



WSR IN A WEEK

مدرسة جيمس وستمينستر رأس الخيمة

GEMS Westminster School

RAS AL KHAIMAH



What's Happening

Week starting 1st November

Theme of the Week

Flag Day

- Sunday 1st November Principal's Clinic
- Monday 2nd November Primary Parent Art day
- Q&A session with Head of primary
- Tuesday 3rd November Celebrating Flag Day
- Dubai fitness challenge
- Parent Q&A session with Head of Arabic & Islamic
- 5th November Thursday Celebrating Egypt



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Message from Head of the Arabic Language, Islamic Education and Social Studies Department

Dear Parents,

The most beautiful greetings from the Arabic Language, Islamic Education and Social Studies Department, we wish everyone safety.

Further more ,,,

We have reached the middle of the first semester successfully, thank God , despite all the exceptional circumstances we face and you face, Covid -19 conditions . the first term is almost finished and It's amazing to see how much of this challenge students, staff and parents see during this first semester .

I am happy in the middle of the first semester, to extend to you the most beautiful greetings on the occasion of Prophet Mohammad 's birth . Many religious and national events await us , and I would like to remind you of some of them .First , we celebrated the birth of the Prophet, then we will celebrate Flag Day Tuesday 11/3/2020, then celebrate the National Day of the United Arab Emirates and commemorate the Commemoration Day. Celebrating all of these occasions built the national sense among students, the love for the homeland and the leaders of the UAE in the hearts of students.

The celebration of the Prophet's birthday was full of many activities presented by students, which had a great impact on enriching students 'information, raising religious , moral awareness, and spreading Islamic values among students. Islamic education students who participated in presenting activities will also be honoured to encourage them and encourage other students to actively participate.

We are preparing to celebrate the 49th UAE National Day, which is a great occasion that expresses the spirit of belonging to the country and loyalty to its leadership that spares no effort in order to please everyone who lives on the land of the United Arab Emirates. Our students will virtually prepare all the celebration segments and will participate in various classes expressing their love for the UAE and spreading happiness and joy in school.

We have started preparing for the end of the first semester exams, and you will receive reviews and schedules for all academic levels soon.

We also have the easiest IBT test for Arab and non-Arab students. Sixth grade on November 24, 2020, eighth grade on November 25, 2020, and ninth grade on November 26, 2020 The Al-Yesser IBT Arabic assessment for private schools is an assessment of a set of basic skills and concepts for language learning. The test is designed to assess proficiency in Arabic reading, grammar, spelling and vocabulary through a variety of texts and test questions based on the Ministerial Curriculum provided by the Ministry of Education.

And we provided a platform since the beginning of the first semester to enhance reading and to enhance all skills of students at various school levels. "Bird" program for Arab and non-Arab students.

We will also continue to participate in the "Arab Reading Challenge" program for the fifth year in a row. Also this year, a new program entitled "Writing Challenge" was announced targeting students of public and private public education schools in grades three to twelve.

Based on the Ministry of Education's keenness to support and motivate students in the field of literary reading and writing, the Ministry of Education launches the Writing Challenge Competition, in which students compete in creative, self-written writings, each student according to his academic grade, according to central tasks that take into account the competitor's interests.

Among the objectives of the competition is to emphasize the importance of writing in achieving the knowledge, skill and cultural communication structures, to stimulate the spirit of honest competition among students and to develop the skill of creative writing To be a tool for personality development, critical thinking and problem solving. Participation in such programs is an opportunity to develop a student's skills And also to discover talented ones .

We hope that we have succeeded in our goals and we are open to receiving all your comments and always working on improvement and development. We will have weekly meetings to dialogue with you, listen to your concerns, and respond to all your inquiries.

Ismail Saeedi

Head of the Arabic Language, Islamic Education and Social Studies Department

Useful contacts at WSR

If you have any concerns about attendance, punctuality or your child's welfare, please contact your child's Tutor or Pastoral Leader in the first instance. If you are unable to get a satisfactory response by following the agreed procedures, then please do not hesitate to contact reception on 07 203 5999 to arrange a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Head of Section

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UAE Flag Day

28th October 2020

Dear Parents,

UAE Flag Day – Tuesday 3rd November 2020

The theme of the week at WSR for the week beginning 1st November is UAE Flag day, on behalf of WSR we would like to wish you and our children the very best of wishes during the UAE Flag Day celebration on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

On Tuesday 3rd November 2020 (Flag Day), you can send your child to school wearing either UAE National dress, UAE Flag colours, Armed Forces Uniforms or Police Uniforms. Please provide your child with their own UAE flag, due to the safety restrictions we will not be able to distribute flags this year.

Please note Flag day is a normal school day and therefore the students will finish school at the normal time.

UAE Flag Day is designed to unite the entire school community with other national institutions in celebrating the UAE Flag by raising it at the same time across the country with the people united in the love of the homeland of the United Arab Emirates.

Yours sincerely



Nicole Haynes
Principal/CEO

OneTribeOneFamily

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FLAG DAY
نوفمبر 3 November



Primary News

Dear Parents,

RE: Primary Next Blended Learning Period

We are pleased to announce that the new period of blended learning will begin on Sunday 1st November 2020.

Please see the schedule below:-

KG1 & KG2

If you have opted for face to face learning, please come into school as you did during the last blended learning period. Nothing has changed with regard to KG1 and KG2. (Session 1 – 7.30 -10.00am and Session 2: 11.30am – 2:00pm). If you have chosen RLP, please ensure that you have signed a new RLP contract and sent it back to your class teacher.

Grade 1

All classes can provide 100% face to face teaching for those who have chosen this mode of education apart from JDC, **who will continue with their groups as before.**

Grade 2

All classes can provide 100% face to face teaching for those who have chosen this mode of education, **apart from DUA, TAF, ANU, SGU, LED, who will be offering blended learning for the next period.** This means children can come to school for a 3/2 day spilt.

Grade 3

All classes can provide 100% face to face teaching for those who have chosen this mode of education

Grade 4

All classes can provide 100% face to face teaching for those who have chosen this mode of education, **apart from OLO, KUA, ASR, who will be offering blended learning for the next period.** This means children can come to school for a 3/2 day spilt.

Grade 5

All classes can provide 100% face to face teaching for those who have chosen this mode of education.

If you would like your child to come to school for face to face learning every day, we may be able to accommodate this, but they will need to move to another class. If this is something that you wish to explore, please contact me directly and I will see if I can accommodate your requests

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Please do contact your child's class teacher, Grade Leader or any member of our Primary SLT team who will be happy assist with your enquiry should you have any further questions.

Enjoy a peaceful long weekend.

Kind regards

Jane Scawthorn

Jane Scawthorn
Head of Primary



Secondary News

Dear Parents and Students,

We will be celebrating Teacher's Day at GEMS Westminster School Ras Al Khaimah (WSR) on Sunday 27th of September. Unlike last year, when the corridors and classrooms were filled with excited students and teachers exchanging presents and warm greetings, this year will be a very different experience due to the restrictions that have been enforced upon us by the Covid 19 pandemic. Nevertheless, the school will endeavor as always to ensure our students are given an opportunity to say "Thank You" to their beloved and respected teachers.

Teachers Day is a very special annual occasion celebrated across the globe to acknowledge, empower and appreciate teachers. Furthermore, the day also highlights the teaching profession worldwide and draws attention to the voice of teachers everywhere. Most importantly, it provides students and parents with the opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation for the amazing work teachers perform on a daily basis.

We all remember our special teachers - from Kindergarten all the way to University and beyond. For me such special teachers included Ms. Nia in Primary for her encouragement and warm smiles every morning, Mr. Gaffney for his calmness, humour and support during tutor time and Dr. Ioannis during my postgraduate studies at university for being an inspiration. The impact that such special teachers make in our lives has a lasting impression and undoubtedly provides us with the strength and courage to aspire to be the very best we can be in what we do. Such fond memories last forever and shape our choices in life. On Sunday 27th September, please don't forget to say "Thank You" to all your teachers that have made your time at school enjoyable, beneficial and full of great memories! Finally, a huge thank you to all our students from all the teachers at WSR, for making every day full of laughter, enjoyment and excitement. Wishing everyone a joyful Teachers Day.

Ziaur Rahman

Deputy Head of Secondary

Kindly find below this week Secondary Newsletters :

KS3 (Grade 6 & 7) - <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks3-25thoct-28thoct2020/home>

KS4 (Grade 8-10) - <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks-4-newsletter--week-of-25oct/home>

KS5 (Grade 11 & 12) - <https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks5-newsletter-ay20-21/home>



GEMS WSR



JEWELS OF KINDNESS



Value of the Month: **Tolerance**

A single act of KINDNESS throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.

Tolerance is showing respect and co-existing harmoniously.

But did you know, that we could also show this to our environment?

Our environment is like our friend, it helps and provides us with what we need.

Together, let us give back and show our support to **Plant a Legacy** initiative

by planting a sapling, a seed or a plant.

Kindly take pictures and videos and send them to **Gjk_wsr@gemsedu.com**.

Parent Workshop

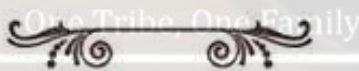
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Development and follow-up of student achievement in Arabic language and IGCSE

Delivered by \ **Mrs. Azza Ali**
Co-ordinator of Secondary Cycle

Under supervision of \
Mr. Ismail Saidi
Head of Arabic, Islamic and
Social Studies Department

This session is intended for all Arab parents.
GEM (Grade 6 to Grade 12) RAK



Explore how you can, in collaboration
with our school, develop and
follow up your kids' achievement.

Do you have any questions
about the effective methods for
your son\daughter to acquire
necessary IGCSE skills?

Please, come and share your
questions with us... We are always
happy to answer your enquiries.

And, our results say it all.

Development of students' achievement...
Following them up at school and home...
Educational methodology to handle common
problems experienced by the students...

Hear from students with
outstanding performance in
Arabic language and IGCSE
about their first-hand experience.

Familiarise yourself with
school endeavours to develop
students' achievement.

Sunday, 1st November 2020

at 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Zoom programme



SCHOOL BAG TAKE THE LOAD OFF

Medically recommended weight of schoolbag: less than 10% of body weight

EFFECTS OF HEAVY SCHOOL BAG

- Threat to child's spine, which could lead to physical deformities.
- Permanent Stoop
- Poor lung functioning and breathing difficulties.



Less than 10% of Body Weight



- Average weight of a 10 year old child:
Around 27 Kg
- Maximum weight a 10 year old child can carry:
About 5 Kg
- Existing average weight of school bag:
Around 9 Kg

Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on the effects of carrying a heavy school bag. Our findings are shocking, the permanent damage that can occur can leave our children with life time medical conditions. This may have an immense impact on the quality of their adulthood. Please join us in helping our children, our future.

LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF CARRYING A HEAVY BACKPACK:

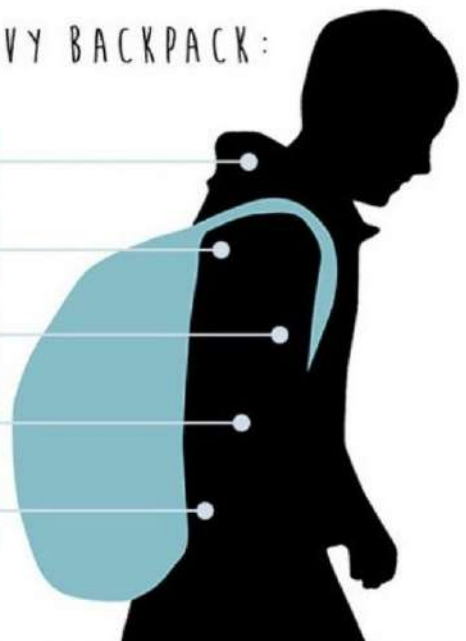
Strained neck and shoulders leading to headaches

Damage to the spine

Reduced breathing capacity due to poor posture

Scoliosis

Back pain and muscle spasms



CELEBRATING EGYPT

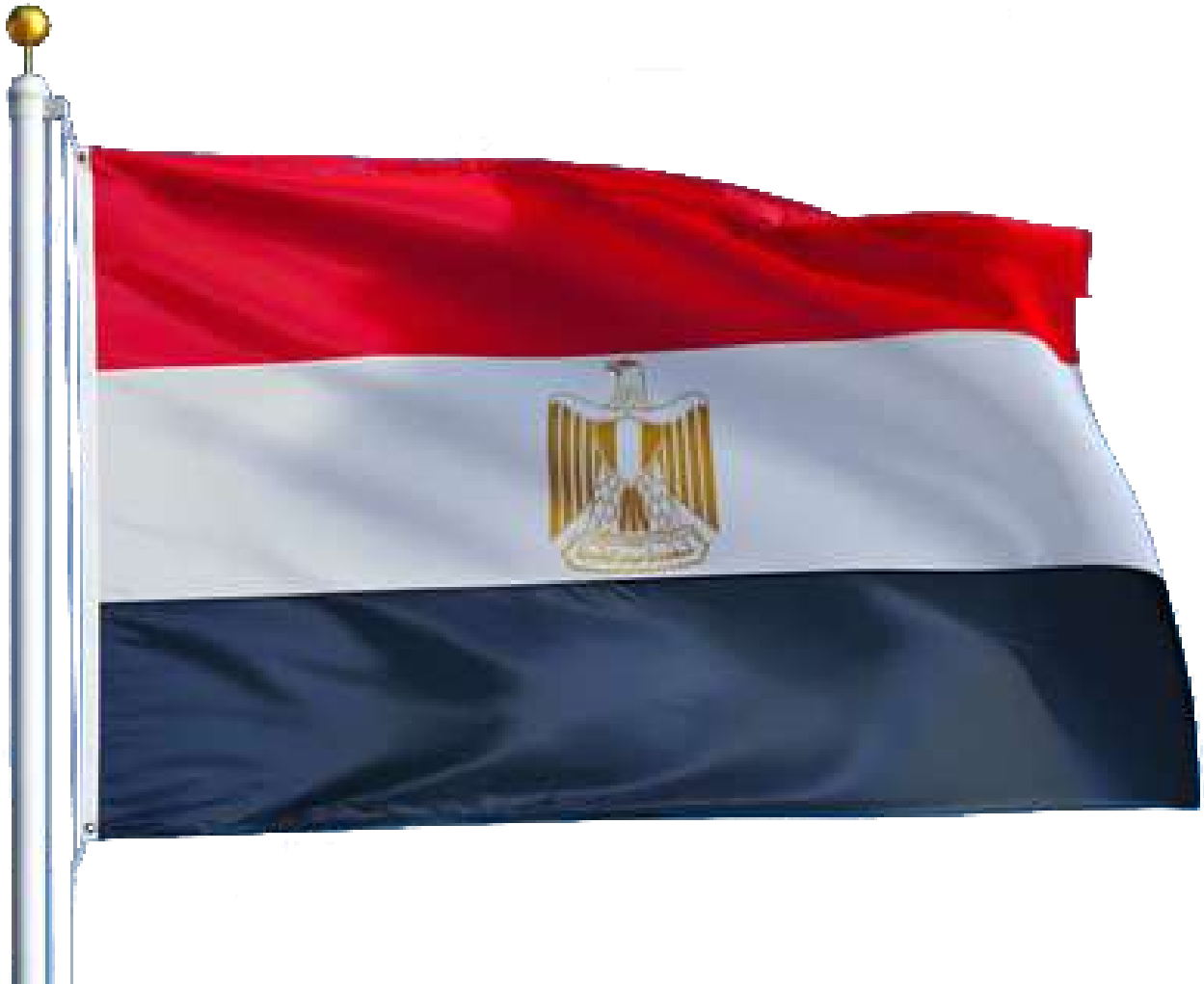
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*Dress up
day*

**SEND YOUR PICTURES TO YOUR CLASS
TEACHER**



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



*dubai
fitness
challenge*



For School Bus Services – BBT Company

Parents who want to register bus service for the students, please visit the BBT counter.

Timing - Sunday

to Thursday 08:00 AM to 03:00 PM

Saturday 08:00 AM to 01:00 PM.

Transport In charge- Mr. Yusaf Rasheed.

E Mail - sde-wsr@bbt.ae

Contact - Tel: 07-2035999 Ext: 204

Thank You.



Offer only for GEMS Parents!

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**4.25% discount offer is extended till 31st August plus you can
Convert the school fee in installment without interest and
Without processing fee**



FAB GEMS Credit Card

Made especially for GEMS families

Advance Tuition Fee Discount Scheme on GEMS Credit Card - Academic Year 2020-2021

Academic Year starting Sept 2020

Fee cycle	Payment due date	Payment Period	Fixed rate %	No. of monthly fees in advance
Term 1	On or before 20 August 2020	Full year fees	4.25%	10 months
	On or before 20 August 2020	1st and 2nd term fees	3.00%	7 months
	On or before 20 August 2020	1st term fees	1.50%	4 months
Term 2	On or before 20 December 2020	2nd and 3rd term fees	2.50%	6 months
	On or before 20 December 2020	2nd term fees	1.25%	3 months
Term 3	On or before 20 March 2021	3rd term fees	1.25%	3 months

Academic Year starting April 2021

Fee cycle	Payment due date	Payment Period	Fixed rate %	No. of monthly fees in advance
Term 2	On or before 20 August 2020	2nd and 3rd term fees	2.50%	7 months
	On or before 20 August 2020	2nd term fees	1.50%	4 months
Term 3	On or before 20 December 2020	3rd term fees	1.25%	3 months
Term 1	On or before 20 March 2021	Full year fees	4.25%	10 months
	On or before 20 March 2021	1st and 2nd term fees	3.00%	7 months
	On or before 20 March 2021	1st term fees	1.25%	3 months

For any clarifications on tuition fee discounts, please contact the GEMS school cashier

Terms and conditions:

- The discount scheme is based on a fixed rate percentage of the tuition fee paid in advance and in accordance with the above fee cycle calendar using the GEMS FAB Titanium Credit card.
- The discount can be used for a maximum of one academic year and is only applicable if a one term minimum tuition fee is paid in advance.
- Eligibility for the fee discount requires any outstanding fees to be paid in full.
- The discount is based on the current fee structure. Should any revision to the fee structure be approved by the regulatory authority at a later date, the difference shall be payable by the cardholder.
- In case of any refunds, the official refund policy will be applied and the discount already granted will be adjusted accordingly.
- The discount is applied on the net tuition fee after concession/reduction/advance payment, if any.

Contact: SAJIDA

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Save on your school's fees today! GEMS Ambassador Programme

Dear Parent,

The GEMS Ambassador Programme has been running successfully for more than a decade since its launch in 2008. In the past two years alone, the programme has helped parents earn back more than AED 650,000.

The programme is open to any GEMS Education parent and the process is straightforward: simply introduce a new family or friend to any participating GEMS school and earn back a minimum of 4% and up to 100% of your child's annual tuition fee in the form of GEMS Points. These Points can then be used to pay school fees (<https://www.gemswestminsterschool-rak.com/why-gems/ambassador-programme/>)

We very much look forward to welcoming you as a member of the GEMS Ambassador Programme and thank you for your participation.

Kind Regards

Admission Team
GEMS Education



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Keep up to date with our School website

- Check out what's been happening at school in our Event Logger Page: <http://www.gemswestminsterschool-rak.com/for-parents/events-logger/>
- What events are happening this Term – check out our Events Calendar: <http://www.gemswestminsterschool-rak.com/for-parents/events-calendar/>

Dear all,

If you have not done so already, please ensure you have downloaded the GEMS Rewards App and completed the registration process. The App is available on IOS and Android App stores.

<http://www.gemsrewards.com/>



There are plenty of offers and savings

School Term Dates :

Statement	Date
Term 1	From 30-8-2020 to 10-12-2020
Term 2	From 3-1-2021 to 25-3-2021
Term 3	From 11-4-2020 to 1-7-2020
Last day of academic Year	1-7-2021

Kind Regards