



WSR IN A WEEK

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GEMS Westminster School
RAS AL KHAIMAH



What's Happening

Week starting 25TH OCTOBER

Theme of the Week

Breast Cancer Awareness

- Sunday 25th October Principal Clinic
- Monday 26th October Curriculum, systems and support - Parents of Grades 6 & 7PCM
Q&A session with Head of Primary
- Tuesday 27th October Supporting Home Reading WorkshopPCM
Q&A session with Head of ArabiVc&Islamic
- Wednesday 28th October PCM



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Message from the Deputy Head Of Early Years

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It gives me immense pleasure to write my first newsletter. Since the start of this term, there have been so many events that have shown, that we as a School, are progressing and relentlessly working towards the betterment of our students. We continue to improve our practices and take your suggestions seriously.

This week, we had a 'Parent Workshop' on Talk for Writing. I hope you have enjoyed it. Should you need any assistance regarding the same, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Harley (harley.g_wsr@gemsedu.com) or myself (asavari.d_wsr@gemsedu.com).

Next week's 'Parent Workshop' will focus on 'Bug Club' and how it supports home reading; Active Learn (the company that develops Bug Club) will lead this session on Tuesday 27th October 2020.

Our school counsellors will be running a Parent Clinic on 'Supporting Children During Exams' on Tuesday 27th September 2020 at 2:30pm (English) and 3:00pm (Arabic). We have 'Breast Cancer Awareness week' this week. You can dress your child in pink clothes to mark the occasion, on Sunday 25th October.

We miss our students in school, as much as you miss sending them. We understand why some of you have chosen 'Remote Learning', and we respect your decision. Please note that the new period of blended learning will begin on 1st November 2020. Please inform your class teacher of what form of learning you wish your child to take by completing the survey that will be sent soon. We cannot guarantee that your child will be allocated your choice because of the restrictions on numbers of children allowed in the classroom. However, the class teacher will contact you personally if there is any change to your selection.

To ensure the safety of all of the WSR community, it is important that all parents adhere to social distancing rules when collecting their children. Gate 2 will only be opened to parents at 2:10pm (do not arrive before this time), this gate is only for parents to enter, do not exit through Gate 2. Parents can leave (exit) the school through Gate 3, 4 and 6. Parents must wait for their children to be handed over by the teacher, do not enter the shaded area. KG1 and KG2 students will be collected from the classroom. Grade 6 to 12 students will disperse from Gate 6. If you do not collect your child by 2.30pm, primary children can be collected from the MPH and Secondary children will be in the library. You can go to reception to notify them to meet you at the entrance.

There are many more events lined up this Term. It's going to be busy Term. As always, we seek your support.

Thanking you in anticipation. Stay Safe!

One tribe. One family!

Ms. Asavari D'Souza
Deputy Head Early Years

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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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-8/home>.

You can also find the material from Mr. Harley's 'Writing/Talk For Writing' parent workshop in the new 'English' section on our Curriculum Page.

There you will also find a 'Student Voice' survey we have created for writing; we want to see how the children feel about writing and how it is taught in the classroom – this feedback will help us continue to improve (you can also find the survey by following this Link:

<https://forms.gle/HKVh5eyZ4SbcnMY76>). 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/ks3-18th-22ndoct2020/home](https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks3-18th-22ndoct2020/home)

[KS4 \(Grade 8-10\) - https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks4-newsletter-week-of-18thoct/important-notice](https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks4-newsletter-week-of-18thoct/important-notice)

[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,



Mid Term Remote Parent - Meeting (PCM) 25th October - 28th October 2020.

24th October 2020

Dear Parents,

After 8 weeks back at school, whether face to face or online, we know that parents would appreciate some one-on-one face time with their child's teacher as the current situation and pandemic, restricts their daily access to their child's teacher. PCM is a perfect opportunity for parents to receive an update on their child's progress, to discuss any queries they may have regarding the curriculum or any assessments which have taken place.

In light of the current situation, we will be conducting Mid Term Parent Conference Meeting remotely starting from Sunday 25th October 2020, we will be using either 'Microsoft Teams' in Primary or Google Meets in Secondary. The day and time slot will be personalised for each child and sent to you by your child's Class Teacher via email. If the scheduled time is not convenient please contact the Form tutor and he/she will assign a mutually convenient appointment.

If you have any outstanding school fees you are requested to clear ALL FEES in full, if you have not done so already, before we are able to confirm your PCM date/time or give you a copy of your child's Mid-term Report.

If you require translation, Arabic to English, during the meeting please also let us know.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Nicole Haynes
Principal/CEO

WSR Breast Cancer Awareness Week

24th October 2020



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Dear Parent,

WSR Breast Cancer Awareness Week, 25th October – 28th October 2020

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a worldwide annual campaign to highlight the importance of breast cancer, education and research. This year, WSR aims for our school community to be fully involved in raising awareness on this very important topic which affects many people's lives worldwide as well as in the UAE.

Breast cancer is one of the most common type of cancer worldwide. Data from the GCCR shows that Breast Cancer is one of the most common cancers observed in the UAE population. Most women who get it (8 out of 10) are over 50, but younger women, and in rare cases, men, can also get breast cancer.

Throughout this month there have been a number of workshops, guest speakers, free screening programmes (optional) and activities in order to educate and raise awareness amongst our students on this very important issue.

Sunday 25th October is our "Dress in Pink Day". Students, parents and staff are invited to wear pink in support of this important cause.

So next week, we need your help, more than ever, to take action against breast cancer and create a future where everyone who develops this disease can survive, through medical advancement, early screening and with the knowledge of how healthy lifestyle choices can be a preventative measure.

Yours sincerely,

Nicole Haynes

CEO & Principal



GEMS JEWELS OF KINDNESS RELAUNCH

8th October 2020

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Acts of kindness can include helping around the house, making a phone call to a friend or family member far away and doing chores around the house.

EACH WEEK, ALL GEMS JEWELS OF KINDNESS PHOTOS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE

Parents can send a photo and message to the school at: GJK_wsr@gemsedu.com. Please ensure that your child's name and class code is also included.



CELEBRATING GEMS JEWELS OF KINDNESS ACTS

For the act of kindness, students will receive a certificate via email



Send pictures/videos showing acts of KINDNESS to GJK_wsr@gemsedu.com with your name and class code.

Meet the KS3 Team

LIVE Q&A

Time: 9am

Date: 26th October, Monday

Come and join us to discuss:

- What our curriculum contains.
- How we can support your child both in school and at home.
- How we can effectively communicate with each other.



<https://gmseducation.zoom.us/j/84485378101>

PARENT CLINIC: How to support your child during exams



WHEN: 27th October
2.30pm ENGLISH, 3pm ARABIC
WHERE: ZOOM
SPEAKERS: Ms Fateha & Ms Basma
School Counsellors





Arabic Department Q&A

سؤال وجواب حول تدريس اللغة العربية

Mr. Ismail Saidi

Head of Arabic Islamic and Social studies department
رئيس قسم اللغة العربية والتربية الإسلامية والدراسات الإجتماعية

Mr. Ali EZZAT

Director of Arabic

Ms. Azza Ali

Secondary coordinator

Ms. Wafaa Mahran

Grade 3,4&5 Coordinator

Ms. Samar Faragalla

Grade 1&2 coordinator

Tuesday 27-10-2020

الثلاثاء 27 أكتوبر 2020

From 2:30 to 3:30



ZOOM

ZOOM LINK:

<https://gemseducation.zoom.us/j/83005912951>

Meeting ID: 830 0591 2951



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 0503535523



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

