GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH







Newsletter Issue #5 21st September, 2023





Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Positive T<u>eamwork—PTM</u>

We know that our children do best when they have a positive team around them, & when they are actively engaged partners in this team. We want to

ensure that the WSS team of students, parents & staff becomes even stronger, more knowledgeable & more effective. We are committed to continuing to build supportive, positive relationships with our valuable parents, who are so important in ensuring the success of our children, both academically & socially. We are looking forward to meeting you over the next week at our Parent-Teacher meetings (PTM) to facilitate effective home-school teamwork. Thank you for your ongoing support & for attending PTM.











Mid-Term Break. School closed for students.

School opens on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

School opens on Monday 23rd October

School closed for Winter Break.

T2 Fees due by 2/1/24. Thank you.

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تعرف على معم طفك؛ لقاءات "لقاء وترحيب" مع معلم المدرسة المنزلية. لقاءات "القاء وترحيب" مع معلم المدرسة المنزلية. التفاصيل التي شاركها المعم.	الأسبوع من 25 إلى 27 سبتمبر			
من المحتمل أن تكون المدرسة مظفة بمناسبة المولد النبوي (ص) (سيتم تأكيد ذلك من قبل السلطات)	الخميس. 28 سيتمبر			
سيتم فتح التسجيل لشهر سبتمبر 2024 (ستبدأ تقييمات التسجيل من يناير 2024 لشهر سبتمبر). الأماكن محدودة، لذا إذا كنت ترغب في المحسول على مفاعد جديدة للأفوة، فتوصيك بالتسجيل مبكرًا.	الاثنين. 2 أكتوبر			
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رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي السيدة فاليري تومبسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس وي الشارقة الأعزاء،

العمل الجماعي الإيج

من أن فريق WSSمن الطلاب وأولياء الأمور والموظفين













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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.



Whole School News

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Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!



Taking Videos & Photos in School

While we understand that parents value & enjoy taking videos & photos of their child in school (such as the class Assembly, Sports Day etc), & we fill our weekly Newsletter with cute pictures of children's learning activities, parents are requested to be mindful that it is illegal & totally unacceptable to take or share photos & videos of other people without their permission.

Do please avoid taking or sharing on SM any photos of children, parents or staff without thier permission. Thank you.

Environment & E-Waste Recycling Superstar Champions!



Our school, alongside all GEMS schools, will be participating in the UAE's Largest E-Waste Collection Drive with the aim of collecting a total of 15 tonnes of e-waste! Bring your e-waste to the dedicated bin at school (next to Gate 1) between 18-22 September. Contribute to win prizes! To learn more, visit: https://bit.ly/ewastec







Whole School News; Teacher CPD!







HOD MOE Subjects Mr. Osama along with some team members attended an Arabic Teaching & Learning Conference at WIN on Saturday 16/9/23.



The WSS Team celebrating World Peace Day, 21/9/23.

Whole School News; FS1-Y3 Text Books

Currio	culum Resources	Academic Ye	ear: 2023-2024	Year Group: FS1
	Subjects:	Quantity		Comments:
	My Learning Journey FS	1		
	WSS Junior Section FS1 On-Entry Booklet	1]	
	100 page Creative Writing Notebook FS-1	1		

Curriculun	n Resources	Academic Ye	ear: 2023-2024	Year Group: FS2
Subje	ects:	Quantity		Comments:
WS	SS Junior Section FS2 Reception On-Entry Ass	1		
FS-:	-2 Home Reading Book	1		
Му	/ Learning Journey FS	1		
FS-:	-2 My Phonics Journal	1		
FS2	2 My Maths Journal	1		
FS-:	2 Foundation Stage Phonics Picture booklet	1		
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urriculum Resources	ces Academic Year: 2023-2024	
Subjects:	Quantity	Comments:
Oxford International Primary Wellbeing Activity Book 1	1	
Year-1 Arabic Book	1	
Assessment Booklet Year-1	1	
Year-1 Grammar Book	1	
Year-1 My Phonics Book 1	1	
Year-1 My Math's Workbook	1	
My Learning Journey KS1	1	
Year-1 Science Book	1	
MOE C.4		
MOE Set		

Curriculum Resources	Academic Year: 2023-2024	Year Group: Y2
Subjects:	Quantity	Comments:
KS1 English Reading Comprehension Year 2 Book One	1	
KS1 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	1	
Collins Grammar and Punctuation	1	
Oxford International Primary Wellbeing Activity Book 2	1	
My Learning Journey KS1	1	
Year-2 Assessment Booklet	1	
Year-2 Science Home Learning Book	1	
MOE Set		

Curriculum Resources	Academic Year: 2023-2024	Year Group: Y3
Subjects:	Quantity	Comments:
Geography	1	
Maths	1	
Roald Dahl Fantastic Mr.Fox	1	
Wellbeing Activity Book	1	
Year-3 Science	1	
Year-3 Assessment Tracker	1	
Year - 3 introduction Booklet	1	
MOE Set		

Whole School News; Y4-Y7 Text Books

Curriculum Resources	Academic Year: 2023-2024	Year Group: Y4
Subjects:	Quantity	Comments:
Geography	1	
Maths	1	
Wellbeing Activity Book	1	
Computing Student Book	1	
Roald Dahl Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	1	
Year-4 Science	1	
Year-4 Assessment Tracker	1	
MOE Set		

urriculum Resources	Resources Academic Year: 2023-2024	
Subjects:	Quantity	Comments:
ZOOM 1 Livre De L'eleve + CD Audio	1	
ZOOM 1 Cahier d'activités	1	
Maths	1	
Geography	1	
Wellbeing Activity Book	1	
G4 James and the Giant peach	1	
Computing Student Book	1	
Year-5 Science	1	
Year-5 Assessment Tracker	1	
MOE Set		

Curriculum Resources	Academic Year: 202		Year Group: Y6
Subjects:	Qu	antity	Comments:
Metro-1		1	
Maths		1	
Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator		1	
Wellbeing Activity Book		1	
Geograph		1	
Computing Student Book		1	
Year-6 Science		1	
Year-6 Assessment Tracker		1	
MOE Book set			

Curriculum Resources	Academic Year: 2023-2024	Year Group: Y7
Subjects:	Quantity	Comments:
Science Student Book	1	
Science Work Book	1	
Tricolore 1	1	
Geog.1 Student Book	1	
Wellbeing Activity Book	1	
English Student Book	1	
English Workbook	1	
Computing Student Book	1	
Maths Core Book 1	1	
MOE Book set	•	

Whole School News; Y8-Y9 Text Books

Curriculum Resources	Academic Year: 2023-2024	Year Group: Y8
Subjects:	Quantity	Comments:
Science Student Book	1	
Science Work Book	1	
metro 2 vert G7	1	
Geog.2 Student Book	1	
Wellbeing Activity Book	1	
English Student Book	1	
English Workbook	1	
Computing Student Book	1	
Maths Core Book 2	1	
MOE Book set	<u> </u>	

Curriculum Resources Academic Year: 2023-2024		r: 2023-2024	Year Group: Y9
Subjects:		Quantity	Comments:
Geog.3 Student Book		1	
Computer Science Second Edition		1	
English Student Book		1	
English Workbook		1	
Wellbeing		1	
Physics		1	
Chemistry		1	
Biology		1	
maths		1	
MOE Book set			

Children & Money in School

We want to move to a more professional system for dealing with cash, & reduce the chances of money getting lost in school. So this year we are moving to 100% online trip & Activity payments. Teachers will no longer be collecting cash from children this year. Parents are requested to pay for Trips & Activities online through their Parent Portal. Babysitting can be paid at the Cashier.

Parents facing online issues & are unable to access their online Parents Portal, may visit the Cashier to make payments.

Please note that the Accounts team will need <u>one working week</u> to process money to be taken to the venue pay for trips & activities, therefore the deadline for parents to pay for any trip or activity will be <u>one week prior to the trip/activity date</u>. Late payments may mean that the child is unable to attend. All these details will be included in the Trip/Activity letters FYI. Thank you.

WSS Superstar Champions!



My name is Ms. Ayesha Aslam. I have been working with WSS since 2014. My role as a Head of Department – English started in 2016. The student's attainment and progress in English subject at WSS Secondary Section is my vital responsibility as the head of the department.

In order to improve my student's attainment and progress in A Level English, I am delighted to share that *Edexcel board – Pearson publication* has invited me to serve *as reviewer for the International A level English Language student book.* I would like to thank the Assistant Principals of Secondary Section Ms. Sreeja Nair and Mr. Alfred Franklin, as it wouldn't have been possible without their clear guidance.

Environment & E-Waste Recycling Superstar Champions!





Environment & Recycling Superstar Champions!







Happy Birthdays!















We love to see healthy fruit treats for sharing in class for a birthday treat (avoiding junk food is Thank best!). you dear parents for supporting our 'Healthy Lifestyle' policy!

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!













WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!







Junior Section News; Orange Day, 18/9/23!















Junior Section News; Green Day, 19/9/23!







Junior Section News; Purple Day, 20/9/23!







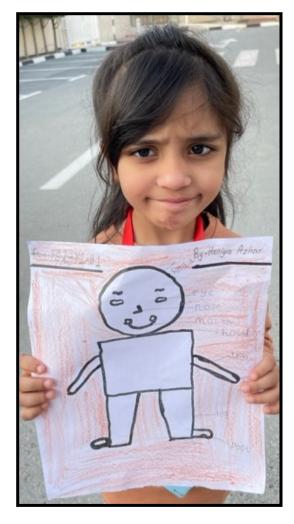


Junior Section News



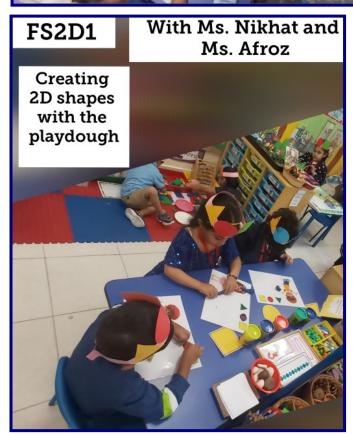
Thank you to Malek Ramy for sharing your super-cute video on naming the body parts. It was awesome!













































Y2S2 Class Activities









With Ms. Safia & Ms. Fiza















Y2H2 with Ms Sabina and Ms Ashika

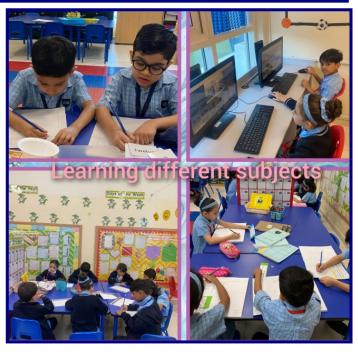
















WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Y3 Class Champions



Y4 Class Champions

Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y4F1, 20/9/23!















Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y6BS, 20/9/23!







A very well-prepared Assembly by Y6BS. The important theme related to Literacy & Reading, & was about Roald Dahl., one of the world's favourite authors of children's books.

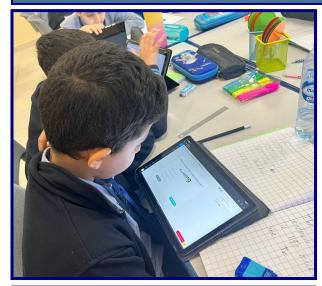
Thank you to all the parents who took time out of their busy schedule to attend.







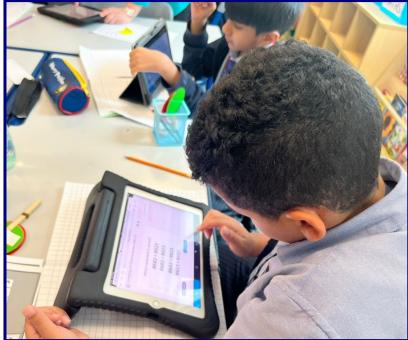
Primary Section News; Harnessing AI for Personalised Learning!



Here we see Secondary students engaging with their new Century Tech. App. This is an AI-based adaptive learning platform to support students' personalised learning to achieve even better in English, Maths & Science. We are very excited to be embarking on this next phase of educational resourcing.



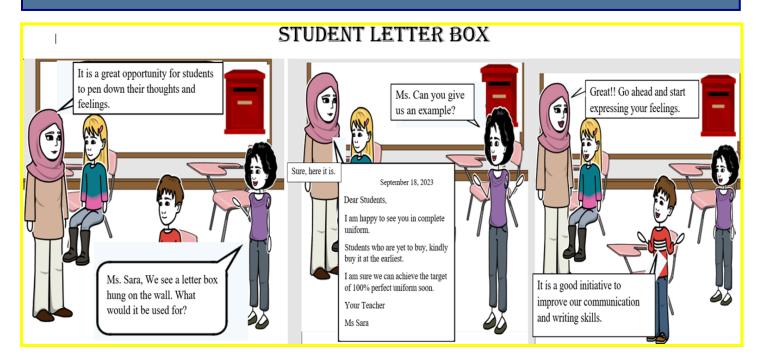






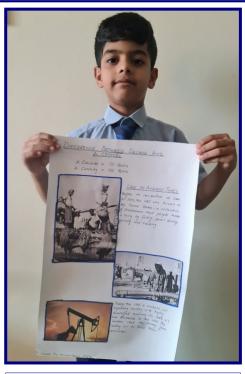


Primary Section News; Student Voice (Letterbox)!



Primary Section News; Learning Activities!





Muhammad Moosa (Y3D1) shared his wonderful project representing the UAE in the past and modern times.



Primary Section News; Learning Activities!











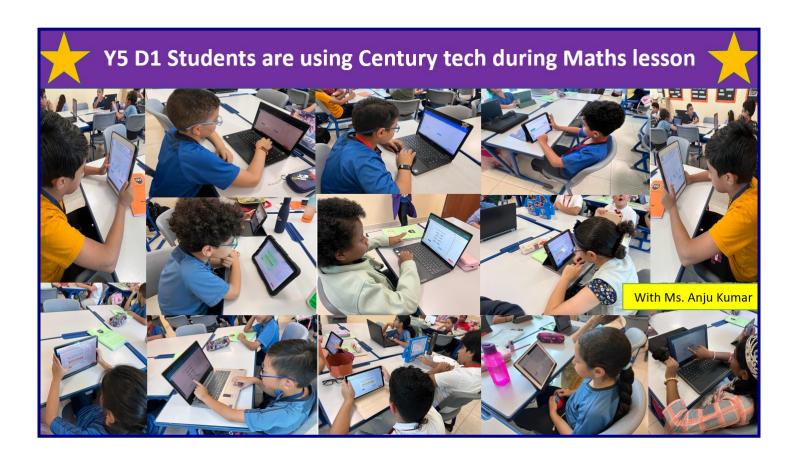
Primary Section News; Learning Activities in Y3!

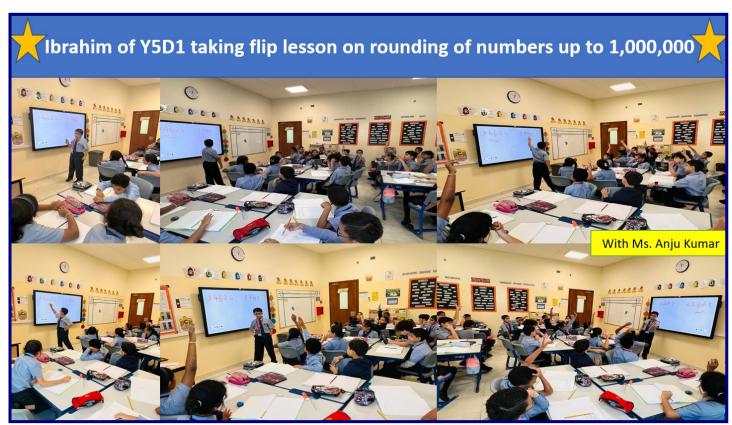
How do I celebrate the International Day of Peace? Y3S1 with Ms. Saranya

Primary Section News; Learning Activities in Y3!



Primary Section News; Learning Activities in Y5!





WSS Secondary Section Student Leadership Team!

			Year & Section
SL No.	Leadership Roles	Name	
1	Head Boy	Muhammad Sameer Ali	Y13BS
2	Head Girl	Zuha Raees	Y13GD
3	Deputy Head Boy	Tamim Mahmoud Hijazi	Y12BH
4	Deputy Head Girl	Mariam Shams	Y12GS
5	Well-Being Leader	Muhammad Ghanim	Y13BS
6	Well-Being Leader	Iman Zahra	Y13GD
7	Sixth Form Leader	Abdul Aaiz Khan	Y12BH
8	Sixth Form Leader	Haya Mutasim	Y13GD
9	Sports Captain	Ahmed Hossam	Y13BS
10	Sports Captain	Yusra Yaseen	Y13GD
11	Deputy Sports Captain	Yohan Manoj	Y13BS
12	Deputy Sports Captain	Dayana David	Y12GH
13	Volunteer Captain	Arham Ali Khan	Y12BF
14	Volunteer Captain	Suhaimah Farooq	Y13GD
	Deputy Volunteer	Mohammed Ameen	Y13BS
15	Captain	Ashraf	
	Deputy Volunteer	Zainab Haroon	Y12GS
16	Captain		
17	Sustainability Leader	Adhith Suvendran	Y13BS
18	Sustainability Leader	Jwan Mohammed	Y13GD
19	Falcon House captain	Nathan Petros Mardig	Y13BS
20	Falcon House captain	Durgha Kizhakkekara	Y13GD
	Deputy Falcon House	Muhammad Nehan	Y10BF2
21	captain	Khan	
	Deputy Falcon House	Kanush Prikash	Y13GD
22	captain		
23	Arabian House captain	Thejas Sinoj	Y13BS
24	Arabian House captain	Syeda Zoya Fatima	Y13GD
	Deputy Arabian House	Arjun Sujeev	Y10BH
25	captain		
	Deputy Arabian House	Mridini Sur	Y11GH1
26	captain		
27	Dolphin House captain	Issam Mohammed	Y13BS
28	Dolphin House captain	Maha Tahir	Y13GD

WSS Secondary Section Student Leadership Team!

	Deputy Dolphin House	Aarav Bhandari	Y11BD
29	captain		
	Deputy Dolphin House	Nakshatra Preemon	Y10GD1
30	captain		
31	Scorpion House captain	Muhammad Talal Ismail	Y12BH
32	Scorpion House captain	Alishbah Moin	Y13GD
	Deputy Scorpion House	Humaid Abdullah	Y13BS
33	captain		
	Deputy Scorpion House	Romaan Iqbal	Y12GS
34	captain		
35	Character Leader	Celino Jayasinghe	Y10BD
36	Character Leader	Mishael Waraich	Y9GH
37	National Agenda Leader	Adan Babar	Y8BF1
38	National Agenda Leader	Takomborerwa Muwani	Y10GD
39	Arabic Leader	Amir Ahmed Shawki	Y11BH
40	Arabic Leader	Menna Hafez	Y11GH
41	Digital Leader	Evan Shibu	Y10BD
42	Digital Leader	Manaal Roman Azam	Y11GH
43	Happiness Leader	Ihan Shameer	Y8BS1
44	Happiness Leader	Akshara Kumar	Y9GD
45	E-Safety Student Leader	Afnan Ahmad	Y12BH
46	E-Safety Student Leader	Zoha Kamran	Y13GD
47	Anti-Bullying Leader	Akarsh Ajit Moorkoth	Y10BF1
48	Anti-Bullying Leader	Darine Elshimy	Y10GH

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!





Secondary Section News' Assembly Time with Y9GD1, 18/9/23!

















Secondary Section News' Assembly Time with Y9BD1, 19/9/23!

















Secondary Section News; October-November Exam Series Briefing Session!



Applicable students & parents attended an important October-November exam series briefing session on 18/9/23. The Agenda of the session was to explain the process of the October/November exam series, Equivalency requirements and the importance of independent learning and critical thinking skills for success. We wish all our students every success with their forthcoming exams.









Representatives from the University of Canada in Egypt interacted with Sixth Form students to talk about opportunities at their hosted Canadian university - University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) Cairo campus.





Secondary Section News; Preparing for the Future—the Sixth Form Passport Programme!



An important & valuable part of our Sixth Form provision to prepare students for their future revolves around community service through the Passport Programme. Students volunteer for leadership, community service & professional skills development opportunities throughout the year & earn 'hours' that go towards their school Good Conduct Certificate for university application. Last year several students were offered good places at university on the basis of thier evidence of community service!

These pictures are from Economics Mentoring session by Carine AS student for Y11 girls. Carine (Y12) showed unwavering commitment to her Y11peers by exemplifying the collaborative spirit of guidance, & by being an invaluable inspiration to the young economics students around her, radiating confidence.

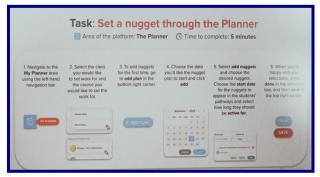


Secondary Section News; AI-Based Personalisation of Learning!



Here we see the Secondary Maths Team attending a workshop on Century Tech. This is a new AI-based adaptive learning platform to support students' personalised learning to achieve even better in English, Maths & Science. We are very excited to be embarking on this next phase of educational resourcing.



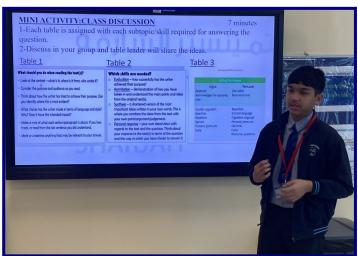


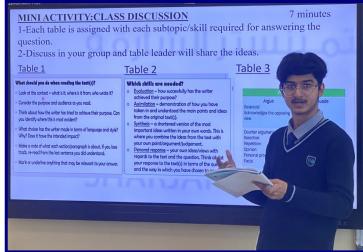
Secondary Section News; Learning Activities!





Secondary Section News; Leadership of Learning!





Leadership of learning; student-led lessons that featured independent learning and research.

Secondary Section News; Celebrating the International Day of Peace, 21/9/23!





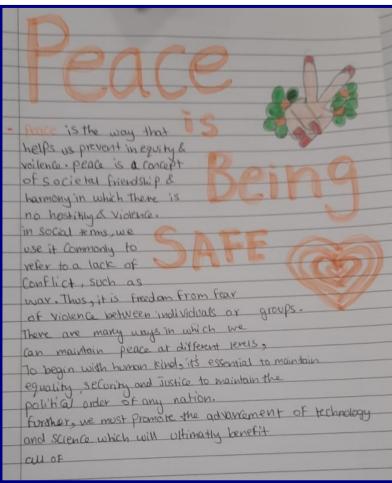


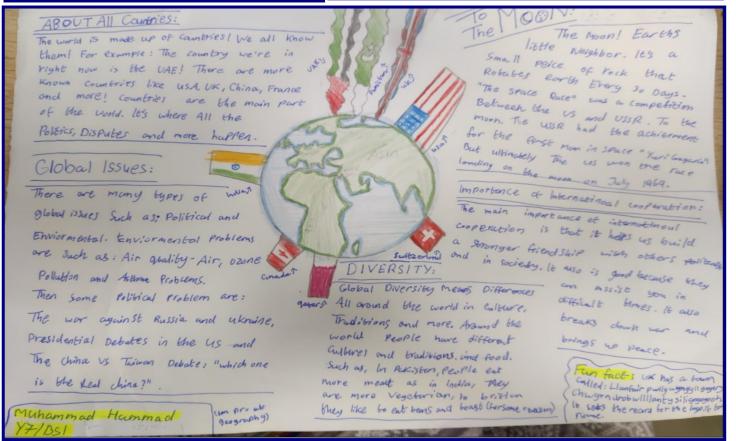




Secondary Section News; Celebrating the International Day of Peace, 21/9/23!







Secondary Section News; CAT4 Assessments, 21/9/23!



















CAT4 results are used by the Teachers for their lesson Planning, to ensure that tasks are prepared to add challenge & support to individual students.