

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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5th June, 2025



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

Dear WSS Parents,

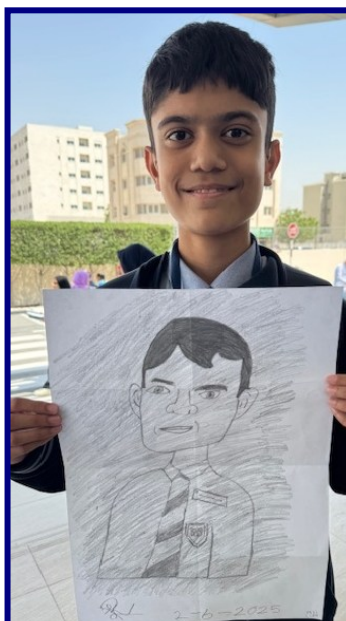
It has been a busy & pretty amazing few weeks of concerts, Hajj Exhibitions, Achievement Assemblies & meetings, VIP visits & ECAs. Each activity & event has given our children a different opportunity to showcase their growing talent & to develop self-confidence. We would like to take this opportunity to appreciate all our dear parents for supporting your children & WSS through all these mini-milestones. Without your hard work at home, your children would not have been able to achieve so much. Thank you!

Wishing all our children every success in their final, promotional exams & our families a blessed Eid Mubarak!



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Wed. 4th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school moves to exam timings, 7:15am-12:15pm (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'

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النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 36
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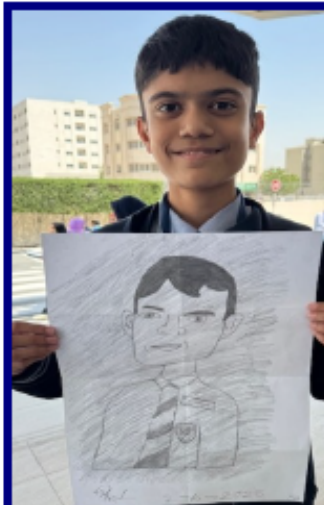
رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومبسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

لقد كانت الأسابيع القليلة الماضية
مزدهمة ومذهلة للغاية من
الحققات الموسيقية ومعارض الحج
وتجمعات الإنجازات وزيارات كبار
الشخصيات والفعاليات الثقافية.

لقد أعطى كل نشاط وحدث لأطفالنا فرصة مختلفة لإظهار
مواهبهم المتنامية وتطوير الثقة بالنفس. نود أن نغتنم هذه
الفرصة لتعرب عن تقديرنا لجميع أولياء الأمور الأمور الأعزاء على
دعمهم لأطفالهم و WSS خلال كل هذه الإنجازات الصغيرة.
لولا جهودكم في المنزل، لما استطاع أطفالكم تحقيق كل هذا
النجاح. شكرًا لكم!



نتمنى لجميع أطفالنا كل
النجاح في امتحاناتهم
النهائية والترقيات
ولعائلتنا عيد مبارك
سعيد!



المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الأربعاء 4 يونيو	• تنتقل المدرسة بأكملها إلى مواعيد الامتحانات، من الساعة 7:15 صباحًا إلى الساعة 12:15 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
الخميس 19 يونيو	• آخر يوم من امتحانات T3 الترويجية الإلزامية • برنامج الأنشطة للطلاب في المدرسة من 23/6/25 إلى
الخميس 3 يوليو 2025	• آخر يوم رسمي للطلبة لهذا العام الدراسي.
الاثنين 25 أغسطس	• اليوم الأول من T1 للمنتظمين الجدد. • يجب سداد رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل قبول أي طالب في الفصل الدراسي للعام الجديد. لا توجد استثناءات لهذا، لذا
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

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


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Find our updated **Parent Hand-
 book** through this QR code.
 Check-out school policies & pro-
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 forttable with our system.



Whole School News; Document Application (p1)!

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">WSS Document Application</h2>	Application Date: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: right; font-size: small;">Format updated: 29/6/25</div>
Name of student:	Class:	Student ID#:
<p>FS1-Y10 Report Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y11-13 Report Cards will be available on the school's Phoenix system. FS1-Y10 Report Cards can be obtained directly via the Sharjah Private Education Authority's 'Daleel' platform by following these instructions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open UAE Pass Use your mobile device to open the UAE Pass app. 2. Login to Daleel Use a separate device to log in to the Daleel platform at: daleel.spea.shj.ae 3. Select UAE Pass Option On the Daleel login page, click on the UAE Pass option. 4. Verify Student Information In UAE Pass, choose the number displayed on the second screen of Daleel. 5. Select the Student's Name Click on the name of the student whose report card you wish to retrieve. 6. Request the Certificate Click on 'Send Request' and choose the option to Issue Certificate. 7. Select the Grade Details Click on 'Apply', then select: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Grades – choose the academic year (2024-2025) o Last Semester o All Subjects (if the student is below Year 11) 8. Save Your Selection After selecting, click 'Save'. 9. Agree to Terms Scroll down and tick the small box beside the photo frame. 10. Proceed to Payment Complete the payment process. 11. View the Report Card Scroll down and click on 'View next to the student's name. 12. Report Card Opens The report card will open in a new window. 13. Download the Report Card You can now download the report card for your records. <p>Grade Certificates for Previous Academic Years (2019–2020 to 2024–2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are available on Daleel for all FS1-Y10 students (Years 11, 12, and 13 certificates must be downloaded from Phoenix) If attestation is required, please send the certificate along with the attestation payment receipt to the GRE at: abir.g.wss@gemsedu.com <p>Academic History Letter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History letter requests will be accepted from 15/06/2025 to 10/07/2025. Kindly complete the attached form and submit it along with the payment receipt and the required supporting documents, depending on the type of attestation needed. <p>Transfer Certificates (TC) for Withdrawing Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For students transferring from the school, please do not extract the transfer certificate via Daleel until you receive specific instructions from us. This is contingent on the approval of the school's final results by the relevant authorities and confirmation of the student's promotion to the next year group. If the certificate is issued before promotion, the student may be registered in the same year group for the following academic year. <p>To Whom It May Concern Letters – Arabic & Islamic Studies Grades (Year 13 Only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some countries may require a formal letter showing grades in Arabic and Islamic Education for Year 13 students. Requests for this letter can be submitted between 03/07/2025 and 10/07/2025. Please send the request along with the final report card and the payment receipt for attestation Please note that processing academic History letters and attestation services may take 2 to 8 working days. We appreciate your understanding and assure you that we will do our best to expedite all requests. 		

Whole School News; Document Application (p2)!

✓	Document Required	Date/Academic Year of Document	Cost per document	Total Charge	
	Bonafide Student Certificate <i>(regular format)</i>		21		
	Bonafide Student Certificate with additional comments <i>(specify):</i>		21		
	<p><u>History Letter</u> If you need a history letter <u>with attestation</u> (charge AED75/-)</p> <p>Has your child been registered in any school in Sharjah apart from WSS? (✓)</p> <p>*Yes <i>(please submit a history letter for any other school/s, without attestation)</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>*No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>*If you need a history letter <u>without attestation</u> (charge AED21/-)</p> <p><i>*Pay for the attested History letter at the school Cashier and then send the payment receipt along with required document as mentioned before to GRE at abir.g_wss@gemsedu.com</i></p>		75		
	Continuation letter from Ministry system		21		
	Mid-Term Report Copy <i>(not attested by MOE)</i>		21		
	End of Year Report Copy <i>(attested by MOE)</i>		30		
	Fee Letter <i>(System print-out from Cashier is free. Any other Fee Letter from Accounts will be charged)</i>		21		
	Good Conduct Cert. <i>(school format)</i>		21		
	Good Conduct Cert./Reference <i>(external format provided)</i>		55		
	Other:				
Signed (Parent):		Date:	Signed (PRE/GRE): <i>(Payment Receipt seen)</i>	Date:	Total due:

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We were pleased to welcome Ms. Lisa Crausby OBE to WSS for a Learning Walk & to get to know us better. She chatted to some of our students about their learning & observed a range of activities showcasing our students' talent. She was very positive about what she saw & felt at WSS!



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We were treated to a solo song by talented singer Sheinya. Thank you for that lovely gift to brighten our day!

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Honoring Participants of the Family Roots Competition



Whole School News; Anti-Bullying!

STAND UP. SPEAK OUT.

ZERO TOLERANCE ON BULLYING



Physical



Verbal



Social



Racial and
Cultural



Disability



Cyber

GEMS Education has no place for bullying and we will act swiftly to ensure a safe and respectful environment

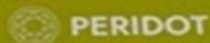
Our restorative programme ensures we maintain respectful relations for all our students

Together, we protect each other.

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EDUCATION

Whole School News; This Week's Leadership GEMStone!

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 Superstar Hajj Exhibition Winners, 3/6/25!

Hajj Prize Distribution Ceremony Junior, Primary & Secondary Sections

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding efforts of our Junior, Primary, and Secondary students who actively participated and excelled in the Hajj Exhibition. They displayed great enthusiasm and commitment, and we truly appreciate their hard work and dedication. Through this event, our students learned valuable lessons about the significance of Hajj and its rituals. It was heartwarming to see their creativity and passion shine through their presentations.



Excellence Through Teamwork,
Success For All

WSS Student 'Voice'; Hajj Exhibition Participants!

Hajj Talk

Our WSS 10 students have successfully prepared and recorded inspiring talks on the virtues and key themes of the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah. These include reflections on **Hajj, fasting, the Day of Arafah, Dhikr**, and the **significance of Eid al-Adha**. The talks reflect their deep understanding and were delivered with clarity and enthusiasm.



The Virtue of the First Ten Days of Dhul Hijjah

These first ten days are the greatest days of the year in the sight of Allah. Every good deed—prayer, charity, kindness—holds multiplied rewards during this time. It's a rare opportunity to gather immense blessings through even simple actions. Let's begin these days with a heart full of intention.



Getting Spiritually Ready in the First 8 Days

The first eight days of Dhul Hijjah prepare our souls for the powerful Day of Arafah and Eid. It's the ideal time to renew habits, plan acts of worship and build consistency. Think of it as spiritual training before the biggest race—towards Allah's mercy. Begin strong and build momentum.



The Story and Purpose of Hajj

Hajj is not only a journey to Makkah, but a journey of the heart. It teaches unity, sacrifice, and total submission to Allah through rituals filled with meaning. The lessons of Prophet Ibrahim and Hajar continue to guide us in faith and strength. Hajj reminds us we are all one Ummah.



The Power of Dhikr in Dhul Hijjah

Dhikr, or remembrance of Allah, is one of the simplest yet most powerful acts in these ten days. Repeating phrases like *Allahu Akbar* and *SubhanAllah* fills our hearts with peace and our records with good deeds. You don't need a quiet room, just a mindful heart. Let's keep our tongues busy with praise.

WSS Student 'Voice'; Hajj Exhibition Participants!



Fasting During Dhul Hijjah

Fasting these special days, especially on Arafah, brings rewards like no other. It strengthens our self-control, boosts our connection with Allah, and earns us forgiveness. Just one day of fasting can wipe out sins of two years! Make fasting part of your plan this Dhul Hijjah.



Why Dhul Hijjah is Extra Special?

These ten days are a unique combination of all forms of worship—prayer, fasting, charity, remembrance, and Hajj. It's like a spiritual treasure chest waiting to be unlocked. When all worship comes together, so do endless blessings. Make every moment count.



Eid al-Adha – A Celebration of Faith and Sacrifice

Eid al-Adha honors the deep trust Prophet Ibrahim had in Allah when he was ready to sacrifice his son. It's a day of reflection, gratitude, and sharing joy with others. We remember that true celebration comes with faith and giving. May this Eid renew our hearts.



The Day of Arafah – A Day of Forgiveness

The Day of Arafah is like a divine gift of forgiveness for those who seek it. It's a day when Allah comes closest to His servants and accepts their prayers. Even from far away, fasting and supplicating brings immense blessings. Let this be a day of sincere devotion.



Life Lessons from Hajj

Hajj teaches us that we are travelers—not just to Makkah, but toward the afterlife. With simple clothes and sincere hearts, pilgrims walk as equals, guided by trust in Allah. These days call us to simplify life, purify intentions, and focus on what truly matters. Live with the Hajj mindset.



The Sunnah of Sacrifice (Udhiyah/Qurbani)

The Udhiyah is more than a tradition—it is a living Sunnah that reminds us of total surrender to Allah's will. Through the act of sharing meat, we express generosity, unity, and compassion. It's a time to give from what we love and think beyond ourselves. Let your Qurbani carry meaning.

WSS Superstar Junior & Primary Hajj Exhibition Winners, 3/6/25!



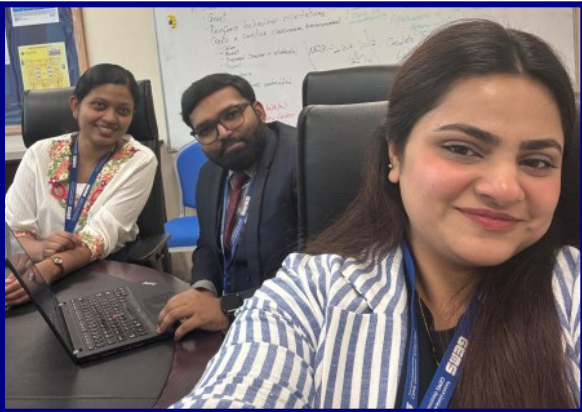
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Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



Whole School News; Staff CPD!



Sharing expertise & peer-peer support through Coaching & Mentoring programmes are very powerful strategies to sustainably raise standards of teaching & learning across the school. Magnifying the talents that we already have within our teaching team is one of the strategies rolled out at WSS this Term by our dedicated Teaching & Learning Coach Ms. Christine.

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You Said,

Parents of the Junior Section have requested personalised feedback for their children in addition to the regular Pulse updates.



We Did,

WSS Junior Section teachers held achievement meetings during which each student received a personalized certificate celebrating their unique strength of the year.

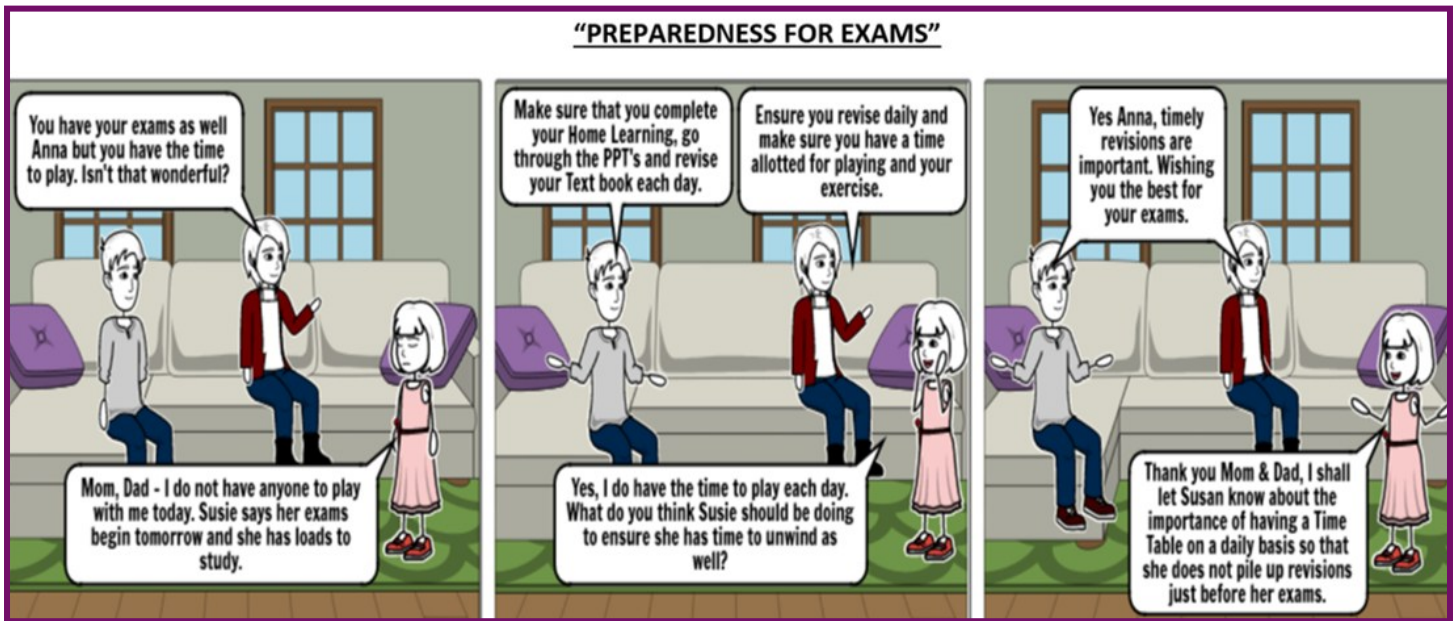
Parent
'Voice'

Whole School News; Week 6 (final) ECA Report!

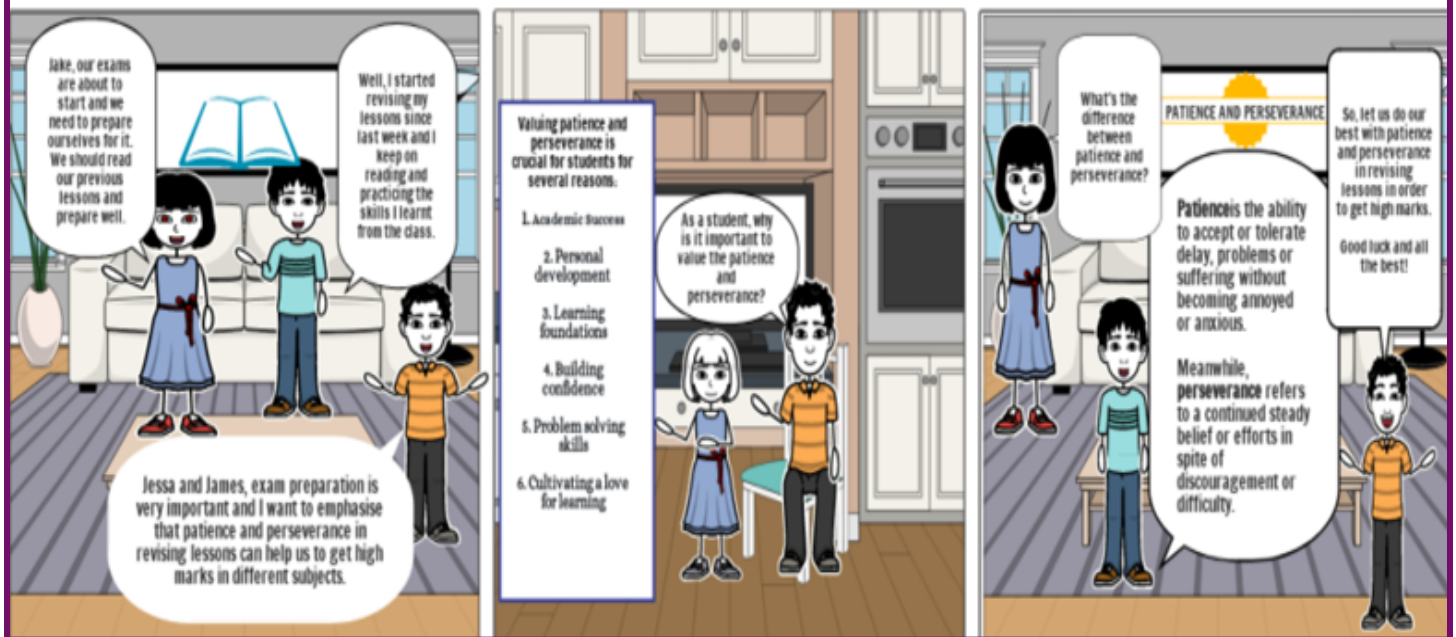


Huge thanks to all the staff involved in delivering our Extra-Curricular (ECA) Activity programme over the year. We were excited to offer a range of engaging, practical & skills-based courses to deepen & enrich our curriculum offering. We hope that your children enjoyed their ECA sessions & look forward to extending the programme next year.

Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!



Patience and Perseverance



Happy Birthdays!



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WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Good morning, my dear teacher ❤️

I am so proud of Saif's amazing progress since the beginning of the year until now!! 😊 🌸

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart, the wonderful teachers Sarah and Maria 🌸, for their wonderful and distinguished efforts in providing exceptional and creative education for our children.

All thanks, appreciation, and respect 🙏😊

Saif,

FS2 S2



Junior Section News: FS1-Y1 Achievement Meetings, 4/6/25!



We were very excited to welcome so many parents to our F2F Junior Achievement Meetings, on 4/6/25. Students received a personalised certificate celebrating their individual superpower. Congratulations to all our superstars! Huge thanks to all the parents who attended to make this a joyous & positive day for our children.



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Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News: Y2F1 Learning Activities!

**Y2F1~ MS SABIHA &
MS ASHIKA**



❤️ **Class Activities.**



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Junior Section News: Y2F2 Learning Activities!

Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Junior Section News' Y2S1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2 Islamic Activities!

Y2, Islamic Education Eid Al Adha Activities



*Junior Section News: Learning Activities & FS Free-Flow,
2/6/25!*



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to our Badminton Superstar! She participated in the recent badminton international and UAE ranking tournament which was organized by India Club Dubai. Olisha performed exceptionally well in the under 11 girls singles category and won 1st place in both tournaments. She holds **rank 1** in entire UAE under 11 girls singles category.

Parents would like to thank all teachers who support and guide her through her education which helps her to focus on her extra circular activity. She loves going to school and enjoy being around teachers and peers.

Her Badminton journey is not possible without respected teachers. Heartfelt gratitude towards all teachers.



Good evening
I hope you are doing great and well....

First of all, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the distinguished principal, Ms. Valerie, and the teaching staff for their efforts and cooperation every year, all for the sake of the students' future.

Thanks also to Ms.Saranya for what she provided this year in terms of distinguished education and a wonderful and special party today, and for the students' interaction with her.

Thank you, respect, and appreciation.

Warm regards

Ahmad El Draihy mother's
Year3 H2

Y3 Concert

Ms. Sameera,

I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate all teachers and students who participated in the concert. The theme was interesting. It was based on the reality we face today. We have gradually deviated from reading books to using electronic gadgets and doom scrolling.

The dresses were gorgeous and the performance was excellent by each and every student. With every story character I felt a wave of nostalgia. The teachers, students and support staff that put up this show together should be acknowledged.

Here we come to the end of the events. Wishing all teachers good luck for the exams that begin this week. Appreciate your hard-work forever.

Thanks.

Zahra Tanveer

Y4 Concert

*Primary Section News; Y4 Concert, 2/6/25,
'A Tale of Lost Stories'*



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Respected teacher, 🐻

Thank you for organizing such a wonderful concert. The performances by the Year 4 students were amazing, we truly enjoyed every part of it.

Hats off to you and the whole team for all the hard work behind the scenes. 🍌

Regards,
Parents Syed Talha Ahmed Y4S1

*Primary Section News; Y3 Concert, 3/6/25,
'A Musical Journey With Pied Piper & Snow White'*



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Primary Section News; Y3S2 Learning Activities!

Y3S2 Farid won the gold medal in Dubai Open for karate DOKA 🏆 championship for individual kata 2025



Crunching numbers and conquering challenges – Y3S2 students with their achievement certificate for Math project.

WSS Secondary Section Breakbuster Superstar Champions!



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**GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SHARJAH
YEAR 9 BOYS'
FOOTBALL BREAK BUSTER**



WSS Secondary Section Breakbuster Superstar Champions!



GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SHARJAH

**YEAR 10 BOYS'
FOOTBALL BREAK BUSTER**



Secondary Section News; KS3 Culture Day, 29/5/25!

KS3 Boys: Cultural Day - Celebrating the rich tapestry of traditions that make us one vibrant community



Cultural Day was a beautiful celebration of unity in diversity, where our students proudly showcased their heritage through traditional attire, music, dance, and delicious cuisine.

Secondary Section News; KS3 Culture Day, 29/5/25!

KS3 Girls: Cultural Day Celebrations ***Different roots, shared dreams.***



Dressed in pride, dancing in unity – our students brought the world to school today!



Secondary Section News; Primary-Secondary Transition!

From Primary to Possibility: A Confident Transition into KS3



KS3 students led the way in supporting a smooth, confident transition for our incoming secondary learners