

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



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Message from the
Principal/CEO
Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Safeguarding—Physical Response

Managing our emotions can be challenging, even for the most patient of us, especially when teased, insulted or provoked. How-

ever, due to the risk of serious escalation & hurt, WSS has a **zero tolerance to physical aggression**. Bullying is not accepted at WSS, so if your child is being teased or bullied, they need to tell their teacher, TL, SLT or Guidance Counselor. **Physical response is not safe & not allowed**. There is no such thing as ‘play fighting’ as someone always gets hurt. When we investigate & take action for an incident, please note that sometimes it may take several different strategies when we are teaching a child to make better choices of behaviour, so don’t give up—if the problem is not fixed, tell us again!

Please counsel your children—Self defense (putting hands out so that someone cannot come to us, saying strongly, “No, stop! I don’t like that!”) is fine—but retaliating (going back to that person & using a physical response against them) is not allowed. **Please role play scenarios to practice this, so your children feel confident how to put their hands out & saying strongly, “No! Stop!”** Let’s keep WSS safe, happy & respectful!

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
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. • Deadline to re-enroll & pay the seat booking fee if you want seats for September 2025.
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’

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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Parent Handbook Access QR Code

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HURRY!



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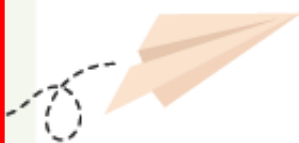
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Whole School News; WSS 11th Inter-School Quran, Hadith & Invocation Competition, 17/2/25



Thank you to our distinguished judges, Ms. Mukhsana, her Islamic Team & the Student Islamic Council for a special event. 9 schools participated from across Sharjah & Dubai.





11TH HOLY QURAN, HADITH, AND INVOCATION COMPETITION

إشراق القرآن

The Radiance of the Quran

The 11th Holy Quran, Hadith, and Invocation Competition – “The Radiance of the Quran” was successfully conducted, Alhamdulillah, with the grace of Allah (SWT). The event saw enthusiastic participation from Holy Quran students, reciters, and schools, with winners being honored for their exceptional performances. The Hadith Competition was met with great enthusiasm, as students showcased their knowledge and were recognized for their efforts. The Invocation (Dua) Competition was held with sincerity and devotion, where students recited heartfelt supplications, and the best performers were acknowledged and rewarded. The event was a beautiful celebration of Islamic knowledge and spirituality.



Excellence Through Teamwork, Success For All

Whole School News; WSS 11th Inter-School Quran, Hadith & Invocation Competition, 17/2/25



Congratulations to our winners:

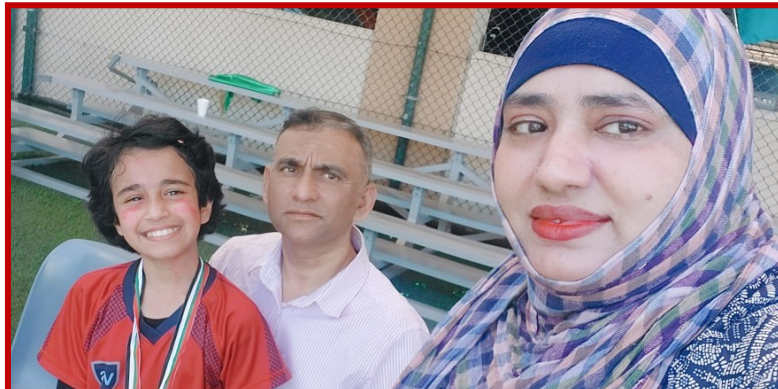
1. Ayla (Year 1S2) – Second Place in the Holy Quran Competition
2. Anas Rashad (Year 8BD) – First Place in the Holy Quran Competition
3. Fatima Bashir (Year 12G) – Second Place in the Holy Quran Competition
4. Youssef (Year 6BD) – Second Place in the Hadith Competition



Whole School News; Family First—Sports Days!

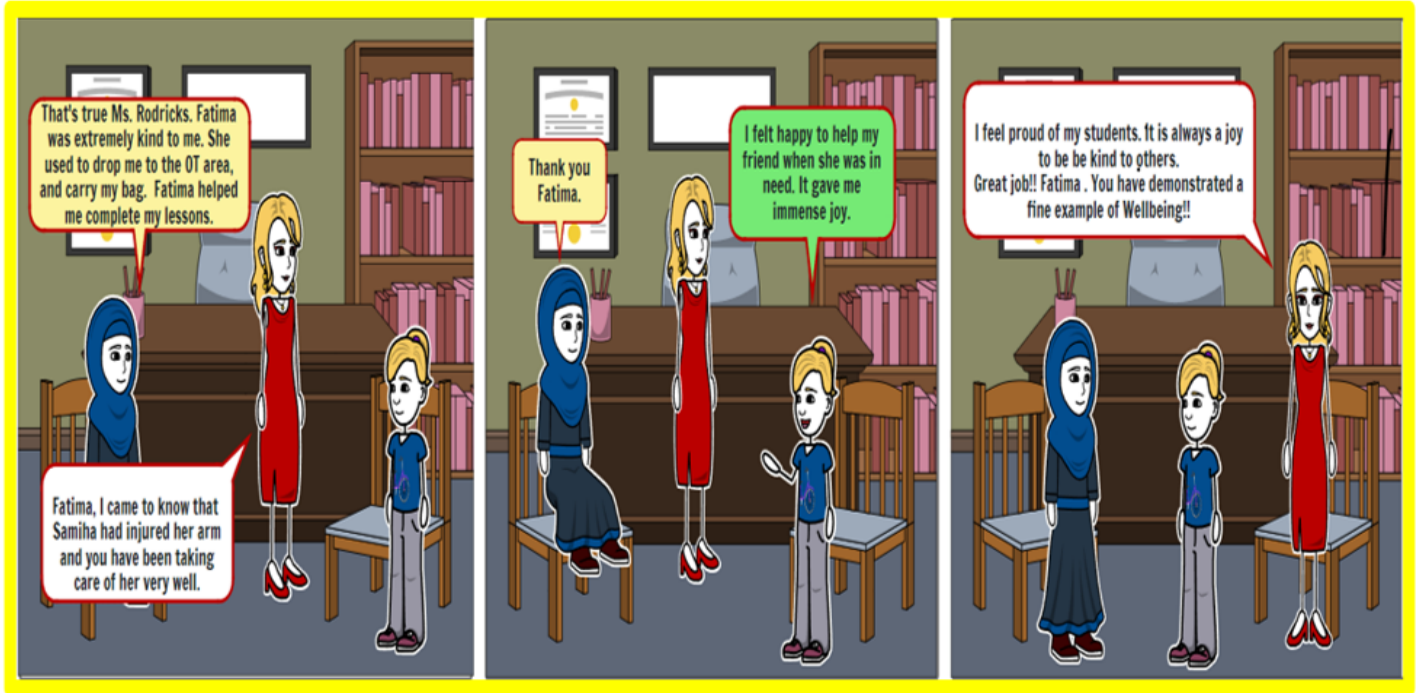


Thank you to all our dear parents whoa attended Sports Days & other events. We have had such a busy few weeks with events & activities making the most of the wonderful winter weather, & have been supported by parents throughout. We love the teamwork!

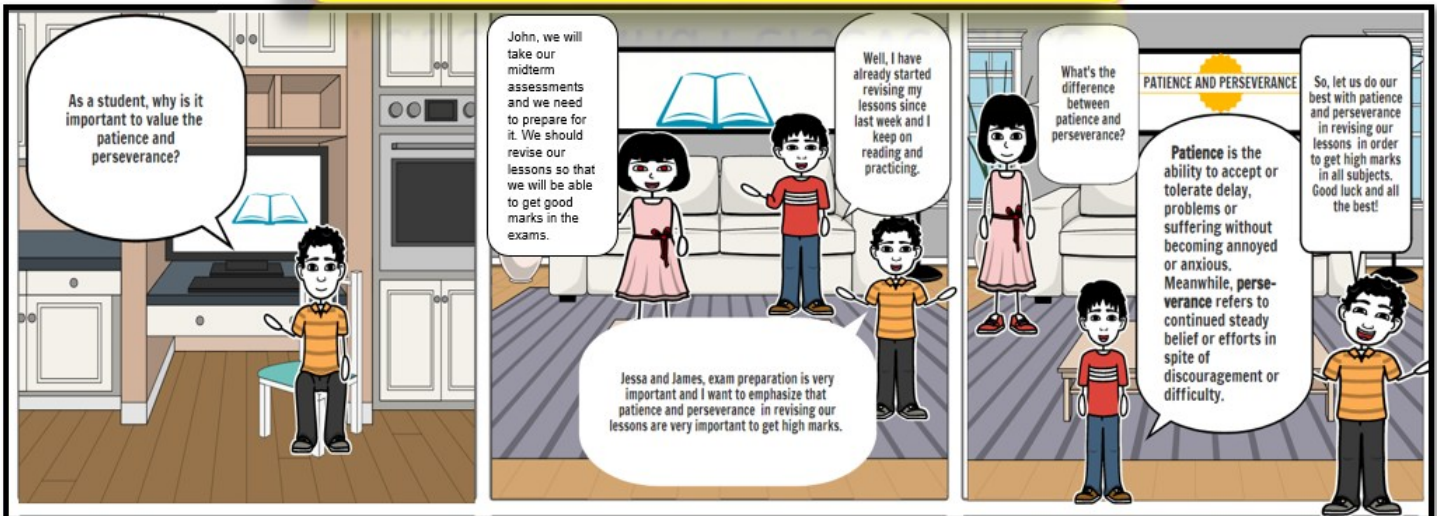


Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

ACT OF KINDNESS



Patience and Perseverance



WSS Superstar Champions; Lifelong Learning!



Congratulations to Ms. Uzma Asif for achieving her Master of Philosophy in Education degree with distinction! We love lifelong-learning at WSS!

WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



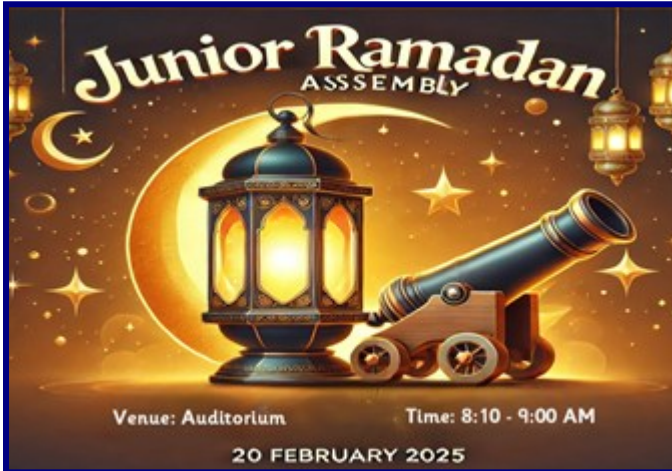
Congratulations, gymnastics superstar on achieving a medal for your skills!

Ashir from Y2S1 with Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza



Muhammad Ashir (Y2S1)
Remarkable achievement at the KIC 2024 (Kenken International Championship for Math). Ranked 14 and 22 in UAE by being one of the top scorers.

Junior Section News; Ramadan Assembly, 20/2/25!



The students put on a beautiful & meaningful Ramadan Assembly. We reflected on the values of charity, kindness & patience, as well as enjoying a skit & special 'Ramadan Moon' dance. Thank you to the enthusiastic crowd of parents who attended to support their child—love the teamwork!



Junior Section News; Ramadan Assembly, 20/2/25!



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!



Touch the chin and tell me the syllables!



Sports day practice! 🌸



We filled our marble jar!

Y1H1 WITH MS. AAFREIN AND MS. NOORA

Y1H2 WITH MS. KISHWAR AND MS. MANI



Getting Ready for the sports day



Busy in Learning



Learning about lighter & heavier



Learning about plants



Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

Y1S1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadia



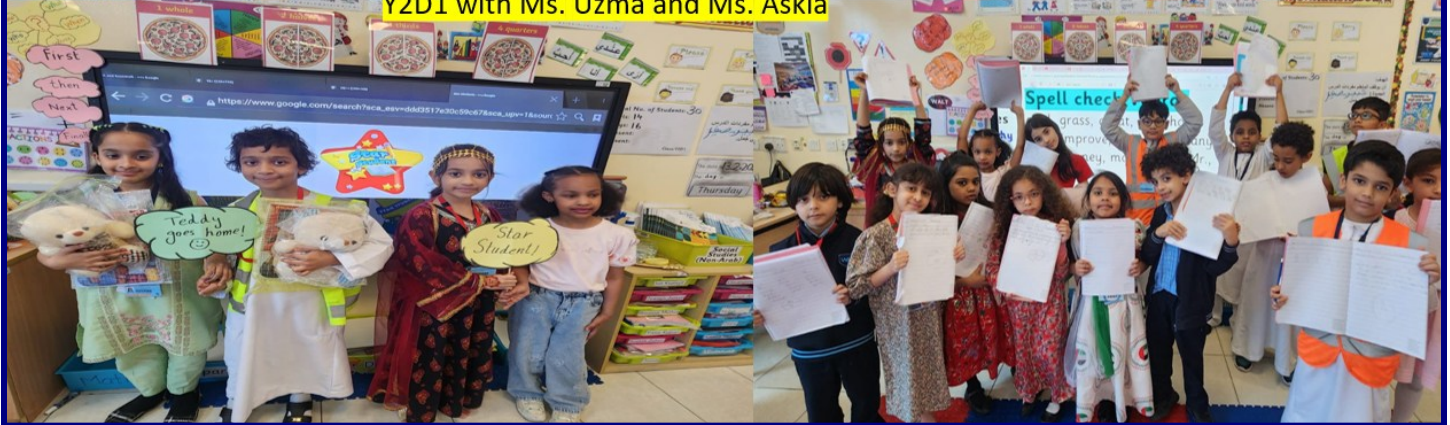
Y1S2 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Foumy



Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Y2D1 with Ms. Uzma and Ms. Askia



Haq e laila sharing!

Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



STEAM LESSON



Getting ready for the Sports Day.



Hag Al Laila Celebrations



wellbeing certificate winners.

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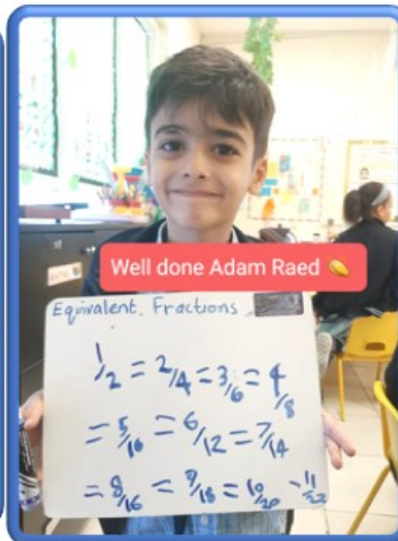
Y2F1 with Ms Sabiha & Ms. Ashika

Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!

Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!

Y2S2 with Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin



Junior Section News; Learning Activities (General)



*WSS Primary Section WSS Inter-School Northern Emirates Football
Tournament Superstar Champions (U10 Winners)!*



WSS Primary Section ChoirFest Superstars!



The WSS Primary Choir did an amazing job participating in the inter-school ChoirFest on 17/2/25 hosted by a GEMS school in Dubai. They sang brilliantly & showed so much dedication & enthusiasm. The Principal heard the recording of their items & was very impressed! Thank you to Mr. Satish Benjamin & Mr. Dinesh, our creative musical directors.



Dear Mr. Ben,

We sincerely appreciate your efforts in organizing and supporting the Choir Fest. While securing a win is always a wonderful achievement, the experience itself was invaluable for Sreen and all the students. Competing at such a high level against 40 schools was a remarkable opportunity, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication and passion.

Sreen truly enjoyed being part of this journey, and we believe that such experiences help shape future leaders by fostering confidence, teamwork, and perseverance.

We are grateful for the encouragement and guidance provided by you and the entire team, especially Ms. Sonia, whose support has been instrumental in the choir's growth.

Thank you once again for making this a memorable experience. We look forward to more opportunities for Sreen to learn, grow, and shine.

Best regards,

Amr/ Sreen's Parent

Y5.F2

Primary Section News; ChoirFest Participants!



*WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions;
Y6 T1 Achievement Assembly, 19/2/25!!*



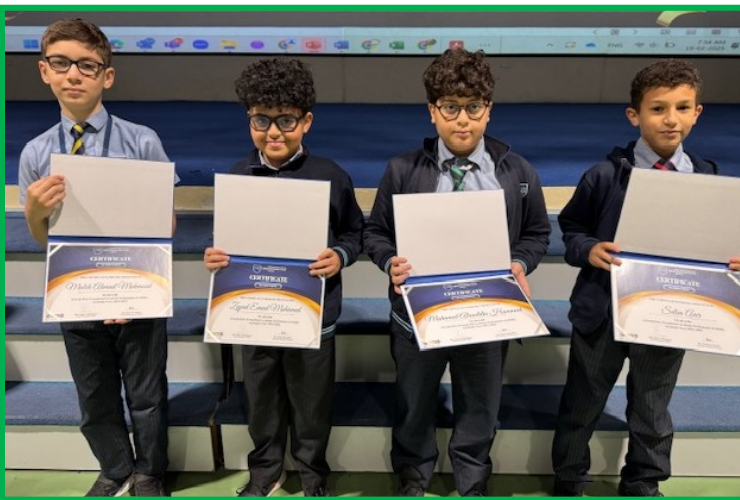
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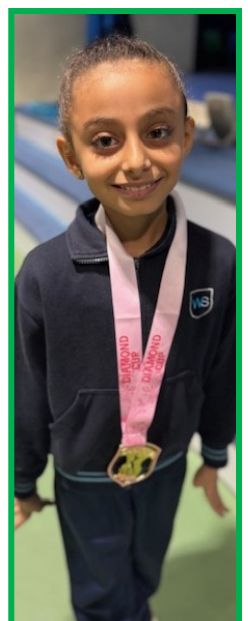
WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions; Y6 T1 Achievement Assembly, 19/2/25!!



*WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions;
Y4 T1 Achievement Assembly, 19/2/25!!*



*WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions;
Y4 T1 Achievement Assembly, 19/2/25!!*



WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

Thank you NABIA'S TEACHERS and GemsWestminsterschool ,Thank you for being a guiding light in our child's journey.Our family is incredibly grateful for the positive impact you've had on NABIA'S life. Your guidance and support have helped my daughter through challenges and obstacles with confidence. Thank you for always believing in us.we always love teamwork. Teamwork is a dream work.

Wellbeing network is providing enjoyable and friendly career for kids and parents as well as with school cooperation.

"Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication. Your involvement has truly made a difference in our child's success."

Gems westminster school is a Dream school for children and parents.

Sharing some special moments

Best regards

Nabia and Nabia's mother Syeda

13.2.2025

Dear Teacher (Ms. Anju Kumar),

I just wanted to express my appreciation for your dedication and enthusiasm during Sports Day training and dance practice. The bond you have created with the students is truly wonderful to see. It's heartwarming to watch how they connect with you and enjoy every moment of training. Your energy and excitement on the ground make a huge difference, and the students are clearly having a great time.

You are such a smart and unique teacher, making every experience special for them. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and for creating such a positive and inspiring environment. These are truly memorable moments for the students! ❤️ 😊 ❤️

Best regards,

Mother of Hamdan

Primary Section News; Prinary Week 6 ECA Report!



Primary Section News; The 3rd WSS Annual Northern Emirates Football Tournament, 18/2/25 to 20/2/25!



Thank you to the Mr. Jishar & our amazing PE team for a fabulously exciting & smoothly organized Inter-School Northern Emirates Football Tournament this week.
17 schools with 50 teams & around 500 students & 40 PE staff from the Northern Emirates participated over the 3 days.

Congratulations to all the champions!

Primary Section News; The 3rd WSS Annual Northern Emirates Football Tournament, 18/2/25 to 20/2/25!



Primary Section News; Y3F2 Learning Activities!



Year 3 F2 visited the Dolphinarium for their field trip, where they had a fantastic time playing and watching the dolphin show. For many, it was a delightful first-time experience witnessing this amazing live performance.



Reading is a passport to countless adventures" – The Year 3 F2 students made excellent use of this time to read and reflect on the lesson "Adventure & Mystery Stories." It was a wonderful opportunity for them to fuel their creativity and imagination through books.

Primary Section News; Y5 Learning Activities!

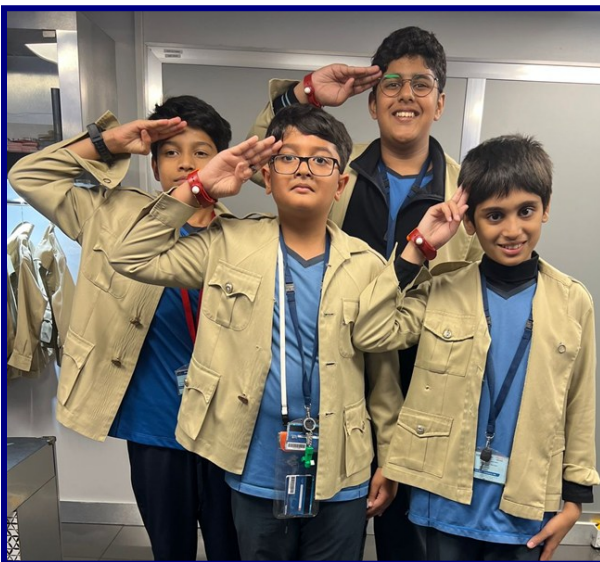
Y5D1 and Y5F1 amazing play performance during the English class with Mr. Arvie



Our Y5 students had an amazing time exploring the wonders of marine life at Sharjah Aquarium & Museum!



Primary Section News; Y6B Trip to Kidzania!



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions—Digital Citizenship Week & Code Conquest Winners!



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions—Digital Citizenship Week & Code Conquest Winners!



Digital Citizenship Week & Code Conquest Certificate Distribution



EXCELLENCE THROUGH TEAMWORK: SUCCESS FOR ALL

Winner Announcement ELT 2025



ELOCUTION WINNERS 2025 GIRLS			
	FULL NAME	YEAR	WINNERS
1	Julia Mohamed Mahmoud	7GH1	1st
2	Aatika Asim Khan	7GH1	1st
3	Sarah Mahdiyah Rahman	7GF1	2nd
4	Afsheen Asthak	7GS1	3rd
5	Reem Mohamed Ali Ibrahim	7GD1	3rd
6	Assil Benachour	8GS1	1st
7	Hayah Hashim Hashim Gulraiz	8GF1	2nd
8	Junainah Ali	8GH1	3rd
9	Haya Ansar Ansar Aboobaker Kunju	8GD1	runner up
10	Aya Tariq Ahmed Suliman	9GF1	1st
11	Annaya Haris Nawaz	9GD1	2nd
12	Shahd Amr	9GH1	3rd
13	Sarah Moutaz Mohamed	10GD1	1st
14	Zoha Khan	10GS1	2nd
15	Rafeef Mohamed Ali Ibrahim	10GS1	3rd
16	Princess Kheite Ahrtz	10GF1	3rd
17	Kupakwashe Muwani	10GD1	runner up
18	Nakshatra Preemon Sony	11GH1	1st
19	Drishti Lohana Mukesh Kumar Lohana	11GS1	2nd
20	Malak S M Alajrami	11GH1	3rd
21	Syeda Manahil	11GF1	runner up

ELOCUTION WINNERS 2025 BOYS			
	FULL NAME	YEAR	WINNERS
1	Syed Mohammad Murtada	7BH1	1st
2	Mohamed Aaref	7BF1	2nd
3	Neythaka Diyon	7BD1	3rd
4	Muhammad Hammad	8BS1	1st
5	Youssef Muhanad	Y8 BF	2nd
6	Bilal Mohammed Bijin	9BF1	1st
7	Hlib Kaplunenko	9BS1	2nd
8	Bilal Hossam Ahmed	9BD1	3rd
9	OMAR WALID	9BH1	runner up
10	Omar Haitham	10BD1	1st
11	Ali Isam Abdullah	10BF2	2nd
12	Muhammad Ayaan Umar	10BS1	2nd
13	Omar Mohamed Hamada	10BF1	3rd
14	Badr Ayman	10BF2	runner up
15	Francis Emmanuel	11BS1	1st
16	Celino Meedum Jayasinghe	11BD1	2nd
17	Arjun Sujeev	11BH1	3rd
18	Qazi Hamza Ali Siddiqui	11BD1	3rd

WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!



WSS Secondary Section Linguistic Talent Week Superstar Champions!



WSS Secondary Section Linguistic Talent Week Superstar Champions!



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Ms. Deepthi,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you and your entire TEDx team for organizing such an amazing event. The planning, execution, and overall experience were truly commendable—great job!

While my son Bharat and I have participated in several TEDx talks and performances before, I must say that your event stood out as unique and exceptionally well-organized. A special thanks to your school principal, Ms. Valerie Thompson, and vice principal Mr. Shujahat for support and encouragement toward Bharat.

It was a wonderful experience, and I have shared every moment with my school leadership team, who were equally delighted and grateful to your prestigious organization. We look forward to more such inspiring events in the future.

Thank you once again!

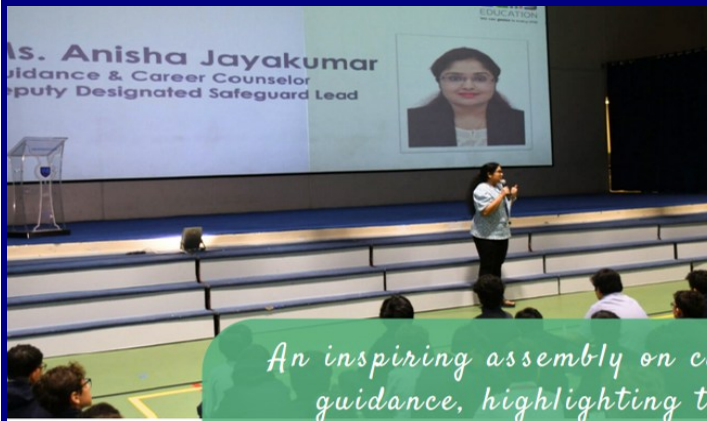
Best regards,

Rahul Gupta
Dance instructor
The Millennium School, Dubai



Congratulations to Oniru (Y7BD1) on his recent achievement at the recent AIS competition. Oniru won 1st place in the 100m event and securing a commendable 2nd place in the 200m event as well. Well done!

Secondary Section News; Assembly Time with Y8B!

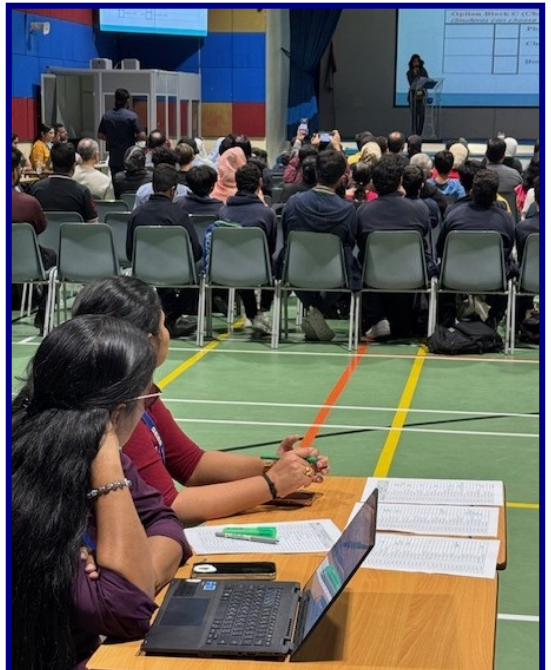


An inspiring assembly on career guidance, highlighting the importance of mentorship and informed decision-making.



Assembly by Y8

Secondary Section News; Y9 Options Event, 20/2/25!



Secondary Section News; KS3 Learning & Wellbeing Activities!



Celebrating the joy of Haq Al Laila tradition, togetherness, and treats!



Embracing tradition with joy, sweets, and celebration!"

Celebrations at KS3

Secondary Section News; Making Brownies!

FOOD AND NUTRITION CLASSES MAKING BROWNIES



Secondary Section News; KS4 Learning & Wellbeing Activities!



Secondary Section News; Linguistic Talent Week!



Elocution Final Girls



WHERE WORDS COME TO LIFE: A CELEBRATION OF SPELLING, ELOCUTION, AND READING WITH PRECISION!



PITCH PERFECT

SPAG FINALS



Secondary Section News; Linguistic Talent Week!



Secondary Section News; KS5 Learning & Leadership!



SIXTH FORM Girls Interactive Sessions

One act Play Lead by Sixth form girls- English Club



Readiness for Learning- Mock 2 Preparation mode on!!



Secondary Section News; KS5 Learning & Leadership!

KS 5 BOYS



Sixth form boys celebrating Haq- Al - Laila in traditional attire.



A proper uniform is always well rewarded!



Mentoring sessions for preparation of Term 2 Mock exams.

