

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #5  
24th September, 2020



Message from the Principal/CEO  
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear Parents,

**New Admission Online Registration for September 2021**

The online registration system for new admissions for seats for next September 2021 will open from 4/10/20, including for our new Pre-KG grade for students age 3-4 years (must be age 3 by 1/10/21). Enrollment interviews will start from January, but we recommend registering early as **interview dates & seats are offered on a 'first-come, first-served' basis**, & considering sibling priority. Thank you.

Fantastic art work by G10G with Ms. Maha



## Dates for Your Diary



| Date                     | Details  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Saturdays in Sept.       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cashier open 8am-1pm for fee payments.</li> <li>Registration Office open.</li> </ul>  |
| Sunday 27th September    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Blended Programme will start for those students who have signed up for it. Grades will return staggered over the coming month. We are so excited to be welcoming back our students soon!</li> <li>Please see p2 for exact return dates for your child's grade.</li> <li>Return to school is subject to submitting the following to the Teacher:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The signed Contract</li> <li>A Negative COVID report (for G7-12)</li> <li>The signed Travel Disclaimer</li> <li>Medical Clearance Certificate for Vulnerable students</li> </ol> </li> </ul> |
| Sunday 4th October, 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online Registration system opens for new admissions for September 2021, including the new grade pre-KG/FS1 for age 3.</li> </ul>  |



***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>




 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

| Day/Date                         | Return Date for Blended Students      |  |   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                  | Section                               |  |   |
|                                  | Junior (KG1-G1)                       | Primary (G2-5)                                   | Secondary (G6-12)   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>27/9/20</b>  | <b>KG1</b><br><b>KG2</b>              | <b>G2</b>  | <b>G10, G11 &amp; G12</b>   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>4/10/20</b>  | <b>KG1</b><br><b>KG2</b><br><b>G1</b> | <b>G2</b><br><b>G5</b>                           | <b>G10, G11 &amp; G12</b><br><b>G8 &amp; G9</b>                           |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>11/10/20</b> | <b>KG1</b><br><b>KG2</b>              | <b>G2</b><br><b>G5</b><br><b>G3</b>              | <b>G10, G11 &amp; G12</b><br><b>G8 &amp; G9</b><br><b>G7</b>              |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>18/10/20</b> | <b>KG1</b><br><b>KG2</b><br><b>G1</b> | <b>G2</b><br><b>G5</b><br><b>G3</b><br><b>G4</b> | <b>G10, G11 &amp; G12</b><br><b>G8 &amp; G9</b><br><b>G7</b><br><b>G6</b> |

As per Authority instructions, Blended students may return to school staggered over September-October in batches of 25%, 50%, 75% then 100%. Grades will return as above:



**Colin the Kindness Camel  
(Respect, Community Spirit &  
Neighbourliness)**

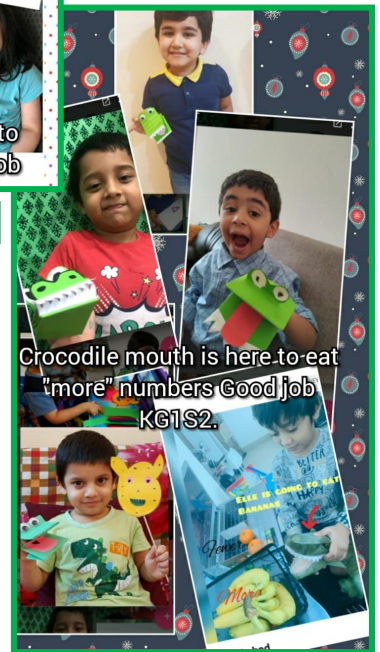


**The Principal awarded Ms. Jaisy, WSS HR Executive, the Colin the Kindness & respect Camel, for her values-driven & thoughtful approach to staff support & care. Thank you Ms. Jaisy.**

# WSS Superstar Champions!



With Ms. Kishwar



**Youssef Mohamed 2S2**  
**Investigating the transportation of water in plants.**

Step -1                      Step -2                      Step -3

Dear Parents, thank you so much for your incredible level of support & engagement! It is wonderful to see your children's enjoyment & ongoing learning.

# Junior Section News; KG1

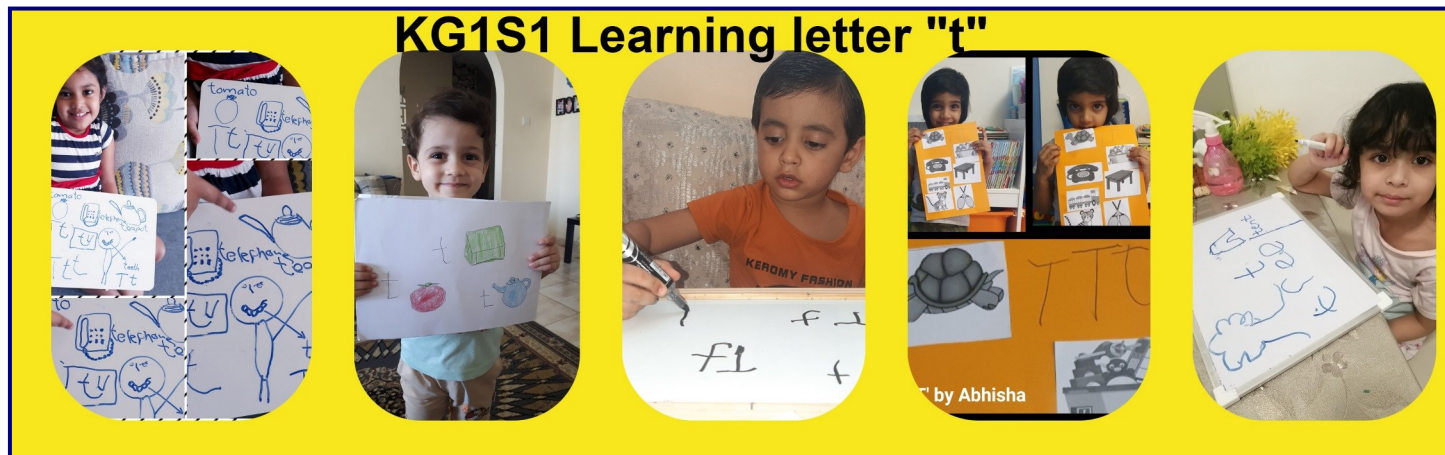
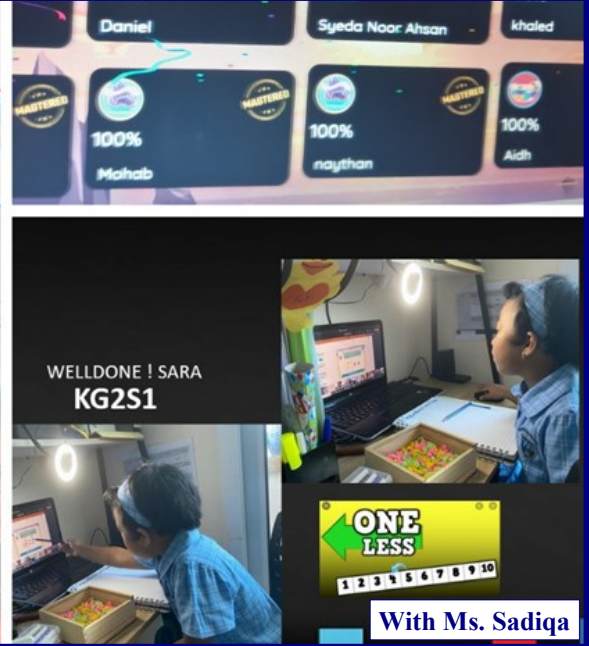


KG1D1 with Ms. Nikhat.



# Junior Section News; KG1

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# Junior Section News; KG1



# Junior Section News; KG1



**KG1S1**  
Learning to write words



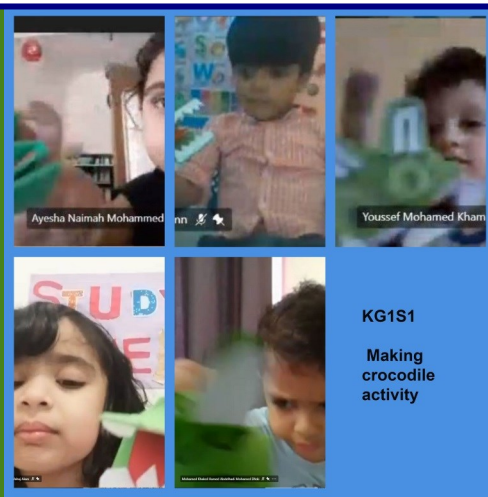
**KG1S1**  
Fun Learning of Shapes



**With Ms. Sonia**



**KG1S1**  
Making ice-cream activity



**KG1S1**  
Making crocodile activity





# Junior Section News; KG1



With Ms. Maria

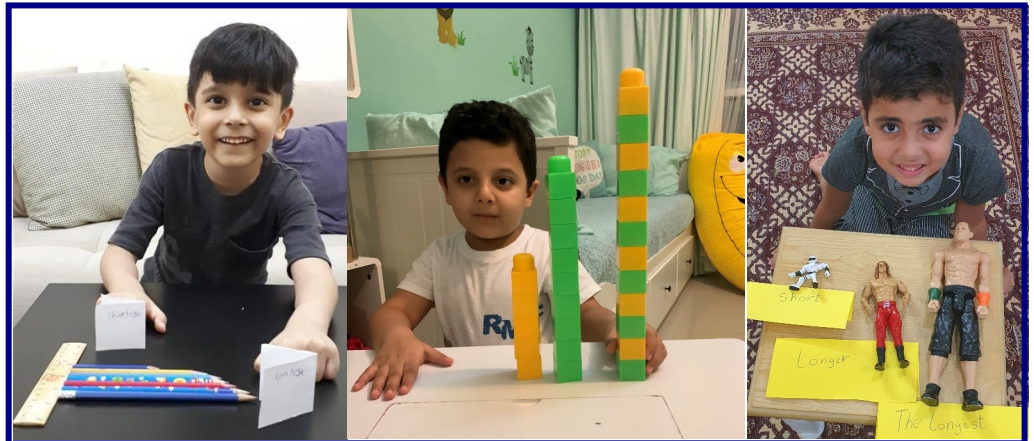
Phonics session Kg1S2 learning letter sound "t".

Phonics session learning letter sound "t". KG1S2

KG1S2 MATHS SESSION TOPIC SHAPES



MATHS SESSION KG1S2 TOPIC "SHAPES"



Long, longer, longest; mathematical language application to real life. Learning about relative size with GIF2 & Ms. Uzma.



Bday boy of Kg1 D2

Happy bday Mohid

KG1 D2

KG1 D2

KG1D2 with Ms. Sania.

enjoying with their crocodile

learning shapes

KG1 D2

# Junior Section News



Keep fit sessions with Ms. Sheema



KG2S1 learning activities with Ms. Sadiqa

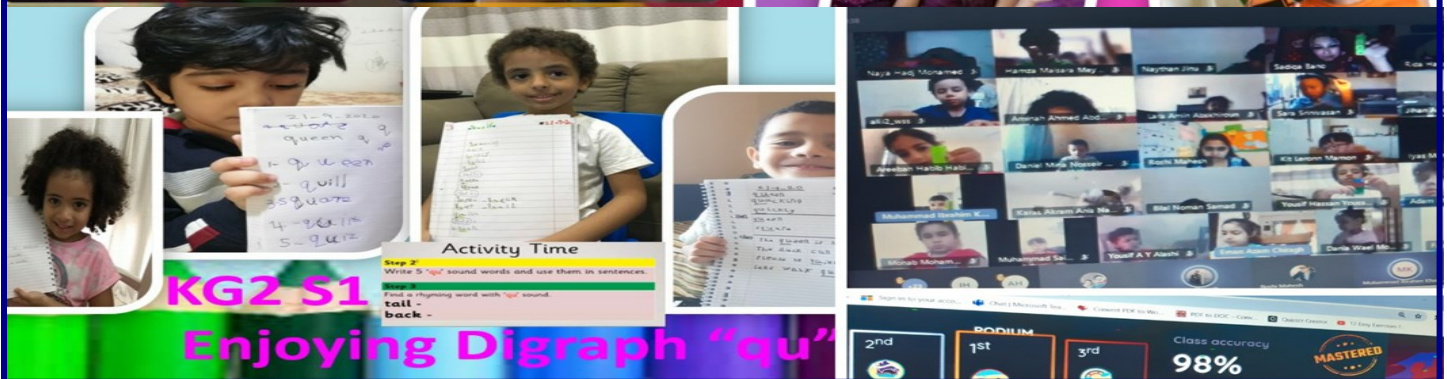


Omar Tawfiq Gr1  
Maha Esmail Mohamed  
Omar Tawfiq's Mom

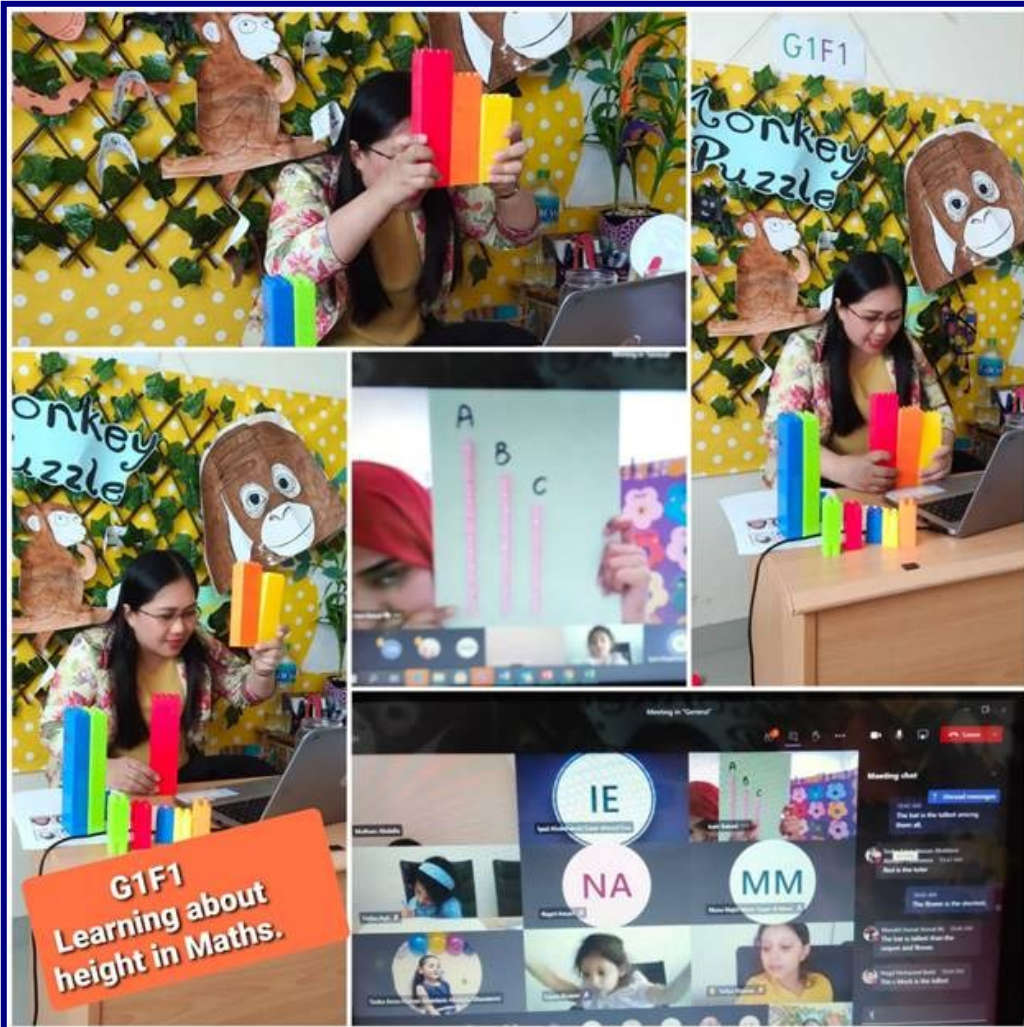


Mother & son Omar (G1S2) enjoying Ms. Maha's Art lesson together

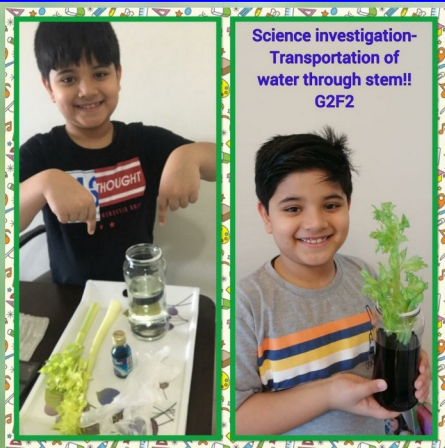
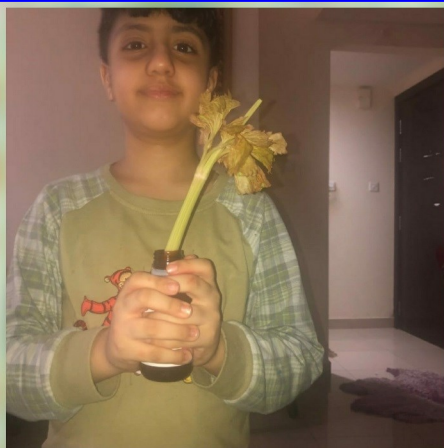
# Junior Section News; KG2



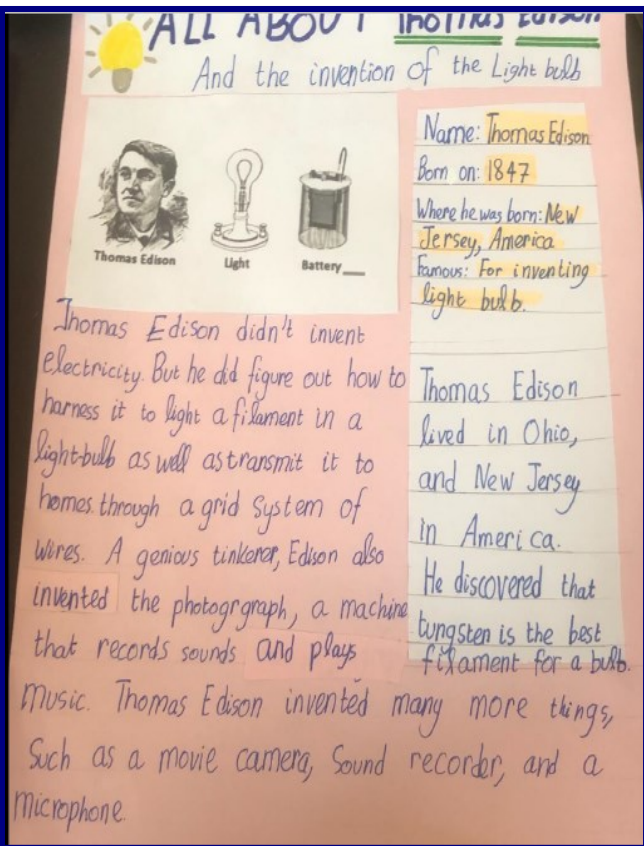
# Junior Section News



# Primary Section News



Umar Sajad & Nailah (G2D1) investigating in Science with Ms. Divya.



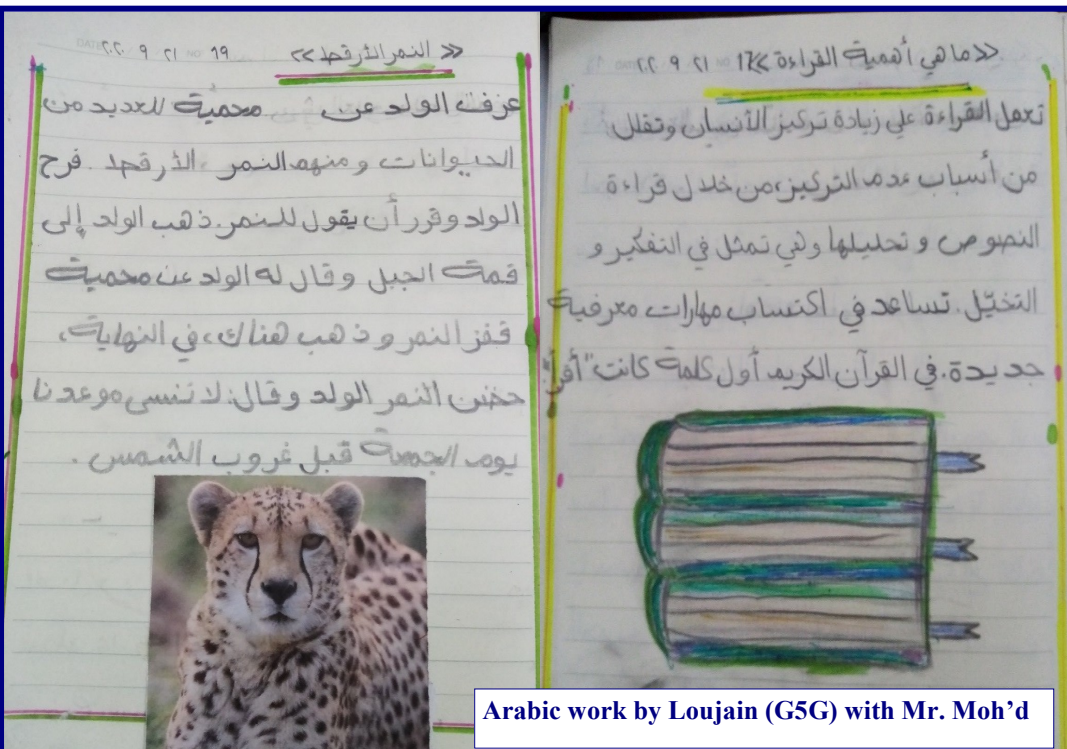
Above, G2F2 experimenting in science with Ms. Azreen. Left, a poster made about Thomas Edison by Mahnoor (G5GH1) for Ms. Razvi. Classmates Duaa, Mahnoor & Nada put together an interesting presentation about his achievements.



# Primary Section News; Exciting Science!



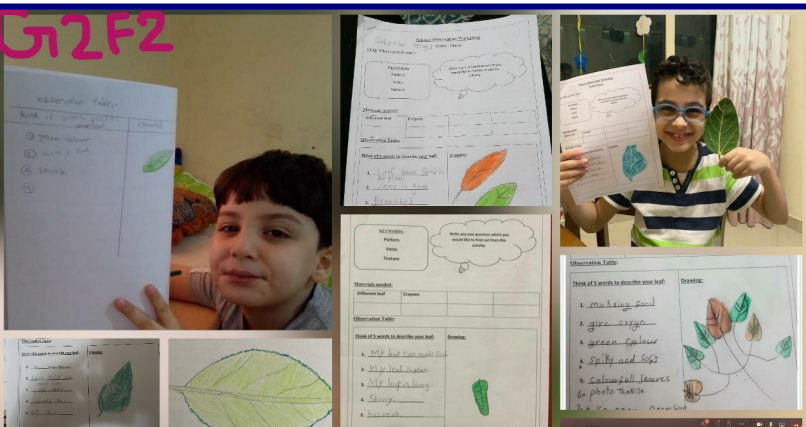
G3D2 enjoying science experiments with Ms. Lavita



Arabic work by Loujain (G5G) with Mr. Moh'd

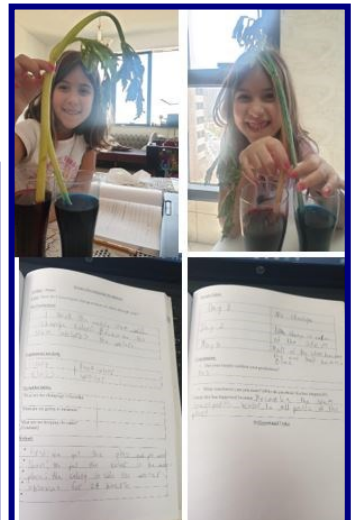


G4H1 with Ms. Anju



G2F2 with Ms. Azreen.

Maria (G2S1) with Ms. Anshy.



# Primary & Secondary Section News



### Grid Reference 6-BH1

NIDA ANSARI SEP 02, 2020 04:19AM

From Muhammad Hamza

From Meet Subash 6bh1  
Miss this is my Grid Reference work.

From Meet Subash 6BH1

**G6GH1 learning about grid lines with Ms. Nida. Creating is the highest level of Blooms learning skills!**

**G2F2 learning about leaves with Ms. Azreen.**

**Think of 5 words to describe your leaf:**

1. point in shape
2. pointy front
3. thin veins
4. green in colour
5. thick leaf

**Drawing:**

**Materiah needed:**

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Different leaf | Crayons |
|----------------|---------|

**Observation Table:**

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Think of 5 words to describe your leaf:   | Drawing: |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>It is bumpy</u></li> <li>2. <u>The name is white acid</u></li> <li>3. <u>It is greenish color</u></li> <li>4. <u>It transport water and nutrients</u></li> <li>5. <u>It has veins</u></li> </ol> |          |

# Secondary Section News; 'Passport to Success'



مدرسة جيمس وستمنستر  
GEMS Westminster School  
SHARJAH



## WSS PASSPORT TO SUCCESS

2020-2021

Sixth Form Enrichment program - Work

*We shape your future*

**Enrichment programs just for you.....**



Send a buddy  
Progress Mentors- IGCSE  
Innovation Team – Magazine  
Science Club – Steam  
Digital coordinators  
Bloomers  
Short courses

**Willing to participate?**

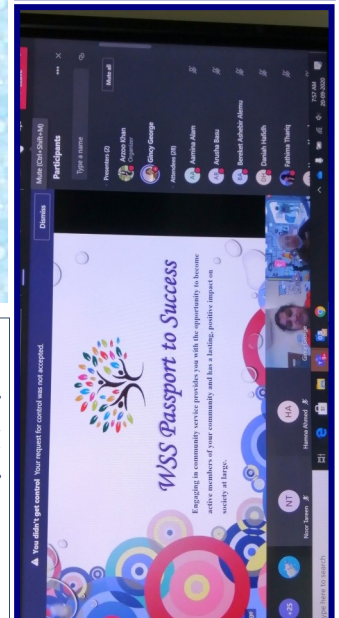
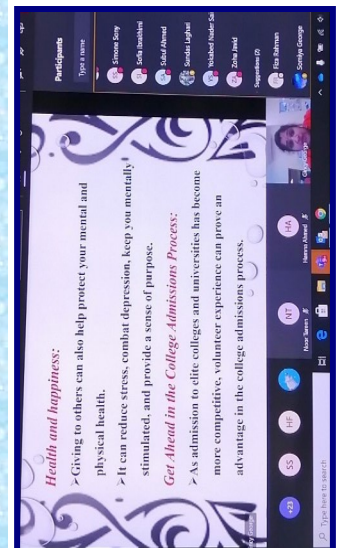
**Click the link below and complete the form.**

<https://forms.gle/nCqxSv57doF5wnfYA>



WSS is committed to supporting the holistic development of our students, which means providing opportunities for them to achieve both academically & socially. Student Leadership & professional skills programmes are an integral part of our 'hidden curriculum'. Our highly successful, CV-focused WSS 'Passport Program to Success' for the 2020-2021 academic was launched this week for Sixth Form classes. Students are encouraged to contribute towards community service & invest in their own future-focused personal development, to help them prepare for their academic & professional 'next steps'. Thank you to Ms. Swarupa for leading this important initiative.

| Building a Brighter Future  | Enrichment   | Leadership   |
|---|--|--|
| Attending so-called 'workshops' educational events<br>Short Courses<br>Work Experience / Internship | MIN<br>Weekly Hours with Innovation Team<br>Weekly Hours with MEP team<br>Enrichment Club<br>Language club<br>Mathematics Club<br>Debate Society<br>Scholars' Cup<br>Science Club<br>Cyber Club<br>Business Club<br>Happy to help Club<br>Digital coordinators | Student Leadership Team<br>Running support for Peers<br>SEND a Buddy program<br>Anti-bullying Peer Mentors<br>Volunteering to visit with events including Open Admissions, hosting VP guests, competing etc.<br>Programs mentored with IGCSE students<br>Individual Need Mentors - working with younger students<br>Bloomers |





# Secondary Section News; UN International Peace Day

padlet

padlet.com/deepthi\_dkr/5dtpw3b091z0

## HAPPY INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY - 7BF2

Made with a bold sensibility

DEEPTHI MAR 26, 2020 03:37PM



**Davin Thomas Nitin**

Miss I asked you a question that how can we enjoy peace in this COVID -19. Well here are the ideas.

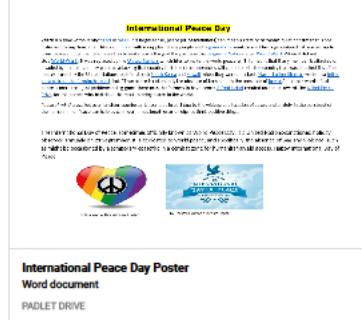
- 1) PLAY GAMES LIKE CARROM, TABLE TENNIS, UNO ETC
  - 2) CAN HELP IN HOUSE HOLD CHORES LIKE CLEANING, WASHING
  - 3) SINGING, TRAINING, READING, DRAWING, PLAYING MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
  - 4) WATCHING TV
  - 5) STUDYING
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PEACE IN COVID AT HOME

**Happy Peace day How can you enjoy peace in covid 19 ideas.**  
PDF document  
PADLET DRIVE

**Vignesh**

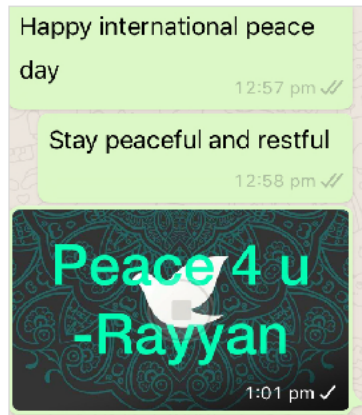
QUOTE FOR PEACE: "Peace only comes within us, don't seek without it"

Poster of Peace:



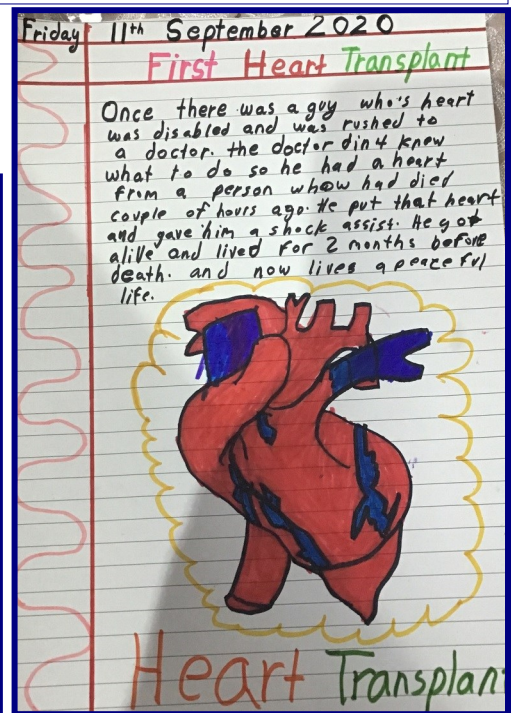
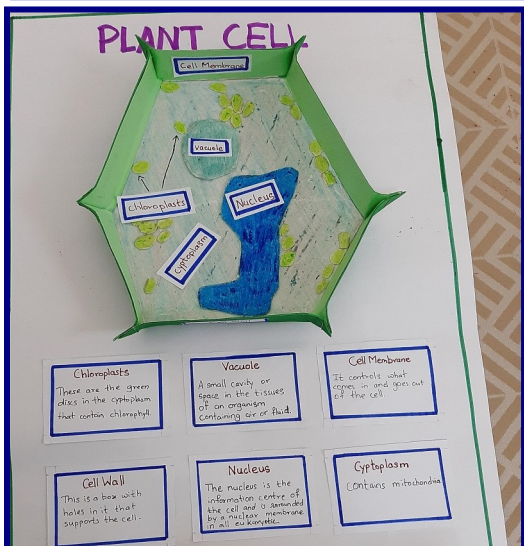
**Muhammad Rayyan Sufyan**

<https://youtu.be/ez2NpRiD9Bs> I also posted some peace on YouTube



Scientists of G6GS1 learning about Chromatography with Ms. Roshni. Below, G6BF1 demonstrating their scientific learning for Ms. Divyamol.

G7BF2 celebrated International Peace Day with Ms. Deepthi. Rayyan Sufyan have made a video on International Peace Day to spread social awareness. You can check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZ2NpRiD9Bs&feature=youtu.be>



# Secondary Section News; UN International Peace Day

**7GH1**  
Create a poster on International Peace Day

**8 GH1 "UN National day of peace" (21-09-20)**  
stay home, stay healthy.

**My shiny padlet**  
MGT Moral Education

**Students work on PEACE – 7GH, 8GH, 8GD; 6GD; 6GS**

**Praise By Mohamed Mujahid 6BH**

Mohamed Mujahid Badrudin Gamar sent praise to Meet Subash, Mekyle Ashraf, Aadil Rumaiz, Adam Mohamed Maher Hussein Abdelhady, Arjun Sujeev, Mirza Baig, Mohammad Mohammad Rafiq, Mohammed Karimi, Mostafa Mostafa, Muhammad Ahmed, Muhammad Butt, Muhammad Chowdhry, Muhammad Hamza Muhammad Bilal, Muhammed Cherakadath, Muhammad Usman Butt, Muhammad Zain Ashraf, Fares Mahmoud Abdelhmid Elsayed Abouafsa, Yaseen Elsheemy, Yashasvi Thakur, Hamza Asif, undefined

**By Meet Subash 6BH**

**By Muhammed Cherakadath 6BH.**

**#PeaceTogether**

**How to make a difference? #Spread peace virtually**

Write a message of peace, share/ send it to your friend/ class mate via chat/ messages/ email....

**#PeaceTogether**

**By Hamza Elmanzalawi 6BF**

**Happy International Peace Day**

Happy International Peace Day  
Happy International Peace Day From Meet Subash  
May this day goes good and well to everyone.  
Everyone make peace today not war

**By Meet Subash 6BH**

Fares Mahmoud Abdelhmid Elsayed Abouafsa Yesterday 5:38 PM

**By Fares Abouafsa 6BH**

**Happy international peace day!!!**

**#Great to see students sharing peace virtually**


# Secondary Section News; UN International Peace Day

## WORLD PEACE

**WHAT IS PEACE?**  
 Peace means a state of harmony, quiet or calm that is not disturbed by anything at all, like a still pond with no ripples.

**WORLD PEACE ACCORDING TO ME:**  
 World peace is when the whole world starts to accept each person for who they are. Also, everyone is in an ideal state of happiness, freedom and peace within and among all people and nations on Planet Earth.


**By Ardra 6GH1**




WORLD PEACE DAY

Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved."

- Albert Einstein



**2020 GLOBAL PEACE DAY THEME:**  
 "Shaping Peace Together"



**Amena Ansari**


So word peace is really important for the world...peace ...what is it...well for me peace means tolerance and tolerance is really important for a county, a city, a society, a community etc...if there is peace then there is no fight and where there is peace that place is safe and happy ...

Well so let's celebrate this day showcasing peace in our family and in our society

**# Lets make this place a better community**

**#Together is peace**

Wrote by:  
 Amena.Taufique. Ansari



**Ayesha tazeem**

**WHAT DOES WORLD PEACE MEAN TO**

Learn to accept that there are other people around, other kind of thoughts, other beliefs, other religions and that is okay, our most valuable ownership is an open mind. Peace means living a life where your rights are guaranteed. A life in which your successes and failures are the result of your own actions, not neglect of the will of others. Peace is forgiveness.

**World peace is an idea of planetary non-violence by which nations willingly cooperate, either voluntarily or by virtue of a system of governance that prevents warfare.**


So with world peace NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE as it enables teamwork. Even if we are physically far away we are still mentally together.

TOGETHER EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE


**By Ayesha Tazeem 8GF**

**By Amena Ansari 8GF**

**#PeaceDay**



**PEACE - video by Ayesha Tazeem 8GF**




**By Muhammad Hadi (7BS1)**

**#PeaceDay**

**Amazing Scorpions**  
 Nothing is impossible, the world itself says so!

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| <b>Ahmed Akbar</b><br>peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek but a means by which we arrive at the goal   | <b>BilalRaman</b><br>The International Day of Peace (Peace Day) is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, <b>Peace Day</b> provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit  | <b>Abhishek Nair</b><br>The International Day of Peace, sometimes officially known as World Peace Day, is a United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed annually on 21 September.   | <b>Mohamed elnadi</b><br>Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.   |
| <b>Ziad</b><br>The importance of day of peace is really important as the whole world is supposed to show respect to all the people and be kind to them     | <b>Azaan ghani</b><br>International peace day is a day that you have to show people respect and tolerance so the other people will respect and show tolerance to you as well.  | <b>Anjali Roan</b><br>Events may vary from private gatherings to public, various concerts and forums for huge audiences. Activities like a toast for Peace, Peace walks, picnics for Peace Day prayers, tree planting for Peace. | <b>Hamad Deeb</b><br>Day of peace is a great day and it is a really relevant day for us on this day we respect others and be kind to everyone.  |
| <b>Mansoor</b><br>Day of peace means a good day free from any sort of problems. We should be kind, honest, truthful, modest and show respect to every one. | <b>Rayan Bilal</b><br>International Peace Day is a day in which we celebrate peace among the world on this particular day. The peace day was made by United Nations on 21 of September in 1981. It is made to stop war and violence from this world. This year we all are facing this Corona Virus Pandemic so we need to stop this pandemic together and live peacefully like we used to. | <b>AFFAN AHMED</b><br>Peace  | <b>Mahmoud</b><br>Peace is respecting and showing tolerance so we need to respect so Peace world love "if you don't leave them alone you should respect them and show them peace you should don't leave them alone in bad situation if you are in their place they will not leave you they will help you that's why you always need to show peace |

**Peace message – 6BS; 7BD 6GS**



**21st September - UN International Day of Peace.**  
 "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" Nelson Mandela

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| <b>Muhammad Saad Shaikh</b><br>The International Day of Peace, sometimes officially known as World Peace Day, is a United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed annually on 21 September.                    | <b>Muhammad Nathan Justin</b><br>Peace means to be in the midst of those things and will be calm in your heart   | <b>Muhammad Saad Shaikh</b><br>If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies. -Desmond Tutu (Bishop)   |
| <b>Hamad</b><br>Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding."  | <b>Eshan Moras</b><br>A world without the United Nation or with a paralyzed United Nation would be far more costly to all of us and far more dangerous to peace and stability.                       | <b>Zaid</b><br>The International Day of Peace (Peace Day) is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace across all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. |
| <b>Eashaf Ali</b><br>The world and the future, depends on us. Don't let our world be a world of fear and destruction, hatred and sin. No matter where you are, keep the peace. Stop fighting and bullying. | <b>Zaid</b><br>The world and the future, depends on us. Don't let our world be a world of fear and destruction, hatred and sin. No matter where you are, keep the peace. Stop fighting and bullying. | <b>Zaid</b><br>The world and the future, depends on us. Don't let our world be a world of fear and destruction, hatred and sin. No matter where you are, keep the peace. Stop fighting and bullying.   |

**Ethan 8BD - sharing his thought on peace**

**Omar 8BD – presented his PowerPoint on World Peace.**

