

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #9
20th October, 2022



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Happy Diwali to our families who celebrate this festival of lights!

Dear WSS Parents,

Health & Safety

It is season changeover time & cases of annual flu are on the rise in the community. To limit the spread of germs to all our children, do please take extra care **not to send your child to school if suffering from any flu symptom.** It is healthier for sick children to rest at home which gives their body time to fight the infection & to get well. Thank you!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
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
Tues. 29th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Day Celebrations. Students may come dressed in UAE National flag colours & bring traditional food.
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 9
20 أكتوبر 2022



رسالة من
المديرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

الصحة والأمان

إنه وقت تغيير الموسم وحالات
الإنفلونزا السنوية آخذة في الازدياد
في المجتمع.

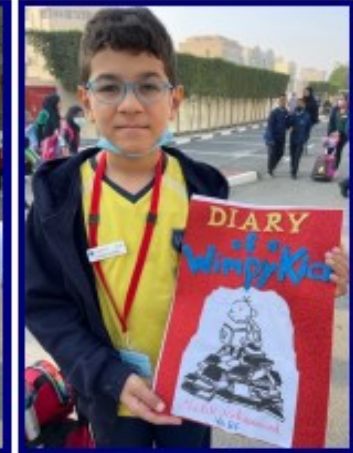
للحد من انتشار الجراثيم لجميع أطفالنا ، يرجى توخي الحذر
الشديد لعدم إرسال طفلك إلى المدرسة إذا كان يعاني من أي
من أعراض الإنفلونزا.

من الأفضل للأطفال المرضى الراحة في المنزل مما يمنح
أجسامهم وقتًا لمكافحة العدوى والشفاء.

شكرًا لك.

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة منتصف الفصل الدراسي.	الأربعاء، 26 أكتوبر والخميس 27 أكتوبر
تستأنف المدرسة يوم الاثنين 31 أكتوبر كالمعتاد	
احتفالات اليوم الوطني. يمكن للطلاب القدوم مرتدين ألوان العلم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة وإحضار الطعام التقليدي.	يوم الثلاثاء، 29 نوفمبر.
المدرسة مغلقة في عطلة الشتاء.	الاثنين، من 12 ديسمبر إلى الأحد 1 يناير 2023
تستأنف المدرسة T2 يوم الاثنين 2 يناير 2023.	
يرجى ملاحظة أن الرسوم المدرسية T2 مستحقة. شكرًا لك.	



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

Whole School News; SPEA Initiatives & Activities Survey

<p>Dear Schools Principals,</p> <p>Sharjah Private Education Authority is pleased to extend its warmest greetings to you...</p> <p>In line with Sharjah Education Council's keenness to raise the quality of initiatives and activities provided by the Council to students of public and private schools in the Emirate of Sharjah, and to ensure enhancing the quality of initiatives and activities and providing best services, we attach to you the link of the external environment analysis questionnaire for students of public and private schools in the Emirate of Sharjah.</p> <p>Please instruct the specialized people to circulate to all students.</p> <p>Questionnaire Link https://forms.gle/aKfgfPURSYA3DQE99</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation.</p> <p>Best Regards,</p>	<p>السادة/ مديري المدارس الخاصة المحترمين</p> <p>يطيب لهيئة المشاركة للتعليم الخاص أن تهديكم أطيب التحيات وصادق الأمنيات...</p> <p>بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه وانطلاقاً من حرص مجلس الشارقة للتعليم على رفع جودة المبادرات والأنشطة المقدمة من المجلس لطلبة المدارس الحكومية والخاصة بإمارة الشارقة، ولضمان تحسين جودة المبادرات والأنشطة وتقديم أفضل الخدمات، نرفق لكم رابط استبيان تحليل البيئة الخارجية لطلبة المدارس الحكومية والخاصة بإمارة الشارقة يرجى الإيعاز لذوي الاختصاص نحو التعميم على كافة الطلاب.</p> <p>مرفق لكم رابط الاستبيان:</p> <p>https://forms.gle/aKfgfPURSYA3DQE99</p> <p>شاكرين حسن تعاونكم وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام</p>
<p>For contact and query:</p> <p>Phone Number: 065045555</p>	<p>للتواصل والاستفسار: هاتف: 065045555</p>

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

Sunny Varkey

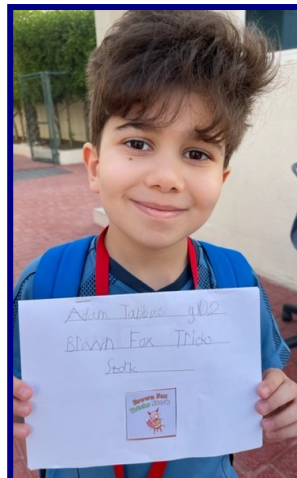
Whole School News



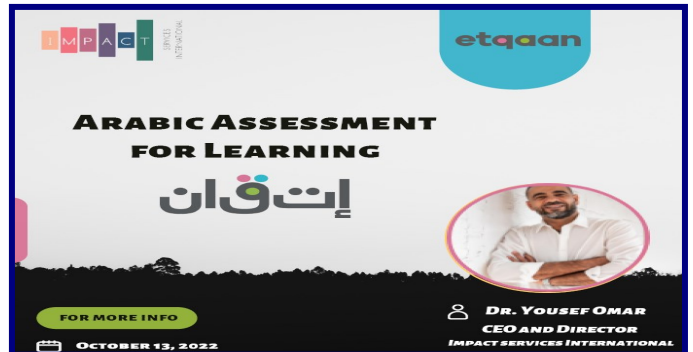
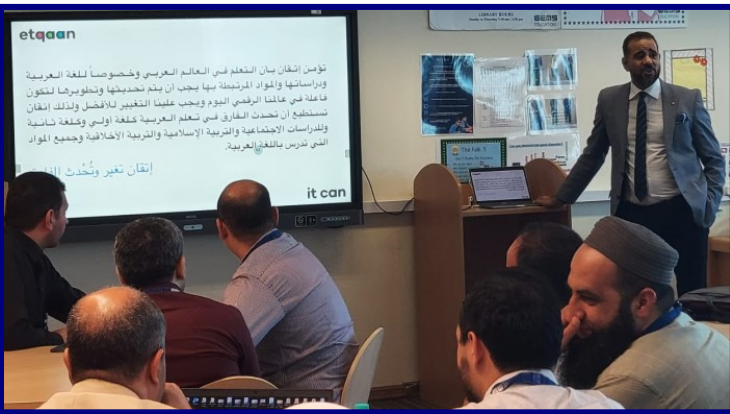
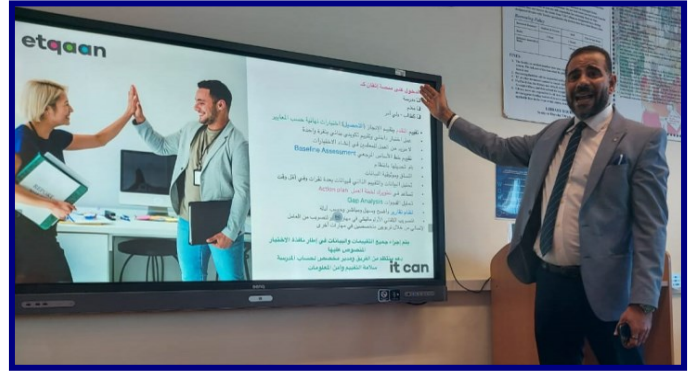
On Sunday 16/10/22, WSS SLT & our Head of Inclusion Ms Rema attended the inauguration of SEED, a new Special Needs Center in Dubai. The event included guest speakers presenting about such topics as understanding Gifted & Talented, 'Kids Skills' (a problem-solving skills-focused strategy to manage challenging behaviours) & Inclusion.



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



Whole School News; Life-Long Learning!

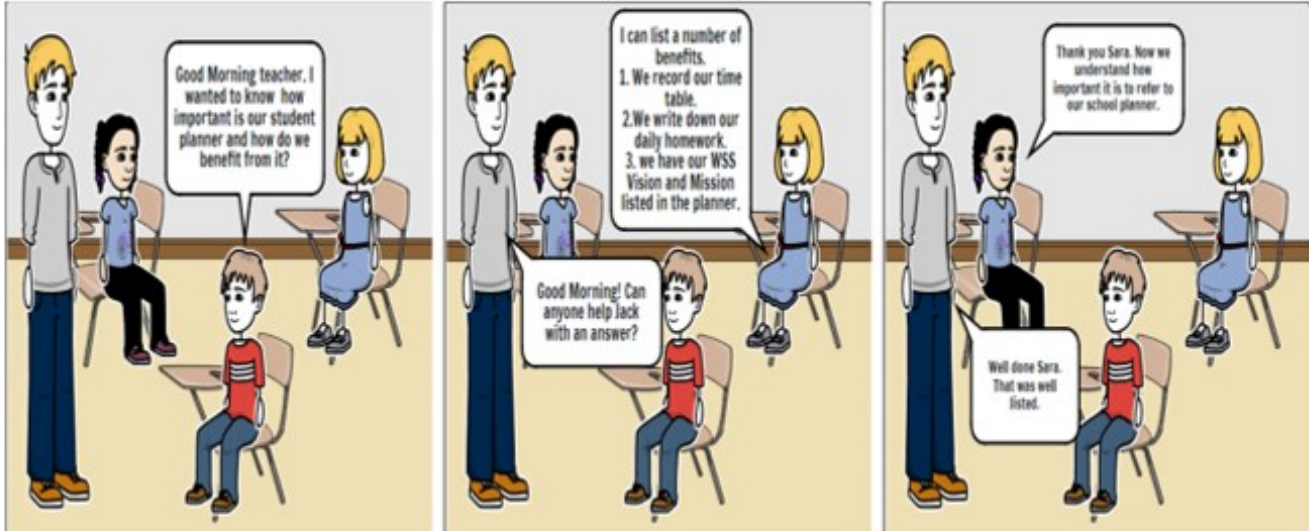


Well done to the MOE Subjects Team for their active participation in recent training on Arabic Assessment for Learning with Dr. Yousef Omar. The WSS Team are committed to lifelong learning & regularly engage with important CPD training sessions to upskill teaching strategies to support our students' learning & success.

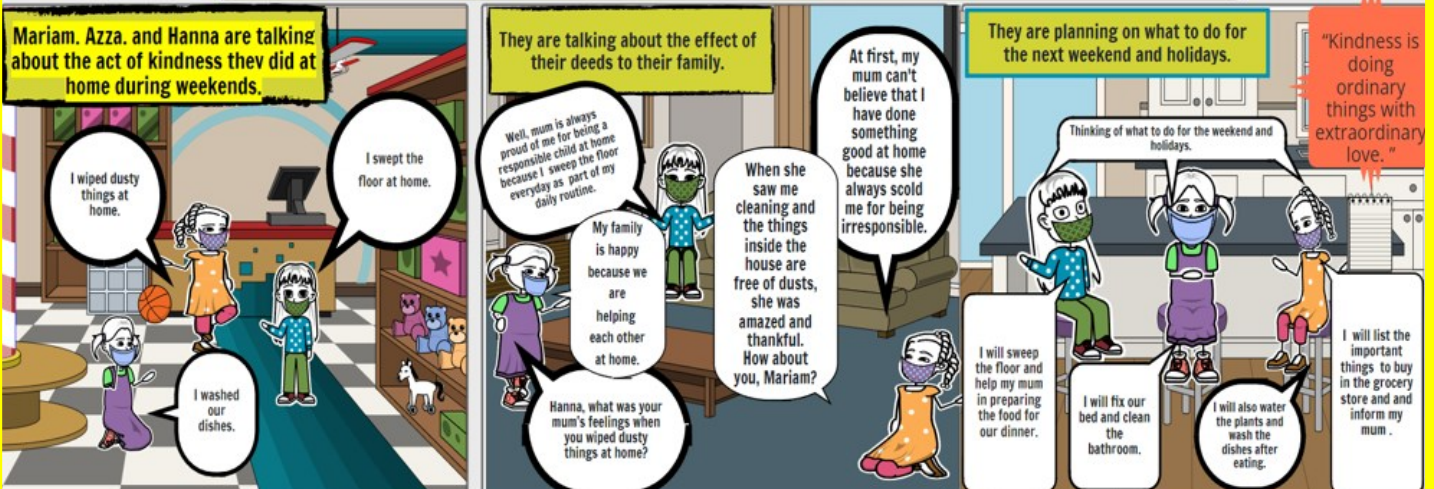


Whole School News

Importance of the student planner



Acts of Kindness and Helpfulness



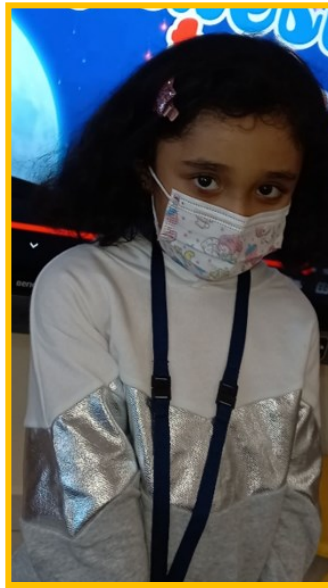
Y3D2 -Bhavesh – Dojo Champion



Y3D2 –Saad – Class Champion



Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
LAVANYA ...



As part of our efforts to improve health and well-being, Y3S1 students celebrated Mahmoud's birthday as a healthy eating day.



Whole School News; Happy Birthdays!



Whole School News; 10th Anniversary Student Assembly, 18/10/22!

10th Anniversary students Shazil & Hamad hosted a fabulous student Assembly to celebrate the students who have been with WSS throughout it's 10-year journey. Huge thanks to Ms. Swati, Ms. Shaniya & event team, student presenters, performers & to Mr. Syed & Ms. Aiysha for their wonderful parent speeches.



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WSS Superstar Champions!



Well done to Amir Ahmed, Fares Amer and Yahya Ashfaq (Y10) for applying themselves through problem solving and critical thinking while engaging actively in their Computer Science- learning. Thanks to Ms. Sanjalika for planning opportunities for critical thinking and great student engagement in her lesson.

Congratulations to Muhammad Umer Nagori for his perseverance & grit in completing independent learning tasks! Well done!



Ghudai Ghassan
Y6BF
Wellbeing Champion



Youssif Haitham
Y6BF
Class DOJO Champion



Raffle Prize winner!

For planning and delivering lesson that enabled progress of almost all students.



Y2
Teddy goes home winners



Y2
Well being Champions

WSS Superstar Champions!



★
**Super Stars
of
Y5H1**



Wow! Happy to get stickers from Ms. Raghi



WSS Environmental Recycling Superstar Champions!



Well done to Liyanage Kivain and Ranaya Ailish (Y2F2) for excellent creative writing. Their work showed progress in their expressive writing - Kivain was extending his writing using conjunctions such as 'because', building up his ability to express himself. Ranaya did research in the lesson as an extended challenge which built on her vocabulary - when questioned she was able to explain the new terms she had learnt. Thanks to Ms Raquel, Ms. Saliha and Ms. Caterin for providing a stimulating, challenging and supportive classroom environment.



Maha from Y3F2 with her Well being Certificate



Mohd Rayaan from Y3F2 won second prize in All UAE abacus competition

Congratulations to Y3S1, Y4H2, Y5F3 & Y6BD classes, who are this month's Uniform Champions!! Thank you to parents & students for supporting our professional dress code & ensuring smart uniform.

Junior Section News



With Ms. Kishwar



Junior Section News

Y1 H2 - Enacting the story "Brown Fox tricks Stork"

Y1H2 with Ms. Beena



MATH OLA Session with Ms. Sidra (Y2F1)

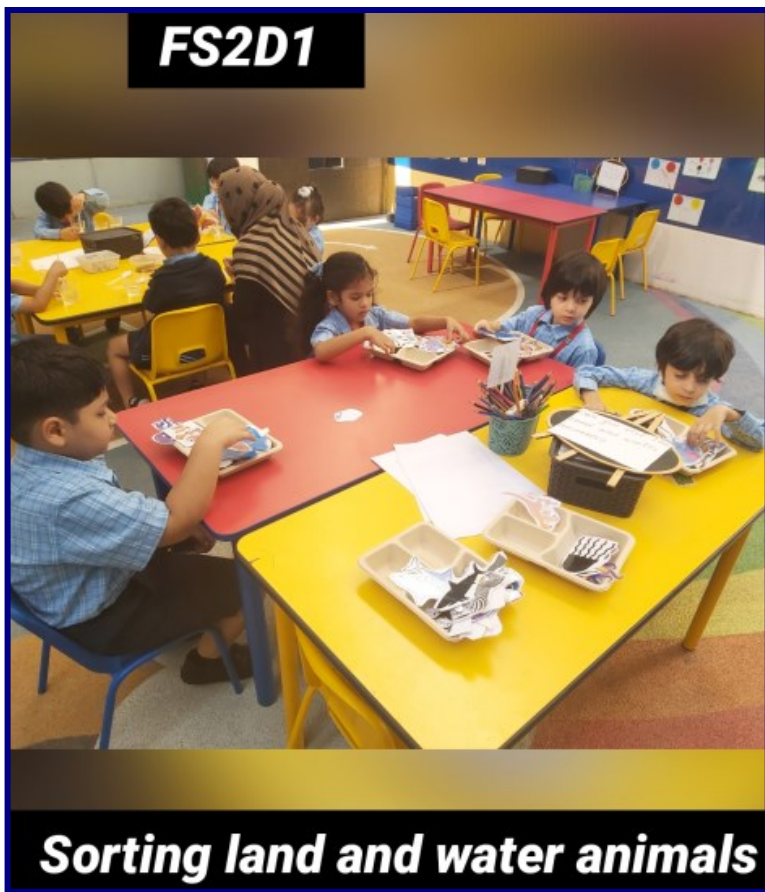


Y2D1

Junior Section News; With MAX, The Story of Cotton Activity!



Junior students enjoyed a visit from the MAX team, to learn about the journey of cotton from plant to the garment shop. Then the students engaged in a range of activities



Sorting land and water animals



FS2D1 experimenting objects which dissolve and do not dissolve

Junior Section News



FS2D1

Homelearning



FS2D1

Arabic homelearning



Attempting to take part in group discussion

FS2D1 With Ms. Nikhat



FS2D1

Homelearning



FS2D1 Busy in OLA



Junior Section News



Enacting the story



We are learning number 4



FS2 S1 with Miss Jobelle and Miss Monika



Art Lesson Y2D1

Junior Section News



**Y2
3D shape
models**



**Y2
3D shape
models**



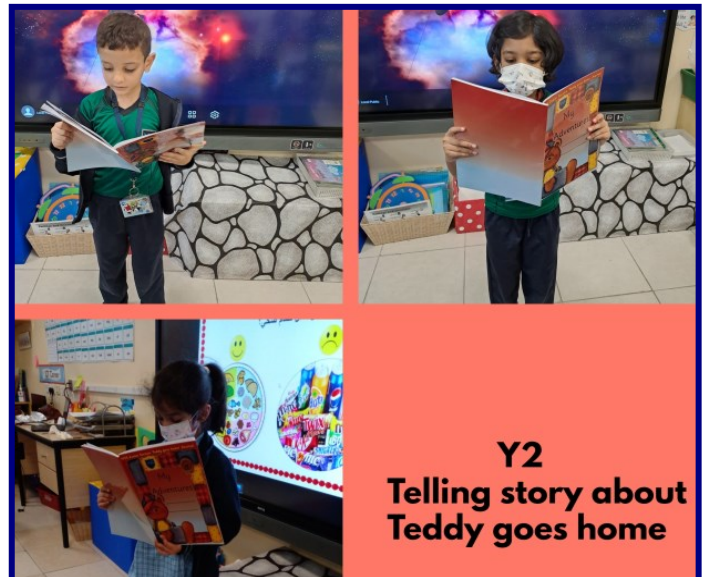
**Y2
Assembly time**



**Y2
Investigating
on plants
and parts
of the plant**



**Y2
Learning about 3D
shapes**



**Y2
Telling story about
Teddy goes home**

Y2H1 with Ms. Sonia M.

Junior Section News



Maths OLA



Making the story characters with different materials.



Learning the digraph 'oo'



We are learning about our senses.



Happy birthday to WSS

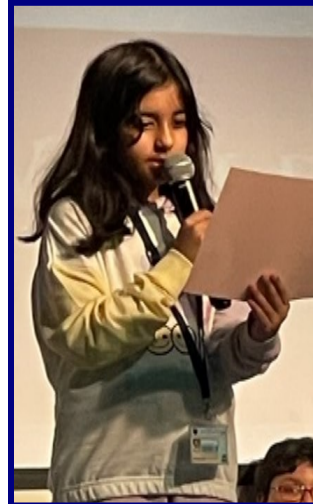


With Ms. Mariam Rizwan

Junior Section News



Primary Section News; Assembly Time



The important wellbeing Assembly with Y5H2 & Ms. Syeda was on the theme 'Friendship & Forgiveness'

Y4 F1 Assembly

The theme was 'Honesty is the Best Policy'
With Ms. Susweta



PRIMARY RADIO STATION @ WSS



RJ Alina – Y6 GS



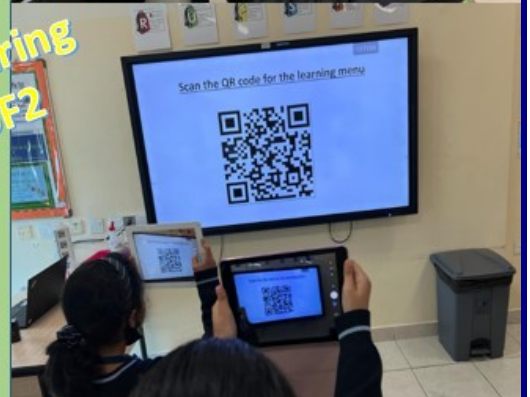
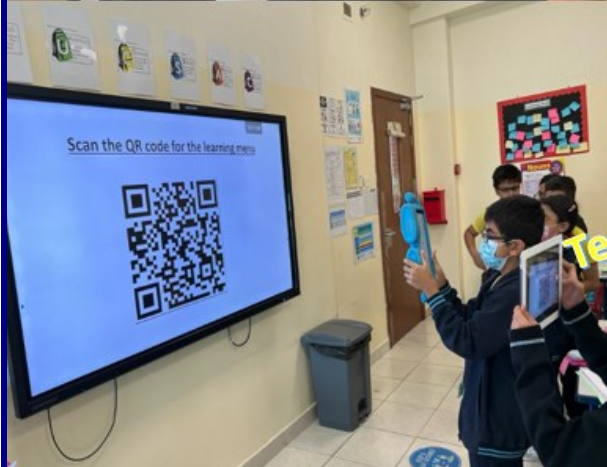
RJ Eashal –Y6 GH



RJ Shaan-Y6 BS



The theme was all about International Internet Day, celebrating the first electronic message sent on 29th October, 1969. Our keen broadcasting team also talked about online safety & netiquette.



With Ms. Anju Kumar

Primary Section News

Nabia (Y2S2) with her super work on some of Roald Dahl's popular novels, *Fantastic Mr. Fox* & *The Witches*.



Y6BF Collaborative learning & Preparing for the future

Science Investigation- *Comparing and giving reasons for variations in the brightness of bulbs in an electric circuit.*

Primary Section News; Scintillating Science!

Through role play, Y3 S1 students learned about the pollination process in plants by sharing ideas and acting out as flowers and bees.



With Ms. Sheena

LFQ: How do I analyse the different methods of seed dispersal?
Y3D2 Students finding out the different ways of seed dispersal.

With Ms. Lissy



Primary Section News



Y5H1 Children are comparing the properties of materials through collaborative learning.

With Ms. Anju Kumar



Y5S2 and Ms. Deepthy during the Maths classroom observation with the Teaching and Learning Coach, Dr. Lisa Patterson



National Parenting Week

Presented by the Sociology Club

National Parenting Week, which took place between October 17 to 21, is an event that highlights just how important parenting skills are in society.

The Following are some messages from our students parents to their loved ones



To Shreya Anil:- Her hopes and dreams should come true!



To Rayyan Razman:- Believe in yourself because you are the only one that knows you better than anyone else. Mummy and daddy always with you. We love you



To Adham Ehab:- You are very strong, always do good in life. We have complete faith in you. Be proud of yourself as we are.



To Saif Qureshi:- Hard work is the key. Dream big and strive them with utmost confidence & potential. Live it up



To Razim Mohamad:- Son, YOU are my purpose on earth, love you to the moon and beyond. Achieve your dreams and I will be praying and cheering for you.

Secondary Section News; National Parenting Week!



To Ibrahim Jehanzieb:- Ibrahim you are intelligent, sincere and hardworking boy, I am super proud to be your mother, stay focussed, monitor your screen time and you will be the topper of your school inshaAllah



To Zuhair Ateeq:- Dear Zuhair, Really appreciate your hard work towards studies and other school activities, keep it up son. All the best.



To Muhammad Ali:- Do what you love and makes you happy and success will follow. I will be always by your side.

More Messages from the parents to our dearest students.

To Muhammad Usman:- Best of luck my son. We love you and we trust you, remember that. Find your strength and keep achieving your goals.

To Mohammad Ali:- Do what you love and what makes you happy and success will follow. Don't worry, I will be always by your side.

To Humaid Abdullah:- Never Give UP!



To Mohammed Rafi:- Love you son. Remember, in the end, all your hard work will bear good fruit

To Eva:- I am so proud of you! You are so thoughtful and you make me smile! You make the world a better place and for that I thank you. last, but definitely not least... I love you!



To Gatika:- Thank you everything. continue to make us proud.

Here are some tips for parents to heighten their parenting skills:

Firstly boost your child's self-esteem. This increases your child's confidence and allows them to create positive relationships with each other.

Secondly, Make time for your kids.

Spending time with your kids shows them that you love them and you care for them. This will keep them emotionally and mentally strong.

Lastly, Show that your love is unconditional.

Unconditional love is love without strings attached. Showing unconditional love allows your children to have a better stress resilience, better health and stronger self esteem.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Sociology club activity conducted by sixth form students

Sixth Form Students of Gems Westminster School Sharjah Shared their insights on Mental Health In association with the annual "World Mental Health Day"



What does Mental health mean to you?

Q - Depression
• Anxiety
• disorder
A - Social wellbeing
Tranquility

Q - Declining of mentality
A - Sadness but
work on yourself to be
happy



Q - Building good habits
and taking time
for myself
A - Accepting
myself for
who I am and the
love I am given

Q - Calmness
stress
free
A - Balanced
life
overthinking



Q - Thou's emotional
state and the
affect it has
on thy's
life.
A - Thou's
emotional
state and the
affect it has
on thy's life
Disorder +

Q - Depression
Emotion
A - Mental health
is about
Good wellbeing

Q - Mental stability
stress
A - Emotional
wellbeing

Q - Depression
A - emotional
well being

*Secondary Section News; **Enviro Club** Tree-Planting Initiative with the Double Tree Hilton, 20/10/22!*



*Secondary Section News; **Enviro Club** Tree-Planting Initiative with the Double Tree Hilton, 20/10/22!*

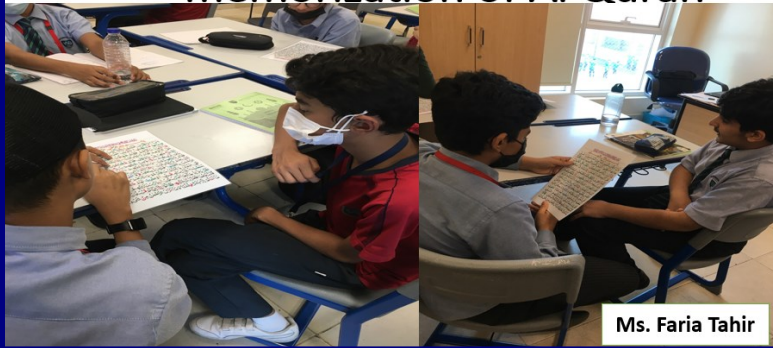


Secondary Section News; Islamic Awareness!



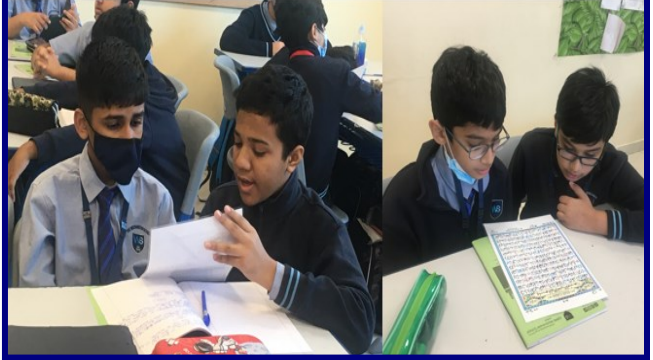
Secondary Section News; Quran Memorization

Y9 BH students are engaged in memorization of Al Quran



Ms. Faria Tahir

Y8 BD students are engaged in memorization of Al Quran

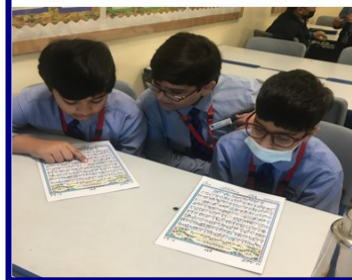


Y12 BH students are engaged in memorization of Al Quran



Ms. Mukhsana

Y6 BD students are learning Quran



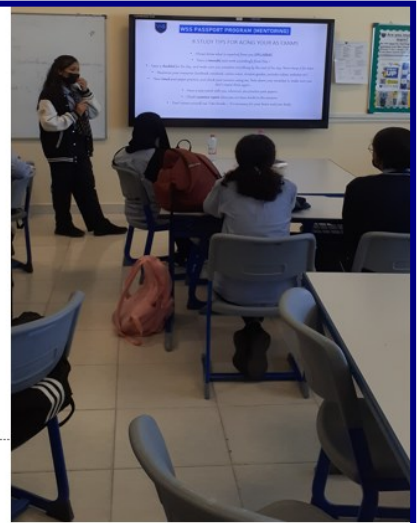
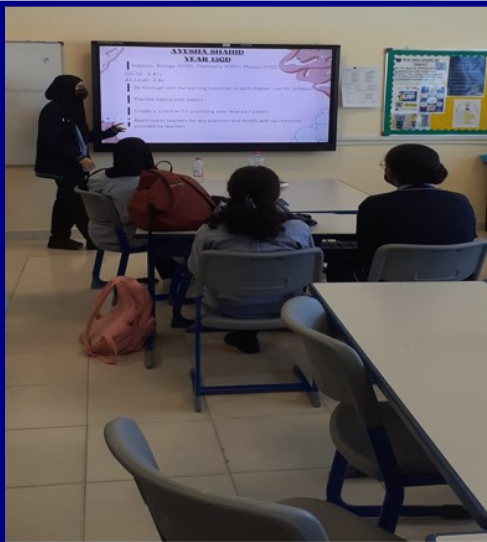
Shaheer Haroon Butt in memorizing Surah al Infitar



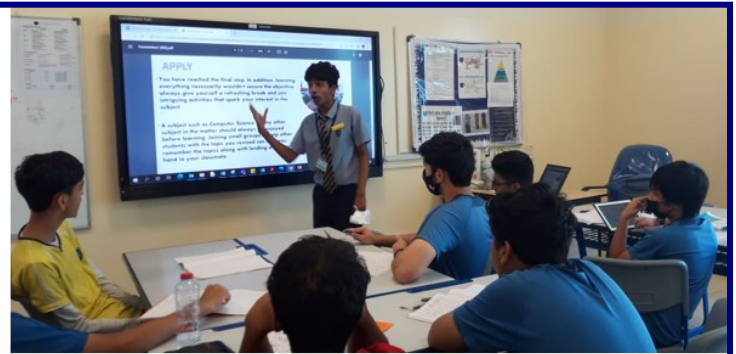
Independent & Plenary Activities (Ms. Khatma Noreen)



Secondary Section News; Peer Mentoring!



AL level students Ayesha, Duaa and Gatika sharing their Success story to AS students. The session was very inspiring and informative.



AS level student Sai Prakash Alokkan sharing his success story with IGCSE boys Sai has shared learning tips and useful resources to IGCSE computer science students.



AS level Maryam Rafat and Mira teaching IGCSE students

WORLD DICTIONARY DAY

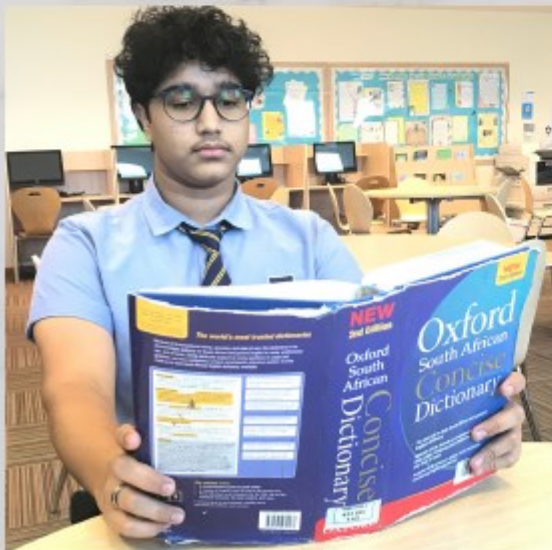
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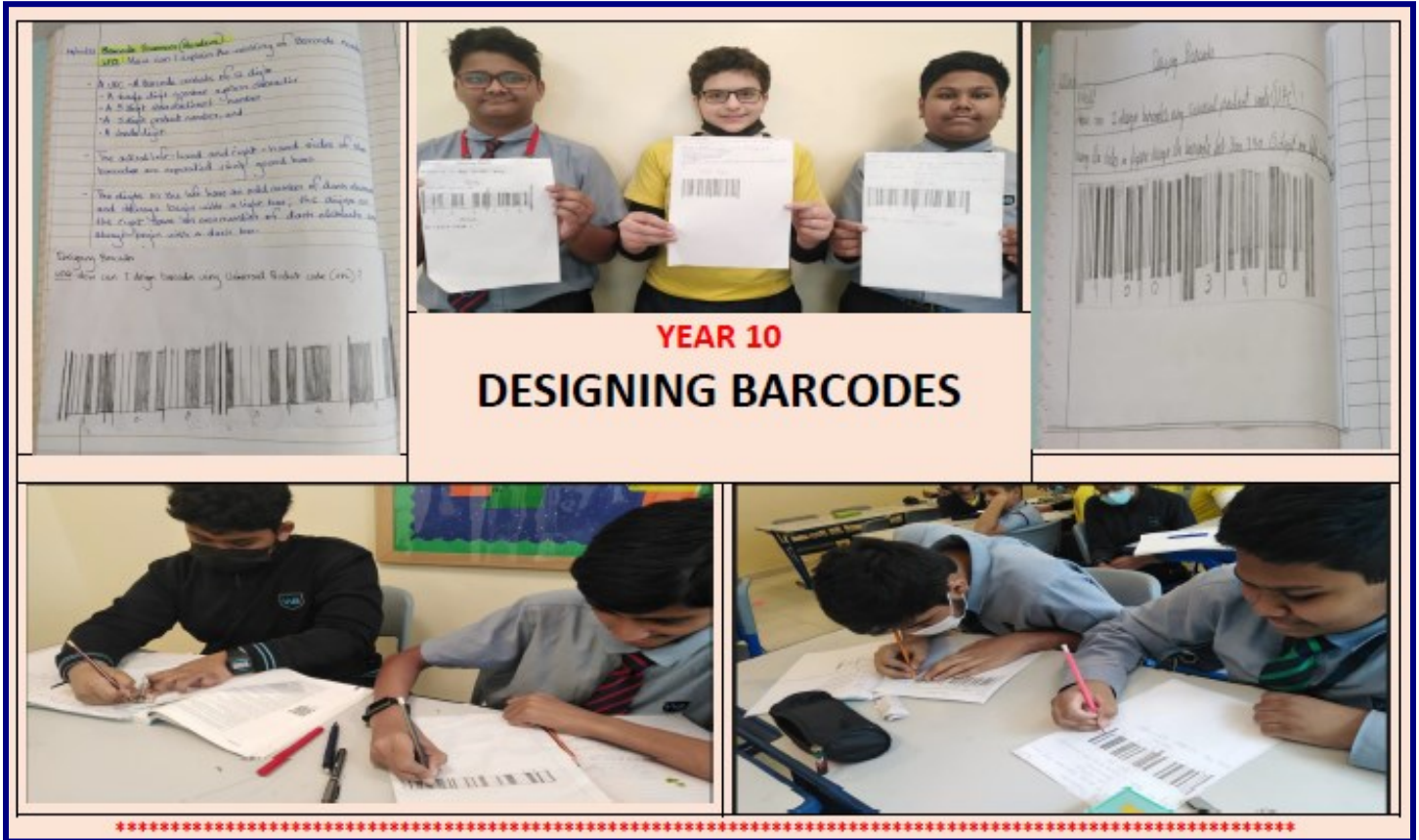
About The Dictionary

In 1806, American Noah Webster published the first dictionary, A Compendious Dictionary of the English Language. In 1807 Webster began compiling an expanded and fully comprehensive dictionary, An American Dictionary of the English Language; it took twenty-seven years to complete.



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Secondary Section News



YEAR 10
DESIGNING BARCODES

With Ms. Sony Mole

