

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #22
13th February, 2025



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

Dear WSS Parents,

Wishing all our families a happy Haq AL Laila celebration!

We have been very busy this week with events, Sports Days & Options Meetings. Many thanks to all the dear parents who came to WSS to support their children. Your engagement with school means a great deal to the children & us!



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Mon. 6/1/25	• Enrollment assessment started & given according to the date of Registration. Seats are very limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment
Mon. 20/1/25	• GEMS Parent Satisfaction Survey opens. Parents, please complete it to support us, thank you.
From Mon. 17/2/25	• Reenrollment for next academic year 2025-2026 open, subject to T2 fee payment (regardless of Payment Plan) & a clean discipline record.
Mon. 3/3/25	• Start of Ramadan timings, 7:50am-1pm (TBC) for whole school
Thurs. 20/3/25	• Last day of T2. Happy holidays!
Mon. 7/4/25	• Start of T3. T3 Fees due, thank you.
Thurs. 10/4/24	• FS1-Y9 T2 Reports & PTM (subject to no pending T2 fees)
Thurs. 26th June	• Last day of compulsory T3 Promotional Exams
Thurs. 3rd July, 2025	• The last official day for students for this academic year.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 22
13 فبراير 2025



رسالة من المحيرة / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

نتمنى لجميع عائلاتنا احتفالاً سعيداً بعيد
حق الليلة!

لقد كنا مشغولين جداً هذا الأسبوع
بالأحداث وأيام الرياضة واجتماعات
الخيارات.

شكراً جزيلاً لجميع الآباء والأمهات
الأعضاء الذين جاءوا إلى WSS لدعم
أطفالهم.

إن التزامك بالمدرسة يعني الكثير بالنسبة للأطفال ولنا!

المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
تم البدء في تقييم التسجيل وإجراءه حسب تاريخ التسجيل. المقاعد محدودة جداً، لذا يرجى التسجيل مبكراً لتجنب خيبة الأمل.	الأتين 6/1/25
تم افتتاح استبيان رضا أولياء الأمور في مدرسة جيمس. يرجى من أولياء الأمور إكماله لدعمنا، شكراً لكم.	الأتين 20/1/25
فتح باب التسجيل للعام الدراسي القادم 2025-2026. مع مراعاة دفع رسوم T2 (بغض النظر عن خطة الدفع) وسجل الانضباط التنظيف.	من يوم الأثنين 17/2/25
مواعيد بداية شهر رمضان من الساعة 7:50 صباحاً حتى 1 ظهراً (سيتم تحديدها لاحقاً) للمدرسة بأكملها	الأتين 3/3/25
آخر يوم في T2. إجازة سعيدة!	الخميس 20/3/25
تقارير PTM وFS1-Y9 T2 (بشروط عدم وجود رسوم T2 مطقة)	الخميس 4/10/24
اليوم الأخير من امتحانات الترقية الإلزامية للصف الثالث الثانوي	الخميس 26 يونيو
آخر يوم رسمي للطلبة لهذا العام الدراسي.	الخميس 3 يوليو 2025



رؤيتنا؛ "التميز من خلال العمل الجماعي؛ النجاح 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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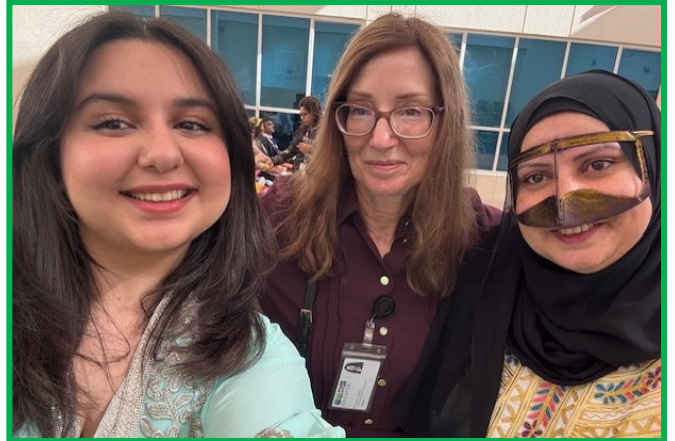
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Whole School News; *Haq AL Layla Celebrations, 13/2/25!*

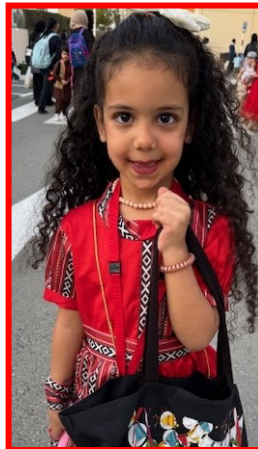


Huge thanks to Ms. Doaa Romih, & our Emirati Team of staff, students & parents for putting on an informative & beautiful event, & for all the treats for Haq Al Layla on 13/2/25.

Whole School News; *Haq AL Layla Celebrations, 13/2/25!*



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Whole School News

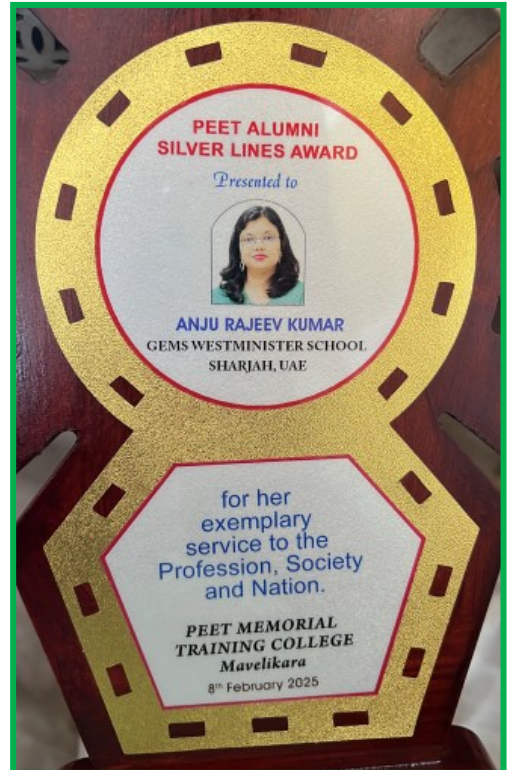


Ms. Azreen & Ms. Vandana attended an English Curriculum meeting at SES, under the auspices of our SPEA SIA Ms. Lynn. Thank you SES for hosting Sharjah English subject leaders!

WSS Superstar Champions!



Congratulations to Teaching Superstar Ms. Anju Kumar for being awarded the 'Silver Lines Award, 2024' by her B.Ed. College.



Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



GEMS Westminster School
GEMS

The WSS Echo Code, developed by Eshal Khan (Y10GS). Great work, Eshal, thank you!

GEMS Westminster's Eco Code

Together we stand, for a world so bright,

Every small action can turn wrong to right.

All that we waste, we'll recycle with care,

Making our planet cleaner and fair.

Water we cherish, not a drop to ignore,

Our energy use, we will cut down more.

Respecting nature, planting with pride,

Keeping the Earth on sustainability's side.

With **TEAMWORK**, we'll change, we'll lead, we'll strive,
For a greener world where all can thrive!



Secondary Section T2 Environment & Sustainability Report!

ECO-INNOVATION SHINES IN TERRARIUM AND SUSTAINX

Term 2 has been off to an exciting start for our school's Eco Champions! We actively engaged parents in a terrarium-making competition while our students showcased their creativity and innovation at SustainX, presenting practical solutions for effective waste management and sustainability.



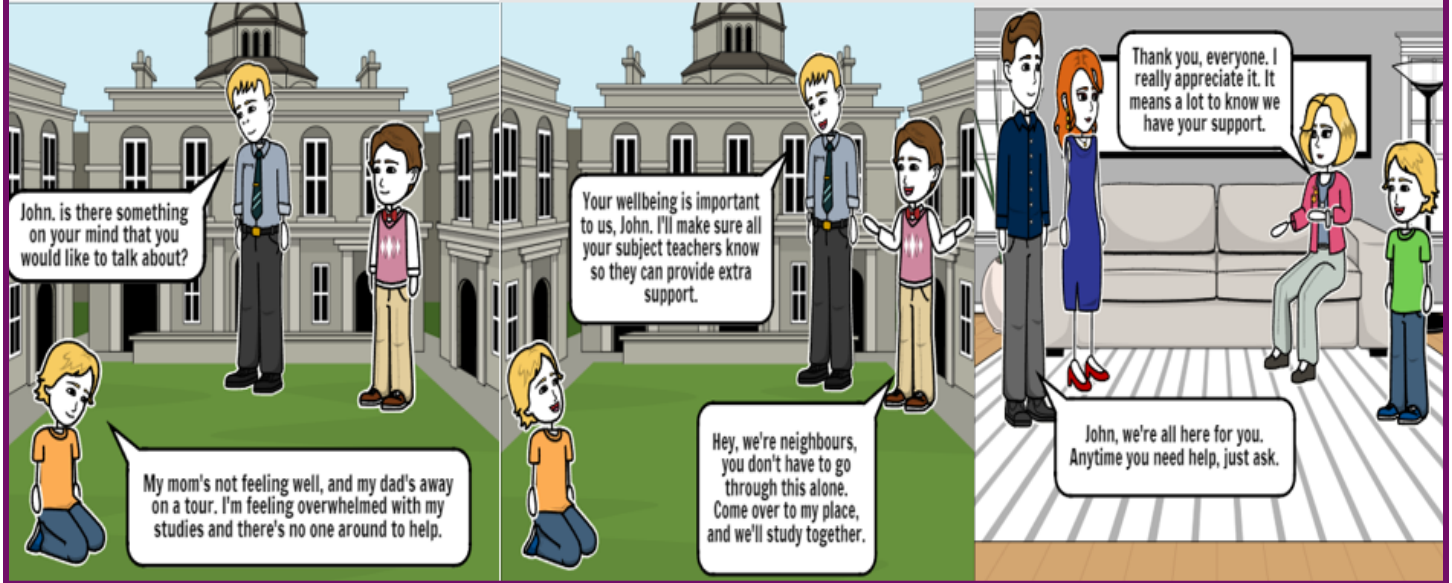
KS3 recently hosted a terrarium-making activity, bringing parents and students together to promote environmental awareness. This hands-on experience highlighted sustainability and plant care, inspiring families to adopt greener practices.



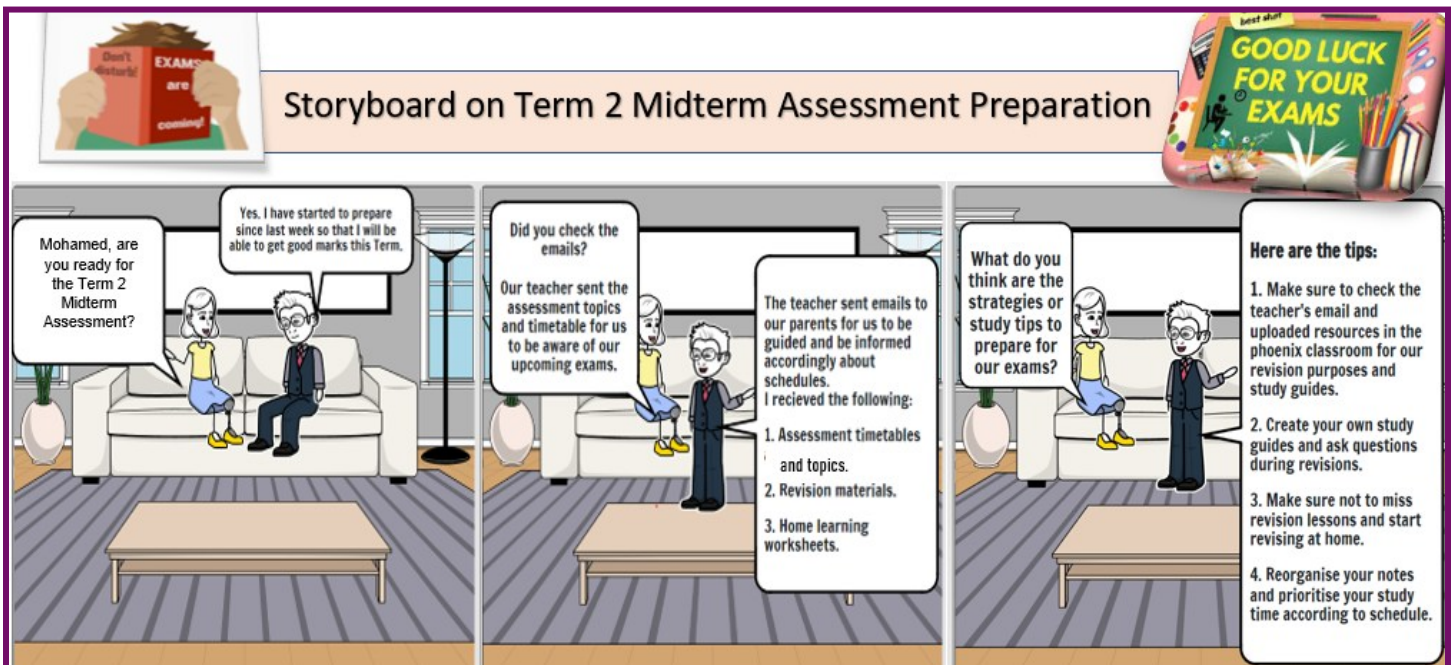
WSS students participated in SustainX at Our Own High School Al Warqa, presenting solutions aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Team Carbon Cutters (Eshal Khan, Amna Faisal, Farida - Year 10) and The Keratin Solution (Rifaah Sadia, Kritika Suneel - Year 11) showcased impactful innovations for a greener future.

Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

Fostering Emotional Wellness



Storyboard on Term 2 Midterm Assessment Preparation



Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!

Good morning Mis Kishwar,

Thank you very much.

I watched the video of Faliha presenting her project, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks for empowering her to speak so confidently. Your efforts have contributed significantly to her growth, and as a parent, I am genuinely happy to witness her progress. I deeply appreciate your continuous encouragement, which has helped her introduce her project to various teachers and her principal.



Adam of Y2F1 won a medal for his swimming skills.



Saif of Y2F1 won medal for his great swimming.



Karate kid of Y2F1 Kinda.



Our little Champ Rovana of Y2F1

Junior Section News; Learning Activities!



Learning about fractions & linking this to real life!

Let's read!



Let's read!



Junior Section News; Assembly Time with FS2H1, 13/2/25!

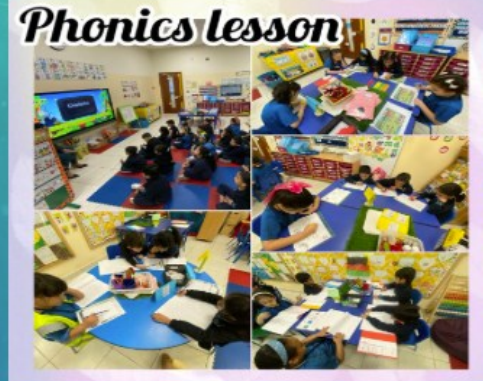


FS2H1 presented a super cute Assembly on the theme 'The Four Seasons'. They did such a great job with their lines!



Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

Y1D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna



Y1D2 WITH MS. SADIQA AND MS ASMA



Junior Section News; Y1F Learning Activities!

Y1F1 WITH MS. AYSHA AND MS. JAMILA



Y1F2 WITH MS. ANEEZA AND MS. GURPREET



Junior Section News; Y1H Learning Activities!

Y1H1 WITH MS. AFREIN AND MS. NOORA



Celebrating Haq-Al-Laila Day!

Y1H2 WITH MS. KISHWAR AND MS. MANI



Celebrating Haq Al Laila!



Mental Health Awareness Day



JAM session about Mental Health Awareness.



Comparing the weight of objects



Congratulations!!

Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

Y1S2 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Foumy



Y1S1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadia



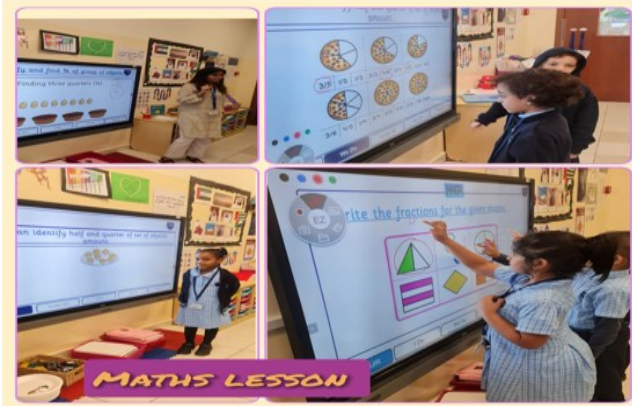
Junior Section News; A Y2 STEAM Lesson!



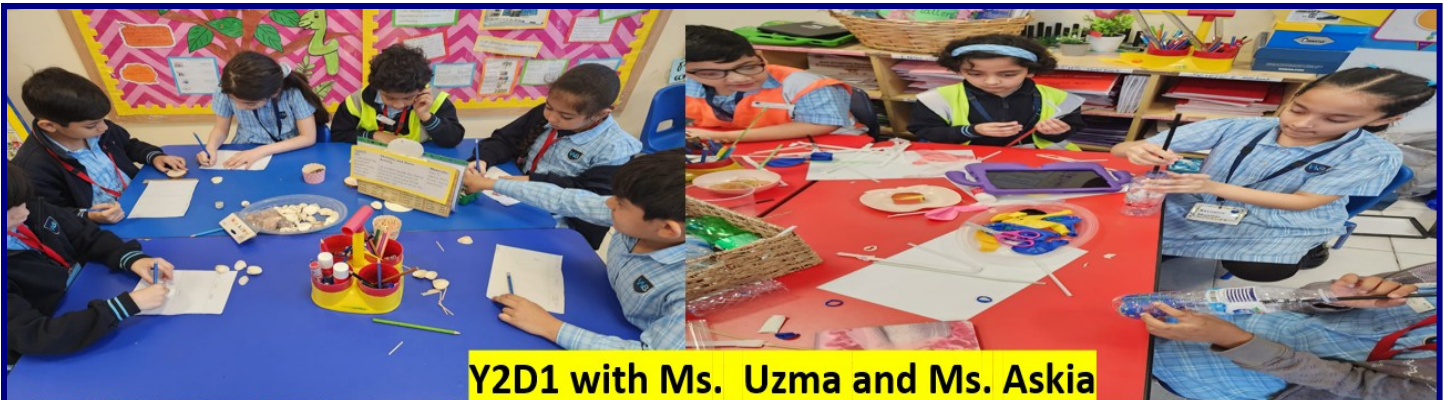
Our STEAM lessons aim to foster collaboration, investigation, creativity & innovation!

Junior Section News; Y2D Learning Activities!

MS MILLICENT & MS TAHIRA Y2D2



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!

Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



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Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!

Junior Section: Y2 H1

Miss Jinitra and Miss Maryam



Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!

Y2H2 MS.ROOMANA AND MS.AQUEEN



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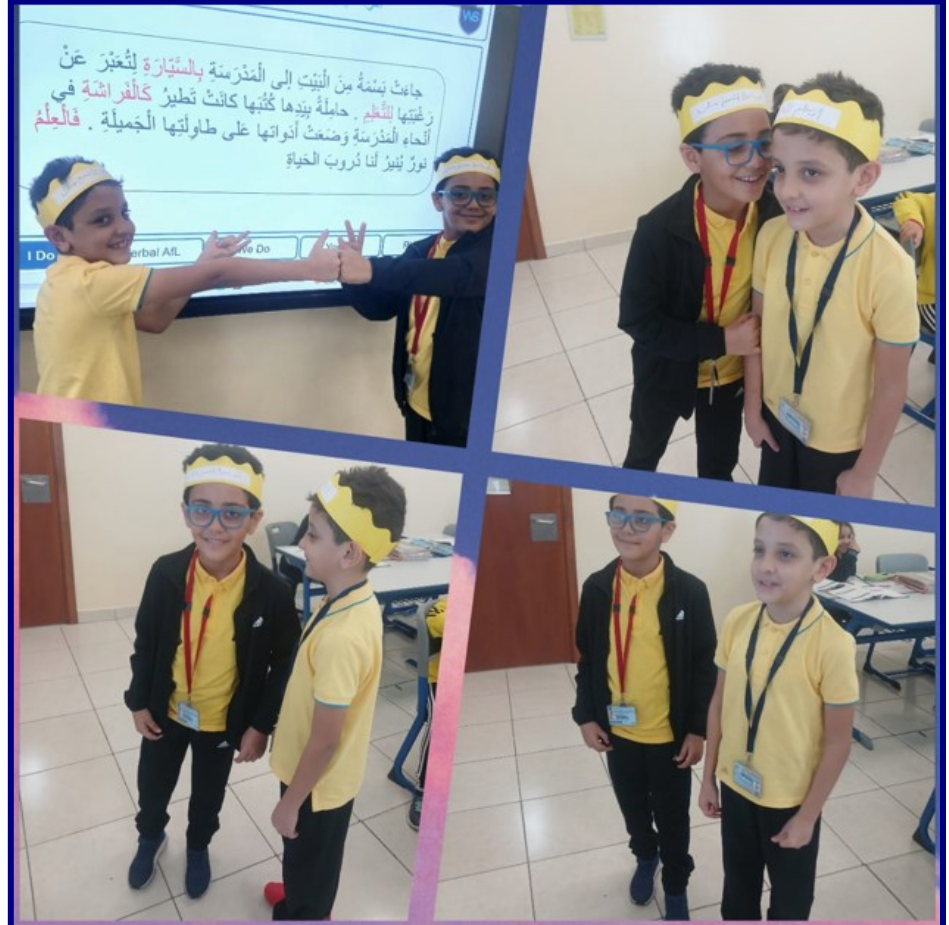
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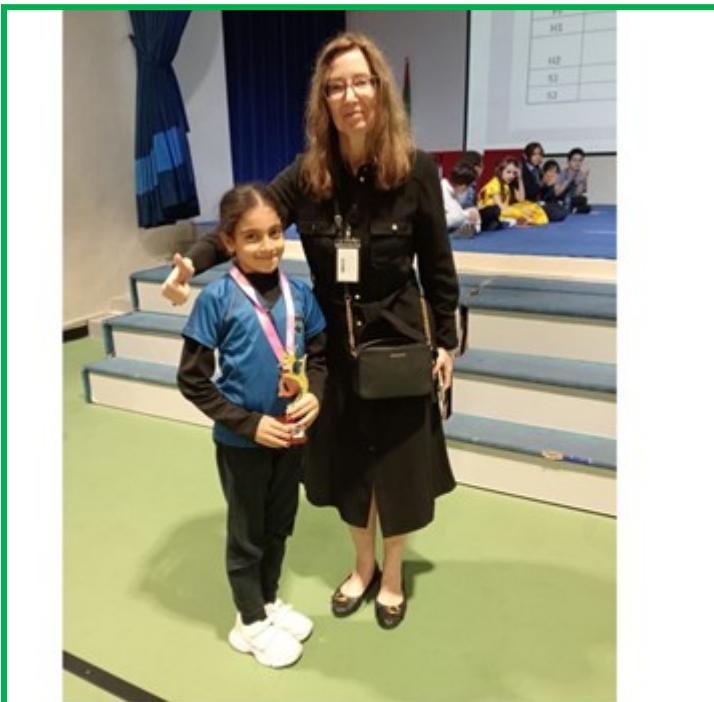
Junior Section News; 'Arabic Whispers'!



Ms. Dalal has started a new peer-support initiative aimed at strengthening students who struggle with Arabic language skills. In this initiative, a struggling student selects a distinguished peer as their reading assistant. When the struggling student makes a reading mistake, they look to their peer for support. The assisting student then discreetly corrects the mistake by whispering the correct word, ensuring a supportive and embarrassment-free environment.



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Mariam Islam Mohamed Y4 D2 recently participated in a gymnastics competition and was awarded a medal for her outstanding performance.



Karmen Maisara Neyazy Y4 D2 recently participated in a gymnastics competition and was awarded a medal for her outstanding performance.

WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!



Primary Section News; T2 ECA Report!

TERM 2 - PRIMARY- ECA ACTIVITIES (Week -5)



Football & Mixed Sports



Music



Badminton



Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y6BS, 12/2/25!



Thank you to Y6B for a very important Assembly on 'Patience'. We enjoyed a beautiful Quran recitation & learnt that Patience is linked to perseverance, achieving our goals & managing our emotions.

Primary Section News; Assembly Time with Y4H2, 12/2/25!



Thank you to Y4H2 for their well-presented Assembly on 'Unity & Diversity'. We learnt that respecting each other's individual differences will help us solve climate issues!



Primary Section News; Y6 Sports Days, 13/2/25!



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Many thanks to our very enthusiastic parents who attended our Sports Days. The cheering & energy were highly motivating!



Primary Section News; Y6 Sports Days, 13/2/25!

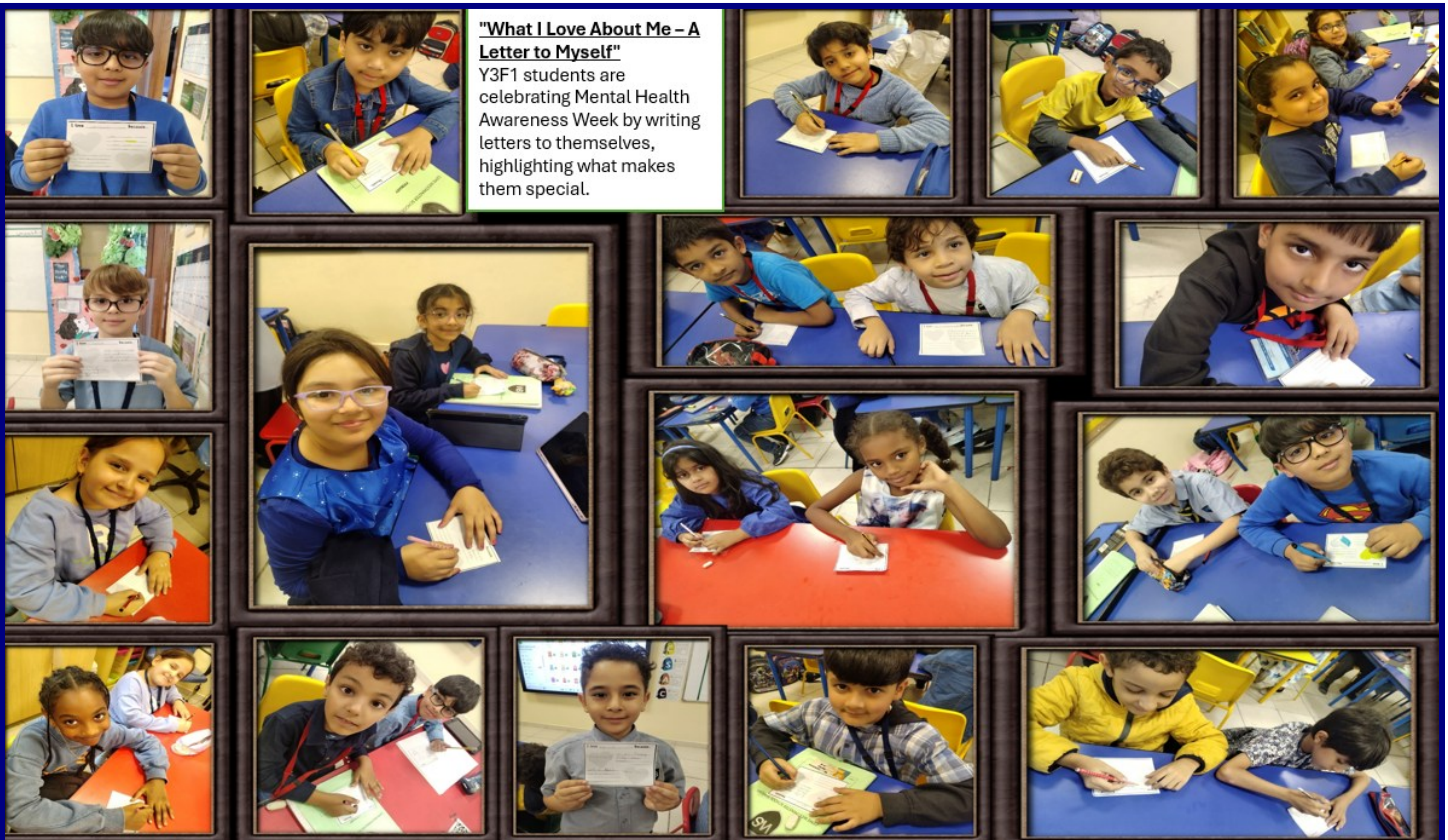


Primary Section News; Y3 Chrysalis Inter-School Competition Participants!

Chrysalis Inter-School Festival



The interschool competition held on Thursday, 6th February 2025, provided a fantastic opportunity for **Year 3 students** to showcase their talents. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and delivered outstanding performances.



"What I Love About Me – A Letter to Myself"
Y3F1 students are celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week by writing letters to themselves, highlighting what makes them special.

Primary Section News; Y3 Learning Activities!



Y3F1 STEAM activity using different types of leaves to create animals or birds while learning about leaf characteristics.



WSS Secondary Section KS3 Superstar Champions!



WSS AWARDS Y7 BOYS

Students maintaining gratitude journals were honored with the WSS Award, celebrating their positive mindset, reflective practices, and efforts to inspire gratitude within their community.

Y7 - Awards & Recognition



WSS AWARDS Y7 GIRLS

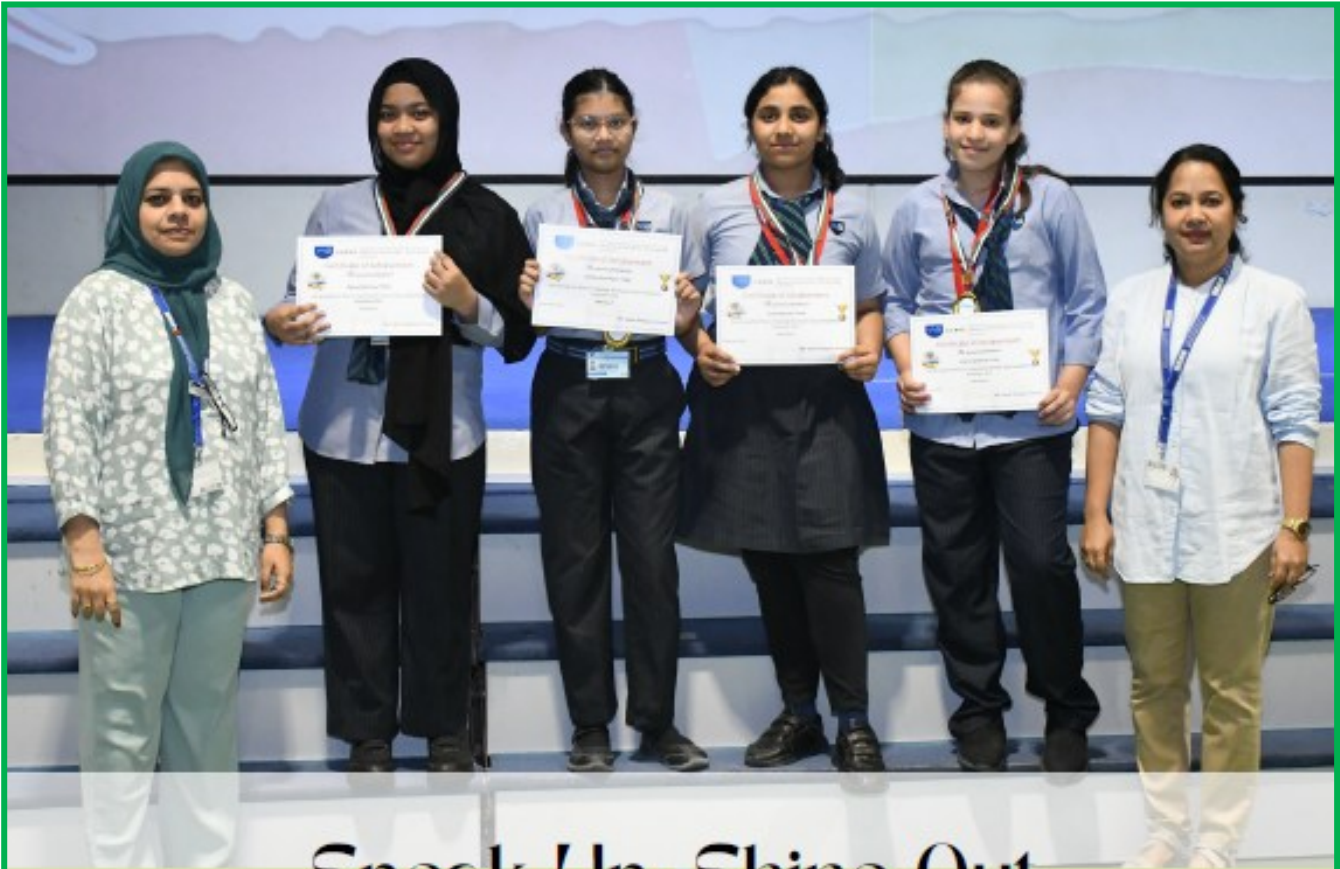
WSS Award, recognizing their optimistic outlook, thoughtful habits and dedication to fostering gratitude in their surroundings.



WSS Secondary Section KS3 Superstar Champions!



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Speak Up, Shine Out.



WSS Secondary Section KS3 Superstar Champions!



WSS Secondary Section KS3 Superstar Champions!



Participation Powers Progress.

TEDx

GEMS Westminister School Sharjah



Meet
our
Speakers!



and Thank You to our
Guest Speaker, Bharat
Gupta!

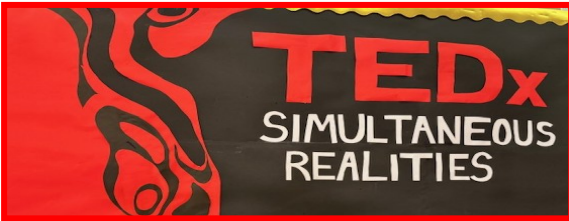


Executive Team

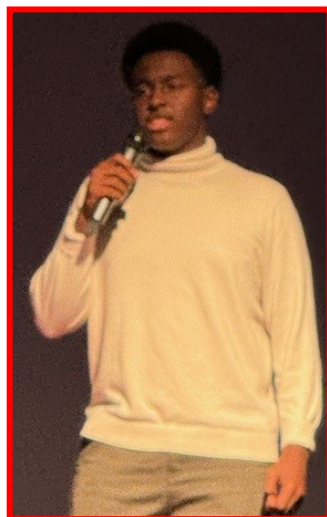


Speakers!

Secondary Section News; WSS TEDx, 13/2/25!



Congratulations to WSS student leaders & staff for another WSS first—the WSS TEDx event held on 13/2/25. Students talked eloquently on thought-provoking topics, as well as entertaining the audience with a stunning vocal item & dance. It was an impressive first WSS TEDx, confidently led & smoothly organized. Well done! Love the art work too!



Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y8B!

Y8 ASSEMBLY GRATITUDE

#GratefulHearts #StudentLeadership

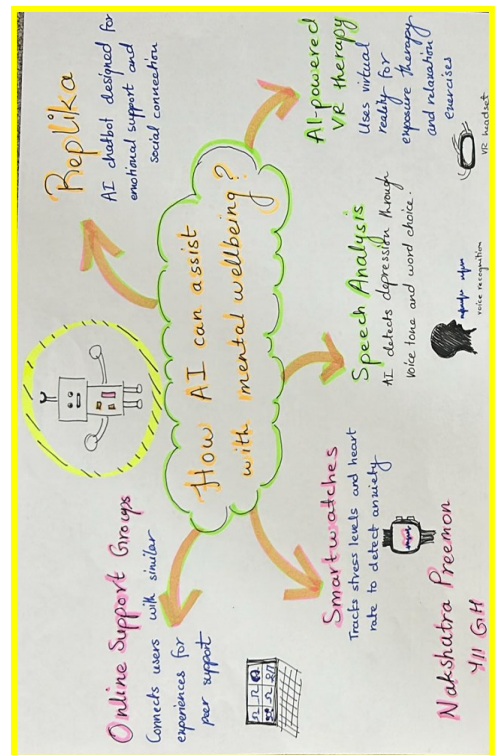
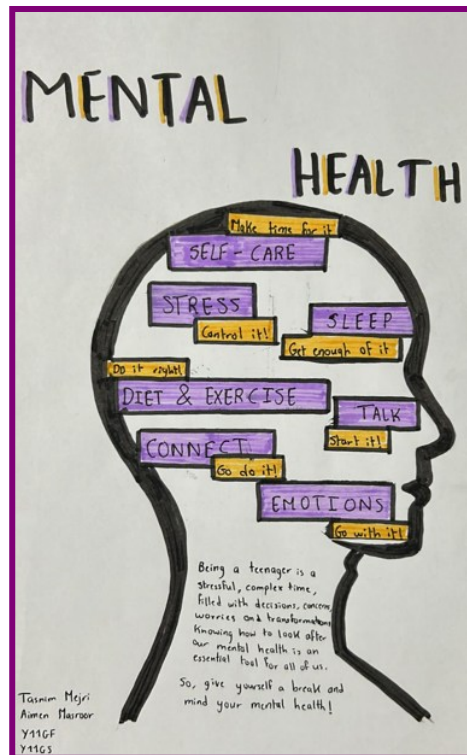
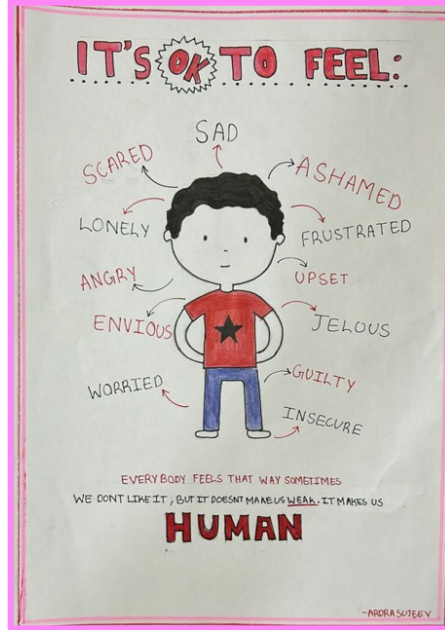


Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y8BF, 11/2/25!

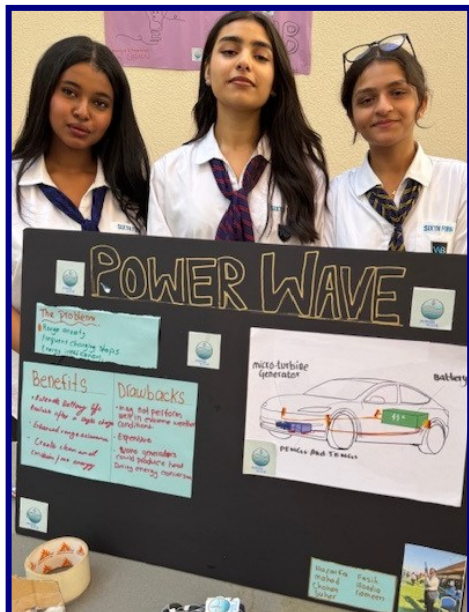
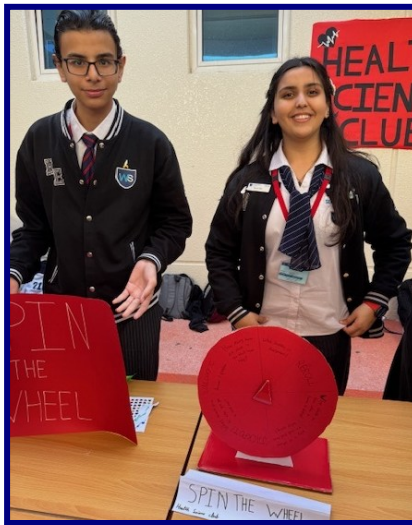
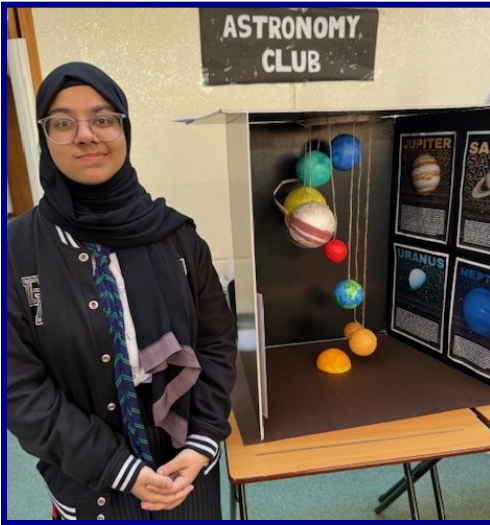


Secondary Section News; Mental Health Awareness Week Posters!

Student-made digital posters on Mental Health awareness. The activity was conducted by the Computer Science department during Mental Health Awareness Week.



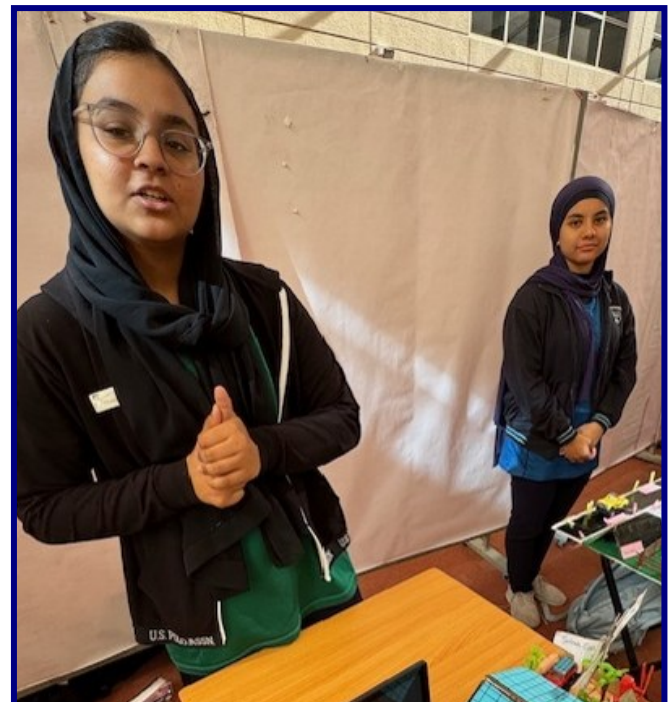
Secondary Section News; Science Fair, 12/2/25!



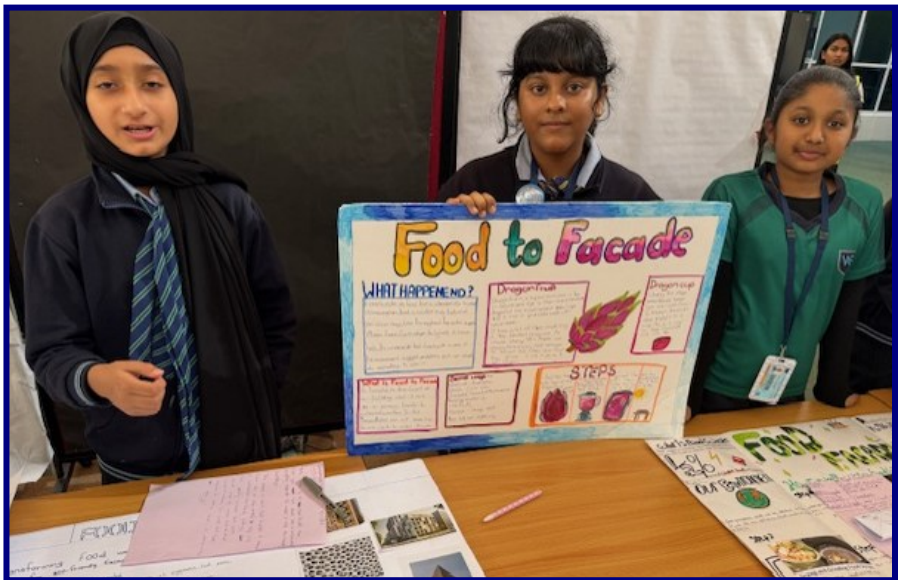
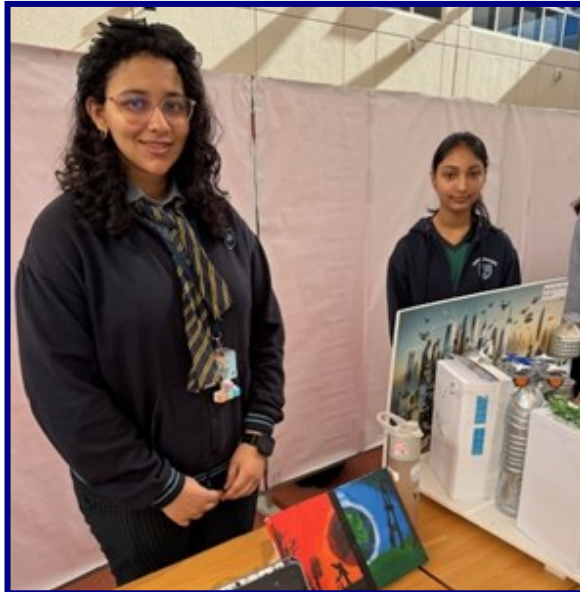
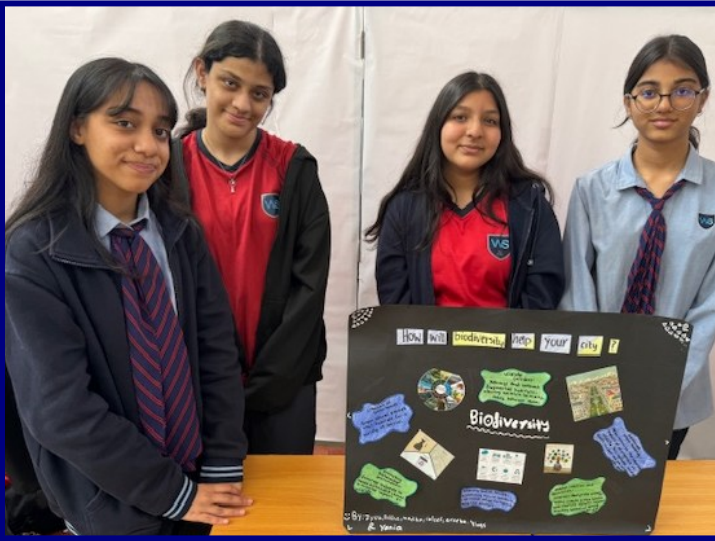
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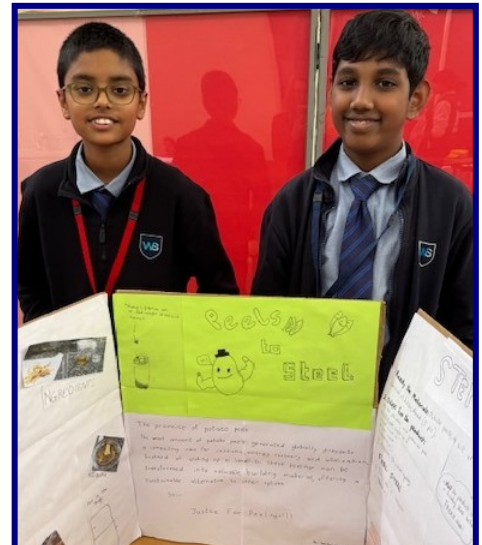
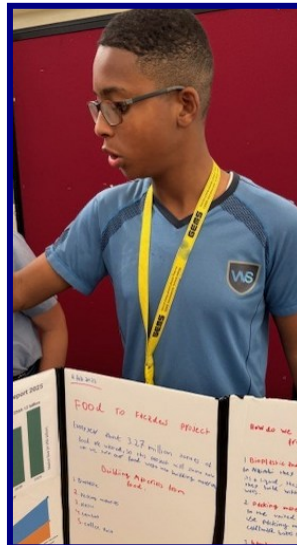
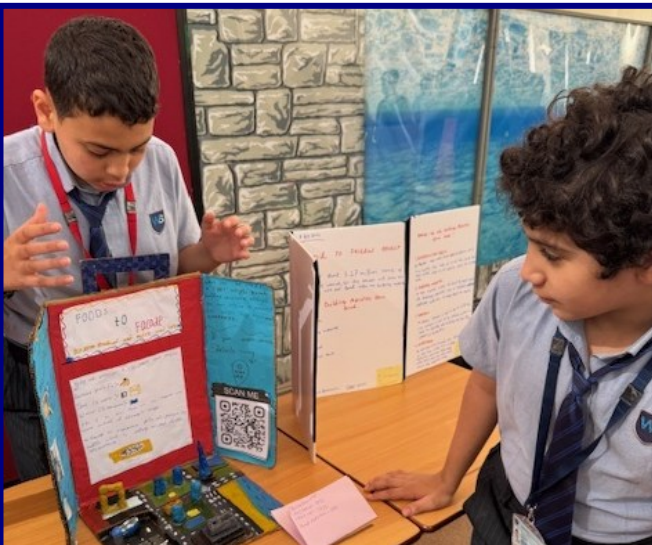
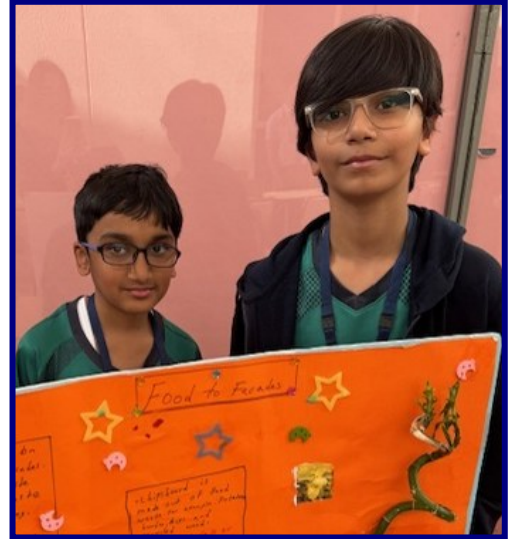
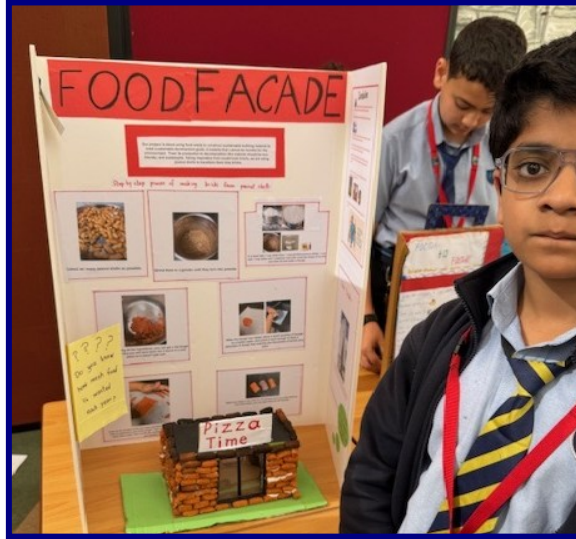
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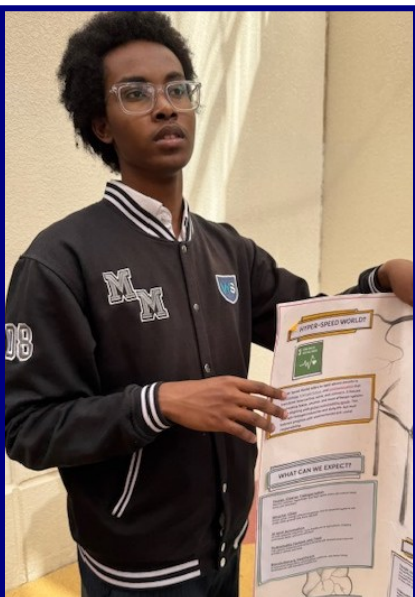
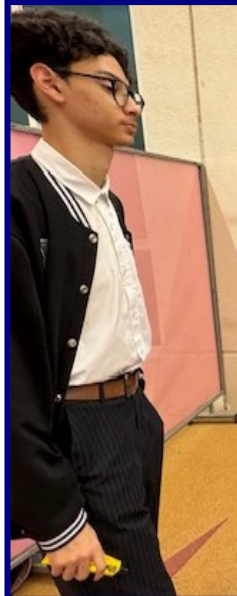
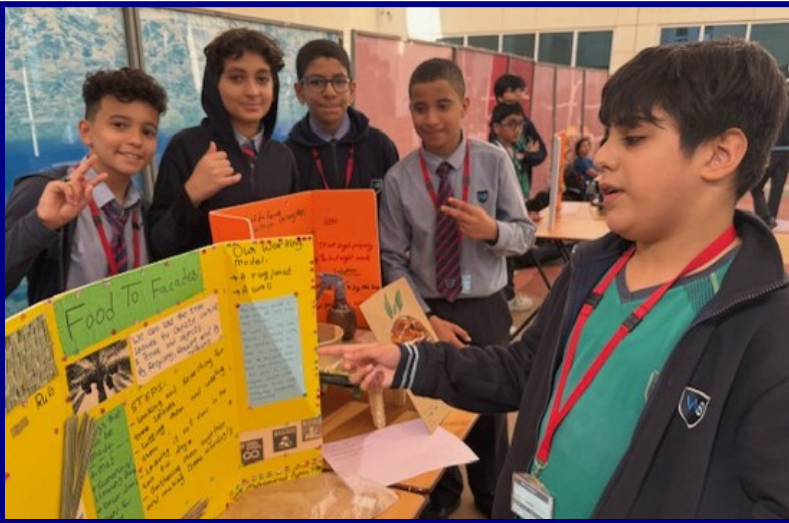
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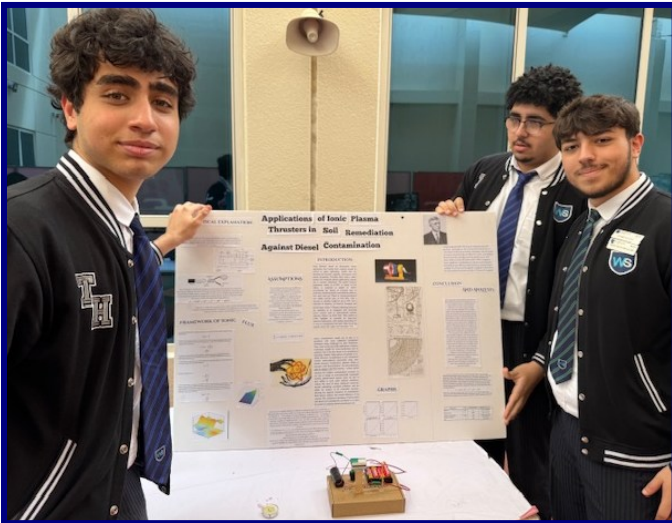
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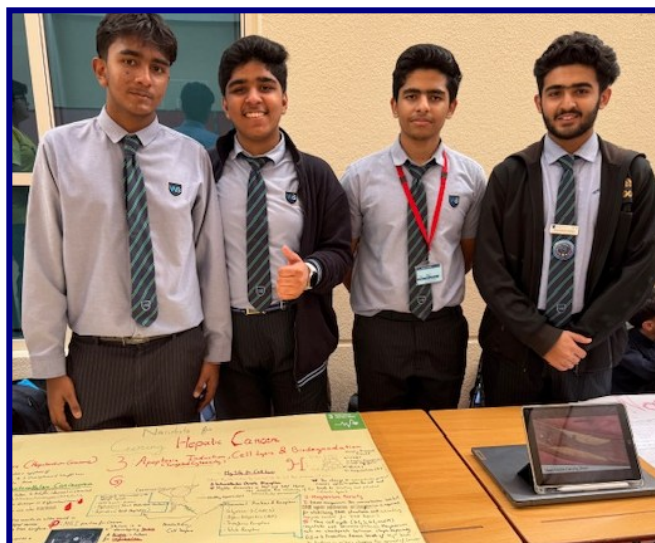
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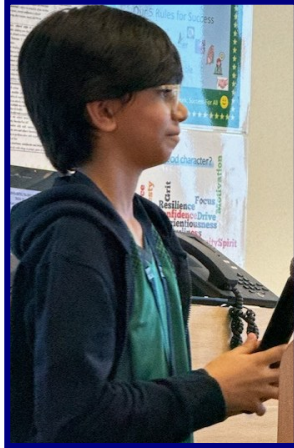
Secondary Section News; Science Fair, 12/2/25!



Congratulations to all participants & organisers of the 'Greenovation' Science Fair. It was truly impressive. Students had creative, innovative & unique solutions to sustainability issues & were confident & enthusiastic in their explanations to the Principal & other visitors.



*Secondary Section News; KS3 Elocution Competition
Round 2, 12/2/25!*



Secondary Section News; KS3 Learning Activities!



Y7 Classroom Activity



Y7 Classroom Activity

Secondary Section News; KS4 Activities!

KS4 GIRLS INTERNET SAFETY DAY



A GLOBAL EVENT PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE INTERNET USE WHERE STUDENTS ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY, CYBERBULLYING, PHISHING, SCAMS, SOCIAL MEDIA RISKS, AND ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY TIPS.



Secondary Section News; KS4 Activities!



Secondary Section News; KS4 Activities!



Secondary Section News; KS4 Activities!

SPORTS DAY KS4 GIRLS



Secondary Section News; Sixth Form!

SIXTH FORM GIRLS

"Champions keep playing until they get it right."
Sports Day



SIXTH FORM GIRLS

"Success is where preparation and opportunity meet."
Career Fair

"Exploration is curiosity put into action."
Ski Dubai Trip



Happy Birthday's



Secondary Section News; Sixth Form!

SIXTH FORM GIRLS

Congratulations



Awareness for Islamic Education: Al Israh wa'l Miraaj



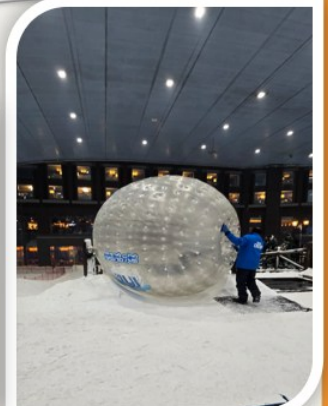
Happy Birthday



KS5 SCHOOL TRIP (BOYS)



"KS5 Boys embarked on an unforgettable journey to 'Ski Dubai' experiencing the thrill of indoor skiing in a winter wonderland".



Secondary Section News; Sixth Form Options Event, 13/2/25!

