



WSR IN A WEEK

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GEMS Westminster School

RAS AL KHAIMAH



What's Happening

Week starting 18TH OCTOBER

Theme of the Week

United Nations Day + WSR MUN

- Sunday 18th Oct. Principal Clinic
- Monday 19th Oct. A level and applying for university parents of G11-12
- Tuesday – 20th Oct. Shared /guided writing
- Tuesday 20th Oct. remote PTA meeting.

Message from the Deputy Head of Primary Department

Dear Parents,

Happy World Maths Day! This week, GEMS WSR has celebrated World Maths Day with a whole week of activities happening across the school, KG1 – Grade 12.

Mathematics is a popular subject across WSR; be it in KG1, Primary or Secondary, children love to be engaging with mathematical learning and enquiry. There are many reasons why Maths is such a popular subject in schools across the world, particularly within our WSR community; I think the biggest factor is that it is the same in every language. It is a universal and global constant. GEMS WSR is proud to represent 65 different nationalities between our more than 3000 students. For many of these students, English is not their first language and therefore they can sometimes struggle to access certain curriculum areas. Though we may come from different places and speak in different tongues, 1 is always 1 and 2 is always 2.

One thing that does change however is how children are taught Maths. How Mr. Martin was taught maths is different to how I was taught maths, which in turn will be different from how many of you as parents were taught maths. As a direct result of this, I would like to introduce you to our WSR Calculation Policy for Primary. This policy explains in detail the different stages children have to go through over their time to develop a secure conceptual understanding of the written method for each of the four main operations. This policy can be used to support you in better understanding how your children are being taught in the classroom and allow you to continue this when you follow up learning at home.

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Ms. Asa (Deputy Head of KG1), Ms. Swati (Leader of Learning for Mathematics in KS2), Ms. Andrea (Leader of Learning for Mathematics in KS1) and I introduced this policy in Tuesday's Primary Parent Workshop. During this session, I explained and modelled the process of using concrete resources, pictorial representations and written methods to solve calculations in each of the four operations. For those of you who could not attend, I have included direct links to the video demonstrations shared during the session that are now available on our YouTube channel. I have also included a picture of the completed board used to further model how the concrete exploration progresses to pictorial representation and written method.

When we use the words concrete, pictorial and abstract – words that you will find frequently used throughout our Calculation Policy and within the classrooms, we are referring to the various stages of representation and exploration to develop the conceptual understanding necessary to solve calculations with a fluent ease. Concrete resources are used in the initial instance to allow the children to practically complete the calculation. The use of resources not only means the children are able to physically move the numbers and digits but it also reinforces their understanding of the value of each digit within a calculation. The pictorial representation stage allows the children to draw out and represent the process they have followed with the resources, as they begin to put the method to paper. The children will quickly see the link between the concrete resources to the value they are assigning them and how the written method will be arranged. The final stage is the abstract stage, the numeric written method that children need to use. This means the children have demonstrated their conceptual understanding of the process by successfully being able to solve calculations with both concrete resources and pictorial representations. This learning can then be applied by using numbers and digits to complete the calculation formally.

During our assessments, whilst children will not have access to the resources we use in class, children will still be free to solve the calculations in a method they feel most comfortable with – be it pictorial or written/abstract. Children learn at their own pace, this means that if your child is comfortably exploring a calculation in a pictorial form but still struggling to make that step into the written method, do not worry.

Whilst this WSR Calculation Policy is primarily aimed at Primary, the concepts that are woven throughout it can apply to children in EYFS and Secondary too. Just as how the learning of each operation begins with exploration through concrete resources, as does the mathematical learning journey in KG1. Children will begin to explore number, shape and measure through their regular maths lessons. In this time, children will be exposed to a range of resources that allow them to apply their taught knowledge in their independent play (for example, before they are expected to write 6, they need to know what 6 is and be able to represent this in a range of different ways).

The learning is also then stretched up into secondary when their algebraic understanding will also be stretched; to solve this range of increasingly complex and extended calculations, the children will need a deep and secure fundamental conceptual understanding of all the operations and be able understand the formulas and complex equations they have to solve. Alongside this will be the necessity to use the correct vocabulary at all times to explain mathematical reasoning and understand abstract questioning.

The WSR Calculation Policy has been attached before for you to review at your own leisure. If you have any questions regarding this, or require any further explanation, please contact:

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- Grade 11 and 12/KS5: Mr. James (James.o_wsr@gemsedu.com).

Please continue to explore maths with your children, utilising the wide range of resources you have access to: the practise books, Rock Star Maths for times table practise, MyIMaths, SAMLearning, GCSEPod and our WSR Primary Calculation Policy.

Many thanks,
Mr. Harley Golder
Assistant Head of Primary

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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WSR YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKMwVs9mTmESj1m_nk7XvoQ/video	

Primary News

Good Afternoon Parents,

Please find the link to our weekly Primary Newsletter.

Here, you can access the weekly Fridge Facts,

read important letters, review the curriculum documents and plan ahead for future calendar events

<https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/primary-newsletter-week-7/home>.

We truly appreciate your understanding and support for the school during these challenging times and please be assured that WSR will continue to follow the best health and safety practices as guided by our national authorities to ensure the wellbeing of our students and school community.

Many thanks,



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

[KS3 \(Grade 6 & 7\) - https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks3-11thoct-15thoct2020/home](https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks3-11thoct-15thoct2020/home)

[KS4 \(Grade 8-10\) - https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks4-newsletter-week-of-11thoct/home](https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks4-newsletter-week-of-11thoct/home)

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

Kind Regards,

Shared/ Guided Writing Workshop



TalkforWriting

**DEMONSTRATING
HOW WE USE 'GUIDED' AND
'SHARED' WRITING IN
PRIMARY TO TEACH
AND PROMOTE WRITING
WITHIN THE SCHOOL.**

DATE: 20TH OCTOBER @ 10 AM

LINK:

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[HTTPS://GEMSEDUCATION.ZOOM.US/J/83018401696](https://gemseducation.zoom.us/j/83018401696)

MEETING ID: 830 1840 1696

LED BY-

Mr. Harley Golder

Asst. Head of Primary

Ms. Asavari D'souza

Deputy Head of KG 1



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Let's Talk
about

The Inclusion Department

is inviting all the parents
on its online morning latte
of learning

Ask Dr. Mona

Challenges of Parents during Pandemic

22nd October 2020

Thursday

Session begins at exactly 11:00-12:00 PM

Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/gzr-nwoe-rss?hs=122&authuser=0>



About the Speaker

Dr. Mona Ibrahim Youssri MBBCH

A child and adolescent psychiatrist, a Dubai licensed psychologist, Senior Couples and Family Counselor, a Clinical Director of Hayati Health Center. She finished her MA in Counselling psychology, AUC 2012. Affiliated International member of the American psychological association and a lifetime member of the International honor society.

She conducts and designs programs, for teacher workshops and parenting lectures.

PARENT CLINIC

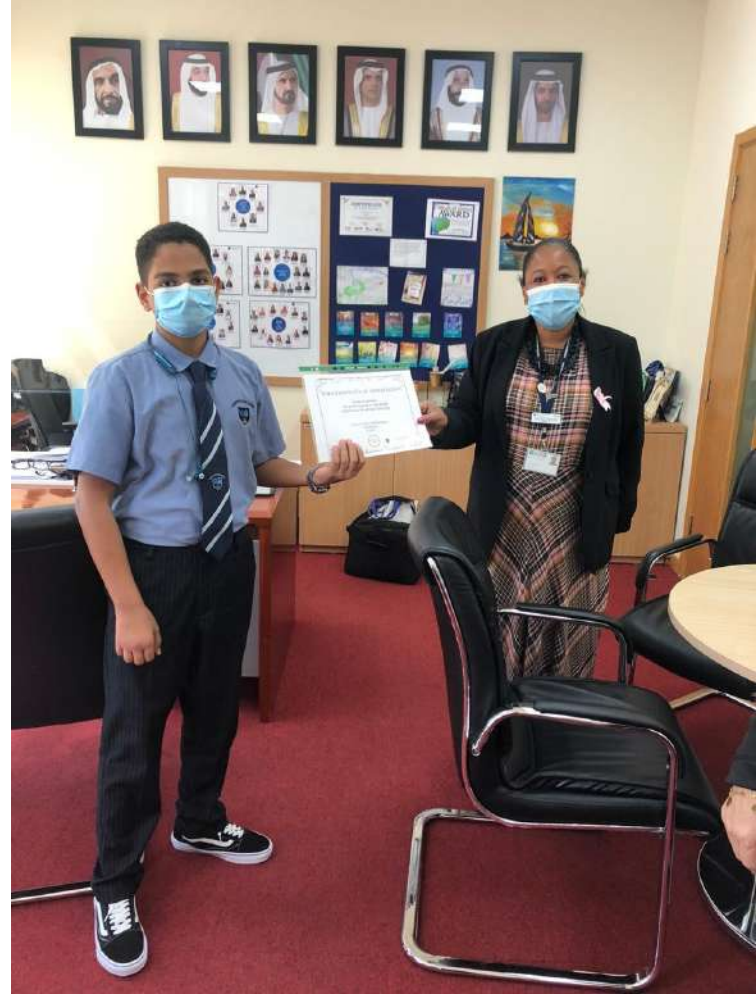
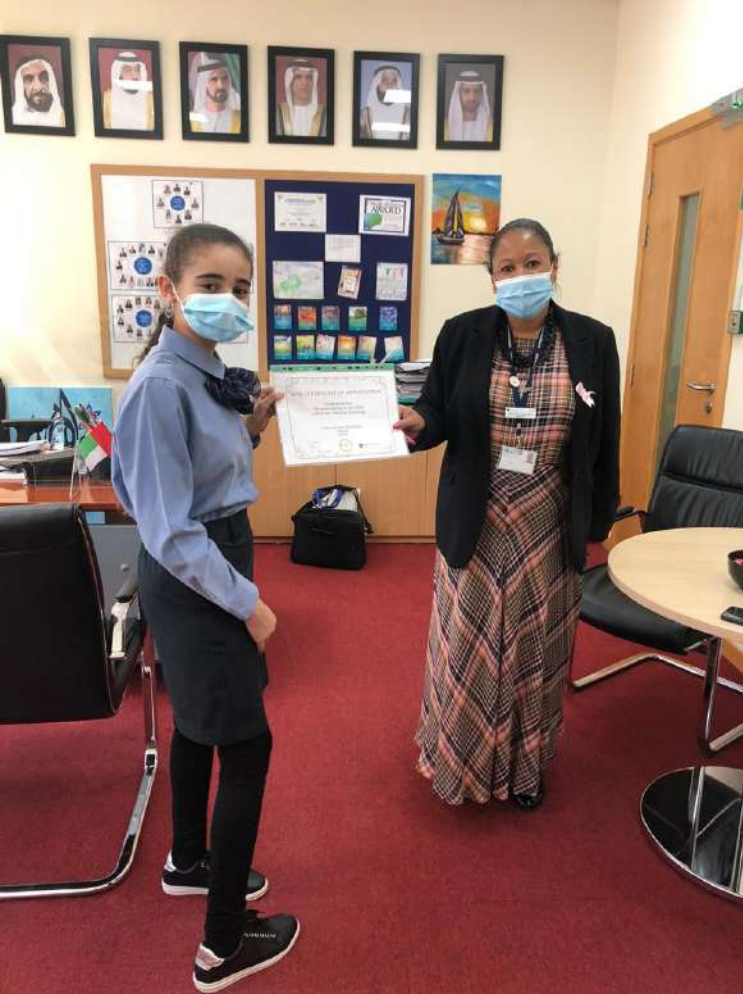
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WE DISCUSS
HOW TO BUILD
SELF-CONFIDENCE
IN YOUR CHILD



SPEAKERS: Ms
Fateha, Ms Basma
& Ms Hassina

*October
20th*

*2.30pm Arabic,
3pm English*



Congratulations to the finalists of the UAE Arabic Reading Challenge 2020! 🏆

Zeyad Sabry Gr 7
Safaa Ahmed Gr 6
Eiman Nagi Gr 10



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

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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



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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/>



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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