GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH









Newsletter Issue #25 18th March, 2021





Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

E-Safety; Parent Approval for WSS to publish your Child's Picture in a Public Domain
If you have not yet confirmed

your approval for WSS to use your child's picture in a public domain (eg. Newsletter, FB, Instagram etc) please do so. It is quick & simple, but if you require help to do this online, please contact your child's Class/Form Teacher, or check out the guide published in NL#24 (see p2-5) for guidance. We also want to limit the amount of personal information about our children that is posted in the public domain, so when you send us videos & photos, please only use first name (avoid including family name). Thank you.

Re-enrolment for September 2021

We understand that many parents' plans for September are still unclear. However, rest assured that WSS is in the process of planning a full, learning-rich timetable & curriculum for the new academic year. We are preparing for both Blended & full return to school, subject to Authority instructions. Do please complete the simple re-enrolment process, if not yet done, so that we know how many teachers, resources & books are required for September.



pates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Mon. 2st to Thurs. 25th March In- clusive	• Sharjah schools on 100% online RLP, as per Authority instructions. Blended Programme in school resumes from Sunday 11th April for Term 3 (TBC by Authorities).
Mon. 12th April	 System re-enrolment facility open. Deadline book your seat online & also to pay the AED500/- Seat Booking Fee is Monday 12th April. After this date seats will be given to the Waiting List. Seats Booking Fee can only be paid subject to clearance of full T2 fees. Seats will not be held beyond the last day of T3 if T3 fees remain pending. Any paid Seat Booking Fee would be lost. Seats would be given to the Waiting list, & if parents decide later that they want a seat, this would be subject to availability, & not guaranteed. You may change your mind about enrolment at WSS at any time, however the seat booking fee is non-refundable (but deductable from T1 Fees, Sept-Dec. '21).
Sunday 20th June	Deadline to apply for a TC if leaving WSS is Sunday 20th June. After this date the GRE is not available for late TC processing & there would be delays in processing.
Fri. 26th March to Sat. 10th April	 T2 Spring Break (2 weeks) Cashier open on Sat. 10th April, 8am-2pm for convenient T3 fee payment. Sunday 11th April first day back for T3 for students. T3 fees due.
Thurs. 1st July	 Students' last day of the academic year (TBC). The new Academic Year will start from Sunday 29th August (TBC)



محيـنـة SHARJAH صـديــقــة CHILD للأطـفـال FRIENDLY والـيـافـعـيـن CITY

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

For details of policies & procedures, please refer to our Parent Handbook found at: https://media.gemseducation.com/media/58401/parent-handbook-3620.pdf



Do you know you can monitor your children's activity without touching their devices?

Lets explore Parental Control Settings

Scan the code and select the device type you want to monitor.



Monitoring Apps for Android & Apple devices:

These apps will help you to monitor and limit their screen time. However, Monitoring means establishing firm guidelines and limits for your child to keep track of what is going on in his or her social world. Monitoring also means establishing clear expectations about what your child should always tell you AND that they can always talk to you about the things going on in their life.

NOTE: GEMS Education and WSS do not own any website/ tool given in our Newsletter. Our team reviews the online tool/site, and suggest them for students and parents.







#DigitalResilience #LearnWithWSS

WSS Superstar Champions!







Congratulations!!! You did it!!

Success with Ms. Beena

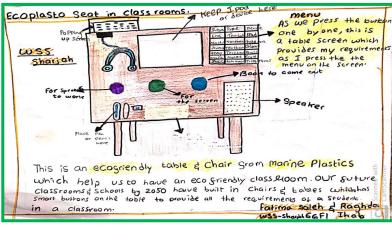






WSS Superstar Champions; EXPO 2020 Competition!





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FATIMAH SALEH

BARAMI-G7/Y8GF1

RAGDA IHAB -G7/Y8GF1



KS3 students Fatimah & Raghda (G7/Y8 GF1) submitted a project for an EXPO 2020 competition. Their project idea will be showcased at an exhibition at Expo 2020 by the Expo Young Innovators team. The project will be presented either as a 3D print or an animated form.

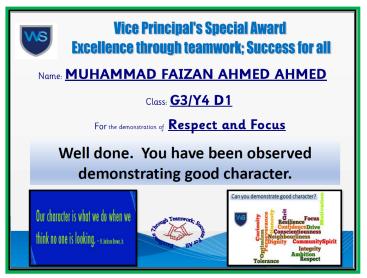
1. Video link of project;

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2. Details of Project; Footprints to Greater Heights

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to participate in the EXPO2020 YOUNG INNOVATORS PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS. Our students came up with mind-blowing innovations with vibrant varieties. ECOPLASTOSEAT is a table made from marine plastics which acts as the bagless table in the classroom, contains all the items that a student needs without any wastage of resources. The student does not have to carry anything from home eliminating the risk of back pain which may develop due to heavy school bag practices.





WSS Superstar Champions!











Thank you so much, dear students & parent, for sharing your wonderfully positive & enthusiastic videos about your WSS experience. These motivate us to continue our work to improve the learning experience for all our students. 'Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All!'

WSS Superstar Champions!





Ameer (KG2/Y1 H1) Literacy Week winner 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



HOD Arabic Mr. Osama attended a SPEA training session on 15/3/21

Positive Parent Partners (PPP) New Chairperson, Ms. Sadia Umair

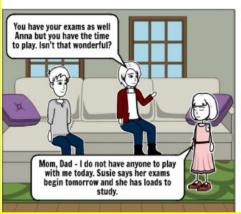
The PPP creates, promotes & supports school initiatives to improve the learning environment & opportunities of our students. It is a positive-focused group, who are committed to WSS and the school's developmental journey, & work closely with the school leadership team as partners. Any parent may apply to join the PPP. If interested, please contact the PRE Ms. Aiysha at aiysha.k wss@gemsedu.com

We are happy to introduce the PPP's new Chairperson, Ms. Sadia Umair, who has been an enthusiastic, active member of the PPP for 3 years. She has worked tirelessly to promote positive home-school relationships & school initiatives in the interest of our children's wellbeing & learning. We thank her for her ongoing hard work & for taking on the PPP Chairperson role. We heartily wish her & the PPP every continuing success.

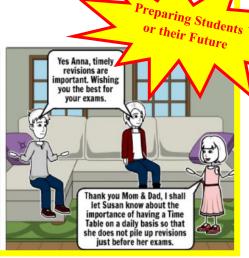
Ms. Sadia said, "It has been an honour to be the part of WSS PPP for the last 3 years. It has been an amazing journey where I feel that we as parents that can do something for the betterment of school in a positive way. It's my pleasure always working with Ms. Valerie and Mr. Andrew."



"PREPAREDNESS FOR EXAMS"







Whole School News; Parent Testimonial





Have you re-enrolled for seats for September 20201?

Whole School News

Preparing Student Wellbeing for their

The Power of Reading

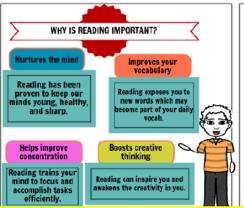
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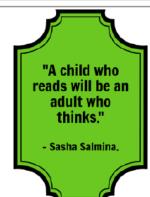












Our E-Safety drive continues across the school with student & staff awareness sessions, a SPEA E-Safety course for staff to complete, & informative student videos with SMART, practical tips to stay safe. Thank you Khairah & Zidrinn (KG1/FS2 S1) for your amazing & SMART videos!







Junior Section News; Book Day!





Cute Happy Birthday video for HH Sheikh Moh'd Bin Zayed Al Nahyan by Nabia







Junior Section News; World Book Day!



Super, artistic book cover designs made as part of World Book Day celebrations.

Junior Section News



















KG1/FS2 S1 writing about "MY FANTASTIC MOM"

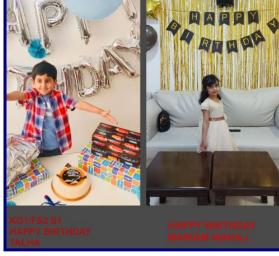


Junior Section News; Emirati Children's Day, 15/3/21





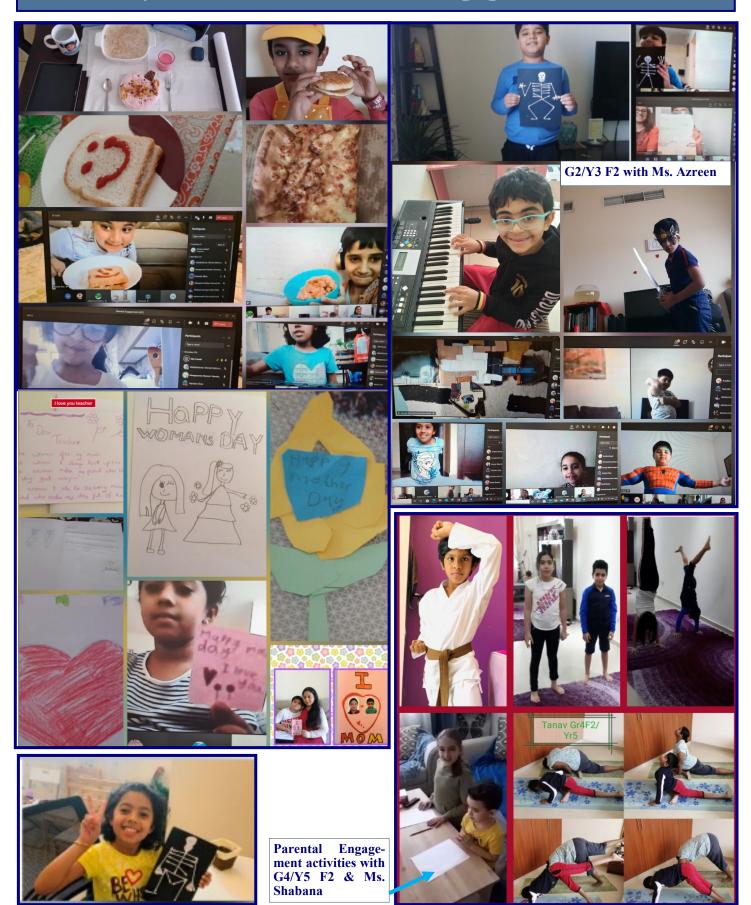
Student Wellbeing





A wonderful video by Shamis (G1/Y2 H2) to celebrate Emirati Children's Day on the March $15^{th}\ 2021.$





HAFSAH 2 G2/Y3

Parental Engagement G2D2/Y3D2 with Ms. Sarada

You can make your own one.



Rahmah G2/Y3

We all can be nice to nature and animals because all of us are living things but not only us are living things animals, fish and plant are also living things so we should take care of them so we should be kind to nature. WE can be amizing if we save the earth.



Izaan, Mom and sister G2/Y3

- We should feed animals our left over food.
- We should use our natural resources more carefully.
- 3. We can grow more plants.
- 4.We should never throw garbage in the water and save marine animals.
- We all have to work together to make clean and green environment.



With Ms. Sarada

Yousef and sister

you can make your own drawing



Aariz Hussain Jamani

G2/Y3

My Speech:

Cleaning our Enviourment is not only keeping it clean but it is also saving the Earth from geting Dirty.

Mary, sister and mother

Ways to save the environment.



HAFSAH G2/Y3 and father:SHOAIB AHMED

As a student we can protect environment by throwing or recycling empty bottles.

and do not throw anywhere.





G3/Y4F2 Parental Engagement Activities

Day:1 Fun Science experiments with parents









Day:2 Breakfast wit with mums











G4/Y5 F2 with Parents & Ms. Shabana



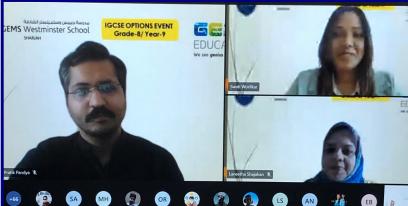




Keeping up-to-date with technology & exploring new innovative resources a must for today's teachers; Ms. Anju has discovered GIM-KIT, a quiz App to motivate her students.

Secondary Section News; IGCSE Options Meeting, 17/3/21!



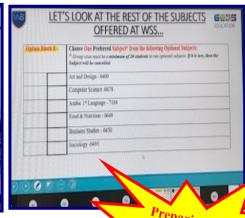


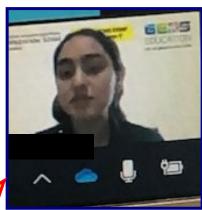




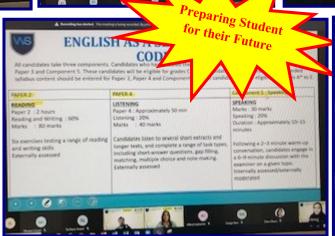




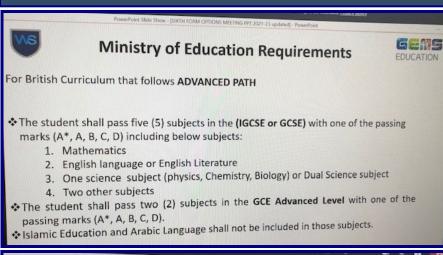




Thank you to those students & parents who attended the important IGCSE Options TEAMS Meeting on 17/3/21. A BIG thank you to our knowledgeable & confident student leaders who presented more about subject details, & to our dedicated staff team who organized the event. G8/Y9 students now need to research their future education & career subject requirements, ask teachers & parents for clarification, & then make SMART choices to support the achievement of their future dreams!



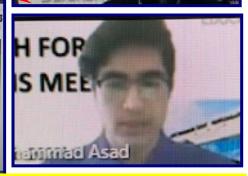
Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Options Meeting, 18/3/21!



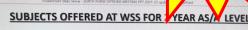
Thank you to all students & parents who attended our Sixth Form Options Meeting on 18/3/21. These subject options open the door to future education & career pathways, so making an informed decision is critical. Thank you to our Student Leaders for clearly presenting detailed subject information, & thanks to Ms. Sherin & her team for organising this important event.











Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D English	
Business Studies	Economics	Accounting		
Chemistry	Physics	Biology	Mathematics	Mechanics
				Statistics
	Food Studies	Sociology	IT //	

Preparing Student for their Future

- Students can choose maximum of four subjects.
- Student can choose only one of the subjects offered in each of Blocks A,B and C.
- Student can choose up to 3 subjects from Block D. (if the student opt Maths, then he/she should choose either Mechanics or Statistics).
- Student can opt Food studies as a 3rd subject .They can appear for the CIE

examinations only in Oct/Nov series







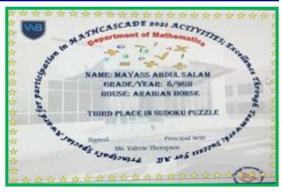
OUR TEAM

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Secondary Section News; Mathscade Launch, 15/3/21!



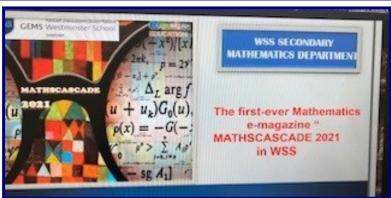










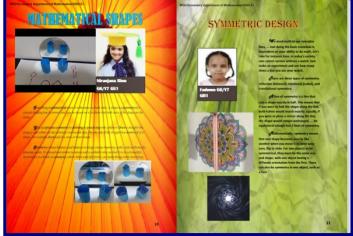


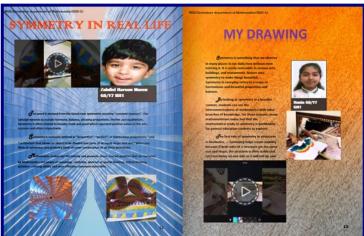




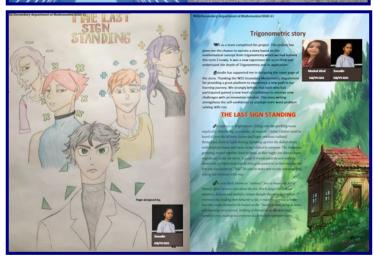
Secondary Section News; Mathscade Launch, 15/3/21!













Please click the below link to view "MATHSCASCADE 2021"

https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1055930046/



Secondary Section News; An Inspirational Female Role Model!



🤗 Deepika Manral + 5 = 17m

International Women's Day- 2021

Anonymous 1d

Noor Ul Ain Khan 12GF

The first mission to Mars launched by the United Arab Emirates is set to enter the planet's orbit on Tuesday following a seven-month, 494 million-kilometer (307 million miles) journey. This would make the UAE the fifth space agency to reach the red planet and mark the first interplanetary mission led by an Arab country. The Emirates Mars Mission, which has cost around \$200 million (£165 million), launched the Hope Probe from a Japanese space center.

space exploration: Women make up an overwhelming majority of the mission team. according to Al-Amiri. "Or science team is 80% women. They are there based on merit and based

Women paving the way in

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Neha 17m

Neha Vinod 12GF

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Sarah Al- Amiri- the woman who led the UAE's Mars Mission. Learn and share more facts about

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Deepika Manral 3d

By Iman Khan

My Inspiration, My Mom



Grade 11-12/Year 12-13 students paid tribute to Ms. Sarah Al Amiri, Science lead for the UAE MARS Mission. She says, "Our science team is 80% women. They are there based on merit, based on what they contribute towards the design and development of the mission."

Great inspiration to every aspiring female scientist!

Iman Khan 3d

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women represented approximately 30.6% of the total science and operations team. The gender profile distribution and its evolution through the

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By Iman Khan



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Sarah Al Amiri began her career at the Emirates Institution for Advanced Science and Technology, where she worked on DubaiSat-1 and DubaiSat-2. 17] In 2018 she was appointed chairwoman of the UAE Council for the Fourth Industrial Revolution and in 2016 the head of Council. (61 (8) (9)

lead for the Emirates Mars Mission, Hope.

Secondary Section News; Celebrating the UAE Leadership!

Birthday wishes

HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan

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Jovanna John

7GH1/Y8G-H1

Happy birthday to H.H Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

We all hope that you live a long, healthy, happy life.

Best wishes for your future

Thank you for everything thing that you have done to help those around you

Vanshika Subash 7GS1/YEAR 8GS1

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to H. H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE.

Raeha Hassan

happy birthday H.H sheikh mohammed bin zayed al nahyan and wishing you many more blessings in life and may you live long and healthy! you are a person everybody can count on and please take care of yourself!



Salma Wissi 7GH1/Y8

We wish a happy and blissful birthday to His Highness sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al Nahyan. May joy, surprises and hope surround you on this day and the days after!

Jovanna John

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Yasmin Mahmoud 7GH1/Y8

Happy Birthday H.H Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Thank u for making our country better and protecting us.

minahil arfan

Sara Nabil

Grade 7/ year 8 GH1

Happy birthday to the highest the smartest the most tolerant the most respective the best H.H Sheikh mohammed bin zayed al nahyan wishing you the best birthday ever

Secondary Section News; Celebrating the UAE Leadership!



zainab faisal Grade7/Year 8GS1

Poster





Jawaher jamil 8-GF1

Happy Birthday H.H Sheikh mohammed bin zayed al nahyan wishing you the happiest and the brightest day ever stay safe

Zoya Noman Syeda 7GF1/Y8G-F1

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May joy, great surprises, love and happiness surround you on this your special day and years ahead! ~Zoya Noman~

Menna Mohamed With Ms. Indira

Secondary Section News; International Women's Day!



-Blogger

My Inspiration

Leena ônoubar @withloveleena



=international womensday



My Inspiration,My Mom



"Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another. We're strongest when we cheer each other on." Serena Williams



Iman Khan By: Hamna Hoor 12GF1



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Grade 11 & Grade 12 Girls (Year 12 & 13) Ms. Arzoo & Ms. Deepika

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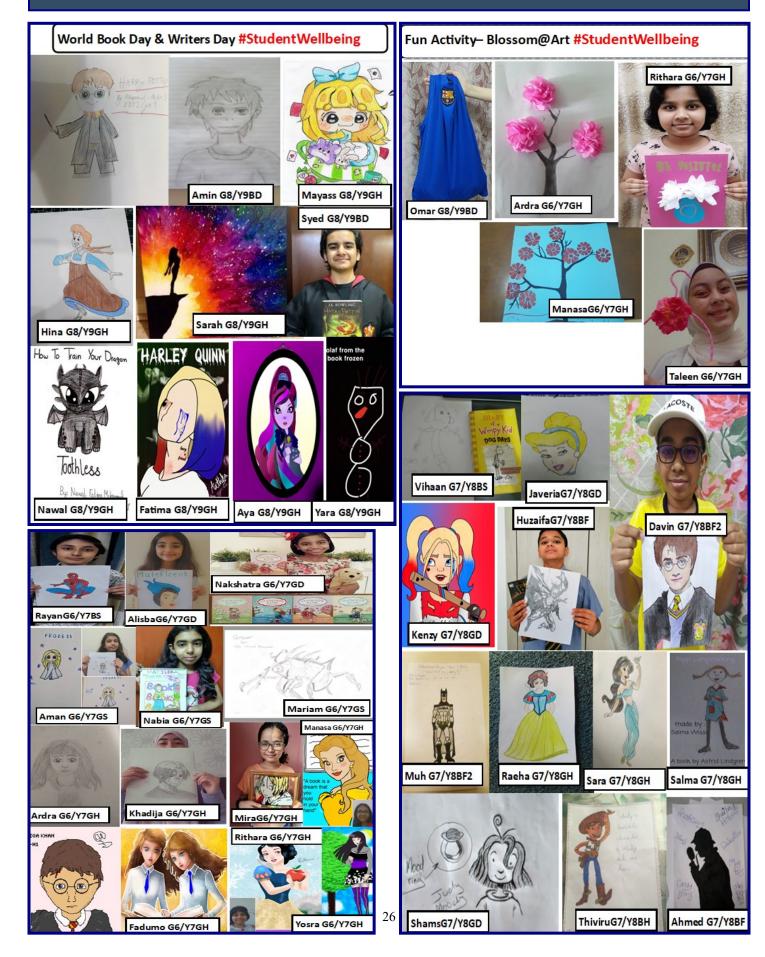
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Maryam Imtiaz

Secondary Section News; Fun Activity With Creativity!



Secondary Section News





"Developing a

Growth mindset"

- What are GROWTH and FIXED mindset?
- Create a list of growth mindset statements.
- Watch this

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=el7NmAH6Jro

and reflect on this mindset and reframe your failure.

Share it in the form class pad let link.
#studentwellbeing
#wssstudentvoice

My effort and attitude make all difference

WSS "Growth mindset" week

GROWTH

MINDSET

MY EFFORT AND ATTITUDE MAKE ALL DIFFERENCE

