



WSR IN A WEEK

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GEMS Westminster School
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What's Happening

Week starting 16th November
Theme of the Week
commemoration day

- Sunday 22th November Principal's Clinic
- Monday 23th November Parent Q & A Session with the Head of Primary
- Secondary Parent Clinic - All grades
- Key Stage 5 Focus—Parents of Grades 11&12
- Tuesday 24th November Parent Q & A Session with the Head of Arabic & Islamic
- How to reduce screen time - Counsellor's Clinic
- Thursday 26th November Parent Ambassador Meeting.



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Message from Director of Learning KS 5

Dear Parents

One of my favourite authors Paulo Coelho says,

"A child can always teach an adult three things: to be happy for no reason, to always be busy with something, and to know how to demand with all his might that which he desires."

World Children's Day was celebrated on November 20th. The theme this year is "Investing in our future investing in our children"

There can't be two opinions about the fact that if we want a better future, we must invest in our children. One of the most important things we can do as elders today is to empower our children.

What does empowerment mean?

It means, helping children become aware of their capabilities; and helping them take charge of their lives. Empowered children are confident and ready to face challenges.

What can we do to empower our children?

Master the art of listening

A child seldom needs a good talking to as a good listening to. One of the best ways to empower children is by simply listening to them. This makes them feel valued, which improves their self-image and self-worth. Be open to their ideas and try to understand their thoughts and emotions. This gives them a feeling of support and safety.

The sooner a child learns to understand and process their emotions, the better they'd be empowered to tackle the ups and downs of life.



Choose your words carefully

The words with which a child's heart is poisoned, remain branded in his memory, and sooner or later they burn his soul.

The words we utter to our children have a huge impact on effect on their brains. It could affect their self-worth and self-esteem. So, while talking to children, it is wise to exercise caution. Each message you say to your child, says something about what you think of them. They gradually pick up a picture of how you perceive them as a person. Talk constructively to children to help build confidence.

Nurture a child's core personality

Children are not things to be molded but are people to be unfolded.

Very often we take a newborn child as an empty slate. We then try to engrave on that slate, characteristics which we think would contribute to their success in life.

But we forget that each child is born with a unique personality and has an inborn nature. It is important that we nurture that core nature of the child.

Be aware of the unique personality of each of your children. This will help you support their strengths and understand their weaknesses.

Trust your child's choices and decisions

Children learn how to make good decisions by making decisions, not by following directions.

We all aspire children to become independent adults. It is a life's journey, where we teach children the lessons of creative thinking and decision making. But when children make their own choices and decisions, how often do we agree with them—especially when the decision seems downright immature and foolish, or when the choices they make are not something we necessarily agree with?

So, what do we do then? As much as it may hurt us, refrain from chiding them, and respect their decision anyway. The more we allow children to make mistakes, the more they'd become responsible. Keep our heart open towards children and make sure they know that you love them, no matter what.

Lead by example

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them. Ironically, no matter what we teach our children verbally, children learn by watching us. So, instead of teaching our children to lead an empowered life, it would be wiser to simply lead one ourselves. But how do we empower ourselves?

The more we become conscious and trusting of life itself, the more we understand ourselves and our emotions. Let us break free from our own unconscious negative emotions that stop us from being the best form of ourselves.

Let us empower children today and help them to become more resilient, effective learners. There is no better way to set them on a path to reach their full potential.

Warm Regards

Beena Nair

Director of Learning KS 5

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-12/home>.

To further promote reading our newsletter, we have prepared a short fun quiz that parents and children are invited to take part in. Each week, 10 questions will be presented to you about the Primary Newsletter:

<https://forms.gle/rDGbfKgH3F7gdVAU9>.

You will need to search through the Primary Newsletter to find the answers and complete the quiz. Each week, the children and parents with the highest score will be celebrated on the 'Scavenger Hunt' page of the Newsletter.

Thank you for all your feedback

from the Newsletter Feedback survey shared last week. We are busy looking at your feedback and we hope to have many of your suggestions in place for next week's issue! Keep your eyes peeled for some more positive improvements!

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,

Kindly find below this week Secondary Newsletters :

KS5 -
<https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/ks5-newsletter-ay20-21/home>

KS4 -
<https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/15th-november-19th-november-20/home>

KS3 -
<https://sites.google.com/gemswsr.net/15thnovember-19thnovember2020/home>



PARENT CLINIC
'How to reduce screen time'

WHEN: 24TH November
2.30pm English 3pm Arabic

WHERE: Zoom

Speakers: Ms Fateha and Ms Basma-
School Counsellors



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Islamic Studies Q & A

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**WSR Islamic Studies Department
cordially welcome to all our
Respected Parents for Islamic
A & B Question & Answer session**

**Join us on
Tuesday, 24 November 2020
on zoom**

**Save the
Date**

**From 02:30 PM
to 03:30 PM**

Head of Department:

Mr. Ismail Saidi

Islamic Director of Learning:

Ms. Saima Naz

Pastoral Leader:

Ms. Shazia Farooq

Secondary Coordinator:

Ms. Shaimaa Mohammed

Primary Coordinator:

Ms. Sahar Mohammed



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Secondary School—Online Parent Clinics for Term 1 -

Monday 9th November	Secondary Literacy - All Secondary Parents Ms. Chantelle Sargeant—Deputy Head Academic Literacy, First and Second Language English
Monday 16th November	Key Stage 4 Focus—Parents of Grades 8, 9 & 10 Key Stage 4 Team Understanding IGCSE qualifications
Monday 23rd November	Key Stage 5 Focus—Parents of Grades 11 & 12 Key Stage 5 Team Being successful at Advanced Level
Monday 7th December	Secondary open questions and answers Secondary Team Preparing for Term 2 and Q&A session

2020/21

GEMS WSR

KG1 PARENT WORKSHOP

Top Ten Reading Tips

"You can find magic wherever you look... All you need is a book." - Dr. Seuss

Save the Date: Thursday,
26th Nov 2020

Time: 12:30pm-1:00pm





PARENT SURVEY 2020

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TO HAVE
YOUR SAY

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COMPLETED THE
**PARENT
SURVEY?**



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Academic Year 2021-2022
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to register.

Secure your child's place now!

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.

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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



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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