

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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16th June, 2022



Message from the  
Principal/  
CEO  
Ms. Valerie  
Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

**Health & Safety;**

**Face Masks**

The number of COVID cases is on the rise. For your children's health & safety, do please take extra care to ensure that your children wear a face mask into school, & have a spare in their bag. Thank you.

The **Al Hosn Green Pass** has been shortened to 14 days' validity to enter school. Thank you.

**New Academic Year Starting Information**

We will be sending home the first Newsletter of the new academic year in the week of 22nd-25th August. Do please check it for important information. We

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Mon. 13th June to 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> <li>T3 Reports published on Thurs. 7th July, as per SPEA instructions.</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. 4th July to Thurs. 18th Aug.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cashier &amp; Registration Offices are open on working days throughout the Summer Break &amp; Sunday 28th Aug. Timings will be 8am-2pm</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>If your child has received 2 Warning Letters, parent needs to sign a Conditional Admission Letter before any class is assigned for the child to rejoin school for the new academic year.</li> <li>As per updated Authority Circular #25 received on 30/5/22, students must join within the first week of the new academic year, or lose their booked seat to the Waiting List, unless you pay full T1 fees to hold your child's seat.</li> <li>There is no fee rise again this year, however, moving forwards, please see p3 for the updated, approved Seat Reservation/Re-enrollment fees.</li> </ul>

Recommend that you clear fees online & collect books early (Booksale details will be shared shortly) to avoid the inevitable crowds & frustrating queues as school will be very hectic. Thank you.



Teachers receive prizes for going 'above & beyond' to implement CPD strategies & sharing best practice. Here are Ms. Ambreen & Dr. Lisa.



Happy Birthday!

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



# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 37  
16 يونيو 2022



رسالة من المديرية /الرئيس التنفيذي السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة، الأعزاء،

**الصحة والأمان؛ أقتعة الوجه**

عدد حالات COVID في ارتفاع. من أجل صحة وسلامة أطفالك، يرجى

توخي مزيداً من الحذر للتأكد من أن أطفالك يرتدون أقنعة وجه في المدرسة، وأن يكون لديهم احتياطي في حقيبتهم.

تم تقصير صلاحية ممر الحصن الأخضر إلى 14 يوماً لدخول المدرسة.

**معلومات عن بداية العام الدراسي الجديد**

سنرسل إلى البيت النشرة الأولى للعام الدراسي الجديد في الأسبوع من 22 إلى 25 أغسطس. يرجى التحقق من ذلك

للحصول على معلومات مهمة. نوصيك بتوضيح الرسوم عبر الإنترنت وجمع الكتب (ميكراً) سيتم مشاركة تفاصيل Booksale قريباً لتجنب الازدحام الذي لا مفر منه وقوائم الانتظار المحبطة لأن المدرسة ستكون مزدحمة للغاية.

شكراً لك على صبرك.



يتلقى المعلمون جوائز نظير الذهب إلى أعلى و أبعد من ذلك "النتفيذ استراتيجيات التطوير المهني المستمر ومشاركة أفضل الممارسات.



## المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
مواعيد يوم الامتحان من الاثنين 13/6/22 ستكون 7:30 صباحاً - 12:15 مساءً	الاثنين. من 13 يونيو إلى الخميس. 23 يونيو
آخر يوم امتحان الخميس. 23/6/22	الخميس. 30 يونيو 2022
آخر يوم رسمي في العام الدراسي للطلاب	الاثنين. 4 يوليو إلى الخميس. 18 أغسطس.
مكاتب الصراف والتسجيل مفتوحة طوال العطلة الصيفية. المواعيد من 8 صباحاً حتى 2 مساءً	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	
إذا كان طفلك قد تلقى رسالتين تحذيريتين، فيجب على ولي الأمر التوقيع على خطاب القبول المشروط قبل تعيين أي فصل دراسي ليعود الطفل إلى المدرسة للعام الدراسي الجديد.	
وفقاً لنشرة الهيئة المحدثة رقم 25 التي تم تلقيها في 30/5/22، يجب على الطلاب الانضمام خلال الأسبوع الأول من العام الدراسي الجديد، أو فقد مقعدهم المحجوز في قائمة الانتظار، ما لم تدفع رسوم T1 كاملة لشغل مقعد طفلك	
لا توجد زيادة في الرسوم مرة أخرى هذا العام، ومع ذلك، للمضي قدماً، يرجى الاطلاع على (الصفحة 3) للحصول على رسوم حجز / إعادة تسجيل المقعد المحدثة والمعتمدة.	

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

# Whole School News; Planning Your Budget for 2022-2023!

## GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah Fee Structure Academic Year 2022-2023

Year (Grade Equivalent)	Term 1 Sept- Dec	Term 2 Jan-Mar	Term 3 Apr-Jun	Annual TOTAL	Re-enrollment Fee
Nursery	5,040.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	12,600.00	600.00
Reception (KG1)	5,040.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	12,600.00	600.00
Year 1 (KG2)	5,040.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	12,600.00	600.00
Year 2 (Grade 1)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 3 (Grade 2)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 4 (Grade 3)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 5 (Grade 4)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 6 (Grade 5)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 7 (Grade 6)	5,880.00	4,410.00	4,410.00	14,700.00	700.00
Year 8 (Grade 7)	6,720.00	5,040.00	5,040.00	16,800.00	800.00
Year 9 (Grade 8)	6,720.00	5,040.00	5,040.00	16,800.00	800.00
Year 10 (Grade 9)	7,560.00	5,670.00	5,670.00	18,900.00	900.00
Year 11 (Grade 10)	8,400.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	21,000.00	1,000.00
Year 12 (Grade 11)	8,840.00	6,630.00	6,630.00	22,100.00	1,000.00
Year 13 (Grade 12)	9,680.00	7,260.00	7,260.00	24,200.00	1,000.00



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in every child

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INTEREST

0%  
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FEES

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- Earn FAB Rewards points per transaction, which can be used towards future tuition fee payments
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- Mastercard 2 for 1 offers through Priceless specials\*

\*Offer provided through Mastercard


For further details on all of these offers, visit [gemsrewards.com/how-to-save](https://gemsrewards.com/how-to-save) webpage or contact your school for more information.

Email: [parents@gemseducation.com](mailto:parents@gemseducation.com) Website: [gemseducation.com/talk-to-us](https://gemseducation.com/talk-to-us)





# Whole School News; Mission Statement Refresh!



**WSS Vision & Mission**


*Updated: 26/5/22*

Many thanks to all the students, Parents & Staff who contributed to this refreshed Mission Statement.

## WSS VISION

### Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All

## OUR MISSION IS...



	<i>Our Core Mission</i>	<i>What does this mean at WSS?</i>	<i>WSS Actions</i>
<b>T</b>	<b><u>T</u>omorrow is built today</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSS Prepares our students &amp; staff for a successful, productive future as global citizens</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We prepare students for their future &amp; to reach their potential through the curriculum, assessments, career/higher education guidance, Internship programmes &amp; extra-curricular activities</li> <li>Provide a range of leadership opportunities</li> <li>Promote &amp; develop the Student Council</li> <li>We arrange character-building activities &amp; trips</li> <li>Older students engage in the 'Passport to Success' community service programme to enhance 21<sup>st</sup> century life skills</li> <li>We provide opportunities to learn independence</li> <li>We have <b>high expectations of uniform &amp; preparedness for learning</b></li> </ul>
<b>E</b>	<b><u>E</u>nvironmental awareness &amp; sustainability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are mindful of our impact on the environment</li> <li>WSS provides opportunities for impactful engagement in environmental initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We promote the 3 R's; Reduce-Reuse &amp; Recycle</li> <li>We put our litter in the bin</li> <li>We avoid wasting resources</li> <li>Commitment to social concerns &amp; charity</li> </ul>
<b>A</b>	<b><u>A</u>chieving Excellence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are committed to excellence &amp; are ambitious for success</li> <li>We work hard &amp; do the best we can</li> <li>Reflective of our practice to continuously improve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSS reports regularly on progress &amp; achievement, &amp; sets SMART 'next step', data-driven targets for students, staff &amp; the school</li> <li>We provide attractive, enabling learning environments</li> <li>WSS is committed to high ethical standards</li> <li>We provide opportunities for challenge, STEAM &amp; healthy competition to enable learners to exceed targets</li> </ul>
<b>M</b>	<b><u>M</u> Growth Mindset</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We promote positivity &amp; engage in life-long learning.</li> <li>We show resilience &amp; problem-solve</li> <li>'We can with practice'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We provide opportunities to problem-solve &amp; learn from mistakes</li> <li>We welcome innovation, creativity &amp; critical thinking</li> <li>We celebrate success</li> </ul>
<b>W</b>	<b><u>W</u>ellbeing &amp; Happiness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safeguarding, Wellbeing, Health &amp; Safety are top priority</li> <li>We help others, show kindness, equality &amp; inclusivity</li> <li>We demonstrate self-discipline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safeguarding, health &amp; safety are promoted through policies, practices, curriculum &amp; activities</li> <li>We provide opportunities for all to voice feedback &amp; make decisions related to school development, wellbeing concerns or needs</li> <li>We provide internal counseling services where required</li> </ul>
<b>O</b>	<b><u>O</u>pening Doors of Opportunity, Choice &amp; Success</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSS is an inclusive school; we personalise learning so that everyone can achieve their potential (staff &amp; students)</li> <li>Challenges &amp; change are seen as opportunities to develop skills, knowledge &amp; experience</li> <li>There is always a 'Plan B'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSS provides opportunities for students to engage in a wide range of extra-curricular events &amp; initiatives within &amp; beyond WSS</li> <li>WSS provides leadership development opportunities for all</li> <li>WSS provides comprehensive Careers &amp; Higher Education counseling, work experience &amp; opportunities for community service (Passport Programme)</li> </ul>
<b>R</b>	<b><u>R</u>elationships &amp; Character</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our behaviour &amp; decisions are values-driven, including mutual respect, self-discipline, confidence &amp; tolerance</li> <li>We are committed to the school vision, 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success for all</li> <li>We value diversity</li> <li>We connect, collaborate &amp; communicate professionally</li> <li>We all follow the Fab. 5 Rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSS builds positive home-school partnerships</li> <li>We promote cultural awareness &amp; harmony</li> <li>We promote partnerships with the Authorities &amp; community</li> <li>We promote character development through the curriculum &amp; beyond</li> <li>We follow a fair, stepped &amp; appropriate Code of Conduct</li> <li>We have high expectations of behaviour for all</li> <li>We teach students how to make smart choices.</li> <li>We nurture &amp; support within &amp; beyond the WSS community</li> </ul>
<b>K</b>	<b><u>K</u>nowledge, Skills &amp; Understanding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We fully engage with the WSS learning programme</li> <li>We are open to applying new strategies, taking risks &amp; applying learning to new situations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WSS promotes personalised learning so every child is able to experience learning success</li> <li>WSS sets high standards of teaching &amp; learning</li> <li>We promote the application of technological innovation</li> <li>We provide opportunities for students to explore their individual gifts &amp; talents</li> <li>We relate learning to real-life &amp; aim to make learning fun!</li> </ul>

# Whole School News

## Term 3 Assessment preparation

Mohamed, our final assessment is about to start, have you prepared already?

Yes. I have prepared well so that I will be able to get good marks this Term.

Did you check the emails?

Our teacher sent the assessment topics and timetable for our upcoming exams.

The teacher sent emails to our parents for us to be guided and be informed accordingly to be prepared.

I received the following:

1. Assessment timetables and T3 Final exam topics.
2. Revision materials.
3. Home learning worksheets.

What do you think are the strategies or study tips to prepare for our exams?

**Here are the tips:**

1. Make sure to check the teacher's email and phoenix classroom for the exam contents and schedules in the timetable.
2. Create your own study guides and ask questions.
3. Make sure not to miss revision lessons and start early in revising at home.
4. Reorganise your notes and prioritise your study time according to schedule.



**Y2 Graduation, 16/6/22. Congratulations to all our Y2 Superstars!**



**We are pleased to introduce Mr. Shujahat (Suj.) Munir, who will be taking on the Vice Principal role wef. 15/8/22, on the departure of Mr. Andrew Wilson. Mr. Suj is from Scotland, UK, with recent inspectorate experience with the Abu Dhabi MOE, ADEK. Here, he shares his thoughts about his new role:**

"My name is Shujahat Munir, and I am honoured to become the Vice Principal at GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah.

My daughter Zara is my motivation in life. She is sweet, loving and a menace all in one. When I see her, I think of how I would want her education to look like, and these thoughts partly drive my motivation as an educator.

My hometown of Glasgow, in Scotland is where my love for education started, supporting students from challenging backgrounds with academic and sports coaching. I completed my studies at The University of Strathclyde having achieved my BSc degree and PGDE in Secondary Education. In 2017, after 7 years of working with the Glasgow City Council I moved to the UAE. With over 10 years' experience in various curricula, I have proven expertise in teaching and learning, curriculum and assessment development and school improvement.

As a leader, I have a strong commitment to develop students and staff while providing safe, stimulating, and inclusive learning environments. I believe our students should be prepared with the knowledge, skills and competencies which prepare them for further education, employment and throughout life.

I am looking forward to having a positive impact at GEMS WSS, and I look forward to meeting you all at some point."



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



SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SEAT AT WSS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

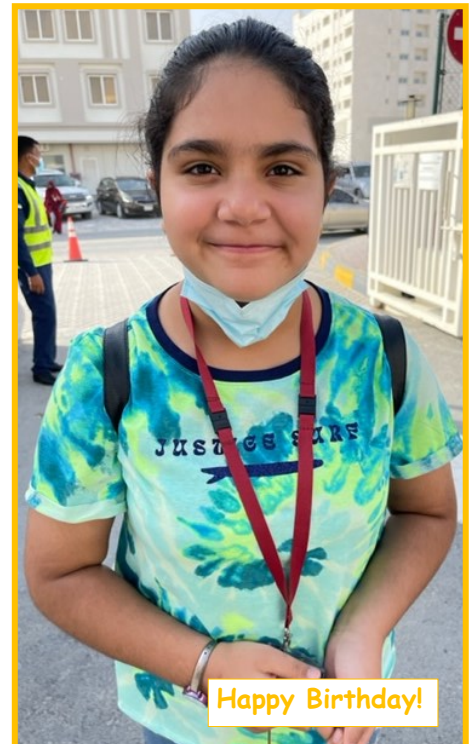


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Happy Birthday!

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



Happy Birthday!







# WSS Superstar WIN Inter-School STEAM Carnival Champions!



**Congratulations to our winning students & many thanks to Innovation/STEAM Leader Ms. Manju for organizing.**



**Here are Nakshatra & Tasnim (Y8GD1) who won 2nd place in the Winchester Jebel Ali Inter-School STEAM Carnival held recently.**





## WSS Superstar Champions!



Reding Champion Moh'd Anas (Y7BH1)



Honesty Superstar Champion Ahammed (Y7BF) handed in lost & found money. Thank you, Ahammed, we love your great character!

السلام عليكم استاذ احمد انا مامت فريده عمر في الصف الرابع H1 و ادم عمر في الصف الثاني H1 في نهاية العام الدراسي احب اشكر حضرتك على مجهودك و تعبك مع الاولاد و فعلا الولاد اصبحوا يحبون ماده الترييه الاسلاميه جدا و حقيقي ينتظروا اليوم فيه حصه الاسلاميه ،شكرا جدا ل حضرتك و جزاك الله كل خير .

Good morning Mr. Abdelrahman

Really, I am thankful to you for all of your great efforts and outstanding support this year with my daughter, I appreciate your hard working and care and how you were responding to any inquiries from our side . We are lucky this year to have a great teacher like you.

Thanks, Mr.Abdelrahman for everything and wish you all of the best.

Regards

Dear Ms Deepthi,

Thank you for being the best teacher in the world. You inspired in me a love for learning and made me feel like I could ask you anything. You always had the patience for my questions and knew just how to explain the answers. 😊

My fond memories of the time in your classroom will last a lifetime.You seem to have a way of seeing right through me and knowing when something is wrong. You always had time for me. I am fortunate to have had you in my life. 😊

You are an exceptional teacher and an exceptional person.You did more than prepare me academically, you prepared me for life. Thank you for all of the lessons you've taught me. I will remember them and you forever. 😊

I always felt so happy when you were proud of me. You will always have a special place in my heart. 😊

Thank you so much for everything ❤️

God bless you miss 😊

(I hope you're doing good with your health now).

Thank you

Regards

Gatika Suneel





## WSS Superstar Environment & Recycling Champions!



**Oniru (Y5F1) won a Merit at the UAE Abacus competition that held on 4/6/22 at Al Naser Leisure Land.  
He won the 1st Runner up at the InternationaI Budokan Karate Cup 2022 that held on the 12th June at Kent College Dubai.  
Congratulations Oniry, we are proud of your hard work & achievement!**

I am writing to talk about my personal experience with the teachers of one of my favourite subjects this year - Math, Ms. Payal.

She has been an amazing teacher to all of us students in my class and has worked extremely hard to make our classes a great place for us learn. Personally, I have learnt many different things from her classes and she has taught me to like math a lot more than I used to in my previous years. She has also made so many fun memories with us in her lessons and that has made her an unforgettable mentor as well as a really good friend to us. Furthermore, she has helped us correct our mistakes and taught us to fix them and become better people in the future. And due to this, I really hope she can be a teacher for us in the future as she has been really thoughtful and understanding as well as amazing with all of us students.

Sincerely,  
Mridini

Good morning Mr. Waleed,

Really, I am grateful to you for all of your great efforts and outstanding support this year with my daughter, I appreciate your hard working and care and how you were responding to any inquiries from our side . We are lucky this year to have a great teacher like you.

Thanks, Mr. Waleed for everything and wish you all of the best.



## WSS Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Shamail, Ms. Raghi,  
Good afternoon!

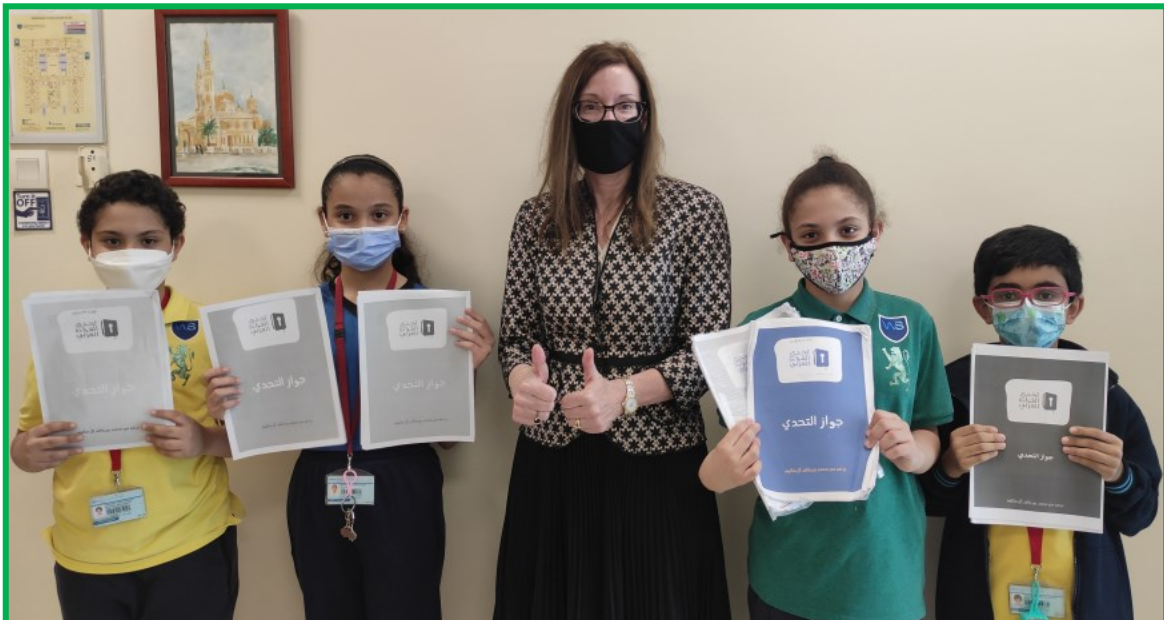
I want to thank you for adding Ms Amreen to your team as an assistant teacher for year 1 f2, and I also want to tell you about my experience with her. She is really made a big difference with my daughter. She treated her with love and tenderness as if she were her daughter and made my daughter like to come to school even on vacations to see her. And she don't want move from year 1 in order not to leave her, and as she made big different academically as well, and all the thanks and appreciation that he sent to her, he did not and will not repay her even a small part of what she deserves.

Thank you very much Ms. Amreen Amarin.

Best regards,  
Rina



Some of our brilliant students were finalists in the Arab Reading Challenge which was held in two stages; the internal competition at WSS and the external competition at SPEA.



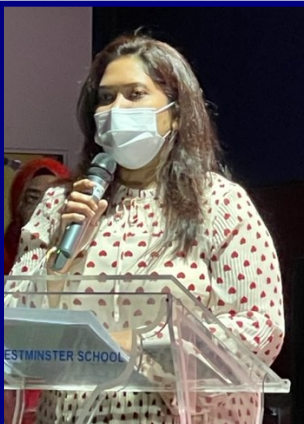


# Junior Section News





# Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation!





*Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation!*





# *Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation!*





# Junior Section News; Y2 Graduation!





# Junior Section News; Learning in FS1!



Learning to count backwards 8 to 1!  
Fun Math activity!!

PIC-COLLAGE



Outdoor Physical Training session!!  
FS1!!

PIC-COLLAGE



Creating our own Rainbow Fish!!  
FS1

PIC-COLLAGE



Fun Phonics activity !!  
FS1.

PIC-COLLAGE



Let's Save our Ocean Activity!!  
FS1.



Fine Motor Activity!!  
FS1



PIC-COLLAGE



# Junior Section News



Learning Activities - Year 1 H2





A TRIP TO WASIT WETLAND

