# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH









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# Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

## <u> Happy Diwali!</u>

Wishing all our families who celebrate it, a very happy Diwali!!

#### Parent Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to the 33% of parents who have already completed the Parent Survey. We really appreciate the specific, helpful & positive comments which will help us improve our educational provision.

The PRE has started making individual

follow-up calls to parents, in response to certain feedback. If you have not yet completed the survey, kindly do so as your feedback is very helpful to support school improvement. Thank you so much.

Moh'd Shoaib received his Primary Student Leadership badge of office from his proud father during our virtual ceremony on 5/11/20, along with his peers.





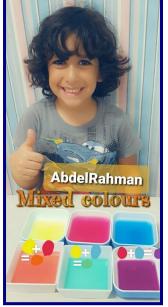
Aadil (G9BH1) shared an informative, patriotic video about the UAE Flag Day & its meaning to citizens living in the UAE.



#### nates for Your Diarw Date **Details** Mon. 16th World International Tolerance Day. lov. Students may come to school wearing white, if they wish Tues. 1st-School closed for UAE's Commemoration Thursday Day & the UAE's 49th National Day holi-3rd Dec. day (TBC) Friday School closed for students for Winter 11th Dec. **Break (3 weeks)** until Sat. Cashier & Registration Offices open 2nd Jan. throughout on working days, 8am-2pm. 2021 T2 fees due by latest Sunday 3rd January. T2 starts for students on Sunday 3rd January. Educational programme as per Authority instructions (TBC). Cashier open on Sat. 2nd January, 8am-

1pm for convenient T2 Fee payment.

School closed for Mid-Term 2 Break



Tues. 16th

Feb until

Saturday

20th Feb.



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

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



## Whole School News; International Day of Tolerance, 16/11/20



# WSS Celebrates International Day of Tolerance.

# Monday 16th November

- All students and teachers to <u>Dress in white</u> to symbolize peace
- Special Tolerance activities
- Demonstrations of the fabulous character that students at WSS have by showing tolerance
- House Competition to see who is the most Tolerant and Respectful class







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; Parent Feedback





Dear Ms. Sonia,

Thank you for your email and the note of appreciation. As parent of Tanush Menon Kesavan (G4H2) I would like to commend the efforts that GEMS Westminster School, Sharjah has taken in ensuring the continuity of learning while keeping the highest safety standards during these turbulent times.

It is indeed challenging for the Management and the Teachers to plan, adapt and execute novel learning strategies to meet the expectations of us parents and also to deliver highest quality of education. I must state that the leadership team at GEMS Westminster has stood up to the occasion and ensured effective planning of the curriculum, delivery of the sessions and communication to the parent community from time to time.

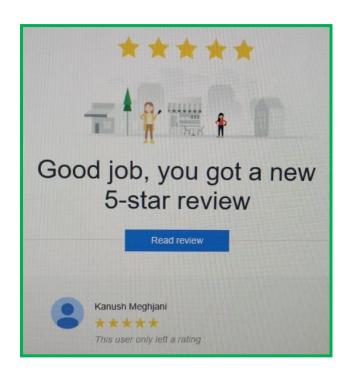
The safety standards demonstrated have been impeccable and as parents we are very confident on the safety of our child while he is at School.

A note to personally "Thank you" for guiding your team professionally and I am sure there would be many parents who would echo my thoughts on this subject.

Regards,

S. Kesavan Unni (Father of Tanush Menon Kesavan / G4H2)





## WSS Superstar Champions!

The MOE invited WSS students to participate in their 50/50 workshops; the government is planning its developmental strategy for the next 50 years, & is engaging students in gathering creative plans for the future. (50 ideas form each school for future development). Below are our contribution winners shared with MOE:

The best ideas for the BOYS and winners of the Creativity and Curiosity Award goes to :-

- Omar Islam
- Chirayu Rohankar
- Mansoor Kalemzai

The best ideas for the GIRLS and winners of the Creativity and Curiosity Award goes to :-

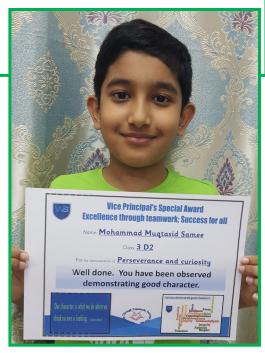
- Sana Ghani
- Sadia Hossain (10G D)
- Shreya Anil

#### Talent Discovery; "Masterpieces"

Two G10 students He Zu & Fatima Zia joined this initiative & had an online interview with the MOE. The MOE representatives seemed very impressed with the students' work, & said that they couldn't believe that they had done the art work by themselves! The students are very excited for 'Next steps'.

They are also preparing their art work Portfolio for paper 1 in their IGCSE exam. We wish them every success!







# WSS Superstar Champions; Life-long Learning!







## Certificate of completion

This is to certify that

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completed the online

Introductory Cambridge IGCSE Art and Design (0400) 2020-2022 Syllabus

course conducted by

**Cambridge Assessment International Education** 

30/09/20 to 08/11/20 Credit hours: 25







## Colin the Kindness Camel

(Respect, Community Spirit & Neighbourliness)



ALVEENA KHASHIF 9GH
DURGHA KIZHAKKEKARA 9GS
ZUHA RAEES 9GF
ZHU HE 10GS
AYESHA SHAMSHER 10GD





MAANYA SHRIVASTAVA 9GH SANA SOLANKI 9GH OMI &LI **9GS** AMOONA SULTANA 9GF MENTALLA SHERIFF 9GF NOOR E FIZA GHANI 10**GS** AEMIL THERESA 10GS THARINSA MUDIYANSELAGE 10GD

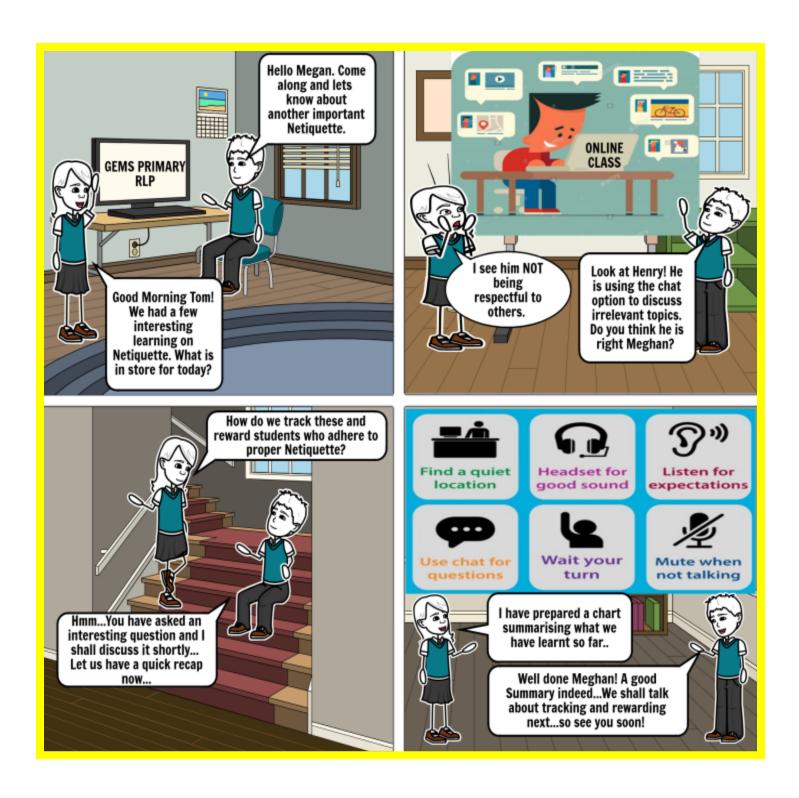
# Jane, Rona, and Riza are talking about the act of kindness they did at home over the weekend. I wiped dusty things at home. I swept the floor at home.

**Act of Kindness** 

doing an act of kindness for inclusion in the Newsletter. The kids are planning of what to d for the next weekend. They are talking about the effect of their deeds to their family. can't believe ordinary things such things with extraordinar to be lazy at But then that the things arou are free of dusts, she was I will list amazed and thankful to I will sweep the floor and important things to buy in the me. How abou help my I will fix mum in preparing grocery store and and inform and clean m's feelings wher the food for our bathroom my mum.

Parents, please feel free to send us pictures of your child

## Whole School News; Online Netiquette



## Whole School News; Chess Championship!



If interested, the registration link is: <a href="https://genius.gemssportsseries.com/chess/">https://genius.gemssportsseries.com/chess/</a>

## Junior Section News; UAE Flag Day, 5/11/20!







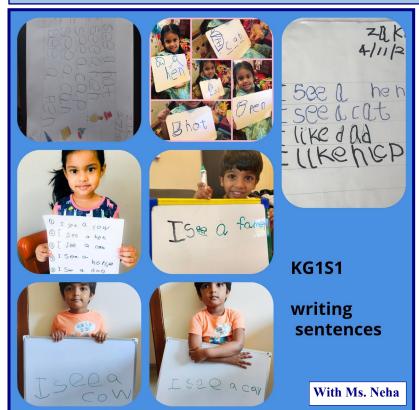






















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Adam (KG1H2) made a cute video using proper maths language abut capacity for Ms. Karen. Below, KG2D1 learning with Ms. Beena.















KG2D2 learning about seasons.



G1H2 with Ms. Fathima & Ms. Sabiha







With Ms. Sadiqa



With Ms. Geraldine





















KG1S2 with Ms. Maria



















Naqi <u>Haider :</u> Outstanding Science investigation.....

G4D1 Scientists at work with Ms. Sameena









Activities with Ms. Divya; recycling, craft with lolly sticks & 'Best out of Waste'.



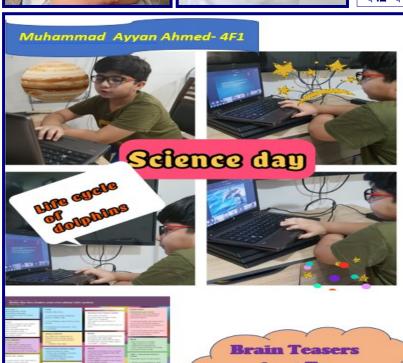
Activities with G2S1 & Ms. Anshy on recycling 'Best out of Waste'.

Brain Teaser activities on Life Cycles with G4F1 & Ms. Lakshmi





Amal (G4H1) & Serin (G4F2) engaging in science activities with Ms. Anju



students created character bookmark based on your favourite fictional character.







G3S1 with Ms. Saranya













BASMALA OSAMA NOV 11, 2020 04:08AM

## **Basmala Osama**

At the beginning of covid-19 i felt happy that we are staying home but I was worried how are we going to continue but our school started to use teams [application for learning] but although it was hard to use it in the beginning our teachers made it easier each day and even fun [thanks teachers] they made activities like nearpod, padlet and even google slides which helped us to continue our learning journey.

After the first half term finished i decided to change have a blended program but guess what it was perfect chars and tables a sanitized ,need to wear face shield while eating, face mask all the time, keep a 2 meter distance and sanitize our hands sometimes this seamed hard but **WSS** wanted our health .

Thanks WSS and Our teachers

Students talk about their experience of online learning & studying during COVID.

HANIA IMAM NOV 10, 2020 08:42AN

Me in my online lesso



## **Adventure through Covid 19**

My experience through RLP

SIDRAH AIJAZ NOV 11, 2020 03:28PM

#### Fatima Zahra

My experience through RLP classes was good although I was a bit nervous because figuring out new apps was hard at first but soon, the more we tried it, the easier it got. We got to study from the comfort of our home and could ask the teachers for any doubts when needed. We could do all the things we did in

school at our home and it was easier to keep track of homework. This journey through RLP was truly remarkable.

Thank You

# Primary Section News; Student Leadership Investiture, 5/11/20

























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Thank you to all our parents for attending & supporting their young leaders to prepare & rise to their new leadership challenge. Thanks to Primary Section Team wo were involved in organizing & leading the Primary Student Leaders Investiture ceremony on 5/1/20. Special thanks to SPEA Schools Improvement Advisor Ms. Lynn, who graced the event with her presence & a few words of inspirational motivation.

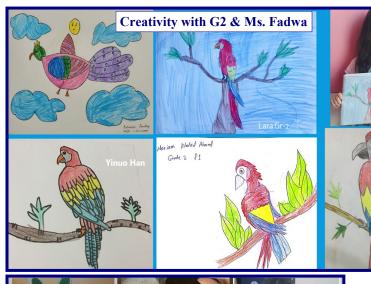
We wish all our new student leaders every success on this new learning journey.





Wonderful artist Umaiza (G2) sharing her creative ideas with Ms. Fadwa.



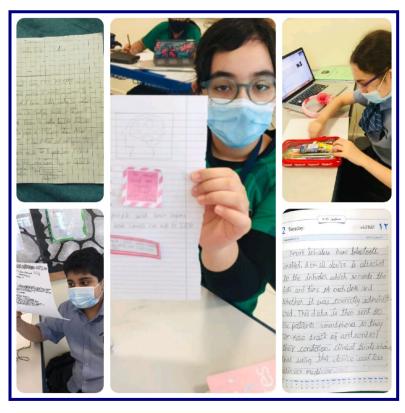








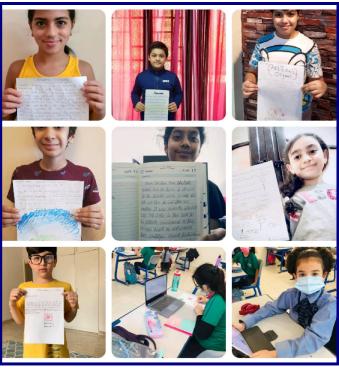
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## G5BS1 & G5GH1 with Ms. Razvi





## Primary Section News; Greet & Chat Day!

## **Greet & Chat – Friendship card.** Praise Anju Kumar, Jana Mohamed Abdelkader, Adham Saleh, Fares Hamouda, Maryam Muhammad Muhammad Bsayed Amal Ashfaq Ahmed 3:41 PM Praise Dear Maryam . Lyan Ahmed Gamal Elsayed Aly Mohamed sent praise to So glad that you are my best friend. You are my lifeline and I cannot Janaah Mahmoud survive without you . No matter who , what , where I will always need you to be in my life . You are like a star 🥋 . I am so lucky to have a friend like you! \*\*\*\*\* You are my best friend ever. Amal Noor To janaah Mahmoud 😉 😉 To my dearest friendMaryam Imran Khan

## With Ms. Lakshmi



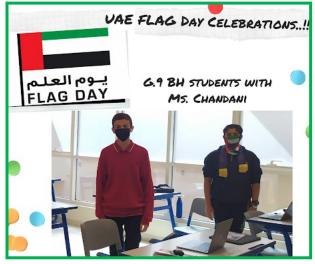
World Science Day activity on 11th November 2020.

The G3 students will prepared a simple dish with readily found ingredients in the kitchen.



G4H1 with Ms. Anju

## Secondary Section News; Wellbeing Week!







Aadil (G9BH1) showed culinary creativity with Flag-Day food & photography!

An informative video about the history of UAE Flag Day by Mohsin (G7BS1)

## Designer of the UAE Flag

The UAE flag was designed in 1971 by Abdullah Mohammed Al Maainah, who was 19 years old at that time, and was adopted on 2 December 1971.

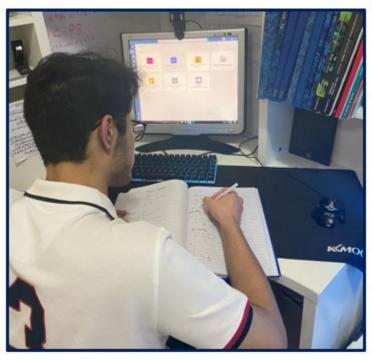






## Secondary Section News; Top Tips from our Student Leaders!

## Top Tips to Achieve Success Online, by Head Boy- Muhammed Shaheer Asad (G12BS)



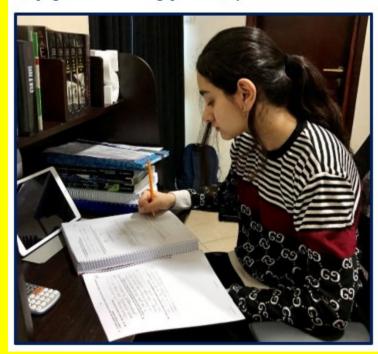
During these unpredictable times, it can be quite difficult to cope with studying online.

Try these strategies to help you; firstly, in respect to online learning, focus on what is working well, rather than what is not working at all. What is it about the online environment that could work for you – are you saving time on commuting? money on public transport? Or maybe you have a more flexible schedule.

Managing stress as you pursue your online education can often be as simple as utilizing your breaks efficiently. Sitting in one spot for hours on end as you learn online isn't good for your mind or your body. Try going for a walk or stretching to clear your mind.

I would advise my peers to remember that this situation is temporary; talk to your friends online to entertain yourself and keep up with them.

Coping with Studies During Quarantine, by Head Girl -Sidra Ghani 12GF



Keeping up with our studies has been quite a task during this current pandemic, but many of us have learned to adapt to it.

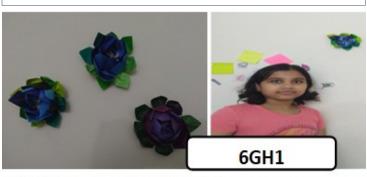
As for me, I have eventually learned to utilize the extra time I have in my hands in a useful manner, by creating a schedule for my day-to-day activities which include studying, resting, enjoying my hobbies, as well as spending time with my family.

Therefore, I highly recommend everyone to create a schedule for themselves to make sure the precious time we have is not wasted. Lastly, I would say be productive, have fun and stay positive!

## Secondary Section News

# Well-being Scale - 10.11.2020 - How do I Feel Right Now? 37% 16% 21% 26% Apper Lapper Excited Frustroted Frustroted Empowered 8 Refreshed

How's your wellbeing? Ms. Chandani has started a wellbeing chart with G9BH to focus on positivity.









# Recycled Egg-Carton Flowers











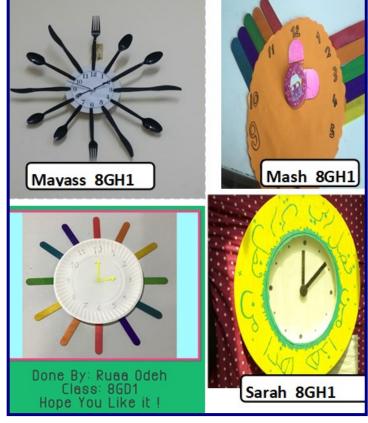


## Eco- friendly Clock #Punctuality

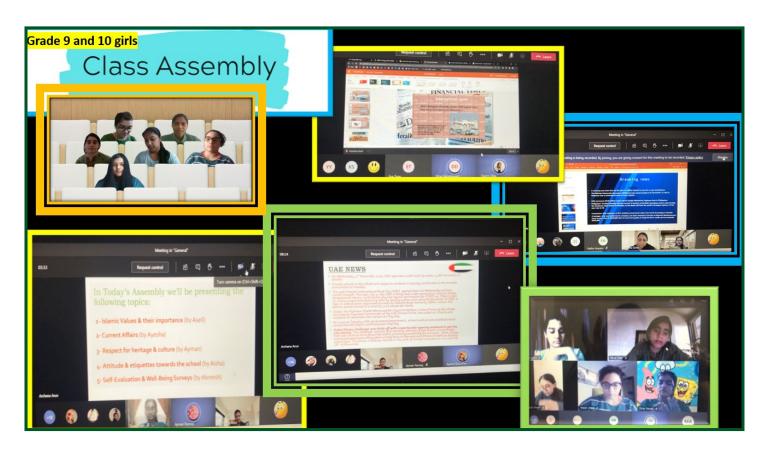


# Secondary Section News; Environmentally Friendly Activities!





## Secondary Section News; Class Assembly & Fun Activities!





## Secondary Section News; Wellbeing Week!

#### Tharinsa Thasandie (10gd)

### Shades of green

Well-being for me is...being positive and not letting my spirit break (Idk if that makes much sense (a)). It also means satisfaction with my surroundings, my life and myself.

#### He Zhu 10GS1

"If happiness is a hardwired obsession in our brains, one should first and foremost learn to foster an upright quest for unvarnished wellbeing and above all not give in to vain temptations of displaying counterfeit contentment and fake smiling. (Digging for white gold »)"

— Erik Pevernagie

# Well-being Week

Well-being is not just being healthy but also it is about you being happy, relaxed and joying life.

#### Gatika Suneel Kumar 10GS

When "I" is replaced by "WE" even illness becomes wellness

Health is a state of body, wellness is a state of being.

#### SALIKA

For everyone ,well-being is a journey. The secret is committing to that journey and taking those first steps with hope and belief in yourself:)

## Abeer 10GS1

Things that make me happy:

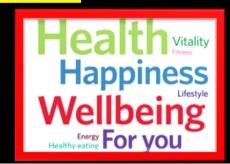
- family
- my baby girl Rameen 🛡
- Madiha
- food
- beaches
- loads of shopping
- caring people
- holiday or special occasions

## Malak (10GS1)

Happiness is the highest form of health

What makes me happy is when to feel lam done with all my work at this time I can rest







Gatika Suneel (10GS)

Yummy and healthy salad by me!

#### Bhagya Shri

- 1 cup flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsps sugar
- · 2 pinches salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 banana large ripe , (about 6 inches long)
- · 2 tsp oil or melted butter
- ¾ cup milk + 2 tbsp of water
- Butter or oil for cooking pancakes



## FUN FACTS ABOUT FOOD

#### aisha

- Apples, peaches and raspberries are all members of the rose family.
- 2.Pumpkins and avocados are fruits not a vegetable.
- 3. A half-cup of figs has as much calcium as a half-cup of milk.
- Green fruits help make your bones and teeth strong.
- 5.Not all oranges are orange.
- 6. Cherry farmers hire helicopter pilots to air-dry their trees after it rains so that the cherries don't split open.

#### Ayman Farooq -10GD1

Activity 3:

#### **FUN FACTS ABOUT FOOD**

- Apples give you more energy than coffee.
- 2. Pistachios are actually fruits.
- A Quarter of The World's Hazelnuts Are Used for Nutella!
- 4. Nutmeg is a hallucinogen. (if consumed in large amounts)
- 5. Green, yellow, and red bell peppers are not actually the same vegetable.
- Ketchup was once believed to have medicinal qualities that could cure, among other ailments, diarrhea.



## Secondary Section News; Wellbeing Week!

Kamini GS + 21 \* 4d
 My swanky padlet

condition of an individual or group. A higher level of well-being means that in some sen the individual's or group's

#### Zoha kamran

Well being for me is being happy comfortable. You enjoy without worrying about anything. You can do all the things you like to do and relax. You should have time for yourself in which you can relax and just do something you love to do.



Well being both physically and mentally is the most impor blessing in life. You get to experience life with nothing pulling you back while there are people in hospitals with so much pain they ask their god to either fix them or just let them die as soon as possible, we should be really thankful for what we have. Hygiene is very important since most of the sicknesses are because of it. Washing hands, taking bath daily and brushing your teeth can prevent many diseases , lack of sleep is also a very dangerous situation it can result in death



Well-being for me is the state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy. Doing things that I love to do or get relaxed by and its also really important as it gives you a freshand healthymind set.



#### 7arah

active, eating healthy and allowing your body to rest, despite the busyness of life. means surrounding yourself with the right people and putting to feel mentally stable and happy.



Wellbeing for me is....





#### Noor Mustafa

Well-being for me is the state of being comfortable, healthy, or jovial. Good mental well being unaffected by your encounters But destitute mental wellbeing can make it more troublesome to cope with daily life.



Maryam Rafat Abu Saleh ellbeing, or wellness is the ondition of an individual or group. A higher level of wellbeing means that in some se the individual's or group's condition is more positive

## Personal Well - being for me is

Mariam Rashid



zone is normal but I believe if your not comfortable with it and you don't do it , people should not be forced out of their omfort zone . As an introvert I have faced many people trying to push me out of my comfort to do something new and try it , many times i have put them down but once in a while we should go out of our comfort zones with our own wills and no

well being is feeling comfortable, and happy

someone forcing us

happy. Doing the things that







Well-being is the experience of health, hap

good mental health, high life

or purpose, and ability to

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satisfaction, a sense of meaning

More generally, well-being is just

few people can manage it with

health, happiness, and prosperity. It includes having good mental health, high life satisfaction, a sense of meani or purpose, and ability to

### Maryam Rafat Abu saleh

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being comfortable, solid, or upbeat. Enduring in activities and it's moreover truly imperative because it gives you a new and sound intellect i

personal well-being is a good, satisfactory, and desirable state of personal existence or life. It represents a personal aspect of the quality of life, personal wellbeing is a crucial aspect of health in the psychological and physical sense

Well-being for me is the state of happy. Doing things that I love to do or get relaxed by and its also



GENTLE AND BE KIND WITH OTHER PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE". "BE CALM YOU'RE BRILLIANT"

#### Eva

#### Psychological well-being consists of positive

relationships with others, personal mastery, autonomy, a feeling of purpose and meaning in life, and personal growth and development. Psychological well-being is attained by achieving a state of balance affected by both challenging and rewarding life events.

#### manahel khan

well being for me is the iness . It includes havin manage stress. More generally it is just being well. it is something sought by just about everyone, because it includes any positive



#### Durgha

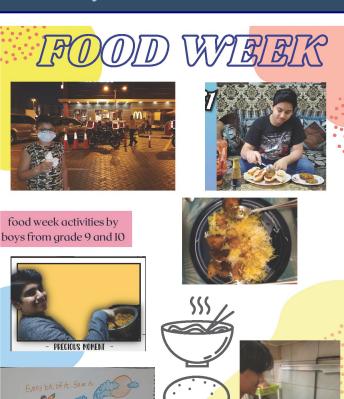
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## Secondary Section News; Healthy Food Week!







either to create wellbeing Everyone has this choice You can use this mind or misery for yourself. Wellbeing is attained by nevertheless is no little

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thing itself

STUDENTS FROM GRADE 9 AND 10 SHARE THEIR PRESPECTIVE ON WELL BEING

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Please Save . Food

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