GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH

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

Dear WSS Parents,

Critical; Pending Fees

Many thanks to those parents who have cleared Term 3 fees. We really appreciate your considerate support to enable

smooth school operation. We hate to have to follow-up regarding fees, however, we need fees cleared in a timely manner to enable us to continue to fully operate the school, pay our bills, teachers & other staff, & ensure we are able to deliver your children's educational programme. Pending fees remains a HUGE problem with some Term 2 fees still pending! Our only income is through parents clearing fees in a timely manner, so do please do the needful urgently. Thank you.

SPEA 'Stay at Home if Unwell' Policy

Sending a sick child (or having any one COVID symptom) to school threatens the health of the whole WSS community. You must keep your sick child at home. Please note the Authority's rule is that a sick child having any one COVID symptom has to be collected from school within 30 minutes, take a PCR test & bring a Medical Certificate before returning to school, which may be inconvenient to parents. Stay safe, & help to keep us all safe! Thank you.

pates for Your Diary				
Date	Details			
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.			
Thurs. 1st July	 Students' last day of the academic year (TBC). 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 deductible from T1 Fees, Sept-Dec. '21). 			
From Sun- day 29th Aug. 2021	 The new Academic Year 2021-2022 starts. Students who have travelled must have completed 10 days' quarantine before rejoining school. All students over 12 years must bring a negative PCR Test (validity 72 hours) to rejoin school. Full T1 fees are due before any student is assigned a lass & admitted for the new academic year. Please Budget accordingly—there will be no Payment Plans in T1. 			



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

Whole School News!





The Principal Ms. Valerie joined the GCS Local Advisory Body (LAB) for their Termly LAB Meeting. The aim of the LAB is to support school development through being a 'Critical Friend'. Members include parents, students & community experts. The GCS & GMS Principals are also members of the WSS LAB team.

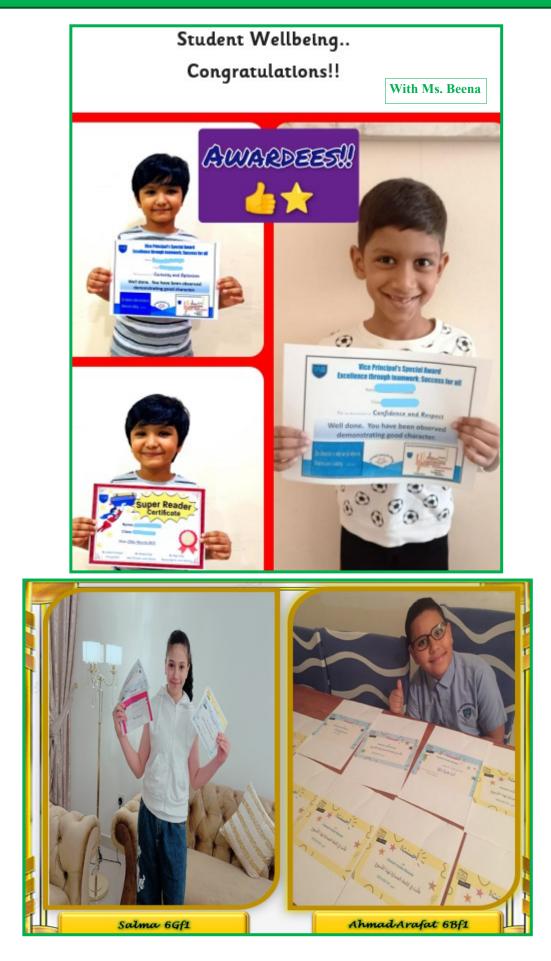
WSS Superstar 'I Read Arabic' Champions!



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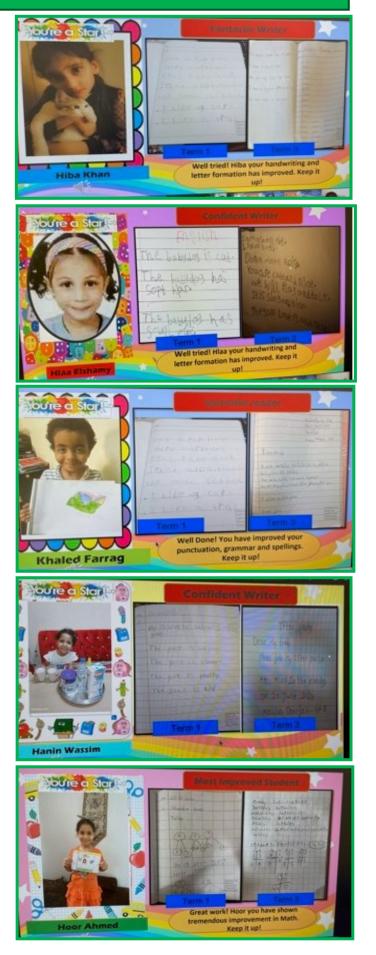




Here re just a few of our KG2/Y1 Superstars enjoying their T3 Achievement Assembly!







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WSS Superstar Recycling Champions; Support Staff Prizes!









WSS Superstar Champions!

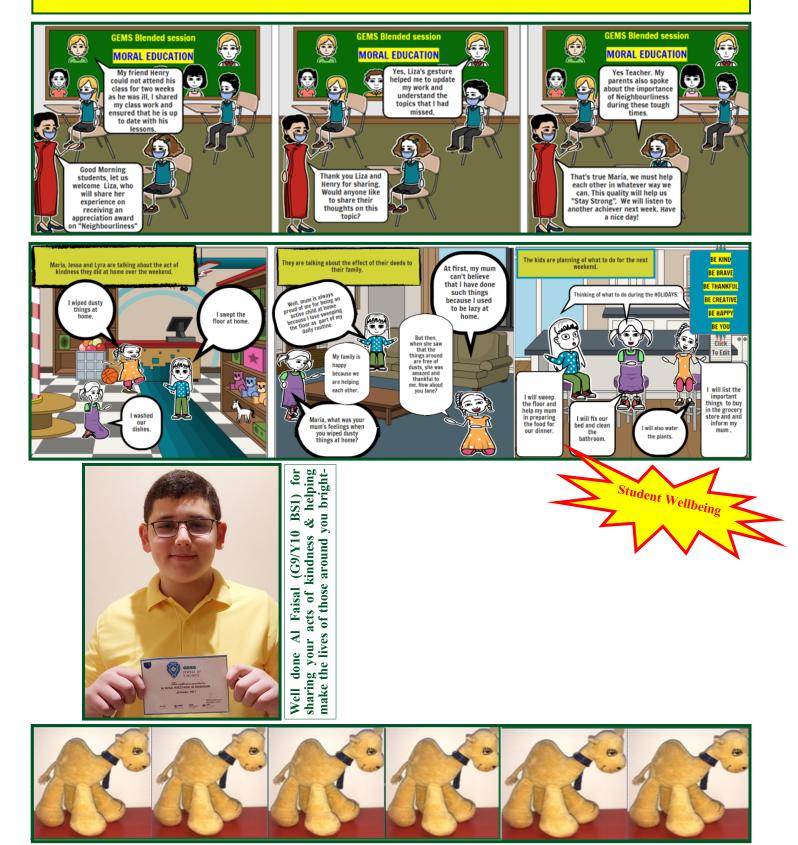


G4/Y5 H1 Superstars with Ms. Anju





Whole School News; Colin the Kindness & Respect Camel! Awarded for demonstrating Good Character (Respect, Kindness & Community Spirit)



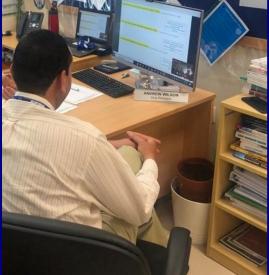
You can give your child are a quality education and the values that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey

Whole School News; Twinning!



School Twinning; VP Mr. Andrew & HOD Arabic Mr. Osama leading Arabic online sessions for a group of Sixth Form students at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, UK. They also led sessions about Ramadan, fasting & Eid. This international Twinning initiative is proving very popular & successful!



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







Take part in the September Learning Survey

The concept of a large scale, international survey of student learning grew out of the Trusts for Impact movement, which was formed from a core group of education leaders wanting to shape and value what we measure in education and not solely rely on examination performance and the acquisition of knowledge. In these challenging and changing times trusting our profession to make the right judgements about the right things is essential.

The starting point must be the pupils and their learning

From this basis the founding members and extended group of Trusts for Impact co-created the narrative and learning survey over the last year using the research, student focus groups, iterative group discussions.

From the survey results we will build our own internal database and make properly informed decisions to improve learning and the life chances of our students. We can allow success to be measured over time in a defensible way. Globally we can define a new dashboard and a different discourse around learning.

Please join us and be part of the largest global survey of student learning ever



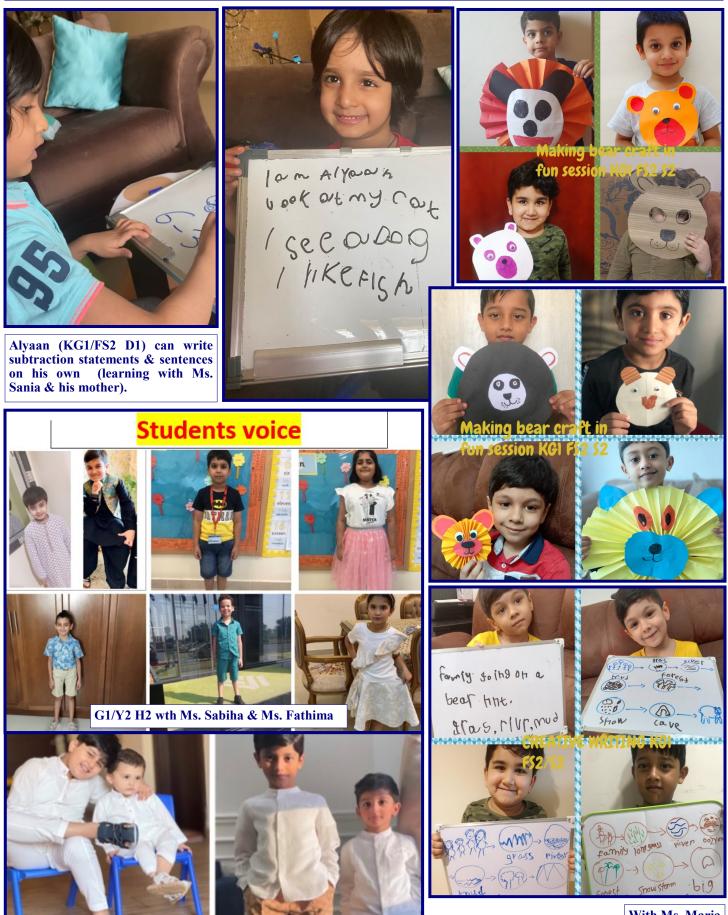
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Junior Section News!



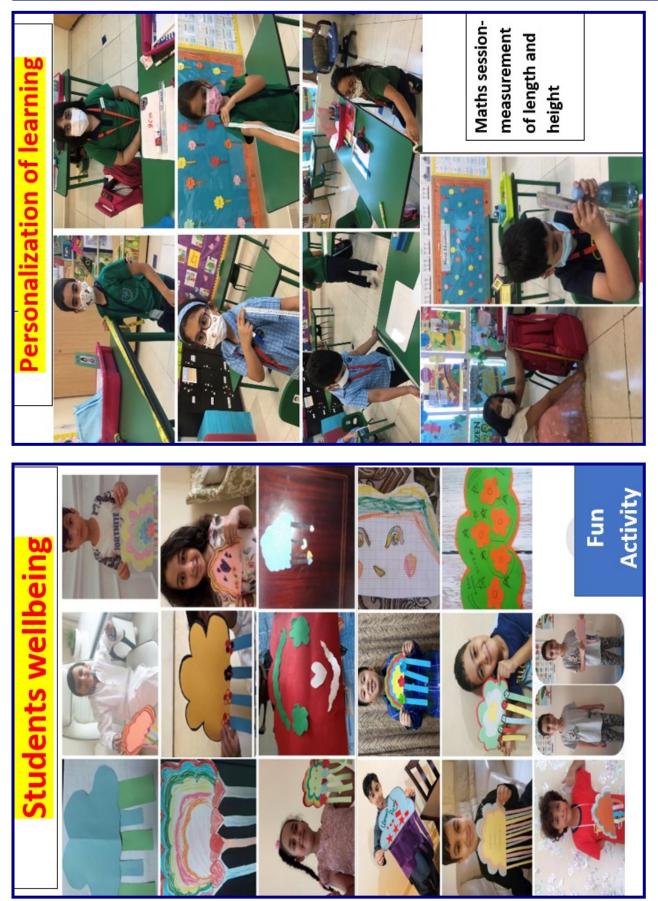
With Ms. Maria

Junior Section News; Creativity & Artistic Skill Development!



Amazing creativity with G1/Y2 & Ms. Maha

Junior Section News!



G1/Y2 F2 with Ms. Sabiha & Ms. Fathima

Junior Section News!



With Ms. Nikhat

Primary Section News; Creative Recycling!











Recycle Activity : Gr/Yr 5/6 LFQ: How do I create a Pen Holder from Best Out Of Waste?











With Ms. Surbhi



Gr/Yr 4/5 Students Craft Activity LFQ: How do I make a Bird Cage with Paper









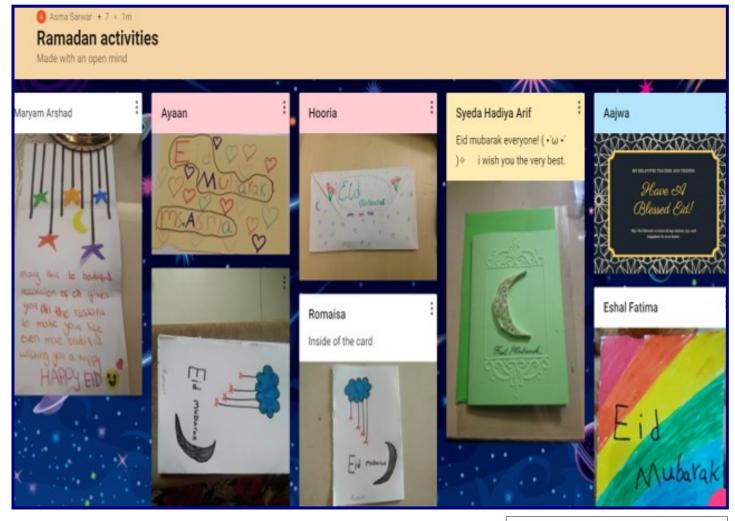
Primary Section News



Ramadan activities with Ms. Asma



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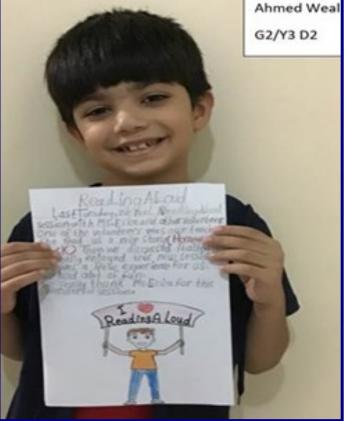
Ramadan activities with Ms. Asma

Primary Section News; 'Read Aloud' Initiative with AUS!



A collaborative reading session was organized with Ms. Erica and her team from American University Sharjah & some of our Primary students. The session was appreciated and valueadding. The Read Aloud Session and the activity sessions saw students learn in small groups & interact with one other, which provided students with a greater degree of engagement with one another. There was ample scope for a one-to-one interaction which enabled students to share their opinions and feelings. Overall, it was a unique experience for all involved and the students enjoyed every bit of it.

This is the feedback from the AUS organiser, Ms. Erica, "...I want to send my deepest gratitude to both you and all the Westminster teachers involved in helping us to pull of this little program. I cannot adequately express how impressed I am with their commitment and care in collaboration. All of our AUS students left the classroom with big smiles after the read-aloud time. According to our short assessment, nearly all 2nd graders (Y3) participated and engaged in discussion during the breakout sessions. It was such a joy...."



Primary Section News; 'Read Aloud' Initiative with AUS!

🧼 Anshy Anto + 18 🔍 1m G2/Y3 students share their expe-Reading Lesson with AUS Team Students' Voice! rience of the 'Read Aloud' activity with AUS. Thank you AUS!! Liam Tian Marwan Hamida Ali Sashen mindula This makes an exellent The reading lesson was fun and The reading lesson was very fun That reading lesson was and entertaining. I learned about impression, it is a professionally amazing and I really appreciate entertaining. We read stories presented plan. It was amazing it so much of them and they are with the AUS team. I learned that why do sunflowers like the sun lesson and i have a new friend. and discovered that the so nice it was fun to go to space. sunflowers was following where the sun was going and is called Judy meher "heliotropism." Avni It was awesome, I loved it even i loved it. it was so fun and i it was amazing and loved it .We in the rooms we read a funny want to do it again next sunday. Mark talked and we read a story it story. That day was the best day it was an intresting lesson and was the best reading lesson. ever we even less tiaring. it was the best It was the best lesson ever and I sesson ever liked the story Virat Kaler Shrehoshi The reading lesson was so fun Alishba and we read stories about It was an amazing in reading sunflowers with our guest I loved the reading lesson . It class. The collage students were Aanayah Naseem' Mr.Amir from American was so much fun and I like the kind university. It was informative story. I read Henny Penny it was It was the the best reading a very funny. I love that we get and enjoyable. lesson ever we had so much fun. Nouran to read books and ask questions We read stories and they were of the story and the story was It was one of the best lessons fun stories Youssef really funny and that's all. ever Mr. Amir was very kind and It was fun we read story it was amazing. funny. A DATA HAR AND A together and discussed . Matab Trevonn In reading lesson I enjoyed a lot. Prince SAIF AHMED It was a different lesson with The reading lesson was fun and The reading lesson is amazing fun. good. It was the best lesson in the year and read the stories . The best part was the story it with very nice activities. was so funny. Azfar ms 1 was so fun to Muhammad Kashi Nairah areesha learn with we read a story It was really a good class.i had it was very fun and she was about a person who thought lot of fun. But they could not see really kind aswell and the story Ayan she was gonna be a student my conversation in the chat was about the sun and the wind but she was a teacher the I was happy and I even learned a unfortunately.i would love to do and the sun the sun and the youngest and i answered 2 new topic it was fun it again .Thank you. wind were in a fight and the wind questions and i hope i meat And amr and hania we're also wanted to show how strong he her again felt happy our topic was about a was and then the wind tried to sunflower Alaa prove how good they were but We even read a story and we I was so happy about my the wind lost Habeeba even discuss a little bit it was teacher she gives me fun and she was soooo kind and she Alot of fun my friend they are so nice and

the teacher.

Annapoorna

I had a lot of fun.

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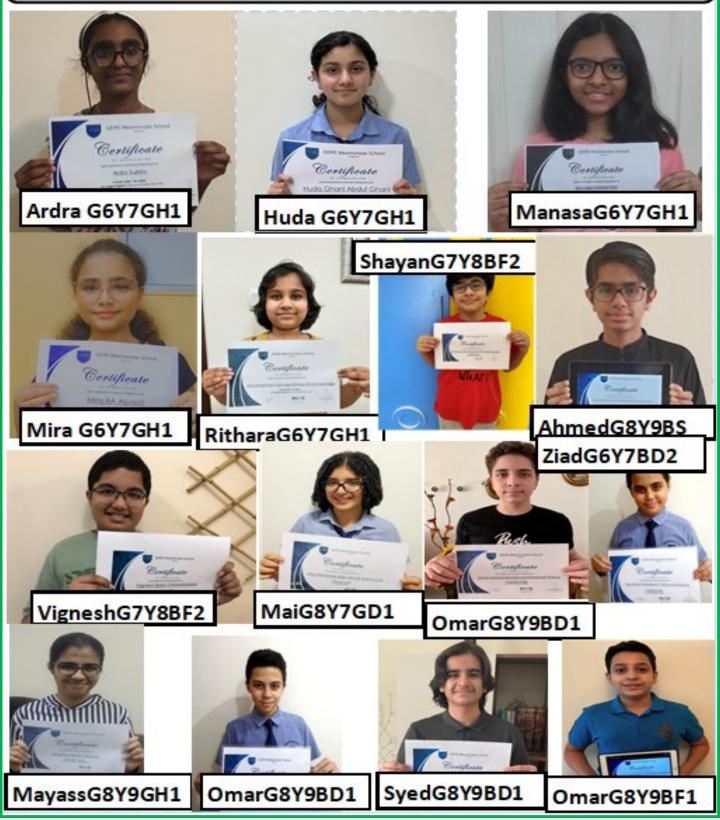
was funny i was soooooo happy

but i was sad because it is

done

Secondary Section News; Achievement Assembly Champions!

Achievement Assembly Awards #StudentWellbeing



Secondary Section News; ME Classcraft Champions!

G7/Y8 Classcraft Champions - April 2021.

wonderful Avatars of G7/Y8 Classcraft Champions - April 2021.

With Ms. Susan



G7/Y8 Classcraft Moral Education Champion - April 2021					
S No	G7/Y8	ID	Student name	Position	
1	BF2	7058	VIGNESH BABU CHANDRASEKAR	1 st - Falcon	
2	BF1	6107	HAMZA NOAMAN SHAMIM	2 nd - Falcon	
3	BH1	12035	YOUSEF WAGDY ZALAT	3 rd - Arabian Horse	
4	BS2	8013	BHIPESH SUNEEL KUMAR	4 th - Scorpion	
5	BS1	4814	BIENN CEDRIC PRECILLA	5 th - Scorpion	
6	BD1	176	MUHAMMAD REHAN JASIM	6 th - Dolphin	
7	BH1	517	THIVIRU DILMITH NETHTHASINGHE	1 st G7Y8 Commando to use his power - Level 4	
			Girls Section		
1	GS1	16412	MEERAB MUHAMMAD NAEEM	1 st - Scorpion	
2	GF1	6111	SYEDA TAYYIBA AHSAN	2 nd - Falcon	
3	GH1	13345	FARAH SAMIR AL RAWI	3 rd - Arabian Horse	
4	GD1	16243	ALVEENA ZIA DURRANI	4 th - Dolphin	

Secondary Section News; ME Classcraft!

With Ms. Susan

G6/Y7 Classcraft Kudus



🖓 To: Team 2

Great work teams. It is awesome to be knowing that it is the first time our whole class is on a website AND working together. It is amazing to all. Waiting for more fun and lovely adventures

From: NABIA AHMED AHMED RAZA MANSOOR 6468

G7/Y8 Classcraft Kudus

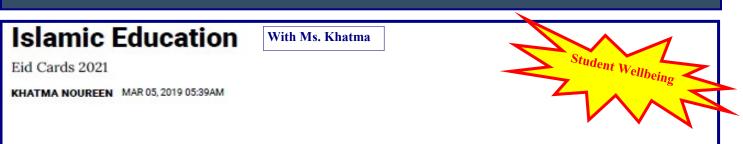


Classcraft is amazing and all of us are doing so well.

From: SELLAPPERUMAGE TRISTEN JAYSON FERNANDO 11462 April 21, 2021



Secondary Section News; Eid Mubarak!



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Eid Mubarak everyone!!!!



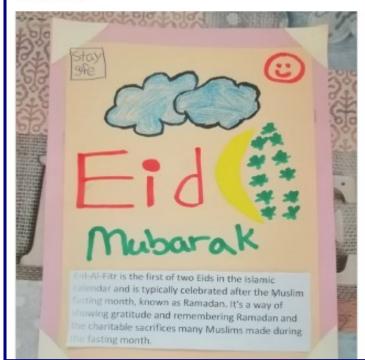
Muhammad bt G6/Y7bh1 Card Making 2/2



Muhammad bt G6/Y7bh1 Did card 1/2

Muhammad Hadi

G7BS1 Eid Mubarak





Mirza

EID UL FITR is the day when we all Muslims unite and celebrate the going of the Holy month of Ramzan

Happiness and Joyfulness is on that day when Muslims be happy and spent this pleasure time with their Family. HAPPY EID MUBARAK TO ALL FAITHFULL MOMINS AND

HAPPY EID MUBARAK TO ALL FAITHFULL MOMINS AND MUSLIMS.

Secondary Section News; Eid Mubarak!







EID MUBARAK PICTURES SHARED BY FORM CLASS-9BS/YR10: FORM TUTOR: MS. RAJASHREE 😌



Ahmed Sulman Tariq – 9BS/YR10

With Ms. Rajashree

Mohammed Ayaan Khan – 9BS/YR10

Secondary Section News; Eid Mubarak!



Secondary Section News; Student Wellbeing—Fun Activity!

