

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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22nd October, 2020



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

Dear WSS Parents,

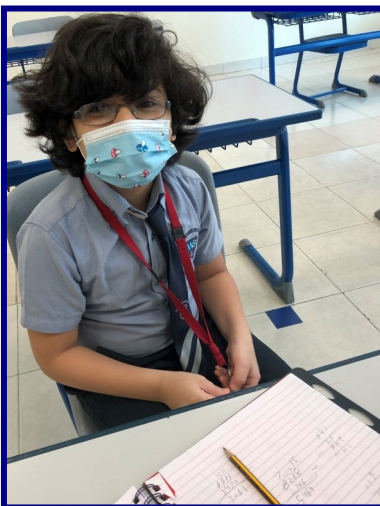
### Opting for your Child's Education Programme for November-December

We would like to thank & appreciate our parents for their ongoing cooperation for our September-October education programmes.

It is now time for parents to opt for the next half Term's programme for their children.

- Please complete the quick survey that will be emailed to you on your official school email indicating your preference for your child's November-December learning programme (100% RLP or Blended)
- To complete the survey you will need to use your child's e-learning username & password, plus full 14 digit WSS ID
- The survey will be open from Wed. 21/10, 7am until Thurs. 22/10, 7pm.
- Places for Blended programme are limited, so will be given on a first-come, first-served basis (survey responses will be time stamped).
- One survey needs to be completed for each child. Parents will only be able to complete the survey once per child.

Welcome back G4 & G6! Beautiful artwork by Zaki (KG1S1) for the SPEA competition (see NL#7 p4-5 for details).



## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Saturday 24th Oct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration Office &amp; Cashier are open, 8am-1pm.</li> <li>• Bookstore closed.</li> </ul>
Wed. 21st & Thurs. 22nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All WSS parents please complete the quick survey that will be emailed to you on your official school email indicating your preference for your child's November-December learning programme (100% RLP or Blended)</li> <li>• To complete the survey you will need to use your child's e-learning username &amp; password, plus full 14 digit WSS ID</li> <li>• The survey will be open from Wed. 21/10, 7am until Thurs. 22/10, 7pm</li> <li>• Places for Blended programme are limited, so will be given on a first-come, first-served basis (Survey responses will be time stamped)</li> </ul>
Thurs. 29th Oct.- Monday 2nd Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs. 29/10; Holiday for Prophet's Birthday (PBUH). TBC</li> <li>• Saturday 31st Oct. until Monday 2nd November inclusive, school closed for Mid-Term Break</li> <li>• School reopens for students on Tuesday 3rd November.</li> </ul>

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

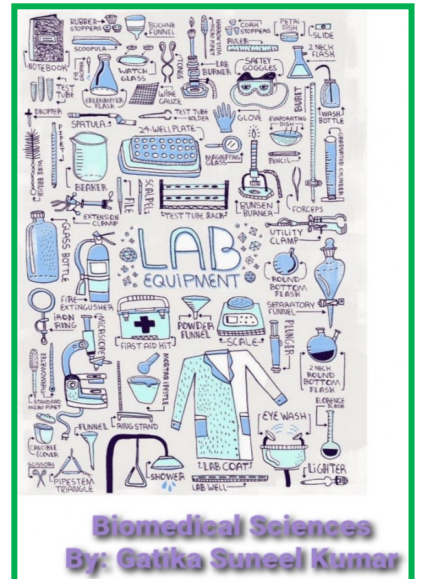
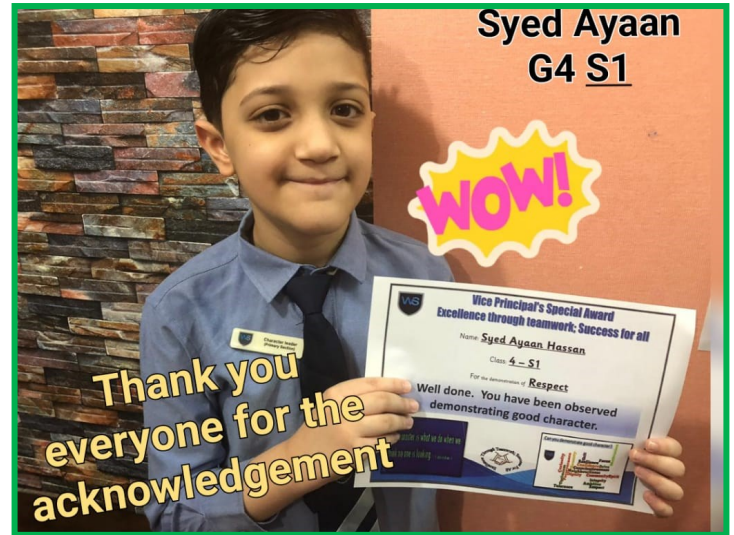
For details of policies & procedures, please refer to our Parent Handbook found at: <https://media.gemseducation.com/media/58401/parent-handbook-3620.pdf>



# WSS Superstar Champions!



Class Champion Karol (G5GH1).



We are proud to share that the following WSS students have been shortlisted in the Gulf Medical university project and poster competition. Shortlisted students & Winners are selected based on the votes they receive through the social media (Facebook). Two of them are projects and two are posters . One of our student's project is in the top 5 now!!

Please share your support of our science stars by casting your vote through Facebook on the links below.

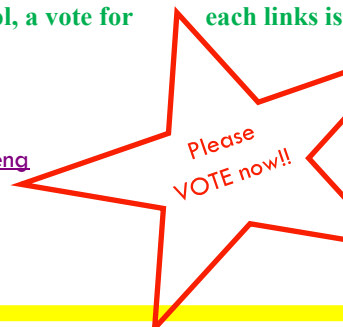
As we are competing with students from different school, a vote for each links is needed. Thank you!

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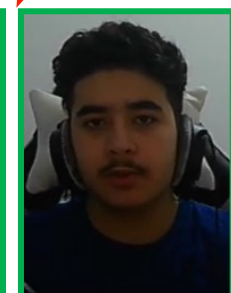
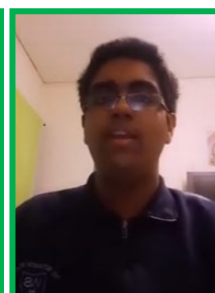
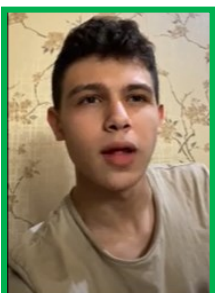
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**Microbe busters: Credits:**  
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 Mohammed B.I.  
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 -Veydant D.P -Chirayu  
 Editor:  
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**Colin the Kindness Camel**  
 (Respect, Community Spirit &  
Neighbourliness)

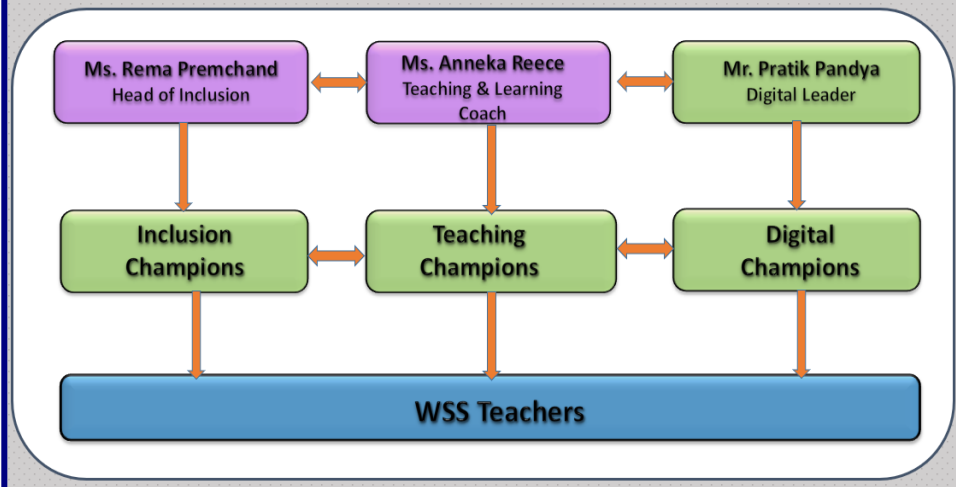
Kindness camel Nominees from Grades 11-12				
Date	Grade	Section	Name	Reason
1st - 15th October	11	BD	Mujtaba Ali Syed	Proactive in registration and all class activities
1st - 15th October	11	BF	Veydant Dinesh Padmanabhan	Proactive in all activities and helps form tutor in all activities
1st - 15th October	11	GH	Nourhan Tamer	Helping the late joined student in sharing learning resources of the past lessons.
1st - 15th October	12	BS	Afraz Hafeel M. Salih	Proactive in registration and all activities
1st - 15th October	12	GF	Neha Vinod Vinod	Proactive in registration and all activities

“ 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

### WSS PLD Team



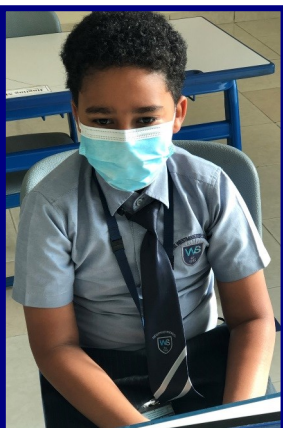
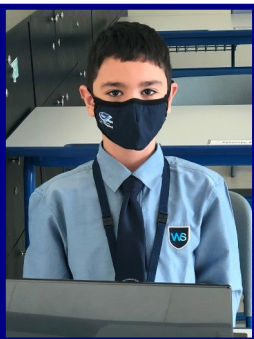
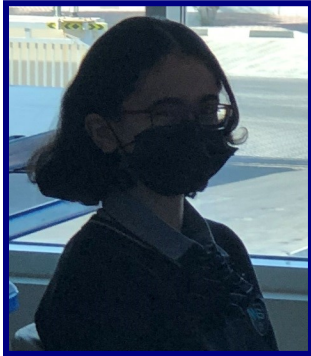
### Professional Learning Development for Teachers & Staff at WSS

WSS is a dynamic learning community with a Growth Mindset; we believe that lifelong learning is for all of us, & we can all get better & smarter with the proper support system, development strategies, practice, feedback & hard work! To support our staff learning journey, we have a Learning Coach, Ms. Anneka, who designs & leads a lot of the bespoke, ongoing Professional Learning Development programme. We have enhanced her team with the addition of Ms. Rema to lead on inclusion, & Mr. Pratik to lead on digital resilience & maturity. We wish the newly enhanced PLD Team every success!

# Welcome Back G4 & G6!



We were very happy to finally welcome back our G4 & G6 students. They said they were happy to be back too!



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## *Junior Section News*



**Creative art by Zaki (KG1S1) for the SPEA competition**

# Secondary Section News; World Students' Day

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 share your thoughts on world students day  
 Made with a bold sensibility

Vignesh

Poster on World Teachers Day:

## Happy World Students Day

World Students' Day is marked on Abdul Kalam's birthday, 15 October. In 2010 the United Nations declared 15 October "World Students' Day". Every year 15 October is observed as World Students' Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. He was the former President of India, a political figure and great scientist, also known as "Missile Man of India. The reason why this day is observed as Students' Day is that Dr. Kalam dedicated his entire life to students.

It was in the year 2010, when the United Nations declared 10 October to be celebrated as the World Students' Day. The reason behind doing so was to honour the hard work and efforts of Dr. Kalam, in the field of education, science and technology. It is, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam worked tirelessly to improve the education system across the world. Since then every year 15 October is celebrated as the World Students' Day. On this day, meritorious students who lack financial facilities to pursue their education are provided financial aid and are encouraged to work hard. Students are awarded for their exceptional performances in their respective schools, college etc. Let's all celebrate World Students Day and appreciate students' hard work.



Happy World Students Day  
 Word document  
 padlet drive

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Mohammed Salam

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Davin Thomas Nitin

World Students Day is celebrated every year on 15th October. This day is dedicated to all the students and pays tribute to Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the former president of India who always encouraged learning and education and inspired students to always give their best.

"Those who are always open to learn new things are always progressive in their lives. Warm wishes on Students Day to all the students."

"Being a student is a great thing as there are so many new things to learn about. Happy Students Day to you."

"On the occasion of Students Day, we wish that there are no hurdles in your studies and you always progress towards better life. Happy Students Day."

"Warm wishes on Students Day to all the students. Keep working hard and you will reach where you wish to be."

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Vignesh

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

"Students make teachers proud, let's appreciate how students show their hard work."

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Ahmed Abbas Shahzada

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7BF2

Students main work to do is to learn what they are taught and to learn together with other students.

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Day  
 15 OCTOBER

G7BF2 shared their idea on World Students' Day on padlet with Ms. Deepthi.



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 Investigate &  
 Explore the thoughts.....

Home based Science Experiments

Terrarium Making

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Aqua scaping

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