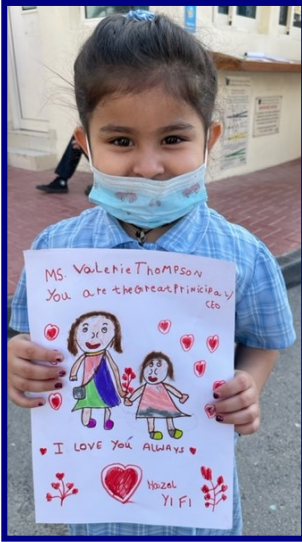


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22nd September, 2022



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

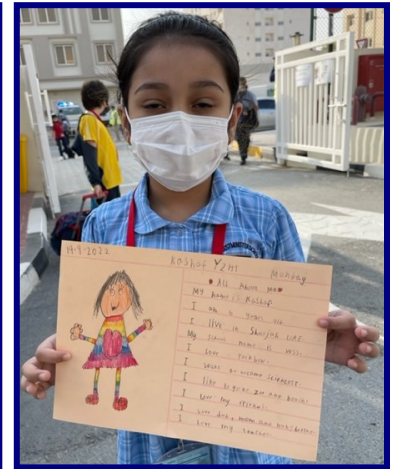
Dear WSS Parents,

Early Exit

Please note that if you need to pick up your child early from school or change any transport arrangement, do please **come to school at least one hour before the regular end of the day & meet Reception for an 'Early Exit Slip'**. If parents come to school later than one hour before regular school closure, sorry but it is not possible to process an Early Exit Slip as the staff have left on the early Bus trip, so are not available to fetch your child from class. Thank you very much.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Wed. 26th Oct & Thurs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Mid-Term Break. School resumes on Monday 31st Oct. as usual
Mon. 12th Dec. to Sunday 1st Jan. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed for Winter Break. School resumes for T2 on Monday 2nd January, 2023. Please note that T2 school fees are due. Thanks you.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم 5
22 سبتمبر 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الأعضاء، الشارقة

الخروج المبكر

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى اصطحاب طفلك
مبكراً من المدرسة أو تغيير أي
ترتيبات نقل ، يرجى الحضور إلى المدرسة قبل ساعة واحدة
على الأقل من نهاية اليوم المعتاد ومقابلة مكتب الاستقبال
من أجل "قسيمة الخروج المبكر". إذا جاء الآباء إلى
المدرسة بعد ساعة واحدة من إغلاق المدرسة المعتاد ،
فأسف ولكن لا يمكن معالجة قسيمة الخروج المبكر لأن
الموظفين غير متاحين لجلب طفلك.

شكراً لك

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة منتصف الفصل الدراسي. تستأنف المدرسة يوم الاثنين 31 أكتوبر كالمعتاد 	<p>الأربعاء. 26 أكتوبر والخميس 27 أكتوبر</p>
<p>المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء.</p> <p>تستأنف المدرسة T2 يوم الاثنين 2 يناير 2023.</p> <p>يرجى ملاحظة أن الرسوم المدرسية T2 مستحقة. شكراً لك.</p>	<p>الاثنين. من 12 ديسمبر إلى الأحد 1 يناير 2023</p>



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

Whole School News; Celebrating Saudi Arabia's National Day!



Happy Saudi Arabia National Day!
Congratulations to the rulers & people of
Saudi Arabia!!

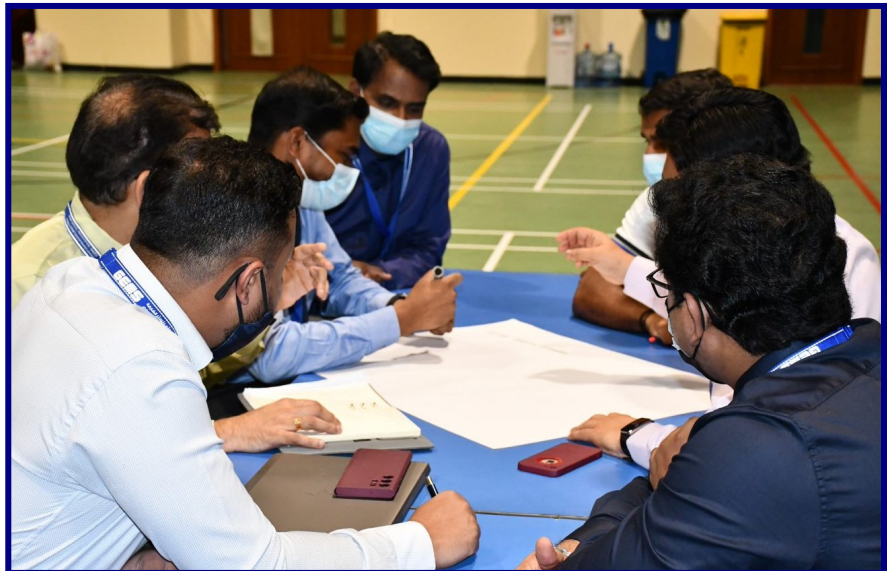
The most important gifts you can give your child are a **quality education** and the **values** that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey

Whole School News; CPD



At WSS, lifelong-learning is for all. Here the team actively engages in their Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme with our expert Teaching & Learning Coach, Dr. Lisa












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

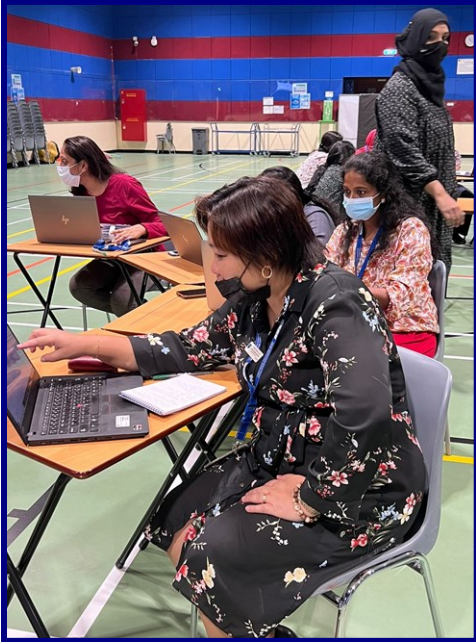


Whole School News; the WSS Local Advisory Body (LAB)

The WSS LAB team is part of our school Governance system & works alongside school & GEMS VP Cluster Lead Ms. Ranju as a 'Critical Friend' to support school development. This Term's developmental focus is raising Achievement levels in Primary Maths through sharing expertise with other schools, Lesson Observations, SEND training sessions, collaboration & school visits. We thank our LAB for their contribution to the WSS improvement journey.

 WSS Local Advisory Body (LAB)		Academic Year 2022-2023 <i>Updated: 22/9/22</i>	
			
<p>Ms. Ranju Anand Vice President Schools LAB Chairperson Focus on Achievement & Leadership</p>	<p>Ms. Albie Huyser Principal GEMS Cambridge School, Sharjah (GCS) Focus on Curriculum</p>	<p>Ms. Aiysha Khan WSS Parent Relations Executive (PRE) Focus on Students' Personal & Social Development & Innovation & Parents</p>	<p>Mr. Ajit Moorkoth Focus on Protection, Care, Guidance & Support</p>
			
<p>Ms. Darshika WSS Parent Focus on Protection, Care, Guidance & Support</p>	<p>Mr. Darren Coulson Principal Sharjah English School Focus on Teaching & Assessment</p>	<p>Dr. Lisa Patterson-Igwe WSS Learning Coach (LC) Focus on Teaching</p>	<p>Ms. Valerie Thompson WSS Principal</p>

Whole School News

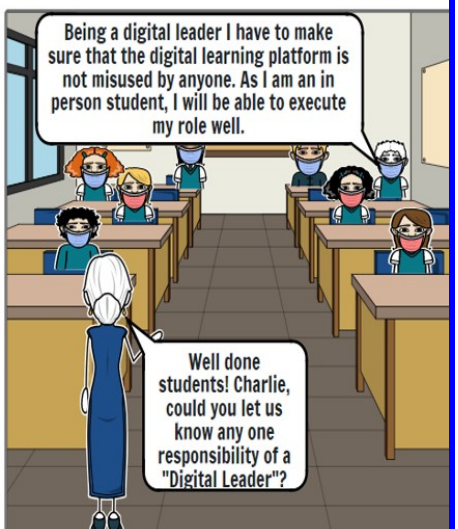
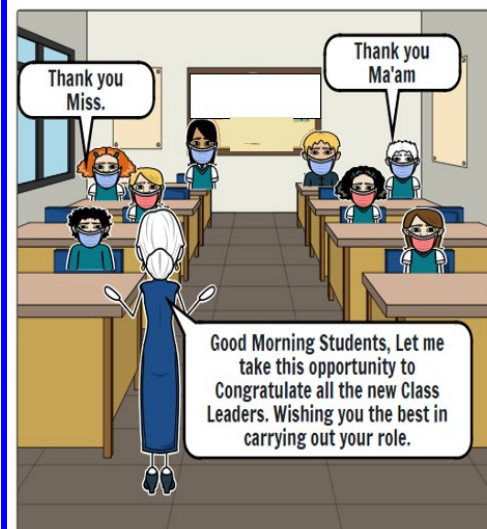


Primary Teachers met for CPD on 15/9/22 to analyze their class CAT4 assessment data to provide individualized information about their students to support lesson planning & target-setting.

Our expert Head of Inclusion Ms. Rema & Guidance Counselor Ms. Gincy attended the 2 day training program on 'Effective practices for working with people with disabilities' at Sharjah Cultural Palace on 21st & 22nd September. This was organized by SPEA in association with Sharjah Social Service Department. The resource person was Dr Omar Khalil Al Attiyat (Special education specialist). Topics included an introduction to the categories of disabilities and their education and rehabilitation needs., & principles of observing and managing behavior.



LEADERS IN A CLASSROOM



Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



Celebrating Happy Birthday in Assembly!

WSS Superstar Champions!



Well done to Steven Ehab- (Y6BH) who showed great leadership in Maths and English. He had a very good understanding of the subject knowledge, was very eloquent and willing support to support his peers, & was an excellent collaborator. Thanks to Ms. Lakshmi and Ms. Inderpreet for giving students the opportunity to develop.

Congratulations to Farida Elshamy (Y8GS) who showed great engagement in Science resulting in her making excellent observations and asking well thought-out questions that supported the entire class.



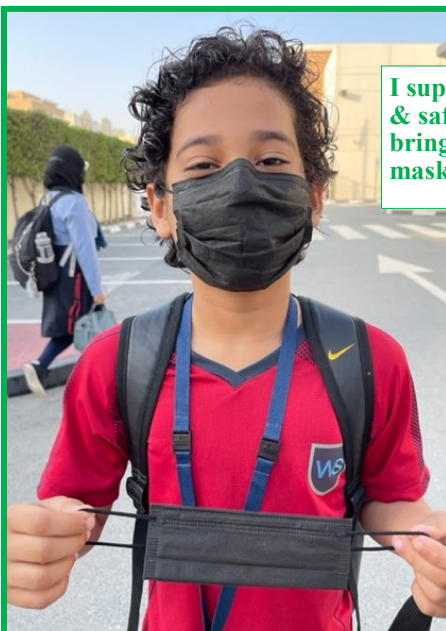
Congratulations to Lara (Y3S1), who participated in the swimming competition conducted by ALL STARS ACADEMY. She secured the 1st place in backstroke for 7 years old category.



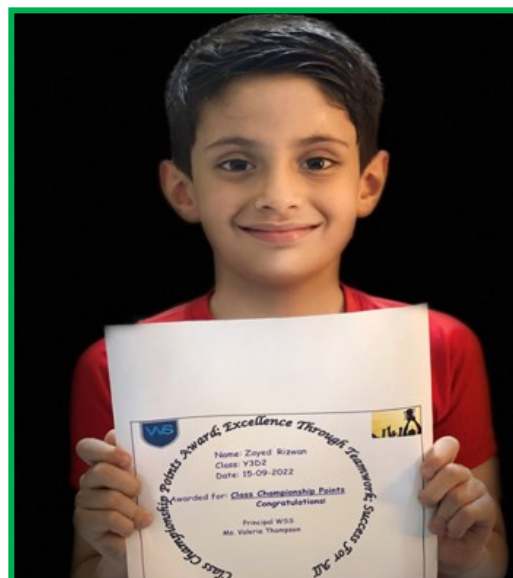
Congratulations to Star Student Mohammed Emad Saffo (Y8BH)



Loving the perfect uniform!



I support health & safety—I bring a spare mask to school!



Y3D2 Zayed Rizwan with his Class Champion Certificate

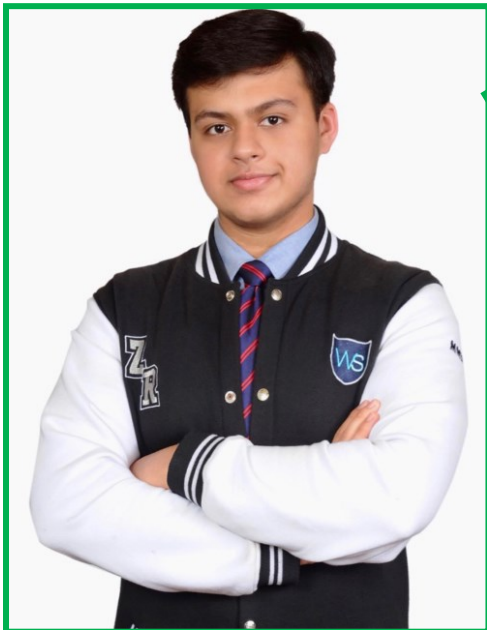
WSS Superstar Recycling Champions!



Congratulations to our KS3 Star Students of the Week, 19/9/22!



WSS Superstar Platinum Jubilee Scholarship (PJS) Champion!



We are very proud of Zuhair, who has won the GEMS Platinum Jubilee Scholarship for 2022-2023. This was given for academic excellence, & for modelling those special qualities of community service and leadership as reflected by the late Queen Elizabeth II. Congratulations Zuhair!



We celebrated World Peace Day through Assemblies & class activities on 21/9/22. The students brought flags & posters, & we sang a Peace song.

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIP 17TH SEPT 2022

Firstly, I would like to thank GEMS Education for their utmost efforts towards recognizing student abilities and encouraging one to give out their best whilst honoring Her Late Majesty's 70 years of service as Head of State of the United Kingdom.

I also want to further extend my appreciation to our school Principal Ms. Valerie, our Heads of Secondary, the SLTs that have been part of the PJS interview process, as well as my teachers at GEMS Westminster School Shj. that have enabled me to explore my inner self and contributed to the achievements that I have accomplished today.

Initially stepping foot into the GEMS educational pool in 2017, being my 6th and also the final year of high school learning; I can now finally say that the little gap in my educational career has been filled not just for a perfect conclusion; but also, an exquisite inception for my further studies.

This feeling of pride and attainment that I'm experiencing today is all due to GEMS Education's magnificent student opportunities that have always been provided alongside the constant effort towards bringing out the best within each student whilst fostering the same.

Furthermore, shedding light upon the A1 interview process which had taken in account all factors to perceive the ideal candidate for the scholarship award, not to mention, the immense support and self-reflection techniques carried out in the interviews for every nominee thus ultimately discerning the "to work on" components for all, resulting in a win-win outcome for all students that had partaken in this award.

- Zuhair Rehman

WSS Superstar Teamwork Champions!



Positive Reviews



Thank you Mr. Fathi Shehata

I am the father of the student Ahmed Fathi Shehata
Year 1 F1

It is a really nice school, I see great interest in students and communication with parents, especially thanks

1. Ms Valerie Thompson

I have never seen a school principal greeting children daily with such joy and smile

I also want to thank the class teacher

1. Ms Aysha malik class teacher

2. Sidra wakeel class teacher assistant

I have seen noticeable progress in my son's academic level and achievement ability

Thank you to everyone who helped me reach this school

Thanks to all the teachers and assistants



Positive Reviews



Great job, you got a new
5-star review

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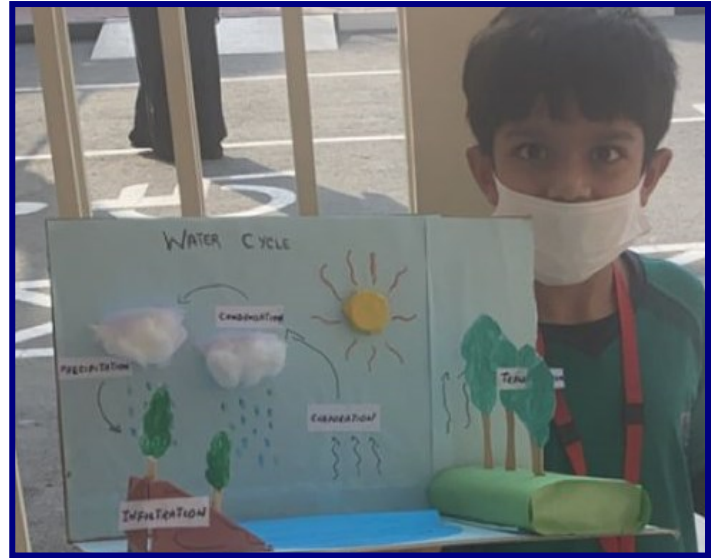
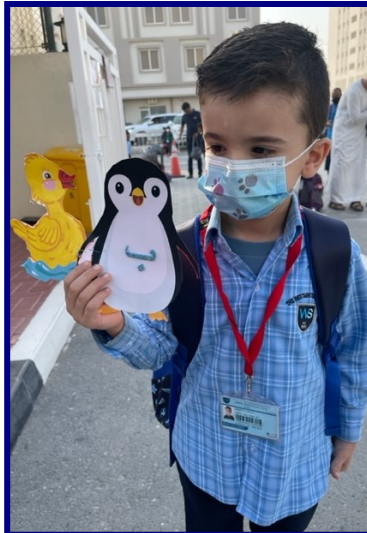
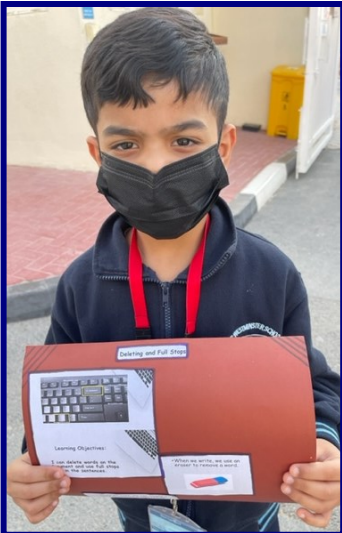
Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel!
Awarded for demonstrating Good Character
(Respect, Kindness & Community Spirit)



Junior Section News



Thanks to Syed Talha for sharing his days of the week video. It was super cute & confident! We are happy to see that he is enjoying the Arabic lessons and practicing at home. Thanks Mum & Dad for your teamwork!
GIY2-S2



Learning is Fun.

FS2S2 with Ms. Maria



FS2H1 talking about their family members.

PIC-COLLAGE

Junior Section News; Lots of Fun in FS1!



Squiggle wiggle in FS1!!



Learning about different feelings!!



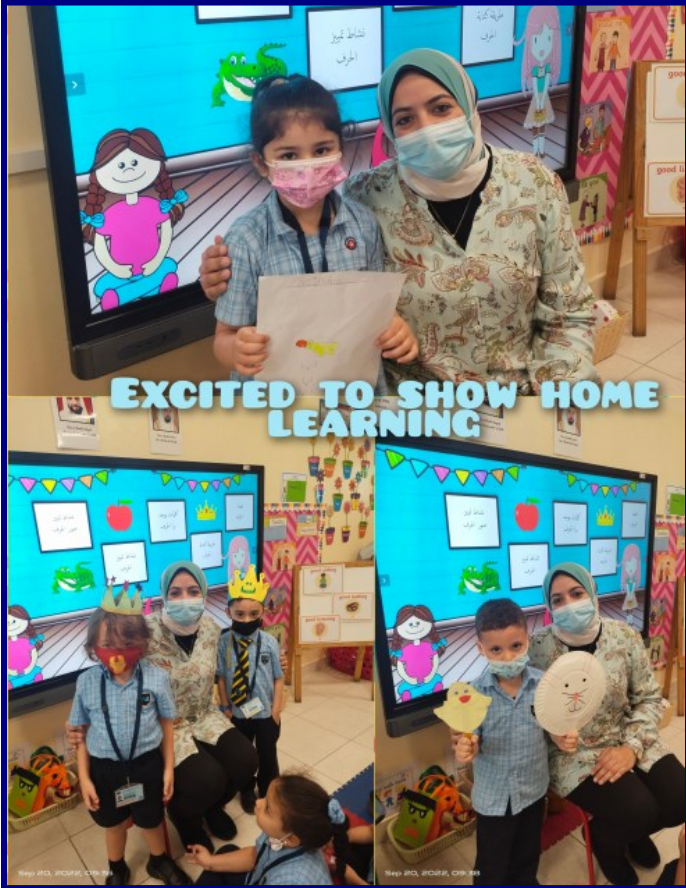
With Ms. Kishwar



Tracing along the lines using different Materials.



Junior Section News; Something New in FS2!



Junior Section News; Learning to... in FS2!



FS2H2 with Ms. Rashini



DEVELOPING WITH LEARNING DAY BY DAY.



PIC-COLLAGE

LETS BE HAPPY WITH OUR LEARNING



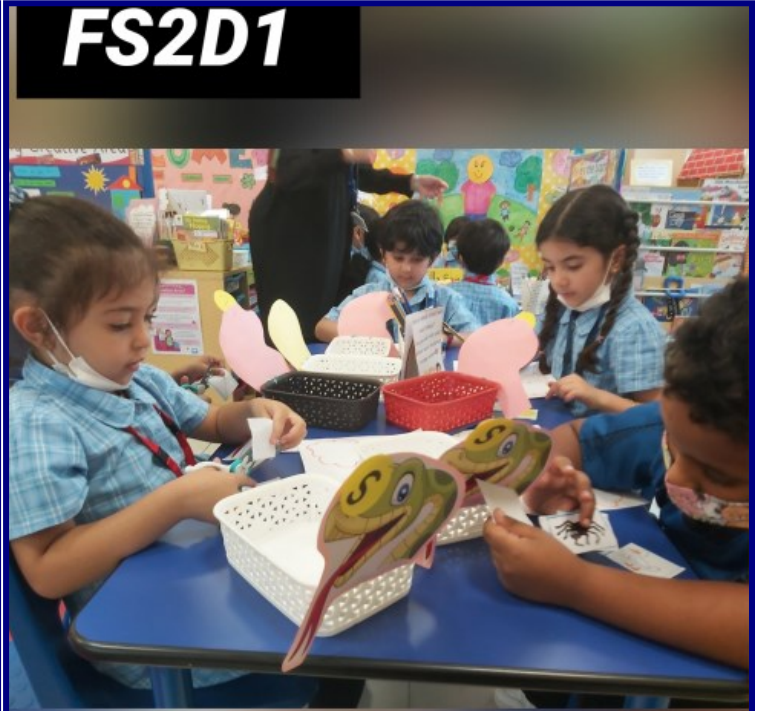
Junior Section News; Learning to... in FS2!



Learning letter "taa"



FS2D1



FS2D1

We can feed the hungry snake with "s" sound pictures

At the creative station



FS2D1 at playdough station

FS2D1 can make their own playdough birthday cake

With Ms. Nikhat

Junior Section News; Learning to... in FS2!



Pair talk time



Having so much fun at P.E session



Hurray! We love our rhyme time



Learning about pattern



Fun at West playground



Arabic home learning work

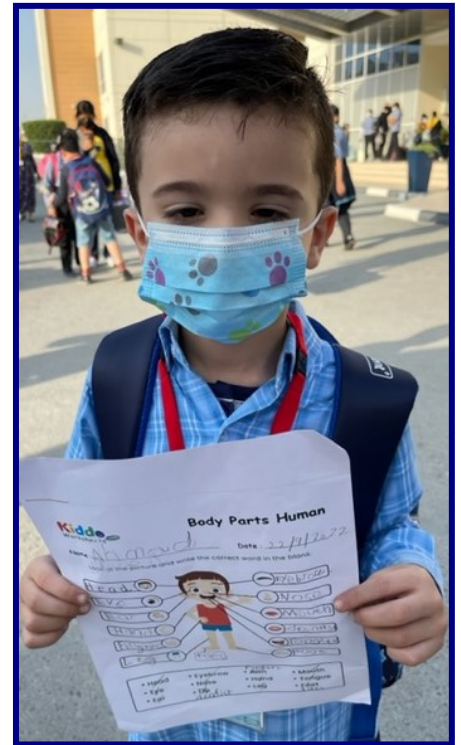
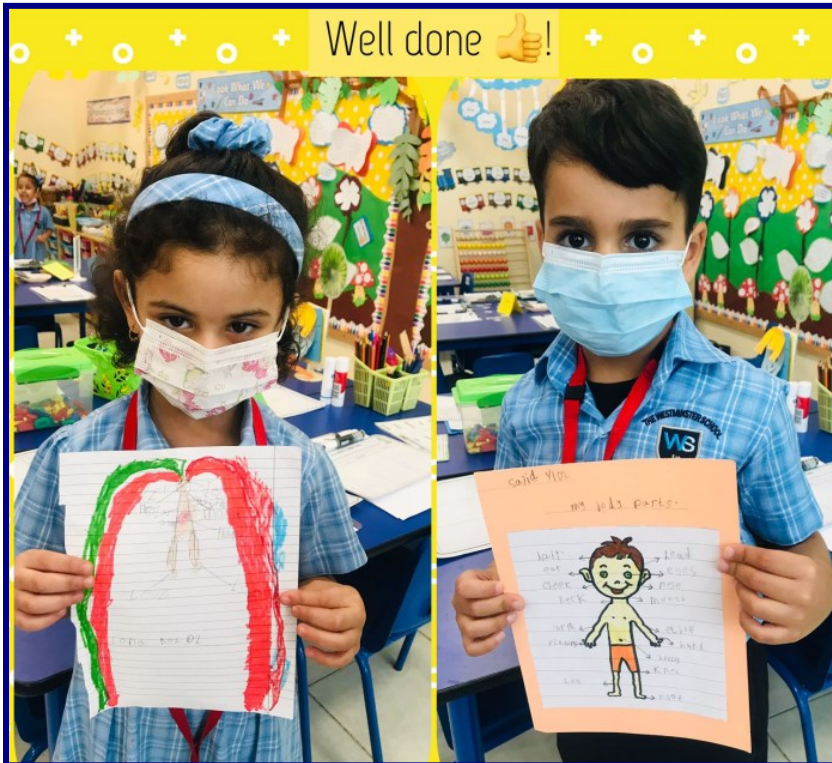


We are exploring numbers



FS2 S1 with Miss Jobelle and Miss Monika

Junior Section News; Learning to... in FS2!



With Ms. Sadiqa



Junior Section News; Independent too in Year 2!



*Learning
place value*



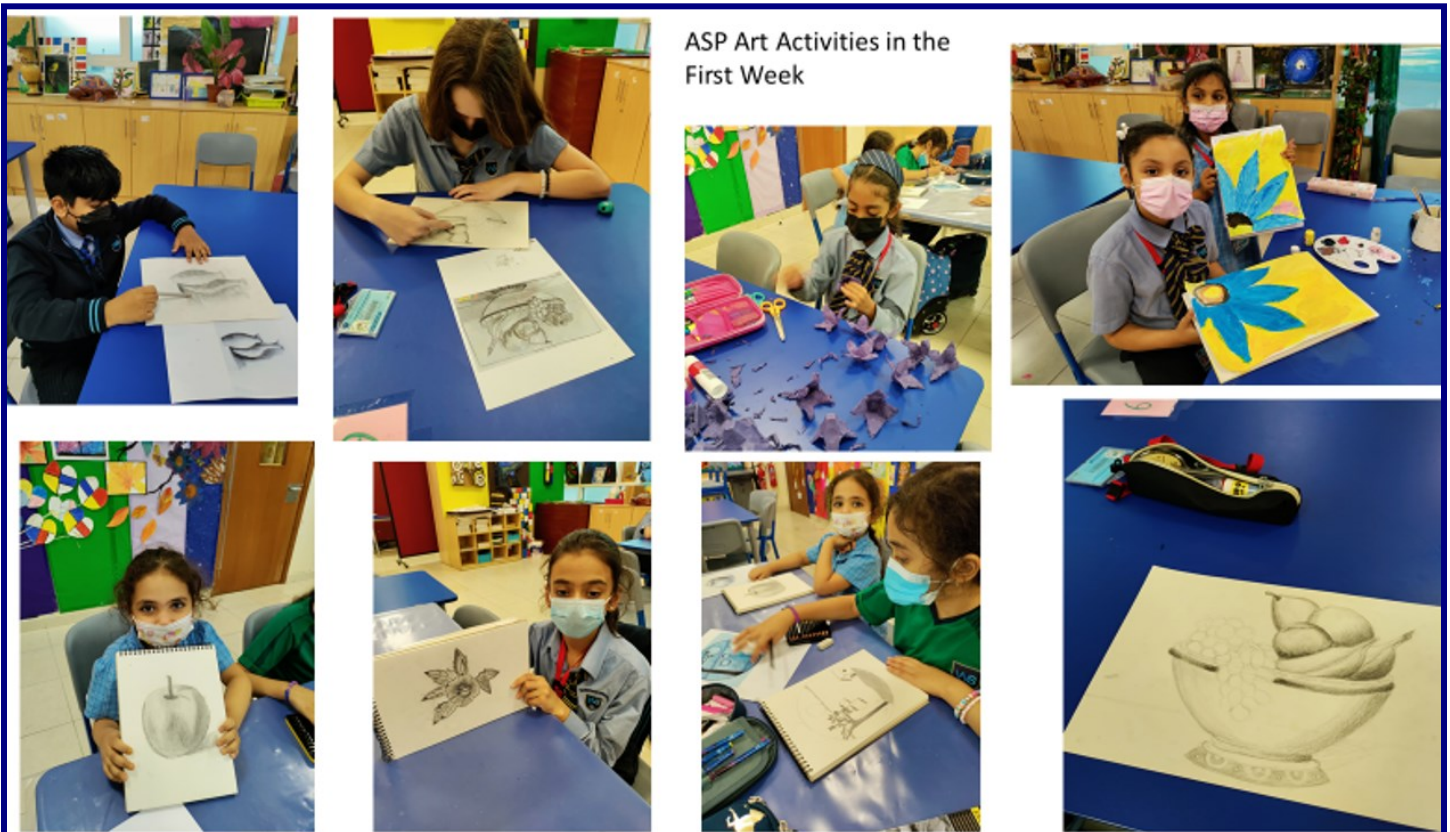
Y2F2 with Ms. Raquel

Primary Section News; Amazing Art!



In the style of Frida Kahlo : Y5

With Ms. Surbhi



ASP Art Activities in the First Week

Primary Section News; Celebrating World Peace Day, 21/9/22!

In WSS, we promote PEACE. On 21st September, Y5S2 participated in the International PEACE day celebration.



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y6BD!



Y6BD put on an amazingly confident & interactive Assembly to celebrate Roald Dahl Day! Thanks Ms. Vani. We also celebrated World Peace Day. The students brought flags & posters, & we sang a Peace song.

Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y3H1!



Y3H1's Assembly was absolutely stunning! The actors were so confident & engaging. The theme was 'How to take care of our Wellbeing'. We learnt that we may not be able to change the whole world, but we certainly can change the world around us for the better. Thank you Ms. Sarada

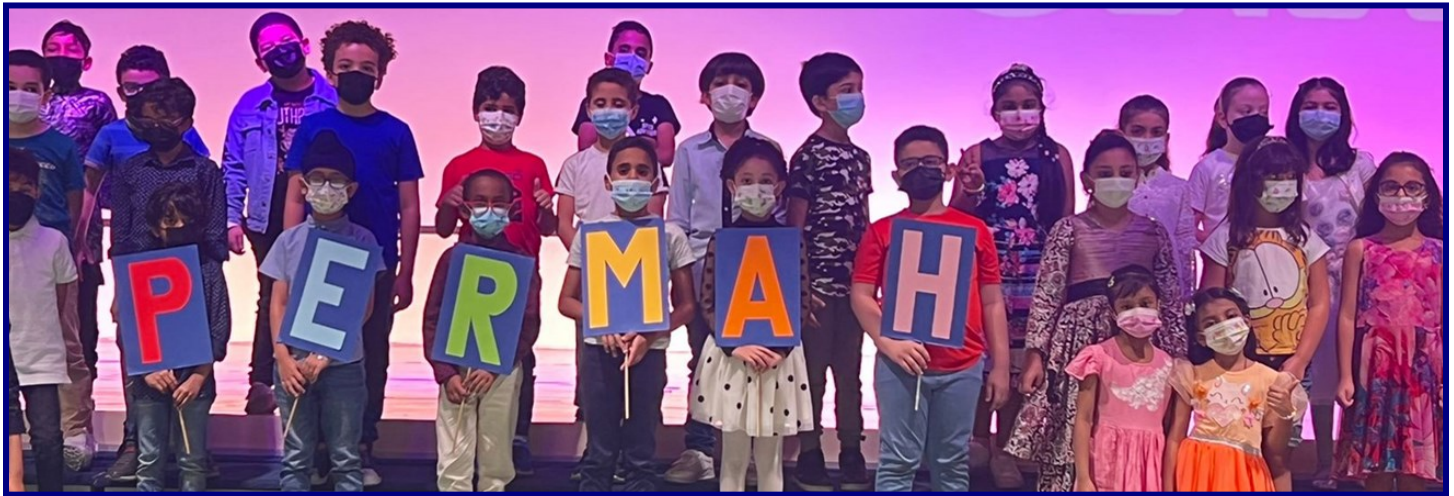


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Our Wellbeing Framework is built around PERMAH (Positive Emotions, Engagement, Relationships, Achievement, Meaning & Health).



Fantastic Islamic group work with Mr. Ahmed Fahmy.

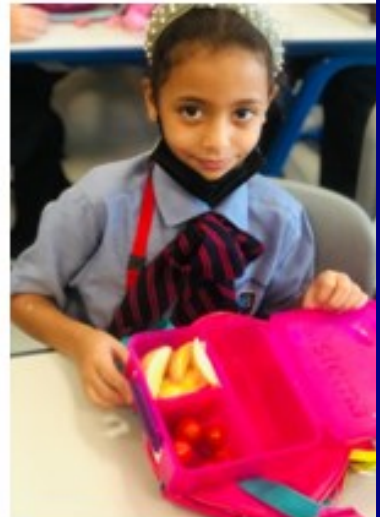
Primary Section News; Celebrating World Peace Day!



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Primary Section News; Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle!

Y5S2 is fun of eating Healthy and nutritious food during the breaktime.
They brought fruits and vegetables to keep their body healthy.



Primary Section News; Scintillating Science!



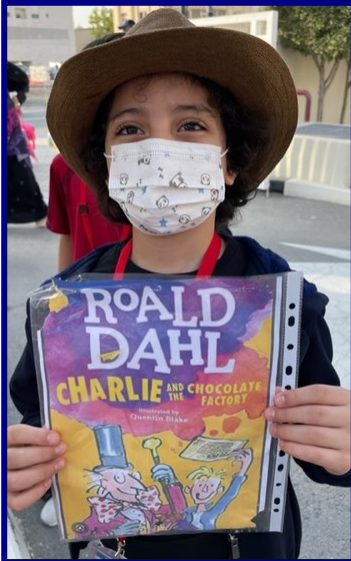
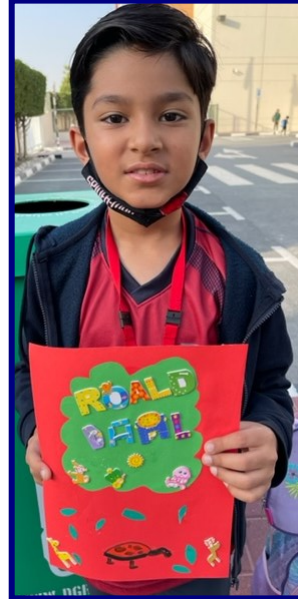
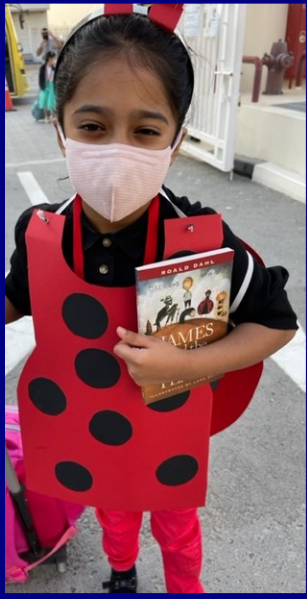
Y4F2 experimenting at home in Science for Ms. Saranya



With Ms. Lissy

Y3D2 – Science Activity - Experimental Learning
LFQ: How do I investigate the transportation of water in plants?

Primary Section News; Celebrating Roald Dahl Day, 22/9/22!



We love the characters in Roald Dahl books. Ms. Valerie likes the way that those with good character always triumph over the bad. She loves a 'happy ending!'



With Ms. Susweta

Y4 F1 ROALD DAHL DAY



Primary Section News; Celebrating Roald Dahl Day, 22/9/22!



Y3H2 with Ms. Anshy



Y3H1

With Ms. Sarada

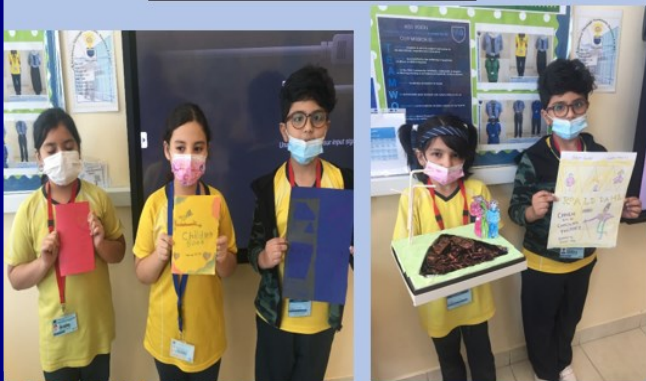
Primary Section News; Celebrating Roald Dahl Day, 22/9/22!



With Ms. Neema

Y3 F1 Roald Dahl Day Activity– Students dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl character

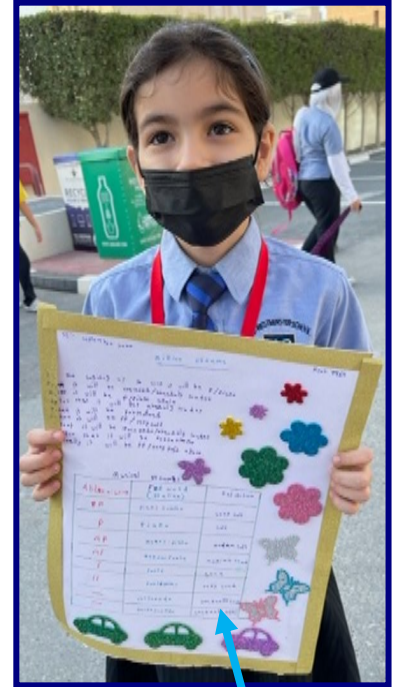
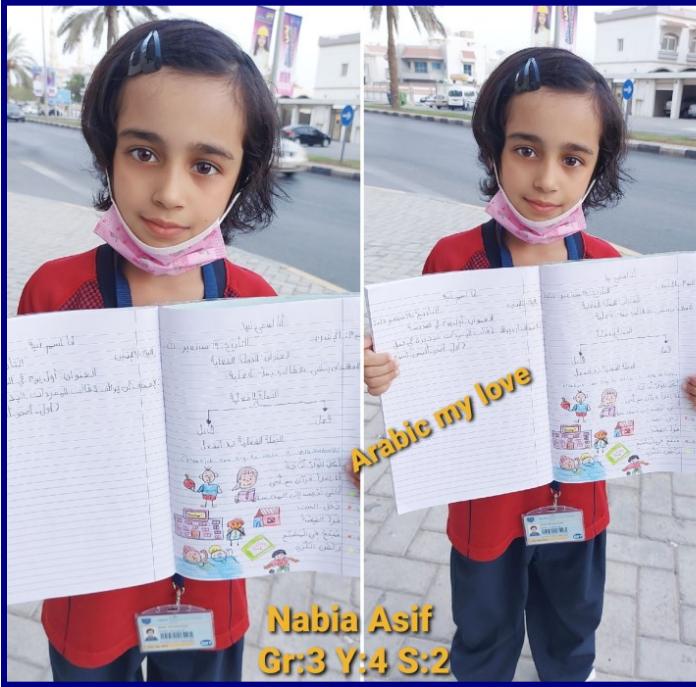
Roald Dahl Day



With Ms. Saranya



Primary Section News



Learning Italian musical words!



Y6BS celebrating World Peace Day this week with Ms. Afra

Y6 BS

Primary Section News



Y3F2 Science Investigation



Y3F2 celebrating Roald Dahl day



Y3F2 celebrating Roald Dahl day

Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Enrichment Programme!



WSS sixth formers representing the subject options which WSS provides in the sixth form on the first day of school. following that the students in sixth form and in IGCSE heard the speech regarding education from HH.SHEIKH MOHAMMED and was translated by Y13BH1's hamzah jilani.

Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Enrichment Programme!

SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT PROGRAM!



Passport Hours briefing for Year 12 students with Sixth Form Leader Mrs. Swarupa



Secondary Section News; Boys' First Assembly, 19/9/22!



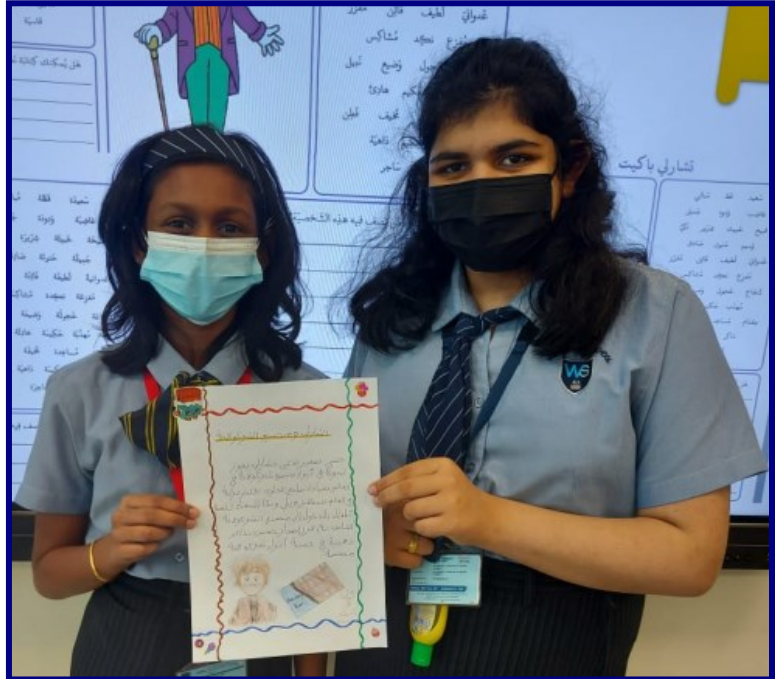
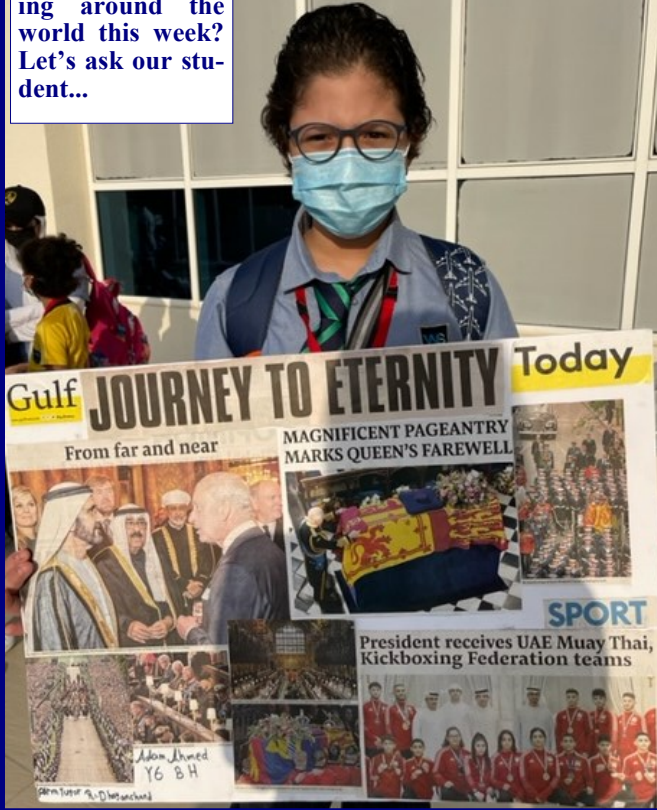
Y9BH1 took the lead in this week's Secondary Boys' Assembly. The Agenda was guidance on school expectations for behaviour for learning.

Secondary Section News; Careers Counseling, 19/9/22!

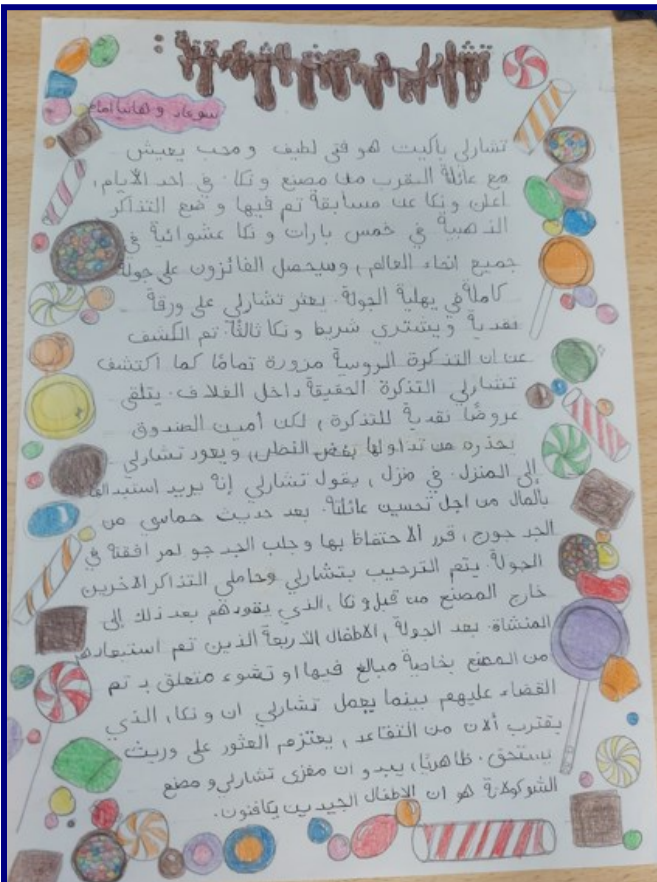


Secondary Section News!

What's happening around the world this week? Let's ask our student...



Arabic STEAM sessions with Ms. Iman. Students practices critical skills in speaking & writing.



Secondary Section News



WSS is the only school in Sharjah to offer the highly popular examination Board subject 'Food & Nutrition (F&N)'. We are very happy to share that our F&N Lab. has just had a full upgrade & refit!