

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #10
29th October, 2020



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

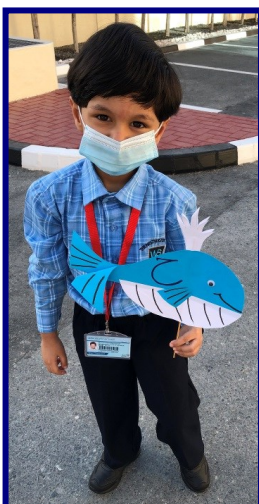
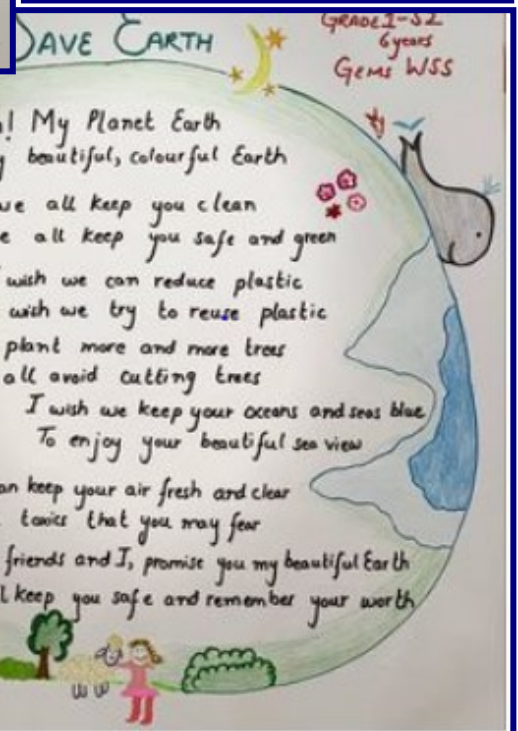
Dear WSS Parents,
We have reached mid-way through the first Term—I am sure that you are ready for a restful Mid-Term break— you have certainly earned it through your continuous contribution of hard work & engagement in your children's learning journey.
Thank you!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Thurs. 29th Oct.- Monday 2nd Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thurs. 29/10; Holiday for Prophet's Birthday (PBUH). Saturday 31st Oct. until Monday 2nd November inclusive, school closed for Mid-Term Break School reopens for students on Tuesday 3rd November, on Week 2.



Wonderfully creative environmental posters for the SPEA Competition



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>



WSS Superstar Champions; VPs Character Awards!

STAR STUDENTS demonstrating valuable virtues

Ahmed Ali 8BH1



Omar 8BF1



Dayana 8GD1



Harram 8GH1

Omar 8BD1



Ziyad 8BS1



Jawaher 8GF1



Mridini 7GH1

Thiviru 7BH1



Qazi 6BF1



Salma 7GS1

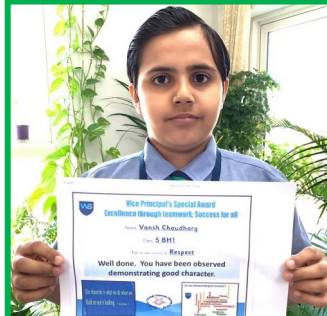


Nada 6GF1

Badr 6BH2



Nathan 7BD1



Below, Arwa (G3S1) Islamic Star of the Week

Yassin 6BD1

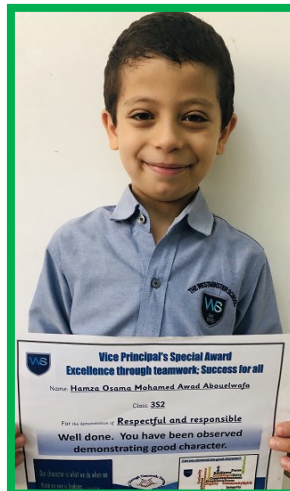


Abdulrahman 7BS1

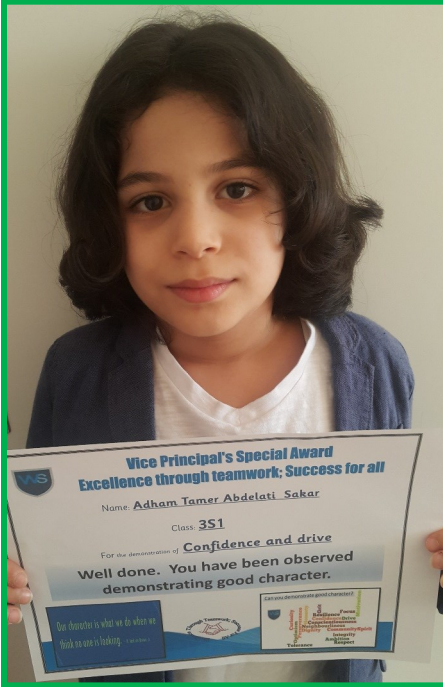
Farah 7GD1



Secondary Section Star Students



WSS Superstar Champions!



Adham (G3S1) winner of the VP's Character Award



Superstar Awards for Nadeen (KG2H1) & Nada (G6GF1)



Superstar Zoha (G3F1) with her 2 certificates!



Umar Ahmed
4D2



Amna Mahmoud
4D2

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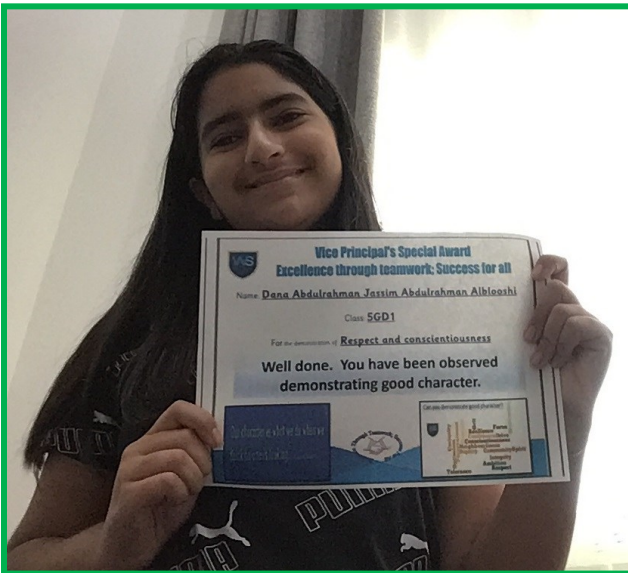
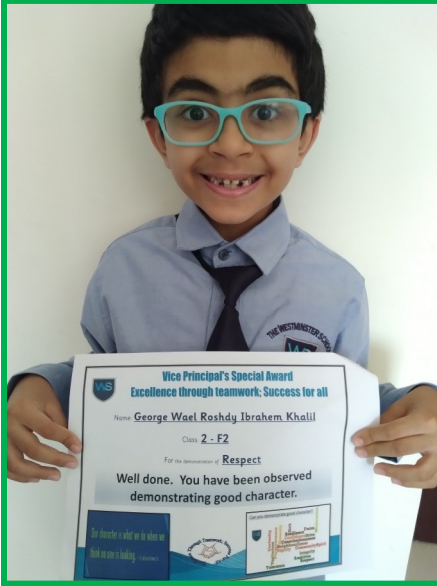


Celino 6BD2



Malak 6GD1

WSS Superstar Champions!





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This certificate is awarded to:
Ananya Pankaj Sharma
OF CLASS: 8GD1

For achieving **1st Place** in the Covid Trivia quiz.
Academic year 2020-21

27/10/2020
DATE

VALERIE THOMPSON
School Principal



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This certificate is awarded to:
Jana Hany Ibrahim
OF CLASS: 8GD1

For achieving **2nd Place** in the Covid Trivia quiz.
Academic year 2020-21

27/10/2020
DATE

VALERIE THOMPSON
School Principal



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This certificate is awarded to:
Sonadie Seyana
OF CLASS: 8GD1

For achieving **3rd Place** in the Covid Trivia quiz.
Academic year 2020-21

27/10/2020
DATE

VALERIE THOMPSON
School Principal

☞ 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; Positive Parent Appreciation

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO

MS. DIVYAMOL SAJAN

SCIENCE TEACHER

AS

THE BEST TEACHER FOR OUR WARD

HAMZAH BELAL

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK, GOOD ATTITUDE, DEDICATIONS AND COMMITMENT TO OUR WARD.

THE SUCCESS AND GROWTH OF OUR WARDS DEPENDS ON TEACHERS LIKE YOU.

THANKS FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO OUR CHILD

HAMZAH BELAL FAMILY



I am so pleased with how my children have progressed, especially during these uncertain times. And how the school has adopted the new teaching methods. Really appreciate the hard work of WSS management.

Ms. Sadia, mother of Maha Siddiqui (G-4) & Muhammad Aman (G2).

GEMS EDUCATION



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With the outbreak of COVID-19, WSS has been instrumental in providing our children with some amazing ongoing virtual lessons. Not are our children engaged and interested, with all the new applications that WSS has been using, online sessions are actually fun. Great job done by WSS and kudos to all for making this online schooling a reality.

Ms. Darshika Malkani, mother of Simran Kabir Malkani
from Grade 5.

GEMS EDUCATION

Dear Parents, we truly appreciate how hard you are working with your children at home during this challenging pandemic & value our teamwork and also appreciate how many of you have taken the extra time to also appreciate the tremendous work that our teachers are doing planning, delivering & balancing teaching both Blended and online lessons at the same time.

Whole School News; SPEA Competition Entries—Please vote for a SPEA winner!



Increasing Awareness

Our planet Earth is a magical place, a land with seas and skies beyond our sight. Strong to say that the only way we look at Earth is like source of wealth and goods. Natural resources like iron, gold, crude oil, diamonds, uranium, they don't belong to us. They belong to our Science. Earth's Pollute technology continuously and totally corrupt Earth in a way which is unbelievable. Pollution, drought, melting animals, devastating impact to flora and fauna are the results of people technological progress. We use Earth resources mindlessly to please ourselves and satisfy our needs. However nature isn't supposed to be treated like that. We have to increase our awareness and to turn towards the nature and all living beings at this our home and we don't have alternative dwelling place to live. The Earth is suffering not only from the gas pollution but from the thought pollution too. Thoughts are energy which we affect everything around us. And the source of that energy is in the heart. So we must develop our level of thinking and our heart energy is used to that every living being with love and kindness. Only then we will be able to enjoy the Earth and our kids will inherit all the treasures.

Omar Al Deeb 8B11
SEMS Westminster, Sharjah



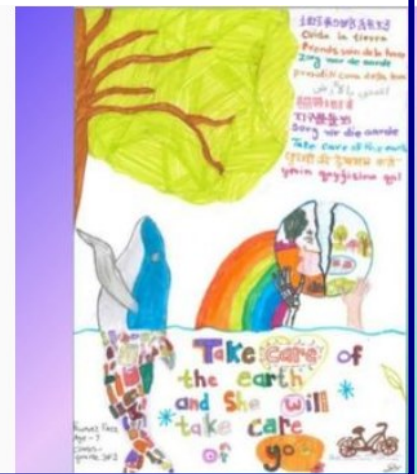
Plastic Nightmare

I dreamt a nightmare but, in fact it was a sad and cruel nightmare of our beautiful earth without its green and blue being bare. No trees, no hills and the oceans were not pretty. Plastic waste had was a floating mass of plastic dirty, making our precious Earth filthy! The fishes were dead and I could feel my heart was filled with lead.

I woke up horrified and scared seeing this nightmare. If drowning in plastic everywhere we have to act and do so now before our blue Earth becomes a planet of peck!

If we begin now we can change history. And protect our planet Earth from being just a memory! Let's reduce, reuse and recycle to end this pain. And help make our planet Earth beautiful again!!!

By Nathan Raj
7B D1
WSS

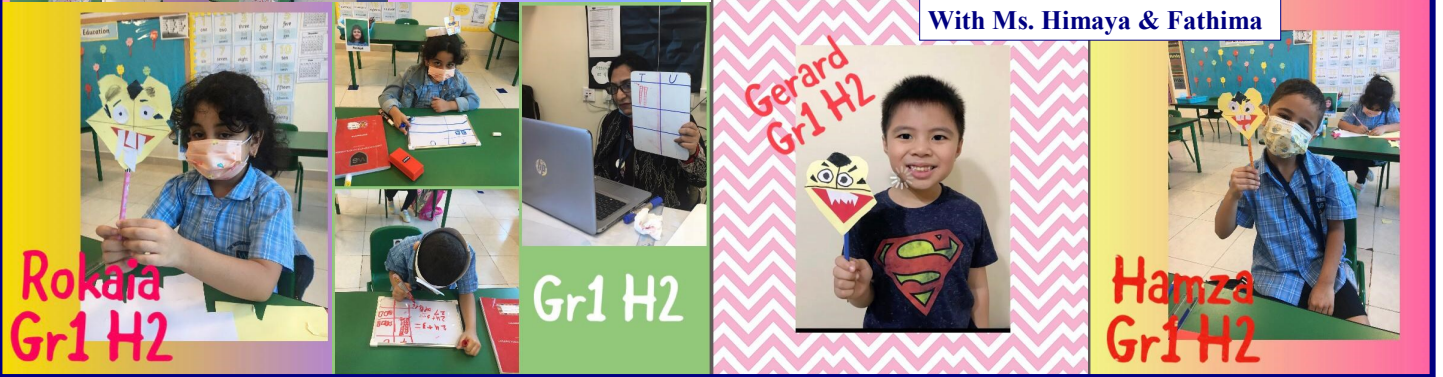


Please vote for your favourite entry on Instagram by latest Friday 30th October!

- Yvonne Cara, KG 1 H1: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CG1ZLtyAZBx/>
- Zayaan Mohamed, KG2 D2: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CG1Y5miA2H3/>
- Sonadie Seyana, Grade 8G D1: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGzKGOfgEXT/>
- Meerab Naeem, Grade 7G S1: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGzJGc-g2BJ/>
- Nathan Raj, Grade 7 B D1: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGzJFrGAKHH/>
- Omar Al Deeb, Grade 8 B H1: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGzKpZEg-jX/>
- Fatima Hasan, Grade 6 G D1: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGzLr4mAMDb/>

- Hamad Al Deeb, Grade 6 B S1: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGzLYcYg7bZ/>
- Vansh Chaudhary, Grade 5 B H1: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGzIpc4A83c/>
- Kassandra Erin, Grade 4 S1: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGzIRVJAMAn/>
- Suqqainah Sarvar, Grade 3 S1: https://www.instagram.com/p/CGzHI_kqgI0/
- Fawaaz Faiz, Grade 2 F2: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGzHAYpgiSq/>
- Mohib Fahad, Grade 1 S2: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGzF9YPgR7s/>

Junior Section News



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Kg1 D1

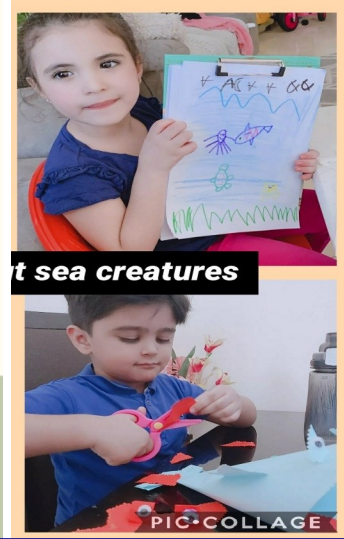
Numbers are fun

With Ms. Nikhat



Kg1 D1 engaged with learning activities.

PIC-COLLAG



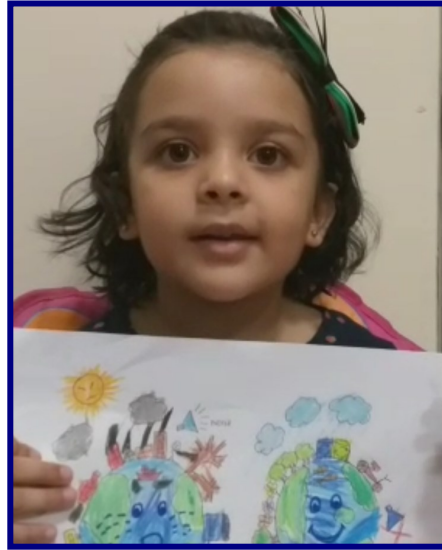
at sea creatures

PIC-COLLAG



Kg1 D1 engaged with learning activity.

PIC-COLLAG



**Muhammad Ahmad bin Imran
G1 # H1**



**Rainbow Fish
Khizar**



The earth is our home so blue and green

**So lets do our part to keep the earth clean
Kg2S1
5yr
Eman**

Junior Section News



With Ms. Sadiqa

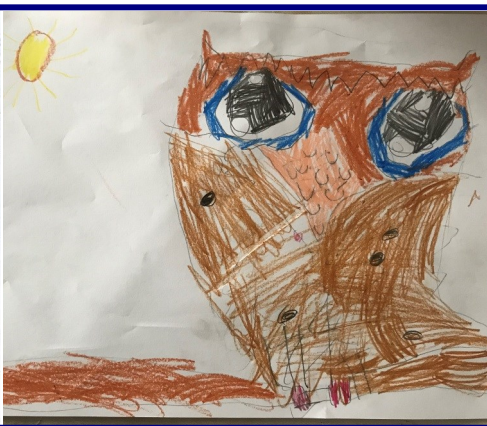
HG2S1 Fun Activity



KG2S1



Wonderfully creative environmental pictures for the SPEA competition. Thank you!



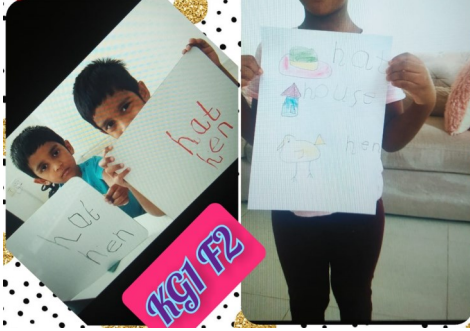
Junior Section News

Maths is Fun



KG1 F2

Learning the sound "h"



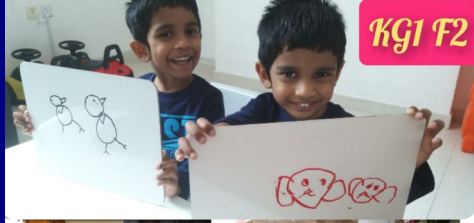
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Maths is Fun



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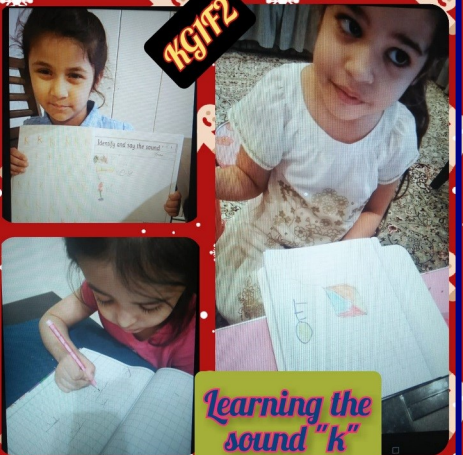
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Maths is Fun

KG1 F2



Learning the sound "k"

Animals and their young ones



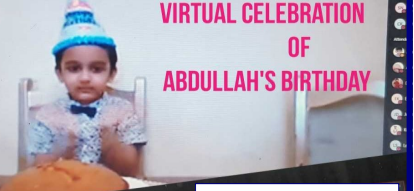
Maths is Fun

Drawing the "little red hen"

Learning the concept "big" and "small"



KG1 F2



With Ms. Safia



Learning to compare animal body parts KG2S2



Fabulous range of learning activities in KG2S2 with Ms. Mariam



Fun activity @KG2S2

Working hard to compare human and animal bodies KG2S2

Junior Section News

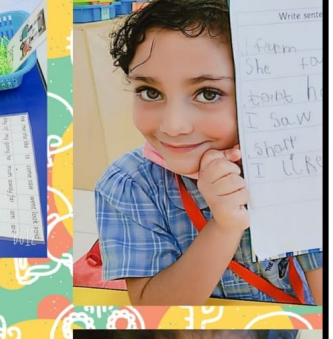


Old Mac Fred during the "ar" session. KG2H1



With Ms. Uzma

Animal pencil holder activity. KG2H1



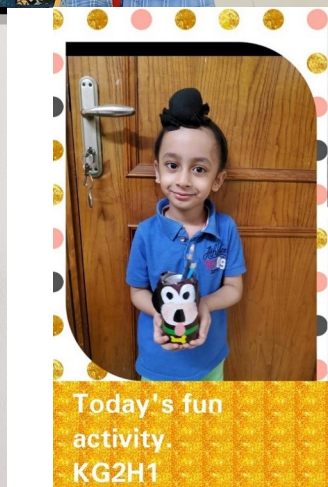
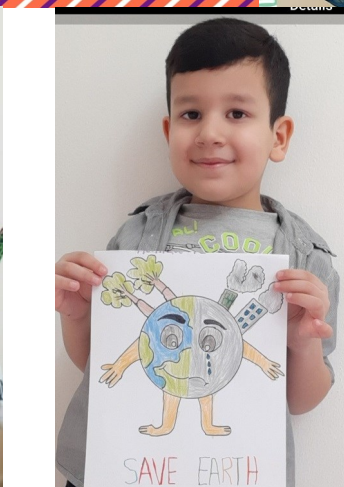
Superb class :) KG2H1



Well done Mariah. KG2H1



Well done Karim. KG2H1



Today's fun activity. KG2H1



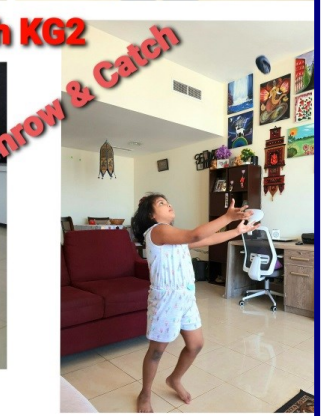
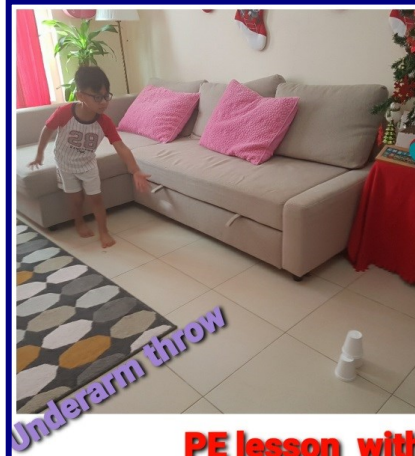
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Keeping fit with Ms. Sheema



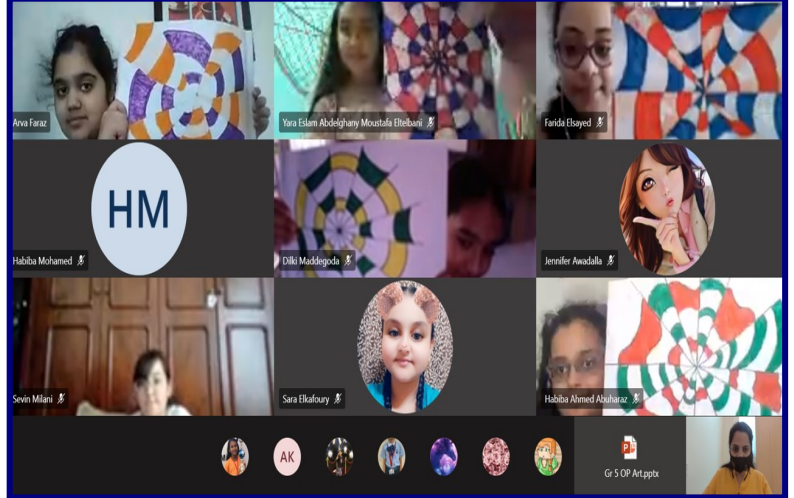
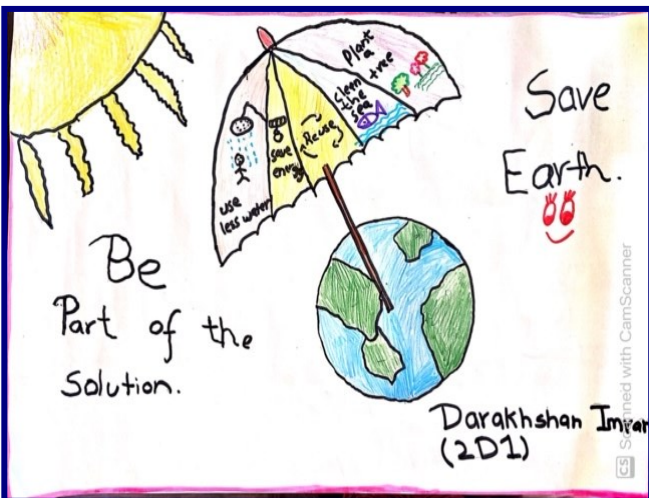
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Primary Section News; SPEA Competition Entries

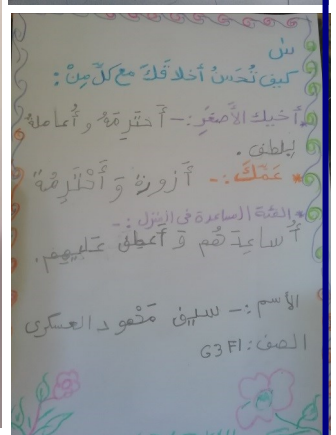
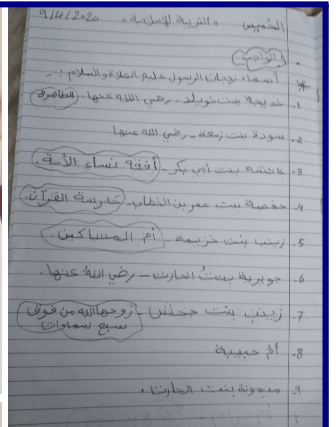
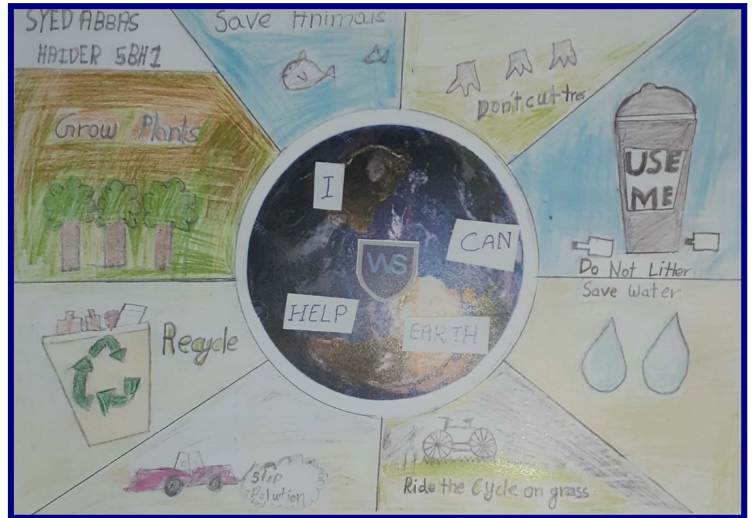


G5 Optical Illusion Artwork with Ms. Surbhi



Effective home-school support networks with parents & HoI Ms. Rema.

Primary Section News



G2 & G2 students applying their Arabic skills with Mr. Abdalla Elenani

Beautiful artwork with Ms. Fadwa

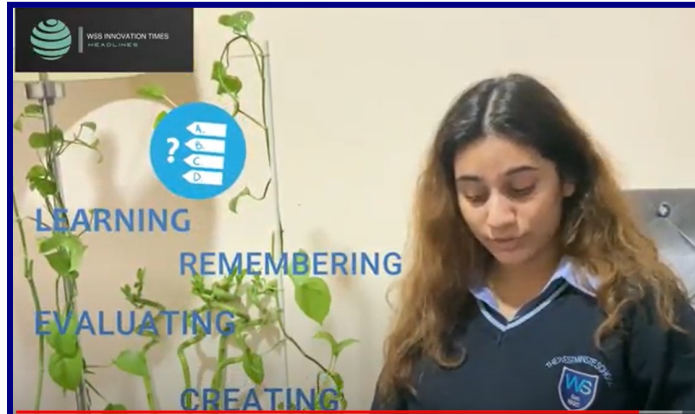
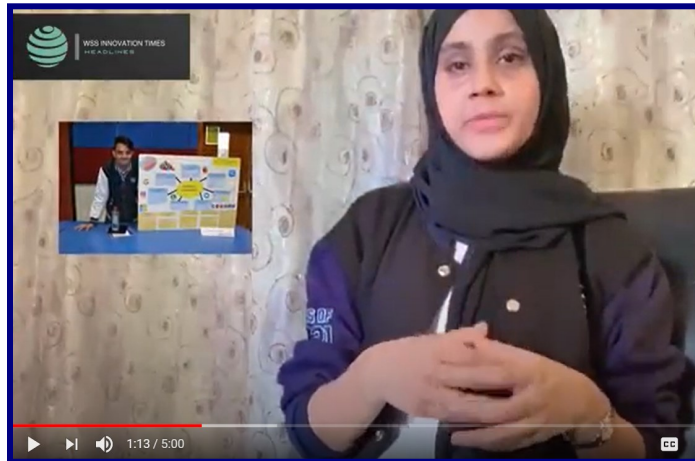
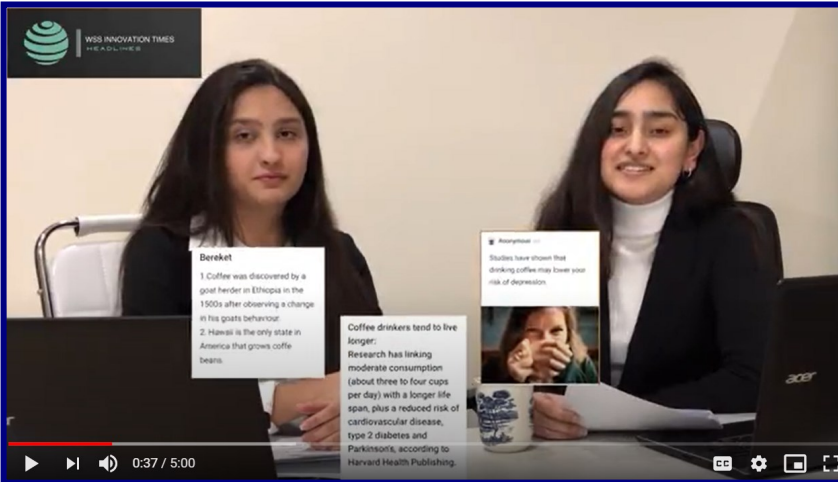
Secondary Section News; Innovation News Video

We are excited to share, on the link below, a new initiative, **the Innovation News Video**.

The news video introduces some of our upcoming activities- **STEAM, BLOOMS RACE, MAGAZINE** and **THINK TANK** (Term 2). Check it out at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19IKORmq2upRXg7LOV6g31368MIY-93PZ/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you to our creative, hardworking students & Innovation Leader Ms. Manju Solvin for the engaging initiative.



Cast	
News Anchor 1	Sana Ghani
News anchor 2	Sidra Ghani
Participant 1	Hamna Hoor
Participant 2	Nazwa Mostafa
Participant 3	Kirmal Abigail
Script by	Sidra & Sana
Edited by	Sana Ghani
Led by	Ms. Manju Solvin

Secondary Section News

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WSS WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS
PINK WEEK
25TH-29TH OCTOBER 2020
"Supporting the fighters.
Admiring the survivors.
Honouring the taken.
And Never Giving up hope."

WEAR PINK

HOPE

LOVE

GIRL POWER

ACTIVITIES

1. BREAST CANCER awareness power point presentation during registration time.
2. 30 minutes Yoga session for students and parents led by Ms. Valerie Thompson.
3. Change your display pictures on teams to a pink Ribbon to spread awareness.
4. TAKE A PICTURE WEARING THE PINK RIBBON .
5. Spread the awareness of breast cancer. talk to your friends and family members and Write your experience on Teacher given padlet link.

Designed by: Leanne Rodrigo & Hanna Hoor - 12GF

Environment Awareness Posters

Nakshatra 6GD1

Amatullah 6GD1

Aleeza Khan 6GS1

Eashal 6GS1

Naveera 6GF1

International Day of The Girl Child

12CF1

#Caring

My mom is the quintessence of altruism and kindness

#Inspiring

One of the best things about my sister is she always sees through me even when I try to hide my feelings she always knows when I'm hurt and can tell from all the way in an other country, she'll call me asking if I am alright.

#Adventurous

#Kindness #Smile

One of the things i love the most about my mother is that she never depends on anyone, she's independent and hard working and she never gives up. She's one of the bravest people i know and she always motivates me to do the best and always to be brave no matter what .

#CREATIVE

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WSS WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

ACTIVITIES

1. Take a picture of yourself washing your hands.
2. Record a video of a trick you've learned that allows you to wash your hands for 20 seconds (It can either be a singing song that's 20 seconds long or reciting a poem that long)
3. Which type of soap would you recommend for hand wash during this pandemic and why? (Answer on Padlet)

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR GIRL CHILD

ACTIVITIES

Take a picture with your sister/mother and hashtag their quality you like the most.

Take a picture of yourself with the hashtag #brighterfutureforgirls

Poster Designed by: Neha Vinod, Hanna Hoor & Sasha Kawashima. 12GF

Secondary Section News; Science Innovation Club!



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22nd October, 2020

Dear Parent,

Subject: VIRTUAL SCIENCE CLUB.

Greetings from GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, Sharjah. We hope you and your ward are keeping safe. With much excitement we would like to share the commencing of our **VIRTUAL SCIENCE CLUB** by the **Department of Science** at WSS. The **VIRTUAL SCIENCE CLUB** will be a platform for your child to explore and grow scientific skills in an innovative way.

If you wish your child to participate, please note the following details:

Grades: Grade 6 – 8

First round of selection: 4th November 2020 (During Registration time, 7.45 am – 8 am)

Mode of Selection: Science Aptitude Test and CAT4 Stanine

Timings of Virtual Science Club: Every Wednesday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm

There will be weekly meetings with the concerned teachers and your ward can share videos and photos of the progress of their work.

The Club activities will also be used for the **VIRTUAL SCIENCE FAIR** to be conducted towards the end of the Academic Year 2020-21.

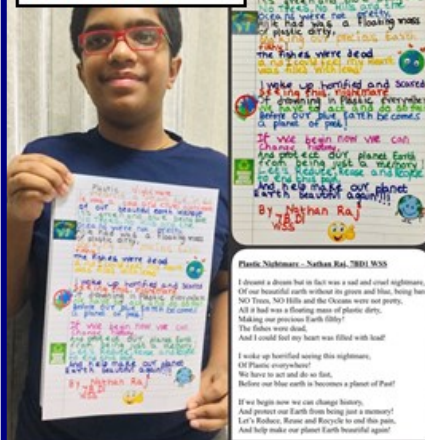
We do welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Ms. Leena Sudeesan

Head of the Science Department.

Nathan 7BD1



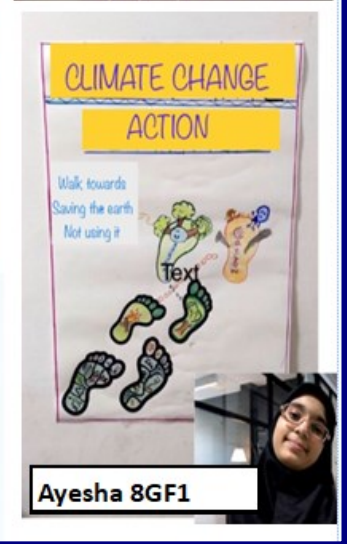
Thierzon 7BS1



Manaal 7GD1



Mayass 8GH1



Ayesha 8GF1

Turn an Empty Water Bottle Into a Stylish Cuff Bracelet



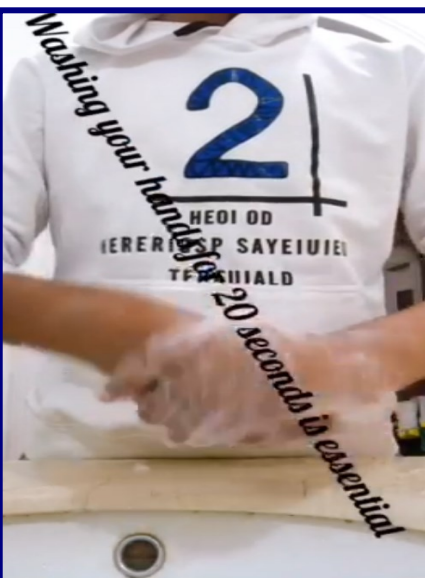
Dayana 8GD1



Ayesha 8GD1



Omar Ashraf 8BD1



Ehsan & Fida (G9BS1) & Josh (G9BD1) shared videos & posters about handwashing protocols for health & safety.

Secondary Section News; *Pink Yoga Day* & *Girl Student Day!*



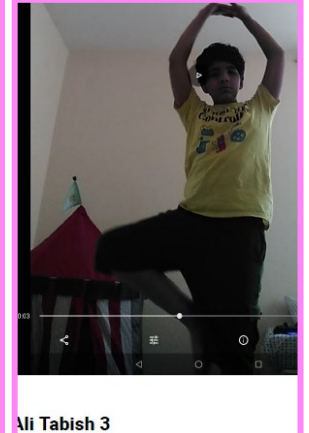
Above, Nathan (G9BS) appreciated his mother on World Girl student Day, & Zuhair (G10BD) enjoying Smiles Day. Above right, wellbeing Press Pause activity in G6BF.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
PINK YOGA DAY

LET'S SUPPORT AND PRAY FOR THE FIGHTERS, ADMIRE THE SURVIVORS, AND ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO HAVE CHECK UP FOR EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER.

NEHA VINOD of Grade 12GF



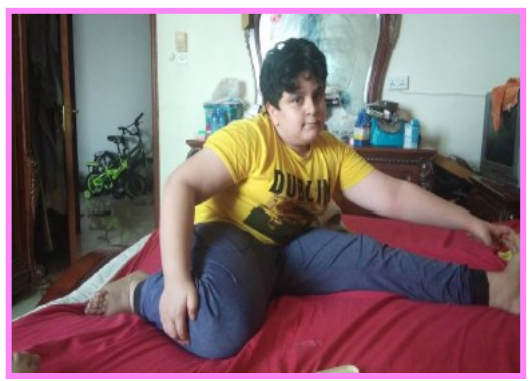
Secondary Section News; Pink Yoga Day, 26/10/20!

BY: ESHAL AND JOANNE IIGH
26.10.2020
YOGA DAY

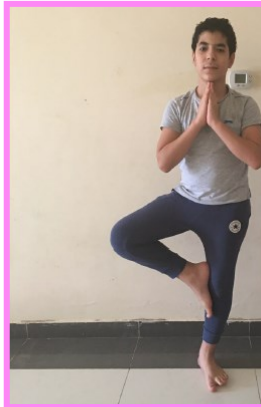
SECONDARY STUDENTS FOLLOWING THEIR TEACHERS YOGA POSITIONS



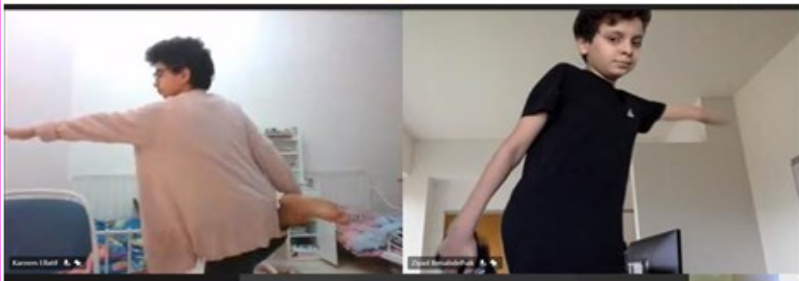
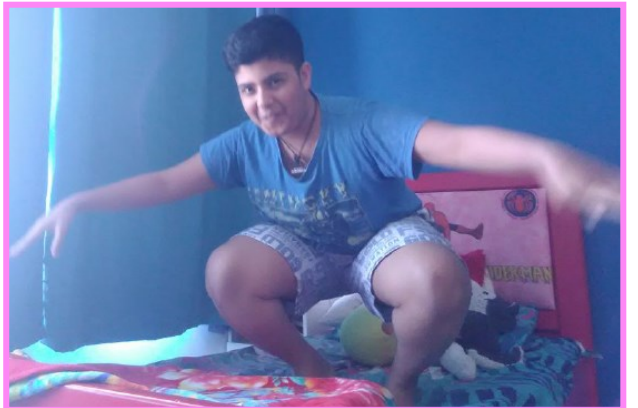
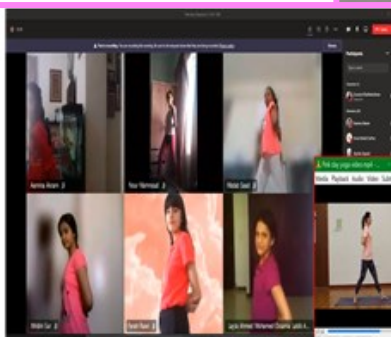
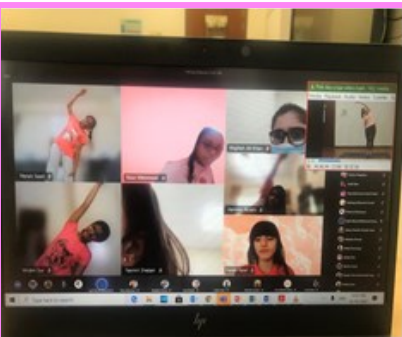
Pink Yoga Day session with G7BS1 on 26/10/20. Gentle stretching tones & strengthens the muscles!



Secondary Section News; Pink Yoga Day, 26/10/20!

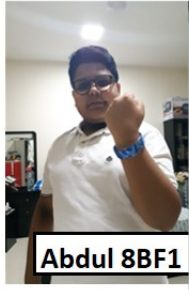


G7BS1 with Ms. Payal.



Secondary Section News; MUN Event & Fun Activity Time!

Turn an Empty Water Bottle Into a Stylish Cuff Bracelet



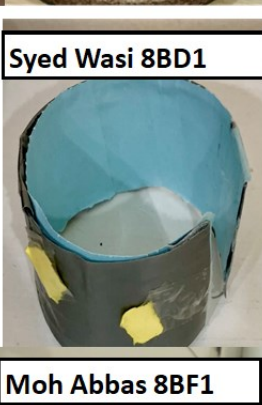
Abdul 8BF1



Ethan 8BD1



Omar Moh 8BD1



Syed Wasi 8BD1

Moh Abbas 8BF1



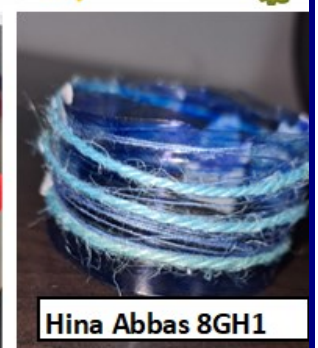
Aya 8GH1



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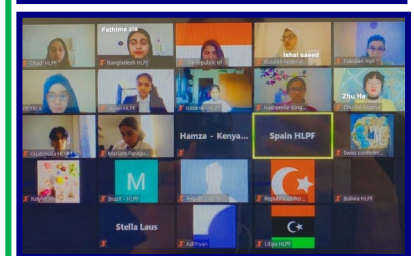
My first ever MUN conference taught me how to hold my own in a room full of smart people with strong personalities. At its core, MUN is all about thinking on your feet and communicating. Preparing and participating in MUN taught me how to do researches, writing, public speaking and problem-solving skills. Moreover, coming up with solutions that are acceptable to a majority of the representatives also inculcates skills of negotiation, conflict resolution, and cooperation. I learned how to engage in such things. These are skills that will be helpful throughout my career and MUN gave me a chance to practice them while being a student. It was a good experience as I got to try out something new.

Regards,
Fathima Zia 10GS

Experience of an online MUN event

The MUN conference went exceptionally well. I wasn't necessarily sure how everything worked as it was my first time attending an event as such. And to be quite frank, I was very nervous. I am not necessarily someone who usually takes part in such speaking events as I have a huge stage fright. But my dad encouraged me to get out of my shell and try something new, and I am glad he did. I also realized having the spotlight on you is not necessarily a bad thing. The opening ceremony was amazing. Very professional and organized. The session started at 9:30am the first day. It lasted till 5:15pm. I got to learn a lot on the first day. The second day was honestly better than the first day as I started understanding the procedure and how everything worked. I loved the experience as a whole and gained a lot of knowledge on a lot of countries. I will definitely recommend other students to take part as well, especially if they are someone who likes to speak, negotiate and reason well.

Regards,
Durgah



Secondary Section News; MUN & Pink Yoga Day!

By Sameen 11GH

MODEL UNITED NATION (MUN)

CONDUCTED BY NEW MILLENIUM GEMS SCHOOL



On 23rd and 24th of October, our WSS students had a great opportunity to attend NMMUN, a platform for personal development and to discuss different world issues.



Students feedback on NMMUN

- AMAL BARAMI 11GH-** "NMMUN boosted my confidence and encouraged me to speak up. Also I learnt how to act in a diplomatic way with different perspectives."
- FATHIMA ZIA 10GS-** "Preparing and participating in MUN taught me how to do researches, writing, public speaking and problem-solving skills."
- AAMINA 7GH-** "The chairs have been very friendly as well as they were very collaborative, they encouraged people to speak for whom it was their first MUN."
- MARIAM HAFEZ 11GH-** "NMMUN helped me ameliorate team work, analytical and leadership skills. It was a platform where I realized the power of my voice and how a 15 year old child can have a significant impact on the international community!"
- RASHAD HASAN 12B-** "During break, short MUN classes were held to share our past experience on MUN and to discuss ideas and better ways to interact in a MUN setting."

PARTICIPANTS- Girls

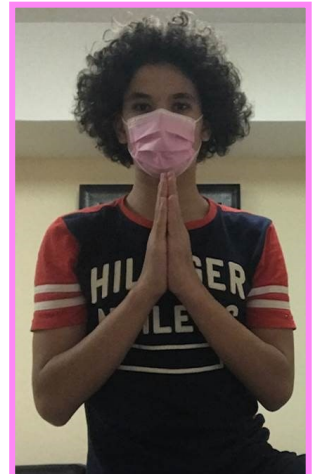
- Mridini Sur-7GH
- Aamina Imran-7GH
- Menna Mohamed
- Fariha Javed Khot- 8GF
- Durgha-9GS
- BhagyaShri-10GD
- Fathima Zia 10GS
- Zhu He-10GS
- Ishal Saeed
- Shaffa Naseer-11GH
- Amal Saleh-11GH
- Mariam Ahmed 11GH
- Iman Raza 12G

Participants-Boys

- Muhammad Faisal-8BF
- Muhammad Harun- 8BF
- Hasun Batu Bolak- 9BF
- Alaa TZ Alijaja- 9BH
- Aadil Nawab Khan-9BH
- Hamza Baig- 9BF
- Muhammad Ghanim- 9BF
- Hamza saeed- 11BD
- Sajjad Ehsani- 11BD
- Mehmood Hafeez- 12BS
- Rashad hasan- 12BS

24 WSS Secondary students participated in an MUN event on 23rd and 24th of October. Thanks Ms. Swarupa for supporting this important event.

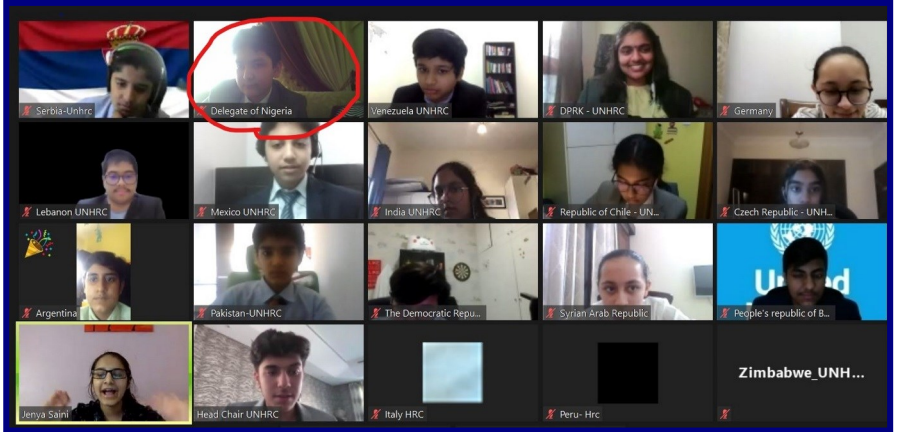
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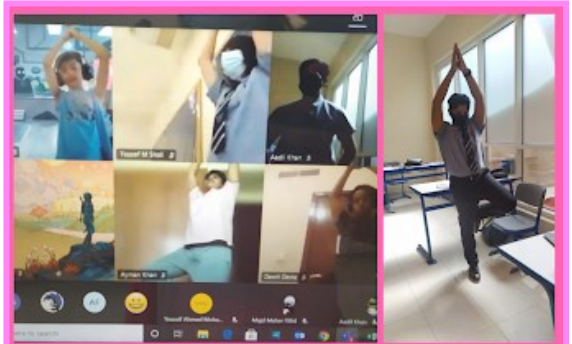
Secondary Section News; MUN & Fun Activity!



Ethan



Above right, Muhammad Saad Ahmed Khan (G7BF2) participated in the virtual NMSMUN conference on 23rd and 24th October as a Delegate of Nigeria. He presented his paper to the United Nations Human Rights Council.
Right, G9BH engaging in the healthy yoga activity for **Pink Week**.



Secondary Section



Mansoor Kalemzai

HANDWASHING
ACTIVITY
BY 11BF



Hamza Rathore

DID YOU KNOW

The length of your handwash should be the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.

G11BF demonstrate that the proper handwashing time is equal to singing 'Happy Birthday' twice (about 20 seconds)!



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