

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #10
24th October, 2024



Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Your Child's Vaccination Record for the WSS Clinic

Sharjah Public Health Center emphasizes requires us to retain a copy of each student's vaccination card in their school Clinic file. Thank you to those parents who have already submitted this to school.

If you have not submitted your child's vaccination card to the school Clinic, please do so at the earliest – if your child does not have a vaccination card, please check for the necessary services at your nearest public health center.

Any queries, please feel free to contact the school clinic. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Open January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The online registration system for new seats for the next Academic Year 2025-2026 has opened. Enrollment assessment will start from January 2025, on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. Since seats are very limited, please register early to avoid disappointment if you want new seats. Thank you.
Thursday 31/10/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAE Flag Day Students may come to school dressed up in UAE dress or UAE flag colours & bring UAE flags (only UAE flags allowed) (Optional)
Mon. 2/12/24 & Tues. 3/12/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible school closure for UAE National Day holiday (TBC by the Authorities)
Friday 13/12/24 to Sunday 5/1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Break (3-weeks) T1 Exams will be held during the 2 weeks before Winter Break (exact dates TBC)
Monday 6/1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of T2. T2 fees due by latest first day of Term.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 10
24th October, 2024



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة كاتري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

سجل تطعيم طفلك في عيادة WSS

يؤكد مركز الشارقة للصحة العامة
على ضرورة الاحتفاظ بنسخة من
بطاقة التطعيم الخاصة بكل طالب
في ملف العيادة المدرسية. شكرًا
للآباء والأمهات الذين قدموا هذا بالفعل إلى المدرسة.

إذا لم تقم بتقديم بطاقة تطعيم طفلك إلى عيادة المدرسة،
يرجى القيام بذلك في أقرب وقت ممكن - إذا لم يكن لدى
طفلك بطاقة تطعيم، يرجى التحقق من الخدمات اللازمة في
أقرب مركز صحي عام إليك.

لأي استفسارات، لا تترددوا في الاتصال بالعيادة المدرسية.
شكرًا لكم.

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
تم فتح نظام التسجيل الإلكتروني للمقاعد الجديدة للعام الدراسي المقبل 2025-2026. سيبدأ تقييم التسجيل اعتبارًا من يناير 2025، على أساس "أسبقية الحضور". نظرًا لأن المقاعد محدودة للغاية، يرجى التسجيل مبكرًا لتجنب خيبة الأمل إذا كنت تريد مقاعد جديدة. شكرًا لك.	مفتوح يناير 2025
يوم العلم الإماراتي يسمح للطلاب بالحضور إلى المدرسة مرتين في اليوم الإماراتي أو ألوان علم الإمارات العربية المتحدة وإحضار أعلام الإمارات العربية المتحدة (يسمح فقط بأعلام الإمارات العربية المتحدة) (اختياري)	الخميس 31/10/24
احتمال إغلاق المدارس خلال عطلة اليوم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة (سيتم الإعلان عن ذلك من قبل السلطات)	الاثنين 2/12/24 والثلاثاء 3/12/24
العطلة الشتوية (3 أسابيع) سيتم عقد امتحانات T1 خلال الأسبوعين قبل العطلة الشتوية (سيتم تحديد التواريخ الدقيقة لاحقًا)	الجمعة 13/12/24 إلى الأحد 5/1/25
اليوم الأول من T2. يجب دفع رسوم T2 في موعد أقصاه اليوم الأول من الفصل الدراسي.	الاثنين 6/1/25



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

The most important gifts you can give your child are a **quality education** and the **values** that will guide them through life

Sunny Varkey



Applying the whisking method in a F&N class to create a luxurious mango Swiss roll cake. Yummy!

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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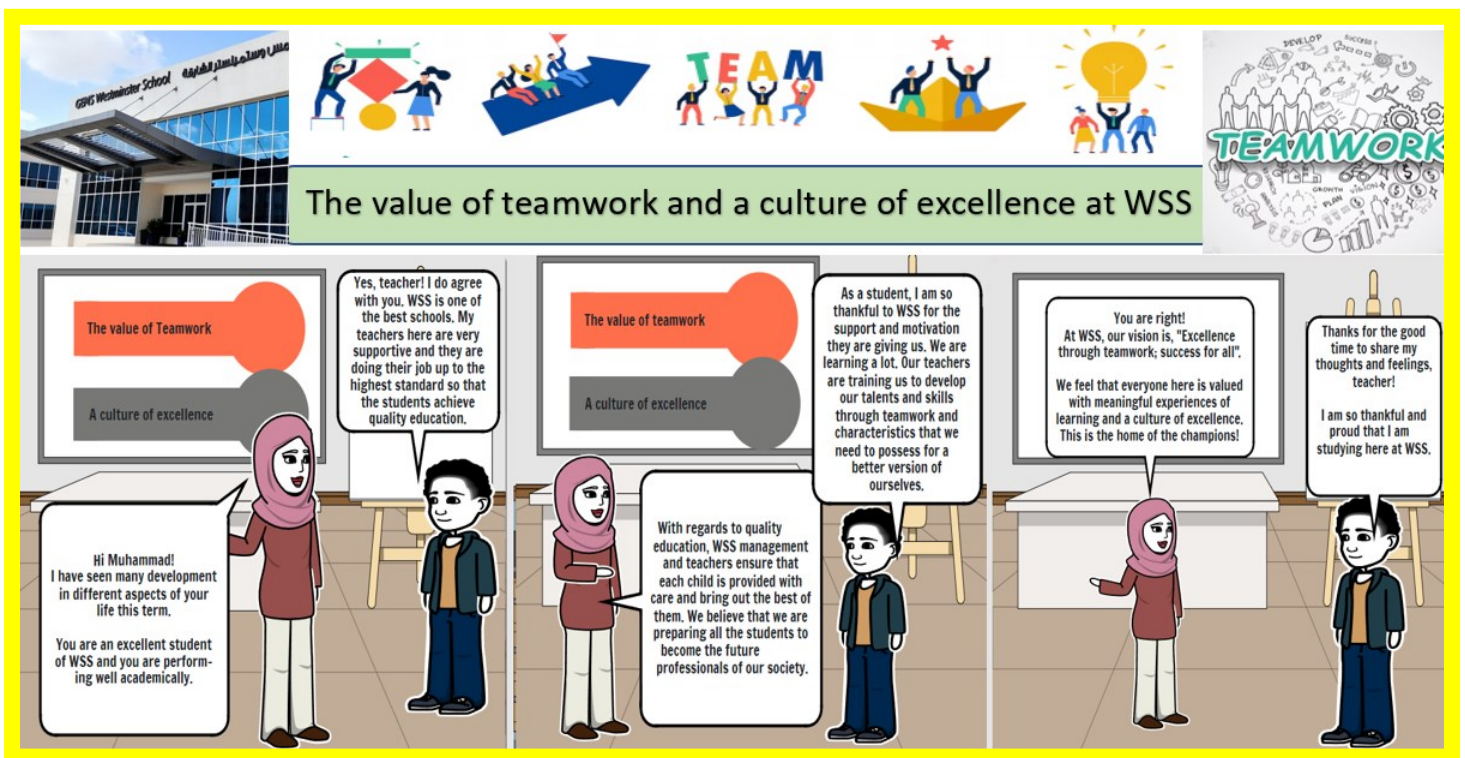
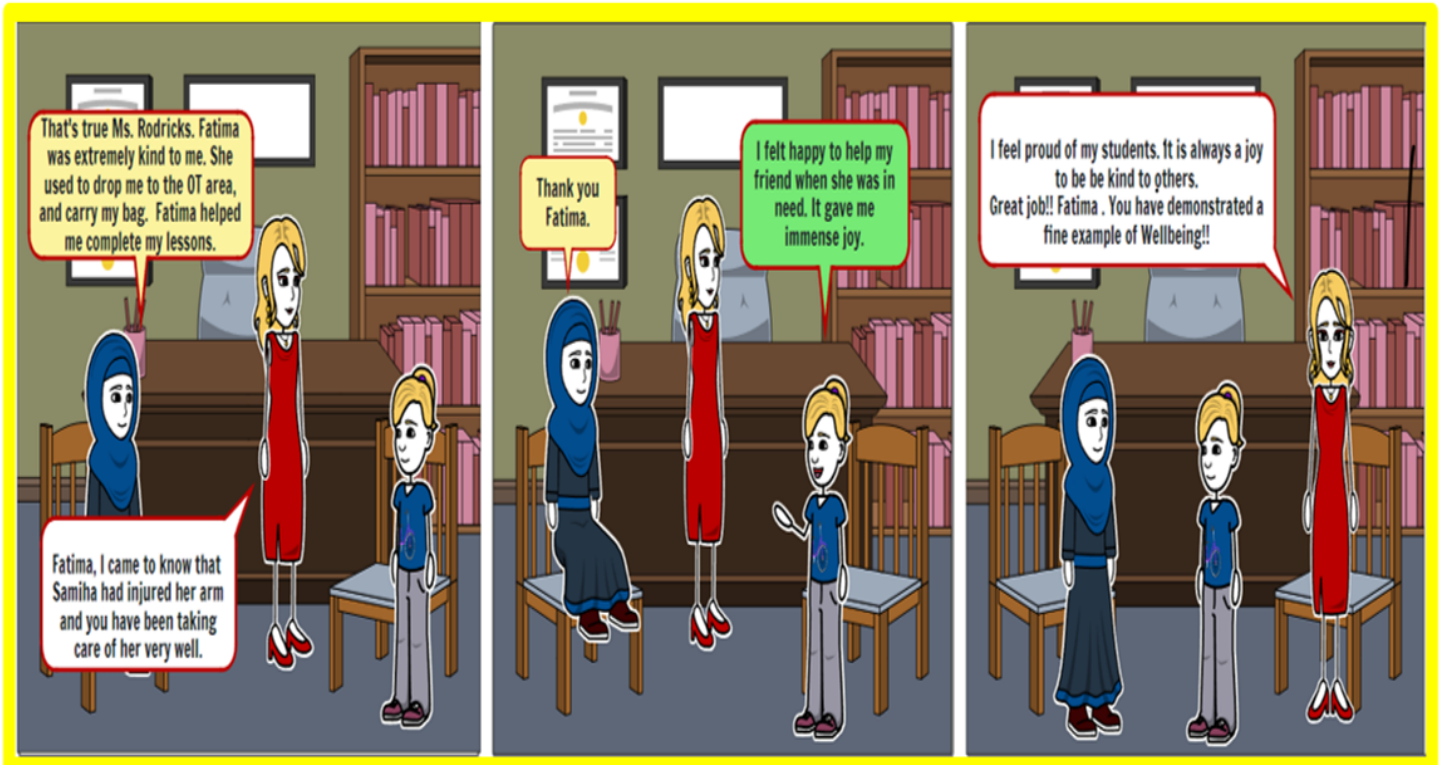
Well done to IT Technician Mr. Sarath who successfully completed the L3 Safeguarding course. Mr. Sarath joins our Safeguarding Team as Digital Advisor.

Middle Leaders CPD at Dubai American Academy, 22/10/24.



Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

ACT OF KINDNESS



I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation for the fantastic Family Fun Day held today. It was a truly enjoyable experience and we had a wonderful time sharing the day with our children. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the teachers and the entire team for their hard work and dedication in preparing the event.

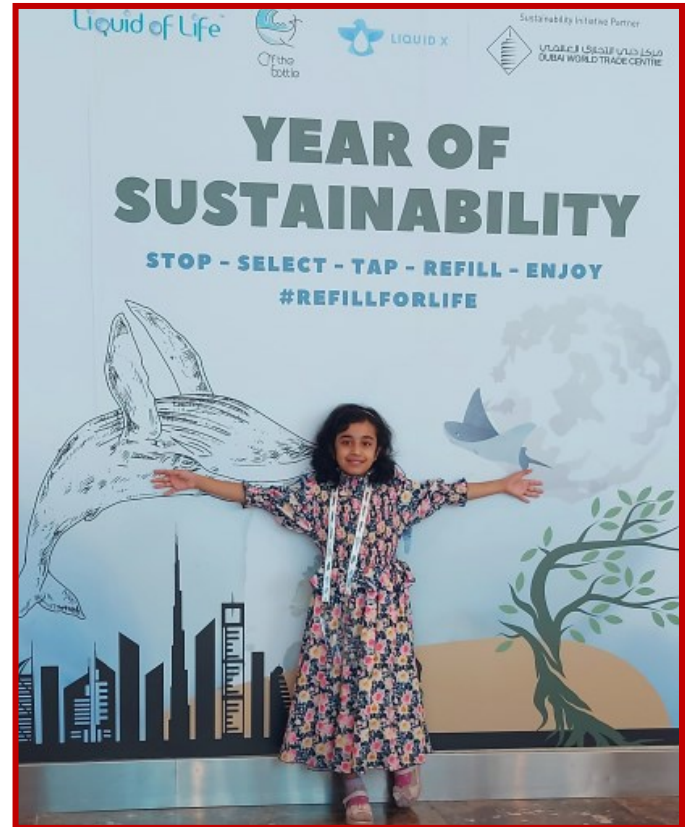
Attached are the glimpse of today's event.

Regards,
Parent Syed Taha and Syed Talha



Grandmother & Zayan enjoying quality fun time together





Whole School News; Arabic Week Calligraphy Activity!



An Arabic calligraphy activity was held during Arabic Week, featuring Mr. Reda Mansour, a renowned calligrapher from Sharjah. The event was attended by Secondary students.

The workshop began with an engaging introduction by Mr. Mansour, who shared his passion for Arabic calligraphy and its cultural significance. He demonstrated various styles, including Diwani, Naskh, and Thuluth, showcasing the techniques and tools used in this beautiful art form.

Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!

Best out of waste

Year 6 BD student Ziad Ahmed turned heads during the **Best Out of Waste** activity by bringing in a stunning working model of a boat!



Our enthusiastic Junior Eco Warriors have chosen the endangered Pangolin as their competition project. They have learn all about this unique animal & have made an amazing model. They discussed their project confidently at the Junior Assembly on 24/10/24.



Whole School News; Values, Kindness & Character!

KS3-GIRLS-"Kindness grows when we all share! Let's write our good deeds on a note and watch our Kindness Tree blossom together!"



Thank you for sharing your beautiful painting with the Principal!

Happy Birthday!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



Y2 Superstar Wellbeing Champions of the week



Y1 Superstar Wellbeing Champions of the week

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



FS Superheroes of the week

Junior Section News



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y2S1, 24/10/24!



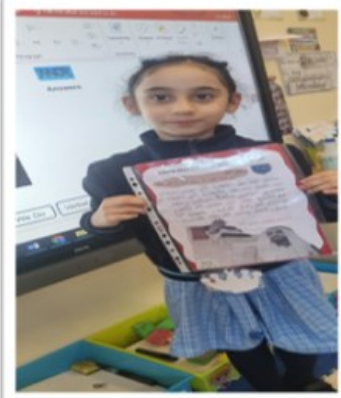
Y2S1 put on a remarkable Assembly on the theme 'Teamwork'. We learnt that 'Collaboration is the ingredient to make the 'Dream Work!'

Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y1S2, 24/10/24!



Junior Section News; FS2 Learning Activities; Social Studies!

Y2F1 & F2 during their SST class Creating an identification card for Sheikh Zayed



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



WSS hosted Ms. Ranju's Cluster Principals' meeting on 24/10/24. Talented singer Shenyah gifted the Cluster Principals with a beautiful song. Thank you!

Junior Section News; FS2D1 Learning Activities!



FS2 D1 had a great time baking bread and it was a wonderful experience on the trip to bake and more.

With Ms. Nikhat and Ms. Afroz

PIC•COLLAGE



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PIC•COLLA



Happy to get stickers from Ms. Raghi

PIC•COLLAGE

With Ms. Nikhat and Ms. Afroz

FS2D1

Homelearning

Junior Section News; Y1D1 Learning Activities!

We are ready to perform



Y1 D1 Ms. Beena & Ms. Rahna

It's our Assembly day!



Phonics lesson



Y1 D1 Ms. Beena & Ms. Rahna

Learning is fun in D1A



Junior Section News; Y1H2 Learning Activities!



Y1 H2 Ms. Kishwar & Ms. Mani

Junior Section News; Y2D1 & Y2D2 Learning Activities!



Y2D2 With Ms. Millicent and Ms. Tahira



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!

TR-Ms. Fauzia-Y2F2



TA-Ms. Benil-Y2F2

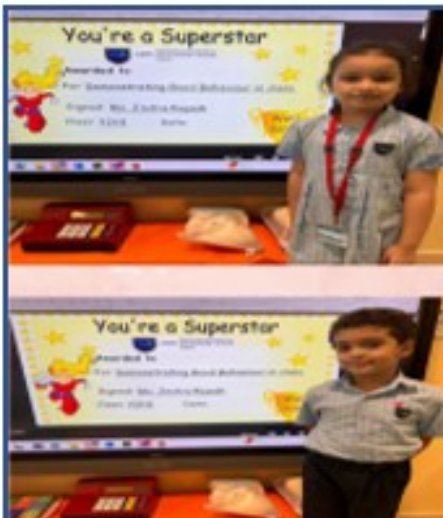


Stars from-Y2F2



Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!

Junior Section: Y2 H1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!

Y2S1 With Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza

ICT Lesson



English Lesson



Congratulations



Healthy Eating



Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!

OBSERVING THE SEEDS AND BULB (ONION)



Y2S2 WITH MS. SAFIA AND MS. CATHERIN



SPELL CHECK CHAMPIONS OF Y2S2



Y2S2 WITH MS. SAFIA AND MS. CATHERIN



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Omar Sherif



Champions of Y6BF



With Ms. Anju Kumar

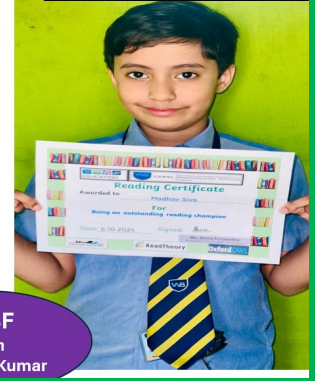


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Y6BF With Ms. Anju Kumar

Madhav Siva, The Reading Champion



Swimming competition winner



Congratulations to **Malek Ahmed** from Year 6 for winning a bronze medal and a trophy at the **All Stars Club** swimming competition last Saturday! Malek's hard work and dedication paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of this fantastic achievement. Keep up the great work, Malek!



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Y5 Century Tech. Champion



Our first Y5 Pen License. Champions, 23/10/24



Y4 Century Tech. Champions



Y5 Class Dojo & Read Theory Champions

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Y4 Times Tables Champions



Our first Y4 Pen License. Champions, 23/10/24



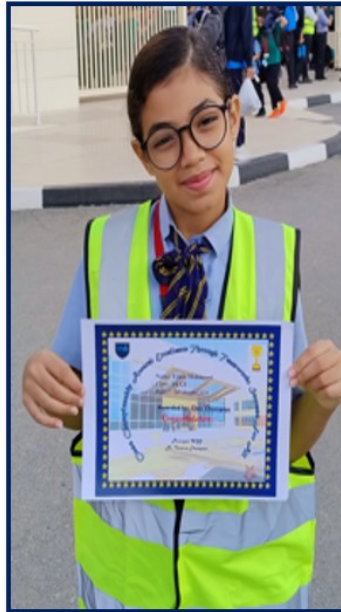
Y4 Class Dojo & Read Theory Champions

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Y6GF Champions



Ethar and Chami of Y6GF with their mom during the parental engagement

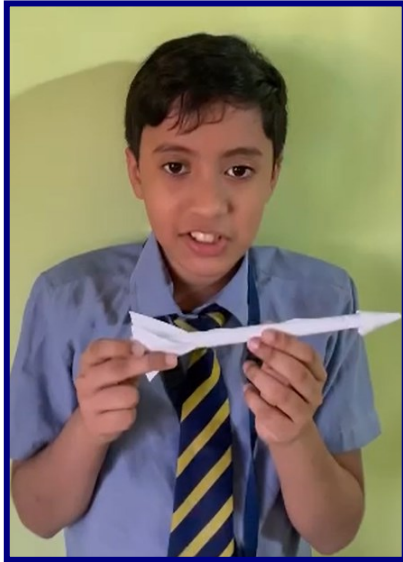


Y5S2 Champions

Iyad Mohamed Ibrahim Ahmed



Primary Section News



Thank you to Madhav Siva (Y6BF) for sharing his exciting rocket launch video with us.



Primary Section News; ECA Report, Week 4!

PRIMARY- ECA ACTIVITES (Week -4)



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5S2, 23/10/24!



Y5S2 presented an amazing Assembly on the theme 'Our Changing Planet'. We learnt how human activity is polluting & damaging the planet, however our actions can make a positive difference. We need to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y5S2, 23/10/24!

Raising our voices for the planet! In Y5S2 assembly on climate change, students highlight the importance of sustainability and taking action to protect our environment for future generations.



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y4H1, 23/10/24!



Y4H1 put on a super Assembly on the theme 'Honesty'. They gave great life examples of being honest & how this supports our good character, reputation & the wellbeing of our community.



Primary Section News; Y5 Learning Activities!



Exploring the wonders of innovation and creativity in our STEAM lesson! Hands-on learning meets real-world problem-solving as students dive into Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.



Building positive relationships in the classroom! Through role-play, students practice empathy, communication, and teamwork to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

Trip to AYA universe

Year 6 BD had an unforgettable trip to **AYA Universe**, where they explored futuristic exhibits and enjoyed immersive experiences. The students returned inspired and full of excitement!



Y6BF students during the trip to Aya Universe, Dubai



The students had a wonderful time and were thrilled to explore the hidden realms beyond the distant stars, designed to connect with the natural beauty of the mysterious cosmos.

Science Lesson

This week, Year 6 BD students **Moutaz and Yassin** wowed their classmates with a fantastic presentation on Changing Circuits. Their creativity and teamwork truly brought the science lesson to life as they explained how circuits can be altered to change the flow of electricity. The pair used visuals and examples that made even the most complex ideas easy to understand, leaving their peers both impressed and inspired.



Break busters



Year 6 students had an action-packed **Break Busters** session, and **Emad** from Y6BD emerged as the star of the game! Scoring the highest number of goals for his team, Emad's skill and determination on the field inspired his classmates, showing that hard work and teamwork always pay off.



Primary Section News; Y6GF Learning Activities!

Educational Trip to Aya Universe- Y6GF along with Ms.Lakshmi and Ms.Grishma had an unforgettable experience exploring the wonders of AYA Universe, immersing themselves in its captivating digital landscapes. The trip sparked their curiosity and creativity, offering a perfect blend of fun and learning”.



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



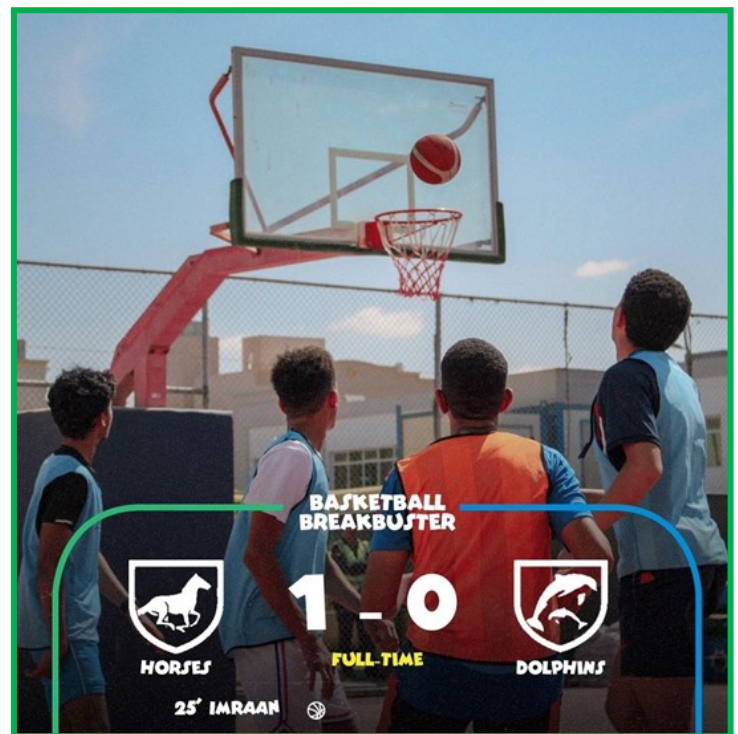
Congratulations to this week's KS3 Wellbeing Champions.



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions; Breakbusters Basketball!



Our Breakbuster tournaments are organized & led by our super dedicated student leaders. Well done to the student leadership team & man thanks to our enthusiastic PE team for their guidance & motivation. Love the posters designed by the Boys' Media Team!



Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y8GH, 21/10/24!



Thank you to Y8GH for their very interesting & relevant Assembly with the theme 'Taking Personal Responsibility.' We learnt that taking responsibility for our actions & choices allows us to learn from experiences & mistakes.

KS3 Anti-Cyber Bullying Assembly , 22/10/24!

Thank you to Ms. Laneetha, Ms. Saritha & KS3 boys for their important Assembly on the theme Anti-Cyber Bullying. We learnt that our words are very powerful, & should be used to support the wellbeing of others, not to hurt them.



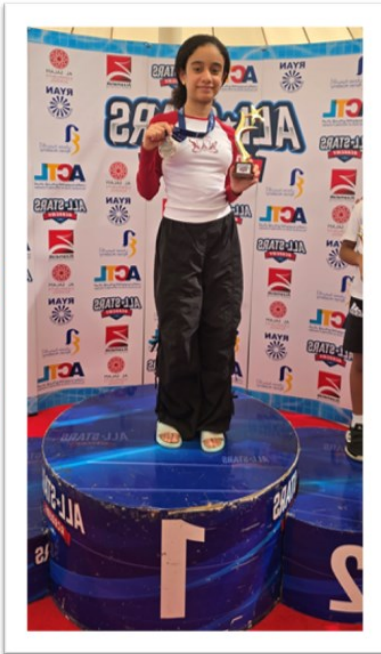
Secondary Section News; Y8 & Y9 Learning Activities!



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CHAMPION



Maryam – Y8 GD
(bronze medal)

Swimming competition held by All Stars club.



Exploring, learning, and bonding—an unforgettable school trip adventure

Y8 BOYS- STREET MANIAX

Y9 celebrations & Winners



"Here's to another year of incredible memories! 🎉🎂
#BirthdayVibes"
Cheers to a year full of blessings and new adventures. 🌟🎈
#HappyBirthday" to Zara Y9GH

Every canvas is a journey of the artist's soul. 🎨❤️
Creating masterpieces with heart and hands-Menna Y9GH



"A heart full of kindness is a heart full of beauty. ❤️🌸 #KindHeart=
"Kindness jar Y9GH"
Y9GH With the kindness Jar

"Your bravery is unmatched, and your strength is inspiring. Sending love and hope in every word. 🌸🌟
#LettersToSurvivors-breast cancer
Y9GH Students



Secondary Section News; KS3 Choir!

Teamwork makes the dream work—especially in perfect pitch! 🎵 🎤 #ChoirCrew@KS3 -SECONDARY SECTION"

A choir team that sings together, shines together. 🎵 🎤 #HarmonyHeroes"

Voices in harmony, hearts united. 🎵 🎤 #ChoirMagic"



Secondary Section News; Display Competition!



Secondary Section News; Astronomy Club Presentation by Dr. Angaraj, 22/10/24!



Astronomy Club Student Leaders. Also thank you to Ms. Basitha for her support.

1. Tamim Hijazi
2. Fariha Khot
3. Nandini Harish
4. Haider Hassan
5. Hatim
6. Maymoona Athar
7. Hanine Mejri
8. Qusai
9. Mariam Shams



Secondary Section News; KS4 Anti-Bullying Week!



KS4 ANTI BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK



our students came together to take a meaningful pledge against bullying, committing to create a safe, inclusive, and supportive school environment.



As part of our ongoing anti-bullying initiative, students creatively designed and made sashes to promote kindness and unity. Each sash carried powerful messages of respect, empathy, and standing against bullying.

Secondary Section News; KS4 Science Club!

SCIENCE CLUB ACTIVITIES

KS4 BLOOKET COMPETITION



The final Champions of KS4 Blooket Competition

- Hamad Ansar Y11 BH
- Muhammad shahvaiz Raza Y10 BF2
- Syed Izaan Ali Y10 BD1
- Along with the QUIZ coordinators from SCIENCE CLUB



The SECOND ROUND WINNERS FROM GIRLS SIDE

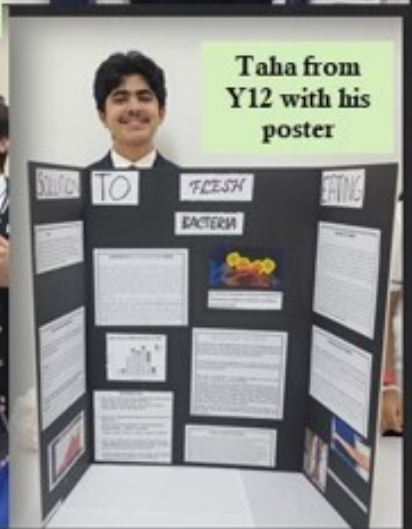
Maymoona, Mridini and Nandini from Y12 with their poster



Qusay, Hatim, Tamim and Affnan from Y13 with their project



Taha from Y12 with his poster



BIGGEST 18th ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOL MEDICAL, SCIENCE, ARTS & HUMANITIES EXHIBITION AND CONTEST



WSS REPRESENTATION AT GMU MASE 2024

Wish them luck!

Secondary Section News; KS4 Hackathon Competition Winners!

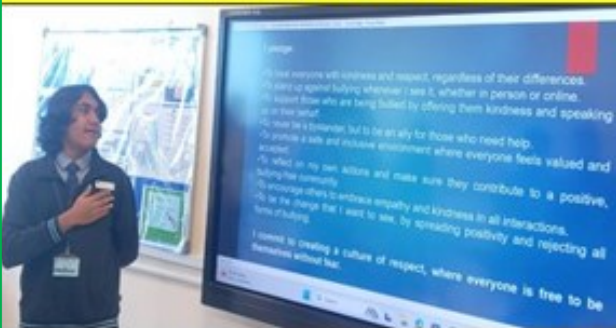
KS4 HACKATHON COMPETITION WINNERS



KS4 ANTI BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK



Students taking the pledge during Anti-Bullying Week.



Anti Bullying awareness posters and slogans

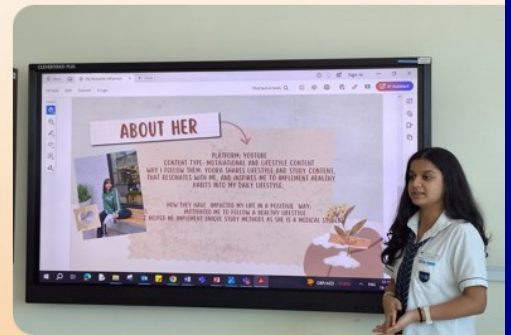


Secondary Section News; KS5—Leadership & Learning!

Impact of Social Media Influencers by KS5 girls

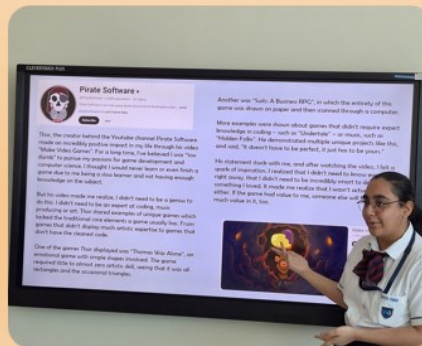


Rameen Ifthikar



Mridini Sur

As part of E Safety Curriculum KS5 presented the positive and negative impacts of Social media influencers



Manha Sohail

KS5 GIRLS EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP



As part of the E-Safety curriculum our KS5 girls did a presentation on 'The Impact of Social media influencers.' Our Secondary E-safety leaders also designed a mini newsletter on Digital Safety.



*Secondary Section News; E-Safety Newsletter
Tips for Students!*

E-SAFETY

HOW TO STAY SAFE ONLINE



Never share your password to anyone.

Keep your passwords safe. Use a secure and reliable password manager.



Limit Sharing of Personal Information.

Avoid sharing sensitive details like your address, phone number, or full date of birth online.



Keep Your Software Updated.

Ensure your operating system and antivirus software are up to date to patch security vulnerabilities.



Be careful of what you download.

Avoid downloading apps or software that look suspicious. It may result in malware.



Be careful of what you post.

Remember: what you post on the internet will stay there forever.



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PARENTS!

DON'T BE AFRAID TO GET INVOLVED!

HERE ARE SOME MEASURES YOU CAN TAKE TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE:

1 Activate Safe-Search on your child's device

2 Familiarize yourself with online safety tools

3 Set suitable ground rules for internet usage at home

We hope everyone manages to stay safe online and does not encounter any troubles. Be mindful while on the internet!



Made by:
Nadine Tabche,
Y12GH
Ahmed Farag, Y13BS

SEND A BUDDY Program



A PROGRAM THAT TOUCHES MANY HEARTS, FOSTERING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SIXTH FORM MENTORS AND SOFD CHILDREN, CREATING BONDS OF CARE, GUIDANCE, AND FRIENDSHIP.

Secondary Section News; KS5 Learning & Leadership!

Happy Birthday Dear Taha Y 13 BS and Ahmad Shahzad Y 12 BH

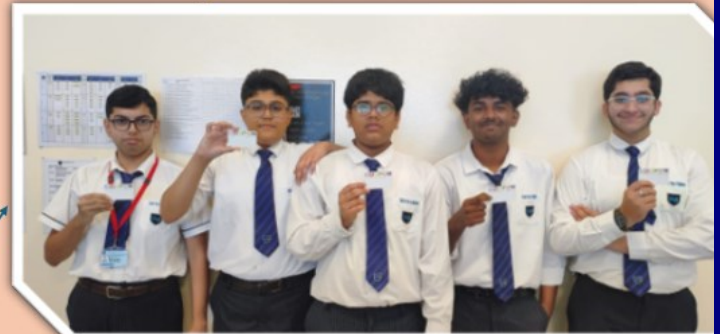


INCENTIVE COUPON WINNERS
STUDENTS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO
MAINTAIN CLASSROOM
CLEANLINESS AND IL ROOM
DISCIPLINE



KS5 Boys Incentive coupon winners

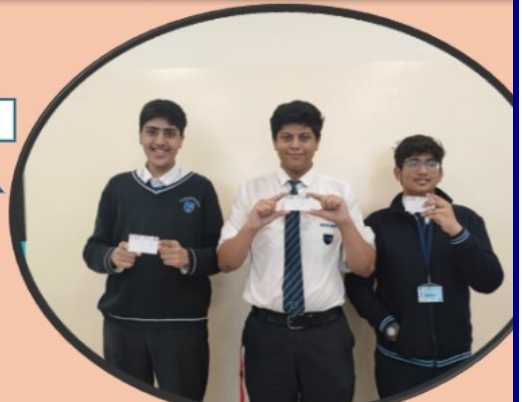
Incentive coupon winners for good conduct
Y12BH, Y12BD and Y13BS



Year 12BD Coupon winners

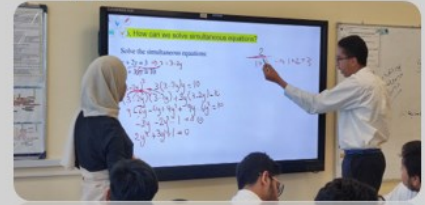
Year 12BH Coupon winners

Year 13
Coupon
winners

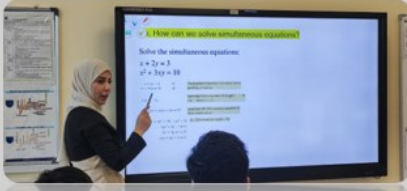


Secondary Section News; KS5 Learning & Leadership!

KS5 Parent Engagement-Guest Lecture by parent



Yousef Wagdi Zalat is leading the discussion during activity time



Ms. Fatima Tallouzi, Mother of Rayan Billal from Y12BH, Teaching mathematics to Y12 boys in KS5 Parent Engagement Program



Independent Student work during lesson



Parent Engagement Week Digital Poster Competition KS5 Boys



Mrs. Sheeba- Parent of Aaiz K-Y 13 BS

Mrs. Thomas N-Parent of Davin- Y 12 BF

Parent Partnership in Academic Excellence

- 1. Read Books Regularly**
Engaging parents in their child's reading habits fosters a love for learning. Regularly reading together at home strengthens literacy skills and reinforces the importance of reading beyond the classroom.
- 2. Active in Class**
Involving parents in classwork discussions helps children stay motivated. When parents review assignments and offer guidance, students feel supported, leading to improved understanding and better academic performance.
- 3. Manage Time Well**
Parents can teach effective time management strategies, helping children balance homework, extracurriculars, and relaxation. By creating structured routines, students develop the skills needed to succeed academically and manage their responsibilities.

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

TOGETHER WE THRIVE: PARENTS AND SCHOOLS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS!

COLLABORATION FOR SUCCESS: TOGETHER WE CAN!
EDUCATION IS A SHARED COMMITMENT BETWEEN DEDICATED TEACHERS, MOTIVATED STUDENTS, AND ENTHUSIASTIC PARENTS.

UNITED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!

Winners

Positive Parents



Character Day

Let's dive into the world of characters

When & Where?

31st October

English Lessons
1st and 2nd break

KS3 YR 7-9
Designing Book Cover
or
Letter writing to their
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