

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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25th September, 2025



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

Dear WSS Parents,

**Safeguarding—Parent &
Student ID Cards**

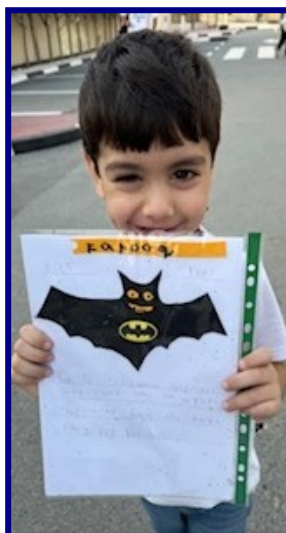
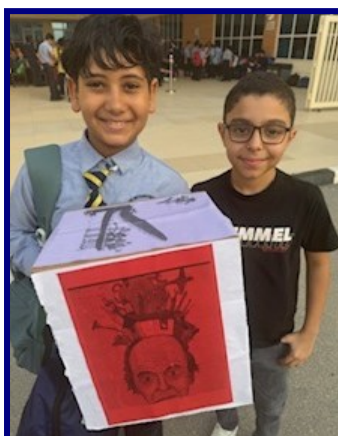
Almost all students & parents now wear their school ID card to school daily. Thank you. If parents or students require an ID card, both parents please upload your photos onto your Parent Portal & meet the BBT office for a new card. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thursday 4th Decem- ber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of T1 (compulsory T1 exams will run until 4/12/25, from approximately 2 weeks prior)

Daleel 2 Registration

All of our returning students & most of our new students have completed Daleel 2 Registration. This means that the year counts towards promotion to the next year group, & that school can issue Report Card a7& other formal documents. For the few parents still to register their child on Daleel 2, please note that it is a SPEA requirement to complete this on joining a school. Please contact the Arabic Secretary Ms. Abir, if you have any queries. Thank you.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم #6
25 سبتمبر 2025



رسالة من المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فائزة توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

**حماية البيانات - بطاقات هوية
أولياء الأمور والطلاب**

معظم الطلاب وأولياء الأمور يحملون
الآن بطاقات هويتهم المدرسية
ويستخدمونها يومياً في المدرسة.

شكراً لكم في حال رغب أحد

الوالدين أو الطالب بالحصول على

بطاقة هوية، يرجى من كلا الوالدين

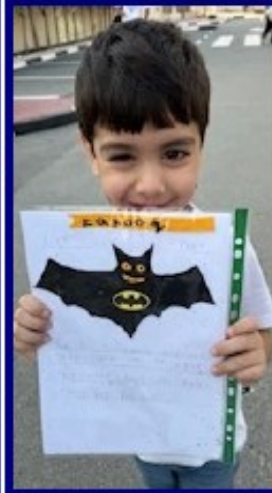
تحميل صورتهما الشخصية عبر بوابة أولياء الأمور، ثم التوجه
إلى مكتب إدارة المدرسة لاستلام البطاقة الجديدة. شكراً لكم.

المواعيد

التاريخ	التفاصيل
الخميس 4 ديسمبر	• آخر أيام الفصل الدراسي الأول (ستعقد امتحانات الفصل الدراسي الأول الإلزامية حتى 4/12/25، أي بعد حوالي أسبوعين من تاريخه).

تسجيل دليل 2

أتم جميع الطلاب العائدين ومعظم الطلاب الجدد عملية التسجيل في برنامج دليل 2. هذا يعني أن هذا العام الدراسي يُحتسب ضمن حسابات الترقية إلى المرحلة الدراسية التالية، وأن المدرسة لديها صلاحية إصدار تقرير الأداء الدراسي وغيرها من الوثائق الرسمية. وتجدر الإشارة إلى أن المدرسة يمكنها إصدار تقرير الطالب الدراسي وغيرها من الوثائق الرسمية. وبالتنسبة للآباء الذين لم يكملوا بعد عملية تسجيل أبنائهم في نظام دليل 2، نود تذكيرهم بأن هذا الأمر يشكل شرطاً أساسياً من متطلبات وزارة التربية والتعليم عند الالتحاق بالمدرسة. للاستفسار، يرجى التواصل مع السكرتيرة المتحدثة باللغة العربية، السيدة عيبر. شكراً لكم.



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



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

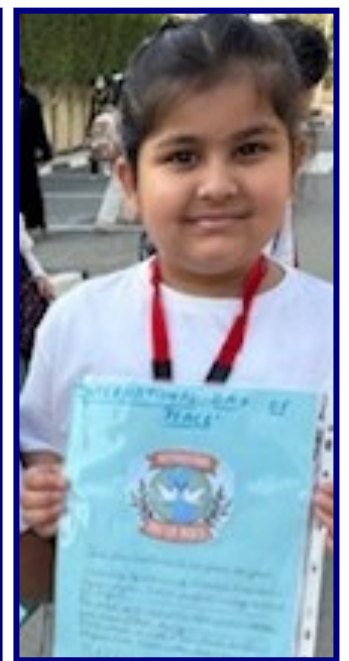
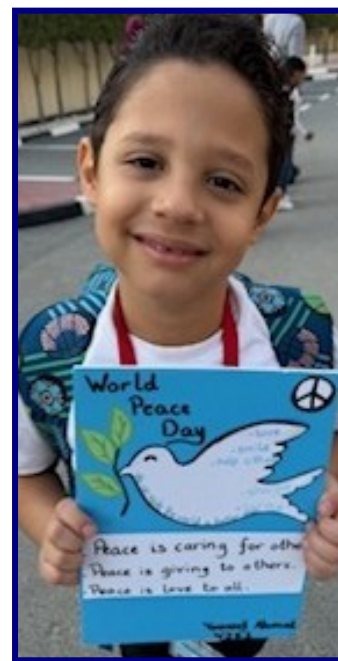


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Whole School News; Celebrating World Peace Day, 22/9/25!



Whole School News; Celebrating World Peace Day, 22/9/25!



Whole School News; Healthy Lifestyle Policy!

Medical Screening & Individual Health Plans (see your Parent Handbook p57 for the full Safeguarding policy)

School Health Screening is required by the Ministry of Health. It is an essential component in the early identification of health conditions that may affect a child's long-term wellbeing. Detecting and addressing concerns at an early stage can prevent complications and improve overall health & the quality of life. WSS is committed to exposing our children to opportunities to be active (PE Health Plans & Breaks), to eat healthily ('No Junk Food' policy) & to get plenty of sleep (we encourage an early to bed routine during the school week).

Growth Assessment:

All students will undergo height, weight, and BMI measurements by the school nurse, and the results will be plotted on the WHO growth chart (z-score) in student's school medical file. If any growth concerns are identified, parents will be informed and provided with a referral letter for further medical evaluation.

The PE team will be working closely with the Medical Team to support a child's health plan as required, such as planning PE lessons to include a carefully structured exercise plan if there are BMI concerns.

Whole School News; This Week's Leadership GEMSTONE Leading with Diversity!

OCTOBER – WEEK 40

LEADING WITH DIVERSITY



FLOURITE

Celebrates unique perspectives and fosters inclusivity.

“Leadership means making sure every voice is heard and valued.”

MESSAGE: Leading with diversity means appreciating different perspectives and ensuring everyone's input is valued. When you include and respect everyone's ideas, you create a sense of fairness and build trust. This strengthens teamwork and helps the group achieve success together.

REFLECT: How can I make sure everyone feels included in our success? What can I do to show my team that their ideas and contributions matter?

Whole School News; Staff CPD!



Concerned staff attended Fire Training on Friday 19/9/25 as part of our Safe-guarding protocols.

Whole School News; Week 2 ECA Report!



Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!

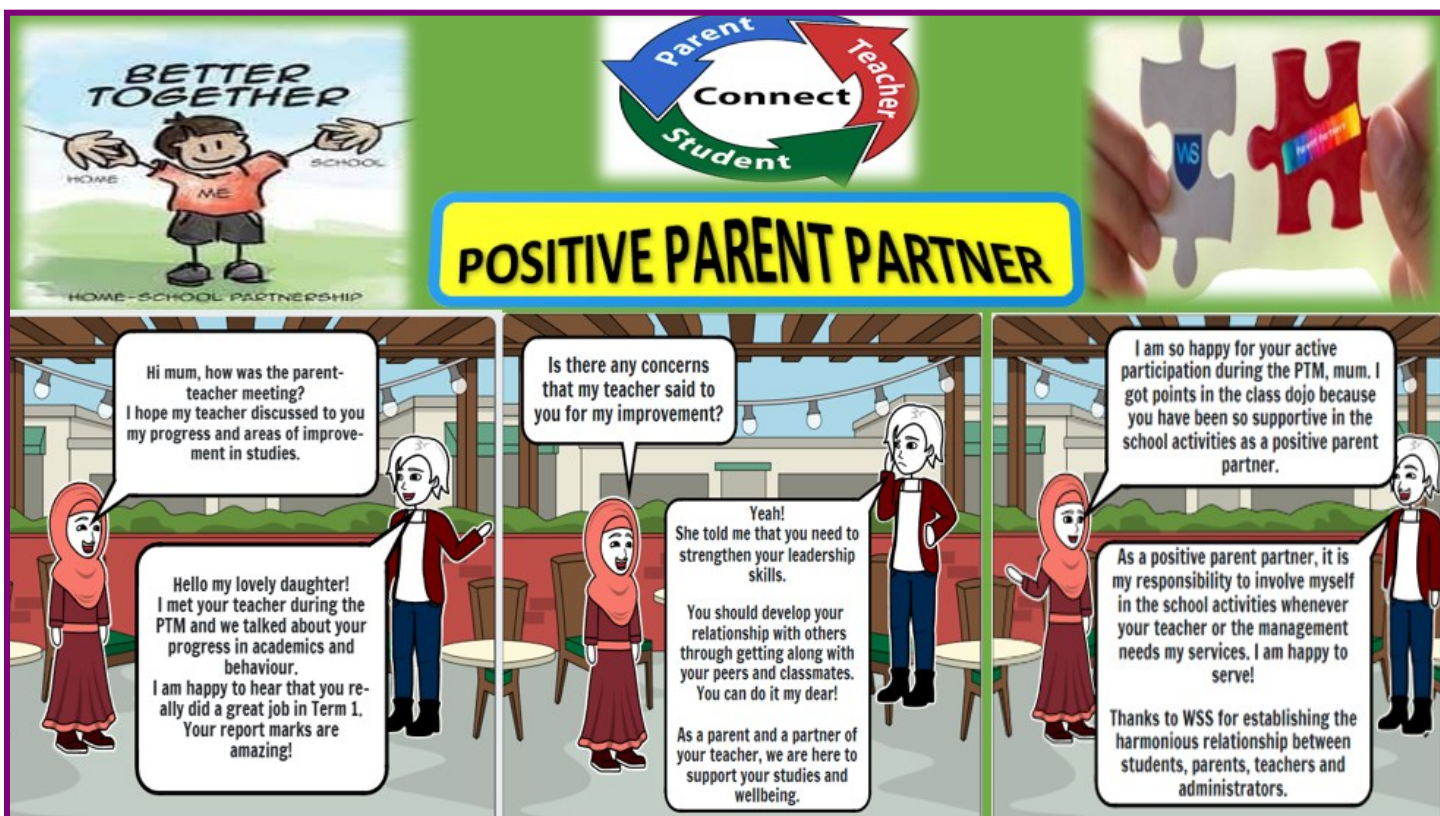
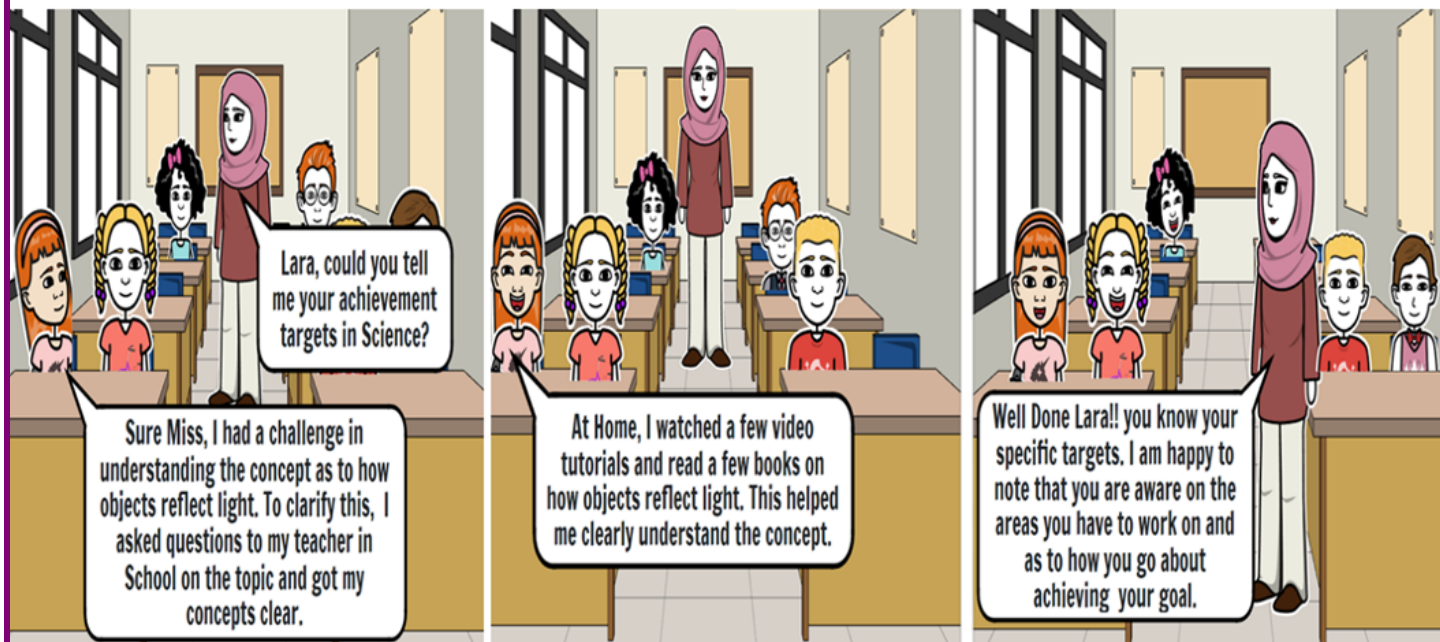


Students, it's easy to do your part to help reduce plastic waste to help the planet—please bring in your empty plastic bottles every week to drop into the recycling bin next to main Gate 1. Thank you.



Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

Knowing your specific targets



Happy Birthdays!



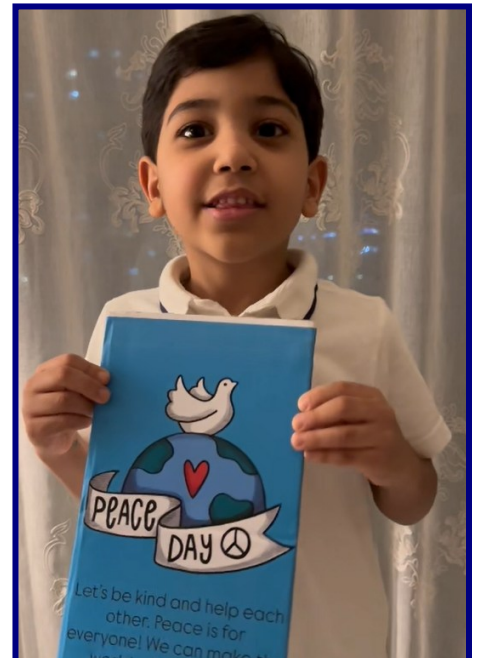
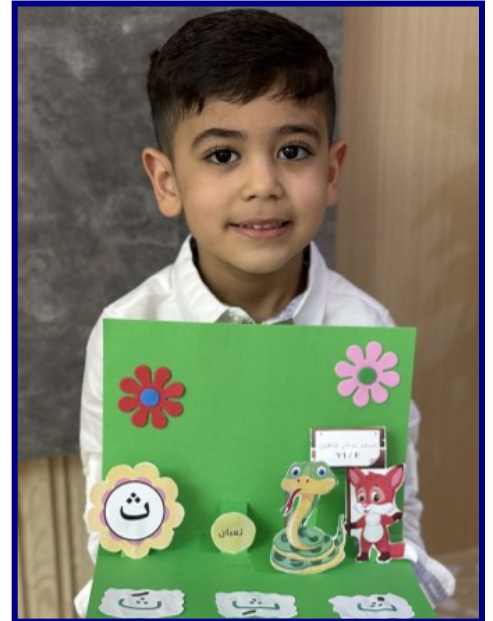
WSS Junior Section Superstar Wellbeing Champions!



Junior Section News; ECA Report!



Junior Section News; Learning Projects!



Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

Y1 D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna

Marble Jar is full 😊



World Peace Day



Learning about 'ai' digraph



Science Lesson



Learning about Odd and Even



Arabic Home learning



🤔 Y1 D2 with Ms. Aneeza and Ms. Sara



Peace Day With Rubby Had A Worry!



Science Exploration



Junior Section News; Y1F Learning Activities!

Y1F with Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Foumy



Junior Section News; Y1H Learning Activities!

Y1 H1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadia



Y1 H2 with Ms. Kishwar and Ms. Maryam



Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

Y1 S1 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Mani



Y1 S2 with Ms. Sadiqa and Ms. Asma



Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2D2 Learning Activities!

MS FARAH & MS TAHIRA Y2D2



Junior Section News; Y2F Learning Activities!

Y2F with Ms. Mangala & Ms. Fiza

MARBLES IN THE JAR



MUSIC LESSON



MATH LESSON



ENGLISH LESSON



Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section: Y2 H2

Ms. Jinitra and Ms. Jameela



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!

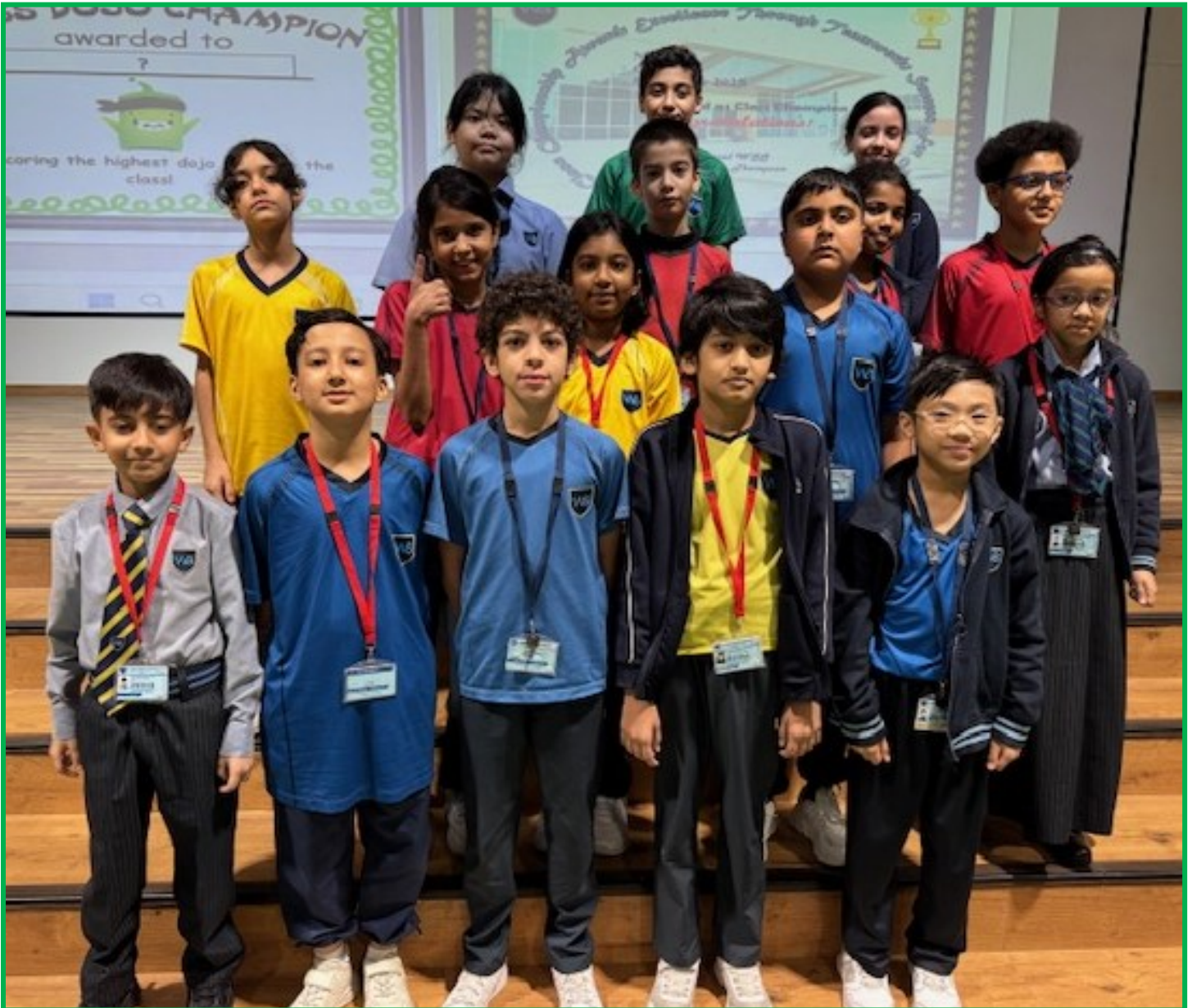
Y2S2-Class activities with Ms. Sabiha and Ms. Benil



Y2S2-Peace day with Ms. Sabiha and Ms. Benil

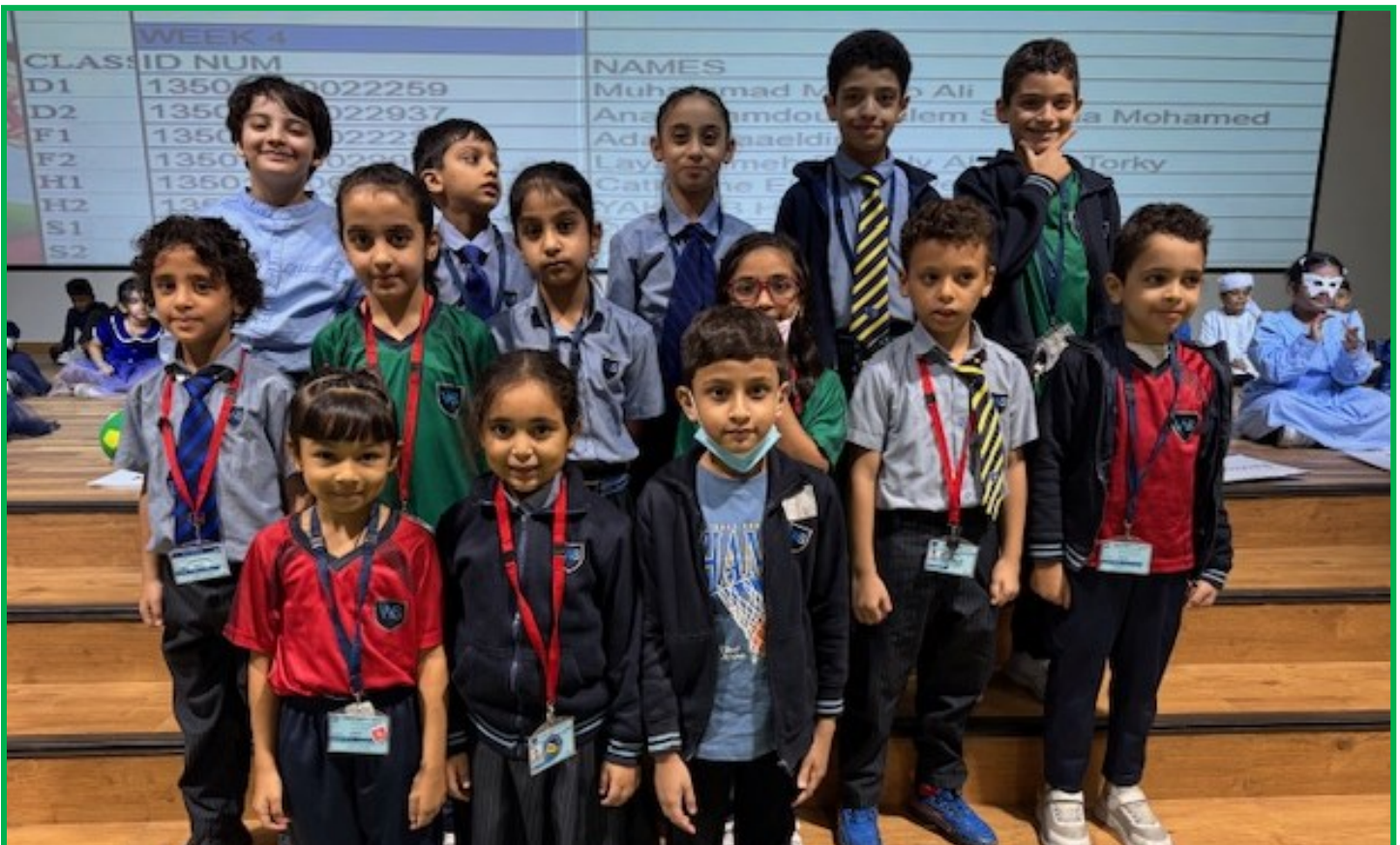


WSS Primary Section Y5 Superstar Champions!



Y5 Superstars of the Week!

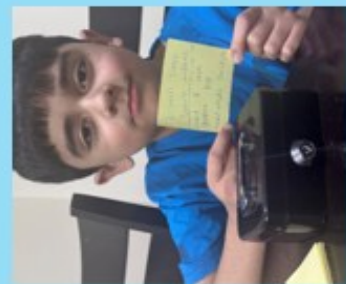
WSS Primary Section Y3 Superstar Champions!



Primary Section News; Savings Plan Initiative!

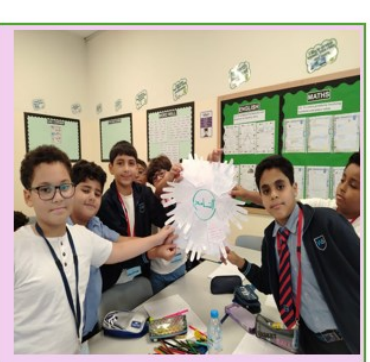
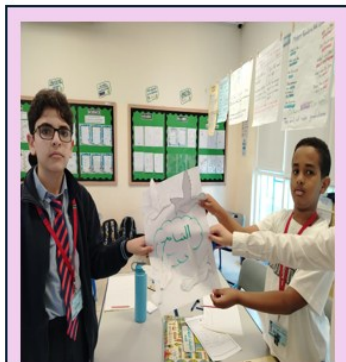


Primary children engaged in a saving box activity as part of the school's wellbeing initiatives.

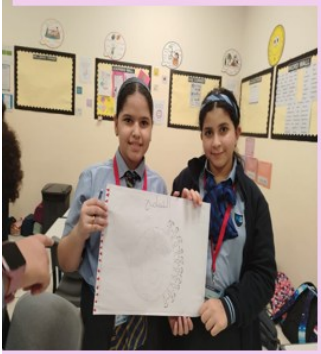


Thank you Ms. Saranya for leading on this fun & important finance initiative. We are learning to set goals that prioritise spending, make a savings plan, forward plan & develop self-discipline. These are all great life skills.

Primary Section News; Moral Education & Social Studies with Ms. Salwa!



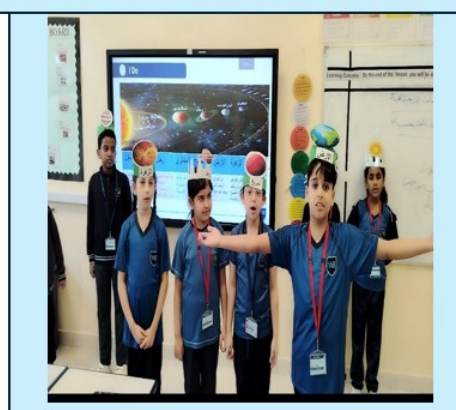
Activities about the value of tolerance and peace related to International Peace Day in moral education subject for Arabs.



Activities about my duties towards my country UAE (Social Studies) Year 2 H1-2



Activities about the Solar System (Social Studies) Year 4

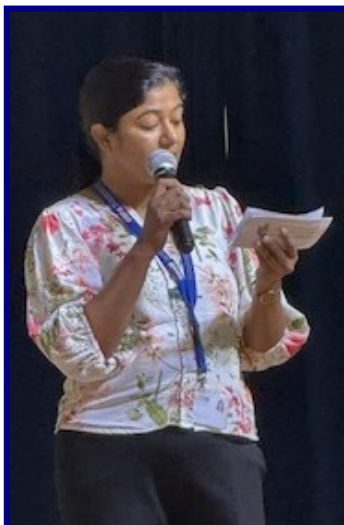


Primary Section News; Roald Dahl Literacy Week!



Well done to Sila for starting her savings plan! Her dream is to save enough to visit Disneyland, Paris! Love the ambition & focus!

*Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5, 24/9/25
'Read Like a GEM', Reading Aloud!*



The Y5 Teachers & students modeled strategies to improve our reading aloud skills. We learnt about Skimming & Scanning, as well as how to use voice modulation & expression to add life to stories. The Teachers presented a drama to accompany a story, & entertained us all!

Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y3S2, 25/9/25 Classroom Leadership Superheroes!



We learnt about all the many different classroom leadership roles & associated responsibilities, as well as how each one of us can be a leader through helpfulness & kindness to others.



Primary Section News; Y3H2 Learning Activities!

Y3H2



The students were actively decorating the cover page of Roald Dahl's stories and explained why they had chosen them. It became even more fun and engaging when they acted out the scenes.

Y3H2

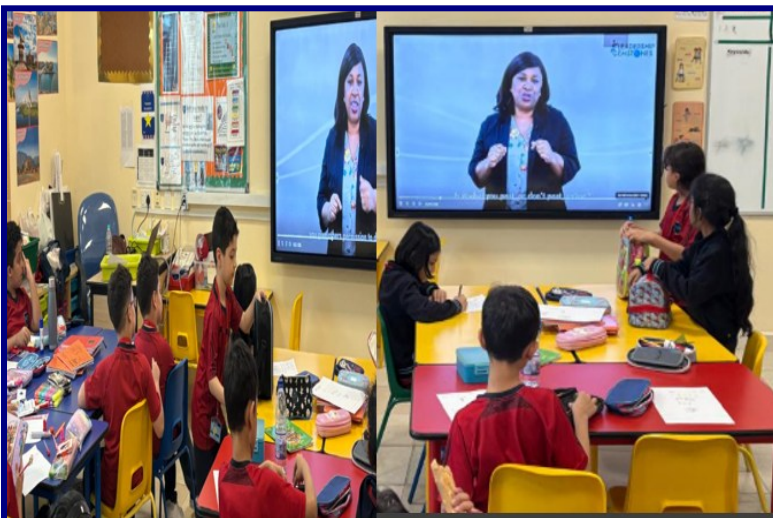


The students enthusiastically participated in Peace Day activities, creating doves and sharing their ideas on how to spread kindness. It was a joyful and thoughtful experience that highlighted the importance of peace.

Primary Section News; Y3S2 Learning Activities!

Y3S2 Children experimenting hydroponics -“Growing without soil – science makes it possible!”

With Ms. Lissy



Respect + Caring = Happy Classrooms
Y3S2 Students enjoying **the Sapphire – Respect: September Leadership** Gemstone video during break as caring and respect are inevitable part of their learning journey.



Celebrating World Peace Day- When we respect each other, peace lives everywhere
Y3S2 students , with Ms. Lissy

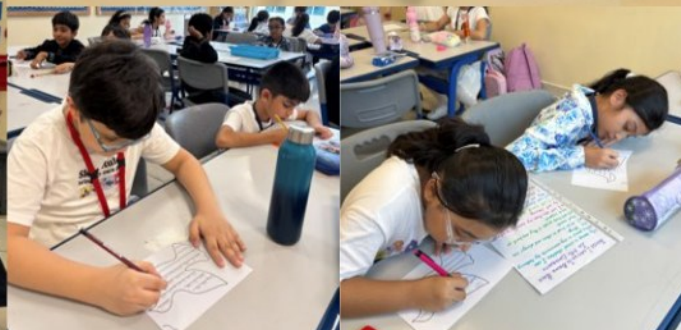
Primary Section News; Y4D1 Learning Activities!



Our Y4D1 students joyfully celebrated *Roald Dahl Day* by bringing their favorite characters to life! Students crafted a colorful mask of a Roald Dahl character and proudly shared a few words about them. From *Matilda* to the *BFG*, the creativity and confidence of our students shone through, making the day both fun and inspiring.



To mark the *International Day of Peace*, our Y4D1 students reflected on the true meaning of peace. Each child wrote their thoughts symbolizing hope, harmony, and kindness. The display of doves beautifully captured their vision of a peaceful world.



Primary Section News; Y4 Learning Activities!



Y4F2 Roald Dahl Day Activity



Primary Section News; Y4F1 Learning Activities!

STEAM Activity: To identify ocean vertebrates and creatively show their features using STEAM concepts in a poster.



Y4F1 World Peace Day Celebration



WSS celebrated World Peace Day on 22nd September 2025. Students wore white attire to mark the occasion. Year 4 F1 students wrote lists of actions we can take to promote peace and harmony within our community.

Primary Section News; Y4F2 Learning Activities!

Y4F2 Roald Dahl Day Activity



we celebrated Roald Dahl Day by exploring the magical world of his stories. Each student chose their favourite Roald Dahl character and shared why they liked them.

STEAM Activity (Ocean Habitat)



Primary Section News; Y5 Learning Activities!

Year 5 Celebrates Roald Dahl Day – Showcasing Creativity with Character Boxes and Fun Activities Inspired by His Stories!



Year 5 D1 Budding Scientists – Exploring and Experimenting Hands-On in Our Science Activity Session!



Primary Section News; Y5 Learning Activities!

Year 5 Celebrates International Day of Peace – Spreading Kindness, Unity, and Hope Together!



Dressed in White, Year 5 Came Together to Share Messages of Peace and Friendship.



Year 6 GS
Spreading
smiles, hope,
and unity on
International
Day of
Peace!



WSS Secondary Section KS3 Superstar Champions!



Y12 KS5 Badging Ceremony

Y12BH

Class Leader: Firas Irfan Pandit

Punctuality Leader: Akarsh Ajit Moorkoth

Event Coordinator:
Muhammad Abdullah Irfan Shafique

Wellbeing Leader: Muhammad Areeb Chowdhry

Environment Leader: Aakif Ahmed

Uniform Leader: Aadil Ahmed Muhammad
Rumaiz

Academic Leader: Hamad Ansar Ansar
Aboobaker Kanju

Independent Learning Room Leader:
Shubhan Rahul Rege

Y12BF

Class Leader: Adam Waleed

Punctuality Leader: Ahmed Raza

Event Coordinator:
Francis De Ocampo

Wellbeing Leader: Elie Jizdan

Environment Leader: Devdarsh Rahul

Uniform Leader: Abdul Rafae

Academic Leader:
Celino Jaysinghe

Independent Learning Room Leader:
Khalid Emadeldin

Y12BS

Class Leader: Tariq Hidar Ghafar

Punctuality Leader:
Danesh Neville Kapadia

Event Coordinator:
Rizwan Ahmad Bakhtyar Humayun

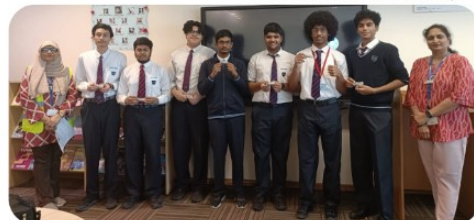
Wellbeing Leader: Abhishek Nair

Environment Leader:
Muhammad Ashaz Farhaj

Uniform Leader: Rayan Bilal

Academic Leader:
Qazi Hamza Ali Siddiqui

Independent Learning Room Leader:
Mohammad Haroon Thariq



*Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y9GF
Plastic Pollution & Solutions, 22/9/25!*



Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y9GF & World Peace Day, 22/9/25!



**KS3 GIRLS
ASSEMBLY**

We conducted a special assembly to celebrate Peace Day, highlighting the importance of harmony and unity. Students shared quotes like "Peace begins with a smile" and "The world will know peace when the power of love overcomes the love of power." The event inspired everyone to be messengers of peace in their daily lives.



Peace Day was celebrated in classrooms with enthusiasm and creativity. Students made colorful hand cut-outs and wrote thoughtful messages of kindness, empathy, and unity on them. These handprints were later displayed as a symbol of togetherness and peace.



Secondary Section News; KS3 Boys' Arabic Assembly, 23/9/25!



Secondary Section News; KS3 Boys' Arabic Assembly, 23/9/25!



Secondary Section News; World Peace Day with KS3 Boys, 22/9/25!



**KS3
BOYS**



Peace is not the absence of conflict. It is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.

Secondary Section News; World Peace Day & 'Be a GEM' with KS3, 22/9/25!

◆ KS3 – BE A GEM: GUIDE WITH RESPECT, ENCOURAGE WITH LOVE, MOTIVATE FOR PEACE



Secondary Section News; Commerce Club OOW INSTOX Competition Participation!



COMMERCE CLUB

Y12 & Y13 students
Inter-School Event
INSTOX 2025 - Stock
Stimulation
at GEMS Our Own High
School (OOW) Al Warqa
Dubai



WSS was in the top
5 teams!



Our Commerce Club (Y12 & Y13) students proudly represented the school in an inter-school event held today. The competition saw the participation of 50 teams from various schools. We are delighted to share that our students secured a position among the top five. This achievement reflects their hard work, dedication, and collaborative spirit, and it was truly a valuable learning experience for them in Stocks and real time trading.



Secondary Section News; KS4 World Peace Day!

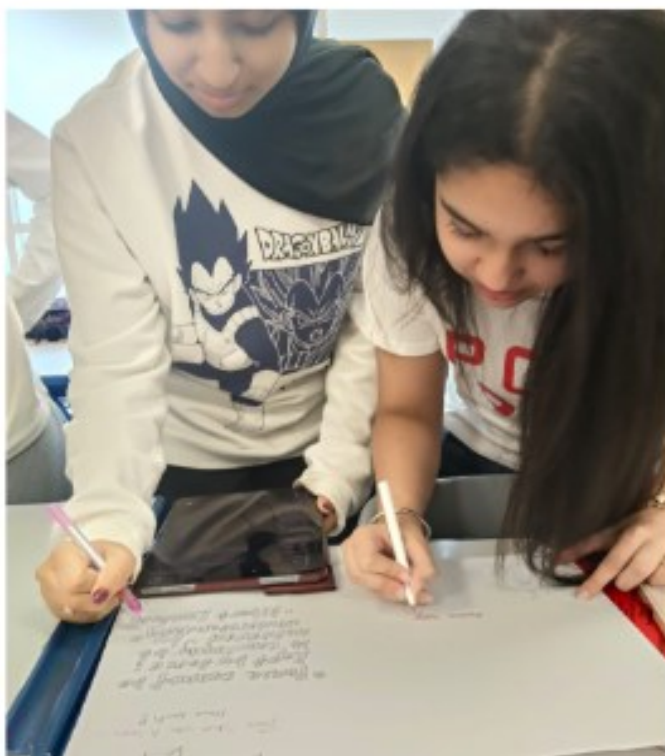


PEACE DAY!

This is how KS4 girls have celebrated peace day, also taking part in a wonderful poster making competition!



Secondary Section News; KS4 World Peace Day!



Secondary Section News; KS4 Kognity Training!

YEAR 10 TRAINING FOR KOGNITY PLATFORM - MS. AYESHA ASLAM

WSS has invested in Kognity platform which is a digital learning tool designed to support students and teachers in independent study by providing interactive, curriculum-aligned content, and instant feedback on assignments. It also provides the opportunity to the students for independent study or retrieval for any topic.

In case of any issues: write at ayesha.a4_wss@gemsedu.com.



Secondary Section News; KS5 Leadership & Learning!

KS5 Food on Trial: The Case of Lasagne vs. The People



Our students staged a courtroom drama with lasagne as the accused! The Prosecutors argued passionately against it, while the Defence team made a strong case for its virtues. With a sharp jury deliberating, the verdict was clear: Lasagne was acquitted of all charges!

Secondary Section News; Food on Trial!



FOOD

On Trial!



Organized by FN Club and Ms Ashia, students participated in defending a dish with proper reasons in a courtroom setting.



Secondary Section News; KS5 Leadership & Learning!

Session on “Personality Development by Mr. Sandeep”-

KS5 boys participated in a structured Personality Development Program aimed at enhancing confidence, communication, and leadership skills.



“Peace Day “celebration by KS5 boys

