

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #1
15th August, 2024



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,
Welcome to a fresh & exciting new academic year at WSS! We wish you & your children every success. Please remember that our door is always open for meetings to work together with parents to resolve queries, misunderstandings or concerns. Please also remember to check out the weekly Newsletters for important Diary Dates & information, as well as to stay updated about your children's learning journey. The Parent Handbook QR access code is always on p3, where you will find all the key school policies & procedures to help your time at WSS go more smoothly.

Carpark Security, from 19/8/24

Please note that due to increased security, from Monday 19/8/24, access to the school carpark will only be given to cars displaying a WSS carpark sticker. If you do not have one & want to use the carpark, please take a form from Reception & submit it. Many thanks.

Student Safeguarding: Visitor Access from 27/8/24
From 27/8/24, all students, parents, staff & visitors must show their school ID card to enter the premises. GEMS may be updating Parent ID cards to include parents' photos for increased safety for our children. Further details will be shared. Meanwhile, parents & students may continue to use their old ID until a replacement is provided. Please visit the BBT (Bus) office in WSS if you or your child requires a new ID card.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Saturdays 17/8, 24/8 & 31/8/24 8am-1pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend online fee payment to avoid queues. However, the WSS Cashier is also open in school for convenient fee payment on these Saturdays Please ensure you bring in your physical GEMS FAB co-brand card if you wish to avail co-brand discount at cash counter to avoid inconvenience due to Apple Wallet technical issues. Thanks.
From Monday 19/8/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Book Bags available for collection as per SMS sent, subject to full T1 fee payment.
Monday 26th August 8am-12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Students' First Day of the new academic year., 8am-12pm T1 fees must be paid in full before any child is assigned a class to join WSS for the new Term. There are no Payment Plans for Term 1. Thank you. No Trolley bags for safety, thank you.
Tuesday 27th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returning Students' First Day of the new academic year. T1 fees must be paid in full before any child is assigned a class to join WSS for the new Term. There are no Payment Plans for Term 1. Thank you. No Trolley bags for safety, thank you.

Returning Locker Keys from 2023-2024

If you have already returned your child's locker key from last academic year, many thanks. If not, please do so to avoid a charge of AED10/- that would be levied for non-returned keys. Thank you.



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النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 1
15 أغسطس 2024



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

مرحبًا بكم في عام دراسي جديد ومثير
في WSS
تتمنى لك ولطفلك كل النجاح. يرجى
تذكر أن بابنا مفتوح دائمًا للاجتماعات
للعمل مع أولياء الأمور لحل
الاستفسارات أو سوء الفهم أو

المخاوف. يرجى أيضًا تذكر الاطلاع على النشرات الإخبارية
الأسبوعية للحصول على تواريخ ومعلومات يومية مهمة،
بالإضافة إلى البقاء على اطلاع دائم برحلة التعلم الخاصة بأطفالك.
رمز الوصول QR الخاص بدليل الوالدين موجود دائمًا على
الصفحة 3، حيث ستجد جميع سياسات وإجراءات المدرسة
الرئيسية للمساعدة في قضاء وقتك في WSS بشكل أكثر سلاسة.

أمن مواقف السيارات من 19/8/24

يرجى ملاحظة أنه نظرًا لزيادة الإجراءات الأمنية، اعتبارًا من يوم
الاثنين 19/8/24، سيتم منح الوصول إلى موقف سيارات المدرسة
فقط للسيارات التي تظهر ملصق موقف سيارات WSS.
إذا لم يكن لديك واحدة وترغب في استخدام موقف السيارات،
فيرجى أخذ نموذج من مكتب الاستقبال وإرساله. شكرًا جزيلًا.

حماية الطلاب؛ دخول الزوار من 27/8/24

اعتبارًا من 27/8/24، يجب على جميع الطلاب وأولياء الأمور
والموظفين والزوار إبراز بطاقة هوية المدرسة الخاصة بهم
لدخول المبنى. قد تقوم GEMS بتحديث بطاقات هوية الوالدين
لتشمل صور الوالدين لزيادة الأمان لأطفالنا. سيتم مشاركة مزيد
من التفاصيل. وفي الوقت نفسه، يمكن لأولياء الأمور والطلاب
الاستمرار في استخدام بطاقة الهوية القديمة الخاصة بهم حتى يتم
توفير بديل لها. يرجى زيارة مكتب BBT (الحافلات) في WSS
إذا كنت أنت أو طفلك بحاجة إلى بطاقة هوية جديدة.

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
نوصي بدفع الرسوم عبر الإنترنت لتجنب قوائم الانتظار. ومع ذلك، فإن WSS Cashier مفتوح أيضًا في المدرسة لدفع الرسوم بشكل مريح في أيام السبت 17/8 و 24/8 و 31/8/24	أيام السبت 17/8 و 24/8 و 31/8/24
يرجى التأكد من إحضار بطاقة العلامة التجارية المشتركة GEMS FAB الفعلية الخاصة بك إذا كنت ترغب في الاستفادة من خصم العلامة التجارية المشتركة في شبك النقد لتجنب الإزعاج بسبب المشكلات الفنية في Apple Wallet. شكرًا.	8 صباحًا - 1 ظهرًا
تتوفر حقائب الكتب الأساسية للتحميل وفقًا للرسائل النصية القصيرة المرسلة، وتخضع لدفع رسوم T1 كاملة.	من يوم الاثنين 19/8/24
اليوم الأول للطلاب الجدد في العام الدراسي الجديد، من الساعة 8 صباحًا حتى 12 ظهرًا يجب دفع رسوم T1 بالكامل قبل تعيين فصل دراسي لأي طفل للانضمام إلى WSS للفصل الدراسي الجديد. لا توجد خطط سداد للفصل الأول. شكرًا لك. لا توجد حقائب العربة للسلامة، شكرًا لك.	الاثنين 26 أغسطس 8 صباحًا - 12 ظهرًا
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إعادة مفاتيح الخزنة من 2023 إلى 2024

إذا كنت قد قمت بالفعل بإعادة مفاتيح خزنة طفلك من العام الدراسي الماضي، فنديك جزيل الشكر. إذا لم يكن الأمر كذلك، فيرجى القيام بذلك لتجنب فرض رسوم قدرها 10 دراهم إماراتية سيتم فرضها على المفاتيح غير المرتجعة. شكرًا لك.

تجنب مخاطر الرحلات — لا توجد حقائب بعجلات

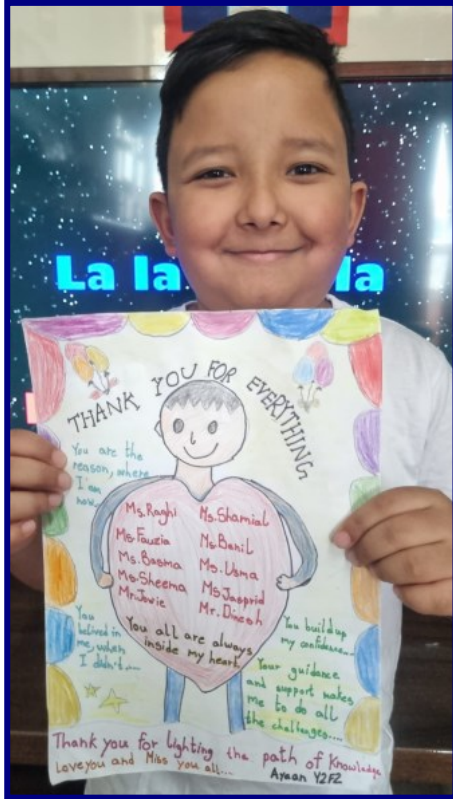
يرجى تزويد طفلك بحقيبة مدرسية على شكل حقيبة ظهر فقط. لا يُسمح مطلقًا باستخدام حقائب التrolley لأسباب تتعلق بالسلامة. شكرًا لك.



رؤيتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ نجاح للجميع"

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Sunny Varkey



Find our updated **Parent Handbook** through this QR code. Check-out school policies & procedures to be familiar & comfortable with our system.



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Parent Handbook Access QR Code

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Whole School News, Bus Arrangements 26-27/8/24!

1. First day of School - 26th August 2024 (8am-12pm):

- **Own Transport only** in the Morning
- Transport services will not be available on the morning of 26th August 2024. Parents are required to drop their children at school and meet their respective bus drivers in the school Auditorium. During this meeting, parents will collect student ID cards and confirm pickup and drop-off locations and times. Any necessary changes should be addressed promptly.
- Afternoon transport from school to home will be available from the first day for those who have Registered by the **deadline (Thursday 15th August) & paid the T1 fees (school & bus)**.

2. ID Card Issuance:

- **New Bus Students:** BBT will hand over bus ID cards to new students on the first day, Monday 26th August 2024, when parents meet their Driver in the Auditorium.
- **Returning Bus Students:** Returning students will receive their ID cards on Tuesday 27th August when they first board the bus for returning students' first day.

3. Own Transport (OT) Students' ID Cards:

- OT ID cards will be handed over to class teachers/Form Tutors for distribution to students from Tuesday 27/8/24.

4. Parent/Guardian ID Cards:

- Newly enrolled parents will receive Guardian ID cards on Monday 26th August, the first day.
- Existing Guardian ID cards have already been issued with a Parent/Guardian ID card on enrolling. If any parent requires an additional or updated ID card, they will need to pay AED 10/- (for the card only), or AED20/- for the full package of card, lanyard & holder at the BBT office.
- **Parents/Visitors will not be allowed into school without their Parent ID from Tuesday 27/8/24**

5. Registering for the BBT Bus Transport Facility for the new Academic Year:

Whole School News, Bus Fees!

Sr. No	Area / Route	Annual Bus Fee (AED)	Bus Fee Per Term (AED)		
			Term 2 (Sept - Dec)	Term 3 (Jan - Mar)	Term 3 (Mar - Apr)
1	Sharjah – Muweilah	4,730	1,892	1,419	1,419
2	Other areas in Sharjah	5,200	2,080	1,560	1,560
3	Ajman – Al Bustan, Emirates City, Hamidiya, Jurf, Karama Main Street, New Industrial Area, Nuyamia, Rashidiya, Rumailah	5,720	2,288	1,716	1,716
	Dubai – Al Qusais, Muhaisnah, Oud Al Muteena				
4	Al Warqa'a 1, Al Warqa'a 2, Mirdif	6,290	2,516	1,887	1,887

Message from BBT:

We remain committed to ongoing investments in safety management to ensure the highest standards for students. Our dedication to continually improving our services is unwavering, and we will continue to invest in systems and initiatives that enhance safety and efficiency.

Whole School News, Book Distribution Arrangements for the new Academic Year, 2023-2024!

Parents, please note the following arrangements for your child's book distribution for the coming academic year.

<i>Section</i>	<i>Distribution Details</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<u>Juniors</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book packets will be delivered to class teachers once T1 fees have been cleared in full. These will be distributed to the children in class from 26/8/24 • Parents may meet the teacher on the first day & collect books for covering if required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior (FS1-Y2) books will not be available from the bookstore/distribution counters
<u>Primary</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book distribution counters will be arranged in the <u>West and East lobbies</u> for one week (<u>19th Aug to 24th August</u>) <u>prior to the opening of school.</u> • Y3 and Y4 in the West lobby • Y5 and Y06 in the East lobby • Books will be available for collection only <u>after 48 hours from payment of T1 fees.</u> • After the school opening (<u>from 26/8/24</u>), parents of Primary students can collect books from the Book store from <u>7:45am to 9:45am</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A token system will be in place, however it is recommended to <u>come early</u> when queues are less. • Student names will appear on the 'Paid list' only <u>after 48 working hours</u> . • However, if a parent makes payment & wants books on the same day, parent can take a payment receipt/ Clearance Form from the Cashier to take to the Book store to collect the books.
<u>Secondary</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Y7 to Y11, book packs will be delivered to Form Tutors on <u>27th August</u> in class. • Sixth Form students will collect the textbooks from the store/MPH the same as last year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the same book will only be provided once. • If the same book is used over several years, students must bring it back for continued use in the following academic year.

Whole School News, Uniform!



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Whole School News, Uniform!



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- Parents will need to pay the full year's school fees by 31 August 2024 to participate in the campaign

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Whole School News; Staff CPD—Technological Innovation!

Teachers were very excited to attend a CPD session on 25/6/24 about our new Robotics resources. They explored how to make learning more fun, support cross-curricular links & creative activity planning for the innovative use of Robotics equipment to promote learning.



Whole School News; Staff CPD—Arabic Language Standards!



HOD MOE Subjects Mr. Osama attended a GEMS-wide CPD session on updating Arabic Language Standards.

Whole School News; Staff Wellbeing!



A huge thank you to the Wellbeing Event organisers for 2/7/24. It was a very successful, enjoyable event!

Whole School News; Staff Wellbeing!



WSS staff enjoyed various wellbeing activities during the last week of Term. We enjoyed seeing many talents & fun entertainment. Many thanks to Mr. Jishar, his team & the Wellbeing team for organising such a fun, engaging event on 2/7/24!



Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!




One enthusiastic sustainability champion brought plastic bottles for recycling during the school holiday on 14/8/24. Well done to her & her family for their commitment to the environment!

WSS Superstar Champions; Home-School Teamwork!

★★★★★ just now

We have both our kids studying in WSS from KG1 and they are now in year 8 & year 4. We so far have a very satisfying journey with the school and the best thing about WSS is that they are all ears to our concerns and feedback. They are always available. The management including the principles and the unit heads together with the teachers are doing an impressive job. A very special thanks to hard working and dedicated teachers Ms. Radhika (G2), Ms. Safia (KG1/2), Ms. Susweta (G3), Ms. Shabana (G4), Ms. Vani (G5), Ms. Lissy (G2), Mr. Steaphan (G6), Mr. Anil (PE), Ms. Marry (Maths), Mr. Pratik (English)

WSS Superstar Champions; Staff of Term 3, June 2024!

	Staff Awards; WSS Staff Stars of Term 3	Term 3: April – June 2024
		
Ms. Himaya Imad	Ms. Soumya Rajeesh Kumar	Ms. Anila Rani Binu Nandan
Teacher of the Term Junior	Teacher Assistant of the Term Junior	Teacher of the Term Primary
		
Ms. Laneetha Shajahan	Ms. Indira Kizhakke Variam	Mr. Jisharmon Arangodan
Teacher of the Term Secondary	Teacher of the Term Secondary	Teacher of the Term Secondary
		
Ms. Asha Sunil Kumar	Mr. Davis Kallan	Ms. Chamila Yaddehige
Teacher of the Term Secondary	Admin. Staff Award of the Term	Support Staff of the Term

*WSS Superstar Champions;
Admin Staff Awards & Admin. Staff of Term 3, June 2024!*



*WSS Superstar Champions;
Support & BBT Staff Awards of Term 3, June 2024!*



WSS Superstar Champions; Home-School Teamwork, June 2024!

This email is to appreciate the class teacher of my daughter Ms. Lissy.

I must say WSS is lucky to have Ms. Lissy and she is an asset to the school.

She has nicely managed the studies and my daughter didn't have to revise since she was well taught in the class. Ms. Lissy knew all sort of techniques to balance the kids studies, their skills and the disciplines of each individuals.

I must say I had a very light-weight year with my daughter's studies and yet she is one of the best in the class. All thanks to Ms. Lissy for hardwork and dedication.

I wish you all a continued success in your organization!

Best Regards,

Ranava's parents

Respected ma'am

I really wanted to appreciate your teaching and the intensity to make a bright student, I am a bright student since KG, but In between the year when I was a bit weak in it, you really helped me to get to the upper levels which every teacher in WSS expect from Mirza, this name every single teacher in WSS knows since I am here since 10 years, you really made a nice reputation of mine in the staff room. Your teaching is really outstanding and the hope and belief you had in me is something I can't express from my words, some things can't be expressed, they have a high position in the heart, this school is my second home, and the teachers are my mothers and fathers of this school. If any of my behaviour or any word or any act hurted you I ask forgiveness and start a bright year next year (Y 11),. I promise you that I will top in IG next year and make this name Mirza a prideful name in this school. Thank you so much for everything. I hope you will always say the feedback of Mirza in a positive way whenever a teacher asks about me.

THANK
* YOU *

Warm Regards
Mirza Jasir Baig

This email is to appreciate Mr. Steaphan.

As a teacher of year 7 boys, I am sure it wasn't an easy task of being the class teacher of 12 years old boys. These boys are just growing up to be teenagers and they are going through tantrums and dilemmas.

I am sure Mr. Steaphan has successfully finished the year and his students received many achievements. My son Oniru has improved in many ways and the most important thing was that Mr. Steaphan kept us in the loop when necessary. He also understood the capacity and capability of my son and handled him well to be at his best for now.

I thank you, Mr. Steaphan and the whole school for a great job well done this year.

Kindly see attached.

Wish you all the best.

Best regards,

Oniru's parents

I'm the mother of Saad Ibrahim and Hamda Ibrahim

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each teacher who has given so much effort to every child in this school.

There was not a day that my kids have not enjoyed their classes

I'm really happy seeing my kids have learned so much and adapting so well

I would like to thank each Teacher who taught my kids from KG1 until now 🙏❤️

Ms. Safia, Ms. Raquel Bacasen, Ms. Catherin Murali, Ms. Jobelle Evangelista, Ms. Monika Roy, Ms. Mariam Rizwan, Ms. Aneeza Waqar, Ms. Panku Kavita Rao, Mr. Jowie Montaray, Ms. Israa Elashri, Ms. Eman Ms. Amaal and Ms. Sheema

I would like to thank especially Y3 Arabic, Islamic, and Ms. Panku Kavita

This year was really hard but thanks to the teachers who made it so simple and fun ❤️❤️

I would appreciate it if this email reached Ms. Valerie Thompson so she will know she has the best Teachers in the school 😊❤️

*WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions;
Staff Awards & Teacher & AT of Term 3, June 2024!*



*WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions;
Staff Awards & Teacher & AT of Term 3, June 2024!*



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



June



Dear Respected Teachers,

First of all a big thank you for both of you for the tremendous good work in shaping Sarah & supporting, guiding through the year.

She has really shown a huge progress in all aspect under your guidance.

Thank for the certificate & for acknowledging our feedback which we really mean it.

Hope WSS entire team will grow & every child has a great teacher like you. Hope in the forthcoming year Sarah will keep growing the way she is.

Thank you once again.

Regards,
Sarah's Parents.

I hope this email find you well.

Your team in the junior department is really cooperative, from Ms. Shamail, Ms. Raqi, Ms. Maryam and Ms. Aisha. They are a cooperative team.

I wish them success and always move forward.

Thank you 🌸

Greetings (Ms. Kishwar)

Eid Adha Mubarak

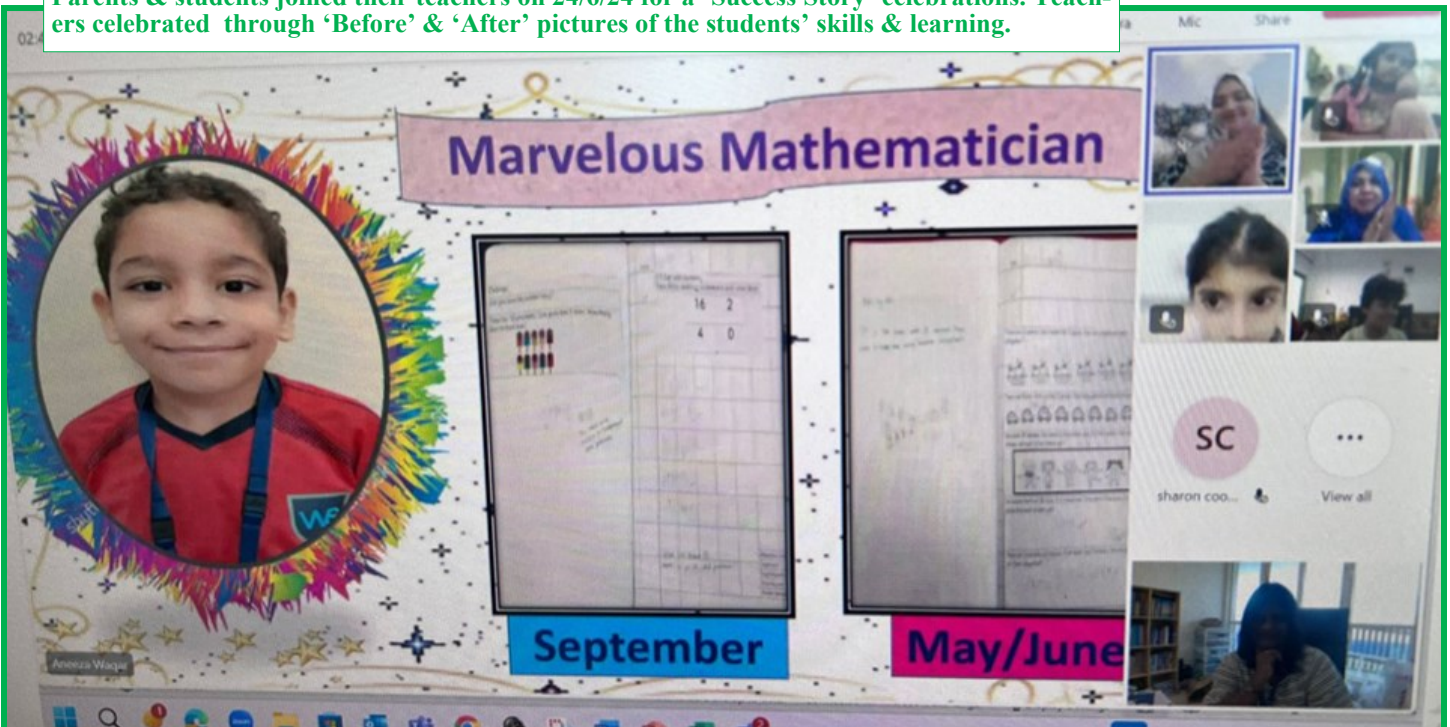
Many thanks for the certificate, it is amazing, we are very happy, and want really thank you from the deepest heart for everything and efforts you make it with Tamara, and we are very lucky to choose gems Westminster for our childs, and the school very lucky about wonderful, ambitious and wise management which make everything to make our childs happy. insha'Allah Sophia will be with you also.

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions, June 2024!



Hi Miss Uzma Kanwal ,
 Good Afternoon Dear ,
 Dear Miss uzma kanwal Thank you so much for sharing thanku for helping my child to explore new ways of doing things you're such a wonderful teacher I'm thankful to Miss uzma kanwal for always encouraging my child to learn more and work hard.I am very much blessed.Thank you for helping my daughter to improve her learning and her confidence.
 Dear Miss Uzma kanwal Thank you for being such an important part in our child's development. You are Best Trachers Ever AE 💖💙 .
 Thank you for your support and cooperation
 Regards,
 Ms. Sneha 🍌

Parents & students joined their teachers on 24/6/24 for a 'Success Story' celebrations. Teachers celebrated through 'Before' & 'After' pictures of the students' skills & learning.



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions, June 2024!

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the continuous efforts your esteemed school puts into developing its services. As a parent of a student at your school, I would like to share my personal experience, which has been extremely positive and satisfying.

I had a very negative experience at Mohamed's previous school, where there was poor communication with parents, weak academic performance, and most importantly, I couldn't discover any talent or distinction in my son throughout the year. Consequently, I decided to transfer him to your respected school, based on its excellent reputation for nurturing children in the KG stage. Fortunately, I had the chance to meet Ms. Aisha.

Despite Ms. Aisha's kind demeanor and straightforward explanation of the school's structure and schedule, I was very anxious about my son's experience with school and his teacher. To my surprise, just two weeks into the school year, Ms. Aisha requested a quick meeting on Teams and provided an incredible assessment of my son Mohamed!

What truly pleased me was Ms. Aisha's wisdom in summarizing a lot in just two simple sentences: "It is clear that Mohamed had a bad experience last year, and it's evident that you, as a mother, are doing your best. Don't worry, we will set a plan and catch up on what we missed!" These two sentences restored my confidence in myself significantly.

My son Mohamed is shy, reserved, extremely sensitive, and often cries without any apparent reason. However, this year, he has become confident, stopped crying, expresses himself well, has mastered the basics of reading and writing, and most importantly, he loves school and his teacher!

And I am not referring to the usual encouragement methods. Ms. Aisha insisted on involving him in the class assembly despite his shyness, developing his speaking, listening, and participation skills. She also instilled in him the importance of teamwork. During sports day, she was the first to draw my attention to Mohamed's talent. Because of her, I enrolled Mohamed in a swimming club, where he has shown rapid progress, praise be to God! The swimming coach informed me that Mohamed could participate in his first competition within just three months!

Ms. Aisha also consistently follows up on Mohamed's progress and ensures to share every detail with me. I truly owe her a lot! My experience with your school has been wonderful, and I hope to have another great teacher like her next year.

Thank you very much to you and all the staff at the school for your valuable efforts.

Sincerely,

Wafa
Mohamed Ahmed Moshref mother.

Dear Teachers,

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for all the hard work, dedication, and support you have provided to Ayaan throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. It has been truly wonderful to witness Ayaan's growth and development under your guidance, and we are incredibly pleased with his progress and newfound skills.

Unfortunately, Ayaan is currently not attending school, However, he wanted to make sure that his appreciation was expressed to each one of you. Therefore, he has sent a heartfelt "Thank You" message in the form of an attached image and video.

We cannot thank you enough for the positive impact you have had on Ayaan's academic journey. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we are grateful that Ayaan is in the very safe and capable hands of such dedicated educators.

Once again, thank you for all that you do. Your commitment to nurturing and educating our children is truly commendable.

Warm regards,

Anil Timalina

Junior Section News; FS1H Learning Activities, June 2024!



FS 1 H Children busy with classroom activities !!

Ms.Kishwar
Ms.Krishna



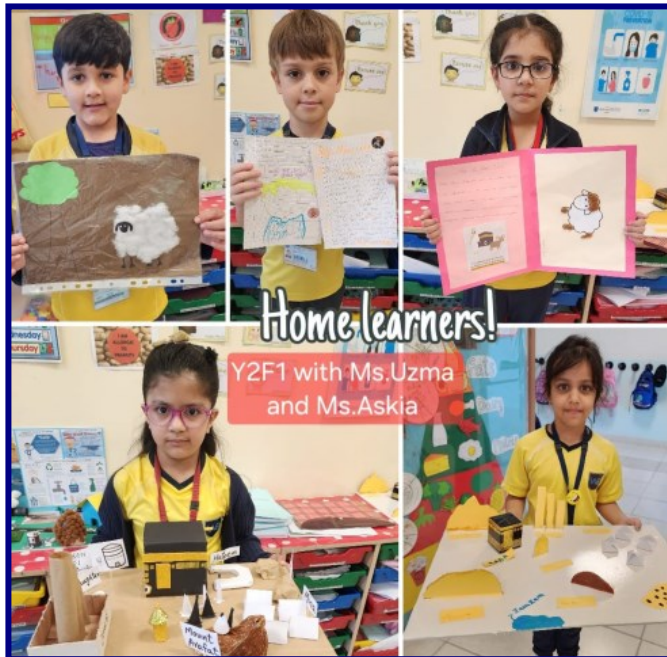
Junior Section News; Y1H2 Learning Activities, June 2024!

Sharing is caring



Y1 H2 Ms. Beena & Ms. Mani

Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities, June 2024!



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions; Staff Awards & Teacher of Term 3, June 2024!



Dear Ms. Beena,

Thanks for your great efforts with Haya.

You are an amazing teacher.

Best Regards,
Dr. Ragaa



Dear teachers,

I hope you are doing well ,I am the parent of Dema mohamed year 5 F1, i would like to thank you all for your effort through out the year,i want to give special thanks to Mr.mohamed Eliadb my daughter's islamic teacher because of him, he made her love the islamic subject and she get high marks.He's a really great, excellent, active and friendly teacher. and we appreciate his effort. i hope he is always her teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation !

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions, June 2024!

Dear Ms. Anju,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for all the effort and dedication you have shown throughout this school year. Karim has just completed Year 5, and I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible impact you have had on his education and personal growth.

Your passion for teaching and genuine care for your students have not gone unnoticed. Karim has thrived under your guidance, and I have seen significant improvement in his academic skills and confidence. Your innovative teaching methods and unwavering support have made a world of difference to him.

Thank you for creating a nurturing and stimulating environment where Karim could learn and grow. Your patience, encouragement, and commitment to your students' success are truly commendable.

Wishing you a wonderful and well-deserved break. We look forward to another fantastic year ahead.

Warmest regards,

Karims' Parents

Marwa & Ahmed

At the end of the school year, I would like to extend my full thanks and appreciation to you, and I especially thank the father before the teacher, Mr. Mohamed El-Deeb, for what he does with our children. The student's love for the teacher makes him do many, many things in order to please him, and I hope that he stays with them in the fifth grade because he is highly experienced and competent, and it is enough for me as a mother that my son comes from The school understood the lesson and I did not make any effort to study the subject, and this makes us happy as parents. Thank you, Gems School, for choosing teachers like Mr. Mohamed, and special thanks to the teacher, father, and friend, Mr. Mohamed El-Deeb.

Thanks and Regards

Yousif 's Hany mother

Y5 F1

Dear Mr.Dhayan,

I would like to take a moment to extend my appreciation to you for the hardwork and patience you have put in, to teach the children.

I know its not as easy how seamlessly you have taken the charge.You have been an excellent mentor and a friend to my child. More than just a teacher Fakhruddin will also remember you for the connection you have built. For a child like mine who is mostly reserved with teachers it means alot.

By all your comfort and kindness you have made their learning journey enjoyable and fun.You have made sure to clear all their doubts no matter how many times they come to you, i know this as my child has mentioned it many times. Appreciate every bit you have taken in for my child growth

Wish you best of luck and good wishes for your future.

Thanks and regards.

Fakhruddin's parent.

Dear Ms Ringamphi

I hope you're doing well.

Thank you so much for your kind email. It truly means a lot to me to hear how well Liam has been doing in your class.

I am so grateful for all the help, encouragement, and dedication you've shown Liam this year. Your passion for teaching and your caring nature have made such a positive impact on his learning and personal growth. Liam is fortunate to have such a wonderful teacher guiding him.

I feel incredibly fortunate to have you as a part of Liam's educational journey. Your commitment to his success does not go unnoticed, and I appreciate everything you do.

I look forward to seeing Liam continue to grow under your guidance and support. Thank you once again for everything.

Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards,

Milcah Khokhar (Liam's mother)

Dear Ms Panku,

As the school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your dedication and passion in guiding and supporting Malemleima #17413 and your other students. Your unwavering commitment to education and genuine care for each individual in your classroom truly sets you apart as an exceptional teacher. Throughout this year, you have not only imparted knowledge and skills but have also inspired curiosity, critical thinking, and a love for learning in Malemleima. Your creative teaching methods, patience, and ability to connect with students on a personal level have made a lasting impact that will be remembered long after this school year ends. Thank you for going above and beyond, for believing in your students, and for being a positive role model.

Your positive influence reaches far beyond the classroom, shaping the future of my daughter in profound ways. I appreciate all that you do and I am grateful for the incredible difference you made. Wishing you a well-deserved rest...

Happy Holidays!!!!

Kind regards

Margarita Salam

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WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; MOE Leadership & Diplomacy Programme, June 2024!

Congratulations to our students who participated in the SDG Leadership and Diplomacy program conducted by the MOE. They won an award for their outstanding performance! Many thanks to Ms. Indira who accompanied the students. The champions are:

- Rifah Sadia
- Eshal Khan
- Akarsh Murkoth
- Nakshatra Preemon



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; MOE Leadership & Diplomacy Programme, June 2024!



Hosted by the Ministry of Education, the Leadership and Diplomacy Closing Event at Sharjah University celebrated the culmination of a series of engaging debates focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



The event was a resounding success, showcasing the dedication and talent of the students. The team from GEMS Westminster School excelled in the debate competition and received certificates for their outstanding performance at the SDGC Program.



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; MOE Leadership & Diplomacy Programme, June 2024!



CERTIFICATE RECEIVED BY THE SDG CHAMPIONS

Participating in the SDGC Program was a fantastic journey! We engaged in numerous workshops and training sessions, honing our skills. The Climate Fresk workshop was my favorite, offering valuable insights. Our team shone brightly in the debate competition!

The SDGC Program was an incredible journey for us! We immersed ourselves in workshops and training sessions that expanded our skills. It was a rewarding experience of learning and achievement.

On June 28th, we attended the closing ceremony at the University of Sharjah and celebrated our win! Out of 18 groups, we were among the 9 victorious in the debate. We're proud and grateful for the opportunity provided by the MOE.



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms.Nirmala,

Good Morning as it is the first email of the day from me!

We haven't met much but I have heard all about you through my daughter Eva ! all about your kindness, grace and being there for the team. I know how difficult it is to merge and manage teenagers who believe they know everything! And then I met you ushering at the door for the graduation event the other day and instantly felt the same warmth Eva keeps going on about. She mentioned the same on the farewell night as well.

I couldn't keep this appreciation within myself and had to be credited where it is due. Oftentimes I have heard her say, she wished you were her form tutor!

Just here to wish you all the best in your future endeavors and how grateful we are as a family to have you by her side when she needed that presence.

Stay blessed.

Eva's mother,Sini

Mariam Rafat has always been a unique and inspiring student in everything she does. Even though I was not her form tutor this year, not a day went by without her big, bright smile wishing me a good morning and a good day. I have always believed in her strengths; she is indeed a very hard worker. No matter what the world says, she never steps back from attaining what she believes is right. One such achievement was her TEDx talk. Despite facing a few complications, her no-give-up attitude helped her finally accomplish it. Congratulations, Mariam Rafat, and now it's on YouTube for all of us to watch. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Wishes & Prayers,

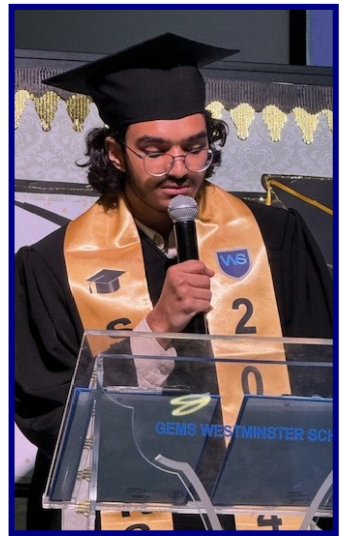
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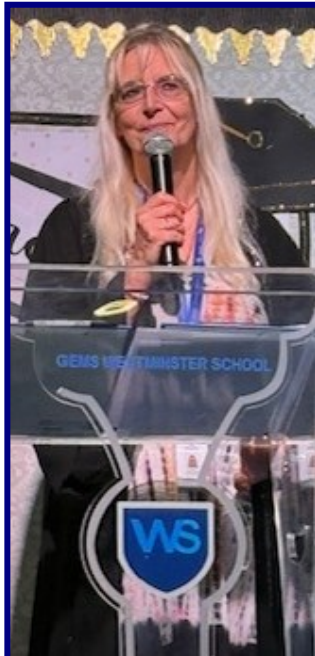
Secondary Section News; Y13 Graduation Ceremony, 19/6/24!



Thank you to VIP guests Ms. Lynn Stanbridge, SPEA School Improvement Advisor for British Curriculum schools, & Ms. Ranju Anand, GEMS Senior Vice President of Schools, who graced us with their presence & a motivational speech.



Secondary Section News; Y13 Graduation Ceremony, 19/6/24!



Secondary Section News; Y13 Graduation Ceremony, 19/6/24!



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The Yearbook Team

I was a child,
 Innocent, credulous and ever so little.
 in rain, in storms, and in dusty haze,
 I sang and danced with simplicity and craze.
 With sticks and stones and my path so fickle,
 Trapped in depths of this never-ending maze.
 Soon stumbled upon a meadow of mellow light overlooking a big blue sea
 And a house filled with warmth and different versions of me
 We played charades under the stairs and more games on tables of glee.
 Started paving our paths with purpose and a future we could foresee.
 We paved and paved and paved and paved.
 And built clear roads we drove our makeshift wagons on, carefree..
 At twilight, we saw moons of earth in the many nooks of this maze
 And explored otherworldly creatures in our books
 We read and read and read and read and woke up to our final dance and song.
 We are happy so why is my heart so brittle?
 Let me stay in our maze we built to a safe haven just a little.

It's true what those cliché Pinterest quotes say "maybe the real treasure was the friends we made along the way" we went from being acquaintances to classmates to best friends, let us also be the people you tell your university problems, the people to you go to discussing opportunity costs, the people your children call aunts and uncles. The people you call friends forever.

Our time in our school was well spent and as we embark into adulthood we now deserve to see the world, and maybe do all the things our parents said no to, and reminisce into our past spent here in our free time from the universities and jobs we worked so hard to get into.

I've always said
 Life is too short to have regrets, so get the ticket to the rollercoaster you're so afraid of riding.
 Life is too tame for you to be stereotypical, so pursue your hearts deepest desires, as in the end, it's only ourselves we're looking after.
 Life is too forgiving so make mistakes, as many as you can, because no one's counting anyway.

To conclude, thank you for making my journey here at WSS so worthwhile, and if you would ask me if I'd do it all again, I would.

Goodbye, Au revoir, and Ma3 salama dearest graduates, looking forward to meeting you in countless future endeavors.

Till then, xoxo
 Head Girl 2024 signing off!

The beautiful farewell 'speech' poem by Head Girl Zuha Raees



Secondary Section News; Our Class of 2024, 19/6/24!



Secondary Section News; Y13 Graduation Ceremony, 19/6/24!



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