

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #8
10th October, 2024



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

Dear WSS Parents,

**Urgently Required SPEA
Daleel 2 Registration**

We still have 221 new students & 505 old students who have not yet registered on SPEA's Daleel 2 system. This means that the concerned students may not be able to rejoin WSS from January 2025, & the parent is unable to access any Report, TC or other SPEA document related to school enrollment. Time at WSS is not counted towards promotion to the next academic year until Daleel 2 Registration has been completed by the parent. If your child has not been registered on SPEA's Daleel 2, please do so urgently. Any Authority fines incurred would be passed to the concerned parents.

Teachers' Day

Many thanks to all the parents & students who kindly showed appreciation to the teachers & other staff for International Teachers' Day. It was a lovely day full of love, treats, apples appreciation & fun!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Mon. 2/12/24 & Tues. 3/12/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible school closure for UAE National Day holiday (TBC by the Authorities)
Friday 13/12/24 to Sunday 5/1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Break (3-weeks) T1 Exams will be held during the 2 weeks before the Winter Break (exact dates TBC)



TEDx
GEMS Westminister
School Sharjah

**Coming
Soon.**



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 8
10 أكتوبر 2024



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

**مطلوب بشكل عاجل التسجيل في
SPEA Daleel للطلاب الجدد**

لا يزال لدينا 221 طالبًا لم يسجلوا بعد
في نظام دليل 2 التابع لهيئة التعليم في
الشارقة. هذا يعني أن الطلاب المعنيين
قد لا يتمكنون من إعادة الالتحاق

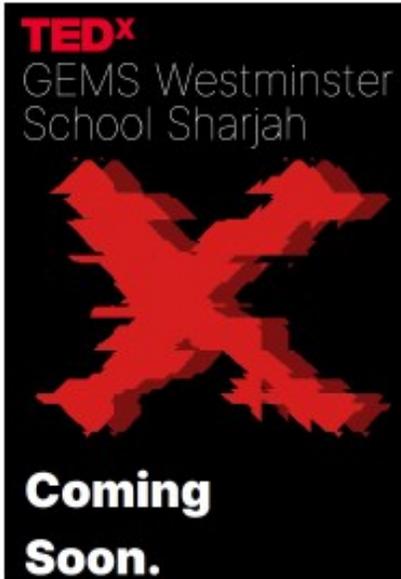
بنموذج WSS لشهر يناير 2025، ولن يتمكن الوالد من الوصول
إلى أي تقرير أو TC أو أي مستند SPEA آخر يتعلق بالتسجيل
في المدرسة. لن يتم احتساب الوقت الذي قضاه الطالب في WSS
ضمن الترقية إلى العام الدراسي التالي حتى يتم إكمال تسجيل دليل
2 من قبل ولي الأمر. إذا لم يتم تسجيل طفلك في SPEA Daleel
2، يرجى القيام بذلك على وجه السرعة. سيتم تمرير أي غرامات
تفرضها السلطة إلى الوالدين المعنيين.

يوم المعلم

شكرًا جزيلًا لجميع الآباء والطلاب الذين أظهرنا تقديرهم للمعلمين
والموظفين الآخرين في يوم المعلم العالمي. لقد كان يومًا جميلًا
ملينًا بالحب والهدايا وتقدير التفاح والمرح!

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
احتمال إغلاق المدارس خلال عطلة اليوم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة (سيتم الإعلان عن تلك من قبل السلطات)	الاثنين 2/12/24 والثلاثاء 3/12/24
العطلة الشتوية (3 أسابيع)	الجمعة 13/12/24 إلى الأحد 5/1/25
[سيتم عقد امتحانات 31 خلال الأسبوعين قبل العطلة الشتوية (سيتم تحديد التواريخ الدقيقة لاحقًا)]	



رؤيتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ نجاح 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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Parent Handbook Access QR Code

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WSS Superstar Champions; TWS Quran Competition, 5/10/24!



We are super proud to share that WSS students won 1st place in the Qur'an memorization competition & first place in the Debate Competition, held at our sister GEMS school TWS, Dubai on Saturday 5/10/24. Congratulations to our superstar students, parents & teachers. Many thanks to the teachers who gave up time on their weekend to support our students.



Whole School News; World Mental Health Day!



Whole School News; Staff CPD (Continuing Professional Development)!



The Principal, along with other GEMS Principals, attended a bespoke GEMS Leadership conference on Friday 27/9/24. We were addressed by the Founder Chairman Mr. Sunny Varkey & other dignitaries.



On Saturday 28/9/24, our newly joined teachers, along with VP Mr. Shujahat & Learning Coach Ms. Christine, attended a GEMS Cluster Teaching & Learning Conference along with other schools' new joiners, hosted by WSD. Workshops & presentations related to improving pedagogical practice & was led by our Senior Vice President Ms. Ranju's Cluster expert practitioners & school leaders.

Whole School News; Staff CPD (Continuing Professional Development)!



Assistant Principal, Juniors Ms. Shamail & Parent Relationship Executive Ms. Aiysha Khan attended a 'SMART Education summit in Dubai on Sunday 29/9/24. Akey theme was the alignment of the UAE 2031 vision with IT & AI.



Below, WSS staff attended another of SPEA SIA Ms. Lynn's Beacon School CPD sessions, this time at SES. The theme was 'Classroom Provision for Gifted & Talented Students'. Sharing expertise between schools is a powerful way to support wider school development.



Oxford PD about reading beyond phonics at GEMS Wesgreen International School



Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

EMPOWER PEOPLE

INSPIRE PEOPLE

LEADERSHIP

LEAD CHANGE

SHARE VISION

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



STUDENT COUNCIL

Leadership is influencing or motivating people to accomplish a goal or task.

A leader helps the teacher to manage the students and the one who monitor if teacher is away from the class.

They serves as a model of good manners and right conduct in the class.

Good morning, students! Today we are talking about student leadership.

Why do we need leaders in the class?

Sir, we need leaders because they maintain the student's good behaviour in the class.

Leadership is influencing or motivating people to accomplish a goal or task.

I will promote leadership and encourage others to become a leader, too.

Sir, I was chosen to be a student leader in the school. I will do my best to help other students.

Wow! I am impressed with your eagerness and passion to become a leader. Good luck and all the best, leaders!

I will render my services to the school as an active student leader and a model student to all.

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SHARIAH

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

2nd October 2024

Head Boy

Head Girl

Sports Captain

Investiture is the formal ceremony to student council leaders in which they are given the authority to lead.

Teamwork

Lina what are are the challenges you faced while making this wonderful project?

Our team comprised of five members and each of them had a different opinion on the planning.

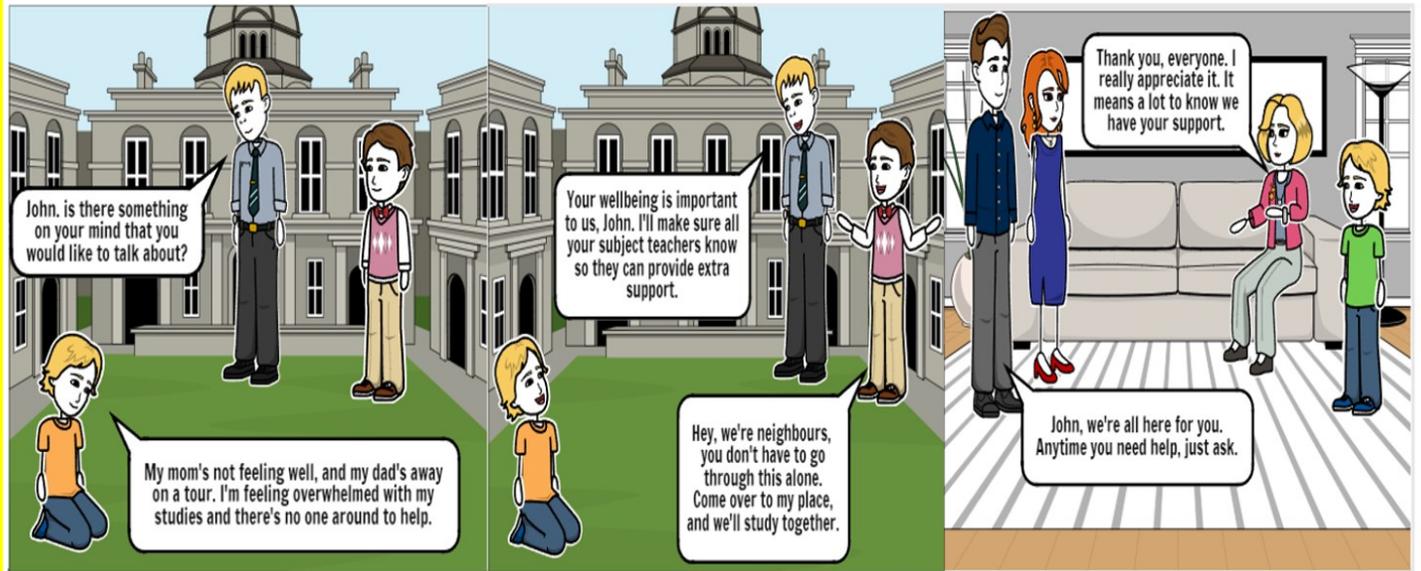
We had arguments and it was tough to come to a common understanding.

We continued the work with Focus on our goal and as a team we ensured its success.

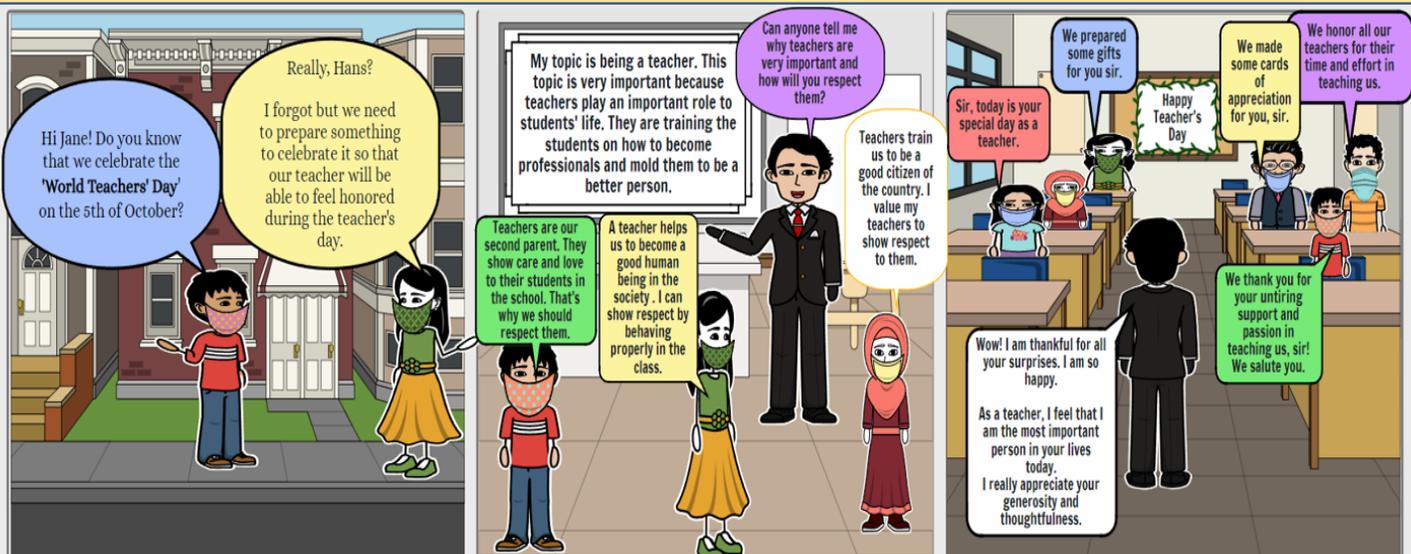
That is the power of Teamwork.

Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

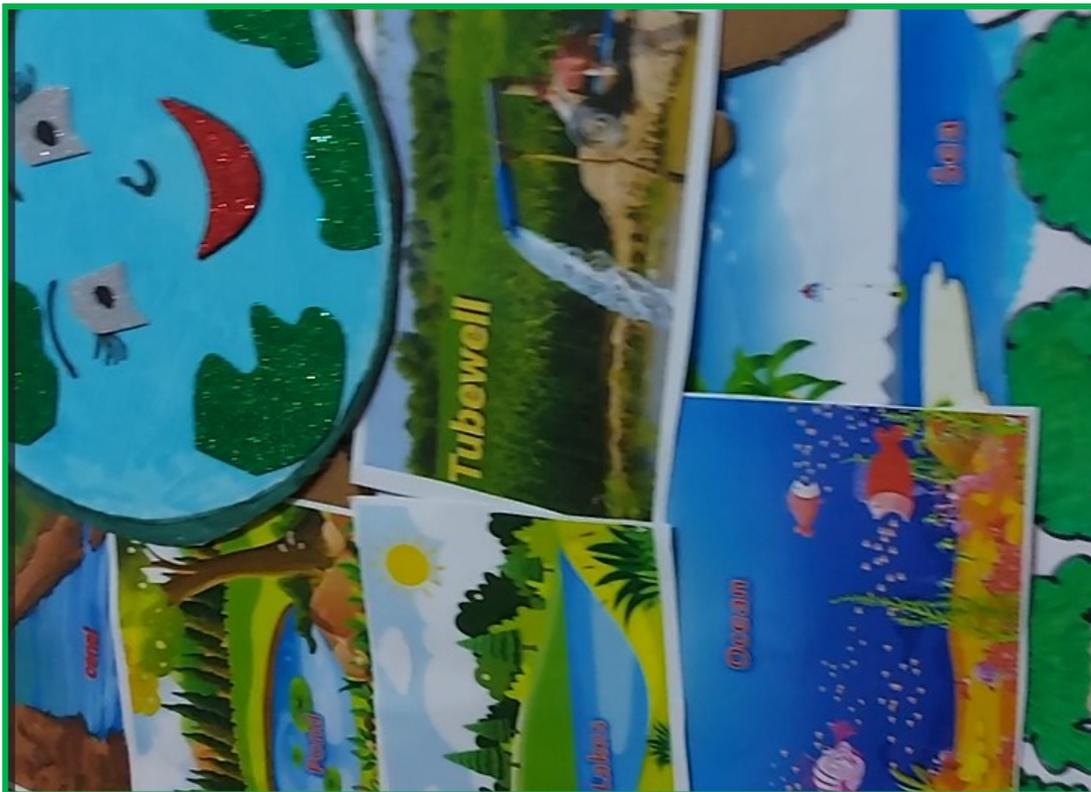
Fostering Emotional Wellness



Appreciating teachers during the "World Teacher's Day Celebration"



Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



Whole School News; World Teachers' Day, 2024!

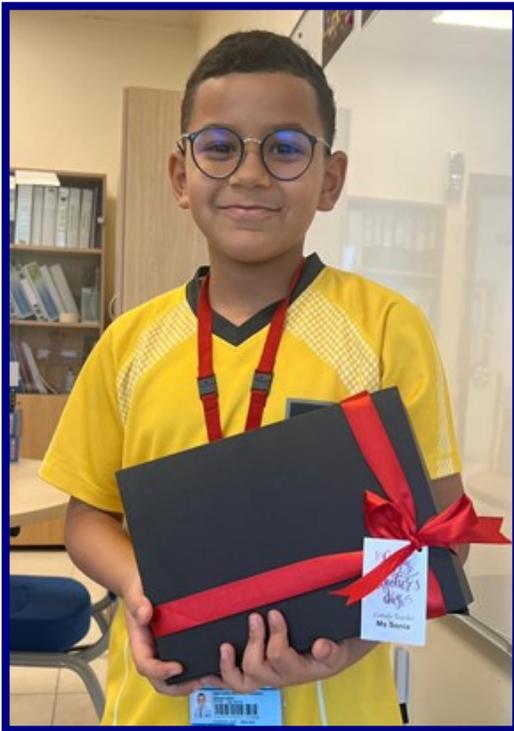
**DREAMS & TEAMS
WORK TOGETHER**



Teachers' Day celebration Dance performance by Team Primary



Whole School News; World Teachers' Day, 2024!



Dear Parents & students, thank you so much for the lovely thoughtful messages & trats for Teachers' Day. Your kind generosity made us all fee very special.

Whole School News; Values, Kindness & Character!



This was an Act of Kindness by Petronias (Y3H2). Petronias had the great character to apologize to a classmate for a mistake and offer her a chocolate as a sweet gesture. Making mistakes is part of our learning journey, but it is what we do about it that strengthens our character. Well done Petronias!

Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

I hope this message finds you well. As we celebrate Teacher's Day, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the exceptional job Ms. Sidra has been doing with my child in FS1 this year.

Ms. Sidra has fostered a warm and welcoming environment where my child feels safe, happy, and excited to learn. Her kindness, enthusiasm, and genuine dedication to each student's growth are truly inspiring. She has an incredible ability to make every day engaging and meaningful, which has positively impacted my child's love for learning.

I'm particularly appreciative of how she incorporates creative activities that capture the children's interest and encourage their curiosity. Her positive and nurturing approach has really made a difference, and I am so grateful for her commitment to helping each child thrive.

On this Teacher's Day, I want to recognize Ms. Sidra's and Ms. Souyma's hard work and dedication. We feel incredibly fortunate to have both as our child's teacher, and I appreciate the support and encouragement they provide every day.

Dear Miss Sadiqa and the GEMS School Team,

I hope this email finds you well. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your tremendous efforts and wonderful cooperation with my son, Mousa, from day one.

Your exceptional teaching style and the care you provide have made this school year truly special.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to GEMS School and the administration for their outstanding support. We feel incredibly fortunate to have such remarkable teachers like Miss Sadiqa, Miss Shayani, and Miss Eman with us this year.

Mousa has recorded a short video for Teacher's Day, where he expresses his love and appreciation for you all. We hope you enjoy the video and look forward to more success and progress this school year.

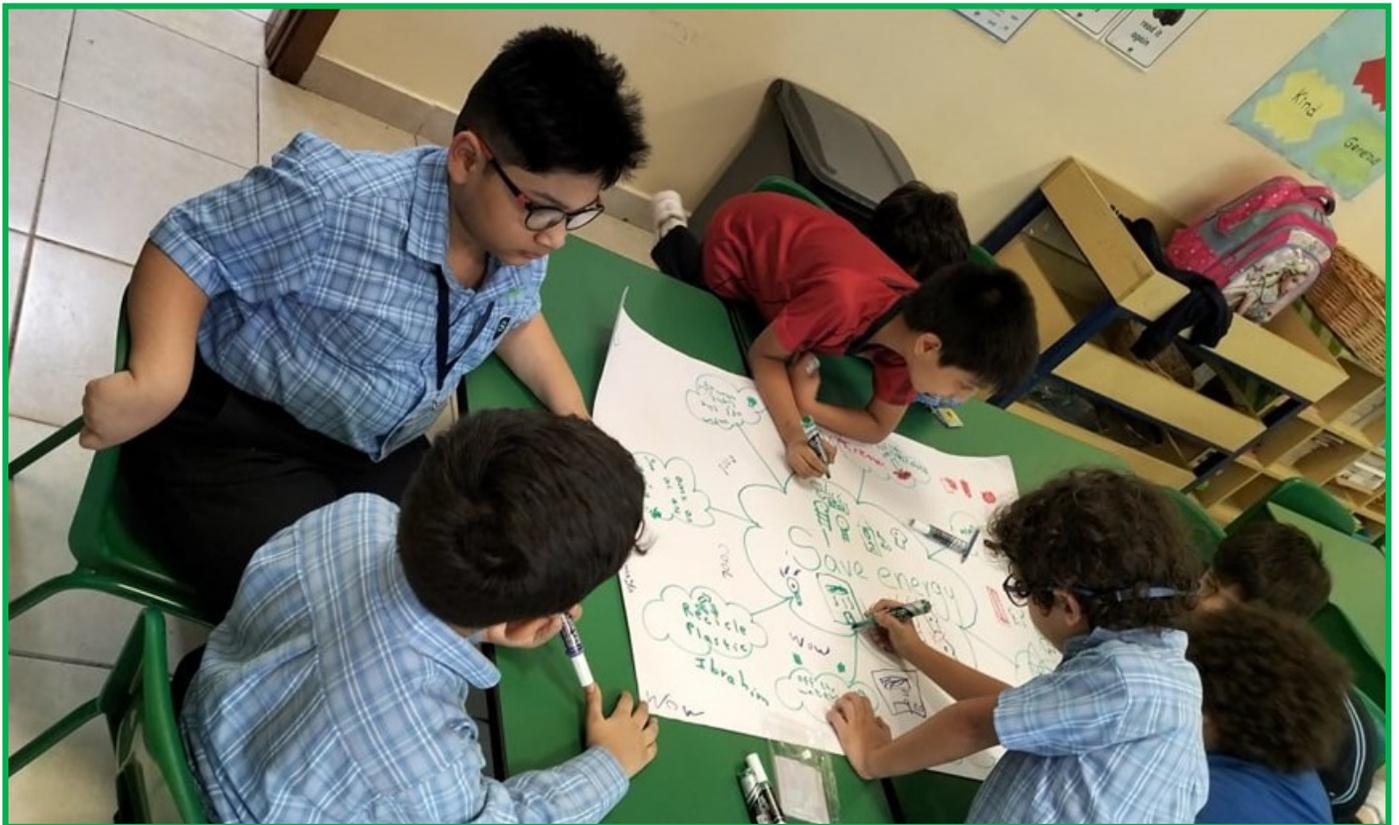
Once again, thank you for everything you do. We are very happy to have you as our teachers this year.



Good morning teachers

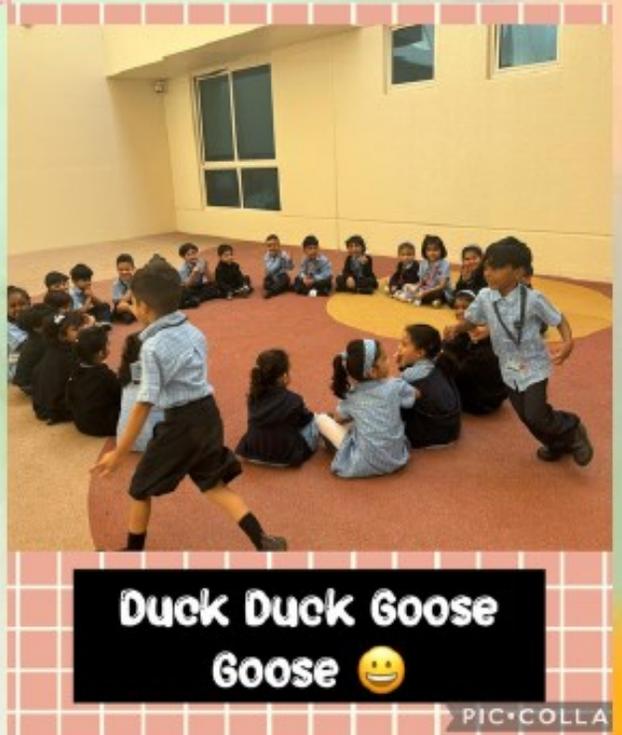
First of all, we may not say this every day, but these words are always there. Thank you for the effort you provide for the students, and thank you especially for the support you provide for my daughter Kinda. There are no words to express our gratitude to you because words are few in comparison to the effort you provide. I wish you success in your life and on a practical level. This is a simple gift from Kinda to you. I hope you like it. Kinda chose this gift for you to remember every morning with your coffee.

Junior Section News; ECAs—ECO Club!



Junior Section News; FS2S2 Learning Activities!

Junior Section News; FS2S2 Learning Activities



FS2S2 with Ms.Sarah and Ms.Maria

Learning about senses



Y1 D1 Ms. Beena & Ms. Rahna



Learning is fun in OLA



Junior Section News; Y1S1 Learning Activities!



Well done!



Having fun at playground.



OLA Activities



Having fun with Kubo.



Busy in learning



Learning about digraph 'ee'.

Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



FS2D1 busy doing activities in Freeplay centre



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!

Junior Section News; Y2 H1 Learning



Ms. Jinitra and Ms. Mariam

Junior Section News; Y2F1 & Y2F2 Learning Activities!



TR-Ms. Fauzia

TA-Ms. Benil



Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!

Junior Section News; Y2 H1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!

Y2S1 With Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza



ICT Lesson



Congratulations



Reading Lesson



West Play Time

*WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions;
Student Leaders' Investiture, 2/10/24!*



Primary Investitures Ceremony 2024- 2025



Muhammad Ahmad (Y6BF) as the House Caption, the Falcon House.

Primary Investitures Ceremony 2024- 2025



Usama Moustafa(Y6BF) as the Environmental Leader.

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Champions of Y6 GF



The reading champion, Mohammad Zohaib (Y6BF)



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Mr. Arvie,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for the continued efforts and support you've provided to Ahmed in class. It has been truly wonderful to hear from him how much he enjoys the class environment, and we can see how happy and motivated he is when discussing his experiences. We've noticed that he is now dedicating more time to his homework and learning than before, and this is undoubtedly a reflection of the positive impact you've had on him.

Additionally, I was pleased to participate in the WSS Talks and Presentation section, and I believe that this will further enhance Ahmed's learning experience. I hope this extra engagement will be beneficial and further supports his progress.

Dear Ms. Azreen and Respected Team ,

Good day!

Thank you for the kind message. I would also like to express that **how incredibly glad I am that Ms. Azreen is my daughter Simal's class teacher**. She is an excellent teacher, and her ability to truly polish Simal's abilities is something **I have been seeking for years**. **As a parent, I've always been deeply concerned about finding the right guidance for my daughter, and in the past, I even considered changing her school because I wasn't fully satisfied.**

However, I am so glad I didn't make that decision. **Now, I feel confident that Simal has a teacher who matches my dedication and efforts to see her excel at every level.** I cannot find the words to express my gratitude **to both the school and Ms. Azreen. Simal's performance today made me incredibly proud—her clear and confident delivery was remarkable, and it truly reflected the progress I always want to see in Simal.**

I am writing to convey my heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful event. It was truly an inspiring moment to see how the WSS team, especially the Senior Leadership Team, has nurtured and guided the children as they've grown from the Junior section into the Primary years.

What my son, Syed Taha Y6BH, has achieved today is a direct reflection of the tireless effort, dedication, and passion of the incredible teachers at WSS. I felt immense pride watching him thrive under the guidance of such a committed team. I am confident that, with your leadership, he will continue to grow and learn even more about leadership and life.

A round of applause is certainly deserved by everyone involved in shaping the students into who they are today. I have attached some glimpses of today's event, along with moments from Syed Taha's learning journey at WSS.

Regards,
Parent Syed Taha Ahmed

WSS Wellbeing initiative- sustainable eating week



WSS Wellbeing initiative- parental engagement activity

WSS Wellbeing initiatives- Monthly Wellbeing survey for children



World clean up day activity- watching short films about environment.

Primary Section News; Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs)!

ECA ACTIVITIES PRIMARY



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Primary Section News; Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs)!

ECA-WSS Talks

Students who are part of this afterschool program enjoy their experiences during the interactive activities on how to familiarise debate techniques.

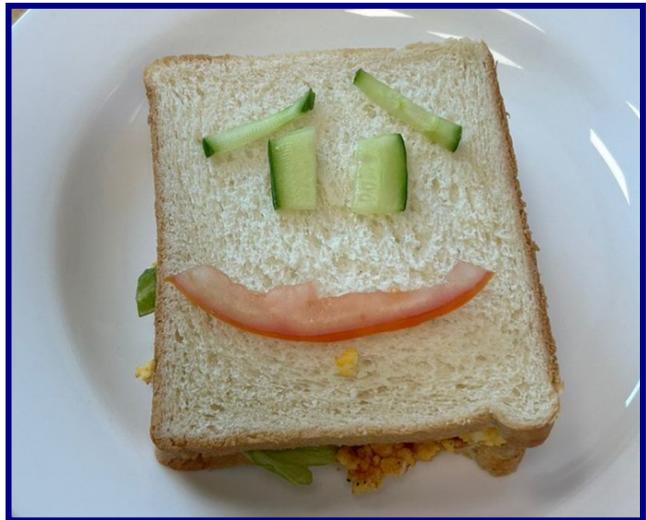


Primary Section News; Primary Learning Activities!

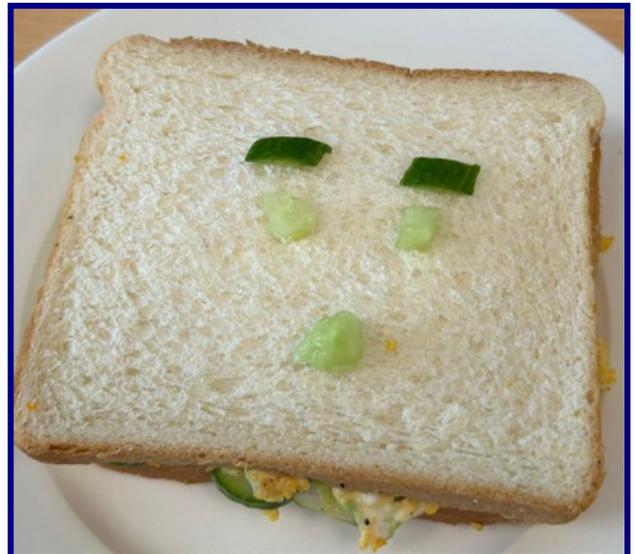
Breast Cancer Awareness



Leadership Opportunities



Having fun with the Flameless Cooking ECA!



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5D1!

Y5D1 Assembly on teamwork



Y5D1 Assembly on teamwork





Primary Section News; Y6 STEAM Lesson!



Primary Section News; Y6 STEAM Lesson!



STEAM activity by Y6BF students.



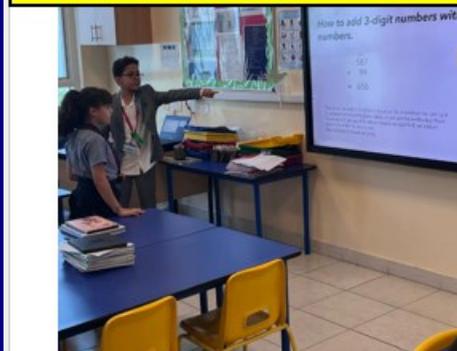
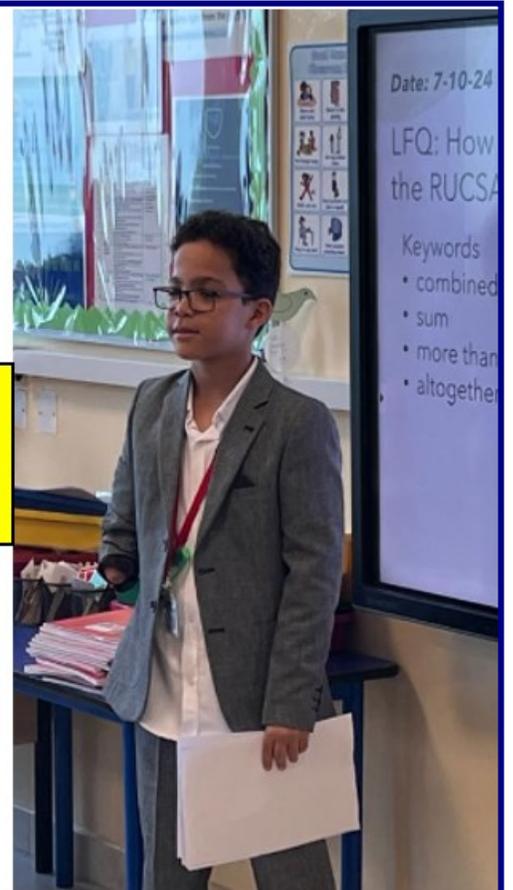
Students enthusiastically built paper towers during their STEAM activity session.



With Ms. Anju Kumar



Adam Abdel Moemin of Y6BF, as the student teacher for Y3 session on Teachers' Day, was full of excitement and successfully got the kids involved by presenting them with engaging addition challenge problems.



*WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions;
Secondary Student Leasers Investiture, 1/10/24!*



*WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions;
Secondary Student Leaders Investiture, 1/10/14!*



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



KS4 STAR STUDENTS SEPTEMBER



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; Recognising Class Leaders!

KS5 GIRLS - BADGES HONCURED TO CLASS LEADERS



INCENTIVE COUPON REWARDS



Happy Teacher's Day .

I hope all happiness and success for all of you and I want to thank each one of you for her great efforts with all the students at all grades .

I consider myself now as a part of your great school so I put my kids there between your hands trusting in you .

Love you all



Omar Ismail 's mom
Y7/BH

Secondary Section News; KS4 Learning Activities!



Students unleashing creativity and problem-solving skills at **KS4 Hackathon Competition**- an initiative by Technebula Team.



Secondary Section News; KS4 Learning Activities!



KS4 STAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER



Exciting news! Our KS4 Science students will be encouraged to participate in a **BlooKet Competition** organized by **SCIENCE CLUB** members, a fun and interactive way to reinforce their learning.

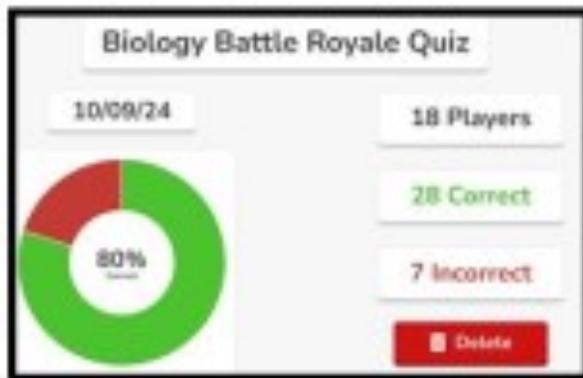
Coordinators:
EVAN SHIBU Y11 BD
CELINO Y11 BD
QAZI HAMZA Y11 BD



Secondary Section News; KS4 Learning Activities!

TERM 1 - SCIENCE CLUB ACTIVITY

The KS4 BLOOKET competition, a Science Club event specially designed for science enthusiasts, is a quiz competition focused on IGCSE topics. It consists of three rounds, starting with Biology.



83%	Hamad	8 Wins
79%	Arijan Sujeri	7 Wins
82%	Isaan Ali	6 Wins
Let's try	Faraz Tariq	5 Wins
Let's try	Abdul Huzay	4 Wins
Let's try	Sarvesh-gopi	3 Wins
Let's try	Kamal-nisar	3 Wins

KS4 BLOOKET COMPETITION – ROUND 1 – BIOLOGY SCORE BOARD



"Participating in the KS4 Blooket competition was an exhilarating experience, competing against my fellow peers in a fast-paced format tested my knowledge and quick thinking. The challenge of earning points while racing against the clock makes it very intense and fun." – Alman Ahmad – 10 BF1 (Participant)



The coordinators from left **Celino, Evan and Qazi** from Y11 BD design this event as a fun and interactive way to reinforce the learning.

"Being a coordinator, hosting and designing this championship has made me see how students come together to compete in one of the most engaging ways, demonstrating good sportsmanship, respect as well as giving their fullest to earn maximum points. It was so amazing to see everything comes together successfully and I am excited for future competitions".

Evan Shibu - Y11 BD (Coordinator)

pink day

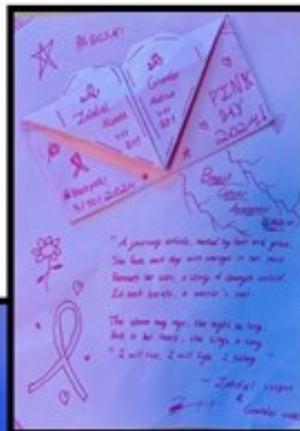
breast cancer awareness day



Secondary Section News; Breast Cancer Awareness!



KS4 Gratitude Day, celebrated in conjunction with Teachers' Day, is a heartfelt occasion to express appreciation for the teachers who have profoundly shaped the lives of our students. KS4 students took this opportunity to reflect on the invaluable guidance, wisdom, and support educators provide every day.



KS4 boys involved in 'PINK RIBBON' making competition to show solidarity with breast cancer survivors and encourage regular screenings for early detection



Breast Cancer Awareness Day, often symbolized by Pink Day, is dedicated to raising awareness about breast cancer, supporting those affected, and promoting early detection and research.

Secondary Section News; KS5 Staff Appreciation Day!



Secondary Section News; KS5 Appreciating Good Student Leadership!



We have introduced appreciation coupons to promote student well-being. These are awarded for positive behavior, uniform adherence, leadership qualities, and other student initiatives.

Secondary Section News; KS5 Learning Activities!

KS 5 Girls



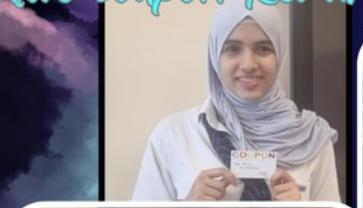
Incentive coupon Rewards



'Send a Buddy' talk by Ms. Rema



Birthday wishes



Teacher's Day Cards



NAJAH CAREER FAIR KS5 BOYS

The recent Najah Higher Education Fair in Dubai showcased universities and institutions, offering students guidance on academic programs and future career opportunities.



*Secondary Section News; Y13 Attended the GCS Career Fair,
3/10/24!*

WSS Year 13 students attended the GCS Career Fair on Thursday, 3rd October 2024



HENNA COMPETITION

Sociology Club

Coming
Soon!!

- CREATIVE
- INNOVATIVE
- EXPRESSIVE
- ARTISTIC
- BRIDAL DESIGN



THE SOCIOLOGY CLUB
HELD A HENNA
COMPETITION THEMED 'BRIDAL
DESIGN' ON PAPER PLATES.

