

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #7
6th October, 2022



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Registration for next Academic Year 2203-2024, for September 2023

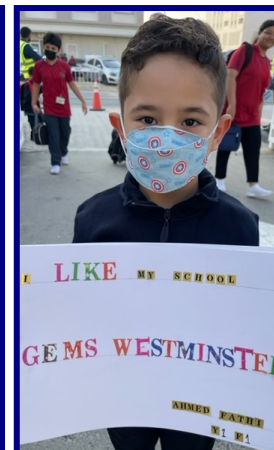
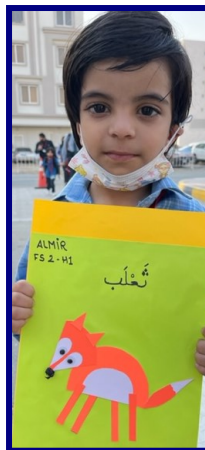
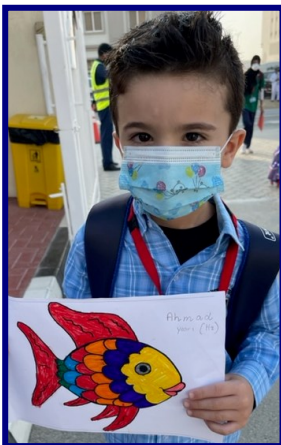
Please note that the online Registration system for enrolling new students into WSS has now opened. If you want to enroll a sibling for next academic year, we recommend that you do so at the earliest as seats will be limited. Enrollment assessment will start in January 2023, on a 'first-come, first-served' basis, so the earlier the Registration, the earlier the assessment & offering of available seats. Thank you.

World Teachers' Day, 5/10/22

Many thanks to all the students & parents who shared such kind & thoughtful appreciation messages & treats with your Teachers on 5/10/22. We loved to feel so special!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Friday 14th Oct, 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for parents to please complete the SPEA Inspection Survey. Many thanks for your positive support. <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Parents Link</p> <p>https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/s0CN6z</p> </div>
Wed. 26th Oct & Thurs. 27th Oct.	<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 # 7
6 أكتوبر 2022



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

**التسجيل للعام الأكاديمي القادم 2203-
2024 لشهر سبتمبر 2023**

يرجى ملاحظة أن نظام التسجيل عبر
الإنترنت لتسجيل الطلاب الجدد في WSS
قد تم فتحه الآن. إذا كنت ترغب في

تسجيل (أخ أو قريب أو شقيق) للعام الدراسي المقبل، فإننا نوصيك
بالقيام بذلك في أقرب وقت ممكن حيث ستكون المقاعد محدودة. سيبدأ
تقييم التسجيل في يناير 2023، على أساس "من يأتي أولاً، يُخدم أولاً"
، لذلك كلما كان التسجيل مبكراً، كان التقييم وعرض المقاعد المتاحة
مبكراً، شكراً لك.

يوم المعلم العالمي، 5/10/22

شكراً جزيلاً لجميع الطلاب وأولياء الأمور الذين شاركوا رسائل التقدير
اللطيفة والرصينة والمعاملة مع معلميك في 5/10/22.

لقد أحببنا أن نشعر بأننا مميزون للغاية!

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
الموعد النهائي للوالدين لإكمال استبيان فحص SPEA. شكراً جزيلاً لدعمك الإيجابي.	الجمعة 14 أكتوبر، 3 مساءً
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المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة منتصف الفصل الدراسي. مستأنف المدرسة يوم الاثنين 31 أكتوبر كالمعتاد.	الأربعاء، 26 أكتوبر والخميس 27 أكتوبر
المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء. مستأنف المدرسة T2 يوم الإثنين 2 يناير 2023. يرجى ملاحظة أن الرسوم المدرسية T2 مستحقة.	الاثنين، من 12 ديسمبر إلى الأحد 1 يناير 2023
شكراً لك.	



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

Whole School News; Positive Parent Partners!



Introducing our new **Positive Parent Partners (PPP)** group, who met in WSS on 5/10/22 with the Principal Ms. Valerie & PRE Ms. Aiysha. We were so happy to welcome the PPP back after COVID disrupted their important voluntary work & engagement in WSS events & initiatives to support school improvement.

Term 1 Focus; Primary Maths

To support us in closing the COVID learning gap in maths skills, the PPP will be focusing with us on Primary Maths, through volunteering in class & sharing Maths home learning strategies as Top Tips from PPP.

Parents, if you wish to share any of your successful **Top Tips** in how you support your child at home with **Maths home-learning**, please email them to the Principal. This could be in a short video (less than one minute), poster of your child learning with you, a short written explanation, etc. We would love to share your **WWW strategies** with other parents on **SM & in our Newsletters**. We are looking forward to hearing from you!



School Performance Reviews (SPR)

SPEA's latest round of school inspections due to start across Sharjah from 17/10/22, fall under the ITQAN Programme, and are called **School Performance Reviews (SPR)**. The inspections are aligned to the UAE's unified **School Inspection Framework (2015-2016)**.

On 6/10/22 SPEA invited Sharjah Principals & SLT members to attend an important briefing meeting to support preparation for this critical school improvement initiative.

Whole School News; Amazing Teacher Awards!

WE INVITE YOU TO NOMINATE YOUR TEACHERS AND PRINCIPAL

WE SEE YOU, WE SALUTE YOU, WE CELEBRATE YOU

YALLA SCHOOLS

8TH
AMAZING
TEACHER
AWARDS
2022

CELEBRATING TEACHING FRATERNITY IN UAE

26TH NOVEMBER 2022

AMAZING TEACHERS 2022

AMAZING PRINCIPALS 2022

it's a yallaschools initiative



PRINCIPAL

VICE PRINCIPAL

TEACHERS

Students & their parents across Schools in UAE nominate Teachers and Principals who have made a difference and gone out of the way in making them /their ward, excel.

Last Date to Nominate: 31st October 2022

To nominate

WWW.YALLASCHOOLS.COM

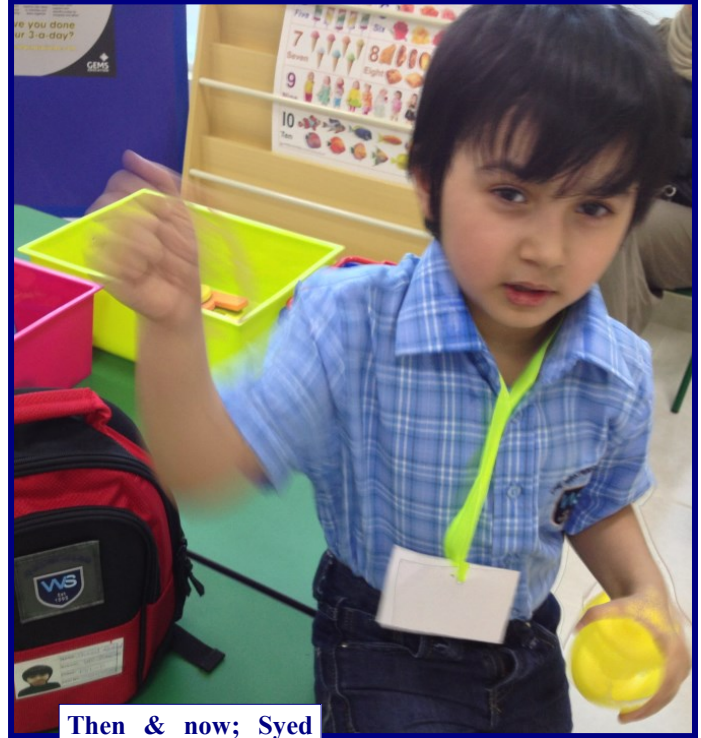


Whole School News; Happy 10th Birthday, WSS!

WSS turns 10 years old this month!

We are inviting students who joined us in 2012 to share their joining pictures as part of our celebrations.

Here is a picture of Syed Shazil on his first day at WSS 10 years ago in 2012. He is now in Y10BD! Thank you Shazil & parents for coming along with us on our amazing learning & development journey!



Then & now; Syed Shazil's first day at WSS, 2012, & a successful Y10 student now!!



Syed Shazil's mother shared, "Kindly accept my heartiest congratulations on completing yours and WSS' decade journey. Here the attached pictures of my son Syed Shazil Rasheed Year10/BD student. Still remember October 2012, his first day in WSS. 10 incredible # unforgettable journey"

We all can take inspiration from your hard work, dedication, passion, and loyalty that you have displayed throughout these ten years of service. Congratulations on your Work 10th Anniversary!"

Whole School News; Happy World Teachers' Day, 5/10/22!

Huge thanks to all our dear students & parents for sharing your thoughtful appreciation messages & treats with the Teachers. You made us feel very special!



I want to appreciate you and the school's staff for the positive impact on us .
 I appreciate your efforts in guiding us through the right path. You are playing a crucial role in our lives, and we thank you for that.
 Thank you so much for your kind help and the support you provided to us as well as
 a good learning environment.your words of encouragement and advice during assemblies helped most of us to be where we are today
 Keep up the good work

Jouayria Mohamed Hassan
 Y4S2

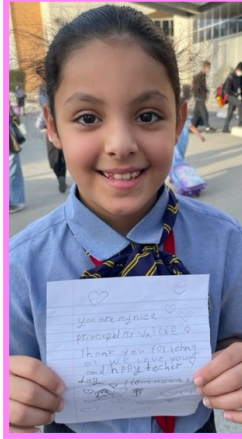


International Teachers Day @ WSS !! ☺!!

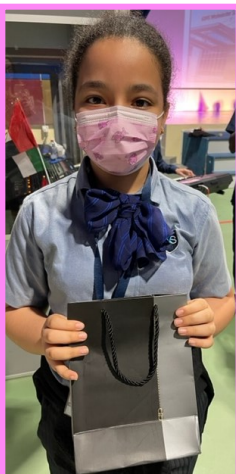
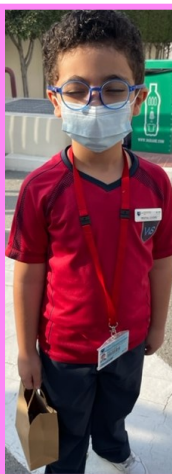
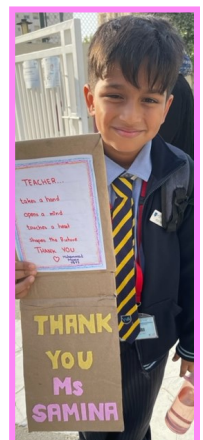
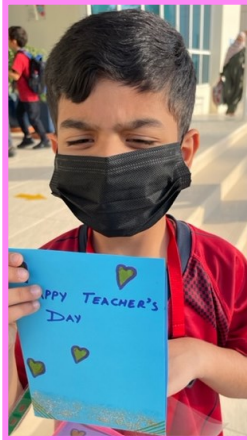
On 5th October Sixth form students have wished and thanked the teachers with their dance and songs.



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Whole School News; Happy World Teachers' Day, 5/10/22!

Dear great teacher / Anju

Thank you from all my heart for your cooperation with my daughter Mariam and all the Student, I did not met teacher like you before, but really huge appreciate for you ❤️

- Not everyone has a heart of gold, and such dedication— but you do! You're a truly inspiring individual who has taught so much more than simply curriculum. That's why I just wanted to let you know that your hard work, efforts, and care are much appreciated.

Best wishes for this Teacher's Day! ❤️❤️❤️🙏

Dalia Hassan

Mother of Mariam khaled Ahmed
Y 5 / F1



Dear great teacher/ Shabana

On this day we honour teachers like you, who give of themselves in all that they do. So thank you, my teacher, for all that you gave. I am grateful to be your student. Thank you for challenging me to be my best and instilling in me a passion for learning. Happy Teacher's Day! (From Mariam ❤️❤️❤️)

Big appreciate from parents to you too teacher and thanks for all your cooperation and efforts ❤️❤️❤️❤️ With my daughter and all the students too ❤️❤️❤️

Dalia hassan
Mother of Mariam khaled Ahmed
Y5 / F1

معلمتي الفاضله / هانا
أتمنى ان تتل اعجابك رسالتي فانت افضل معلمة التقيت بها
إلى من اعطى واجزل بعلمه، إلى من سقا ورتنا مدرستنا علماً وثقافة، إلى من منحني بوقته وجهده، ودال ثمار تحبه، لك استنناكنا الغالية كل الشكر والتقدير على جهودك القيمة، وكل عام وانت بخير. منك تعلمنا ان للنجاح قيمة ومحس، ومنك تعلمنا كيف نكون التقاني والإخلاص في العمل، ومنك أمنا
لن لا مستحيل في سبيل الإبداع والرفق لنا نرض علينا تكرمك بكاليل الزهور الجورية. ما أجمل العيش بين اداس احتضنوا العلم، وعشقوا الحياة، وتعلموا على مصاعب العلم، لك معلمتنا الغالية، كل تقديرا على جهودك المضنية.

My dear teacher / Hana (Arabic teacher)

I hope you like my post, you are the best teacher I have met ❤️❤️❤️❤️

To the one who gave and rewarded with his giving, to the one who watered, and the highest year and you are fine. From you we learned that success has a reference value, and from you we learned, to have dedication and sincerity in work, and with you we have to be impossible, for example, and sophistication is imposed on us to honor you with wreaths of flowers. The most beautiful life among people who embraced science, loved life, and overcame the difficulties of science, our dear teacher, all our appreciation for the strenuous efforts. ❤️❤️❤️🙏

Dalia hassan
Mother of Mariam khaled Ahmed
Year 5 / F1

Whole School News; Happy World Teachers' Day, 5/10/22!



Dear Ms. Valaria ,

First of all I want to say Happy Teacher's Day . Thank you so much for being my kid's best principal to date. Your leadership during the time that my 3 children attended your school has been remarkable and inspiring. I know other parents and students feel the same way, though we might often forget to tell you how much we appreciate you.

Also, I would like to say thank you for Ms. Sonia, Ms. Neha, Ms. Esraa , Ms. Rashini, for your kindness and guidance as Haya loves all of you too much .

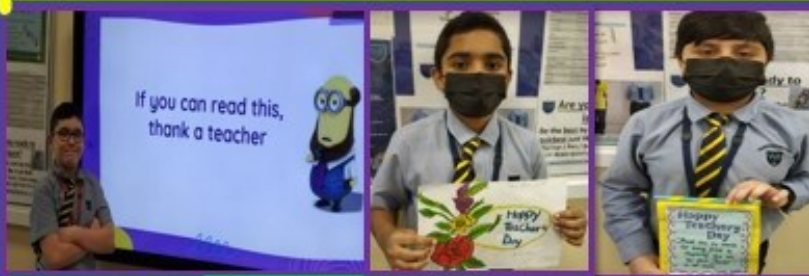
She wants to go to school everyday and gets comfortable in the classroom. Thank you for your wisdom and heart , and all the sweet things that you do for my daughter Haya . I will always be grateful to you for being there for her. You're an awesome teachers!

Happy Teacher's Day

Thanks & Best Regards,
Dr. Ragaa

Whole School News; Happy World Teachers' Day, 5/10/22!

Teachers Day Wishes from students of Y6BF



With Ms. Lakshmi



Celebrating Teachers' Day with Ms. Valerie...



Happy Teachers' Day!!



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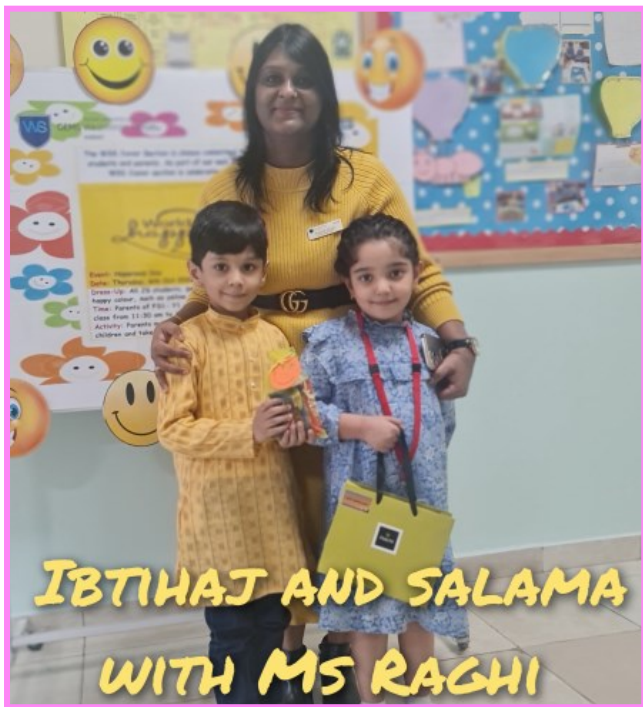
With Ms. Sangeetha



**Beautiful cards for International Teacher's day by the students of Y2F2
~~with Ms. Raquel and Ms. Catherin**

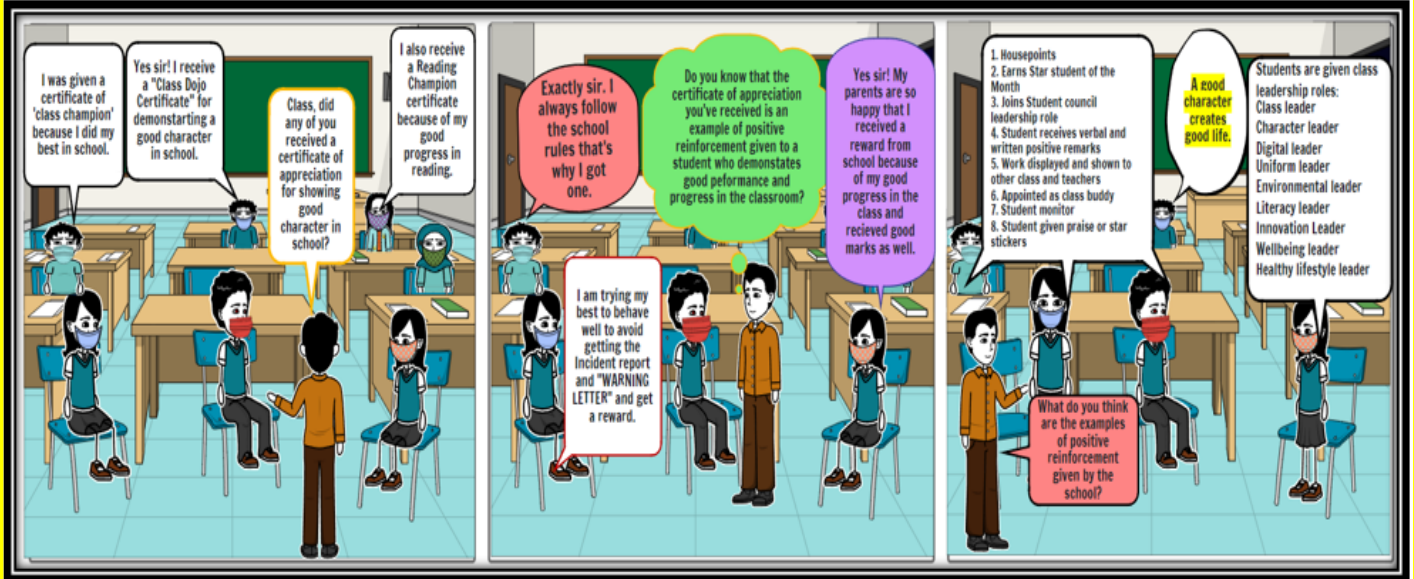


Whole School News; Happy World Teachers' Day, 5/10/22!



Whole School News!

Positive reinforcements to students of WSS



Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



WSS Superstar Champions!



Hala with the class champion certificate



Y2 Well being champions



Y2 Teddy goes home



Y2 I am excited to show my home learning to Ms Raghi



Y2 Yaay! We filled up our marble jar

WSS Superstar Champions!



KS3 Superstars, 3/9/22



Y1 H2 - Superstars!!!

Congratulations



We filled out marble jar !

Y1S1 with Ms. Ragi & Ms. Mariam



Recycling Environmental Superstars!

WSS Superstar Champions!



Y2

I am excited to show art work to Ms Raghi

AFC UAE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
Grassroots (D) License



Family Name: ARANGODAN

First Name: JISHARMON

Nationality: India

License No: ind/45

Validity: 30.06.2017

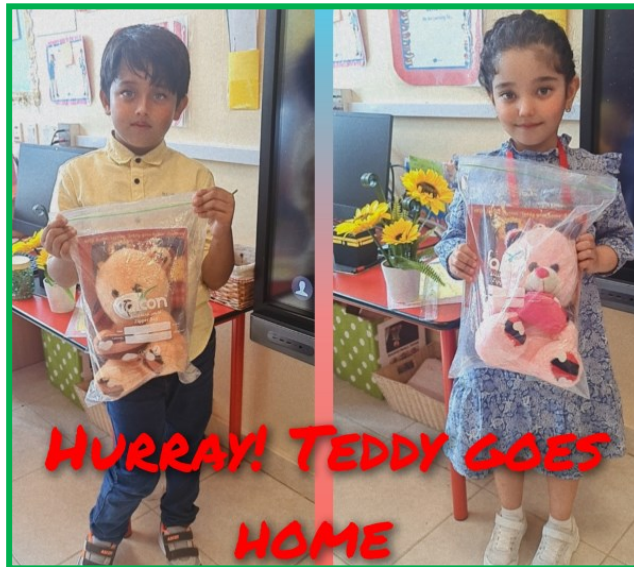
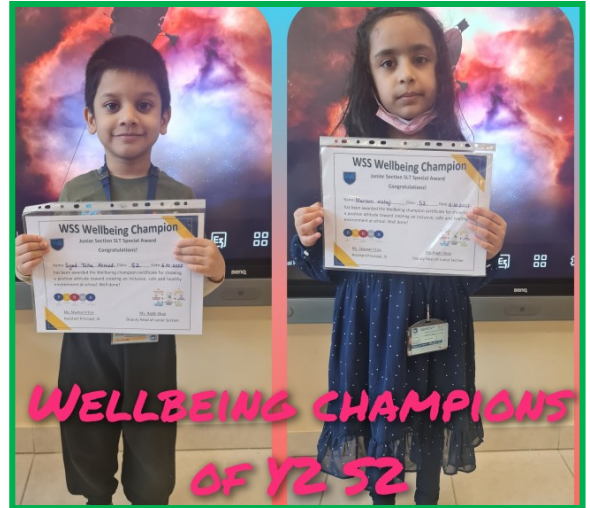
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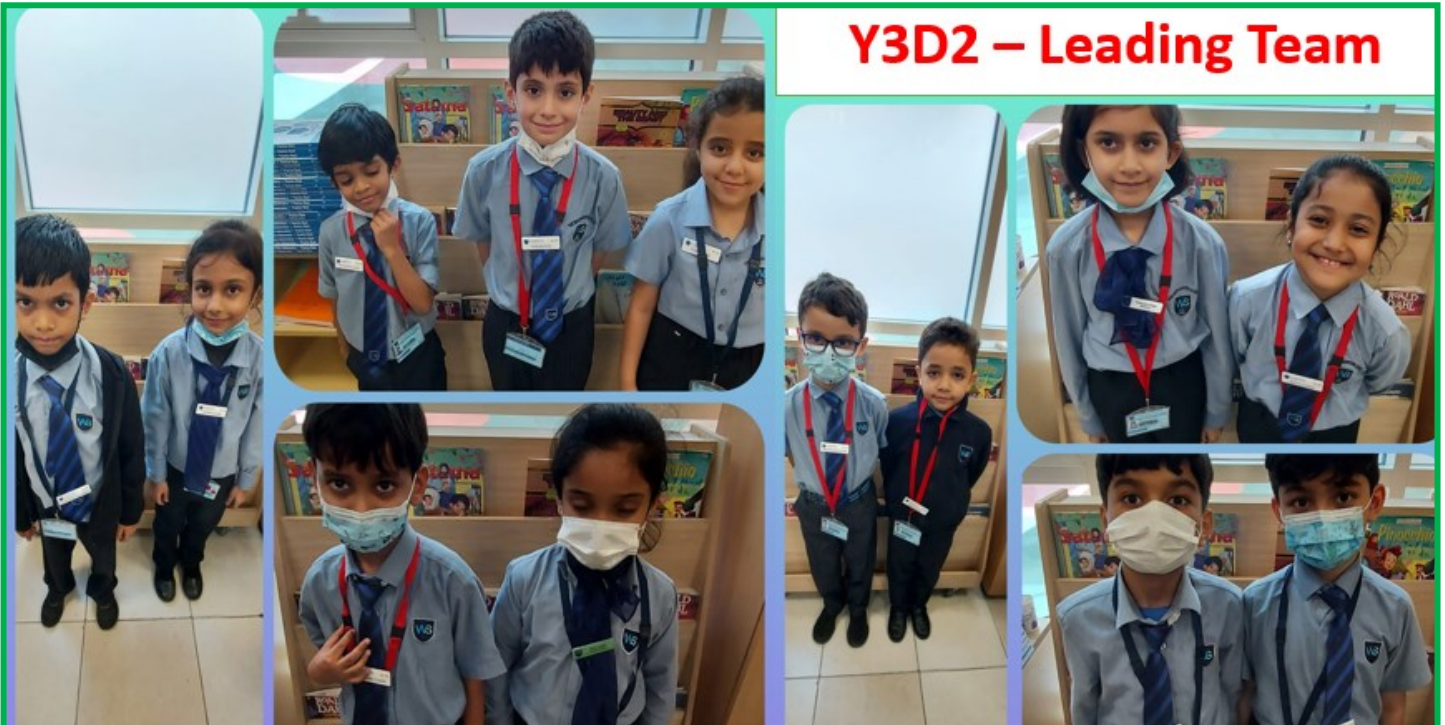
We congratulate Mr. Jisharmon, WSS HOD PE, for his outstanding contribution to football with the UAE Football Association. The UAEFA offers extensive support, help & opportunity to Sportspeople & Coaches in the UAE. Mr. Jisharmon said, "I appreciate the compliment. I feel very encouraged by this recognition and am happy to hear that my skills have improved since I joined WSS..."



WSS Superstar Champions!



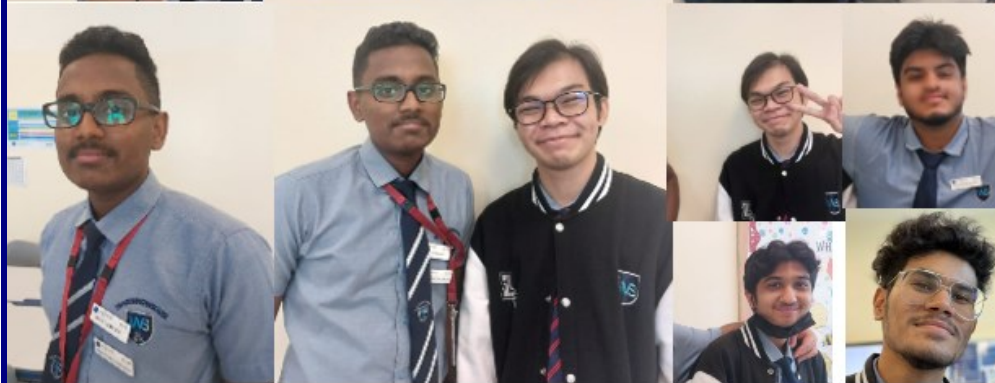
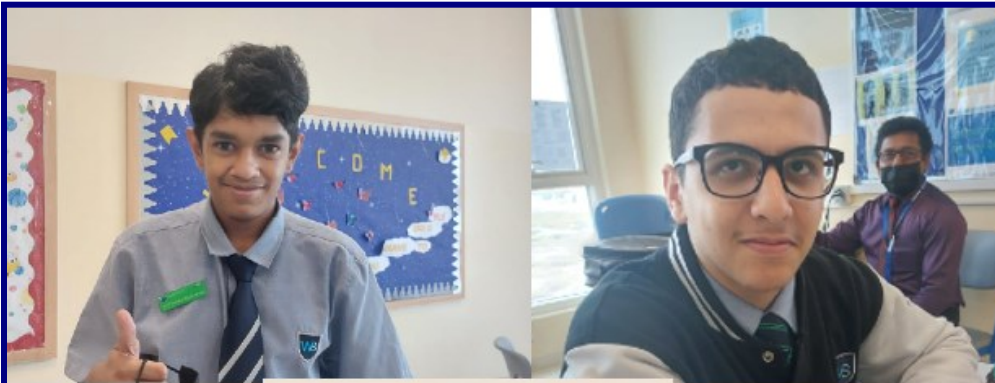
Y3D2 – Leading Team



Junior Section News; Happiness Day, 6/10/22!



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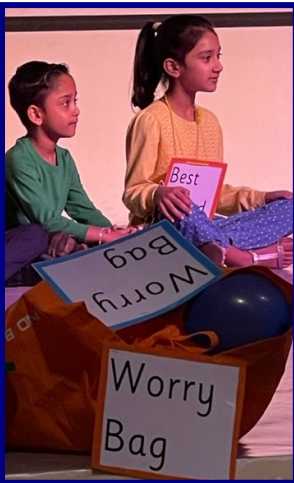
SIXTH FORM students smiling with their peers and teachers in the occasion of world smile day!

FS2 S1 with Miss Jobelle and Miss Monika



Hurray! It's Happiness Day!

Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y2S1!



The Assembly theme was about managing worry to be happy. By sharing our worries we can manage them & let go of them to be happier.



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y1D2!



The Assembly theme was about the story 'The Rainbow Fish' who finds happiness by sharing the beautiful scales with friends.



Junior Section News; Success & Fun With Busy Y1!



Y1D2 with Ms. Sadiqa

Junior Section News; Success & Fun With Busy Y1!



We can read sentences and match them with the pictures.



Finding the digraph ai

Learning the digraph 'ai'



Junior Section News!

FS2 D1 Arabic homelearning



FS2D1 home learning

With Ms. Nikhat

FS2D1

Pretend play



Y1 H2 - Students involved in blending, reading and writing words using phonic knowledge.

With Ms. Beena



Using phonic knowledge to decode words



Y1 H2 - Guided Reading activities



Guided reading activities



Junior Section News!



Y2
We are learning about place value



Y2
We enjoyed quizzz activity

Y2H1 with Ms. Sonia M.



Y2 D1 at 0201



We are little explorers from Y2D1



Primary Section News; Wellbeing Letter Box!



There is a post Box fixed in all the classes now. It is for student voice

All the students should be encouraged to post their thoughts as letters in the boxes.

They can address one person at a time in a letter (Ms. Valerie, Mr. Shujahat, Ms. Sonia, Ms. Emelia, Form Tutor)

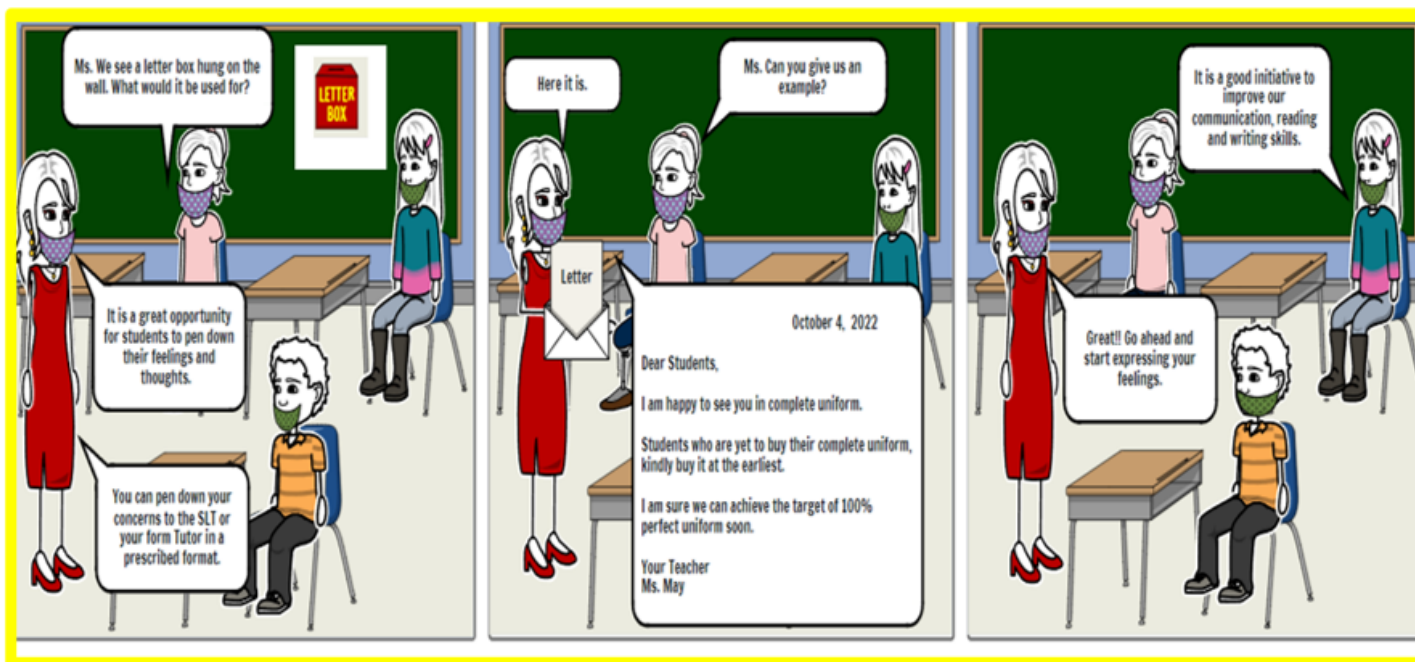
Students should follow the letter formal/ informal format when writing letters.

What to write in the letter?

- If you have any **concerns** mention it.
- If you have any **worries at school or home** you can write a letter.
- To **appreciate** the good things that you get from school.
- To write **why you like WSS**.
- To **wish important festivals** like Eid, Christmas, Winter Holidays, Spring Holidays, Birthdays, Diwali, Onam etc:-



STUDENT LETTER BOX



Primary Section News



Thank you Nabia for sharing your lovely World Teachers' Day poster & your Arabic video about school.



Primary Section News; Scintillating Science!

Y3D2:- How do I analyse the need for plants to stay healthy ?

With Ms. Lissy



Y3D2- How do I analyse the role of the stem in transportation of water to different parts of the plants?



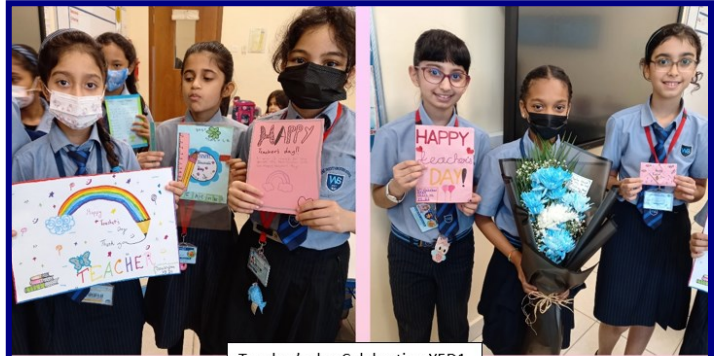
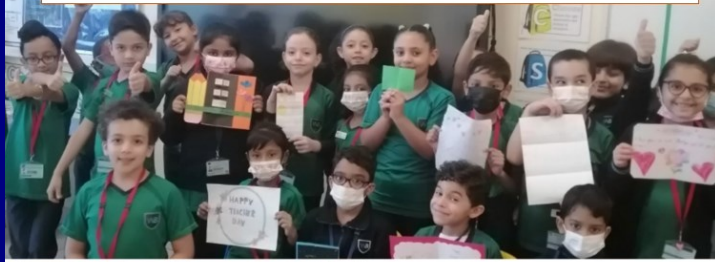
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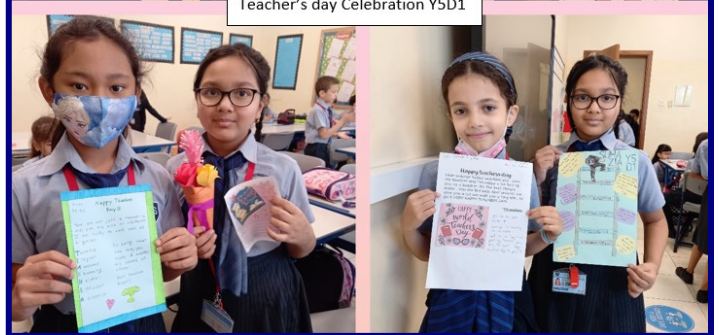
Y3H1

Thank you for sending your token of appreciation on "World Teacher's Day".

Ms. Sarada



Teacher's day Celebration Y5D1



Primary Section News; Assembly Time!



Primary Section News!

Sumaiya from Y5 H2 has taken her writing one step further by writing a folktale for pleasure.

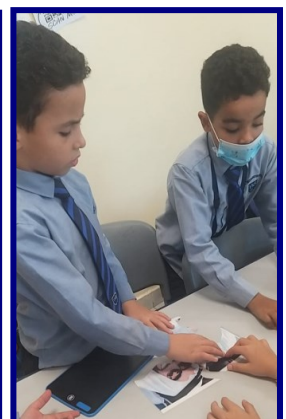
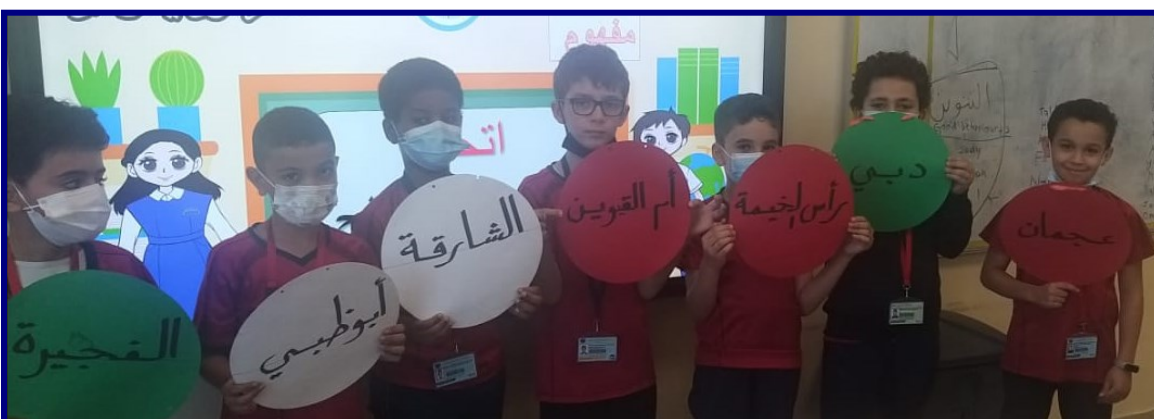
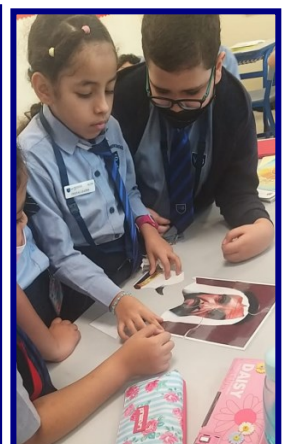
For Ms. Vaijayanthi

The Beautiful Butterfly
 Bibby the butterfly was sobbing on a little stone. She was sad because she couldn't fly, well she was just a tiny caterpillar at that time. Every day she would just look at other kids flying in the air having fun while she will just sit and weep hoping that she would be able to fly one day. One Sunday morning as her usual routine she went to sit on the rock to watch other kids fly her mom came and sat with her and said "Oh bibby don't cry you are unique than the others you just wait cause if you hold your nose you will see some magic" and then she left, after listening to her mom's advice she said to herself "hmm this advice is a cold day in July" and continued to weep, but was in the dark of the magic.

One Mid day she was so hungry that she wanted to gobble and gnaw the Mabeen but because she could even take a nibble, the trash bug grabbed her putting her in the trash he was all wet. at this time bibby was on thin ice but she met a Dear Deer who said "hi there cute yellow are you lost well I'm lost" bibby saw she was kind so replied "yes I'm lost by the way I'm bibby and you?" "I'm ashley" bibby said "lets give our demons" or "yeah so they hit the driver and get out

ashley was relieved that they got out safely. So as bibby got on ashley's wrist there was waste they saw that they were in front of a big college so they knocked on the door. Out an old lady stood with a smile on her face. they knew she was on cloud nine and was a straight arrow person. She greeted them in with a warm welcome they started to like her they watched their thirst and gilled their hunger after that she took some leaves to make a bed for bibby and put a pillow for ashley to sleep when it was morning bibby was so disappointed along with ashley they missed their parents the old lady comforted them with a smile after a few months she was feeling great because her goat was in the grave. soon she kicked the bucket every body was so sad. ashley and bibby separated each other to find the parents bibby found her mom she felt something weird and asked her mom she said "time to make a cocoon" bibby said "a what" he mom showed her and she followed.

after many years she hatched out as it and got wings she was delighted on cloud nine she remembered what her mom said many moons ago and saw the bird and was ready for her next adventure.



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES
are *VISITING*

Preparing Students
for their Future!



GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

Meet **31 university** representatives and admission counsellors
from around the world at your school

OCTOBER 10th 11:00 - 12:00 PM

Bring your *parents*

Meet 100 UAE & International Universities at main event on **October 15th**
and 16th at the Crowne Plaza Dubai (Sheikh Zayed Al Nahyan Road)

For more information and to attend, register at:

uae.talkglobalstudy.com

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GO GREEN AT WSS!

CAN WE DEVELOP A GREEN MINDSET WITH GOOD CHARACTER IN US?

CAN WE MAKE WSS A GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL?

JOIN US AND CONTRIBUTE IN MAKING OUR SCHOOL GREEN



#GREENFINGERSSTUDENTS

Aloe Vera farming to create a healthier environment and show *#respect #conscientiousness* for our environment



#WSS#ECOSCHOOL

Recreate, improve, and grow our school vegetable patch to promote healthy eating and reduce food miles. *#respect #conserve nature #drive*



#VERTICALGARDEN

Creating a sustainable vertical garden. *#respect #conserve nature #drive#tolerence*



Secondary Section News; Student Leader SEF Review!

Many thanks to our newly appointed, Secondary student Leaders who joined Mr. Suj our VP on 4/10/22, looking into WWW (What Went Well) & 'Next Steps' relating to the 6 Performance Standards of the UAE Inspection Framework. Their contribution gave critical student insights to add into our Self-Evaluation Form (SEF) & School Improvement Plan (SIP) ready for school improvement & our next ITQAN School Performance Review inspection due shortly.



Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y9BF1!



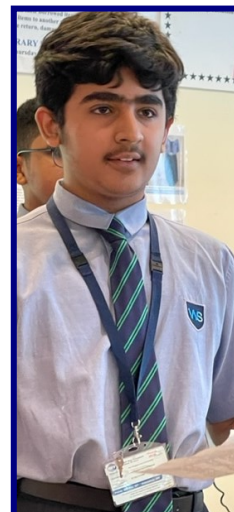
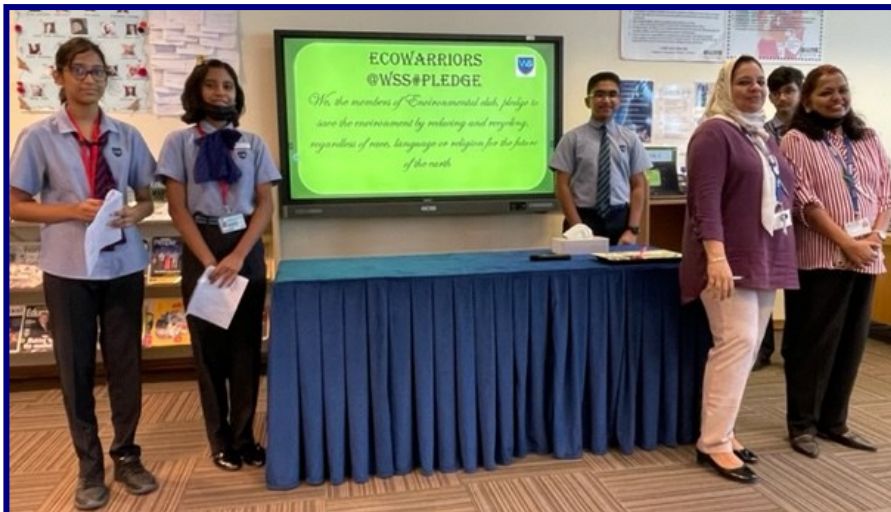
Y9BF1 put on an entertaining sketch about their important Assembly theme, 'Respect' Thank you for your hard work preparing!

Secondary Section News; World Teachers' Day, 5/10/22!!



Y7G with Ms. Iman Awad, sharing appreciation with their teacher.

Secondary Section News; Environmental Club Inauguration, 6/10/22!



Secondary Section News; World Heart Day!

Celebrating the World
with Happy Hearts!

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WORLD



HEART



DAY

#thankyoucardiologists
#staystrongsurvivors
#appreciateyourblessings

Gratitude Day

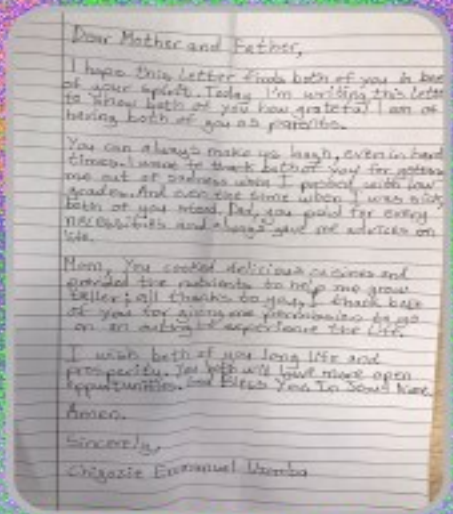
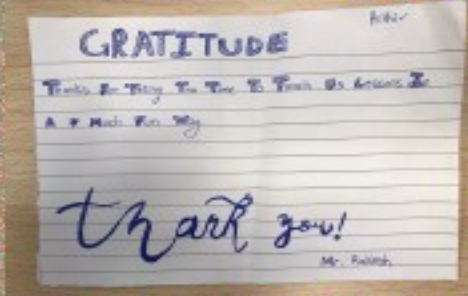
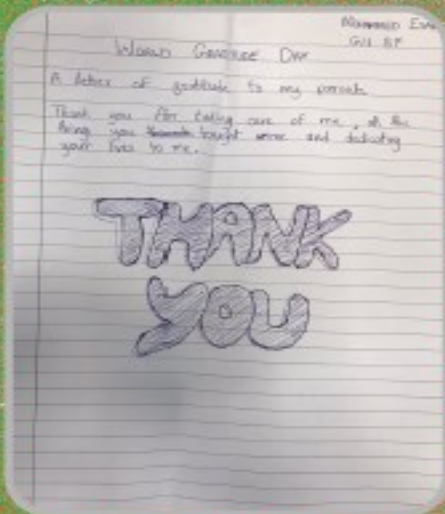
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Secondary boys participating in gratitude day activities



Students share what they are grateful for



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Year 13 girls make colorful gratitude day cards!!

*nothing
but
Gratitude!*



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