe in ourselves. Even on difficult days, your positive attitude makes the classroom a better place. You create an environment where students feel comfortable learning and asking questions without fear.

I have learned many things from you, not only about science but also about being hardworking, curious, and never giving up when something feels difficult. Those lessons are important and will stay with me for a long time.

Your dedication to teaching inspires students to work harder and achieve more. You always motivate us to improve and remind us that mistakes are part of learning. Because of your support, I have enjoyed science much more and gained confidence in the subject.

I feel very lucky and grateful to have had you as my science teacher this year. Teachers like you make a huge difference in students' lives, even if they may not realise it. The kindness, patience, and encouragement you show every day leave a lasting impact.

Thank you for every lesson you taught, every explanation you gave, every time you helped us, and every moment you believed in your students. Thank you for making science exciting and for being such an incredible teacher.

No matter how much I write, it still would not be enough to express how thankful I am for your dedication and hard work. You have truly been my favourite science teacher ever since the first day of Year 8, and I will always remember your lessons and support.

I wish you happiness, success, and all the best in the future because wonderful teachers deserve appreciation for everything they do.

Thank you once again for being such an amazing teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Nosrat Jahan Safia

Year 8GF

DEAR TEACHERS (2nd Mother)

As I watch Rayyan Sohail Iqbal complete his A Levels, my heart is filled with gratitude and emotions. It feels like just yesterday when he first joined GEMS Westminster School in Grade 3, and today he stands at the threshold of a new chapter in life.

I would like to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to every teacher, supervisor, team leader, head of department, coordinator, and our respected Principal who has been part of Rayyan's journey over these many years. Your guidance, encouragement, patience, and dedication have played a significant role in shaping not only his academic success but also the young man he is becoming.

A school is much more than a building; it is a second home where children learn, grow, make memories, and discover themselves. Thank you for believing in Rayyan, supporting him through challenges, celebrating his achievements, and helping him reach this important milestone.

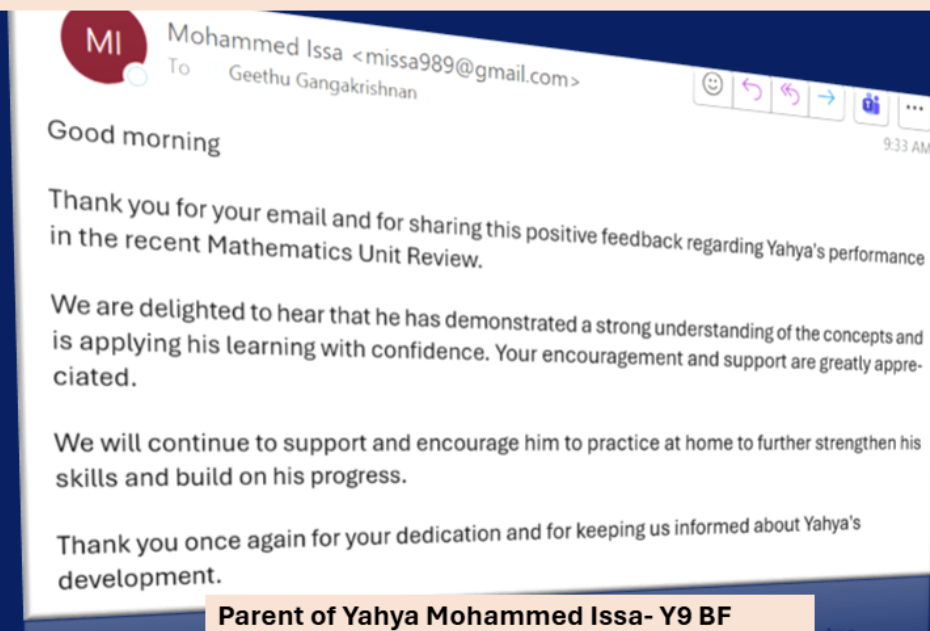
As parents, we entrust our children to your care for many years, and today I can proudly say that your efforts have made a lasting impact on his life. We will always cherish the lessons, values, and memories gained during his years at GEMS Westminster School.

May Allah bless every member of the school community with happiness, success, and countless rewards for the positive difference you make in the lives of your students every day.

With heartfelt gratitude and respect, see u at the event.

Avesha Sohail & Family

Parent Appreciation Spotlight Celebrating the inspiring work of Ms. Geethu Gangakrishnan Form tutor of Y9BF



Ms. Geethu Gangakrishnan

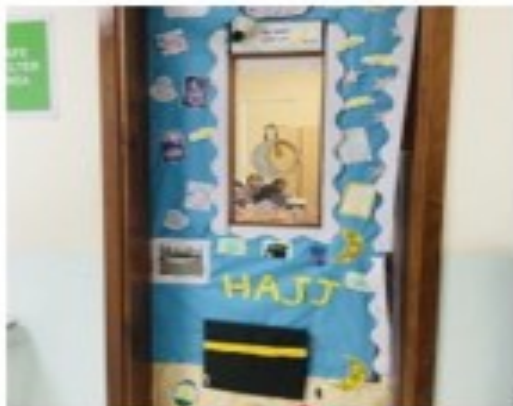


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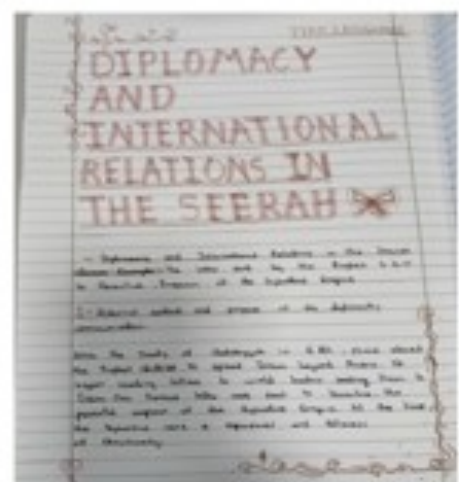
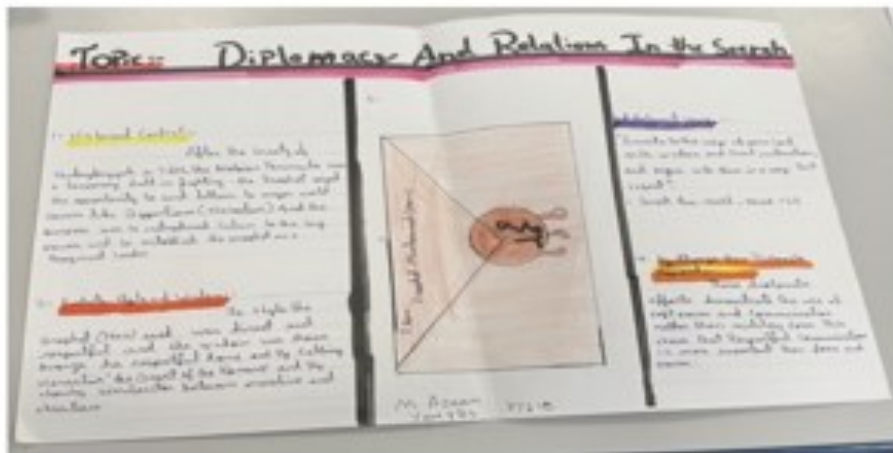
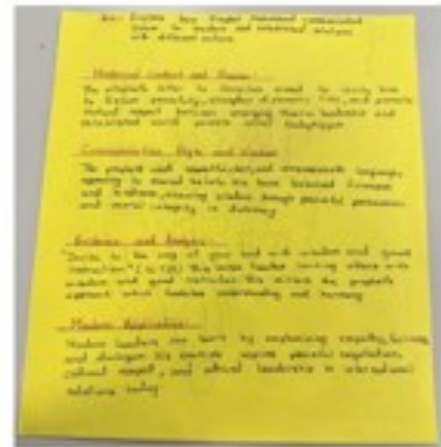
KS3 students enthusiastically showcased the spirit of Hajj through creative door decorations, posters, and presentations. The activities reflected their understanding of the rituals and values of Hajj while promoting creativity and teamwork.



KS3 Islamic Studies—Links to Daily Life!

Diplomacy and international relations in Seerah

Year 9: Students explored the diplomacy and international relations of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ through his letters to kings and rulers around the world. Through wisdom, respect, and peaceful dialogue, the Prophet ﷺ invited different nations to Islam, demonstrating excellent leadership, patience, and noble character. (Tr. Nosheen Faran)



Celebrating Eid in KS3!



Important Benchmarking Assessments in KS3!



Progress Test -KS3 students successfully completed their Progress Tests in English, Mathematics, and Science. The assessments were conducted smoothly across all classes, reflecting students' commitment, resilience, and readiness to showcase their learning journey.

KS3 Community Service Programme, Inaugurated on 3/6/26!

WSS -KS3 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMME – SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SUPPORT US

The KS3 Community Service Programme – Support Staff Skill Development was officially inaugurated by our beloved Principal, Ms. Val, marking the beginning of a meaningful initiative that celebrates service, collaboration, and lifelong learning.

Stronger Together
Better Everyday



This unique programme aims to empower our valued support staff through **Functional English, Basic Arabic, and ICT skills** sessions facilitated by dedicated **KS3 student volunteers** under the guidance of staff mentors. The initiative provides students with an opportunity to develop leadership, communication, empathy, and a strong sense of social responsibility while giving back to an integral part of our school community.

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

The ceremony was attended by:

- Ms. Sera (MSO)
- Ms. Seema (DHoS)
- Ms. Saritha
- Mr. Aboobacker
- Ms. Daisy
- Ms. Nirmal (KS3 Team Leaders)
- Ms. Laneetha (KS3 Phase Leader)
- Ms. Anisha – DDSDL/GC

Our special guest,
Mr. Khalid Mustafa
Quality Assurance and HSE Manager -
GEMS Education



The event also brought together our enthusiastic student volunteers and cherished support staff, whose participation made the occasion truly special.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS



Functional English
Building confidence in everyday communication



Basic Arabic
Encouraging cultural understanding and connection



ICT Skills
Enhancing digital literacy for everyday tasks



“ The programme stands as a testament to the power of community, reminding us that meaningful learning happens when we support, inspire, and grow together. ”



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**Wear it,
Own it
Achieve it**

Ms. Val distributing learners ID card to our support staff as we begin this journey of learning and collaboration together.



**UNITED IN
PURPOSE**

Students, staff, and support staff come together for the inaugural ceremony, celebrating service, respect, and community.



**LEARNING.
EMPOWERING.
GROWING TOGETHER.**

Empowering skills, strengthening connections, and building a brighter, stronger community—one step at a time.

KS3 Community Service Programme, Inaugurated on 3/6/26!



The KS3 Community Service Programme aims to work closely with & care for our school Support Staff. We are looking forward to some wonderful new initiatives.



Secondary News; KS4 Learning Activities!



A GRATITUDE NOTE TO OUR Y11 IGCSE GRADUATES

To our inspiring Y11 seniors, thank you for your guidance, kindness, and the memories you created with us — we wish you success and happiness as you complete your exams and begin a new journey ahead."



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Yours' Junia

Thank You
2026 IGCSE
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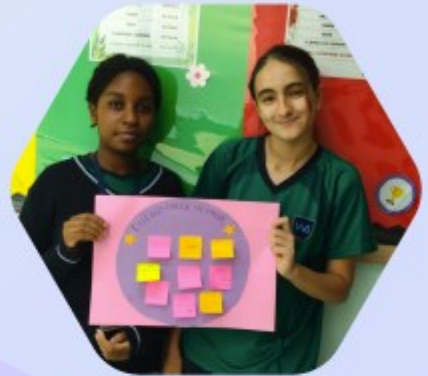
KS4- Celebrating IGCSE Graduates 2026

Honoring our Year 11 students with a token of appreciation and best wishes for the journey ahead!



KS4 LEADERSHIP GEMSTONE ACTIVITY

"ENERGY CHECK-IN CIRCLE"



As part of the KS4 Leadership Gemstone programme, students took part in an "Energy Check-in Circle" activity, creating personal learner profiles to reflect on what energises them, challenges them, and helps them learn best. The activity promoted self-awareness and provided a foundation for future reflection.



