

# GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #26  
13th March, 2025



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

Dear WSS Parents,

**The Fab. 5 Rules for Success**

Our Fab. 5 rules are in place to ensure the wellbeing & safeguarding of all our WSS family. Please remind your children that they need to apply these 5 principles to their everyday life in school, for their own & others success & safety.

## 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 for the whole school
Thurs. 20/3/25	• Last day of T2. Happy holidays & Eid Mubarak!
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. After this date unenrolled seats would be given to the Waiting List.
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.

## The Fab. 5

### Our 5 Rules for Success

1. We do our best
2. We respect each other
3. We listen to learn
4. We are safe and sensible
5. We work together

😊 Excellence Through Teamwork; Success For All 😊



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

# مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم #26  
13 مارس 2025



رسالة من المعيرة / الرئيس التنفيذي  
السيدة كاتيري توميسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر  
الشارقة الأحزاء،

## القواعد الخمس الرائعة للنجاح

تم وضع قواعد Fab. 5 الخاصة بنا  
لضمان سلامة ورفاهية جميع أفراد عائلة  
WSS. يرجى تذكير أطفالك بأنهم بحاجة  
إلى تطبيق هذه المبادئ الخمسة في  
حياتهم اليومية في المدرسة، من أجل  
نجاحهم وسلامتهم ونجاح الآخرين.



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## المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
تم فتح باب التسجيل للعام الدراسي القادم 2025-2026، بشرط سداد رسوم الصف الثاني (بغض النظر عن خطة الدفع) وسجل انضباطي نظيف.	من يوم الاثنين 17/2/25
مواعيد بداية شهر رمضان من الساعة 7:50 صباحاً حتى 1 ظهراً (سيتم تحديدها لاحقاً) للمدرسة بأكملها	الاثنين 3/3/25
آخر يوم في T2. إجازة سعيدة وعيد مبارك!	يوم الخميس 20/3/25
بداية الفصل الدراسي الثالث. رسوم الفصل الدراسي الثالث مستحقة، شكراً لك.	الاثنين 4/7/25
آخر موعد لإعادة التسجيل ودفع رسوم حجز المقعد إذا كنت تريد مقاعد لشهر سبتمبر 2025. بعد هذا التاريخ، سيتم منح المقاعد غير المسجلة لقائمة الانتظار.	يوم الخميس 10/4/24
تقارير PTM وFSI-Y9 T2 (مع عدم وجود رسوم T2 معلقة)	الخميس 26 يونيو
اليوم الأخير من امتحانات الترقية الإلزامية للفصل الدراسي الثالث	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

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



## *Whole School News; Parent Voice—‘You Said...We did’!*

WS

### **You Said,**

Junior Section parents wanted a closer look into the classroom experience.



### **We Did,**

We launched a special engagement activity—inviting parents to read stories with our FS students every Wednesday!



WS

### **You Said,**

Our Secondary students asked for MUN.

### **We did.**

We made it happen—WSS students proudly hosted its very own MUN this year!



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## *WSS Superstar Champions; The WSS Sheikha Fatima Award Winners 2024-2025 Event, 12/3/25!*



Congratulations to Syeda Tayyiba (Y12GS), proud winner of this year's Sheikha Fatima Award for outstanding performance in academics & community service. Syeda, her parents, 3 friends, Ms. Swarupa & Ms. Valerie attended the Award event at WSD on 12/3/25., along with the winners from other Cluster schools.



## *Whole School News; Staff CPD!*



**Congratulations to HR Executive Ms. Vinitha on achieving two additional HR certificates! We love the commitment to life-long learning!**

## *Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!*

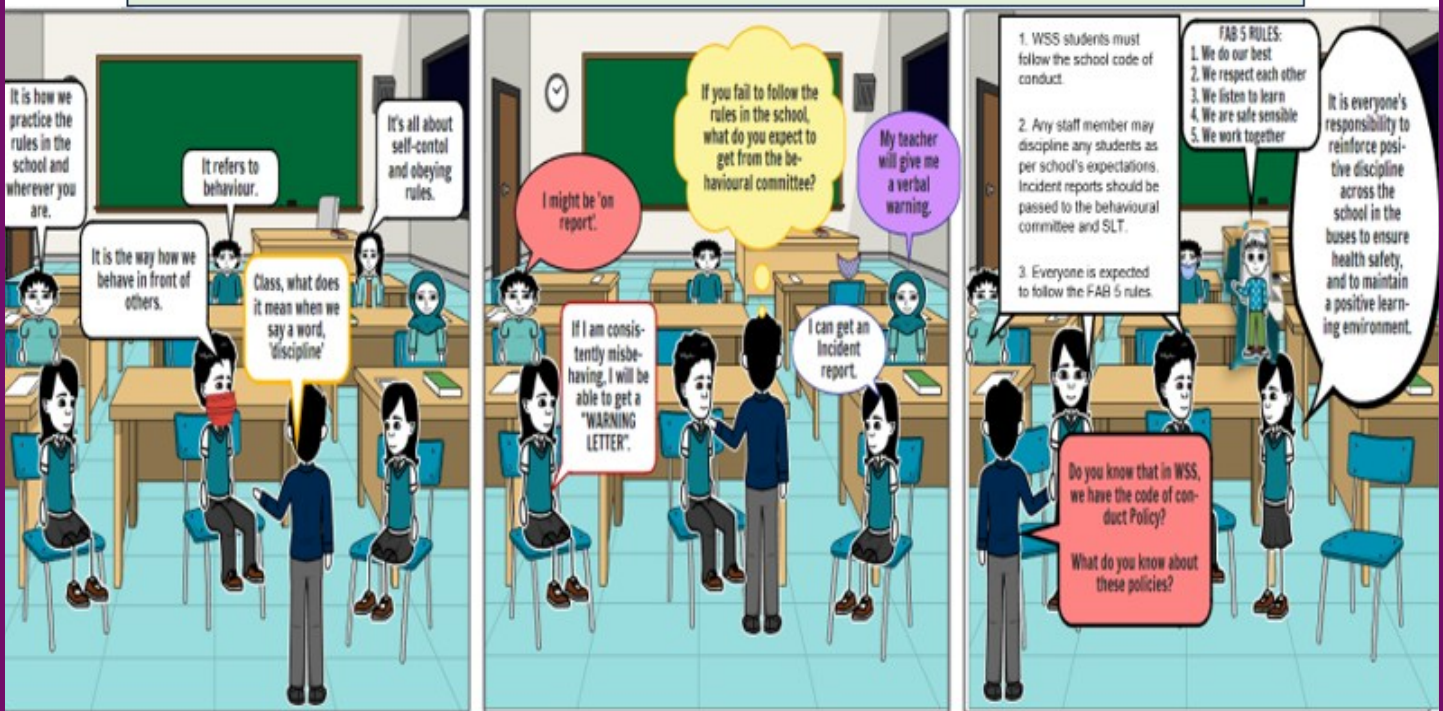


## Whole School News; Storyboard Top Tips!

### WSS Acts of Kindness



### WSS Code of Conduct Expectations



*Whole School News; Values, Kindness & Character!  
Charity Superstars!*



It is wonderful to see our children sharing their blessings with those less fortunate. Here is Anaya (Y1S1) sharing charity.

Huge thanks to all students & parents for bringing in charity food items as part of our Ramadan Kindness drive for those less fortunate.





# Happy Birthdays!



## WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



A 'Take Home Teddy'  
Champion—  
congratulations!



Good evening and all happiness 😊

I would like to thank the teacher Sabiha 🌹 of my heart for her interest in my daughter Sila when she was complaining about the pain of her stomach, and she took her to the bus and grabbed her hand gently at the time when my daughter was very afraid and feels pain !!!!

This position indicates her wonderful humanity and great love ❤️

All the words of thanks are not enough to thank the most beautiful teacher !!

I am very proud to be my daughter's teacher !!!! ❤️

I also want to thank and appreciate this wonderful school, Gems Westminster School Sharjah, because there is a teacher inside this kindness and caring for his students !!!

We love you a lot ❤️

## Junior Section News; Applying the Values of Ramadan!

Applying the values & principles of Ramadan to daily life. Well done Kinda!



# Junior Section News; Y1D Learning Activities!

## Y1D1 with Ms. Beena and Ms. Rahna



### Digital learning



### P.E lesson



## 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. AAFREIN AND MS. NOORA



Fun while we learn!



Follow the rhythm, trace the path!



Busy hands, bright minds!



adventure in Maths-OLA



## Y1H2 WITH MS. KISHWAR AND MS. MANI



OLA 3 Activities



Learning about capacity



Revision

RAMADAN KAREEM

# Junior Section News; Y1S Learning Activities!

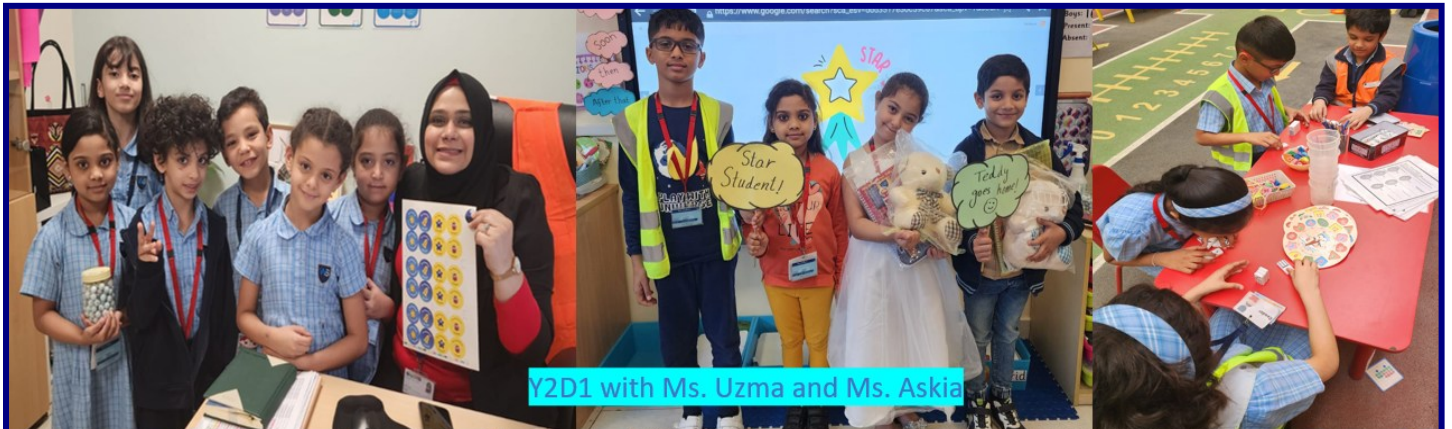
## Y1S1 with Ms. Mariam and Ms. Nadia



## Y1S2 with Ms. Rajina and Ms. Fizza



# Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



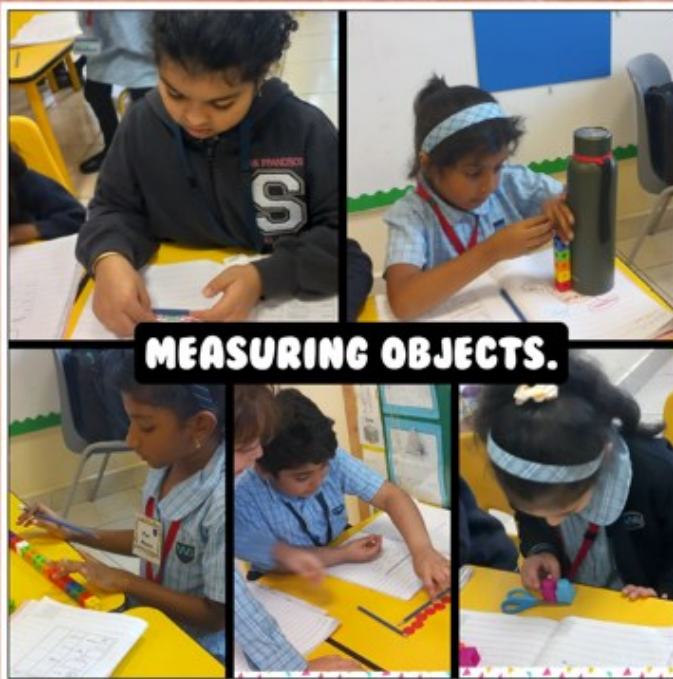
Act of kindness!



Discussing the thoughts!



# *Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!*

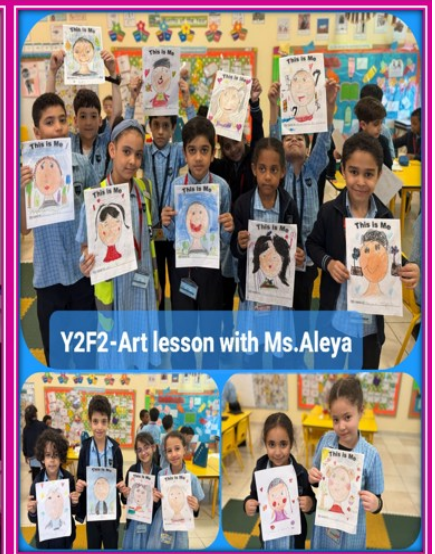
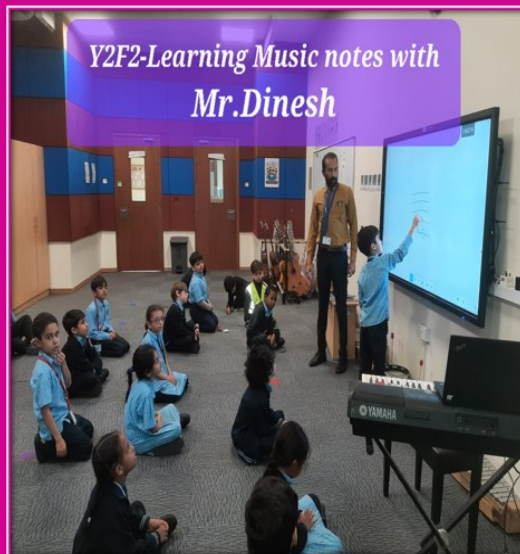


**Y2F1 WITH MS SABIHA & MS ASHIKA**



# Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!

## Y2F2-With Ms. Fauzia and Ms. Benil



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# Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!

Super stars of Y2H2



Y2H2 MS.ROOMANA AND MS.AQUEEN

Teddy goes home



Wellbeing Champions



## Dress Up Day



Literacy Week Champions



Y2H2 MS.ROOMANA AND MS.AQUEEN



## Our Dress Up Day



Charity Activities



# Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!

Y2S1 with Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza

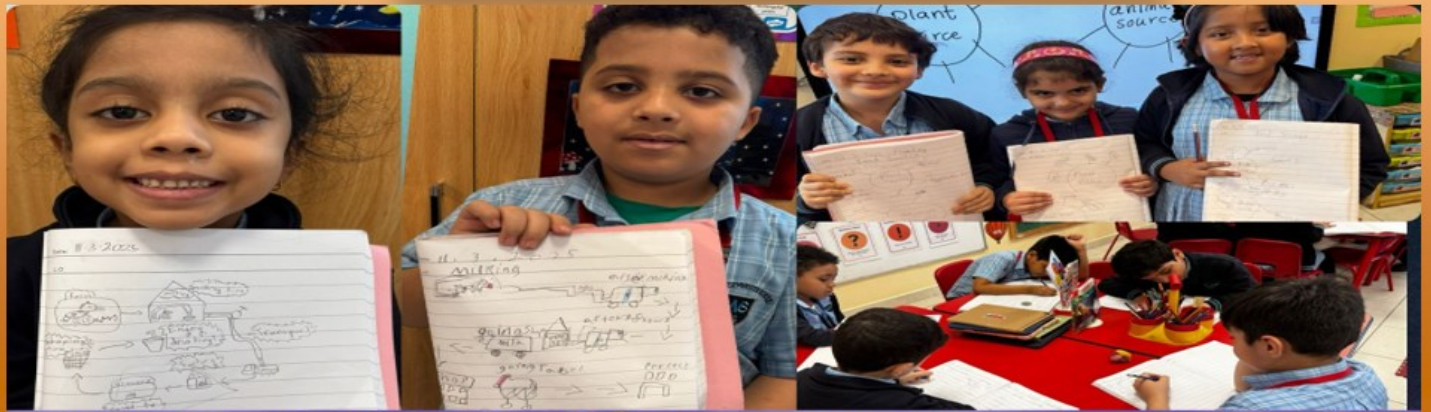


Y2S1 with Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza



# Junior Section News; Y2 Learning Activities!

Y2S2 – With Ms. Safia and Ms. Catherin



WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT THE, "FOOD SOURCES"



MS MILLICENT & MS TAHIRA Y2D2



## WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions New Joiners Celebrating 100 Days at WSS!



Our Year 3 superstars have engaged in 100 days at WSS with learning, laughter, and endless fun! Here's to many more amazing adventures ahead!



Our Year 4 champs have hit the 100-day milestone at WSS! Celebrating all the knowledge gained, friendships made, and memories created along the way!

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Our Year 5 superstars have spent 100 days learning, growing, making new friends, and creating unforgettable memories at WSS! Excited for all the adventures still ahead!



Our Year 6 Champions have spent 100 days pushing limits, making friends, and creating moments to cherish at WSS! The journey isn't over so much more to learn, achieve, and celebrate!



## WSS Primary Section Superstar Champions!

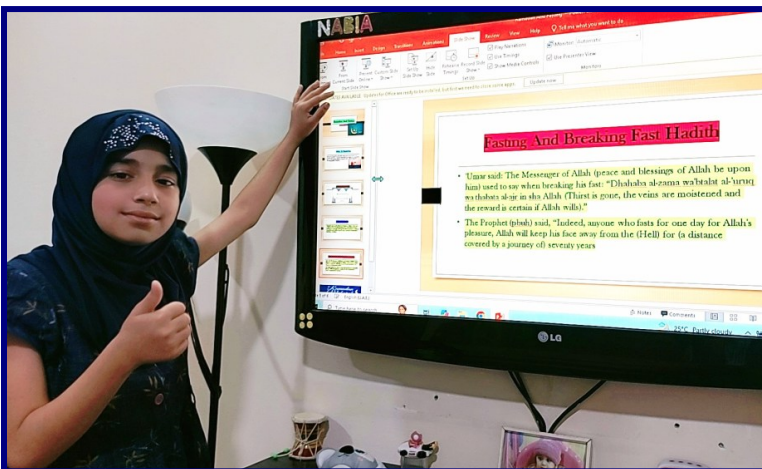


Congratulations to Muhammad Taha Ali Yasin (Y3 S1) who participated in the 13th International Online Abacus Competition - Brainbrainfest 2025 & won a Gold Topper Medal! Well done!

Congratulations to Isbah Yasmin (Y5D2) for achieving 'Silver Medalist' in the 12th Brainbrain International competition held in Dubai on 23/11/25. A total of 2036 children participated from 18 countries, so we are extremely proud of Isbah's champion performance!



## Primary Section News; Learning Activities!



We love to see students engaging in projects independently. Well done Nabia for creating presentations independently.

Thank you Yara for sharing your lovely project on 'Emirati Culture'.



## Primary Section News; Y3H1 Learning Activities!



"Shining Bright! ✨ Y3H1 students celebrate Emirati Children's Day by crafting beautiful lanterns, spreading joy and light!"



Y3H1 students investigating the change in size of shadows in the morning and afternoon



# Y3H2 Celebrating Emirati Children's Day!



**Year 3 H2 children are crafting vibrant lanterns using colored paper to share meaningful messages in celebration of Emirati Children's Day.- With Ms. Saranya**



# Celebrating Emirati Children's Day!



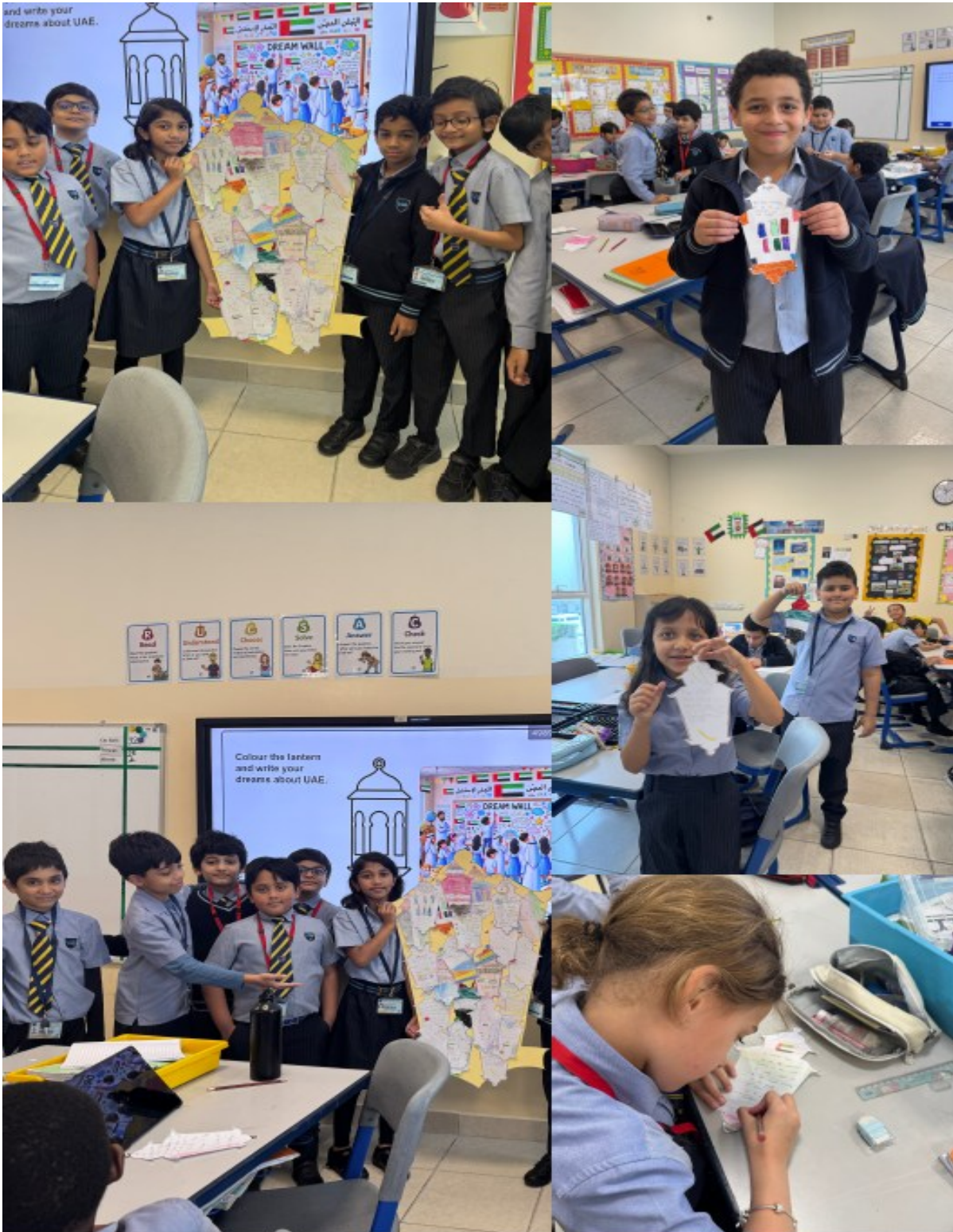
"Small hands, big dreams", Year 3 S2 Students celebrating Emirati children's Day



## Y4 D2 Emirati Children's Day



# *Y4F1 Celebrating Emirati Children's Day!*



Y4F1 Emirati Children's day activities with Ms. Oshin

# Y4S Celebrating Emirati Children's Day!



**Little Hands, Big Dreams for the UAE....!**

Y4S2



**Drawing Lantern: Shining Bright on Emirati Children's Day**



# Y4H1 & Y5 Celebrating Emirati Children's Day!



Emirati Children's Day Celebration in Y4H1

We designed and decorated lanterns to appreciate their culture while celebrating their importance in shaping the nation's future.



**Emirati Children's Day**

Emirati Children's Day raises awareness about children's rights to a healthy, safe, and supportive environment for their development.

Year 5 celebrated this day with enthusiasm, engaging students in various activities to highlight the importance of children's rights to a healthy, safe, and supportive environment.



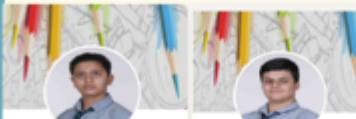
*WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions  
New Joiners Celebrating 100 Days at WSS!*

# 100 DAYS IN WSS Y10BH1

## VALUES WHICH I INCULCATED .....

### RESPONSIBILITY

Managing assignments, deadlines, and personal growth taught me accountability for my actions and learning



Musab  
Mohammed

Hekmat Mhd  
Ayman..

### PERSEVERANCE

Overcoming academic challenges and setbacks helped build resilience and determination to keep trying despite difficulties.



Malik Fawad

### COLLABORATION

Group projects, teamwork in sports, and discussions in class emphasized the importance of working well with others to achieve common goals.



Mustafa  
Murtuza

## MEMORIES TO REFLECT.....

Title: "My Journey at WSS: Aa a new starter

♦ First Day Feelings - Excited, nervous, and ready for new beginnings!

♦ New Friendships - Met amazing classmates who made me feel welcome.

♦ Exciting Lessons - Learned new subjects that sparked my curiosity.

♦ Fun Activities - Joined clubs, sports, and school events that created lasting memories.

♦ Growth & Confidence - Overcame challenges, gained new skills, and found my place.

★ WSS has been more than a school—it's a home of learning, laughter, and unforgettable experiences!

Malik and Hekmat- Y10 BH1

As a new student at WSS, I quickly adapted to the learning environment, embracing new challenges and opportunities. I developed valuable skills in problem-solving, teamwork, and resilience through engaging lessons and supportive teachers. My experience at WSS has shaped my confidence and curiosity, preparing me for future success.

**Musab Y10 BH1**

A new place, a brand-new start, With nervous steps and hopeful heart. Faces unknown, halls so wide, Yet curiosity walked by my side. Lessons came, some tough, some fun, Numbers, stories, all begun. Slowly learning, day by day, Finding my rhythm, finding my way. Friends were made, some near, some far, Laughter echoed like a shooting star. Not the best, not the worst, Just doing my part, putting learning first. At WSS, I stand so tall, An average student, but proud of all. Through ups and downs, I've come to see, this school has shaped a better me.

★ **Mustafa - Y10 BH1**

*WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions  
KS4 New Joiners Celebrating 100 Days at WSS!*

# KS4 GIRLS Celebrated their 100 Days AT WSS!!



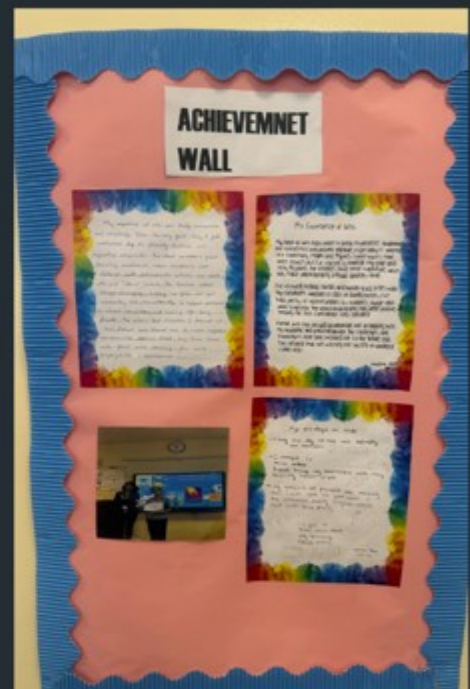
**WSS makes us feel welcomed  
motivated engaged  
empowering and supports us  
to reach our full potential**

5. Share one memorable moment or experience from your first 100 days at WSS.

The field trip to ski dubrai was a memorable experience and I really enjoyed a lot with my friend. My teachers and peers motivated me to do my best and helped me discover my potential & strengths.

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The ECA program was good and the colored-dress days were also good. Everyday was something new to explore.



## WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Mr. Francis,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your support and guidance during the registration process for my daughter, Menna Ahmed (Year 12, GH), for the board examination. Registering for both IAL Maths and IAL Further Maths in the same session for the first time was quite challenging, and I truly appreciate your dedication and the effort you put into making everything run smoothly.

Your continuous support has been invaluable, and I am truly grateful for your time and expertise. Thank you once again for your efforts and commitment.

Best regards,  
Dr. Amany Fathy  
Menna's Mother



**Congratulations to Muhammad Huzaifa Ali Yasin (Y8 BF) who participated in the 13th International Online Abacus Competition - Brainobrainfest 2025 & won a Silver Topper Medal! Well done!**

## Secondary Section News; Maths Projects!





## Secondary Section News; KS3 Maths Project-based Learning!

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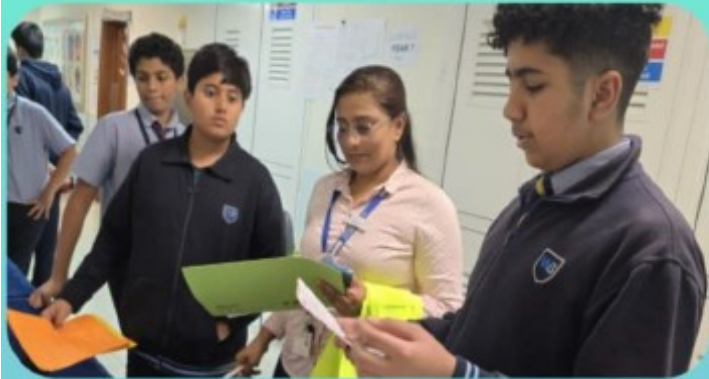


KS3 Maths  
Relay Final -  
Scenario-Based  
Presentation



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