

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH

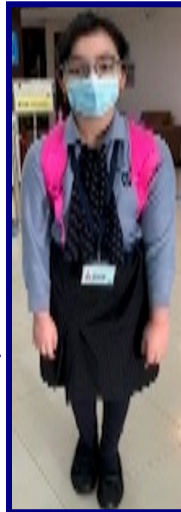


Newsletter Issue #7
8th October, 2020



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear Parents,



Uniform

We are loving the super, smart, professional dress of our students in full uniform. They certainly look ready for their office! If your child still needs to buy a tie (G2-12 boys) or scarf (G2-12 girls), please send AED21/- to the Bookstore for a new one. Thanks.

World Teachers' Day, 5/10/20

Thank you for all the kind, thoughtful messages, virtual cards, poems, videos & posters shared with our committed teachers for their special day. Here is Hala (KG2F2) sharing her sweet token of appreciation & Aadil's emergency health kits. Thank you Hala, Aadil (G9BH1) & all our kind students!



Dates for Your Diary



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



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	Grade Return Date for Blended Students		
	Section		
	Junior (KG1-G1)	Primary (G2-5)	Secondary (G6-12)
Sunday 11/10/20	KG1 KG2 G1	G2 G5 G3	G10, G11 & G12 G8 & G9 G7
Sunday 18/10/20	KG1 KG2 G1	G2 G5 G3 G4	G10, G11 & G12 G8 & G9 G7 G6

Helpful digital tips & Apps for you & your children to try at home, if you wish.



read&write

Click below or Scan the QR code for
Audio Visual:

What is Read & Write?

How to use it?

Read&Write is a big confidence booster for anyone who needs a little support with their reading and writing, at school, home or in the workplace. And its friendly literacy features help English Language Learners, as well as people with reading difficulties. With its child friendly features, Read&Write makes lots of everyday literacy tasks simpler, quicker and more accurate.

"Every problem might not have a solution right now, but don't forget that every solution was once a problem.."

G1-8 SPEA Environmental Competition



Can you demonstrate good character?



Do you want to win U\$500 by showing your drawing and writing skills whilst protecting the environment?

If yes, then **think** about and act on the details on the next page. You will also be helping your class and House win a school competition 😊.

- **Drawing**
- **Hand Writing**

Around protecting planet earth from Climate change and Plastic Pollution



YOUR TASK – KG1 to Grade 8

A competition has been launched by SPEA to both build and support environmental awareness whilst developing drawing and handwriting.

YOUR TASK – for KG1 to Grade 8

- **Draw a Poster** that demonstrates how you care for the environment, what current threats there are to the environment OR build awareness of how we at WSS can all help protect our environment.

Or

- **Hand write** a pledge, story, poem, song, acrostic game, movie scene or any other creative way that outlines an environmental problem, solution or builds awareness.

The theme of the hand drawing or hand written work must be on the following:

- **Climate Change**
- **Plastic pollution**



G1-8 SPEA Environmental Competition

THE CHALLENGE; the best entries from our House Competition will be entered into SPEA's competition for a chance to win a cash prize of U\$500.

Details

- The deadline for entry of your Drawing or Hand Written work to WSS is **Sunday 25th October 2020**
 - Your work needs to be scanned and emailed to your class teacher
 - The work must have the students Name, Age and Class clearly visible in the corner.
 - The school leadership team will choose a winner from each class.
 - The winners from each class will compete to be either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in each Grade.
 - All the Grade winners will be uploaded and shared on Social media and entered in the SPEA competition for the chance to win U\$500.
 - Be creative 😊
 - Class, Grade and House Winners will be announced on Sunday 1st November, 2020 on our Social Media sites and in the Newsletter.
 - Online voting will determine the SPEA winner (watch out ON THEIR Social Media as we will ask for you to vote!)
 - #focus #motivation #confidence #ambition #curiosity #optimism
- Lets see who are the best writers and drawers @WSS! Good Luck! 😊



Whole School News; How We Support Student Wellbeing



GEMS Westminister School
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We believe that every child has strengths to build upon, interests to share and experiences to honor.

Everyone is valued and participates to the best of their ability

All children have equal access

All children learn alongside their same age peers

Various resources and technologies are used for different learning styles



Focus is on child's abilities not disabilities

Students have positive and appropriate support in the classroom

Children become accepting of one another

Teachers are highly trained at delivering differentiated curriculum to meet individual needs

Students develop confidence in their ability to interact with the world around them

Meaningful relationships develop between students as they spend time with one another

We provide

Quality first teaching

Truly inclusive

SEN support

Positive behavior reinforcement

Counselling services and pastoral care.


Safe and child friendly environment

For queries feel free to email our Head of Inclusion Ms. Rema at rema.p_wss@gemsedu.com

Team Inclusion

WSS Superstar Champions!

Month	Grade	Section	Star Student Of the month	Reason
September	11	BD	Mohamed B. I. Alshikh Saleh	For being academically good and supporting classmates during free lessons.
September	11	BF	Ahmed Shaif Saleh Al Edresi	For being academically good and supporting classmates during free lessons.
September	11	GH	Mariam Ahmed Abdulrahman Hafez	For being prompt in every lesson and participation in extracurricular activities like MUN and Unieqo.
September	12	BS	Muhammad Shaheer Asad	For being academically good and active participation during the lessons.
September	12	GF	Nazua Mostafa Mostafa Mahamud	For being academically good and active participation during the lessons.



CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Hereby awarded to


Dana Abdulrahman Albalooshi

For completing Japanese Level 1
with Pomegranate Institute.

From 13 September 2020 To 01 October 2020

*Congratulations and wishing you well
on your future endeavors!*

OBO Jessica P.
Mariam Shibib CEO



"Those angels who enlighten our lives with the light of knowledge, curiosity and wisdom are TEACHERS".

Whole School News; Celebrating World Teachers' Day, 5/10/20



THIS IS ME

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
EFFORTS AND
SUPPORT.**



**Happy
Teachers Day**



Happy Teachers Day!
All we all know today Teachers day Let me take this opportunity to thank all my teachers, who have been working very hard to teach us online. From guiding us to motivating us, this year our school for teachers workbooks has grown immensely we know it has been challenging for each one of us but teachers have been our backbone mentors. So, I would like to thank all my teachers for guiding us, inspiring us and making us what we are today! You gave us all the reasons to dream big and all the reasons to achieve it. You Teachers are a blessing in our life. Thank you for teaching me a subject I thought I could never understand or be interested in today! celebrate you for being selfless devoted, hardworking



Check out the padlet for inspirational messages of appreciation from our lovely students on World Teachers' Day:
https://padlet.com/andreww_wss/pw9bdqdutj3ztybb

Whole School News; Celebrating World Teachers' Day, 5/10/20

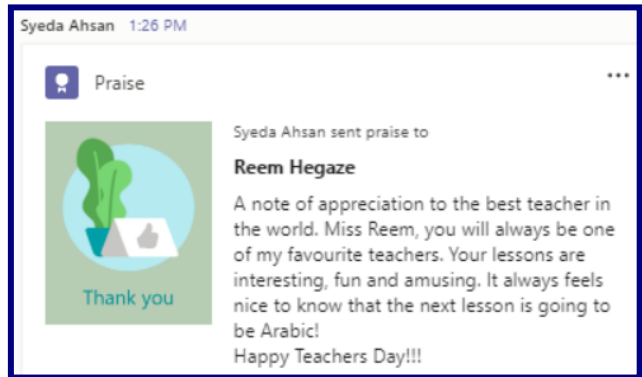
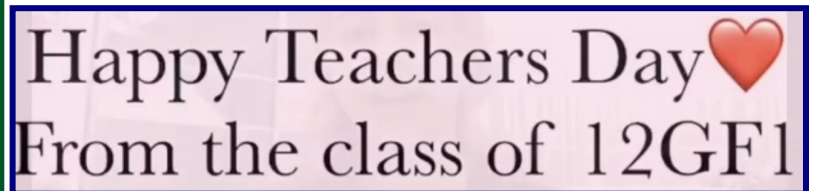


My Dear Teachers

- My dear teachers:
- You helped me become a better leader
- Helping me through out the day
- There is just so much to say
- Showing kindness towards us
- You appreciate us,
- Care for us and guide us to a better way
- Educating us with knowledge and good character traits
- You are kind, helpful, lovely, awesome and amazing
- Your teaching is like music to ears
- Helping us through out our years



Thank You



<p>Adrian KG2 F1 01:35 video padlet drive</p>	<p>G1S1 Miss Sidra Miss Fiza</p>	<p>Vignesh "Being with a teacher for one day is better than a one thousand year studies" Thank you teachers for teaches us excellent ways to succeed! Happy World Teachers Day!</p>	<p>lara khalil 6gd1 teacher: miss geethu</p> <p>4-10-2020 Sunday by: lara khalil</p> <p>Happy teacher's day</p> <p>poem Happy teachers' day, Happy hero's day . Teachers went fast to the class, And we went late at last, She is anything you could imagen her would be, Maybe you feel sometimes she is a</p> <p>happy teachers day Word document padlet drive</p>	<p>Bassam Omar 5BD1 happy teachers day to all our wonderful teachers. I'm so lucky to have such wonderful teachers like you. You've taught me everything I know. Thank you so much to the teachers who have made me who I am today . Happy teachers day and stay safe. ❤️</p>
<p>Anushka Shiju 6GF1</p> <p>zia parvin happy teachers day to all our wonderful teachers we are always thankful to you</p>	<p>Anushka Shiju G6F1 happy teachers day to all teachers that helped us study and to become bright stars.</p>	<p>Rida Zainab Iqbal</p> <p>422db2c5-c116-42d1-8824-e34712c7ae7f 00:33 video padlet drive</p>	<p>Happy Teachers Day ❤️ From the class of 12GF1</p>	
<p>Happy TEACHERS' Day</p> <p>Aena Asad 6gf1 Wishing you a very Happy World Teachers' day! Without you, we would</p>		<p>Veydant D.P 11BF1 Thank you Mr. Nilanjan the coolest biology teacher who can always makes it more fun and interesting by being a relatable as well as up-to-date.</p> <p>Thanks Miss Uzma for always</p>	<p>Happy Teachers Day ❤️ From the class of 12GF1</p> <p>trim.D071868A-77D9-4114-9D46-8EA7199C4... 01:02 video padlet drive</p>	<p>Menna Mohamed 7GF1 https://1drv.ms/p/s!AIKKBhFpYzzDgWY1fSe7PisatkoN</p>

Whole School News; Celebrating World Teachers' Day, 5/10/20

Teachers' day! Without you, we would have been lost. Thank you **teacher** for guiding us, inspiring us And making us what we are today. Dear **Teacher**, Thanks for inspiring hope in me, Igniting my imagination, And instilling in me – a love of learning. Happy World **Teachers' Day!**

- T-Talented
 - E-Enthusiastic
 - A-Amazing
 - C-Caring
 - H-Happy
 - E-Effective
 - R-Rocking
- I wish all my teachers a very happy teachers day.
- My form tutor-Miss Shany
My maths teacher-Miss Jini
My science teacher-Miss Rasmi
My geography teacher-Miss Nida
My computer teacher-Miss Gincy
MY Arabic teacher-Miss Samah
MY moral education teacher-Miss Susan
My Islamic teacher -Miss Khatma
My French sir-Mr Abdulrahman
thank you very much

Nuh Faraj Al Tamimi-Grade 5 BH2

numerous questions and for being patient with me.

Thanks Miss Sunitha for always being starightforward and kind at the same time answering all my doubts I have with physics and helping me be the best I can be.

Thank you Mr. Krishna for teaching me mechanics, a subject that is very lengthy and detailed but explaining it to me so well and answering any questions I have difficulty in, you have no idea how much help you've been.

I wont forget Miss Bennith, my chemistry teacher who may frequently give us assignments and tasks but can also be nice once you get to know her. Anyways, she is a great teacher and I will always appreciate her.

:):)



Dana Nael 6GF1
HAPPY TEACHERS DAY to all my amazing teachers.

THANK you all for what have you taught me over the years

it is because of you that I became a good student. Thanks for all that you have done for me. Wishing you a very happy Teacher's Day.

how old i grow i will never forget what all my teachers taught me .

- THANK YOU ALOT MS. AND MR
- Ms. Valerie
 - Mr. Andrew
 - Ms. Shany
 - Ms. Jini
 - Ms. Rasmi
 - Ms. Susan
 - Ms. Hend
 - Ms. Heba
 - Mr. Issam
 - Mr. Abdulrahman

Naveera Hasan 6GF1
Happy teachers day



Laiba 6GF1
happy teachers day to all the wonderful teachers.

Happy teachers day ❤️
Happy teachers day to all the wonderful teachers ❤️
Thank you for teaching us every day
You are all the best teachers in the world
👉 Thank you teachers from zainab umar



Insharah Waqas 6GF1
Roses are red
Violets are blue
With gratitude I thank you

To all my special teachers
When I started school, this day seemed so far away
But now it is here and I can't believe time passed so quickly.
Through your encouragement and

And for your understanding and the difference it made.

Umaiza Hassan G2 - H1
'HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY'
Great Inventors and Leaders are not born. They are motivated and inspired to do great things by great teachers like you.

Dear Miss Ringamphi Luthui,
You are the guidance of my future. And what you are writing on the white board of my mind can not be erased. Thank you my class teacher.

معلمتي هبة يحيى
شكراً معلمتي لتعليمي العربية
انت معلمتي عظيم (Arabic)

Dear Sir Muhammad Kashif,
Thank you for teaching me about my religion.
(Islamic Studies)

Miss Fadwa Eid,
Thank you for making a paper my canvas and colors my art.
(Arts)

Kenisha vikram 2S2
Happy teachers day to all my lovely teachers for taking all efforts to make us a wonderful person ☺

Maaz G4f1
The patience and sacrifices of our teachers should be celebrated every day. Not just one day in a year. I wish you all the best on this special occasion. You are my most favorite teacher!

Maheen Azhar, G4-F!
Happy Teacher's Day to all the teachers from all the classes of this amazing school.



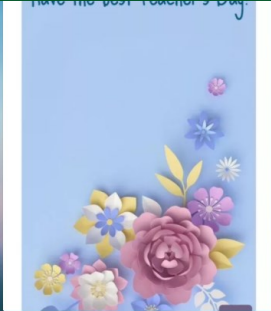
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Muskaan Younus 6G - F1 6218
I wish you a happy teachers day to all the teachers who help us everyday
Thank you.
I made this for you I hope you like it.



World teachers day card
PDF document
padlet drive

Dema Mohamed g1f1
Thanks my teachers: MS Raquel,MS saida,MS shaimaa,MS Doaa, MS Maha ,MS Iram and MR Jowie
For yours efforts to teach us new things and Thanks for yours advance ...I love you all ...Allah bless yours ❤️❤️❤️



Mursaleen G2 D1



T is for your talent
E is for explaining so patiently
A is for the ability to make class fun
C is for correcting us when we are wrong
H is for helping us
E is for encouraging us to do our best
R is for rare, there is only one of each of you
Happy teachers day 🌹!

Malak G4f2
Happy teacher's day to all my teachers.
Mrs,shabana
Mrs,anju
Madam,maha
Mrs,surbhi
Mrs,namitha
Mrs,sameena
Mr,ahmed
معلمتي العالمة هبة
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معلمتي العالمة هبة
Thank you for support me for my frist year in wss.



Thank you dear students for taking the time to apply your values, creativity & positive character traits to appreciate your Teachers on World Teacher Day. Your kind words are highly motivating!

Junior Section News; Welcome Back G1!



Junior Section News



Practicing shapes
kg2h1

frehan during fun activity.
kg2h1

With Ms. Uzma



Good job Shahd !!!
KG2H1



Adorable chefs Nimer and Emir.
kg2h1



KG1 D1

Maths is fun

With Ms. Nikhat



KG1 D1

Maths is fun

Junior Section News

With Ms. Uzma

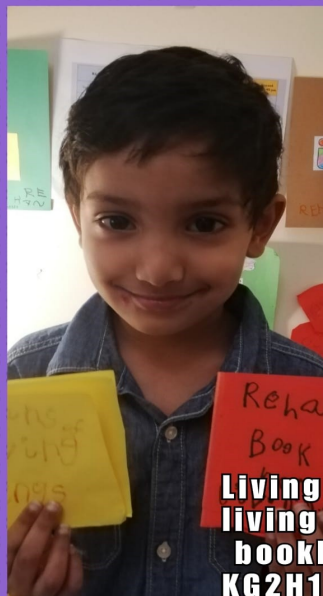


Adyan's fruit salad.
kg2h1



Together we return!!
KG2H1

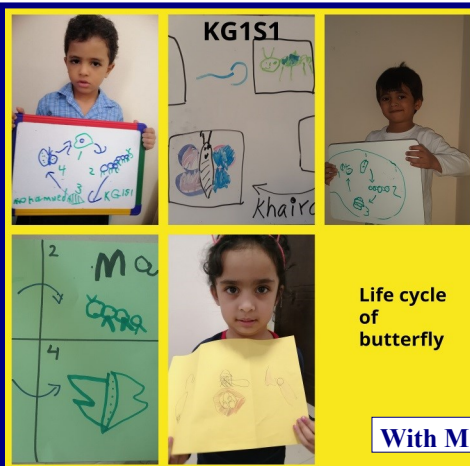
With Ms. Uzma



Living and non living
booklet made by
KG2H1



Yummy sandwich



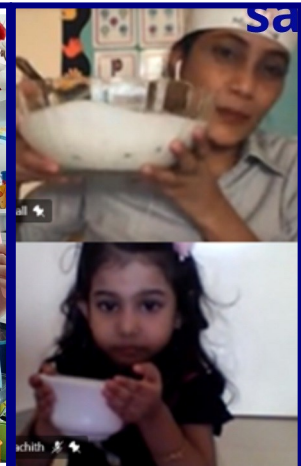
Life cycle
of
butterfly

With Ms. Sonia



KG1S1

Happy Teacher's day



Junior Section News



KG2S1



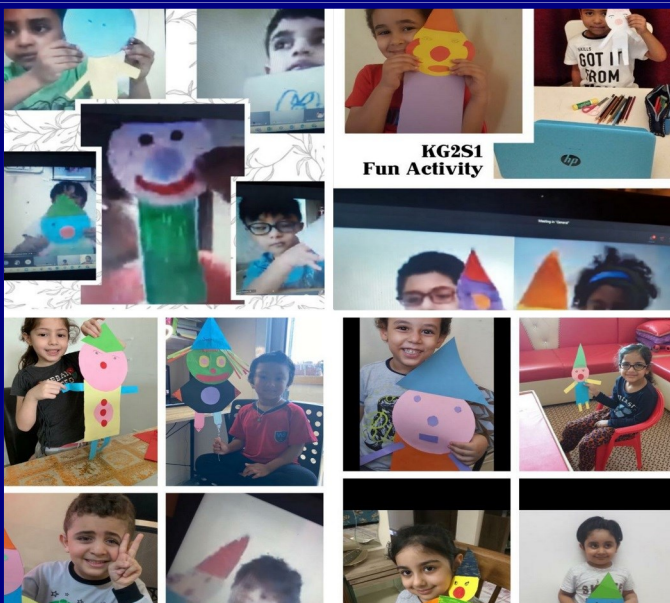
We are making 2-D shapes with playdough

KG2S1



KG2S1

We are learning to create 2-D shapes



KG2S1 Fun Activity

KG2S1

KG2S1 Fun Activity

With Ms. Sadiqa



caterpillar activity by Abhisha

With Ms. Sonia

KG1S1 making caterpillar

Junior Section News



We are teaching our young learners to become independent, which is why parents are encouraged to 'stand back' from their children to allow them to explore, & even to make & learn from little mistakes to develop into independent learners. Here is Gauri (KG1S1) enjoying cutting her resources ready for the next day's lesson.

Fun With Caterpillar



KG1 F2

With Ms. Safia



Making Yogurt Fruit Salad And Enjoying the Fun Session

KG1 F2

Maths Session



Learning about Butterfly

KG1F2

Maths is Fun

KG1F2



AbdelRahman with ingredients for fun activity session
KG1D2

AbdelRahman KG1D2 enjoying his fun activity.



KG1S2 busy in Maths Session.

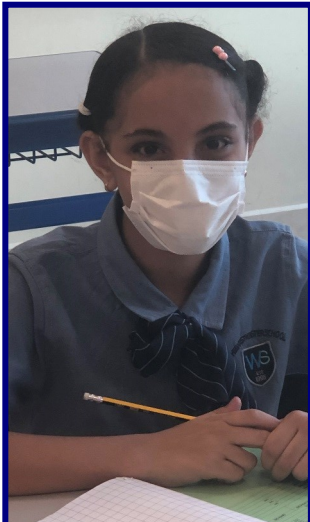
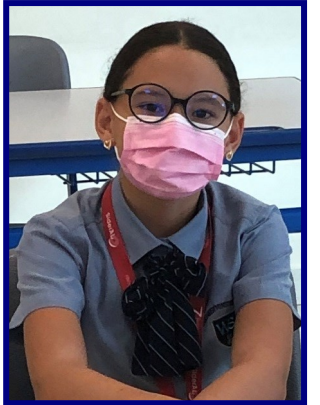
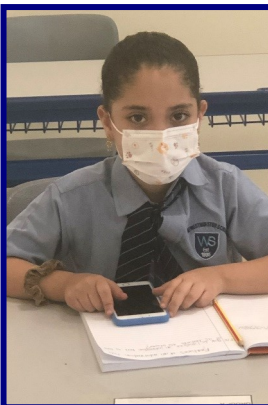
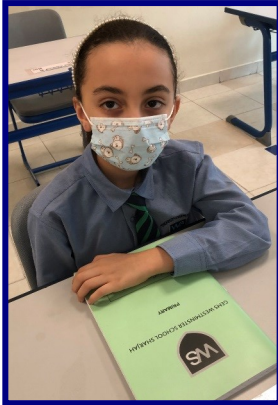
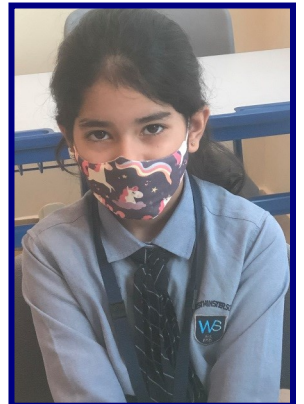
With Ms. Maria



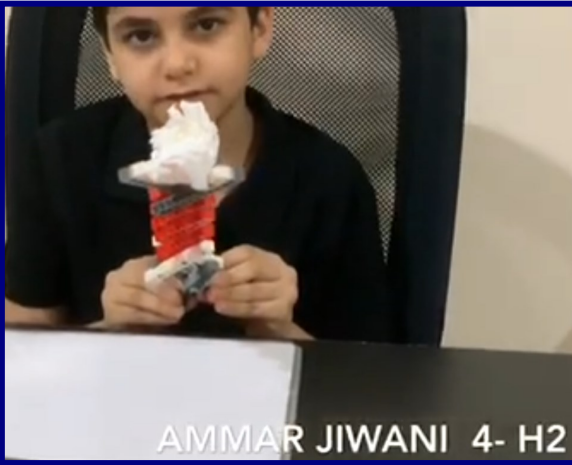
KG1S2 making life cycle of the butterfly.

KG1S2 making life cycle of the butterfly.

Primary Section News; Welcome Back G5!



Primary Section News

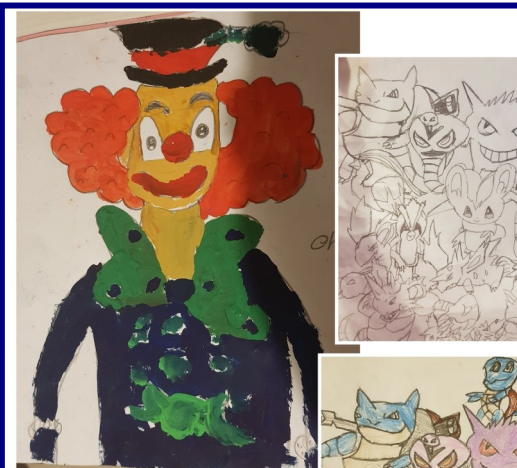


AMMAR JIWANI 4- H2

Ammar (G4H2) making a mechanical claw for his science project for Ms. Deepthy.



'States of matter' science experiments with G3D2 & Ms. Lavita.



Oniru Lasen G3 F1 Drawing & Colouring



G3 F1 Science Experiment on evaporation

G3F1 with Ms. Susweta



Dana enjoying PE 2D1 Lesson



Zeyad (G4H1) making a pulley model in science with Ms. Anju.



Abdullah (G5BH1) looking super smart in his uniform.

Primary & Secondary Section News

Science Model Making – Simple Machines.

With Ms. Anju



Maryam Yusuf – 4H1



Malak – 4F2



Hana – 4H1

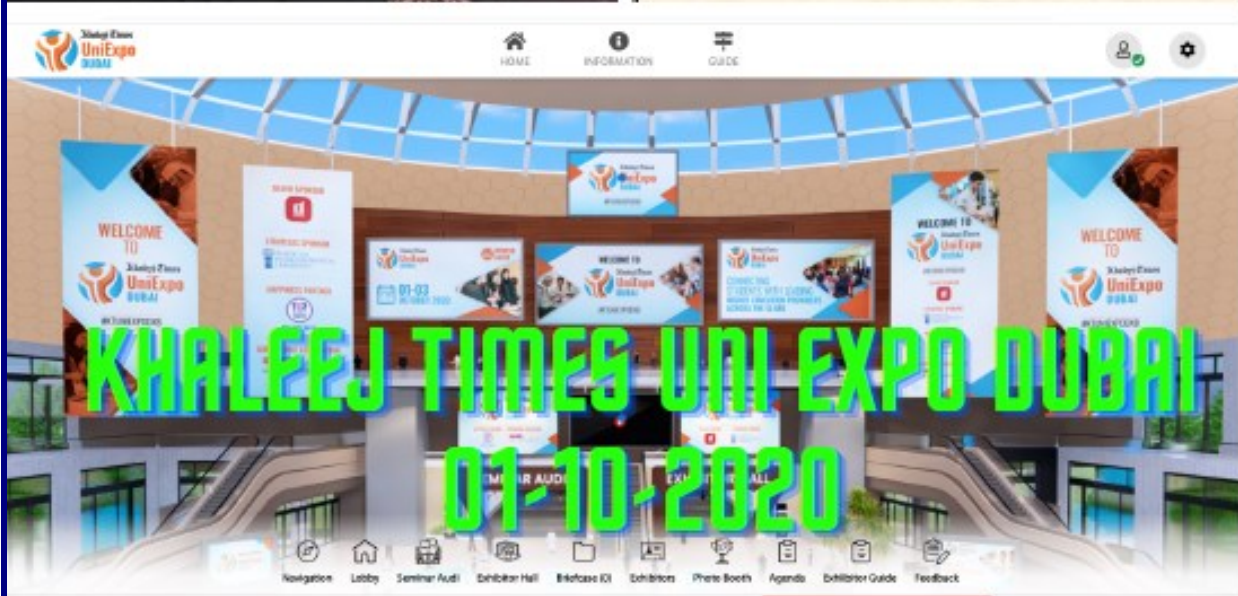


Secondary Section News



Uni expo was an excellent way to know more about where I can pursue for my higher education. It offered detailed information from scholarships to admission requirements for undergraduates of different universities here in the UAE and abroad. It facilitates communication between students and universities in this pandemic.

-Amal Saleh – 11GH



I was very satisfied with the expo and learnt more regarding the qualifications and criteria need for my courses as well as the paths I can take to go to university

-Veydant – 11BF



Secondary Section News

Beautifully crafted drawings by G9G with Ms. Maha



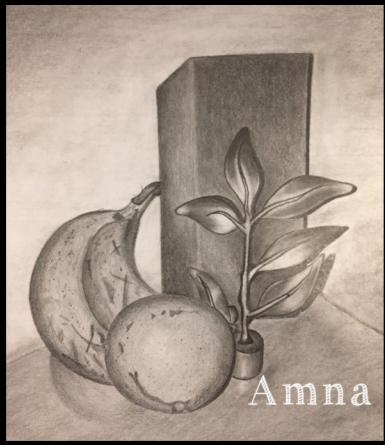
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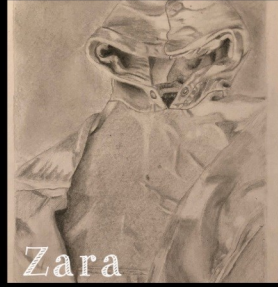
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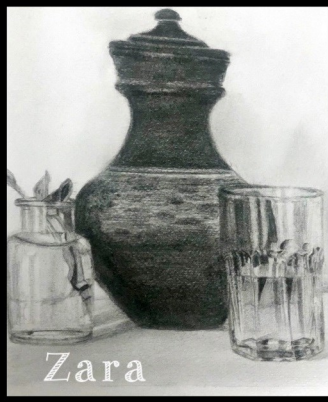
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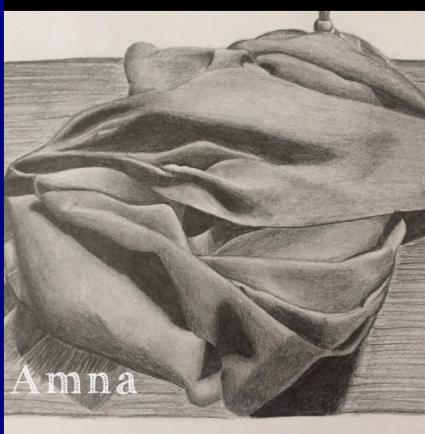
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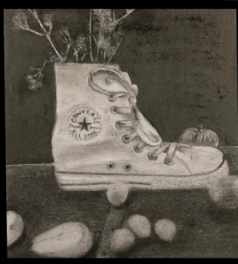
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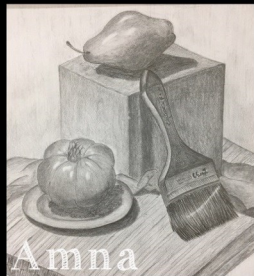
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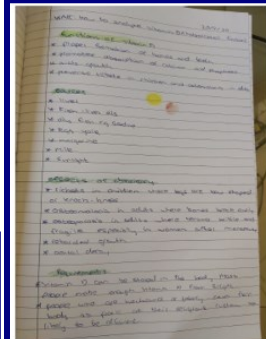
Erin



Suhaimah



Yusra



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Fatima Husaini

Final product



Fatima Husaini

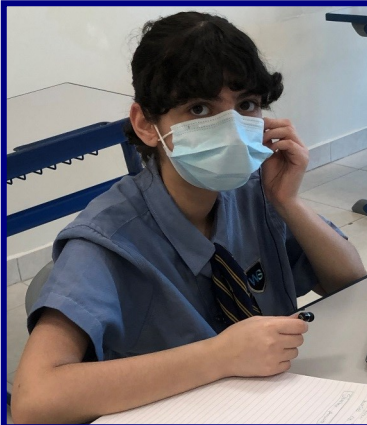
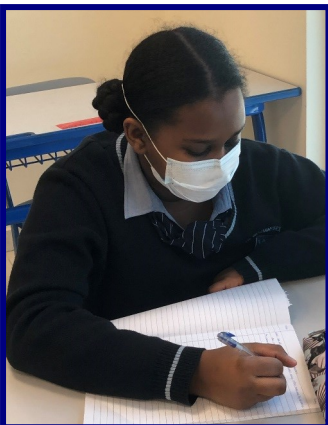
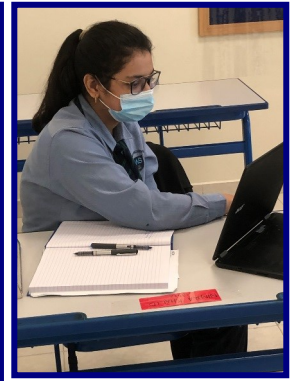
Steps

Above, Food and Nutrition practicals for Ms. Shaniya.

Cooking is a skill which requires understanding of the science behind cooking techniques and methods. Food and nutrition students explored the concept of gelatinization and coagulation through preparation of custard and Spanish egg omelet.

Delicious!

Secondary Section News; Welcome Back G8-9!



Blended students learning in safe school environment



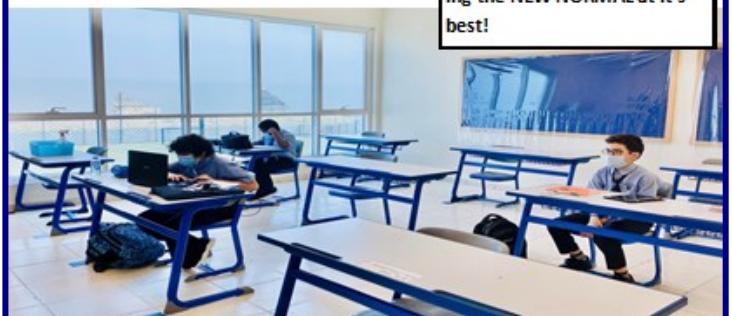
Students are being very mindful & cooperative about Social Distancing & Mask-wearing rules for their own & others' safety. Well done & thank you for keeping WSS safe!



Abdullah is engrossed in drawing Geometrical shapes



Social Distancing and practicing the NEW NORMAL at it's best!



Secondary Section News; Welcome Back G8-9!



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GEMS Westminster School
SHARJAH



GEMS
EDUCATION

Dear Parents,

Subject: 'Press Pause' Wellbeing Initiative

This is to inform you about an exciting change to the lesson structure in Secondary Section this year. We are introducing a two-minute 'Press Pause' activity after every lesson. This new initiative is intended to promote positive emotion regulation skills and healthy eye and neck posture. During these 2 minutes there will be an instructional video clip which will promote wellbeing.

YOU ARE INVITED! We would love to include parent helpers as part of this initiative. If you would like to volunteer and send in a 2-minute video clip of a fun activity (aerobics, stretches, gentle dance moves etc.) for our students to follow during 'Press Pause', please contact Mr. Jishar at jisharmon.a.wss@gemsedu.com.

We also invite you to join these activities with your children during the 'Press Pause' time.

Details are as follows:

Days: All school days
Timings: 2 minutes after each lesson.
Venue: Online Portal: MS TEAMS (as usual)
Start Date: Monday, 12th October, 2020

We are looking forward to building a happy, healthy and active community at WSS and we would like to thank you again for your support during these unprecedented times.

Regards,
Secondary Assistant Principals

Secondary Section News

Educational activities— scientific experiments at home!



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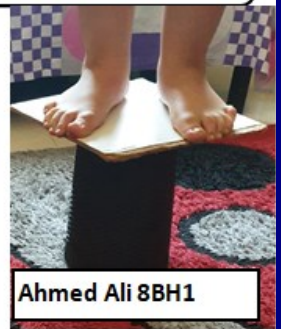
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Moh. Ahmed 8BH1

Educational activities— Animal classification and experiments

Animal Classification		Ellie
Amphibians	Reptiles	Fish
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live on land in water Breathe with Lungs and Gills Moist Smooth Skin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have scales and fur Have dry Skin 4 Leg or no Leg Cold-blooded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live in water Lay many eggs Breathes under water using gills Cold-blooded
Insects	Birds	Arachnids
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have 6 legs and wings Lay eggs 4 or 6 legs Hard exoskeleton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have hair or fur Warm-blooded Have 2 legs Wings Warm-blooded Lay eggs Have 8 legs Hard exoskeleton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live on land 8 legs Segmented body Lay eggs Hard exoskeleton



Ahmed Ali 8BH1

→ vertebrates...
Animals with skeleton.

- Mammals (e.g. monkey)
- Reptiles (e.g. snake)
- Fish
- Amphibians (e.g. frog)

Rivers

Amena 8GF1



Umair

Classification of Living Organisms

Reptiles	Fish	Amphibians
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have scales and wings Lay eggs Some have live young Can live on land or in water Cold-blooded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breathes with gills Live in water Have scales and fins Can lay eggs or live young Cold-blooded Lay many eggs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live on land and in water Wet skin Breathes with lungs and gills Cold-blooded Moist Smooth Skin (like hair on legs)
Birds	Mammals	Insects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have feathers and wings Lay eggs Have 2 legs Can walk, swim or fly Warm-blooded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have hair or fur Some have live young Warm-blooded Milk their young with milk Have legs and most can breathe through lungs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invertebrates Have exoskeleton Segmented body Lay eggs Respiratory system through trachea

Thank you to our wonderful parent for the positive and motivating words #teamspirit #WSSFamily

Subject: Re: Appreciation

Tamim's parents (8BD1)

Dear Ms. Lucy,

Thank you so much for sharing and for being so supportive of both Tamim and us!

I'd like to also show my appreciation for your constant communication with us. It shows us that we made the right choice of schooling for Tamim!

Have a nice weekend.

Yusuf Rashid's parents (7BH1)

Subject: Re: Congratulations Yusuf Rashid!

Dear Ms. Boben,

Firstly please accept my apology for not responding earlier to your very encouraging email about Yusuf. I had missed this email and just saw it now.

I am extremely pleased with your feedback and appreciate your efforts to acknowledge Yusuf's focus towards his academics and positive class attitude. WSS is a new school for Yusuf and it is good to see him overcome his qualms of joining an unfamiliar environment. Credit must be given to you and his other teachers for making him feel comfortable and motivated to perform well.

His mother and I shall endeavor to help Yusuf continue this and further improve. Please do continue sharing his progress with us so we can together ensure he performs to the best of his potential.

Thank you once again,

Rashid Pasha



Celebrating 'WSS Smiles' Day with G8BF & Ms. Susan as part of their Moral Education lesson.

