

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #11  
31st October, 2024



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

Dear WSS Parents,

**SPEA SPR Inspection, November 2024**

It is SPEA School Performance Review (SPR Inspection) time again! We are expecting a visit during November & are looking forward to showcasing our amazing students' learning, behaviour & overall school development since the last SPR in 2023.

SPEA ask that all parents please complete their important feedback survey on the link below before 3pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November (emailed to parents this week). We really appreciate your positive teamwork with us for success, thank you:

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/xfCOWU>

**UAE Flag Day**

WSS congratulates the leadership & community of the UAE on the occasion of Flag Day (Sunday 3/11/24). This special day marks the anniversary of HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan becoming president of the UAE in 2004.

**Happy Diwali**

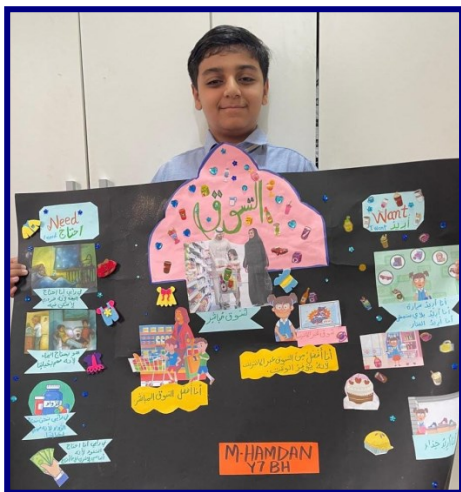
Wishing all our families who celebrate it a blessed & happy Diwali.

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
<b>Open January 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The online registration system for new seats for the next Academic Year 2025-2026 has opened.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday 9/11/24, 3pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline for parents to complete the SPEA school SPR inspection survey. Thanks.</li> </ul>
<b>Mon. 2/12/24 &amp; Tues. 3/12/24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible school closure for UAE National Day holiday (TBC by the Authorities)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 13/12/24 to Sunday 5/1/25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter Break (3-weeks)</li> <li>T1 Exams will be held during the 2 weeks before Winter Break (exact dates TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 6/1/25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First day of T2.</li> <li>T2 fees due by latest first day of Term.</li> </ul>

**Urgent: Re-link of Old Students on Daleel 2**

There are still 250 old students not re-linked on the system on Daleel 2. SPEA does not accept this. Please note that the **T1 Report Cards for these students will have to be blocked**, since these children are not relinked with SPEA. Please resolve urgently to avoid inconvenience. If you have any queries, please contact the GRE Ms. Abir.



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

# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 11  
31 أكتوبر 2024



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي  
السيدة فاليري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الشارقة الأعزاء،

**فحص SPEA SPR، نوفمبر  
2024**

لقد حان وقت مراجعة أداء مدرسة  
SPEA (تفتيش SPR) مرة أخرى!  
نحن نتوقع زيارة خلال شهر نوفمبر  
ونتطلع إلى عرض التعلم المذهل لطلابنا  
وسلوكلهم وتطورهم المدرسي الشامل منذ  
آخر SPR في عام 2023.

تطلب SPEA من جميع الآباء والأمهات إكمال استطلاع الرأي المهم  
الخاص بهم على الرابط أدناه قبل الساعة 3 مساءً يوم السبت 9 نوفمبر  
(سيتم إرساله عبر البريد الإلكتروني إلى الآباء والأمهات هذا الأسبوع).  
نحن نقدر حقاً عملك الجماعي الإيجابي معنا لتحقيق النجاح، شكرًا لك:

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/xfCOWU>

**يوم العلم الإماراتي**

تهنئ جميعه WSS قيادة وشعب دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة بمناسبة  
يوم العلم (الأحد 3/11/24). يصادف هذا اليوم الخاص تكرياً تولى  
صاحب السمو الشيخ خليفة بن زايد آل نهيان رئاسة دولة الإمارات  
العربية المتحدة في عام 2004.

**عيد ديوالي سعيد**

نتمنى لجميع عائلاتنا التي تحتفل بهذا اليوم ديوالي مبارقا وسعيدا.

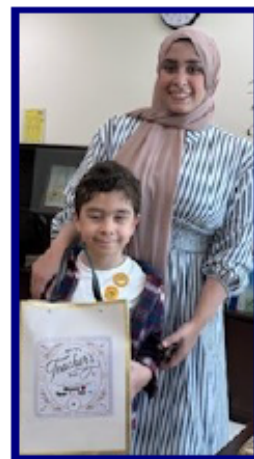
## المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
تم فتح نظام التسجيل الإلكتروني للمقاعد الجديدة للعام الدراسي المقبل 2025-2026.	مفتوح يناير 2025
سيبدأ تقييم التسجيل اعتباراً من يناير 2025، على أساس "من يأتي أولاً يُخدم أولاً". ونظرًا لأن المقاعد محدودة للغاية، يرجى التسجيل مبكرًا لتجنب خيبة الأمل إذا كنت تريد مقاعد جديدة. شكرًا لك.	
الموعد النهائي للآباء لإكمال استبيان التفتيش على المدارس التابعة لـ SPEA. شكرًا.	السبت 9/11/24 الساعة 3 مساءً
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 الأحد 5/1/25
اليوم الأول من T2. يجب دفع رسوم T2 في موعد أقصاه اليوم الأول من الفصل الدراسي.	الاثنين 6/1/25

**عاجل: إعادة ربط الطلبة القدامى على دليل 2**

لا يزال هناك 250 طالبًا قديمًا لم يتم إعادة ربطهم على نظام دليل 2، والهيئة لا تقبل ذلك. لهنؤلاء الطلاب، حيث لم يتم إعادة ربط هؤلاء T1 يرجى ملاحظة أنه سيتعين حظر بطاقات تقرير SPEA الأطفال بـ

يرجى حل المشكلة على وجه السرعة لتجنب أي إزعاج. إذا كانت لديك أي استفسارات، يرجى الاتصال بالسيدة عبير المسؤولة عن اختيار GRE.



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



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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## Whole School News; UAE Flag Day Event, 31/10/24!



Ms. Doaa, our Emirati Team, Student leaders, Emirati families & the whole team put on a wonderful event celebrating UAE Culture & Flag Day. Thank you to all involved.





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Goodmorning GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL and outstanding teachers.

Today special day ,all kids are in incredible UAE dresses, happiness uncountable, everywhere bright colours ,colours of peace,love kindness and joy . I want to thank all of you ,Thank you for nurturing our child's love for learning.

The dedication of the teachers and staff is commendable.

Your commitment to our child's development is invaluable.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL ONE OF THE BEST SCHOOL IN UAE.

Best regards

Nabia and Nabia's mother Syeda

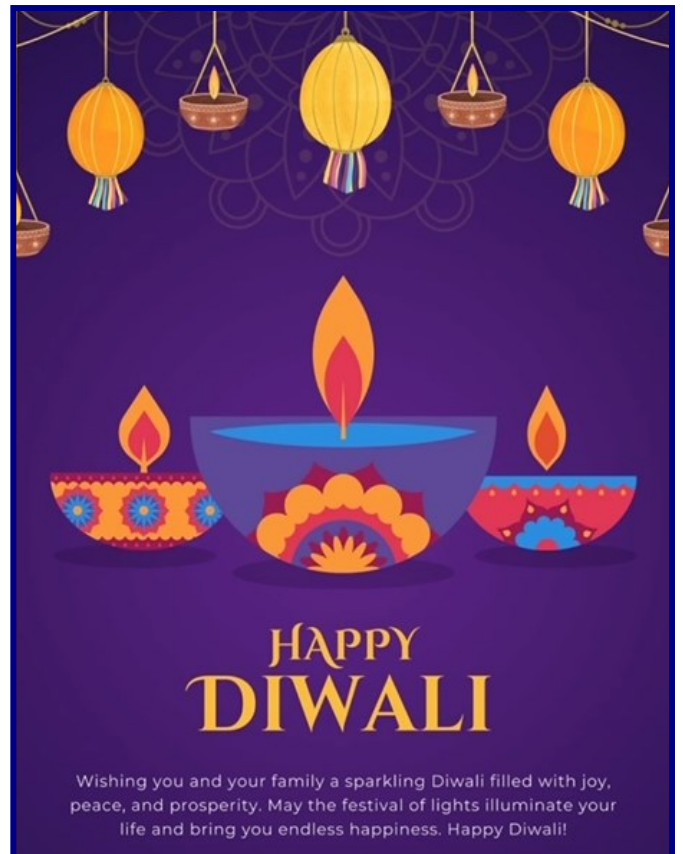


*Whole School News; UAE Flag Day Celebrations, 31/10/24!*





*Whole School News; Happy Diwali!*





***WSS Superstar Champions; The WSS Sheikha Fatima  
Scholarship Award Winner for 2024-2025!***



**Congratulations to Syeda Tayyiba, this year's WSS Sheikha Fatima scholarship winner! Syeda beat heavy competition from other brilliant WSS students to achieve her goal. We wish her every continuing success as she moves ahead on her leadership, academic & community service journey.**

# Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions; Primary Sustainability Report, October 2024!



## WSS Parental engagement Activity

*Parental Engagement on Sustainability - Best Out of Waste* event at WSS School! The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by both students and parents were truly inspiring. Together, we transformed everyday waste materials into unique, sustainable projects, demonstrating the importance of environmental responsibility.





## *Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!*



Our Junior Echo Warriors returned from the Dubai Safari Park Eco Friendly Animal Model Sustainability competition with medals & certificates. They were the youngest participants & did a great job sharing their 'Save the Endangered Pangolin' Project.

Well done to superstar student Zahra seen here presenting her speech at the LIVO Rights event, a discussion forum on the topic of 'Climate Refugees Navigating Human Rights in the Face of Environmental Displacement.'





# *Whole School News: WSS Inter-School, Northern Emirates Soccer Cup Season 3, 29-31/10/24!*

This year, we will welcome participants from 19 schools, with a total of 62 teams and an expected 600+ students joining us over three thrilling days from October 29th to 31st, 2024, on our WSS football field.

Thank you to superstar student Moh'd Amjad (Y13B) who sponsored water for the tournament. We love the teamwork & commitment!



**Our awesome Referees—thank you!**



**Our amazing & highly effective student leaders who took a huge role in organizing & running this huge event. Thank you—your leadership was impressive!**





*Whole School News: WSS Inter-School, Northern Emirates Soccer Cup  
Season 3, 29-31/10/24!*



The best U13 Girls Goalkeeper Award went to WSS Zainab Waleed (Y8GH). Congratulations!

The Runner-up U13 Girls Trophy went to the WSS Team! Well done girls– proud of you & our WSS PE Coaches!





*Whole School News: WSS Inter-School, Northern Emirates Soccer Cup  
Season 3, 29-31/10/24!*



***Northern Emirates Soccer Cup  
Under 15 Boys Teams***





*Whole School News: WSS Inter-School, Northern Emirates Soccer Cup  
Season 3, 29-31/10/24!*



***Northern Emirates Soccer Cup  
Under 13 Boys Teams***





*Whole School News: WSS Inter-School, Northern Emirates Soccer Cup  
Season 3, 29-31/10/24!*



**Day 1 - Highlights**



# Whole School News: Arabic Exhibition, 28/10/24!



Project themes linked to real-life included 'Want-v-need', Hobbies & online-v-mall shopping. Students spoke very confidently about their beautiful projects, & had made them interactive for audience engagement.





# Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

**Grit**

Don't Give UP

**IF YOU CAN IMAGINE IT, YOU CAN MAKE IT**

Grit is a personality trait that helps you working toward long-term goals despite of setbacks or failures.

Yes. Grit helps you achieve a goal, even though challenges get in your way. Just keep working to be successful.

I agree to you sirl I think grit has similarity with perseverance because it requires growth mindset to keep working to get better at something.

WOW! I am so happy and thankful for the mindset that you have in yourself, my child.

I am proud of you for helping me in the house chores. Sometime you think that you can't do it but you finished it because you have grit and perseverance. Keep it up!

Mum, I am so happy today! I learnt the word "grit" from school! I reflected well and I should keep working to be successful to reach my dreams.

PLAN!

## Celebrating Handwriting Excellence

Dad, I got my Pen Licence today. I can write with a real pen.

That's wonderful Ruby! What's a Pen Licence?

That's Fantastic! Ruby you have worked hard for it.

The Pen Licence is an initiative to improve students' handwriting skills.

You are setting a great example for your classmates!

Let's have a little celebration to motivate your friends as well.



*WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!*



**FS2 Wellbeing Superstars of the Week!**



**Y1 Wellbeing Superstars of the Week!**



*WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!*



Y2 Wellbeing Superstars of the Week!

*Junior Section News; Arabic Week!*





*Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y2S2, 31/10/24!*





*Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y2S2, 31/10/24!*



Y2S2 put on a fantastic Assembly with two themes; 'Friendship Superheroes—How to be a Good Friend' & UAE Flag Day'





*Junior Section News; Assembly Time with Y1F1, 31/10/24!*



**Y1F1's super cute Assembly was all about the UAE Flag Day. We enjoyed a dance & learnt what the flag colours mean.**



*Junior Section News; Assembly Time with FS2D2, 31/10/24!*



FS2D2 put on a really sweet Assembly about 'Family'. We learnt about the different family members & their roles.





*Junior Section News; FS2S2 Learning Activities!*

**Junior Section News; FS2S2 Learning Activities**



**FS2S2 with Ms.Sarah and Ms.Maria**



## *Junior Section News; Y1H2 Learning Activities!*



**Y1 H2 Ms. Kishwar & Ms. Mani**



# Junior Section News; Y1S1 Learning Activities!



Y1S1 With Ms Mariam





# Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



**Y2F1 IN ACTION  
WITH MS SABIHA & MS ASHIKA**

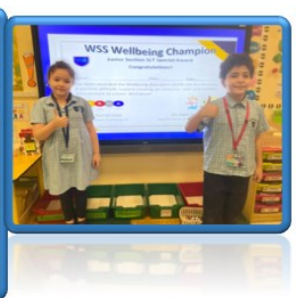


# Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!

## Y2F2-Celebrating UAE-Flag Day With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



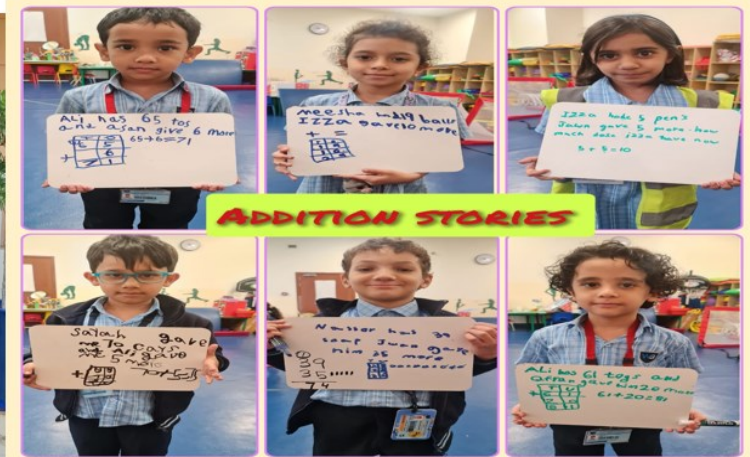
## Y2F2-Class Activities with Ms.Fauzia and Ms.Benil





# Junior Section News; Y2D2 Learning Activities!

MS. MILLICENT, MS. TAHIRA Y2D2



# Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!



Y2H2 MS.ROOMANA AND MS.AQUEEN





# *Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!*

## Junior Section: Y2 H1 Learning Activities!





# Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!

## Y2S1 With Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza





*Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!*

**ART COMPETITION ~ SHARJAH EYE**



**Y2S2 WITH MS. SAFIA AND MS. CATHERIN**



PIC•COLLAGE



## WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



**Congratulations to Mahmoud Mohammed Ahmed (Y5S1) who participated in the *Future Star Competition* held at Al Salam Community School on 27/10/24 and won first place in swimming!**

Good morning 🌞 Dear Mrs Anju iam Adam Amr mother thank you so much for your great efforts really its a great assembly and thank you thousand times for this amazing opportunity that you give to Adam and also thank you for your support you give him amazing self confidence on stage , thank you for trusting him thank you for everything and thank you 🙏 for being his teacher this year.

Thank you for your kind message and for all the hard work you put into making the assembly such a wonderful experience. It was a joy to watch the students showcase their talents and accomplishments.

We're grateful for your dedication and support in guiding them to succeed. It's clear how much effort went into their preparation, and we appreciate everything you do to inspire and nurture their growth.

Warm regards,  
Mother of Hamdan.



# Primary Section News; Primary ECA Report, Week 5!

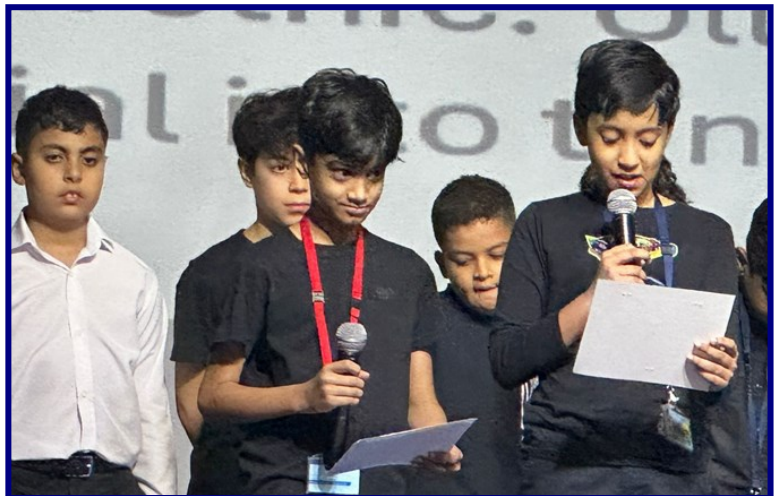
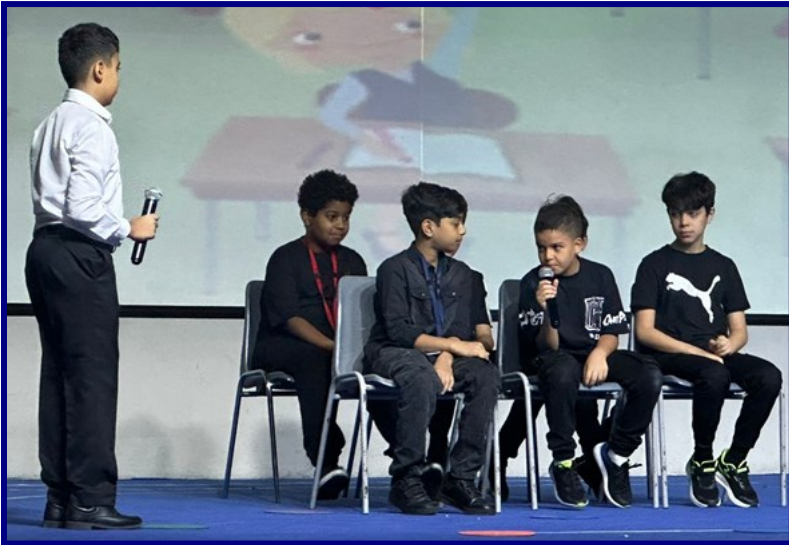
## ECA -WEEK 5



It's 'Build a Rocket' Project time!  
Thank you Nabia for sharing your video.



*Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y6BF—The Power of Self-Control!*





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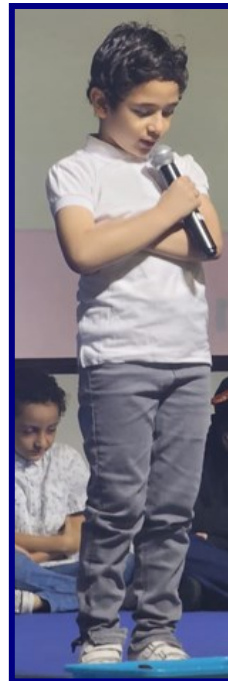
**Y6BF Assembly on 'Power of Self Discipline'**

All the students were filled with excitement and enthusiasm as they prepared to showcase their roles. They effectively illustrated the significance of self-discipline through an engaging skit.





*Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y3F1—Kindness!*





*Primary Section News: Y3 Learning Activities—Trip Time with Y3F1!*



**Y3 F1 Reading Champions**



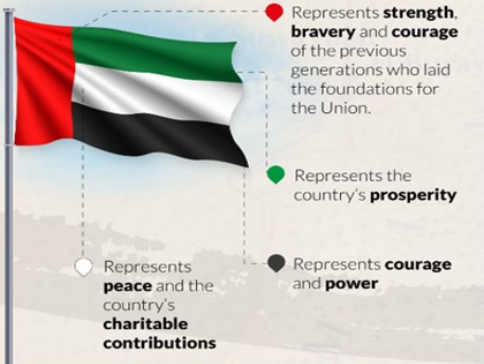


## Primary Section News: Y5 Learning Activities—Trip Time with Y5F1!

### Y5F1 joined the field trip to Aya Universe with Mr. Arvie



Students were able to explore the wonders of Aya Universe Dubai. They experienced a captivating blend of art, technology, and interactive storytelling in a dazzling digital world that sparks creativity and curiosity.



### Y5F1 class shows respect and honour the UAE National flag during the Flag Day celebration with Mr. Arvie





*WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions—Football Breakbusters  
Winners!*





## Secondary Section News; WSS Career Fair!

# WSS CAREER FAIR



Y11 – 13 students interacted with various university representatives in order to jumpstart their planning about their future choices. By preparing early, students will be more likely to be college and career-ready after high school graduation.



## Secondary Section News



Stunning Arabic projects by Muhammad Hamdan (Y7BH)



*Secondary Section News; Breast Cancer Awareness Presentation, 28/10/24!*



*Secondary Section News; Cyberbullying Awareness Presentation, 29/10/24;*

Any thanks to Mr. Saeed Alzarooni, Community Police, who presented at teh KS3 Boys' Assembly on 29/10/24. The important theme was Cyberbullying Awareness.









## Secondary Section News; Y8 Awareness Programme!

### Y8 – BREAST CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAM

At Westminster School, we were honored to host Ms. Geena for our Breast Cancer Awareness program. Her inspiring session touched hearts and empowered our students, bringing light to the importance of awareness, early detection, and resilience. We are grateful for her powerful message that underscored courage and hope, inspiring us all to be proactive in supporting the fight against breast cancer.



### Y8 – cyberbullying awareness session from Sharjah Police

"Westminster School was privileged to host Mr. Saeed Alzarooni from Sharjah Police for an insightful session on online safety and cyberbullying. His guidance highlighted the importance of responsible digital behavior and staying vigilant in the online world. We are grateful for his expertise and dedication to safeguarding our students, empowering them with essential knowledge to navigate the digital landscape safely and responsibly.





# Secondary Section News; Y9 Breast Cancer Awareness!

## Y9 ENGAGEMENT AND ACTIVITIES



**Pinktober at WSS was truly inspiring as guest speaker Ms. Geena, a breast cancer survivor, shared her impactful and motivational journey. Her story of resilience and hope left a lasting impression on all, empowering students and staff alike with valuable insights into awareness, early detection, and the power of courage in the face of adversity.**





# KS4 GIRLS- FLAG DAY COMPETITION

Students Participated in  
our Door Design  
Competition and transform  
the classroom door into a  
tribute to the UAE flag.





*Secondary Section News; KS5 Leadership & Learning!*





# Secondary Section News; KS5 Leadership & Learning!



CAREER FAIR-KS5



WEEKLY COUPON WINNERS

UAE FLAG DAY CELEBRATION



GUIDANCE/MENTORING SESSION



## HEALTHY EATING PRESENTATION BY SOCIOLOGY CLUB

The importance of healthy eating is significant for people of all ages. Especially for teenagers who are still growing and developing. The ppt was presented by Sociology Club members to KS5 girls, which highlighted the importance of healthy eating.

