

GEMS WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, SHARJAH



Newsletter Issue #4
5th September, 2024



Message from the Principal/CEO Ms. Valerie Thompson

Dear WSS Parents,

Safeguarding; Parent ID Cards

The Parent ID card is required to enter the school premises. If you do not yet have it, please 1) upload

both Mother & Father's Photos then 2) Contact the Bus Office to get your parent ID card. Thank you.

Student Lockers (Y3-Y13)

Having a locker in school helps children to develop their organisational skills as well as reducing bag weight. The online Phoenix payment heading for the locker (AED20/-) is now open, if you want your child to use this facility. Please remind your child to avoid damage/defacing/graffiti/decoration of the lockers as this would be charged. Thanks.

Re-useable Water Bottles

Due to environmental sustainability, we will soon be phasing out single-use plastic bottles for purchase from the canteen. Water coolers are provided by school, so please send a re-useable water bottle with your child to school daily, as cups are not available.



Dates for Your Diary

Date	Details
Saturday 7/9/24 8am-1pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend online fee payment to avoid queues. However, the WSS Cashier is also open in school for convenient fee payment on specified Saturdays Please <u>bring in your physical GEMS FAB co-brand card</u> if you wish to avail co-brand discount to avoid Apple Wallet technical issues. Thanks.
Friday 13/12/24 to Sunday 5/1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-weeks Winter Break (please see p4 for this year's approved calendar) T1 Exams will be held during the 2 weeks before the Winter Break (exact dates TBC)

Online Early Exit Application, from Monday 16/9/24

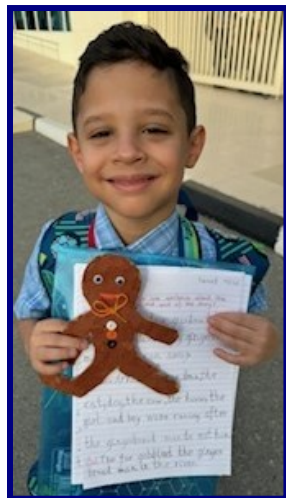
As of Monday 16/9/24, Early Exit Slips will be submitted online for parent convenience. Further details will be emailed to parents shortly.

SPEA Daleel Registration for New Students

If you have not yet completed SPEA Daleel system Registration, this is an urgent requirement for this year to count towards the student's academic record. Please log onto Daleel, upload the required documents, complete all required information, save & click send for approval.

Optimus Wellbeing Award Survey

Many thanks to the 205 parents who have already completed the Optimus Wellbeing survey to support school to achieve prestigious Optimus accreditation for our school by improving wellbeing provision for our children. If you have not yet completed the survey, kindly do so, many thanks.



Donating Old Books

If your child no longer requires last year's Text-books, please feel free to drop them off in school, to be donated to other students who want them. Please label the bag with the applicable Year group. Many thanks.



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

مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة



النشرة الإخبارية رقم # 4
5 سبتمبر 2024



رسالة من المديرية / الرئيس التنفيذي
السيدة فاليري تومسون

أولياء أمور مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر
الشارقة الأعزاء،

الحماية؛ بطاقات هوية الوالدين

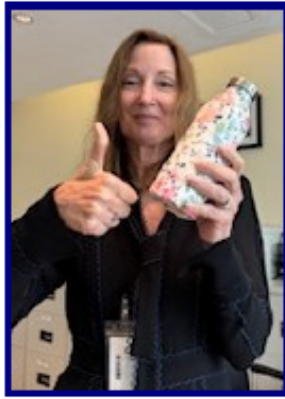
بطاقة هوية الوالدين مطلوبة للدخول إلى
مباني المدرسة. إذا لم يكن لديك بطاقة
هوية الوالدين بعد، يرجى (1) تحميل
صورتي الأم والأب ثم (2) الاتصال بمكتب
الحافلات للحصول على بطاقة هوية
الوالدين. شكرًا لك.

خزائن الطلاب (Y3-Y13)

يساعد وجود خزائن في المدرسة الأطفال على تطوير مهاراتهم التنظيمية
بالإضافة إلى تقليل وزن الحقيبة. أصبح الآن باب الدفع عبر الإنترنت
لصندوق فينيكس (20 درهمًا إماراتيًا) مفتوحًا، إذا كنت تريد أن تستخدم
طفلك هذه الخدمة. يرجى تذكير طفلك بتجنب إتلاف/تشويه/كتابة/زخرفة
الخزائن حيث سيتم فرض رسوم على ذلك. شكرًا لك.

زجاجات المياه القليلة لإعادة الاستخدام

بسبب الاستدامة البيئية، سنقوم قريبًا بالتخلص التدريجي من الزجاجات
البلاستيكية التي تستخدم مرة
واحدة للشراء من المقصف.
يتم توفير مبردات المياه من قبل
المدرسة، لذا يرجى إرسال زجاجة
مياه قابلة لإعادة الاستخدام مع
طفلك إلى المدرسة يوميًا، حيث أن
الأكواب غير متوفرة.



المواعيد

التفاصيل	التاريخ
نوصي بدفع الرسوم عبر الإنترنت لتجنب طوابير الانتظار. ومع ذلك، فإن أمين صندوق WSS مفتوح أيضًا في المدرسة لدفع الرسوم بشكل مريح في أيام السبت المحددة	السبت 9/7/24 8 صباحًا - 1 ظهرًا
يرجى إحضار بطاقة GEMS FAB العلامة التجارية المشتركة إذا كنت ترغب في الاستفادة من خصم العلامة التجارية المشتركة لتجنب المشكلات الفنية في Apple Wallet. شكرًا لك.	
إجازة الشتاء لمدة 3 أسابيع (يرجى الاطلاع على الصفحة 4 لمعرفة التقويم المعتمد لهذا العام)	الجمعة 13/12/24 إلى الأحد 5/1/25
سيتم عقد امتحانات T1 خلال الأسبوعين قبل العطلة الشتوية (سيتم تحديد التواريخ الدقيقة لاحقًا)	

التقديم المبكر عبر الإنترنت اعتبارًا من يوم الاثنين 16/9/24

اعتبارًا من يوم الاثنين الموافق 16/9/24، سيتم تقديم أوراق الخروج المبكر عبر الإنترنت لراحة الوالدين. سيتم إرسال المزيد من التفاصيل عبر البريد الإلكتروني إلى الوالدين قريبًا.

SPEA دليل التسجيل للطلاب الجدد في

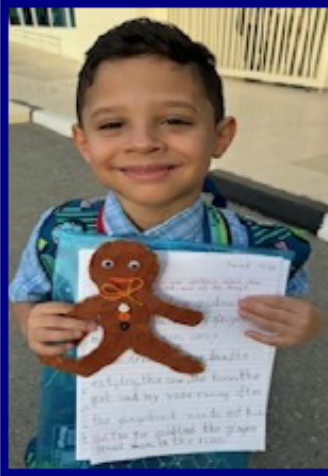
، فهذا مطلب عاجل لهذا العام لبدء احتسابه SPEA إذا لم تقم بعد بإكمال التسجيل في نظام دليل ضمن السجل الأكاديمي للطلاب. الرجاء تسجيل المخول إلى دليل، وتحميل المستندات المطلوبة، واستكمال جميع المعلومات المطلوبة، ثم الحفظ والنقر فوق إرسال للموافقة.

Optimus Wellbeing استطلاع رأي جائزة

Optimus شكرًا جزيلًا لأولياء الأمور البالغ عددهم 205 الذين أكملوا بالفعل استبيان
لمدرستنا من خلال تحسين Optimus لدعم المدرسة لتحقيق الاعتماد المرموق Wellbeing
توفير الرفاهية لأطفالنا. إذا لم تقم بإكمال الاستبيان بعد، يرجى القيام بذلك، شكرًا جزيلًا.

التبرع بالكتب القديمة

إذا لم يعد طفلك بحاجة إلى الكتب المدرسية للعام الماضي، فلا تتردد في تركها في المدرسة،
للتبرع بها للطلاب الآخرين الذين يريدونها. يرجى وضع ملصق على الحقيبة يوضح المجموعة
الدراسية التي ينتمي إليها طفلك. شكرًا جزيلًا.



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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Parent Handbook Access QR Code

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Whole School News; Approved Academic Calendar, 2024-2025!



مدرسة جيمس ويستمينستر الشارقة
GEMS Westminster School
SHARJAH

التقويم المدرسي للمنهج الأجنبي الخاص لإمارة الشارقة للعام الدراسي 2025/2024 Academic Calendar for AY 2024 – 2025

School name: GEMS Westminster School اسم المدرسة: جيمس ويستمينستر الخاصة
Curricula: British المنهاج المطبق: البريطاني
School code (Daleel system): 120 رمز المدرسة (نظام دليل):

Duration of / مدة الإجازة / vacation	To / إلى	From / من	Statement / البيان
Term 1 - الفصل الدراسي الأول			
-		26/8/2024	بدء دوام الطلبة / First Day of School
4 days / اربع ايام	19/12/2024	16/12/2024	إجازة
2 Weeks / أسبوعين	2/1/2025	23/12/2024	Winter Break / إجازة الشتاء
Term 2 - الفصل الدراسي الثاني			
-		6/1/2025	استئناف دوام الطلبة / School Return
2 Weeks / أسبوعين	3/4/2025	24/3/2025	Spring Break / إجازة الربيع
Term 3 - الفصل الدراسي الثالث			
-		7/4/2025	استئناف دوام الطلبة / School Return
End of the Academic Year 2024/2025		3/7/2025	نهاية العام الدراسي 2025/2024

2024/2025 العام الدراسي

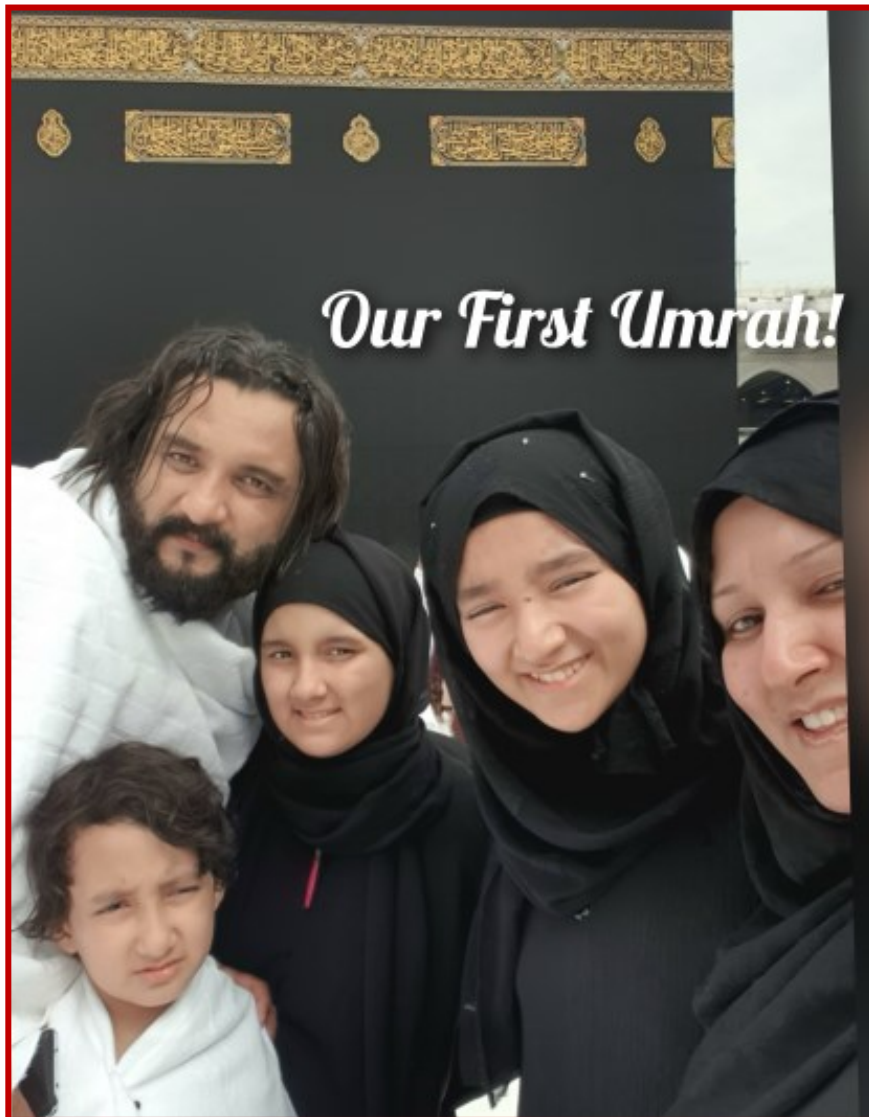


هيئة الشارقة للتعليم الخاص
SHARJAH PRIVATE EDUCATION AUTHORITY

محمّد
Approved 3/9/2024

Whole School News; Family First!

Spending quality time with our families is one of the greatest privileges that we have. We hope that you shared wonderful adventures & quality time with your family over the summer, just like our teacher Ms. Kishwar. Feel free to share family activity pictures with us to share in the Newsletters to help promote valuable family values across our community.



Environment & Sustainability Superstar Champions!



Happy Birthdays!



Happy Birthdays!



Happy Birthday! Huge thanks to parents for sending healthy fruit treats to class & supporting our Healthy Lifestyle policy.



Happy Birthdays!



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



'Take Home Superstar' champion from last week!



Hope this email finds you well. Kindly check the above attachment. Reaching out to you to say Thank you for giving our children's the best environment to learn, play and laugh and coming back home happily and telling their whole day stories about her class and teachers. Congratulations to Miss Syeda Sidra Raza and her assistant for all the efforts, nannies and bus assistants as well.

Thanking you anticipation and hoping the best future for our childrens.

Regards,
Mrs Syed



**Thank you
Ms. Valerie.
From Kinda- Y2F1.**



WSS Junior Section Superstar Champions!



Y2D1 with Ms. Uzma and Ms. Askia.



HURRAY! WE GOT STICKERS FROM MS SHAMAIL.



Marble sticker!



CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS OF Y2 D2



Junior Section News; FS1 Learning Activities!



FS1 H1
Learning to enact the story



FS1 H1
Enjoying class room activities

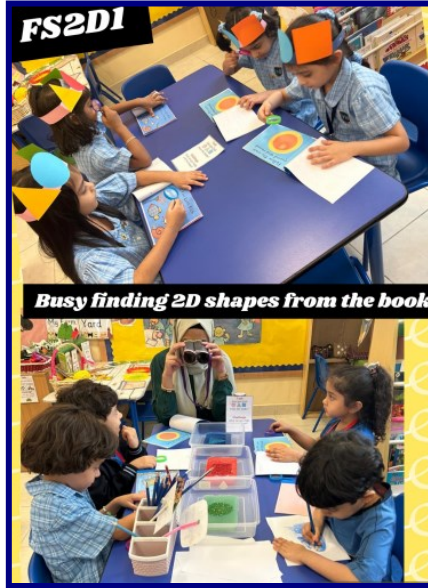


FS1 H1
Following the rules



FS1 H1
Our first PE lesson

Junior Section News; FS2D1 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; FS2S1 Learning Activities!



**Home Learning
FS2-S1**



**Having fun in play ground
FS2S1**

PE LESSON



FS2-S1



**Learning phonics in OLA!
FS2 S1**

Junior Section News; Y1D2 Learning Activities



Junior Section News; Y1H2 Learning Activities!



We are busy with class activities



Sequencing the numbers 1-20



OVA-3 Activities



Dough disco for warm-up

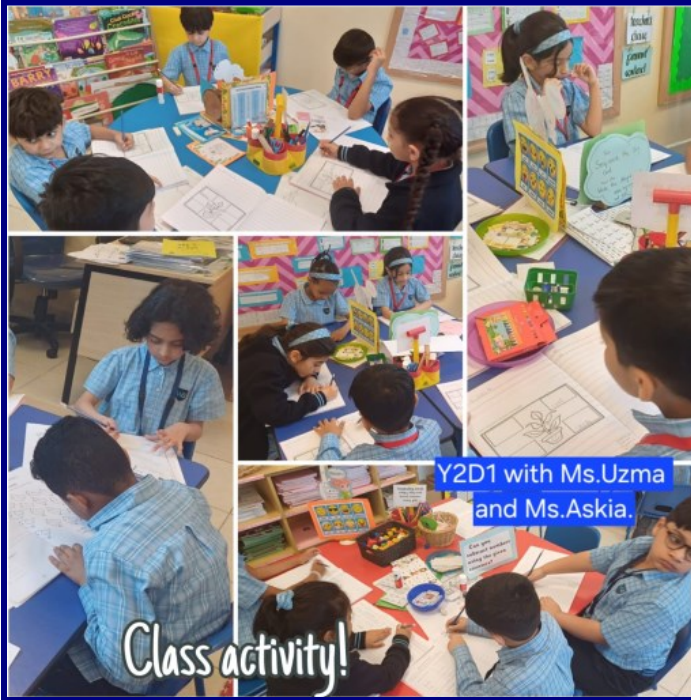


Home Learning Activities



Y1 H2 Ms. Kishwar & Ms. Mani

Junior Section News; Y2D1 Learning Activities!



Y2D1 with Ms.Uzma and Ms.Askia.



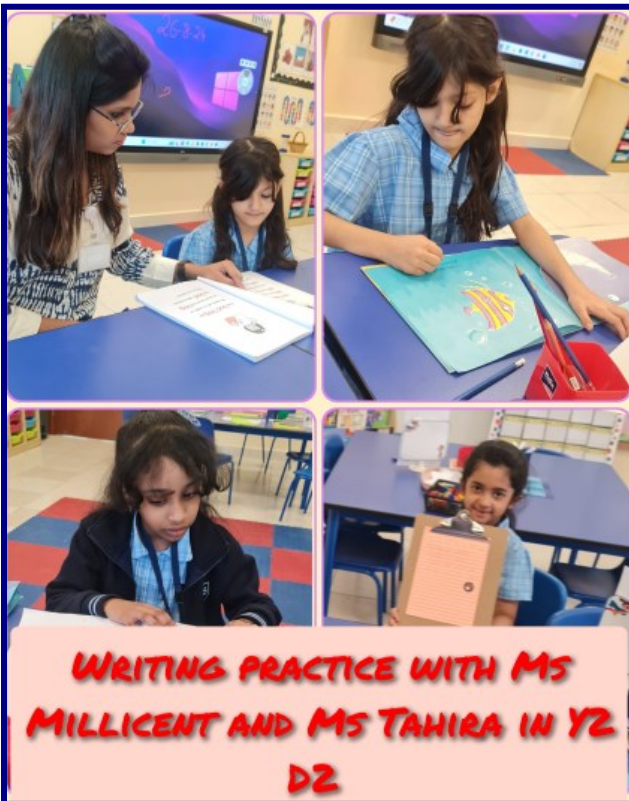
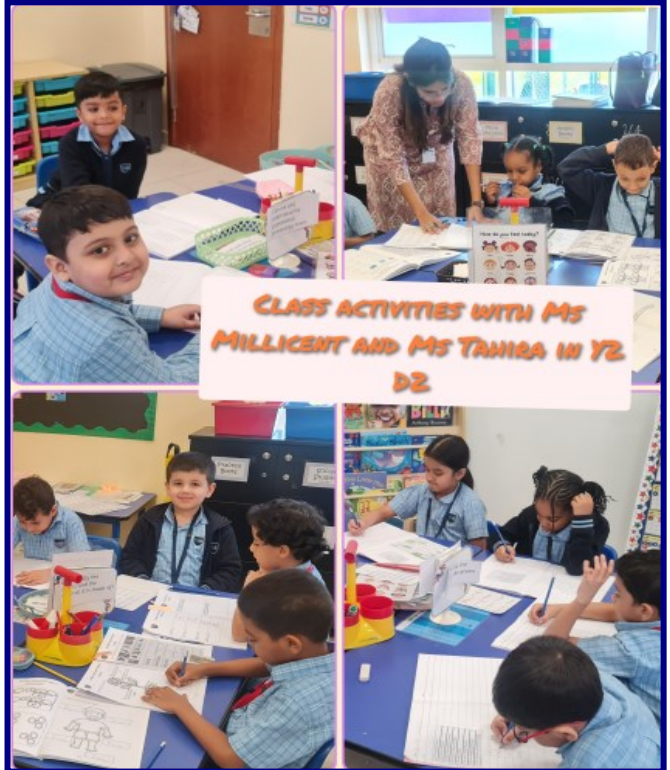
Y2D1 with Ms.Uzma and Ms.Askia.



Y2D1 with Mr. Jowie and Ms.Askia.



Junior Section News; Y2D2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2F1 Learning Activities!



ENJOYING OUR PE LESSON



ENJOYING SCIENCE ACTIVITY!



REVISING MATH CONCEPTS



WE'RE LEARNING TO DRAW DIFFERENT EMOS

END OF AN EXCITING WEEK WITH MS SABIHA & MS ASHIKA -Y2F1



ENGLISH ACTIVITIES



IMPRESSIVE HOME LEARNING PROJECT!

Junior Section News; Y2F2 Learning Activities!



Induction meeting with new Parents



I love my class and enjoying activities



What does the Shape say?



Writing Numbers 1-100



First day of Arabic lesson



Fun with Shapes



Exploring patterns using 2D and 3D



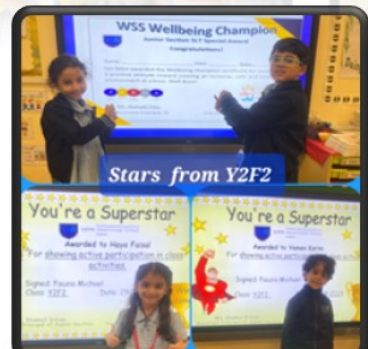
Hurray we got our first Marble jar stickers-Y2F2



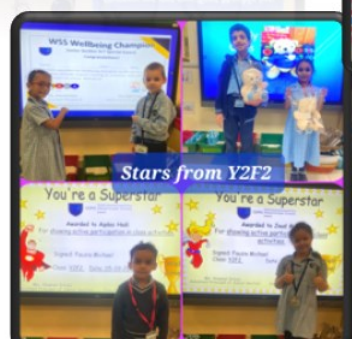
Busy doing activities



Our first Marble jar stickers



Stars from Y2F2



Stars from Y2F2

Junior Section News; Y2H1 Learning Activities!

STORY READING TIME

Y2 H1



Junior Section News; Y2H2 Learning Activities!



Junior Section News; Y2S1 Learning Activities!

Y2S1 With Ms. Sara & Ms. Fiza



ICT Lesson

Maths Lesson



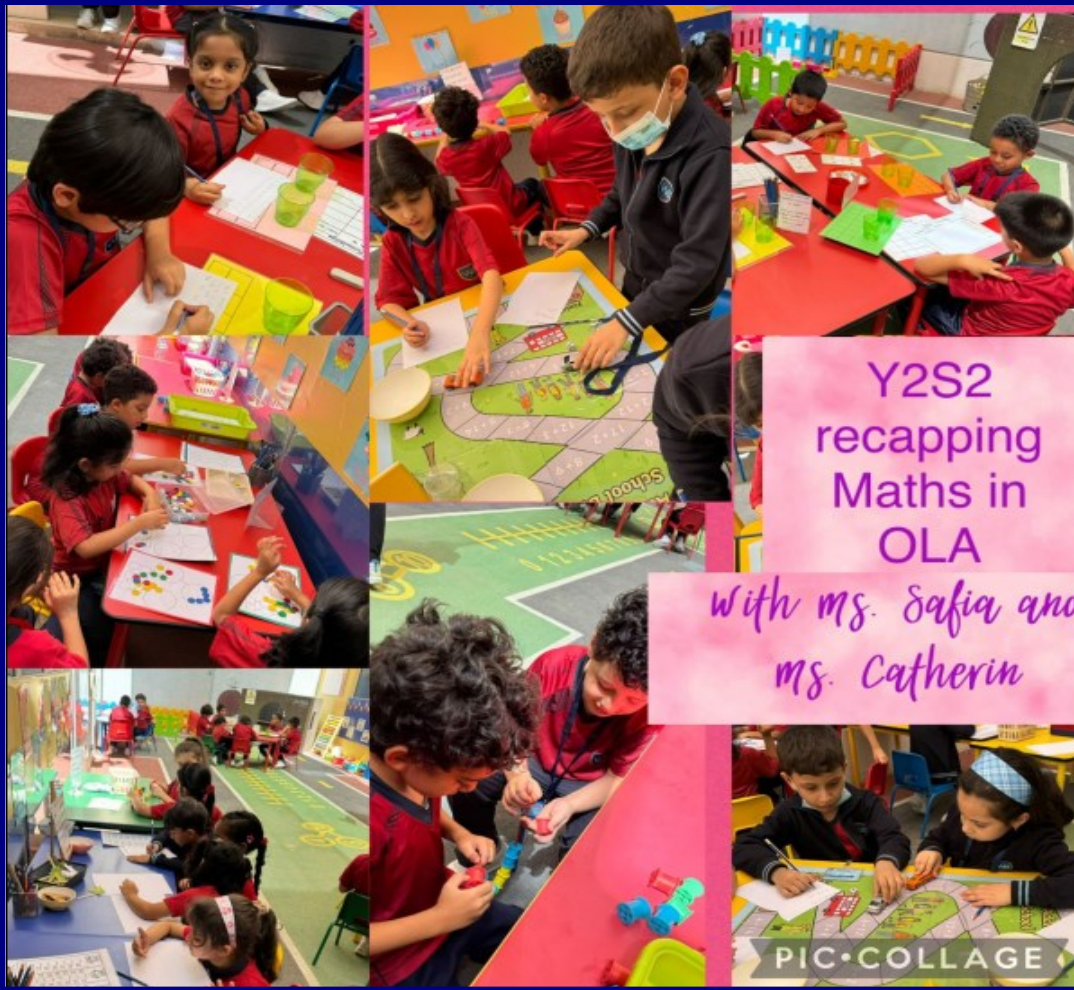
Congratulations



Activity time



Junior Section News; Y2S2 Learning Activities!



Primary Section News; Literacy Day, 5/9/24!

Students were invited to dress-up as their favourite book character & speak a few words about their character. Thank you parents for helping with this fun activity to promote reading.



Primary Section News; Literacy Day, 5/9/24!



Writing this to appreciate the efforts the school has put into organizing the Literacy Day activities for the students. My children absolutely loved the event and were excited to prepare for it over the weekend. The activities not only engaged them but also helped reinforce their love for reading and learning.

Thank you to the teachers and the entire staff for their hard work in making such a meaningful event happen.

Attached are today's literacy day pictures.
 Syed Taha Ahmed Y6BH as The BFG
 Syed Taha Ahmed Y4S1 as The Highway Rat

Regards,
 Parent



Primary Section News; Y3D2 Learning Activities!

Character Day Celebration – Y3D2 with Ms. Sarada



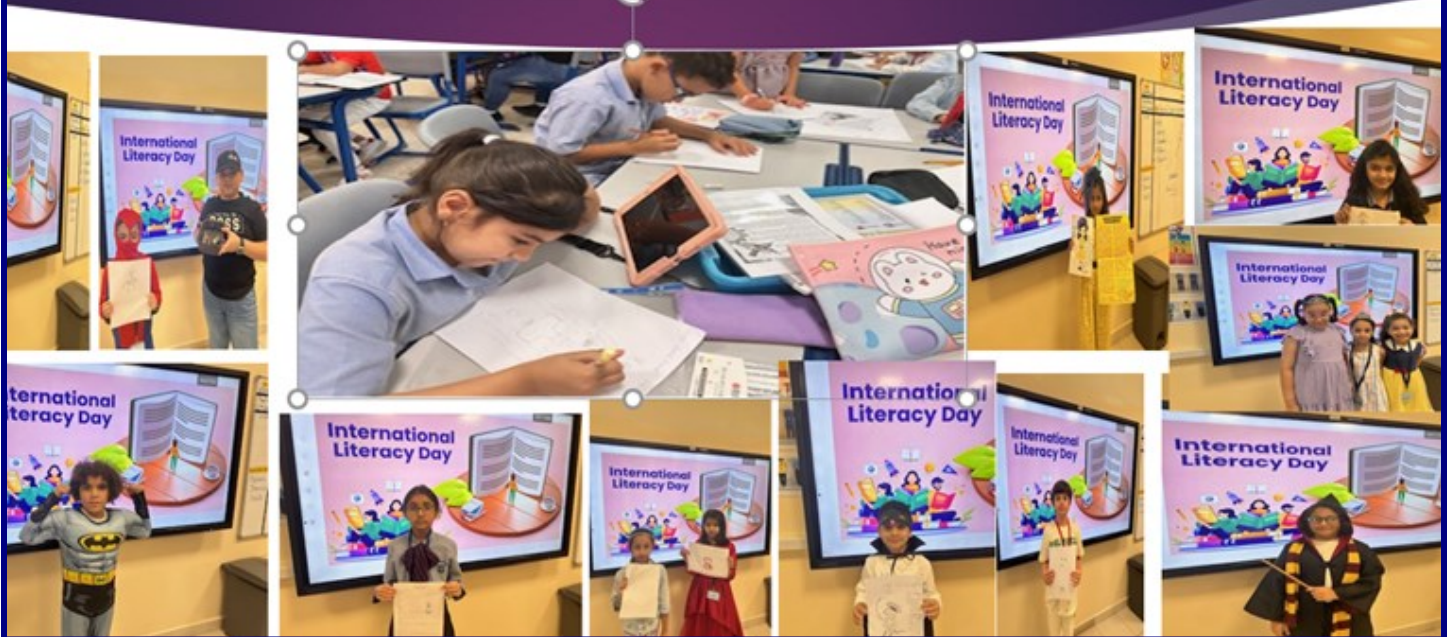
Primary Section News; Y3F2 Learning Activities!

What a joy to see these amazing character to reveal their love for stories. Here we have our students of Y3F2 dressed as their favourite character.



Science Activity - Students of Y3F2 brought some plants to evaluate and discuss the different parts of plants.

Y4 S1: celebrating International Literacy Day: My favourite character



Primary Section News; Y5S2 Learning Activities!



Primary Section News; Y6 Practical Learning Activities!



Science Lesson – Y6GH

LFQ: How do I illustrate the electrical components in a circuit?

Students assembled a circuit using a battery, bulb, wires, and connectors to investigate which materials function as effective insulators.

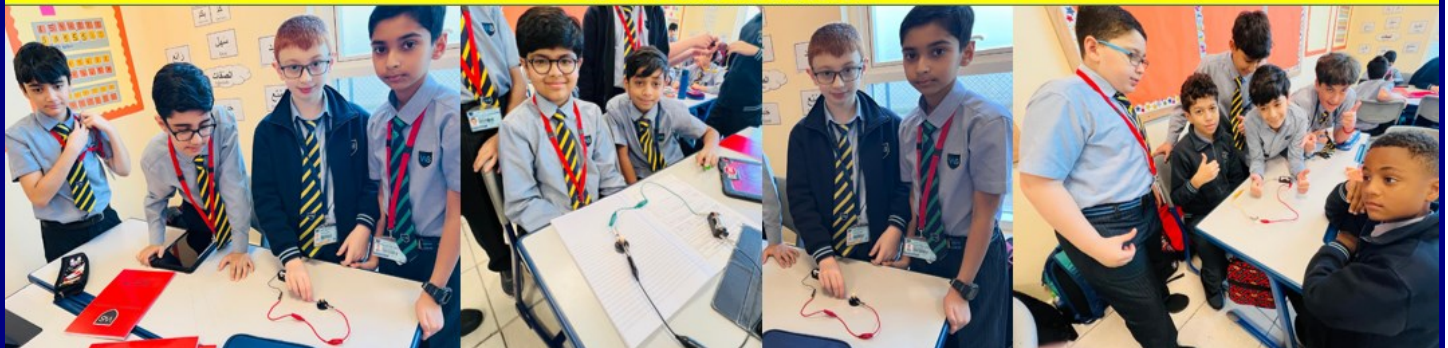


Science Lesson – Y6BF



LFQ: How do I illustrate the electrical components in a circuit?

Students assembled a circuit using a battery, bulb, wires, and connectors to investigate which materials function as effective insulators.



Primary Section News; Y6 Learning Activities!

Engaging Maths session in Y6BF.

LFQ: How do I compare and order numbers up to 10,000,000?



With Ms. Anju Kumar



PRIMARY RADIO STATION @ WSS



RJ Abrish— Y6 GS



RJ Kiria—Y6 GS



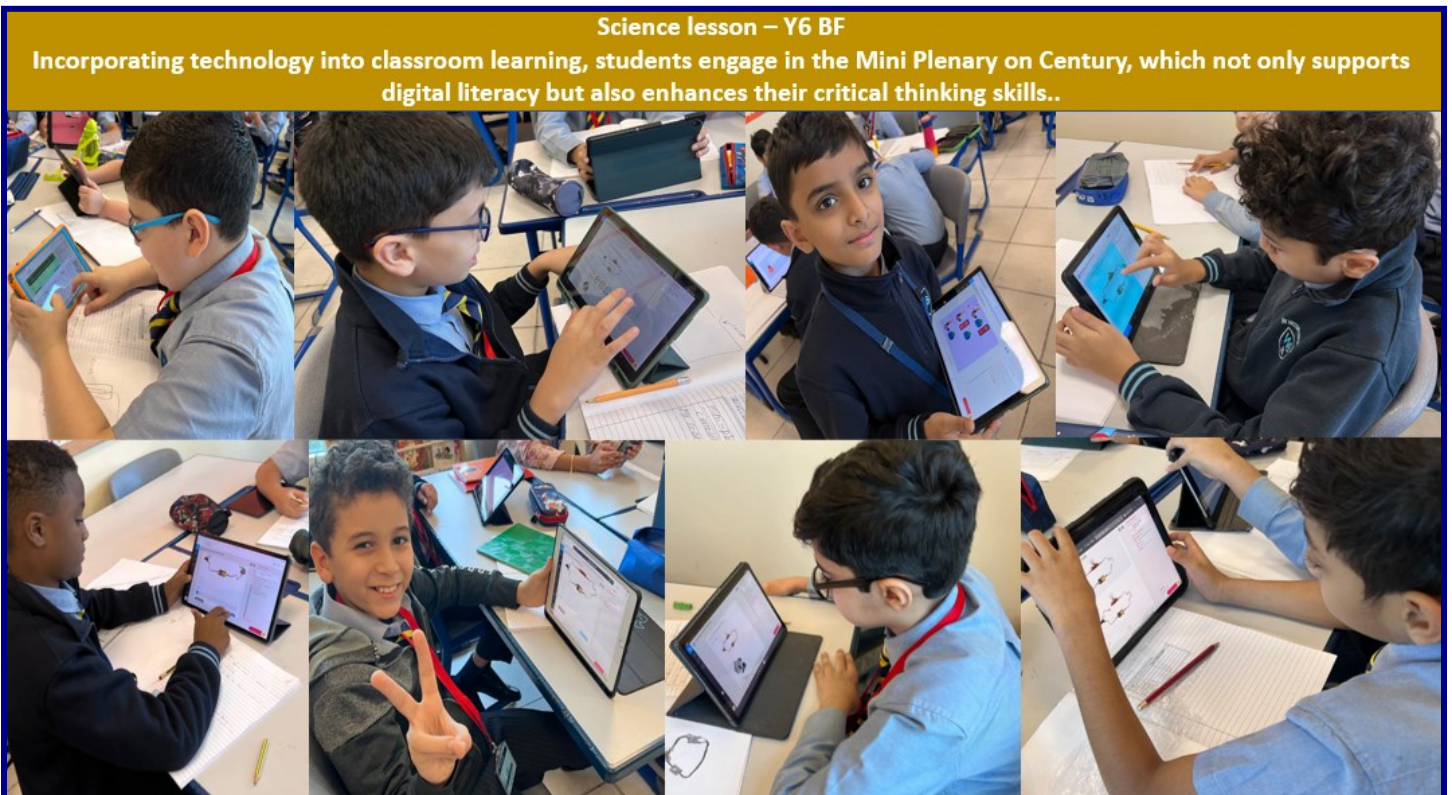
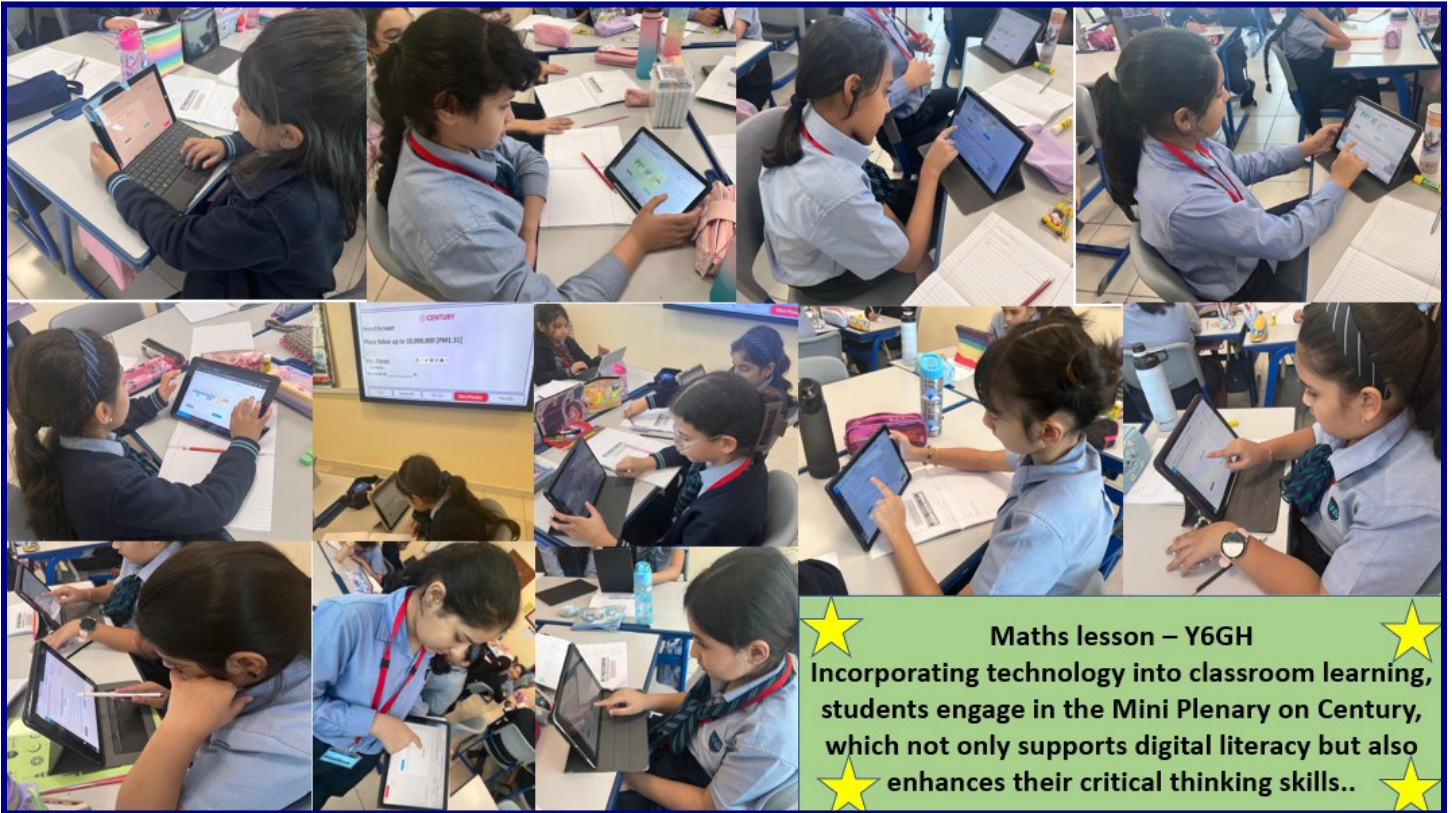
RJ Zoya Y6 GF



RJ Nuha Y6 GS



Primary Section News; Y6 Learning Activities with Technology!



WSS Secondary Section Superstar Champions!

Dear Mr. Francis,

Hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer break,

First of all, I would like to seriously thank you for all your immense hardwork and effort with us these last 10 years in WSS. Believe me when I say that words alone truly cannot describe all the built up gratitude and appreciation I have towards you and all of your incredible efforts in endlessly guiding, supporting and helping my children with their very long school journey.

I have had previous experiences with my children in other schools such as SABIS Choueifat Dubai & SABIS Choueifat Sharjah, and after also being in my third school with WSS Sharjah, I have honestly never met such a person that was as selfless and extremely hard working as you in all three schools combined, always going through extreme lengths for the sake of his students success, whether it was bearing with students mischevious shenanigans/forgetfulness with completing Board Exams Enrollment procedures, or being 24/7 available for us parents and students regarding worries or questions spanning from year 10 till even beyond graduation answered by your quick and prompt email responses.

It is because of this that I would like to once again deeply thank you from the innermost bottom of my heart for always being attentive and cooperative with us so honestly around the clock. Without you, my children wouldn't have gotten the success that they needed to graduate high school today, and I have no doubt in my mind that we were lucky to have had you on our journey with us.

I could only hope that you are aware and able to recognise how all the other students in WSS feel the same way towards you too. We wish you all the very best success and happiness for your personal and work life ahead.

Sincerely,

Father of Three High School Graduates (2015 - 2024)

Secondary Section News; Enhanced ECA Programme for KS3!

Our Newly Enhance Extra-Curricular Activity Programme

Feedback from parent & student surveys has been to request more activities. In response to your feedback, we are initiating an exciting new ECA plan for our KS3 students as follows:

- **The Plan;** to conduct a fun ECA every second and fourth Monday/Tuesday, for KS3 students during Assembly time.
- **Importance of ECAs:**
 - As well as holistic development, ECAs gives opportunities to explore interests and develop new skills.
 - Enhance creativity, teamwork, and leadership abilities.
 - Discover and nurture talents outside the regular academic curriculum.
- **Variety of Activities:**
 - Art and Craft
 - TED Ex
 - Quiz Contests
 - Choir Singing
 - Flameless Cooking
- **Call to Action:**
 - ✓ We look forward to your support and encouragement.
 - ✓ Let's make this term a memorable one for our students!



Secondary Section News; Y7 Learning Activities!

Practice is the key to perfection. As we prepare for our Assembly, remember that each rehearsal brings us closer to delivering a flawless performance. Consistent effort refines our skills, boosts confidence, and ensures we work as a team. Let's give our best during practice and make this assembly a success!



Y7 students were actively engaged in classroom activities today, showing enthusiasm and collaboration. Their participation in discussions and hands-on tasks demonstrated a strong understanding of the material. It was great to see their curiosity and creativity at play, contributing to a dynamic and productive learning environment.



Secondary Section News; Y9 Assembly Time!



Empowering Minds, Strengthening Hearts:
"Empowering Minds, Strengthening Hearts!"
Wellbeing in Year 9 Assembly Time!

9BH

Quran recitation
"Knowledge will give you power,
but character respect."
-Brock Lee

Quran recitation
Recitation by

Brave
Shine
Achieve your goals
Organize
BE CREATIVE
TAKE FIRST

Secondary Section News; KS4 Student Leaders!



KS4 Girls Student Leaders



Secondary Section News; KS4 Student Leaders!



KS4 class room leaders discussing the roles of leaders, student responsibilities, and proper classroom etiquette.

Secondary Section News; KS5 'Meet & Greet', 29/8/24!

KS5 Girls PTM Meet and Greet

Year 12 Girls Participation in International Literacy Day 2024



Huge thanks to the many parents & students who joined us on 28/9/24 for our first 'Meet & Greet' Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) of the year. This was an informal opportunity to learn more about our students & to support the growth of positive home-school relationships for the benefit of our children throughout the year.



Secondary Section News; Guidance for KS5!



Vice Principal Mr. Shujahat Munir's mentoring session in KS5 Independent Learning Room Boys.

✓ believe
✓ achieve
✓ succeed



Great Job



Thank You Note

class of
2025

We KS5 students extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. Shujahat Munir, our Vice-Principal for taking the time to visit Independent Learning Room and share your insights. Your presence was not only inspiring but also incredibly impactful.

Secondary Section News; KS5 'Passport to Success'!

Introduction Sessions of Passport Program to the Sixth Form Students

Sixth form Students were welcome to another exciting year of the Passport and Enrichment Program! Ms. Nirmal Josephine, is committed to giving her best effort and dedication to ensure that students gain the most from this program.

