

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #29
2nd May, 2024



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

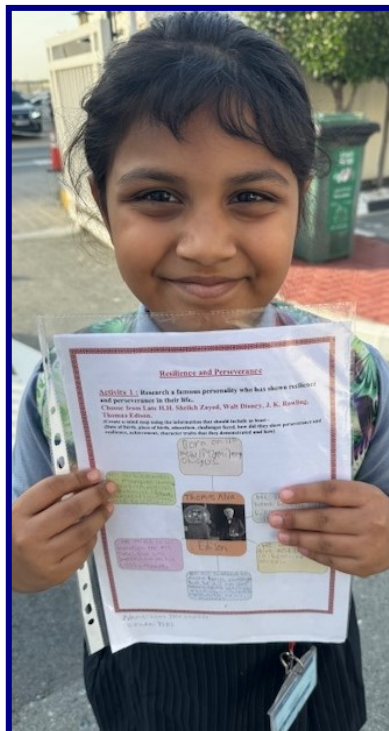
'You said... We did...' Sunday 28/4/24 PTM

Many thanks to all the parents who attended PTM on Sunday 28/4/24. We were happy to welcome you & your children for in-depth discussions with the teachers on your child's T2 progress, achievement & next steps. Some parents had requested a Sunday PTM so that they could attend more conveniently, so it was interesting to try this out. Unfortunately fewer parents attended than usual, but we hope that the parents who attended the weekend PTM found it helpful, & that you have a clear idea of your child's T2 progress & next steps.

If you were unable to attend PTM but want an alternative parent-teacher meeting, please feel free to assist at aiysha.k_wss@gemsedu.com

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thurs 2/5/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to pay the re-enrollment fee to reserve seats for September is Thurs. 2nd May. After this date, if you want seats for September, please meet the Registrar who will confirm the availability of seats. Regardless of any system-generated email, the re-enrollment fee is non-refundable for any reason, as per the Sharjah Authority Circular. Please note that any un-booked/unpaid seats would be given to the Waiting List.
Mon. 3/6/24 to Thurs. 13/6/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T3 Final, in-school compulsory promotional exams (subject to SPEA change).
Thurs. 27/6/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will be open for student attendance until Thursday 27/6/24, if parents wish to continue sending their child to school after the exams & Eid.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 29
2 مايو 2024



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

**لقد قلت... لقد فعلنا... الأحد
28/4/24 بتوقيت المحيط الهادئ**

جزيل الشكر لجميع أولياء الأمور الذين
حضروا PTM يوم الأحد 28/4/24.
يسعدنا أن نرحب بك وبطفلك لإجراء
مناقشات متعمقة مع المعلمين حول تقدم

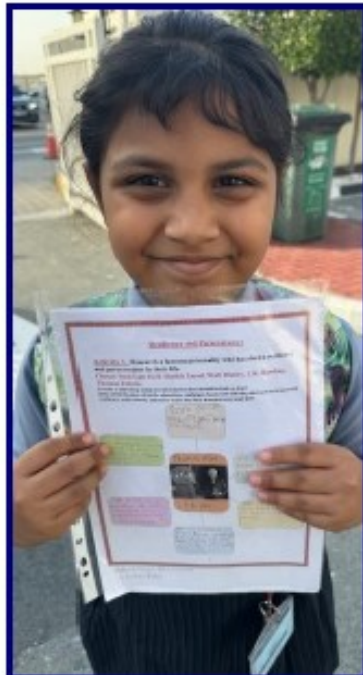
طفلك في المرحلة الثانية وإنجازها والخطوات التالية. طلب بعض الآباء
إجراء PTM يوم الأحد حتى يتمكنوا من الحضور بسهولة أكبر، لذلك
كان من المفيد للاهتمام تجربة ذلك لسوء الحظ، حضر عدد أقل من
أولياء الأمور عن المعتاد، ولكننا نأمل أن يكون أولياء الأمور الذين
حضروا عطلة نهاية الأسبوع قد وجدوا ذلك مفيداً، وأن تكون لديك فكرة
واضحة عن تقدم طفلك في المرحلة الثانية والخطوات التالية.

إذا لم تتمكن من حضور PTM ولتكنك تريد اجتماعاً بديلاً بين أولياء
الأمر والمعلمين، فلا تتردد في المساعدة على

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المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> آخر موعد لدفع رسوم إعادة القيد لحجز المقاعد لشهر سبتمبر هو يوم الخميس، 2 مايو. بعد هذا التاريخ، إذا كنت تريد الحصول على مقاعد لشهر سبتمبر، فيرجى مقابلة المسجل الذي سيؤكد توفر المقاعد. بغض النظر عن أي بريد إلكتروني يصدره النظام، فإن رسوم إعادة التسجيل غير قابلة للاسترداد لأي سبب من الأسباب، وفقاً لتعميم هيئة الشارقة. يرجى ملاحظة أنه سيتم منح أي مقاعد غير محجوزة/غير مدفوعة الأجر إلى قائمة الانتظار. 	الخميس 2/5/24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> اختبارات 33 النهائية الترويجية الإيجابية داخل المدرسة (تخضع لتغيير (SPEA). 	الاثنين، 6/3/24 إلى الخميس، 13/6/23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ستكون المدرسة مفتوحة لحضور الطلاب حتى يوم الخميس 4/7/24 إذا رغب أولياء الأمور في مواصلة إرسال ابنائهم إلى المدرسة بعد الامتحانات. 	الخميس، 4/7/24



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

Whole School News


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



Whole School News; Health & Safety—Head Lice Guidance!

 <p>مدرسة جيمس وستمنستر الشارقة GEMS Westminster School SHARJAH</p>	<p>Health & Safety; Head Lice</p> <p><i>Updated: 15/3/23</i></p>
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Dear Parents,

Head lice is considered as highly contagious, being spread mostly by direct physical contact between infected hair. Anyone can get head lice, especially clean hair & in the warmer, humid months, such as through head-to-head contact during play, sports, or nap time, and most often in school settings. Our head lice policy is included in the Parents Handbook published on the website & is strictly adhered to to help limit the spread of lice in school. We request parents' cooperation.

Lice can cause itching and sores on the scalp. Scratching can lead to small, red bumps that may sometimes get infected with bacteria.

Our school Clinic team will work closely with parents to monitor & assist in managing head lice effectively.

- It is highly recommended to have regular, **at home hair checks for head lice** (using the recommended conditioner/fine toothed combing detection method).
- Children should not attend school with head lice.
- **Lice and their eggs (nits) are treated by a special lice shampoo (available in any pharmacy) and by daily combing through the hair with a special narrow-toothed comb. It can take repeated combings to completely clean the hair, so perseverance over several weeks with lice shampoo and careful combing is required.**
- Members of the same family should all be treated at the same time as it is common for lice to spread throughout the whole family.

To support and achieve a consistent, collaborative approach to head lice management in school and to protect the health and safety of all our students:

- school nurse conducts the regular hair lice checkups.
- the school policy is that if the nurse finds lice in a child's hair she will call parents to take their child home.
- The child returns to school when the hair is clear. Once the nurse has given the 'all clear' the child will be readmitted to class.

If you require further information please feel free to contact the school Medical Team. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Valerie Thompson
WSS Principal/CEO

WSS Staff Superstar Champions of Term 2 Awardees, 25/4/24!



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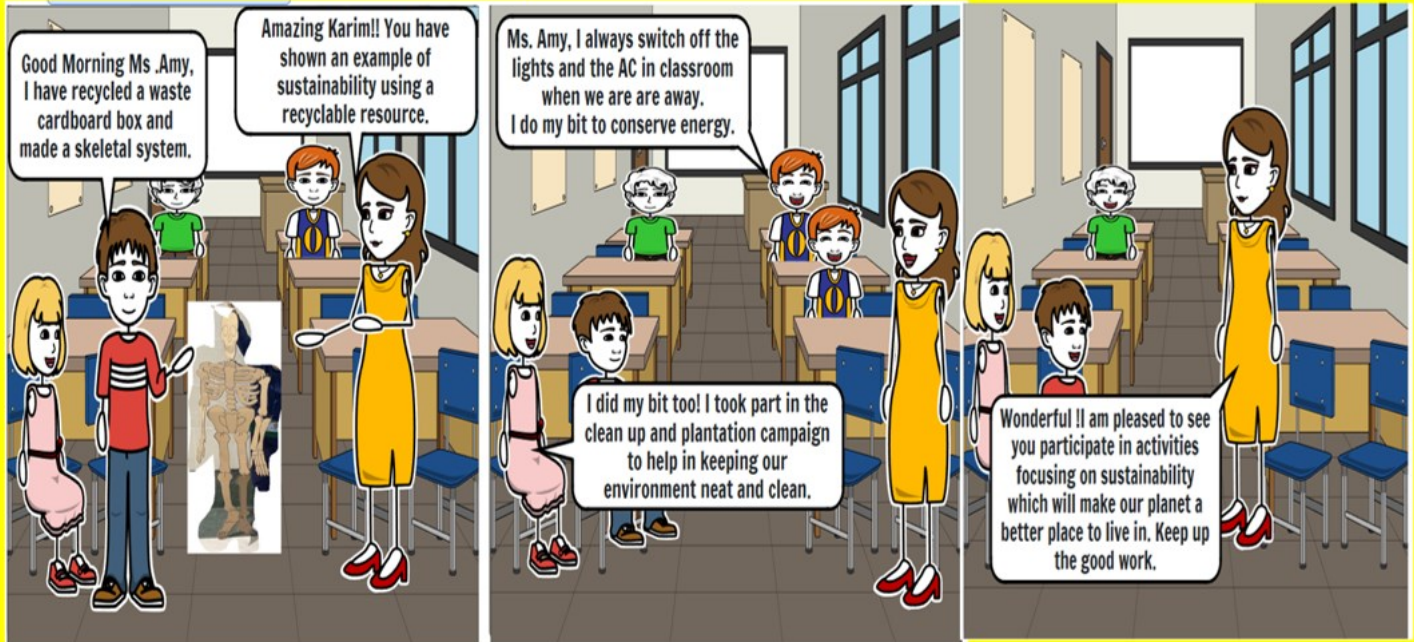


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Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

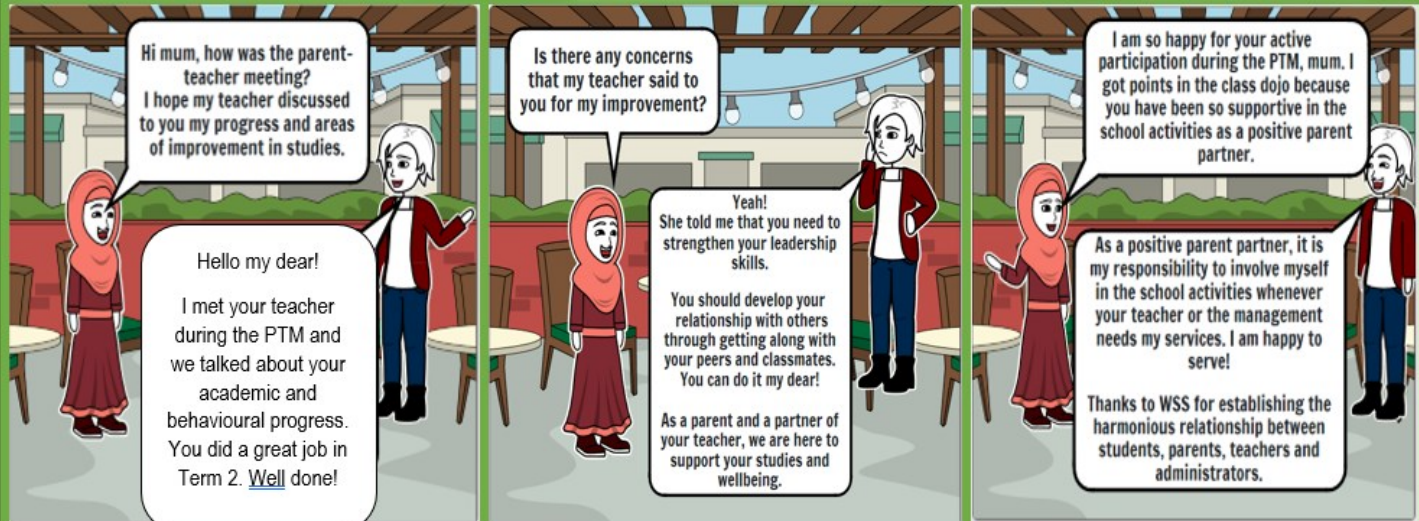
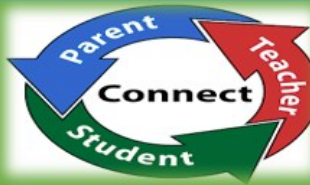
SUSTAINABILITY



BETTER TOGETHER



POSITIVE PARENT PARTNER



Whole School News; Staff CPD (Training)!



How do we identify pupils who are Gifted and Talented?



- Teachers may become aware of the existence of Gifted and Talented students in their classroom through their performance on **assessment tests** or exams. Alternatively, teachers may become aware of a student's **unusual approach to solving a problem** or a student **demonstrating aptitudes or behaviours beyond their years** in any given subject. Careful recording and observation is recommended to determine the need for further investigation.

The key principles of identification in Primary:

- CAT4 Assessments
- Renzulli's Three Ring Model (Appendix 1).
- The Nebraska Starry Night – Individual Record Sheet (Appendix 2)
- 'Identifying Gifted and Talented Students' Grid (Appendix 3)



On 1/5/24, the Principal attended SPEA SIA Ms. Lynn's 'Excellence Day' at the Sharjah Education Academy. The day included CPD on a range of school improvement topics, included provision for our Gifted & Talented students. Sessions were delivered & supported by Sharjah school Principals, including Ms. Valerie as a Hub leader.

Whole School News; PTM, Sunday 28/4/24!



Many thanks to the students, parents & staff who showed engagement with school & commitment to their children's learning & progress by attending PTM on 28/4/24.



Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

To: Sadiqa Bano <sadiqa.b_wss@gemsedu.com>

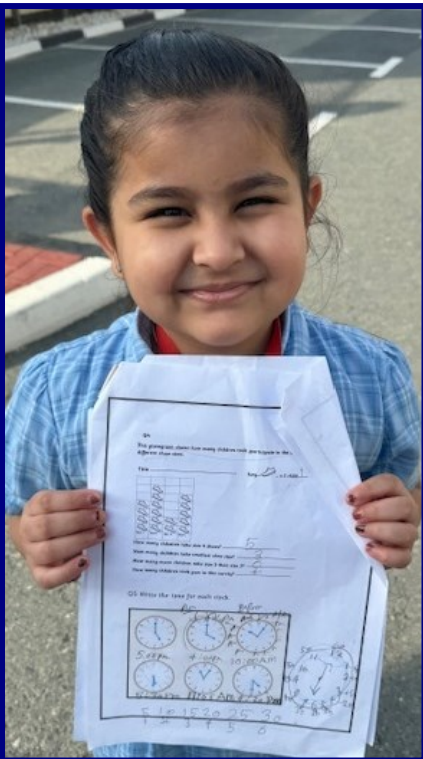
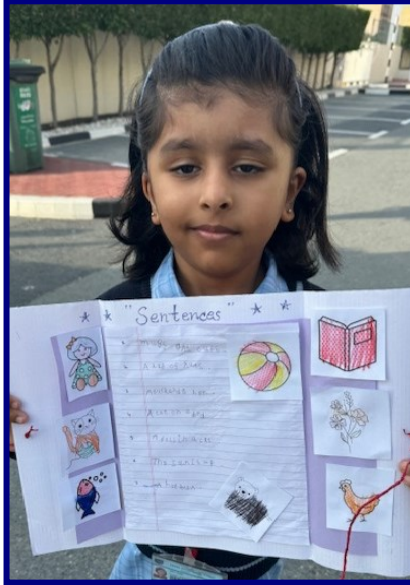
Subject: PTM feedback

السلام عليكم

It is a pleasure to be part of the Westminster family and I am honored to thank everyone behind this success and the development of my son I thank the teacher for her support and help us and support my son and urge him to the path of success and excellence I hope to complete with them the journey of academic excellence and reach the goal and success and achievement in life with all my respect and appreciation to you.



Junior Section News; Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; FS2D2 Learning Activities!



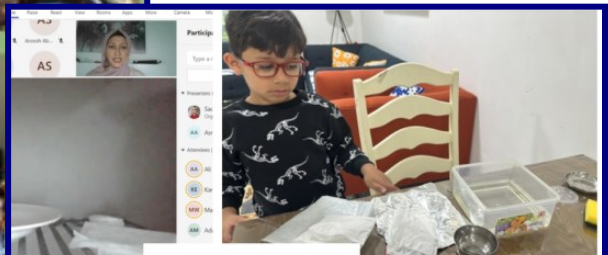
Junior Section News; Y1D2 Learning Activities!



class activities



concert practice



Online learning



Y1-D2 with Ms. sadiqa and Ms. Asma



Y1-D2 with Ms. sadiqa and Ms. Asma

Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!

TR: Jinitra Rajesh

TA: Asma Mohamed



Islamic Project



Moral project!!



PIC-COLLAGE



PIC-COLLAGE



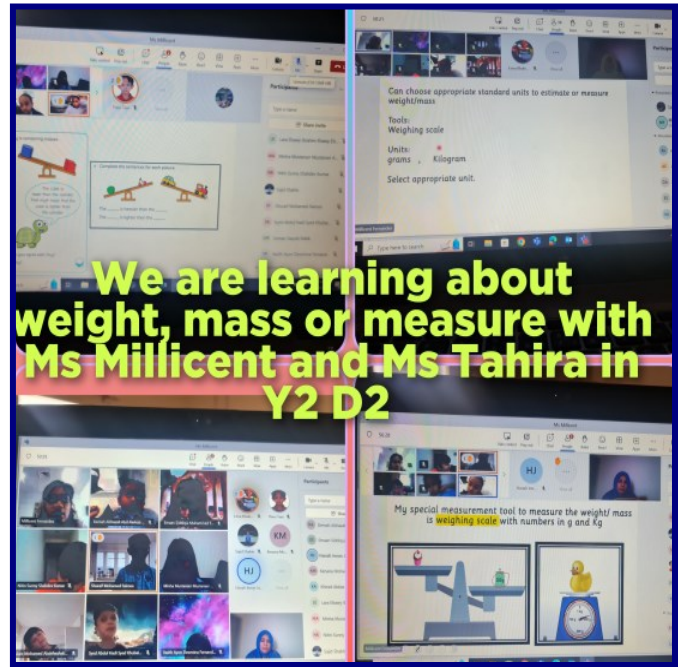
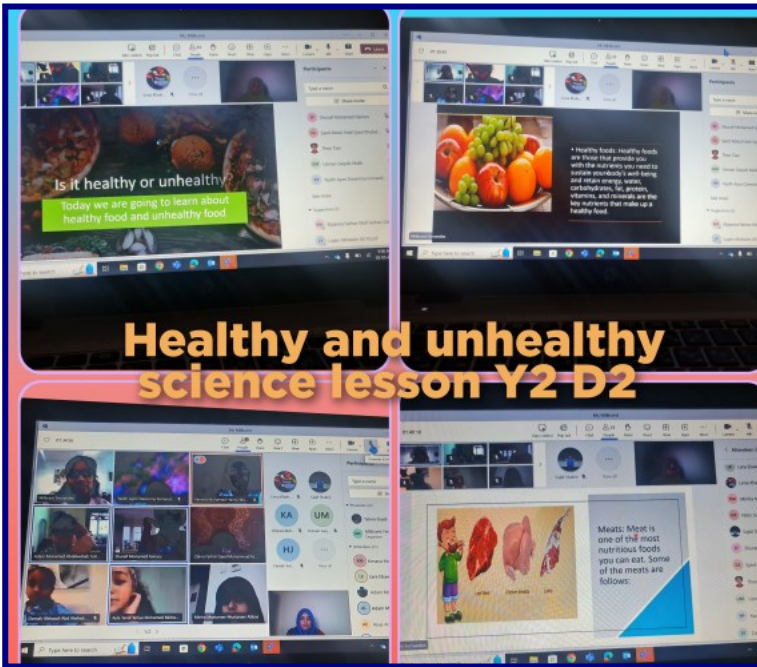
Math lesson!



Art lesson



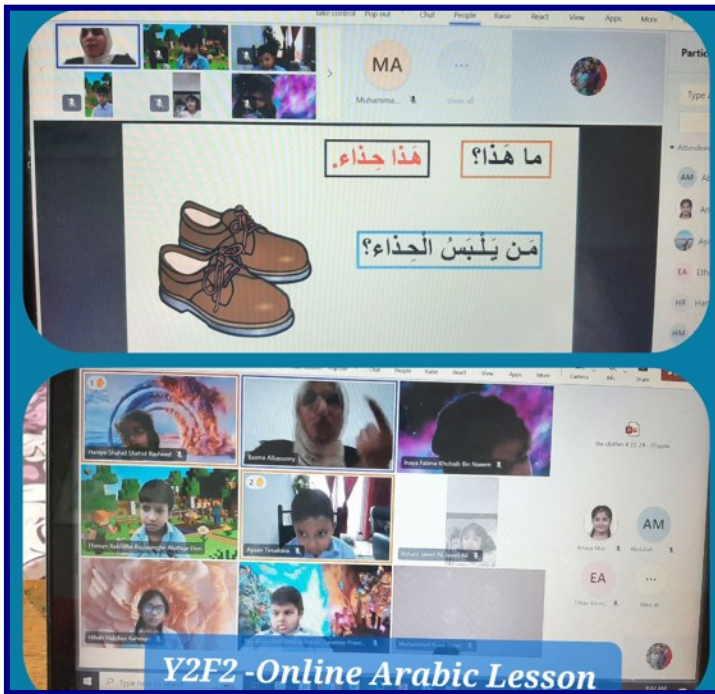
Junior Section News; Y2D2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!



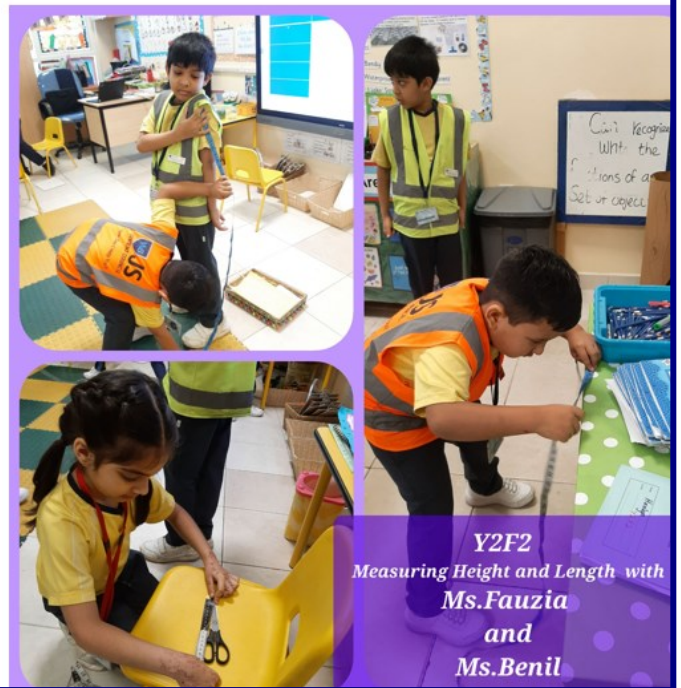
Y2F2 -Online Arabic Lesson



Y2F2 online ICT-Lesson

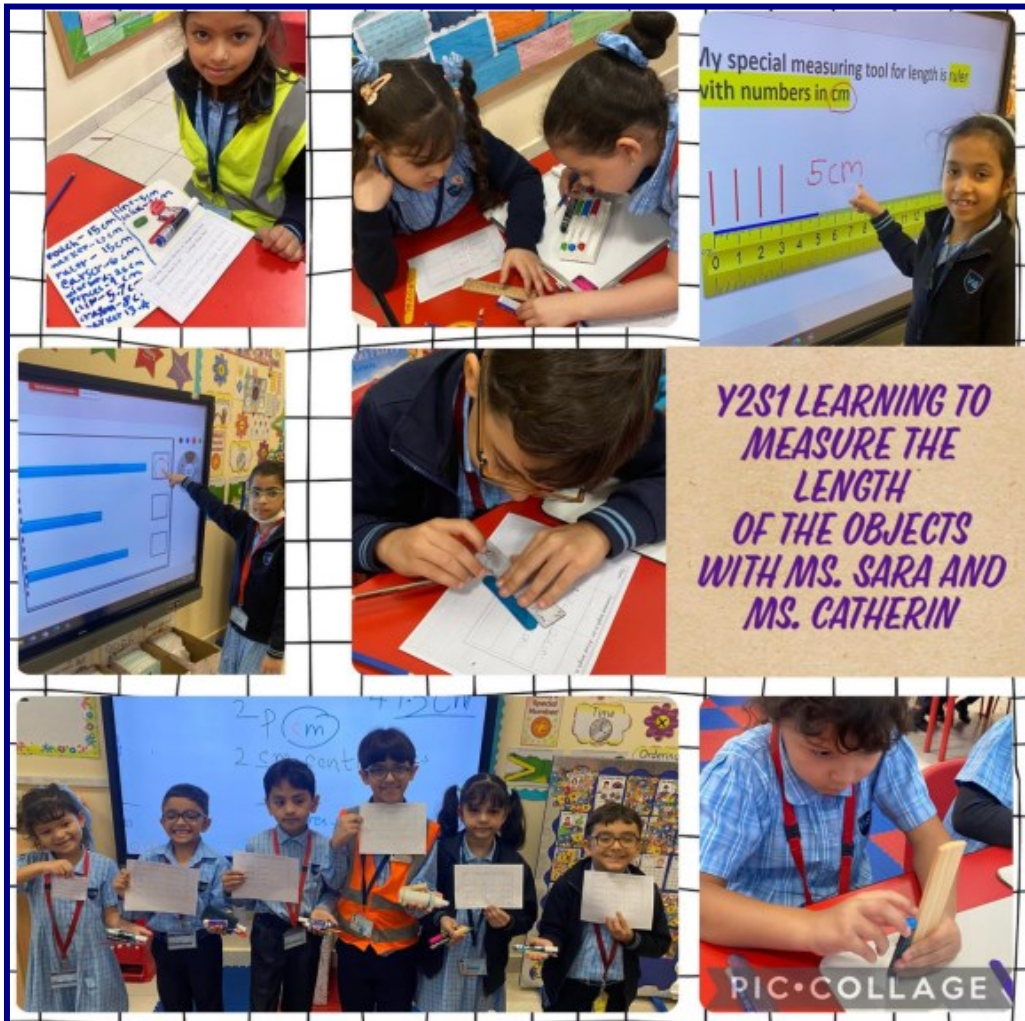


Y2F2-Measuring the length with Ms.Fauzia and Ms.Benil



Y2F2 Measuring Height and Length with Ms.Fauzia and Ms.Benil

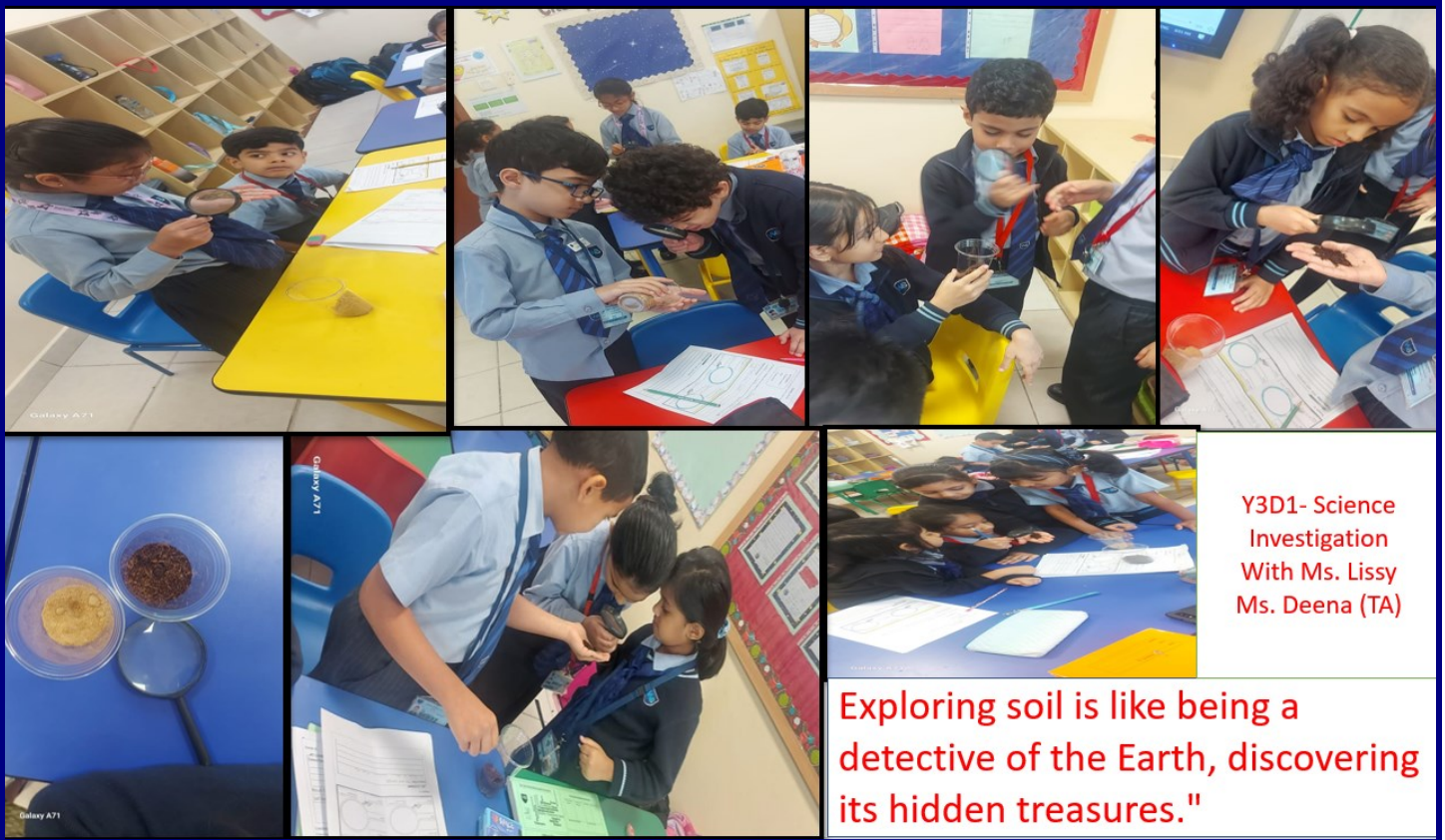
Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!



Primary Section News; Learning Activities!



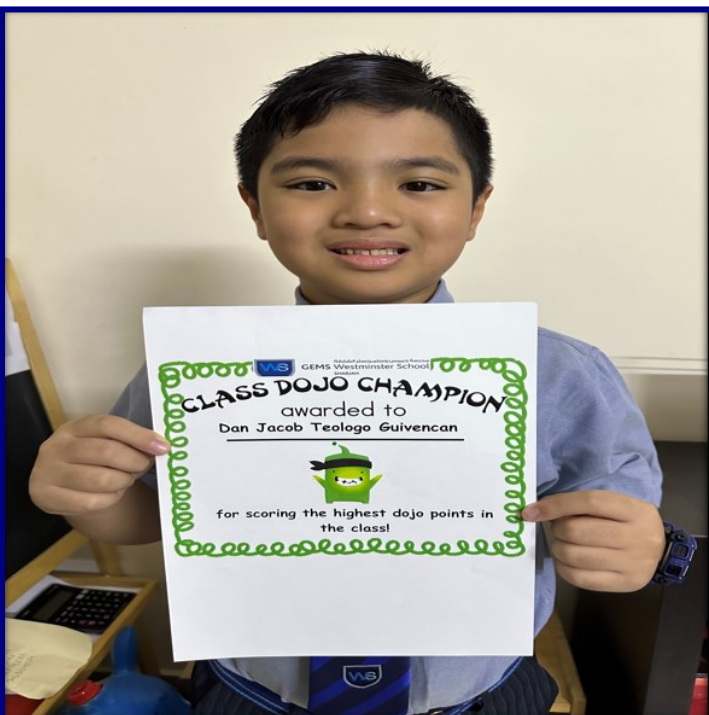
Primary Section News; Y3D1 Learning Activities!



Y3D1- Science Investigation With Ms. Lissy Ms. Deena (TA)

Exploring soil is like being a detective of the Earth, discovering its hidden treasures."

With Ms. Lissy



Y3D1 Dojo Champion- Dan Jacob



Y3D1 Moosa & Inaaya

Primary Section News; Y4 Learning Activities on DL!

English with Ms. Oshin

Y4S2 with Ms. Oshin

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Chat People Raise React View Rooms Apps More Camera Mic Stop sharing Leave

Zain A... Michael M... Miriam An... Shreeya Pa... Ayten Najjar Zara Wahid... View all

Hadiya Naveed Naveed An... Hannah Elza Binosh Binosh... Muhammad Rayyan Khurra... Yasmine Tarabulsi Iyad Waleed Mohamed Abd... Muhammad Asad Muham... Thianna Angela Sambajon L... Wagio Gacheru Sarah Liz Binosh Binosh Sa... Ahmed Amin Ahmed Bashir

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2:15 PM 22-04-2024

Y4H2 with Ms. Susweta

Meeting chat

Zoya Mubeen Mohammed Abdul M... 11:38 AM

2M TASK A INDIVISUALLY HAS NOT BEEN SEND

11:39 AM

Type a message

	Apply- Use the information	Analysis-Take Apart	Evaluate/Create
Special/ New Item		<p>B) Change the degree of comparison without changing the meaning.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Malacca is the oldest town in Malaysia. Peter is cleverer than any other boy in the class. Jupiter is the biggest of all planets. Very few boys are as industrious as John. 	<p>C) Create three sentences using comparative and superlative using the given information.</p>
Recycled/ Old Item	<p>D) Read the following sentences and identify the adjectives used in various degrees of comparison.</p> <p>Raj is taller than Sheldon. The little girl is quite brave. This chocolate is sweeter than the other one. My Amhaal is one of the wealthiest men. The weather is getting colder these days.</p>	<p>E) Read the following paragraph and identify the adjectives used in various degrees of comparison.</p> <p>Malacca is the oldest town in Malaysia. Peter is cleverer than any other boy in the class. Jupiter is the biggest of all planets. Very few boys are as industrious as John.</p>	<p>F) Create a paragraph to compare the features of Japan and Scotland using the degree of comparison (adjectives). Use the facts given below. You can add your own information.</p> <p>Scotland and Japan</p>

Note: Reaching Evaluate/ Create is your ultimate target.

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Secondary Section News; Food & Nutrition Practicals, Saturday 27/4/24!



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