

GEMS WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

YEARBOOK

2019-20



Year 9 student Inshoor Kaur spent four months creating this phenomenal Falcon drawing that was incorporated into our front cover for this year's year book.

National Anthem

Live my country, the unity of our Emirates lives
You have lived for a nation
Whose religion is Islam and guide is the Quran
I made you stronger in God's name oh homeland
My country, My country, My country, My country
God has protected you from the evils of the time
We have sworn to build and work
Work sincerely, work sincerely
As long as we live, we'll be sincere, sincere
The safety has lasted and the flag has lived oh our Emirates
The symbol of Arabism
We all sacrifice for you, we supply you with our blood
We sacrifice for you with our souls oh homeland



النشيد الوطني

عيشي بلادي عاش اتحاد إماراتنا
عشت لشعب
دينه الإسلام هديه القرآن
حصنتك باسم الله يا وطن
بلادي بلادي بلادي بلادي
حماك الإله شرور الزمان
أقسمنا أن تبني نعمل
نعمل نخلص نعمل نخلص
مهما عشنا نخلص نخلص
دام الأمان و عاش العلم يا إماراتنا
رمز العروبة
كلنا نفديك بالدماء نرويك
نفديك بالأرواح يا وطن



THE LATE SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN
FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH KHALIFA BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND RULER OF ABU DHABI



HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM
VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND RULER OF DUBAI

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Friendship



Friends are your family outside of your house
Relationships are the best and make people happy

I am a WIS way student
Everyone should have a friend

No one can be sad when they have a kind person around them
Do not be alone

Stay happy
Have a good time with each other

I should always be nice to everyone
Polite is better than being rude

Leila Saleh – Year 3

Friendship is important
Reach out to your friends when they fall

I am the 'I' in kind
Enjoy playing with your friends

Never let your friends down
Do not leave anyone out of your game

Share your feelings
Having a smile is being a good friend

I am a WIS way student
Please be kind to your friends

Younis Hashem – Year 3

Delivering a quality education, providing exceptional opportunities and ensuring the well-being and happiness of our students and their families is what we at GEMS Education continue to strive for every day – and this remains unchanged even in these unprecedented times.

In what has been a unusual end to the academic year for us all, our relationship with our parents, class teachers and our students remains of vital importance to us, which is why we are continuously looking at ways to adapt and find new techniques to build and enhance our collaboration through increased digital activity and capability. Education Technology, or EdTech, has always been at the forefront of our teaching and learning at GEMS, and I am proud of the way our teachers and students embraced the new way of learning so readily. Willingness, adaptability and the foresight to see challenges as opportunities were the key to success, and I would like to congratulate everyone in the GEMS community for their readiness to act: our students, our teachers and our parents.

This academic year, we promised to further listen to the needs of our parents through our Quality Assurance Programme and, take on board feedback and act accordingly. In spite of social distancing and increased online activity, it is vital that we continue to get closer to our families and better understand all requirements and circumstances, as this results in improved learning outcomes and altogether happier students, parents and staff.

The five ground-breaking Centres of Excellence that we launched in partnership with key industry players towards the end of last year are fast gaining momentum and have already begun to deliver an array of unique opportunities for students. These centres benefit not only the schools out of which they operate, but also the wider GEMS Education network. They reflect our forward-thinking approach to learning and are designed to help furnish our young people with the skills and

knowledge they need to prosper in a rapidly changing world.

The launch of the GEMS Jewels of Kindness and Respect initiative ensures that values remain high on our students' and teachers' minds. Values have always been visible in our schools and bringing them together under this initiative ensures that we continue to truly embed fundamental human values across every aspect of our education provision, and reward and recognise our students for their actions. I am delighted with the wonderful examples of the programme across all our schools.

Thank you to all our leaders and staff members for your continued dedication to your school, students and community. We will build on the tremendous achievements of this academic year and continue to provide students and their families with the highest-quality education and service.

I wish all our students every success for the year ahead, wherever you may be. For our graduating students, take the lessons and values that you have learned from your time at GEMS, and use them wisely. I wish you all the best as you embark on the next stage of your lives. There are many exciting challenges and opportunities ahead. Grasp every opportunity that comes your way.

God bless,

Sunny Varkey
Founder and Chairman,
GEMS Education

Message from our Founder



A Message from our Deputy Chief Education Officer



If the purpose of a year book is to try to encapsulate the events that have characterised a year, then this would need to be a bumper edition. I am sure that none of us have experienced anything quite like the last few months, but while our thoughts are so taken up with the consequences of the pandemic and the transition to remote learning, let us not forget all of the events that took place during the first half of the academic year, and which are covered in these pages. Let us also not forget just how much the WIS community has achieved during the distance learning period. At the end of March, after the first week of remote learning, I wrote to the staff at WIS to thank them for their efforts. I think that the message that I sent to them is relevant to the whole school community now. "To mobilise so many teachers, support staff and students to transfer online the entire daily life of a large school is impressive. To do so while maintaining the highest standards is outstanding. To do so with good humour and creativity is what makes a community special." I would like to congratulate everyone at WIS for a remarkable academic year and, whatever the summer and next year hold, to wish you every success.

Jodh Desi
Deputy Chief Education Officer

A Message from our Principal



I am absolutely delighted to share our 2019-20 Year book with you. I hope that your memories of this school year will not be just of the last term, but that you will remember all the time in school with your friends, teachers. Learning and playing and taking part in all the events and extracurricular activities that make WIS so special. This year we have seen this increase to include activities and experiences to engage everyone's interest whether this be the sport, the performing arts, adventure, photography, languages or further academic study. Our Team at WIS and partnerships with the International Duke of Edinburgh Award, ArtsEd International, Hamilton and World Scholar's Cup ensure you have a completely holistic education here at WIS. What we have learnt so clearly during this lockdown period is that it is these social and experiential interactions that support your growth and development, it has been wonderful to see them continue, even in isolation.

I know that the last term of this school year is not what we expected and I am exceptionally proud of how adaptable you have become and how you have embraced the challenges of isolation and Remote Learning. I have no doubt that we will continue to excel in all that we do. This academic year we have placed WIS firmly on the map of global excellence and this is the standard that we will continue to drive. Our High Performance Learning World Class status ensures we collaborate with the highest performing schools across the world. As an Outstanding BSO and DSIB school we know that WIS is enabling you all receive the very best education to support you in your ambitions and next steps. This year's graduating class will achieve great things at the world class universities you are going to and our youngest children will thrive under the care of their teachers.

It is the strangest most challenging circumstances that enable us to push ourselves. Isolation creates a time and space when we are able to think; and to pursue, develop and show our creativity. I am very proud of all we have accomplished. What we have learnt is that our school is a community of excellence, a community of friendships and partnerships and a community that cares deeply about everyone within it.

Maryssa O'Connor
Principal / CEO

Our Executive Team



I would like to start by saying how honoured I am to be writing this again after having spent another wonderful year at WIS.

Each year we continually strive for excellence and drive for improvements in all aspects of our school that make WIS so special. Outstanding is only a label – it is what we do in response to our own internal monitoring of what happens on a daily basis in school. Student and Parent feedback also supports our decision making and guides our responses.

As a Vice Principal, I get to spend a lot of time getting to know and developing the excellent teaching team here. We develop and create learning opportunities for staff as well as students to ensure our programme of development is continual. As the educational landscape changes, teachers expand and grow their skills in terms of curriculum, assessment and teaching.

This has never been so apparent as with the recent COVID - 19 crisis when teachers, students and parents were abruptly shifted into a new world of Remote Learning for Term 3. How rapidly our skills needed to adapt to this new learning situation which was unfamiliar for many, in particular our younger students and parents?

Not only did we all survive – albeit with some frazzled moments of uncertainty – but we were able to continue to deliver quality education to our students. Not only did we all continue learning but we adapted and embraced new platforms and different ways of doing things. Parents, became a significant part of the remote learning experience and had a closer view of student engagement.

What we really missed of course, are the many opportunities for interaction on a daily basis. The ‘Good Morning’ and ‘Good Afternoon’ greeting on the gate with many stakeholders, the working with students and teachers in the classroom, the overview of break and lunchtimes of groups mixing and the face to face meetings with parents and colleagues.

No longer will we take these numerous and such important liaisons for granted. These are what makes WIS a truly outstanding place.

All of you keep safe over the summer break. I wish the best of luck to those students leaving us and I look forward to welcoming the WIS community back to our school for the next outstanding academic year.

Jan Steel
Vice Principal

I am incredibly proud to work alongside truly inspiring colleagues and students who provide me with a constant reminder as to why I entered the teaching profession.

I am confident that we are indeed developing the leaders of tomorrow and can see how the essential characteristics are being nurtured and encouraged on a daily basis inside our classrooms. Students go above and beyond what it simply means to be inquisitive. From the age of 3 through to 18 years old, they display a deep lying passion and motivation to further their understanding of key concepts and their application to the modern world, all of which is facilitated by our outstanding team of teachers.

Equally as impressive are the achievements and contributions made outside of the classroom. The philanthropic initiatives and projects that our students actively engage with and drive, not only on a local scale but also global, is nothing short of inspirational. Our students actively seek opportunities to not only further develop themselves as global citizens but to also give back to the wider school and local community. They act as fantastic role models to not only their peers, but also to their parents and teachers.

I wish all of our students the best of luck in the next stage of their educational journey. I look forward to continue working with you and witnessing your exponential personal growth and academic achievements first hand.

Andrew Jenkins
Vice Principal



Head of Lower School



It is a real privilege to be the Head of Lower School at GEMS Wellington International School and see how our children have flourished this year into well-rounded students.

As the youngest students in the school well-being has been at the forefront of our vision, we have worked together to ensure that all students from Foundation Stage to Year 4 are nurtured and inspired which has led to them surpassing expectations, both pastorally and academically.

Our environments have helped to improve our students learning this year, they have ensured that all students are enriched from the moment they walk in the door. Our Learning Zones have played a key role in developing our children into holistic mature WIS Way students.

Throughout the year our high expectations have guaranteed that students are confident learners who take responsibility and ownership of themselves and their learning. I have loved speaking to the students about their strengths and areas of growth and have been very proud of their confidence at such a young age, which will certainly prepare them well for the transition into their New Year group and particularly for our Year 4 students for their next exciting learning journey into the Middle School.

Knowing students and their families as individuals has been a focus for this year. We wanted to ensure that every student was celebrated as a high performing learner and their individual interests and skills cultivated at every opportunity whether that is in school or out of school. Promoting Jewels of Kindness and Respect and #BeAmazingAtWIS has really allowed the school to see all students in this way and encouraged every children to aspire to be the very best that they can.

My final message is to always remember the words of A.A. Milne "You're braver than you believe and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think".

I have enjoyed seeing all of our hard working Lower School thrive this year, and wish them all the very best for a successful year of learning in September.

Charlotte Grieves
Head of Lower School

It is a real privilege to lead the Lower School at WIS. The pride I have each day seeing what our students achieve both inside and outside of school is unrivalled. This pride has continued to grow where I have seen the whole WIS community come together and tackle something that in the future we will look back on as a momentous shift in how we view both our present and our future.

WIS is truly a 'Family School' and during these unprecedented times we have remained wholeheartedly true to this; nothing is more important than family, and together as a WIS family we have remained positive and strong, with the whole of the WIS community coming together to support one another. I am confident that on that wonderful day in which we open the doors again we will be an even stronger family of teachers, parents and most importantly students, who in their remote learning work through videos, podcasts, recordings, photos, drawings have shown that outstanding learning is at the centre of everything we do.

Our students really do have a 'Performance Mindset'! They are strong, resilient learners who love learning challenging things and concepts. They are aware that their potential is truly limitless. Our students have met, but most importantly sort the challenges that our teachers have presented them with always striving to better themselves and grasping every opportunity alongside being hungry for more. Every student at WIS is 'amazing' they are all amazing in their own special way. They have their own gifts, talents and niches that make them special. This is what makes them a WIS student and ultimately what makes me so proud.

Behind our students are our wonderful parents who have shown a huge amount of dedication, passion and energy to support their children at home over the past few months. Our students are clearly who they are because of how you support and care for them every day.

We begin in time a new journey and a new challenge; however, one thing is for certain, over the past few months we have all learned that with every challenge comes an opportunity. A chance to keep getting better, a chance to evolve and to continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer and will look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Benjamin Sharratt
Head of Lower School



Head of Middle School



The students in Middle School at GEMS Wellington International continue to amaze me with the skills and personalities that they demonstrate on a daily basis. As students transition through the Lower, Middle and Upper School at WIS, I have the great privilege of leading some of them through their adolescent years, where they grow from being children, into mature, young adults.

During the last academic year at WIS I have witnessed some outstanding things that have filled me with great pride in the students, the staff and the community. The family feel that comes with being part of the WIS community is motivational; I genuinely feel that we as a team; students, parents, teachers and leaders, all work together to achieve 'Outstanding' and I want to thank you all for your valuable contribution to that, because we could not do it without you. This has never been more evident than during our current Remote Learning Programme, where students, parents and staff have all worked in unison to overcome the challenging circumstances that we currently find ourselves in. It has been wonderful to see how resilient the WIS community is and this fills me with great pride and motivation for the future.

When we do return to school, and as we enter into the final stages of our transition into our three-school model, I remain encouraged at what is still to come. Over this last year I have seen the students at WIS grow and develop more rapidly than I have ever seen in my teaching career and it has been amazing to see this continued progress during our Remote Learning Programme. I am so excited by what we have in store for our students and I am delighted that we are all on this journey together, as we strive to deliver the best education in the UAE.

To our students – you inspire me to be the best leader that I can possibly be, because you deserve nothing less.

To our parents – thank you for your collaboration. Your work with us is having an incredible impact on the lives and the education of your children.

I am excited to be able to continually develop the Middle School and I look forward to seeing what lies ahead for us on this fantastic journey that we are on. I hope that we at WIS are able to inspire all of you as much as you all inspire us.

Stephen Farish
Head of Middle School

Head of Upper School



Taking on the role as Head of Upper School at the start of this academic year was always going to present a certain amount of challenge. In September 2019, I could not have imagined the challenges that were to face students across the school, but specifically those within the Upper school: cancellations of a series of examinations, school closures, and the disappointment surrounding the inability to have those long-awaited 'Class of 2020' celebrations.

However, the students across the Upper School are not to be underestimated. From the youngest student in Year 10, to the oldest in Year 13, each and every student has demonstrated resilience, maturity, and persistence in the face of incredibly challenging circumstances, and for that, they should feel incredibly proud.

The academic achievement and personal progress made on a daily basis, by every student, in every classroom, wherever that may be, is palpable across all of the schools. Our students are not just students: they are the future leaders of a world that is ever-changing. A world that they will undoubtedly be ready for due to their own motivation and their own passion to be the very best.

Our school is described as outstanding, but that does not stop with the building itself and our facilities. The outstanding comes from every student, every parent, and every teacher who has the opportunity to be a part of our thriving community at GEMS Wellington International School. Every piece of home learning, every length of the pool, every rehearsal - the commitment to excellence starts before anyone steps foot inside the building, and continues long after the final bell in the afternoon. To you all: thank you.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, with new opportunity and experiences for all, we already know that excellence will be at the forefront of all we do together. No matter what challenges are put in our path, as a school community, we will face them together.

Sarah Wright
Head of Upper School

Head of IB



As a staff member who has seen three consecutive cohorts achieve incredible Career-related Programme and Diploma Programme results, I remain thoroughly proud of all students at GEMS Wellington International School, for whom success continues to grow.

We are continuously impressed by students resolve, determination and the incredible range and quality of universities they continue to apply for. Scholarships continue to be awarded from universities around the globe, including students who have seen up to fifty percent scholarships to study at a Global Top 30 Ranked university. Testament to the quality of our students and something that is concurred by outstanding global universities. Our Alumni continue to return to school and to confirm that the IB Programmes are the best possible preparation for university and lifelong learning.

The last term in particular has provided some remarkable challenges that the Year 13 cohort overcame, including the move to Remote Learning, the Super Curricular activities and finally the Life Learning Curriculum. All of these challenges and the way in which the year group rose to those challenges are evidence of the resilience and determination of the year group, something that has shown throughout the entirety of their IB Programmes with us.

I consistently look forward to seeing our students return to us on an annual basis and continue to remind us of their successes both here at school and for life at university and beyond.

Alex Harrison
Head of IB

A Message from Head Students

Having been at WIS for nine years, I have learned a lot. Academically, I have witnessed and experienced the stress of GCSEs and unit tests, as well as the hectic life of an IB student. Socially, I have experienced multitudinous different friend groups, met unforgettable people and partaken in diverse experiences I would have never considered before.

As a year group, we have witnessed changing teachers, changing students, changing classrooms. We have seen people come and go, seen ourselves transform bright-eyed Year 12 students on our first day of IB to mature Year 13 students ready to graduate. We have seen our slang and everyday greetings develop and change every other week. We have put ourselves in unfamiliar situations, tried something new, or pursued our interests beyond what we believed to be possible – and come out of these experiences as new people. And from this, I have learned the most important lesson of all: that everything changes - and that the only thing we can do with those changes is to accept and learn from them.

To the younger students across school, I want you to know that being a student is such a temporary part of life. Make the most of what you can, appreciate that it is still your reality, and remember that the end is nearer than you think. You are capable of everything you hope for, and beyond.

And to my fellow graduating students, my message to you is simple: accept each change, but keep the faith. In your life, in your future, in each other, and, most importantly, in yourself.

Celine Habbal
Secondary Head Girl



The last eleven years at GEMS Wellington International School has shown me what a school is truly supposed to be. It has been somewhere I could make memories and friends that will last a lifetime, with a community that allowed me to grow into who I am today. I am so grateful to have served as Head Boy for this year, to represent a place that helped transform me from a shy student who was too nervous to raise his hand in class to the leader I am now. I am even luckier to have seen the way the people around me have changed; pushing themselves through academic challenges and cherishing each experience as if it was their last.

Wellington International School is a special place, there is no other way to look at it. A place where we have been challenged and grown. A place made not only by its opportunities or facilities, but its people. The teachers who support us throughout and dedicate themselves to shaping us into who we are and who we will become. The custodians who act as the unsung heroes of the school. The students who take time to help others in both our community and outside of it. There is so much that makes Wellington what it is, and it has been an honor to call this place home.

Jai Singh
Secondary Head Boy





عام التسامح YEAR OF TOLERANCE

The Year of Tolerance was announced by His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates to highlight 'the UAE as a global capital for tolerance, and emphasising tolerance as a universal concept and a sustainable institutional endeavor through legislation and policies aimed at entrenching the values of tolerance, dialogue, coexistence and openness to different cultures, especially amongst youth, which will reflect positively on society as a whole'.

As a school, WIS was privileged to work to promote this ethos throughout the 2019-2020 academic year through a number of initiatives to share the Language of Tolerance as highlighted by HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan; Peace, Humanity, Coexistence and Respect.

Students in Years 1-3 were invited by the Ministry of Tolerance to visit a neighbouring school, Anisa Ansaria, to participate in team building activities. Students were delighted to welcome their Anisa Ansaria friends back to WIS to enjoy a number of art and craft activities, followed by having lunch on the art terrace together. Students listened to a video about the importance of the Year of Tolerance, and gifted their friends with stationary as a thank you gesture for coming to WIS.

Year 8 and 9 students welcomed and visited students at Al Razi Boys School and participated in a number of activities including fine line Tolerance themed

doodling. Students focused on the UAE's initiative approach, their endless aim to develop and also celebrated the UAE's first ever astronaut, Mr Hazzaa Al Mansoori's achievements.

February 2019 saw Year 10 - Year 13 students host a visit from Al Qeyam Secondary. The purpose of the visit was to establish and build a relationship between boys of these year groups. Students came together to welcome and brainstorm ideas to integrate the year groups in competitive sports and events.

WIS was also proud to introduce the WIS Garden of Tolerance. Our Garden of Tolerance is representative of the unity between cultures that exists in the UAE and at WIS. Students and parents are able to donate a specific plant, tree or flower to represent their home country to our Garden. Upon entering the school, a Tolerance Tree is located in our foyer area, this tree is to recognise any acts of tolerance that is witnessed in the school. This could be someone having lunch with someone from another country, trying to learn a new language, or a about a new culture, reading a story about tolerance, or helping others.

The 2019-2020 academic year has been one to remember for all our students, parents and staff. The determination and resilience of students throughout the year has shown how each and every one of the community has embraced the four ethea; Peace, Humanity, Coexistence and Respect.



ArtsEd

This year WIS Performing Arts department went into partnership with ArtsEd International. ArtsEd International delivers performing arts training in Dubai and across the United Arab Emirates.

WIS was proud to collaborate with ArtsEd International

and give students in Year 1 upwards the opportunity to participate in exciting Musical Theatre, Dance and Drama performances.

October 2019 marked the debut weeklong programme 'West End Week'. Students from Middle and Upper School

had the opportunity to work with five professionals from the ArtsEd team. These staff members are all graduates from ArtsEd UK, one of the leading performing arts universities in the world. The programme that has been introduced at WIS saw students take to the stage to perform a range of skills – dancing, acting and singing in front of a live audience, from the following musicals: School of Rock, Rock of Ages, We Will Rock You, Matilda and Eugenius.

Our partnership with ArtsEd is enabling us to raise the profile of Performing Arts within the school and community linking Dance, Drama and Music. In October, we had over 130 students involved in our first performance and the thrill around these subjects was incredible.

It was wonderful to have such positive feedback from students who participated in our first ArtsEd week:

Khryzel Perigrina – Year 12

I really enjoy performing arts because it gives you the freedom to express yourself and share your own perspective through creativity. I consider it as a form of escapism, and allows me to relax in an environment I am happiest in.

Joining the ArtsEd workshop has given me the opportunity to meet new people and collaborate with them to share our passion for performing arts. A standout moment for me was bringing out my skills in a new and fresh way as to what I would normally be used to.

I look forward to continuing to develop my skills even further and challenge myself more by stepping outside of my comfort zone when it comes to performing. This could hopefully lead me into landing roles in productions in theatre clubs in university.

Azargol Cholmaghani – Year 11

My ArtsEd experience was one of the most fun and useful experiences I have ever had, and for that I am extremely grateful to WIS. The challenge of putting on a small musical in just four days seemed impossible, but how wrong I was! It was very interesting to not only work with different year groups but to be apprentices to professional Musical Theatre artists, which was quite the eye opener. I am so glad to have taken part in such a wonderful experience and I hope I will be able to continue to.

Caitlyn Bradley – Year 12

Being involved in the performing arts allows people a chance to showcase talent and find out about different people, instruments, and genres of the performing arts industry. Seeing people who are passionate about performing arts showcasing their talent is always very enjoyable and an inspiring experience.

Personally, I really enjoyed finding out about the process of creating and putting together a musical. It was fun to take part in the musical aspects conducted, such as the singing. Seeing the behind the scenes of running a musical or any stage performance is always exciting!

In terms of my career, I want to become a pilot, but I would really like to continue with the performing arts as a hobby or secondary job. I think it is very important to have an aspect of creativity provided by things like the performing arts, and I really enjoy having a musical aspect in my life.

This type of programme allows WIS students access a range of opportunities that are not always easily available; very few students in a school get the chance to work 1:1 with a professional West End performer for a full week. The experience on offer is outstanding, and we have thoroughly enjoyed working with ArtsEd International this year. The future collaboration with ArtsEd International for our students is extremely exciting, and we look forward to watching our talented student's progress.





Performing Arts

This year we have seen wonderful growth within the Drama and Dance departments, both in the classrooms and in the extra-curricular program. Students have covered a variety of different styles of drama and dance, showcasing their performances in school and also in National competitions. We have seen many styles of performances – ranging from our first ‘no frills theatre’ whereupon students undertook the challenging and comedic physical performance of Teachers in the school cafe, to seeing twenty-eight students participate in the Annual Desert Dance competition and winning “Best Stage Performance”.

WIS dance students placed an impressive 1st in last year’s Hip Hop competition, Street Dance DxB, and we saw over one hundred and twenty-five students take to the stage in the GWIS Dance Showcase with performance styles including ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop and contemporary.

We are proud of the creative challenges students take on each year and the remote learning platform has been no different. With our dance show team going online, we have had almost all thirty-eight members of the junior show team completing fun new routines whilst in their homes and a whole host of inventive locations in which to perform drama!

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was with deep regret that unfortunately the Middle School ‘Double Bill’ Production, the Year 7 drama showcase and the Middle School Drama All Star events had to be postponed. However, as the famous saying goes “The Show Will Go On” but in this case “The Show Will Go Online” we took to the virtual world. We were delighted to host our first ever online Monologue Slam for Middle School, an online Year 10 dramatic reading of ‘An Inspector Calls’ and a Lower School Teddy Bear’s picnic! The show really does go on.

We have a whole host of exciting events lined up for 2020-2021 – so watch this space and please do contact Ms. Daykin if you would like to be involved next year.



The Duke of Edinburgh International Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award gives young people experiences outside of the classroom to allow them to become committed, responsible and fulfilled citizens of the world. Participating in the Award is a personal challenge and not a competition against others; it pushes young people to their personal limits and recognises their achievements.

Students have the opportunity to complete three different levels of Award, Bronze, Silver and Gold, with each Award requiring more determination and perseverance than the previous. Within each Award level students have to complete four different sections. They have to develop a new skill, take part in a regular physical activity, voluntary work and complete an expedition within a team. Students can complete their Award at their own pace and this is one of the ten guiding principles of the award which demonstrates the personal determination and resilience the students have.

This year we have had over eighty students train and work towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. They have been taking part in regular training for their Award, and have impressed our school and Eco Venture staff. Students have shown great resilience, team work and tolerance throughout their work in and outside of school.

We look forward to seeing the students complete their individual Awards and will welcome the next cohort of awardees in September.



Philanthropy



This year has seen some incredible philanthropic achievements from or by our students at GEMS Wellington International School. Both students and the WIS community have to come together to raise a total of AED 162,500 through various events including the WISH walkathon, Inter-House Dodgeball competition and a Dress Down day to help sponsor the construction of a primary school in Cambodia with the help of Dubai Cares. We hope this is the first of many schools that we help to build in the forthcoming years.

The philanthropic acts do not stop inside of the school, WIS students have gone above and beyond to show how to

#BeAmazingAtWIS and have continued these acts outside of school in their free time. Year 11 student, Shreshth Modi, carried out an internship in a tribal village in India during the summer. During his stay in the village he realised that the children are not being exposed to reading books. Shreshth created a wish list on Amazon which consisted of Hindi and beginner level English books. He motivated all of his friends at WIS to support this noble cause and spread the joy of reading, taking over six-hundred books for the village.

There has been so many acts of kindness from students across every year group, Year 7 student Arnit Dey presented a cheque to the Al Jalila Foundation for AED 2,000 that he



raised through the selling of his book 'Ramblings of a Ten Year Old', Year 1 and 2 students gifted lots of toys to our wonderful support and cleaning staff so they could pass on to their children and Year 7 student, Maria Falaknaz has been working closely with WIS and her volunteer group SAWA hosting First Aid training for WIS students. The continued acts of philanthropy from all during the Covid-19 Pandemic saw students donate clothes and toys to those in need, helping fellow students with tips on staying physically and mentally active, and helping siblings to complete their school work.

We would like to congratulate all students for personifying the WIS Way, and for their continued Philanthropic acts.



Lower School Trips and Visits



FS1

Foundation Stage 1 thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the end of their Farms topic by inviting a petting zoo into school. Students had lots of fun feeding and stroking the different animals that came to visit. Students discussed each type of animal, how to look after the animals as well as the importance of washing our hands when we touch animals.

FS2

In December, Foundation Stage 2 went on a school trip to Black Palace Beach. Students enjoyed paddling in the water, making sandcastles and sketching their favourite shells. They loved eating their snack together and playing games with the parachute.



Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed visiting the STEAMA Centre where they learned all about robotics and programming. Developing a vast range of skills, they worked collaboratively to create racing Lego cars, robotic throwing arms and even their own torches.

Year 2

Year 2 students had a fantastic time learning about animals in their habitat at Little Explorers. They explored different science concepts by working through the four different zones.





Year 3

Year 3 had an exciting week visiting the Dubai Frame. Students walked through the past then travelled up to the top of the frame to observe the present day. Year 3 sketched famous landmarks from old Dubai and new Dubai and watched a video about the future of Dubai which prompted lots discussion and questions.

Year 4

In Term 1 Year 4 students visited the Bastakiya neighborhood as part of Heritage Week. Students looked at traditional architecture and even enjoyed a traditional Emirati meal!



Refurbishments

Since 2016 WIS has seen major renovations that have taken place across the school. We are extremely proud of how far WIS has come in the past four years, and we look forward to continuing to improve our facilities for students, parents and staff.

We welcomed a new Lower School and Upper School Library with modern seating and shelving, allowing students and parents to enjoy a new, vibrant reading environment. The Library is an area where we welcome both students and parents to choose a variety of reading material, along with being a hub for regular lessons and revision sessions taking place. Along with our Lower and Upper School Libraries, there has been new classroom furniture in all Lower School year groups and breakout furniture across our Upper School corridors.

Outside of the school, FS, Year 1 and Year 2 students have seen a new outdoor Swimming Pool, new Playgrounds and flooring laid to assist with their outdoor learning and playtime.



We have also seen new updated sporting facilities, both indoors and outdoors of the school. There has been improved flooring laid for students in our Sports Halls, whilst Lower School students have also seen their changing rooms renovated, along with several toilet facilities across the school being updated.

Our Media students have welcomed an amazing new media Green Room, allowing them to use enhanced technology to assist with their learning. Music students have seen new, state of the art acoustic classrooms and practice rooms – a great opportunity for our talented students practice regularly, whilst our Science department has seen eleven stunning new Science labs.

We welcomed a fully refurbished Canteen with new flooring, and introduced our new catering company, Slices, offering healthy hot and cold food for students. Slices is also the provider at our new Parents Café, located in our foyer area. The parent café has been a welcomed area for parents to meet before school events, and during drop off and pick.

One of the biggest and most exciting renovations seen at WIS has been the refurbishment of the WIS Theatre. We have welcomed a spectacular Theatre with new carpets and chairs – a cinematic experience, taking away the traditional school hall assembly.



Curricular Enrichment

The Three Billy Goat Gruff

Foundation Stage and Year 1 students were mesmerized as they were treated to a performance of The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Upon returning to class, students re-read the story and performed to fellow students!



Parent Storytellers

Our superstar Parent Storytellers launched in Lower School in January. Students enjoyed listening to a story read in the parent's mother tongue which included Turkish, Italian and Arabic.



Apple Store Visit

Some of our Lower and Middle School students enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Apple Store where they had the opportunity to enhance and develop their coding skills with the creative team. The workshop was specifically designed and tailored for our students of determination who had the opportunity to explore some of the amazing technology on offer.



Outstanding Awards

Business Cup Challenge

Four Year 12 teams were winners of the DEWA Business Cup Challenge. CARV - our team consisting of Chetan Nair, Arghya Srivastav and Ribhav Galhotra were in the top five of the leader board each week and made it to the finale.

Over two-hundred teams totaling 1200 students entered the competition, from schools across the UAE. Each week, over a period of four weeks, the students have been provided with a business case study related to a well-known company in the UAE by Curtin University. The weekly challenge involved presenting a solution to the case study problem using Artificial Intelligence.

Outstanding Learner Award

Year 12 Head Boy, Chetan Nair achieved nine level nines and two A*s in his GCSE studies. CAIE - Cambridge Assessment International Education - awarded Chetan an Outstanding Learner Award for achieving the highest score in the world for his Computer Science GCSE, as well as being recognized by the Royal Astronomical Society for his achievement in his Astronomy GCSE.

Sheikha Fatima Award

Year 7 student Maria Falaknaz was the winner of The Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Award for Excellence.

The Council of British School Award

Three of our talented students received Student Achievement Awards from COBIS, the Council of British Schools. Ziana Singh, Year 4, Maria Falaknaz, Year 7, and Chetan Nair, Year 12 received awards, with Ziana and Chetan recognised for Exceptional Academic Achievement, and Maria recognised for Commitment to a Charitable Cause.

The Young City Makers

Year 7 students, Alisha Ishraque, Ishita Karuturi and Habiba Radwan won the Dubai Young City Makers Competition 2019 for their innovative ideas to improve the future of Dubai services. The students were awarded their trophy by Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum and were awarded AED 30,000.



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The Young City Makers

World Book Day

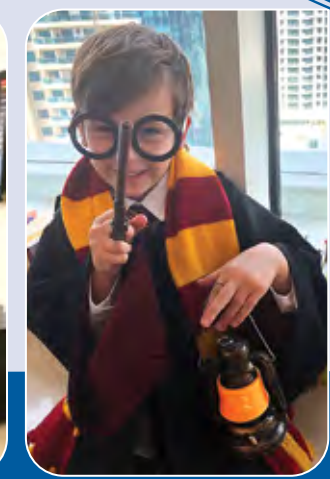
This year we celebrated our first ever virtual World Book Day!

Lower School students certainly dressed to impress, using their creativeness to showcase a variety of original home-made costumes, with some very recognisable book characters making an appearance. Teachers were determined to ensure they dressed up for the occasion as well – teaching Remote Learning lessons as their favourite book characters, bringing delight to students faces as they logged into their online lessons seeing Little Red Riding Hood taking their English Class. It was wonderful to see so many creative costumes, not forgetting how amazing it is to see what you can find hidden away in your wardrobes!

World Book Day didn't stop with our Lower School student's celebrations and costumes. Middle and Upper School students also dressed up and enjoyed a wide range of reading activities throughout the day, which were grouped into themes allowing students to use their creativity skills and to bring book characters to life.

There were a number of Reading Challenges set by teachers, with lot of activities taking place; decorating a potato as a book character, building a reading den, acting out a favourite moment from a book and writing a letter to an author – an exciting and educational day with lots of fun! Ending the day, our Lower School students were treated to live storytelling sessions allowing them to share their work with fellow classmates.

Despite celebrating World Book Day remotely this year, the day was a great success, bringing the WIS community together to share the joy and value of books and the pleasure that reading can bring to us.



National Day

Every year as a school we are proud to celebrate National Day in the United Arab Emirates.

We celebrated "Ancestral Heritage" throughout the week and enjoyed learning about the values of the Union and how they became embedded in a country known for its diversity and tolerance.

Our significant celebrations included linking lessons to Emirati culture and civilization and visiting Emirati archaeological and cultural sites that have strengthened the value of culture and heritage in this country.

Our main day of celebrations took place on Wednesday 27th November. The day was full of Emirati heritage spirit with displays of camels, a pony, traditional Emirati cuisines, face painting with the colours of the UAE flag and wonderful Henna drawings by our students.

1B students wore costumes of Emirati cartoon characters, bringing joy to all throughout the day, as traditional Emirati songs played through the school. Students and staff proudly wore the Emirati heritage uniform and the colours of the Emirates flag, showcasing their pride to live in such a wonderful country.

Thursday 28th November saw the school theatre light up with an array of wonderful Emirati performances, Arabic poetry readings and songs, all dedicated to the culture of the UAE.

Students, parents and staff stood together and shared their joy and pride in these great accomplishments achieved by the UAE over the past 48 years.



احتفالات اليوم الوطني

نشعر بالفخر والسعادة كل عام وأسرّة مدرستنا تحتفل باليوم الوطني لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة. وقد جاء احتفالنا هذا العام في أسبوع كامل تحت عنوان « تراث الأسلاف»، تمّ خلاله ترسيخ قيم الاتحاد في دولة تميّزت بتنوعها وتسامحها في بيئة متعددة الثقافات.

وقد تخلّل ذلك ربط الدروس بالثقافة والحضارة الإماراتية، والقيام برحلات متعددة لمواقع أثرية وثقافية إماراتية عززت قيم الثقافة والتراث في الدولة. وقد جاء يوم الفعاليات المفتوح مفعماً بروح التراث الإماراتي بعروض للجمال والمُهر، والأكلات الشعبية، ورسم ألوان العلم على الوجوه، ونقش الجناء بأيدي طالباتنا اللواتي برّغن في تزيين أيدي زملائهنّ، وقام مجموعة من طلابنا أيضاً بارتداء زيّ شخصيات كرتونية إماراتية أدخلت البهجة والفرح في نفوس المحتفلين، جاء ذلك كلّه وسط أغاني تراثية إماراتية ملأت سماء المكان، وأدخلت الفرح والسعادة في قلوب جميع الحاضرين من طلاب ومدرسين وأهالي حرصوا على ارتداء الزي التراثي الإماراتي، وألوان علم الإمارات.

أما في اليوم الأخير من الاحتفال، فقد استُعمل مسرح المدرسة بالكثير من الرقصات التراثية الإماراتية الرائعة لطلابنا وطالباتنا، وتمّ إلقاء القصائد، والأغاني والكلمات التي أدخلت الفرح والسعادة في قلوب الجميع، وكُرست حضارة هذا البلد العريق.

لقد كان أسبوع « تراث الأسلاف» حافلاً في مدرستنا، ففي كلّ فصل دراسي وفي كلّ زاوية في مدرستنا كان عبق الاتحاد يفوح عطراً، ووقف كل أفراد أسرة المدرسة صفّاً واحداً يشاركون الإمارات وأهلها فرحتهم وفخرهم بهذه الإنجازات العظيمة التي حقّقها الاتحاد.

Bringing the Curriculum to Life



Green Planet Trip

In October Year 8 Geography students visited Green Planet as part of their study of rainforest ecosystems. Students learnt about the tropical rainforests and how they play an extremely important role in nature and for human needs as they are home to over half the world's plant and animal's species. From stabilising the climate, producing oxygen, absorbing carbon dioxide, to the food we consume, the paper products we use in our lives, and the medicinal treasures.



Years 7-12 Computer Science Apple Store Visit

Students enjoyed an outstanding workshop facilitated by Apple at Dubai Mall on Augmented Reality. Students used objects designed by artist Sarah Rothberg to create interactive pieces of code! A special thank you to Apple trainers who have been so inspiring and encouraging our students to be so open-minded. These special opportunities outside the classroom are so important to enhance their understanding of the digital world around them.

Year 12 and Year 13 Visual Arts Trip to Al Jalila Centre

Muna Amareen, screen print artist from Al Jalila Center ran very successful print workshops for Year 12 and Year 13 students. This was conducted over two sessions, which gave students the opportunity to create a background for their screen print using lino and mono printing technique.



FS Farm Visit
Foundation Stage students thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the end of their Farms topic by inviting a petting zoo in to school. Students loved feeding and stroking the different animals. They discussed each type of animal, how we look after the animals as well as the importance of washing our hands when we touch animals. This real-life learning experience helped to consolidate the learning we have done.

Innovation

Themes of innovation, enterprise and entrepreneurship are woven across the WIS curriculum. Through the Global Innovation Challenge, our Year 5, 6, 8 and 9 students explored how exponential technologies could be applied to solve global grand challenges and in teams created prototype inventions. Their exhibition of learning was an astounding hub of design skills and future thinking. During Global Entrepreneurship Week, students from Year 3-13 engaged in activities which promote a business mind-set. Year 3 students quickly became feisty negotiators when selling their products to parents whilst our older students engaged in 'Speed Networking' with entrepreneurs from around Dubai. Some of our students have shown such drive and ambition with their innovations that the EXPO2020 Educators Team reproduced their inventions as part of a permanent EXPO2020 installation.

At WIS, we provide opportunities for our students to apply their knowledge and skills to create real world solutions. With exciting lines of inquiry facilitated by class teachers, students are encouraged to use their own sense of agency to drive their projects as far as they can within the exciting context of Dubai and the UAE.

Our recent partnership with UNESCO has provided a global, future focuses context for our students learning and project based learning. WIS were proud to host a UNESCO Sustainable Development Goals Talk this year with Her Excellency, Amal Al-Koos, who pushed our student's imaginations and realisations of how they can make a difference to their own future.

This year saw the second consecutive win for GEMS Wellington International School in designing an innovative new solution for the Young City Makers Competition 2019. The brief involved designing an innovative way to improve existing Government services or to introduce a new service for the citizens of Dubai. Our Year 7 team: Alisha Ishraque 7XO, Ishita Karuturi 7YE and Habiba Radwan 7YE won first place and a prize of AED 30,00; a fantastic achievement for them and for the school. They will now work closely with Dubai Government to bring their idea to fruition over the next year.



Sports in Early Years & Year 1

Throughout the year students in Foundation Stage and Year 1 have been developing their sporting ability within Physical Education.

Students have been working on their basic fundamental skills such as running, jumping and balancing in a variety of sports including athletics and gymnastics. Students have also worked very hard on their catching, throwing, bouncing and kicking skills this year; especially in their basketball and football lessons.

Students are always excited when it is time for their Physical Education lessons and have a lot of fun throughout the year shown by their enthusiasm and the smiles on their faces, it has been wonderful as a department to see the determination and efforts by every student in their lesson.

This year students were able to take part in the Dubai 30x30 Fitness Challenges that the PE department facilitated for the whole school. Students were able to practice a variety of skills they had been taught in lessons and most importantly stay active for a period of 30 minutes. This is always one of the most anticipated events in the sporting calendar, and this year was no different!

Enjoying sport and Physical Education at a young age is key to developing lifelong participation and we are proud that all students at WIS enjoy the variety of sports we offer. Well done everyone and we look forward to seeing you in September.





Sports in Year 2-4

GEMS Wellington International School would like to thank all students for their tremendous efforts in PE and Sport this year. There have been many successes to celebrate in various sports and activities. To highlight a selection of the talent we have seen this year has been difficult. It has been wonderful to see students go above and beyond, and excel as a WIS Way student in particular sports such as; football, swimming, the Dubai 30X30 Fitness Challenge and Sports Day. This success is due to diverse activities offered to students in their PE lessons and EEE clubs allowing students to find excitement and enthusiasm for a new skill, enrich the student's experience and explore their talents in PE and Sport.

The Year 4 football team have enjoyed great success during the football season. Being promoted on four consecutive occasions in the DASSA Football League and qualifying to the quarter finals of the DASSA Football League Finals. The Year 3 football team went a step further than last year in the GEMS Football Cup Competition, finishing runners-up, after a thrilling final – a wonderful achievement for the hardworking team. This spurred the team on in the football league, qualifying for the DASSA Football Finals.

WIS swimming squads enjoyed their opening DASSA League Galas, after being promoted to a higher league from 2018/2019 season. The successes continued during the season with the B Team recently celebrating their DASSA Division 3 Relay Gala. Squad training continues to prepare for further success, alongside a Year 2 swim squad to prepare for the 2020/2021 season.

In October 2019, WIS opened its doors once again to the Dubai 30X30 Fitness Challenge, with new exciting activities on offer for students, which included a Lower School walkathon. The Dubai 30x30 Fitness Challenge allowed students to enjoy morning, lunch and after

school clubs, such as basketball with Beyond Basketball, yoga, running with Adidas Runners, football, HIIT training and many more.

We saw our Lower School Sports Day open with our Year 3 cohort taking to the sporting field. With a more of a competitive element to the day, with track and field events, such as sprinting and hurdle races, throwing and jumping events, students enjoyed competing to earn points for their respective House teams, with the Onyx house being crowned eventual winners of the 2019/2020 academic year.

Football Results

U8A Football – Qualified for DASSA Football League Finals

GEMS Football Cup Competition: Runners Up

U8B Football – King's Al Barsha 7s: First Place Finish

U8C Football – King's Al Barsha 7s: Third Place Finish

U9A Football – DASSA Football League Finals: Quarter Finalists

U9B Football – Kings' Al Barsha 7s: First Place Finish

U9C Football – Kings' Al Barsha 7s: Second Place Finish

*U9 Football – Veda Gambhir 4F: Selected for DASSA Select Girls U11 Football Team

Swimming Results

U8-U11 Swimming B Team – DASSA Division 3 Relay Gala: Winners

Football Results

WIS Sports Day – Year 3: Onyx House



Our Sports Festival Year 5-12

On Wednesday 26th February we hosted the annual WIS Sports Day event at Sports City. Sports Day is one of the most highly anticipated days in our sports events calendar, bringing together parents and all students as they proudly watch on as WIS competitors take to the field. This year was a special year for students participating, as they competed at the newly refurbished Sports City Stadium.

The day started with our track events, with the 1500m competitors taking to the start line first. These events are a test

of endurance for all of the House competitors. During the first races we had our first track record of the day from Year 10 student, Li Wei Law, completing the distance in an impressive 5 minutes 45 seconds. Moving on to the highly competitive 100m Sprint, we saw new school records set. It was in the 100m Year 11 final which saw the next record being broken, with Nirindu De Silva crossing the finish line in 10.40seconds, closely followed by a new school record set from Ryan Hay in the Year 9 race, in a time of 11.64 seconds. Congratulations to both students.

It was then the turn of Middle School as Year 5 and 6 took to the start line for the 60m race. Students had the crowd on their feet with cheers and words of encouragement as another two

new school records were broken in the Girls and Boys 60m races from Freyaa Singh and Damien Mathews.

Despite the unfavourable weather conditions of the 2020 Sports Day this year, during the field events there were plenty of records broken. The wind that our athletes had to throw, run and jump into made the day's events particularly tricky. However, in true WIS style our students gave it their all and produced and continued to produce outstanding results. Year 5 and 6 students set new school records in their Standing Long Jump, Nerf and Shot-put events.

It is important to remember that events like Sports Day are produced through hard work and team effort. This was a fantastic opportunity for our WIS Sports Leaders to shine and they certainly did!

Eighty-five Sports Leaders from Year 10 and 11 had responsibilities on the day to assist with the smooth running of the event, this included supporting staff on the main events, collecting results cards and handing out medals. All of these students are part of the Sports Leaders programme which will give them their logged hours towards their Level 1 and Level 2 Sports Leaders qualification. Mrs Ryan was extremely proud of all the Sports Leaders as their level of professionalism was exemplary at this event. Throughout the tough weather conditions that we were faced with on the day, the Sports Leaders acted quickly and continued to support staff making sure the events could continue.

Sports Day 2020 was a day for all students to remember as a highlight of their year, with each and every student truly personifying the #BeAmazingAtWIS motto.





Getting Active in PE - Primary

GEMS Wellington International School's PE department would like to thank all students for their tremendous efforts in PE and Sport this academic year. It was such a shame that the Sporting season was cut short as we are sure we would have built on the outstanding success from 2018/19 and would have been able to defend many of the championships we won in both Cricket and Basketball. In a shortened season our amazing students had many successes, and this was due to the outstanding effort and commitment from both students and teachers.

Football

U8A Boys – Qualification round of DASSA Football League Finals
 U8A Boys – Runners up of GEMS Football Cup Competition: Runners Up
 U8B Boys – Winners of Kings' Al Barsha 7s
 U8C Boys – Kings' Al Barsha 7s: Third Place Finish
 U9A Boys – Finalists of DASSA Football League Finals
 U9B Boys – Winners of Kings' Al Barsha 7s
 U9C Boys – Runners up of Kings' Al Barsha 7s
 U11A Boys – Winners of DASSA Red Super League B
 U11A Boys – Finalists of DASSA Football League Finals
 U11A Boys – 3rd Place finish in the NAS Dubai Cup

U11 Girls – 3rd Place in the GEMS league

Rugby

U9 Tag Rugby – Winners of the WSO Tag Rugby Tournament.

Tennis

Aisha Ahmad and Derin Apaydin – 2nd Place U10 tennis Girls Doubles
 Arhaant Anandkumar – 2nd Place U11 Boys Tennis Singles
 Zaid Khawaja – 2nd Place U10 Tennis Singles

Athletics

Athletics Track:

Damien Matthews – 2nd Place in 80m
 Danial Raza Naqvi – 2nd Place in 80m
 Damien Matthews – 3rd Place in 150m
 Alex Payne – 2nd Place in 300m
 Maxim Hasecic – 1st Place in 600m
 Freyaa Singh – 3rd Place in 80m
 Naduli De Silva – 3rd Place in 150m
 Maha Mustafa – 3rd Place in 300m
 Ayla Yaieesh – 3rd Place in 600m
 Relay Girls (Ayla, Shreyaya, Freyaa, Ginevra) – 2nd Place
 Relay Boys (Damien, Danial, Gabriel, Shahab) – 2nd Place

Athletics Field:

Freyaa Singh – 1st Place Long Jump
 Adam Shihabi – 3rd Place Long Jump
 Ayla Yaieesh – 3rd Place Shot Put
 Alaliyaan Chawla – 1st Place High Jump
 Ginevra Papa – 2nd Place High Jump
 Gabriel El Khoury – 3rd Place High Jump

Swimming

Primary A Team

- 5th in DASSA Division B "Relay Gala"
- 5th in DASSA Division B "Top 4 Gala"

Primary B Team

- 1st in DASSA Division C "Relay Gala"
- 6th in DASSA Division A "Top 4 Gala"

We look forward to welcoming students back to school, and working towards more sporting success during the 2020-2021 sporting season, and that we continue to excel across all sports.



Getting Active in PE - Secondary



Well done to all WIS students for their efforts in PE and Sport this academic year. Although it was very unfortunate that the sporting season had to come to halt in the middle of this year there have still been many successes to celebrate early on in the sporting season in Boys and Girls Football, Basketball, Netball and Swimming. This success is due to diverse activities offered to students in their PE lessons and Sports EEE clubs, enriching the students experience, skill and enthusiasm for PE and Sport.

Football

- U14A Boys - Runners up DASSA League Division 2
- U14A Boys - Runners up GEMS Sports Series
- U14A Girls - Winners of DASSA League Division 3
- U14A Girls - Runners up GEMS Sports Series

- U19 Girls - Winners DASSA League Division 2
- U16A Boys - Winners DASSA League Division 2
- U18A Boys - Winners DASSA League Division 3

Basketball

- U16 Boys Basketball Team - Winners of DASSA Division 1

Netball

- U12A - Winners of DASSA League – promoted into Division 1,2,3 playoffs next year
- U13A - Winners of Pre-season DASSA warm up tournament
- U13A - Currently joint top winners of DASSA League – promoted into Division 1,2,3 playoffs next year
- U14A - Currently joint top winners of DASSA League Division 1/2 playoffs

- U14A - Runners up GEMS Sports Series
- U16A - Runners up GEMS Sports Series

Rounders

- Seniors - Runners up DASSA Rounder's Tournament

Swimming

- DASSA Division 3 Champions 2019/2020
- DASSA Round 1 Winners
- DASSA Round 2 Winners
- DASSA Round 3 3rd Place

DASSA Individual Cup Medal Winners

- Li Wei Law - Gold 100m Freestyle
- Youssef El Dawy - Gold 50m Breast (DASSA record)

- Christina Rach - Gold 50m Back
- Li Wei Law - Silver 50m Back
- Bemnet Ayalew - Silver 100m Freestyle
- Bemnet Ayalew - Bronze 50m Fly
- Jannas Asghari - Bronze 50m Breast
- Girls Under 16 Relay - bronze 4 x 50m Freestyle
- Girls Under 16 Relay - Bronze 4 x 50m Medley

DASSA Individual Cup Finalists

- Mohammad Elberry - 5th in 50m Back
- Christina Rach - 5th in 50m Freestyle
- Summer Fisher - 5th in 50m Freestyle

- Eric Risland - 5th in 50m Breaststroke
- Conor George - 6th in 50m Breaststroke
- Ambre Allan - 6th in 50m Breaststroke
- Daniel Rach - 9th in 50m Breaststroke
- Sofiya Asgari - 9th in 50m Breaststroke
- 3rd place at DAA Cup

Dubai Gymnastics Competition

- Freya Knowland - Overall Dubai Gymnastics Competition Winner
- Afra Mohamed - Overall Dubai Gymnastics Competition Winner
- Alisha Sharma - Overall Dubai Gymnastics Competition Winner
- Jana Abou-Zamel - 1st Place in Vault

- Nayda Abdou - 3rd Place in Vault
- Lea Chamat - Finished 3rd Place Overall
- Yasmeen Fahmi - 3rd Place Overall
- Huda Maryam - 3rd Place in Vault

Once again the achievements in sport have been incredible. Each year it is inspiring to see the commitment and efforts of each and every student at WIS, and this year has been no different. We have seen amazing results in our competitive sporting fixtures, and we look forward to another successful year.





30x30 Fitness Challenge

The 2019 edition of the annual Dubai 30x30 Fitness Challenge was another raging success for WIS students, parents and staff who successfully completed their allocated 30 minutes of daily access with incredible vigor and enthusiasm. With the weather cooling and the students so excited to get involved it was wonderful to see so many take up the wide array of physical activities provided by our PE team and external coaches.

The WIS challenge itself began with students participating in our own internal Walkathon event with sponsor's kindly providing donations to those who completed their set distances during the allocated time. With the sun on their backs, free from their desks, students walked, ran and skipped their way around the grounds smiling like it was the last day of term! In doing so, they were responsible for raising over AED 172,000 in conjunction with the Dubai Cares Foundation. The ultimate goal of enabling students to contribute to the building of a school in Cambodia was a great team effort and we look forward to seeing some of our luckiest students get the opportunity to visit the school and Cambodia in June of this year.

After such an uplifting start to the Dubai 30x30 Fitness Challenge we kicked off the rest of the month with some fantastic opportunities for our community. Every day saw lots of WIS early rises take up the challenge with dribbling, passing, lay-ups and more in the early morning Basketball. Each session saw the numbers of participants rise as word spread along with the positive impact it was having on those who attended.

Yoga was a hit for those students and parents who dabbled with the ancient practice of rhythmic breathing, stretching and movement. Achieving a sense of calm along with a gentle work out was a great way to start the day for those who joined in.

Netball and Swimming also drew a great response from WIS students as they recognised the opportunity to not just get moving but also use it as a pre-season work out for the ever-enduring Netball season.

Lunchtime was 'fun-time' and competitive Dodgeball and Welli-ball reigned supreme with students of all abilities chasing bragging rights in two of their favourite recreational team games.



Learning Together

Students are encouraged to assist fellow students with their learning and help to raise each other's confidence through peer led learning. Across Lower, Middle and Upper School, WIS students have enjoyed a number of opportunities to teach fellow peers, and also gain valuable skills.

Peer led learning opportunities have been created in Year 3 through opportunities with older year groups this academic year. Year 12 students taught and supported Year 3 with learning words and phrases in French, whilst Year 7-10 students supported Year 3 with their art lessons by showing them a variety of techniques when using acrylic paint.

Year 4 and Year 8 students came together on Spooky Lit Fest day, and enjoyed a number of student led reading groups, reinforcing classroom learnt skills as they continue to develop their reading.

The Remote Learning period reinforced our learning together approach, as WIS students united more than ever as they truly embraced the term 'learning together'. Siblings and friends helped each other virtually as they rose to the challenge of Remote Learning, sending words of encouragement, and helping one another with their school work. We saw siblings in various year groups across Lower, Middle and Upper School offer support to one another, whether it be assisting with reading, or helping their younger siblings creatively learn how to count with new initiative ideas, to creating new, exciting Science experiments, and bringing virtual lessons to life.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school and watching them continue to help one another build their confidence and gain from this fantastic experience, enabling them to take skills they learn through this opportunity throughout their education and beyond.



International Day

This year we held our first ever virtual International Day organised by WISPA in association with the Senior Leadership Team at WIS.

Students, parents and staff came together to prepare for one of the biggest events of the year by producing slides for a Virtual Tour around the world, creating interesting facts about their home countries, sharing recipes from around the world, and dressing up in National dress. WIS students once again showed how we come together as a community and exceed expectations, as we celebrated another fun-filled day remotely.

The day saw a number of international themed tasks created by staff for all students from FS1 to Year 13. We were overwhelmed by the wonderful contributions sent from students and parents with over three hundred pictures, videos and recipes profiling over one hundred countries! Adding to a unique day, students engaged with online activities from around the world – bringing the true meaning of International Day to life. We saw dances from Jordan, food from Mexico to Japan, songs sung in French, Arabic and Spanish, along with the beautiful array of National dresses from around the world - the international parade that takes place every year at WIS was one we were not going to miss!

This year we were excited to create an International Day website, sharing the memories from a day at WIS that is always one to remember.



Scan to re-visit a wonderful day.





Arabic Studies

We have had such a productive and fun filled year of learning in Arabic. Students have enjoyed participating in a range of exciting activities, using new strategies and skills they have learnt through the language.

The Arabic team is proud of all Arabic A and Arabic B students, as they continue to progress, proving they are confident and reflective learners who are ready to take the challenge and use Arabic in real life situations.

We started the academic year with National Day and Flag Day celebrations. In preparation for these events students were taught by fellow Emirati peers about the rich culture of United Arab Emirates. It was admirable to see each and every student proudly participating in a variety of activities to learn about the UAE history, culture, food, clothes and local Emirati games.

Outside of learning there have been a number of exciting competitions for Arabic A and Arabic B students throughout the year including; The Arabic Reading Challenge, Internal poetry and story competitions, and inter-class competitions such as: Running Dictation, Quizlet live, Kahoot, and Quizizz.

To help prepare for these activities, students enjoyed using a variety of new resources such as the Asfer Reading Platform that helped to enrich the student's vocabulary and Arabic reading and writing.

It has been an honour to invite parents into school to participate in Parental Engagement Workshops. Parental Engagements gave parents the opportunity to learn about the strategies we used in the Arabic language, helping to enhance students education.

A popular activity enjoyed by all throughout the year was using the newly refurbished Green Room for the student's Arabic speaking project. It was noted that the engaging challenge set by the Arabic team for students highly improved their reading skills, creative writing and raised their confidence using classical Arabic in different topics. Moreover, it was honourable to see students taking the lead in class by preparing their innovative group presentations, and presenting these to fellow students.

We look forward to continue watching all of you grow with your reading and writing as we take on new challenges in Arabic next year.





Islamic Education

GEMS Wellington International School believes in the importance of nurturing a religious and Islamic consciousness within our Muslim students. Our qualified and experienced Islamic Education teachers provide students with the opportunity to develop through 21st century pedagogy and role modelling of beliefs.

Teaching the Holy Qur'an is a very important focus at WIS. Students are prepared through various programs to ensure they reach the highest levels of proficiency in reading and reciting the Qur'an. We also encourage students and provide them with the opportunity to participate in the Holy Qur'an reading competition. This competition allows students to recite and explain verses from the Qur'an and make personal connections to the Qur'an. Students have enjoyed participating in this event, and enjoyed solving problems that reflect real life situations.

During the occasion of Al Mawlid an Nabawi, students and teachers celebrated the Prophet's (pbuh) birthday. We welcomed parents with traditional Arabic coffee and dates as they they entered the school and were immersed in the celebrations. WIS reception was decorated with Islamic decorations, students artwork and banners were displayed

with information about the Prophet's (pbuh) timeline and quotes from famous people across the globe was showcased.

The day consisted of a number of activities involving making colourful artwork, writing post cards with quotes from the Prophet (pbuh) and writing essays on awareness of the contributions of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) to mankind and his legacy. The legacy of a humble merchant who could not read or write yet changed the face of Arabia. It was a wonderful occasion for students and teachers to reflect on his exemplary character, kindness, compassion, mercy, peace, love and utmost respect to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

The Islamic team are proud of all our students this year as they have demonstrated good knowledge of Allah's (SWT) wisdom and existence. Students understood and applied the Islamic concepts of the importance of miracles to Muslims. The progress throughout this year understanding the subject has been admirable. Most recognisably that stood out for the Islamic team this year is students understanding that miracles were signs of the Allah's (SWT) divinity and that Islamic beliefs give good guidance to Muslims as to how to lead their lives.



Musical Highlights



We have achieved so much this year as a Music department, with lots of fantastic performances from our talented students. We also took the delivery of a Baby Grand piano, partnered up with Arts Ed International and became a member of BSME (British Schools Middle East) – a very busy, and exciting year!

The Music department started the year with a season of solo performances and gradually started to change the face of other events within the school. Our November Notes concert partnered up with WISPA's Autumn Fair featuring live music on the Astro Turf where the Lower School Choir did their first ever performance. This year the Jingle Bells event was opened out to all of our students throughout

the school and what a fabulous event this was, a wonderful celebration of the WIS community! Back by popular demand, the WIS School Choir enthralled a captivated audience at the Time Oaks Hotel, performing at the annual tree lighting ceremony. We look forward to securing more performances within the community next year.

The year has been full of lots of success for the Music department. We took Samarth Kambli and Vaibhav Aggarwal – two of our extremely talented piano students – to the prestigious event Young Musician of the Gulf at St Christopher's School in Bahrain, where they competed against other students from the Gulf. A fantastic event and something we are looking forward to competing in again

next year. We also saw an increase in entries for the GEMS Young Musician of the Year, with an impressive eighteen students from WIS competing! Could this be you next year?

Towards the end of the academic year we moved to our Remote Learning phase - however the music never stopped. We launched our Virtual Concert series, Community Choir and continued with our Arts Ed programme virtually, with Lower School students performing in The Greatest Show.

This has been a very exciting year, and we cannot wait to see what opportunities next year will bring for the whole school, including workshops, concerts and events!





WISPA / Parents as Partners

What a fantastic year this has been for WISPA! I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate every parent that has contributed both their time and efforts to run these amazing events successfully throughout the year. Without you they could not happen.

We had a colourful start to the WISPA calendar with Diwali Celebrations. The event was inaugurated by our Principal, Mrs O'Connor as she graced the occasion by lighting a traditional lamp. WIS students had an opportunity to showcase their talent by dancing, singing and reciting in front of their proud parents in the WIS Theatre.

A highlight of the year was the Autumn Fair. This was the first time we planned a fun fair on a larger scale than ever before for the WIS community. A fun filled evening for everyone on the AstroTurf outdoors with an array of food vendors, market stalls, games truck, disco in the dark, magician and bouncy castles. Our Lower School silenced the audience with their wonderful singing, along with Middle and Upper School students showcasing their talents.

Marking the end of Term 1 and the beginning of the winter holidays the school cafeteria was turned into a beautiful winter wonderland with performances led by our School Choir Group for our Jingle Bells event. There were over ten arts and crafts stalls and four game zones, festive treats including mince pies and cookie making which were a great success and enjoyed by all, but most importantly, Santa Clause came to visit in the most spectacular grotto. Students had an opportunity to meet him and his cheery elf all the way from Lapland!

Moving into 2020, we hosted a number of exciting events to start the year, commencing with our Dads' coffee morning.

This year we took on a health and fitness drive and there were plenty of fun games and yummy healthy snacks for everyone. We had a fantastic morning!

Kindness Week was a new event for us this year, taking place during the school day. Students were invited to our appreciation tables and make cards of gratitude, with glitter and sparkle, for anyone that had been a kind person or good friend to them. We ended this event with a sincere thank you to all our wonderful teachers and staff with a "thank you" buffet provided by WISPA.

This year's Parent vs Staff saw us introduce netball and tennis events along with our traditional football and cricket matches, resulting a big turn out and lots of fun! WIS staff were the eventual winners of our football, cricket and netball matches, with our parents winning the tennis – go parents!

March saw us move to Remote Learning, however this did not stop us taking our WISPA events online. International Day is always looked forward to by everyone at school including students, parents and staff – a day that gets better and better each year, with celebrations across the school celebrating the International community we have here at WIS. We decided to use this and create a virtual journey around the world, from our very own homes. There was an array of activities on the day from learning a dance to making some delicious food, exciting science activities, and of course, we all still dressed up in traditional outfits whether it was our own country or from a new place we wanted to explore.

The WISPA year concluded with our Ramadan and Iftar, where students shared their Holy month's experience. Iftar was a wonderful event to finish our fantastic year. We were

able to stream and share the call to prayer and invite special guest speakers, along with students reciting the Quran.

The chosen charity we were able to donate to this year was the Al Jalila Foundation, towards Mental Health Support. We were delighted to present them with our cheque for this worthy cause!

WISPA has evolved this year with new ideas and events with the addition of enterprising members who have been an asset to the committee. We are proud of the twenty-three WISPA core committee members along with forty-two supporting WISPA parents who undertook training to safeguard children under their supervision. This allowed us to have better support within the school and create different and more distinctive events. We also saw a tremendous involvement from the parents for the Reading Group initiative that was introduced this year where parents were invited to read books with children in the Lower school safely.

If you would like to be a part of this wonderful committee next year please do get in touch with us on wispadubai@gmail.com

On behalf of all of us at WISPA I would like to wish you, your children and all your friends and families a safe, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

WISPA – Parents as Partners
Amanda Jones – Chairperson





GEMS Jewels of Kindness and Respect

At GEMS we care about Values Education, we understand that children learn best when there is close collaboration between home and school core values. GEMS 'Jewels of Kindness & Respect' is a means of encouraging children to think about being kind to their family members, peers and the community. We have enjoyed working closely with students, parents and teachers to recognise and celebrate these achievements.

There are four different Jewels that students can collect; Empathy, Helpfulness, Compassion and Respect; this enables students to develop a greater understanding of Kindness and Respect. WIS students have been recognised throughout the year for their philanthropic acts, being rewarded with the GEMS Jewels of Kindness and Respect certificates in Middle and Upper School, lapel badges and the Kindness Camel in Lower School. In Lower School, each

year group has one Camel, lovingly named by the students and with the Camel comes a book where students can write all about their acts and what 'Kindness and Respect' means to them. As part of the Jewels of Kindness and Respect initiative, we started the 'Appreciation Station' on 'Thankful Thursdays', where students have enjoyed making cards for their parents, teachers and friends, encouraging a greater ethos of kindness, respect, appreciation and compassion throughout the WIS community.

It has been lovely to see students take great pride in receiving this prestigious award in their assembly and having their picture show-cased on their 'Jewels of Kindness and Respect notice board'. This popular award has continued throughout the Remote Learning period and students remain dedicated to share and celebrate their 'Kindness and Respect' achievements.

Explore, Enrich, Excite – EEE

This academic year we re-branded our Extra Curricular Activities as 'Explore, Enrich, Excite'. Students from Year 1 to Year 13 have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of internal and external activities as part of their curriculum.

We have enjoyed watching WIS students participate in a number of exciting activities including; Minecraft Education Club, Ukulele Group, Animation Club, WISdom Sessions, Qur'an Memorisation, Sign Language Club, Little Linguistics, and many more.

Healthy Wellbeing Club

Students in Healthy Wellbeing Club have had lots of fantastic opportunities to learn to keep their bodies fit

and healthy. Each week students have made and sampled delicious healthy food and snacks, alongside participating in lots of different fun exercises.

Musical Theatre Club

Musical Theatre Club is one of the most enjoyable EEEs for many students. Showcasing their singing, dancing and building their confidence and skillset, students have learnt a number of Musical Theatre pieces from popular West End shows. Performing to show-stopping numbers from Aladdin, The Greatest Showman and Matilda, fellow students and parents are treated to performances by our talented Musical Theatre Club students at the end of every term.

Expo Club

EXPO Club is organised by our schools EXPO 2020 champions who have been carefully selected to promote EXPO within WIS. This club allows students to communicate their vision for EXPO 2020 by carrying out a range of skill building challenges.

Creative Art Club

In Creative Art Club students enjoyed experimenting using spray paint, and creating their own stencils. Looking at the work of the talented artist Jim Dine, students used his inspiring work to create their own negative space art work.





Student Leadership

The WIS Student Leadership encompasses Lower, Middle and Upper School students. The Upper School Senior Student Leaders have mentored to help guide younger students with how they can effectively lead different events throughout the year. The Student Leaders school council community have used this as an opportunity to enhance ideas and initiatives that have been voiced from the student body.

During the course of the year the Student Council have led events such as the Poppy Appeal and brought to life the idea of the WIS School Magazine. During the Remote Learning, the Senior Student Leadership Team took charge and helped organise different challenges set in the four focus areas: The Arts, Sports, Academics and Well-being. The Middle School Student Council team, have helped create and lead online quiz competitions between the Houses and liaised with Lower School Year groups to perform a virtual read aloud series.

Along with the Middle and Upper School students, the Lower School Student Council members proudly and successfully led a LEGO competition for fellow students.

Our Year 12 MUN - Model United Nations club lead by Anvay Joshi and Rida Hassan participated in general meet-ups to discuss world issues in a mock MUN scenario.

The following students won the awards at the GEMS World Academy MUN:

Anvay Joshi: Best Advocate, Advocate of Pakistan, ICJ

Fiza Dahra: Merit Award, Delegate of Germany CWS.

Saif El Din: Honorable Mention, Delegate of the Cote D'ivoire, ECOSOC

Akshal Jain: Merit Award, Delegate of the Dominican Republic, HRC

Our Sports Leaders have also taken an active role this year. This highly motivated group of students from Years 9 to 13 have supported staff with extra-curricular activities and are often called upon to support in whole school events such as Sports Days, 'Make A Wish' campaign, swim galas and the 30x30 Fitness Challenge.

World Scholar's Cup



The World Scholar's Cup competition is a wonderful opportunity for our students to build on the knowledge and skills already acquired whilst studying at school. The World Scholars Cup is also a fantastic opportunity to make new friends, gain life skills and develop their debate, reading and writing talents whilst competing with students from all over the world.

Students are given a theme to explore and various categories to research and revise. Working in teams of three, students take part in challenges in the Regional

round in order to qualify and secure their place in the Global Round and then the finals which are held at Yale University in New Haven, USA.

Every year, WIS students perform exceptionally well and have participated in various rounds in Hanoi, Malaysia and Beijing. In November 2019, eighteen students embarked on a journey that they would never forget; they explored the sights of New York, visited two prestigious Universities, Harvard and MIT in Boston, before competing in the Tournament of Champions winning a total of eighty-one medals and three trophies.

The dedication and enthusiasm demonstrated by our student's increases year on year as our students strive to be the best they can be!

Despite the unforeseen circumstance we found our self in during the Global Pandemic, students continued with their hard work and dedication on the theme set for the year 'A World Renewed.'



TEDx

2020 vision... a fitting theme for our fourth annual TEDx event on 11th February 2020.

Each year our TEDx stage becomes a more sought after space and this year we had over 200 auditions! 'Idea's Worth Sharing' is the slogan for the global brand TED Talks and our ten speakers felt privileged to take to the TEDx stage to share theirs. This year we had an additional key note speaker in our line-up who represents a special relationship with our school: Her Excellency, Amal Al-Koos, Undersecretary Assistant, Ministry of Education. Her Excellency is closely involved with our partners, UNESCO, whose UN Sustainable Development Goals provide a global vision for the future and form part of our vision here at WIS.

It was a great honour to hear Her Excellences inspirational words to our youth in such a prestigious forum as TEDx.

The 'x' in TEDx stands for 'independently organised event' and we are extremely proud of our Year 13 TEDx organisers who have worked since March 2019 to bring this special evening together. Our TEDx Student Team managed every aspect of the organisation to bring the evening to life: from media to advertising; finance to décor; coaching and motivation – the attention to detail in every aspect showed quality and finesse. The TEDx Student Team was led by one of our Year 13 students, Shiv Uttamchandani:

'When I returned home the night after the event, I reflected on my experience as project manager and how much I had learnt from it. TEDx taught me new skills and allowed me to improve on many others. If I had to pick just one, the highlight for me was how much my leadership skills were enhanced and strengthened during the process. I learnt to make decisions, delegate responsibilities, act despite my

fears and stress as well as manage the worries and concerns of the speakers. I am so proud of what we achieved.'

Our TEDx speakers this year were comprised of students, parents, teachers, and guests and all of them experienced a unique personal journey leading up to their moment in the spotlight. From one of our Year 13 speakers, Mohit Iyengar: 'Speaking in front of an audience has always been one of my greatest fears and I had never done it before, so this was completely out of my comfort zone. Giving the talk in the final show, in front of a real audience filled with friends, parents and teachers was one of the best experiences of my life. Following the whole experience, I find myself much more confident and comfortable in general, and I feel freer to share my opinions.'

All of our WIS TEDx talks will be published by TED on their TEDx YouTube Channel, so look out for us there by searching TEDxYouth@WIS!





WIS Has Got Talent

WIS Got Talent is a school based talent show organised by sixth form students. This year we had the pleasure of witnessing not one, but two WIS Got Talent finals with a variety of talents ranging from singers, dancers to Rubik's cube solvers and rappers.

This year, choosing the right judges was imperative! To select the best of the best, WIS teachers were involved in a friendly competitive application process to ensure the right candidates were hired for the sacred spot on the judges table. Each applicant sent in strong applications, however only four could make the final-cut. Mr Hoey, Ms Harris, Mr Sharrat and Miss Samir were the eventual successful applicants, appointed for the tough decision on who would be awarded WIS Got Talent 2020 champions.

The Lower School finale saw Year 4 gymnast, Derin Kutluk take to the stage and be crowned overall WIS Got Talent Champion, wowing the audience with her incredible rhythmic routines. Year 4 student, Priyaansh Jajoo took to the stage with his street dance routine, wowing the audience and placing second, whilst third place was awarded to Year 4 student, Youssef Sultan who silenced the crowd with his thrilling Kung-Fu skills.

2020 saw the introduction of a special award being given out to one finalists for the 'Spirit of WIS Got Talent Award'. The Lower School recipient of this award was Year 3 student, Sophie Righi. Sophie impressed the staff with her circus performance talents, and true dedication and commitment to practice from the audition process to the grand finals!

The overall winner of the Upper School show was Year 12 student Meena Muthukumar who performed a mind-blowing dance combining several genres of style. Second and third place were awarded to Year

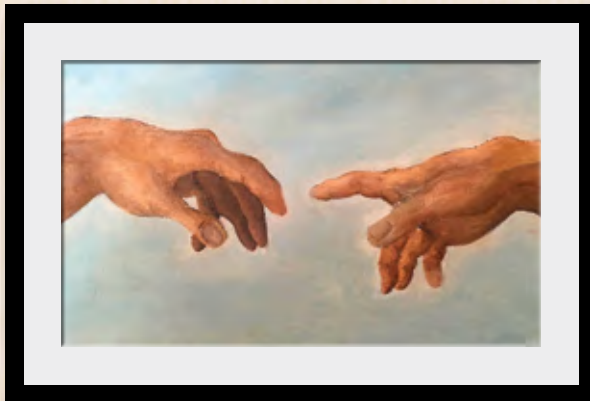
11 student Safia Naaz Aftab who performed a magical cover of "I Dreamed a Dream" from Les Miserables and Cher Tan in Year 7, who delighted us with her wonderful pianist skills. The Upper School recipient of the 'Spirit of WIS Got Talent' award was given to Rubik's Cube wizz, Ryan Atari in Year 7 for his kind hearted attitude and helpfulness towards other participants throughout the whole process of the show.

The Lower and Upper WIS Got Talent shows were produced and directed by Year 12 and Year 13 students. From start to finish their hard work included, but was not limited to; designing posters, stage design, filming and photographing both shows, and marketing and selling tickets.

We are extremely proud of the whole student team that worked on the project to organise such a truly amazing show, and look forward to see what the 2021 team produce next year.



Arts and Drawings



Fairouz Eddin - Year 8



Sangini Agarwal - Year 8



Hriday Deepak - Year 11



ANISA SALMAN - Year 13



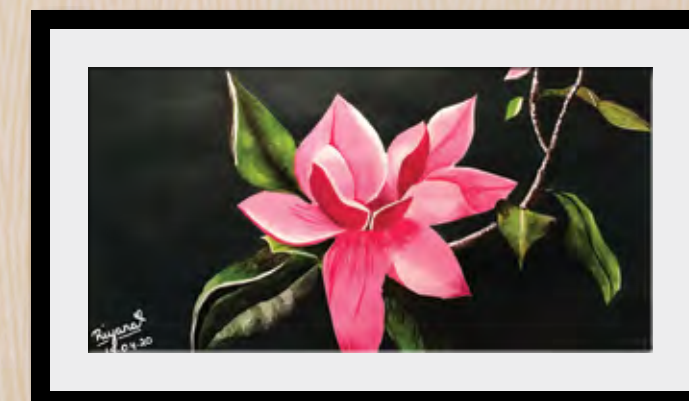
Kayra Koc - Year 10



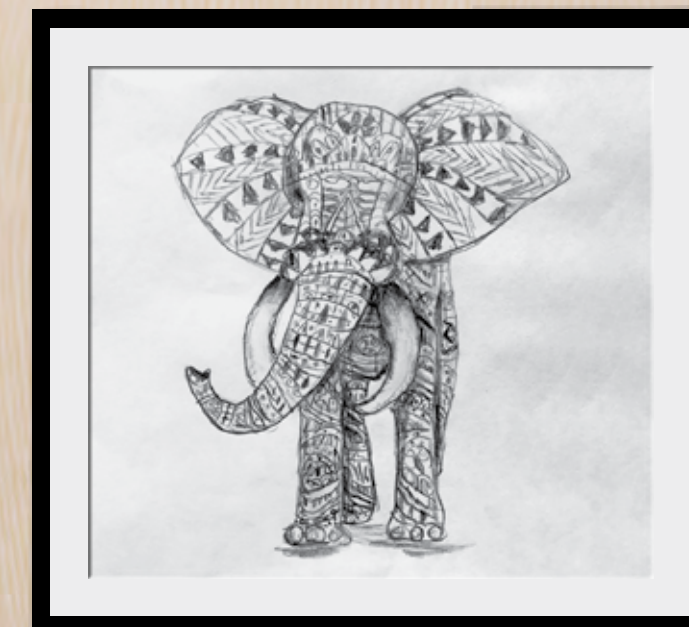
Darcy Hymas - Year 3G



Eshaal Fazal - Year 5X0



Riyana Vora - Year 7



Michael Page - Year 7



Foundation Stage 1 Highlights

What a fantastic start our learning journey for the youngest students in our school. Every day has been a new challenge with engaging and exciting activities that have brought our learning to life. FS1 students have been busy making special memories, including many firsts; the first time they wrote their name, counted by themselves or rode a bike being only a few examples. Students have worked hard and are continually developing themselves in order to be the youngest WIS Way students at school.

FS1 have really enjoyed inviting their parents into school to show them how we do independent learning in our outdoor Learning Zones. From early on in the year, it highlighted the resilience, creativity and independence that is being developed through our FS curriculum.

One of the memorable highlights for students this year was baking our own gingerbread men, and making sure they did not run away when we tried to cook them! This helped to consolidate our learning of the story that we had explored in class as well as develop our listening, turn taking, fine motor and health and self-care skills.

Progressing further into the term, FS1 were delighted to go on a school trip to the pantomime, for many of the students it was their first time on a bus. Everyone was very excited and we sang lots of songs on the way. Students listened beautifully to the story and we all enjoyed lots of laughs.

As Term 1 came to a close it was time for our FS Winter Show, and as Head of Year, I could not have been more proud of each and every child. Each class sang their individual song beautifully and remembered all their actions that had been taught. It was a proud moment for all as students sang beautifully as a whole cohort showing parents how brave they had become to stand up on the stage and perform on their own!

We had a wonderful start to Term 2, hosting our Dad's breakfast. Students bounded excitedly towards to the field for an early morning of fun activities such as parachute games and football before enjoying a delicious breakfast with their dads. Students and parents had a wonderful time, and many of the students have asked when we can invite our dads to come and play again!

As we progressed through the term, students were in awe at the animals that came to visit from the petting zoo. FS1 thoroughly enjoyed, feeding and stroking the animals as well as discussing why some animals were or were not suitable for a petting zoo. This was a wonderful way to consolidate our learning and celebrate a fantastic half term of learning all about the farm.

We are extremely proud of the progress every child has made throughout FS1, students never fail to put smiles on our faces every day. We are excited to see their learning journey continue into FS2.



Class Photos



FS 1 A

Miss Smith, Aanandya Kaur, Mishika Roy, Salem Alobeidli, Sophia Amer, Ammar Ahmed Khan, Khadijah Kashif Abbasi, Aaryaveer Gupta, Anabia Siddiqui, Daksh Mathur, Jasvinder Penketh, Rania Qureshi, Atharv Emmaneni, Myra Fatima, Aamir Morbiwala, Hamza Kidwai, Hamdan Falaknaz, Shanaya Suvarna, Jad Chadli, Yifan Wang, Ivan Gandotra, Illiyeen Rehman, Sahir Ibrahim Ahmed, Kurugama Tinuja Chandradasa, Miss MJ.



FS 1 C

Mrs Doyle, Nidhi Iyengar, Yannis Matsoukis, Yashana Sawlani, Madyah Almaktoom, Henry Collings-Toresdillas, Parth Khandelwal, Reyansh Goel, Zara Latif, Sherif Elbatanouni, Holly Harrison, Shaurya Shishodiya, Kushagra Kumar, Salman AlSultan, Sophia Ryan, Amy O'Neill, Emanuel Makramallah, Sara Halbe, Alby Pickett, Ascia Al-Lahham, Kiaan Ramchandani, Kaelyn Bou Al Khalil, Eva Patel, Catherine Jessica, Ms Ranga.



FS 1 B

Miss Baxendale, Ava Shetty, Defne Kuleli, Grace Chen, Max Li, Elise Lefevre, Mohammad John Ali Mirza, Talia Hamade, Adam Ishaq, Layan Anwar, Vedansh Drolia, Tendekai Makina, Vivaan Jain, Aliah Aly, Hashem Mahmoud, Ishita Mittapalli, Aryan Khurran Dar, Naeyah Harun, Zachary Haji, Mahi Khanna, Ahana Kothari, Sharif Khayzaran, Miss Prajina.



FS 1 D

Ms Blakie, Nora Itani, Miraya Goenka, Carl Bishara, Zain Al-Sukhun, Adam El Armali, Shanaya Bhambhani, Syed Aarib Ali, Omar Ibrahim, Anna Lega, Rafael Salenave Canals, Ananya Chaudhari, Samar Chopra, Reece Reuben Farish, Zichen Hou, Muhammad Ihtesham Zuberi, Ezra Degun, Karim Hamade, Sebastian Huan Chung Li, Yuveer Tandon, Kiyaana Jamshidzadeh, Ayla-Grace Edmonds, Fizza Batool, Mrs Amor.

Foundation Stage 2 Highlights

What an incredible year in FS2 it has been! Students have had a year filled with new and exciting opportunities which have seen them smile, thrive and develop into confident learners. We are proud of each and every one of our students and how they have excelled in all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. It has been a joy to celebrate the success of FS2 students with their parents through class charts and #BeAmazingAtWIS. All students have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in topics such as under the sea, on the farm and in space.

One of our most exciting visitors this year was from the

Posh Paws Petting Zoo. Students immersed themselves in this hands on experience and thoroughly enjoyed meeting lots of fluffy friends, we even had a talking parrot! It was amazing for everyone to see the animals in such close proximity and the students relished at the opportunity to feed and pet the animals. We were proud to see how kind and caring they were towards the animals.

In Term 1 we went on a field trip to the beach to coincide with our Under the Sea topic. FS2 thoroughly enjoyed taking a ride on the school bus and engaging in lots of beach activities. They built impressive sand sculptures,

wrote their name in the sand and paddled their feet in the water. We used this experience to talk about the importance of keeping our beaches clean and how we can look after sea creatures.

Parental Engagements this year have been a big success and we have enjoyed having the opportunity to welcome parents into the Foundation Stage to learn with their students. We started the year with a dough disco fine motor workout which our parents thoroughly enjoyed. We then engaged in outdoor learning activities, seeing the parents get messy in the mud kitchen and Creative Area.

Term 2 saw FS2 students hold a fantastic Farmers Market. Raising over AED 2,400 for our school charity Adopt a School – WISH Foundation, FS2 designed, made and sold various products to sell at the market to their parents. It was a successful event, and parents were gifted with artwork, strawberry jam, animal bookmarks, delicious fruit kebabs and yummy fruit smoothies.

It has been truly fantastic to showcase all the wonderful things FS2 have learnt during the Remote Learning period. We have seen a fantastic journey around Jurassic Park learning all there is to know about dinosaurs and then we went on a mission into space! Students have showcased their creativity and imagination in lots of different ways including our very successful themed days; Rainbow day and Pearl Day. We are so proud of them!

It has been a special year for everyone and each day, every student has brought an infectious smile with them to school and their enthusiasm for learning is inspiring. Everyone has grown in independence and confidence and it really has been a pleasure to watch the students. We cannot wait to see this continue as they move into Year 1.



Class Photos



FS 2 A

Ms Collins, Leora Labban, Zayed Humaid Ahmad Bin Draï, Nelly Hodeib, Sean Pawar, Ramez Shafik, Hafsa Aftab, Alp Onat Ulku, Sofia Khayzaran, Blake Theodore Villamora, Daksh Nagesh Gowda, Deniz Aznavuloglu, Argaman Arora, Niels Namavira Moreno, Saif Nauman, Isobel Rostron, Atlas Alpay, Hannah Aali Ayub, Kabir Dhanani, Ambika Zaveri, Anya Dsouza, Louisa Daniel, Miss Flor Thiyageswaran.



FS 2 B

Miss Storey, Steven Guindy, Noelani Guarino, Sophie Saliba, Rashed Al Takrouri, Livia Thabet, Julia Abu Elhawa, Rhea Bipin, Aarav Dawani, Ali Halela, Julia Ishaq, Masa Howayek, Shaurya Sridar, Sanad Alhawamdeh, Eeshaal Sohaib, Rayan Al Karji, Luka Martins Cvetkovic, Shiva Bajaj, Zahya Noweir, Talya Enginar, Abdalla Nabhani, Ali Dellerio, Miss Vinaya.



FS 2 C

Miss Rimmer, Rhea Jithesh, Yasmina Singer, Emma Vinay, Rajveer Mirpuri, Haya Al Dhawyani, Tayo Achieng, Vidyuth Deepak, Yohan Fernandes, Navyaa Saxena, Prishita Srivastav, Jeevanshi Sodhi, Haya Saqr, Yasmina Yassir, Rafael Neto, Rhea Shah, Farouk Ragy, Sayfullah Mukadam, Haya Al Ali, Zoraiz Khan, Antonio Collini, Reyansh Somaiah, Taline Helmy, Ms Shabanas, Ms Alyssa.



FS 2 D

Ms. Dingman, Tajinder Penketh, Aliyah Mansuri, Marya Awan, Advik Mundhada, Elias Saba, Yousef Othman, Zayn Mohammad, Amel Jamankulova, Araditaa Shah, Eric Makramallah, Aadhav Arvind, Sultan Al Sultan, Elvira Muzaffer, Siho Kim, Rudra Bajaj, Efe Ekinci, Hady Wazni, Driya Madan, Sara Al Ktaishat, Aliyah Farhat, Camilla Mahfouz, Lyn AL Kassab, Ms Fatima.



FS 2 E

Ms Meagan Stevens, Sultan Al Subousi, Aanya Choudhury, Saif Zayed, Ananya Roychoudhury, Talyah Al Sulaimani, Kiyana Buhariwalla, Clementina Materazzo, Charlize Dagher, Aadil Majeed, Finley Ellis, Amir Tabch, Zayd Khan, Timur Gazanfer, Jad Saad, Ali Bekkali, Lily Ryan, Mila Harrison, Avi Chahar, Yuri Sharara, Noah Yazdanian, Shanaya Sharma, Dishita Jhunjunwala, Ms Amor Peji.



FS 2 F

Miss Torpey, Zain Alladin, Naira Mandhani, Judy Al-Jumaily, Maleeka Riad, Lucas Souto, Aadya Kaushik, Yousef Abouzamel, Vianaa Sajjani, Chloe Gun, Taha Khan, Layana Alduwaik, Taliah Moussa, Hosanna Tesfaghergis, Se-ah Kang, Ivan Kuznetsov, Sanad Eid, Sadhika Asthaana, Ege Ruzgar, Gabriele Ocone, Myra Chaudhary, Iraisia Kaul, Vir Gandhi, Miss Liza, Miss Sarha.



FS 2 G

Ms Mercuri, Aleeza Ishaque, Noorel Soleja, Harmanpreet Singh Saluja, Inara Farooq, Arham Jain, Kerem Logoglu, Ramzi Baalbaki, Eda Ozturk, Ayla Matthewson, Karim Shafik, Karim Tlais, Lilia Azmy, Kareem Rkieh, Carlota Chaure, Yassin Atlam, Mia, Lababedi, Aarav Bachani, Sienna McNally, Faress Aleksandrs Faress, Faisal Alsamarrai, Mrs Ledesma.



FS 2 H

Mrs Lee Gray, Mete Eroglu, Dalia El Jammal, Ivy Cordwell, David Jans, Krysten Kadhyan, Arjun Chopra, Liana Qaqish, Alberto Suarez Canteli, Rania Noman Chothai, Selim Elaish, Yasmin Khan, Shahzain Shoab, Niccolo Materazzo, Melek Hamade, Karla Sati, Laida Atkinson, Megan Khaw, Muhammad Hasan, Ms Ria Gudierrez.



Year 1 Highlights

What a wonderful year of progression, fun, and achievement there has been in Year 1 this academic year. Each day has been filled with learning, laughter and smiles. We are so proud of the wonderful memories that have been made this year by all students, and they have shown they really are outstanding WIS Way students.

There have been so many highlights this year it has been hard to pick our favourite moments.

Year 1 loved visiting the STEAMA Centre where they learnt all about robotics and programming. Developing a vast range of skills, students worked collaboratively to create racing Lego cars, robotic throwing arms and even their own torches. There was lots of fun had by everyone, and students came away very knowledgeable!

Students also enjoyed our action packed Survival Day. Year 1 learnt key survival skills including reading a compass and following directions. They made their own shelters to protect them from different weather conditions and used limited resources to create their own sandwich meal. A highlight of the day was a talk from secondary Duke of Edinburgh Award students who inspired us with their stories about their adventurous expeditions and showed us their key pieces of kit. Year 1 certainly showed their perseverance and resilience skills on this wonderful day.

French Day was another memorable experience for Year 1. Students enjoyed celebrating all things French! French day was filled with French songs, phrases and cooking. Students loved designing and making their own French fruit patisseries in Science, learning the French colours in Art lessons and singing French numbers in Maths. It was a fabulous to see the students dressed in French attire, and replicating the Tricolour with their creative designs. It was wonderful to hear 'Bonjour, bonjour, bonjour' throughout the day.

A real highlight for both students and parents was in Term 2, as we started the day nice and early, and headed to our school field for our Dads Breakfast event. An array of morning activities and a delicious breakfast was available for students and dads before lessons began. It was enjoyable to see the joy and happiness between students and their dads as they played parachute games, worked on their football and rugby skills, raced paper aeroplanes and completed the obstacle courses. What a memorable morning it was for all.

We are extremely proud of Year 1 and their achievements this year. It has been an honour to watch each and every student grow into the mature person they are today. We look forward to continue watching them grow and develop as they progress into Year 2 students.



Class Photos



Year 1 A

Miss Jones, Yousef El Agha, Samyukta UdayShankar, Riccardo Ocone, Lara Elmousalamy, Athena Namavira Moreno, Nayel Hussain, Zakaria Shoman, M. Zohaib Saeed, Nabil Hamadeh, James El Khoury, Parth Kewlani, Maria Imhaisen, Tommy Zhu, Karim Sadek, Eian Siccardi, Zihan Zhang, Aria Badiani, Inayah Khan, Thani Al Maktoum, Malika Abdelmoniem, Eyana Grover, Henry Oram, Giovanni Kai Guarino, Aysha Ali, Ines Amiroune, Mikhail Sali-Ameen, Ms Mehreen.



Year 1 B

Mrs Twigger, Teo Ghorayeb, Jana Mustafa, Campbell Chan, Reyna Sultani, Emir Doruk Unludag, Karim Jaber, Yusuf Ismail, Ghassan El Turk, Mahamoud Ahmed Said, Rayyan Achimu, Catalina Dagher, Adham Elseify, Sophie Abou Beih, Aiden Salib, Haniya Mariam Jazbel, Fredric Borslehag, Ayaan Haldar, Zaina Faizi, Ali Shahin, Aisha Agarwal, Aaron Goyal, Deniz Istegor, Nour Sallam, Shanaya Hirani, Saisha Jain, Alisha Memon, HaYeon Kwon, Mihika Shrivastava.



Year 1 C

Miss Orchard-Brown, Sophia Layla Mahmoudi, Joseph Wakileh, Maria Mubarak, Siddharth Wadhwa, Shayna Bhasin, Vihaan Alla, Nalah Illick, Haya Sulieman, Kerem Ak, Chengyu Jin, Ailbhe O'Connell, Aows Swed, Balthazar Dufaux, Haadi Al Ansari, Alexander Gonzalez, Mohammed Zayyanuddin Khan, Anaya Bhambhani, Matilde Sampaio, Mihailo Petrovic, Aaryn Karunaratne, Trinabh Mishra, Eda Aydogdu, Yousef Yehia, Aimen Binte Urva, Reema Elsayed, Mrs Anuja.



Year 1 D

Miss Galalgher, David El Nsheiwat, Andrew Ramzi Moutran, Aylin Aksoz, Adam Bensouda Korachi, Darren Dsouza, Nabeel Wakileh, Fares Muhammad Alsadek, Dana Amir, Ayse Turhan, Yousef Wazni, Shaun Aston Ragavan, Jina Kalwani, Lina Anelka, Charles Lefevre, Gurnoor Vaibhav, Saifullah Faraz, Aditya Sheth, Masa Al-Sukhun, Jude Daher, Sameer Arkawi, Zayaan Zulfiqar, Athena Gong, Armaan Sandeep, Maria Tarasyuk, Reyaansh Kapoor, Ali Bin Usman, Saahir Shah, Ghala Al Muhairi, Ms Jennifer.



Year 1 E

Miss Jones, Ayman Hussain, Bade Vargel, Aadya Shrivastava, Ali Alobthani, Violetta Burankou, Darsh Shewaramani, Shreyan Garg, Aarav Aggarwal, Ania Jogani, Alina Shaban, Samir Khan, Adam Said, Inaaya Chhabra, Layna Jo Yunseo, Michael Caulfield, Thea Saliba, Costantino Lavallo, Anita Souto, Chloe Ricci Palaac Ponce, Inaaya Bux, Deniz Aral, Shivaan Aditya Nasta, Yin Shichen, Zain Ahmed Ansari, Agastya Raheja, Azad Abbosov, Amalie Wardrop Jones, Ms Fredis.



Year 1 F

Mrs Moghal, Miss Jenny, Natalie Menezes, Felicia Uhlmann, Annamaria Sorial, Hareb Al Mansoori, Ali Shahzayn Chawla, Yasser El Assaad, Mingran, Yunji Zhang, Noor Beshir, Willow Rowley, Dominic Berardis, Nived Katiyar, Nirmitha Reddy, Asem Abu Hassan, Sia Poduval, Miran Olcay, Vaea Marre, Zivo Ekwatu, Daniil Golubev, Noa Lamuscattella, Maya Rajesh, Asmi Sampat, Hamzah, Nifah Jamal, Darragh Sheil, Kareem Rady, Ms Habiba.



Year 1 G

Mrs Pickett, Georges Mourad, Yasmin Al Majali, Artin Kachouei, John Elhouayek, Nayel Nazir, Kiaan Pangam, Moksh Turakhia, Emilia Valdez Zepeda, Ruhee Lee, Jad Kassem, Harrison Ogilvie, Tamara Kamel, Chandni Negandhi, Raslene Ben Rhouma, Rahmah Nabeel, Lana El Turk, Sardor Abdullaev, Mark Fahmy, Sara Abdul Raof, Youssef Yousry, Sophia Ben Rhouma, Zakaria Itani, Karim Khamees, Yasmeen Ismail, Jasmine Hammadeh, Janet Khambhati, Mrs Sarah Imtiaz.

Year 2 Highlights

As we look back at the memories from Year 2, we are proud to celebrate so many achievements both within school and outside of school. The launch of #BeAmazingAtWIS has led to all students being celebrated weekly and the Jewels of Kindness and Respect alongside High Performance Learning (HPL) VAA's (Values, Attribute and Attitudes) has given students the tools to be high performing, kind, global citizens. You are amazing!

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed the topics studied this academic year. Their favourite was superheroes. Students looked at all kinds of heroes, made superhero costumes and created their own story books. The topic finished with a wonderful superhero day and during the parental

engagement, our parents were invited to dress up too – we saw some very creative costumes!

One of the most memorable moments for Year 2 is their progress in Music this year. Students shone on stage for our first ever Big Sing Winter Concert, showcasing all the songs they had learnt. It was a big hit, and parents were extremely proud.

As we progressed through Term 2, students were excited to sample French culture for the day. French day was a special day for us as we immersed ourselves into learning about the language, food and culture. Students can look forward to learning more about the language as they progress through the school.

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Little Explorers, learning all about animals in the Arctic. Students explored different scientific concepts through their five zones. Following this, students completed a STEAM project and used their innovative skills by designing an emoji and programming it to light up and move using Kalebr.

It has been a special year for everyone and every day it has been a pleasure to see students go home smiling. Year 2 have been encouraged, challenged and loved by all members of the teaching staff. We cannot wait to see them grow as they progress into Year 3.



Class Photos



Year 2 A

Mrs Bell Kitson, Dayana Esmaelian Toussi, Yasmina Kreidieh, Aria Madikiri, Hamza Zayed, Luca Scicluna, Karim Bouimad, Haya Khalifa, Mira Al Sharabi, Fahd Nauman Ahmed, Seif El Batanouni, Jana Al Awar, Aayat Noman Chothai, Berkay Sen, Belal Hemdan, Quan Tang, Yusef Sobhy, Amr El Kadi, Tiara Das, Advaita Rahul, Kuzey Alpay, Veer Mukherjee, Zara Delaney, Nyla Lawal, Mir Chopra, Akshat Mazumdar, Sienna Loudon, Mr Santos, Ms Sheena Ramos.



Year 2 B

Mrs Donkin, Ruiming Kang, Shoab Hanif, Abhay Menon, Siyona Khanna, Jordan McPherson, Alaya Ahmed, Meher Kaushal, Lincoln Staples, Kevin Bou Khalil, Manyata Sara Ajith, Muhammad Rayyan Siddiqui, Sifti Dhaliwal, Natalio Alisaac, Omar Elshinnawy, Roy Abikaram, Saihaan Shoab, Rohan Jacob Thomas, Aisha Suri, Defne Tuncer, Spandan Marghade, Joanna Beth Kalanchery, Zayyd Moghal, Saud Al Sultan, Irene Provenzano, Ahmed Al Ali, Ezzah Mukadam, Ms Anelize.



Year 2 C

Mrs Archer, Muheng Yao, Ziad Ibrahim, Shanaaya Sahu, Mark Ibrahim, Omar Habib, Onur Prin Secen, Carla Abdullah, Abdulrahman Aldeeb, Jacob Younge Chircop, Evelyn Dingman, Sabat Dhaliwal, Antonina Tronina, Amna Falaknaz, Zeina Kandil, Ajira Haji, Alexander Singh, Saim Syed, Trishaan Garg, Advik Saluja, Rishabh Arora, Rania Lim, Gia El Khoury, Izaan Faisal, Ashar Qizilbash, Taisha Kak, Joshua Chierian Samuel, Fatema Almheiri, Mrs Dory, Miss Anelize.



Year 2 D

Miss Howe, Izzy Derrick-Fraser, Ken Tabata, Saanvi Khubchandani, Joseph Seaborne, Arhan Jain, Jad Maki, Zhenyang He, Shanaya Goyal, Jad Iskandarani, Saleha Shakeel, Alina Mansuri, Manfredi Papa, Mahi Radhakishen, Alishba Fahad, Malek Sinno, Shaena Pawar, Ethan Siccardi, Judy Kandil, Jamie-Cruz Finlan, Ema Matsuo, Vivaan Sharma, Philipp Konvalov, Mariya Sheikh, Elias Ramos, Gabriel Montes, Jaime Chaure, Bassem Taleb El Ajouz, Ronak Deb, Ms Jenelyn, Ms Mahaam.



Year 2 E

Miss Nwachukwu, Lee Farish, Aahna Dawani, Bhumi Wattanaveerachai, Yahya Zribi, Dohyun Eun, Lala- Chanel Samedzade, Gabriela Adriano, Aarav Malhotra, Honghan Zhu, Lea Rmeili, Talia Nabhani, Lily-Rose Tarcsa, Faris Sammour, Aaradhya Aggarwal, Eduard Mihai Mandrescu, Sooin Chung, Lorenzo Nader Karim, Isabel Lemos, Miraya Agrawal, Muhammad Rafay Qureshi, Leonardo Cheikha Duoeihy, Mohammed Aahil Mufthah, Amelie Daniel, Mohamed Amr Sultan, Alayna Karimyan, Ranula Luhan De Silva, Liam Hobkirk, Mrs Leyson.



Year 2 G

Ms. Ravinder Virdee, Takeru Umeyama, Caren Anna Joby, Amani Oomer, Ali Alyousuf, Mohamed Houdeib, Hala Hamdan, Badrya Mohamed, Zaydan Danyal Ibrahim, Heidi Youssef, Ibrahim Khan, Zayn Wasim, Yang Ya Qi, Aarush Srivastava, Farida Radwan, Bhaavya Giani, Zainah Un Nisa, Nader El Jammal, Insia Hassan, Omar Yassir, Mohamed Mughal, Ayaan Paryani, Low Yu Xuen, Anastasia Vasilenko, Alisha Chaudhry, Layan Al Kassab, Ishika Kaul, Ms. Nawazish Abjani.



Year 2 F

Miss Stevenson, Viola Mazzei, Kenzi Jacquesson, Navika Naveen Sharma, Lou Elea Jolivet, Luna Sofia Preto Pieroni, Emir Logoglu, Leen Shadi Mohd Munther Kurmush, Leen Tareq Sami Al Ali, Arnav Ashish Madhwani, Tahlia Renae Campbell, Aayan Sacrafamilia, Daniel Han, Lydia Sophia Rose Graham, Grace Louise Preston, Lorenzo Terruzzi, Elyssa Thabet, Seleem Ayman Mohamed Hafez Mohamed Hathout, Joseph Mohammed Fouad Al-Jumaily, Sasha Rastogi, Lena Meiyu Zhou, Youssef Wael Abbas Sayed Mohamed Ali, Abdul Hadi Khan Muhammad Amir Khan, Zoya Haffar, Seongchae Hong, Herman Sabirzianov, Reet Khanna, Elias Karam, Fauzan Ali.



Year 2 H

Mr Lynch-Beddows, Farhan Noorden, Daniel Trotsenko, Vivaan Shah, Yaseen Elnawawy, Karim Ishaq, Melis Soltay, Muhammad Aun Ali Mirza, Tamara Gharib, Yasmine Khmasi, Leonardo Croci, Lia Malak, Abdulrahman Naveed, Maya Embaby, Oliver Joshua Kurian, Talia Azmy, Malek Elokda, Ismaail Ahmed, Taeyeon (Katie) Kim, Jourie El Armali, Nada Hassanin, Anis Dabrowski, Sebastian Uhlmann, Alia Moustafa, Leonardo Quaregna, Lynn Bitar, Miss Johanna.

Year 3 Highlights

Year 3 have made some incredible memories and our students have excelled throughout the academic year. The High Performance Learning has developed to allow every student to enhance their learning skills and apply these into all subject areas. As a result, Year 3 have been exposed to a wide range of learning methods and vocabulary to increase and support their problem solving skills.

Our trip to Dubai Frame allowed students to gain a greater insight into the past, present and future of Dubai as part of our Heritage Week. Students enjoyed travelling to the top and walking across the glass bottom floor! The view was breath-taking. Following the trip, we produced some incredible art work in collaboration with our Middle and Upper School Art teachers and students. Year 3 created images of Dubai frame, and painted what they observed from the top onto canvases. They learnt and developed skills of how to use and apply acrylic paint. The outcomes were amazing!

Students enjoyed their challenge of the 'Grow 10dhs' parental engagement, showcasing their wonderful entrepreneurship skills. Year 3 enjoyed making a range of products, dressing up in smart business wear and selling their products to fellow students and parents. All money raised went towards Dubai Cares and the WISH initiative to help children who go to school in Cambodia. In total, we raised just over AED 8,000.

Viking Day was a highlight for many students in Year 3. Everybody was excited to rotate around a variety of activities that allowed the students to bake Danish pastries,



learn a Viking song, make a Viking helmet and carry out some technical art drawings. It was a day loved by all.

All of Year 3 enjoyed being immersed in the French language and culture during our French day. They learnt a wide range of new French vocabulary as well as having the opportunity to taste traditional food, play French games and record themselves in French using the green screen.

The 'Big Sing' was a huge success and a rock concert enjoyed by Students, Parents and Staff. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed listening to a variety of songs, linking to rocks and soils, which took many parents back to their youth.

Year 3 have had a very successful year with numerous Jewels of Kindness, highlighting empathy, respect and compassion. We have had an overwhelming number of students who have shared their #BeAmazingAtWIS achievements. Sharing their achievements has been a special experience to see the talents, skills, perseverance and team work our students have. Wow! A truly remarkable year overall of which students, parents and teachers should all be proud!



Class Photos



Year 3 A

Miss Lowden, Alexandra Mikhaylov, Aroush Nauman, Shanza Azfar, Chris Bishara, Yuxin Zang, Aaradhya Kaur, Ammar Morbiwala, Arjun Manshuklal, Seohyun Lee, Hana Nassar, Arth Lakhotia, Nainika Aithal, Tushita Kumar, Kashvi Srivastava, Hania Akif, Eissa Ojha, Theo Dumoulin, Leya Abdelsamad, Haasan El Sawy, Derick Gong, Fatima Akif, Sana Zahra, Thomas Laurent, Noah Mendanha, Rafael Villareal, Travis Rodrigues, Mitansh Chauhan, Miss Chery.



Year 3 B

Miss Lawrence, Joseph Calfa, Vihaan Gandhi, Nai Matta, Muhammed Zahi Mookdam, Lynn Adem, Aashinya Ramchandani, Hezza Jazbel, Faraz Khan, Abdalla Elhoot, Haya Aldroubi, Aarush Kjararia, Yeuheng Zhou, Malak Hadi, Sanaz Amir, Rayan Charef, Tamara Saoudi, Adam Al-Ezz, Eslam Soliman, Maryam El Agha, Layla Noweir, Sana Solangi, Xindi Wu, Mustafa Rehman, Mario Romano, Kenzy Moussa, Atiya Gandhi, Aadhya Ankam, Ms Minakshi.



Year 3 C

Miss Horkan, Bailey Grieves, Salma Alrahal, Omar Mahmoud, Viraj Dani, Anay Goenka, Imen Khelifi, Samaira Raina, Mihika Prasad, Isla Ellis, Azhar Moopen, Naksh Awtaney, Joud Hamdan, Ahaan Settippalli, Alice Lamuscattella, Faisal Qutaifan, Leyla Sherif, Kabir Kalwani, Hashim Anwer, Raya Tamimi, Khaled Qawasmi, Jiwoo Han, Mannan Sheth, Jaylain Nassar, Moza Sallam, Jihwan Lee, Aminah Sayed, Albie Morton, Angelina Charabaty, Ms Chery.



Year 3 D

Mr Taylor, Michelle Sikander, Karen Houdeib, Anaya Samtani, Angela Abu Muhanna, Karem Lawand, Mark Klevchuk, Sarah Khaw, Aadev Gupta, Tony Wang, Shibani Chakrabarti, Joshua Li, Zara Khan, Giano Ranaulo Johnson, Yigit Musa Karakoc, Daniel Payne, Sophie Nsouli, Ali Soufan, Sean Thomas, Aleena Naveed, Finn Doherty, Ibrahim Zuberi, Fay Alshatti, Ahaan Puri, Ruhan Bachani, Jiaana Shah, Judy Amir, Dania Malik, Ms Marietta.



Year 3 E

Mr. Williams, Sameeksha Sivasankar, Sonakshi Shishodiya, Viktoriia Belianinova, Lilly Eid, Rafaela Saba, Ishaa Helala, Joud Ahmed, Grace Adeniyi, Sophie Righi, Hasan Zayed, Saeed Albufalalah, Driss Bekkali, Salem Allousheh, Dmitry Kuzentsov, Daphne Bartolomei, Alex Abou Rjeili, Amal Amer, Ibrahim Ahmed, Adem Jaouadi, Adnan Ismail, Theo Knowland, Han Jung, Khalifa Al Muhairi, Donya Labaf, Ellie Burfield, Daniil Yakhlakov, Ethan Matossian.



Year 3 G

Mrs Williams, Ibrahim Nadeem, Arghya Jain, Haya Hameed, Reyansh Gupta, Hayley Faria, Sophia Chebaro [sitting on box], Francisco Salenave Canals, Arihan Kothari, Arrshia Bhasin, Yi Chen [Sofia] Zhang, Ahmed Diab, Ji Won Hwang, Rayan Sinno, Rakan Tamimi, Ahad Khan, Diyaana Shewaramani, Darcy Hymas, Vaishnavi Negandhi, Halla Abu Jbara, Melis Aznavuloglu, Addeti Khemani, Malika Al-Tantawy, David Ramy Raouf Ramzy, Saanvi Singh, Sienna Mourad, Ms Amisha Joshi.



Year 3 F

Mr Price, Jana Al Sulaimani, Vivaan Singh, Abdulla Janahi, Disha Korrapati, Amna Alhashimi, Ozan Turhan, Laila Saleh, Avanna Bradoo, Mark Effat, Abdelrahman Himmo, Logan Gomez, Ahmed Raza, Yaseen Mohamed Fathy, Leonardo Pistilli, Aum Phadnis, Laksh Kedia, Sienna Andraos, Alessia Loudon, Adam Cejva, Mylo Mkhwanazi, Mariia Maltseva, Younis Hashem, Zaynab Batool Zaidi, Besan Abo Toraby, Alina Khan, Rayansh Madan, Adriana Canteli Alvarez, Judy Mansour, Ms. Angela.



Year 3 H

Miss Cox, Cecilia Oliveira Scarpa, Shivnandini Dalal, Adam Saleh Majeed, Anika Asthaana, Ayat Hussain, Harry Park, Ziad Youssef, Rayaansh Jain, Khalifa Als Salman, Aashi Arvind, Selcuk Kaan Yazici, Sophia Bhadresha, Shenaya Chaudhary, Mahmoud Moussa, Celine Elsaleh, Mohammad Ur Rehman, Darian Labaf, Mahmoud Shawehdi, Kiara Darthial, Rashad Eid, Maria Ibrahim, Khaled Rasmy, Tejaswini Kumar, Faris Masadeh, Jason Atkinson, Rodaina Abdelaziem, Dania Maqsood, Mrs Perla.

Year 4 Highlights

Year 4 has been very lucky to be full of kind and caring students and we have been delighted to recognise these students with Jewels of Kindness and Respect awards since the beginning of the year. The teachers took great pleasure in reading the nominations sent in by parents that showcased the amazing acts of kindness that were demonstrated by Year 4. To start our first topic, we entered the frozen world and learnt all about Antarctica and Shackleton's ambitious expeditions there. To fully immerse ourselves, we took a trip to Ski Dubai to work as a team in freezing temperatures, just like the 'Endurance' crew would have done! We also took part in the Global Innovation Challenge where we invented new products using shoe laces! We had to work collaboratively to design, create and market the new product, finishing with a video advert using the green screen! Students were delighted to participate in Heritage Week, learning lots about the UAE culture. To progress our learning even further, we took a trip to the Bastakiya neighbourhood. We saw a falcon, tried Emirati food and tried on traditional clothes. It was a fantastic day!

In Term 2 we started our Sustainable Fashion topic. We learnt about fashion in different cultures and we took a

trip to the Victorian era using our VR goggles to see how fashion had changed through the ages. Later, we invited parents in to help design and create an outfit made from recycled materials. Our HPL skills came in very handy as we worked creatively to re-imagine what we could use the junk for! We also took over the STEM zone to bake some cakes, furthering our learning about measurements in our Maths lessons. We had to ensure we had the exact amount of ingredients so our weighing had to be very accurate!

Term 3 took us on the adventure of remote learning. The teachers were so proud of the way the children rose to the challenge of this new and innovative way of learning. We began our 'Passport to Independence' lessons that fully prepared us for our next exciting chapter in Year 5 and met lots of new friends. Our final assembly celebrated the wonderful successes of Year 4. What a high-achieving year group! This have been very apparent in the #BeAmazingAtWIS accomplishments that we have celebrated throughout. We are incredibly proud of all of Year 4 students and their success this year, and look forward to seeing their journey continue into Middle School.





Class Photos



Year 4 A

Ms Jabuni, Rayyan Alattar, Zein Radwan, Maya Madikiri, Jana Sammour, Stephen Hamilton, Saki Tabata, Andrea Corelli, Muhammed Shaheer Khan, Karissa Sawlani, Jad Shokr, Mariam Al Blooshi, Abigail Newfield, Alishba Alam, Dain Kim, Amay Ahuja, Jiyeon Hong, Anaya Ijlal, Elias Abu Elhawa, Mina Tariq, Karim Hazem Magdy Abdelwahab Mouhamed Moussa, Kiaara Kumar, Camila Montes, Marco Ioan Multari, Matilde Baricordi, Abdulla Alshaiba, Niall Daniyal.



Year 4 B

Mr Chadburn, Raiha Omer, Mila Antonios, Mehdi Khan, Zayd Ahmed, Omar Hussan, Judy Alsamarrai, Karolina Zouein, Maazen Samir, Arhaan Dhar, Julhanum Al-Sadek, Yaman Aldeeb, Yara Eid, Shaurya Sinha, Omar Dajani, Vivaan Goenka, Diba Motavassel, Inaaya Dabeer-Rasul, Mohammed Al-Muhairi, Emre Vargel, Youssef Sultan, Priyaansh Jajoo, Anabia Khan, Malak Shafik, Reem Alraisi, Talia Abdul-Hafez.



Year 4 C

Mr Lentini, Fatma Alqatami, Leila Zukic, Maya Nosrati, Jules El Khoury, Fares Kudsi, Joseph Effat, Rehes Choukse, Nicolas Adriano, Nishka Deveshwar, Vivaan Khanna, Efe Turkmen, Tia Arkawi, Judi Iskandarani, Arman Sacrafamilia, Samyuktha Vaidhyanathan, Mannat Rattan, Ammar Siddiqui, Zaid Al Saidi, Izyan Kaleem, Rasheed El Habach, Ali Reza Amiri, Yura Kim, Veer Chopra, Fayruz Lakhani, Tanisha Batool.



Year 4 D

Miss McKeown, Isha Dalal, Snigdha Vinodh, Ashar Awan, Nike Reuter, Aryan Ghulani, Bertille Gourp, Clara De Lemos, Aarsal Nagi, Yousuf Faraz, Madeleine Dufaux, Samarvir Sharma, Saad Latif, Hana Nassef, Yuxuan Tian, Aniketh Kamaraj, Hiya Trivedi, Hana El Halabi, Masal Enginar, Aman Jamankulov, Athenkosi Macanda, Luka Zhou, Derin Deveci Engin, Kimaya Raghuvanshi, Sayed Ayaan Husain, Michelle Lahd, Saira Khan, Rumaan Ossman, Ms Cris.



Year 4 E

Miss Willis, Maria Bruno, Omar Abdelnour, Lamar Al-Hawamdeh, Hadi Haj Mohsen, Barbara Jin, Jasmin Finlan, Zaid Al Mubaslat, Aahana Kumar, Rasheed Elfayoumi, Rayan Aghaei, Ayana Karnawat, Medha Kunnath, Ryan Farajallah, Rionna Desai, Adam Anwar, Gabriele Baricordi, Abhay Vohra, Malik Samir, Bryan Santos, Ezekiel Bedi, Tanisha Dutta, Nour Mounne.



Year 4 F

Miss Bradley, Robert Sabirzianov, Nakshatra Kottila Veetil, Veda Gambhir, Omar El Houssami, Sara Shaikh, Aanya Agarwal, Mark Konovalov, Krish Borkar, Spenta Daji, Kashyap Karuturi, Mahika Singh, Aiesha Dhanani, Daniel Engineer, Wiona Wilson, Karma Soubra, Karim Habib, Nadia Lim, Mohamed Said, Luca Preto Pieroni, Ananya Khandelwal, Riya Prashant, Sophie Chamat, Lara Messeiki, William Ulhmann, Salman Alfardan.



Year 4 G

Mr Bloomfield, Hashim Haj Mohd, Ahlaam Sharif, Mahmoud Abu Hassan, Yaroslava Krisanova, Johan Singh, Ryan Karimyan, Alfie Pickett, Saif Mohammed, Masa Obeidat, Judy Elberry, Anas Hamidi, Jess Armstrong, Lya Martinez Pena, Art Markham, Haya Beshir, Emily Oremosu, Mert Muzaffer, Derin Kutluk, Tyler Campbell, Alborz Montazeri-Blanke, Rayan Shihabi, Najwa Saqr, Leila Hammadeh, Faisal Sayed Sharaf, Jawan Abbas, Ameliya Haji, Mrs Faisal.



Year 4 H

Mrs Harriman, Zohair Khan, Adham Arafa, Ahmad El Kadi, Kaan Keles, Nicole Faria, Anoud Galal, Anshika Joshi, Shivaan Vora, Aoife O'Connor, Sherif Ibrahim, Ahmed Abdelbaky, Tiana Gerges, Zaina Abdul Haque, Yasin Sheikh, Zahra Awan, Nael Lawand, Zoha Mohammad, Violante Petti, Yousuf Khurram Hanif, Aum Mehta, Farida Moustafa, Sam El Khoury, Izma Naumam Khan, Ayaan Sethi, Mrs Jayasekera.



Year 4 I

Mrs Sharkey, Hana Aly, Brianna Buchanan, Boyu Zhao, Adam Moghal, Alya Sogut, Fatimah Salayha Ahmed, Shreya Rajshekar, Jude Wazwaz, Misha Behl, Matias Lechuga, Yiyun Zheng, Advika Thakur, Alayna Chaudhry, Shaurya Panchal, Aaban Ahmed, Azim Radjabov, Salma Elsayed, Maria Mikhaylova, Aaryaman Gupta, Aditya Ninan Kurian, Paige Gelzinus, Natalia Chabier, Soumyajit Dasgupta, Ehab Haq.



Onyx House Highlights

What a year it has been for Onyx House students. This year we welcomed our new Lower, Middle and Upper School structure, along with welcoming our enthusiastic Year 5 and Year 6 groups to Onyx. We have seen many successes this year and our incredible Onyx House continue to me, their Head of House, proud every day.

This year saw Onyx top the leaderboard for many weeks, most weeks achieving over 1000 points – a testament to the hard work shown by every student. To celebrate, we all enjoyed Mr Thomas dressing up as a Pumpkin, running around the WIS Theatre in celebration. Our House assemblies were celebrated even more this year, we clapped, sang, cheered and most of all laughed along with the silly challenges Onyx tutors were made to do. It is fair to say our assemblies have been very exciting this year,

and we have loved being able to share this with you all.

All of Onyx House took part in Kindness Week this year and our Key Stage 2-4 Leaders were the first to contribute to the Kindness Tree – a wonderful initiative, recognising the philanthropic acts carried out by students across WIS. We were in awe to see so many acts of kindness with students sharing lovely stories and messages with their friends. Onyx House teachers were so overwhelmed to receive so many creative cards and thank you messages, from you all, it was a truly lovely week and made us all grateful for the kind-hearted students we have at WIS. A new initiative introduced this year was the "Jewels of Kindness and Respect." This is where our students show how they can be kind and compassionate in helping others and their families. So many of our students were awarded with their

certificate and badge for their acts of kindness.

We also introduced our #BeAmazingAtWIS initiative, whereby students were rewarded for their amazing achievements. Students took the time to fill in their portfolio of all of their achievements every Monday in CEP and proudly shared their success in and out of school. This is also a wonderful way for students to look back at all of their achievements and have their portfolio as a memory of the year and at WIS.

We have so many talented students in Onyx House, and we look forward to returning in September to watch you all continue to grow together as a House, and as the young, mature adults you are becoming.





Class Photos



Year 5 XO Mr Elliott, Abdul Moiz Nauman, Aryaan Tiwana Tiwana, Zain Fadlu-Deen, Amaar Attarwala, Nohman Hayat Ahmadi, Zach Stevens, Madhav Agarwal, Nizar Ismael, Mahir Olcay, Victor Nsheiwat, Mohammed Mneimneh, Emily Hobkirk, Eshaal Fazal, Kayan Elmasri, Daniel Seaborne, Kylie Balesh, Haya Qutaifan, Layan Hamade, Anaaya Bhatia, Annikah Mathews, Rabbani Gill, Nadine Mahmoud, Vedika Parashar, Mingyu Ke, Jehyun Moon, Nadimryan Sadek, Anisha Puri.



Year 5 YO Mrs Hannan, Pravit Pandey, Seif Mahmoud, Serena Peter, Kynda Khawaja, Daniel Oliveira, Rafay Sagheer, Yaseen Ahmed, Zaid Khawaja, Mehwish Ahmad, Lina Amiroune, Armaan Bhatia, Shah Zain Alam, Abdullah Elawany, Salma Yehia, Zara Tlais, Hana Aldroubi, Khadija Awan, Hunnar Bachani, Talia Shaqra, Arjun Johar, Meher Wade, Isabel Canals, Zaynah Jacquesson, Antoine Doueihy, Petros Tesfaghergis, Omar Mouhammed, Yasmin Abdullaeva, Miss Blessy.



Year 6 XO

Ms Malcolm, Naduli De Silva, Sachi Rege, Ashvik Mandhani, Kevin Timothy, Ayan Manchanda, Mariya Asghari, Zaha Latif, Ayla Yaieesh, Mattea Lean Villareal, Prakrit Tiwari, Juwon Lee, Khushi Radhakishen, Yasmine Sidani, Shanaya Mehta, Danica Ramalho, Damien Mathews, Harsha Shikkulal, Rayan Eltaff, Jannah Bux, Mostafa Fahmi Abbass, Agastyia Buju, Ishaan Palicha, Efe Suleyman Karakoc, Malia Lepelletier, Paula Morcillo Amoros, Shuocheng Wei, Amir Mazaherion, Lia Alshatti,



Year 7 XO

Mr Erkam, Simran Trivedi, Mohamed Ahmed, Juwan Kurmush, Addistion Ayalew, Siddharth Vaidhyanathan, Saif Dasouki, Rex Bobby Carvalho, Omar Mohamed Elkaami, Essa Imran Idrees, Bhuvan Kaushal, Alisha Ishraque, Faisal Abdul Latif, Zain Ashraf Tayseer Malak, Seokhyun Lee, Joman Shareef G Kattan, Abdalrahman Hsien Ibrahim Ben Sil, Kishna Raj Singh, Larissa Brasil Dias, Yara Salloum, Swarali Mundada, Omar Elhefnawy, Aarika Prasad, Ghayaa Khalifaa Ali Humaid Rashed bin Muwaiza Alaleeli, Sanvi Chauhan.



Year 6 YO

Mrs Hussain, Talia James, Leen Odeh, Vivaan Mital, Aryansh Dasani, Lilia Esmaili, Avantika Dhanjani, Shayan Mansoor, Rahhim Ahmed, Marissa Lizman, Alfredo Duchi, Yusuf Khan, Advika Bajla, Lily Hathout, Malaika Sikander, Zeyno Yildirim, Jude Saabneh, Hugh Graham, Ananya Narang, Jannah Hassan, Anika Kamaraj, Jida Khayat, Harib Ali Alsalman, Thani Alfalasi, Ria Dave, Jibreel Mookadam, Adam Tolba, Shahab Najafi, Miguel Marques, Meher Matharu, Ms Damasco.



Year 7 YO

Ms Natha, Zoya Lakhani, Anastasia Zabrodina, Hamda Almuhairei, Adit Gupta, Seungyun Lee, Aujin Lee, Ahaan Chowdhury, Mia Plaugmann, Ashkan Esmaili, Camryn Sinclair, Cher Tan, Alicia McGrail, Delina Tesfagiorgish, Adam Waterman, Rashed Alshaiba, Wardah Aamir, Imad Ahmad, Bhavya Paliwal, Kuziwaish Makina, Omer Kilinc, Kamron Umarov, Ali Saleh, Danial Mashkoor, Saif Als Salman, Yara Bazeih, Ms Soltay.



Year 8 XO

Agastya Morajkar, Ayna Sarah, Aizere Turbayeva, Carolina Morcillo, Cheeho Moon, Malak El Baroudi, Omar R M Mahmoud, Maya Ezz Elarab, Joseph Santamaria, Pier-Paolo Petti, Rayyan Hamade, Safwane Babaamer, Hassan Gomaa, Saeed Nabulsi, Freya Knowland, Matilde Duchi, Arianna Manolopoulou, Tia Abu Muhanna, Jazy Saabneh, Omar Samarai, Ehan Ahmad, Daniel Sa Rocky, Muhammad Usman, Muhammad Aayaan Chothai.



Year 9 XO

Parita Singh, Jana Ali, Alisha Nagi, Camila Valdez Zepeda, Sara Thomas, Keya Nanavati, Daulet Shynybayev, Mirza Zayan Begg, Aamir Patel, Muhammed Azhar Usmani, Lillian Istarabadi, Tia Messaike, Bassel Ezz Elarab, Shahad Madani, Coskun Mert Erdogan, Aryan Rajesh Matai, Rio D'costa, Skyela Stevens, Zaid Odeh, Kenzi De Roeck, Safwan Khayat, Eric Risland.



Year 8 YO

Ms El-Sockary, Ayushi Srivastava, Marta Morcillo Amoros, Maria Sousa, Ariane Sa Rocky, Jad Charara, Muhammed Mert Ozen, Karim Abdul-Kader, Talia Elsaleh, Nadine Nassef, Viktor Joachim Kofod-Olsen, Visharad Saraff, Sahil Sacrafamilia, Josef Arif, Arnav Kuttian, Armaan Niaz, Janvi Gupta, Zoya Zaidi, Muhammad Shuja Saadat, Juha Lee, Anoushka Johar, Elza Abbasova, Amna Alfardan, Selma Mohamed, Taavisha Dhingra, Emmanouil Manolopoulos, David Molnar.



Year 9 YO

Ms Maxwell, Noor El Tawil, Omar Tabka, Aqdas Rashid, Pratham Shah, Maahir Bachani, Desiree Ragavan, Leena Ramzy, Ali Jarrahi, Adam Amer, Paarth Trehan, Ryan Hay Arifin, Krish Bhatia, Aaditya Kak, Abdul Rehman Aamir, Abdulla Alsuwaidi, Lara Tobla, Abby Waterman, Dana Al Blooshi, Ella Giahmi, Maleeka Kandil, Janette Himmo, Mona El Baroudi.



Year 10 XO

Jeremy Marino, Noureddeen Anwar, Hamza Yaieesh, Tara Elizabeth Milner-Wang, Aditi Singh, Aser Samaha, Alayah Khan, Utkrisht Garga, Nour Hemdan, Bianca Mirpuri, Bilal Faisal, Salma Es Slami Jimenez, Ahmed Monir Ali Fayeze, Vishra Thakkar, Habib Ahmadi, Summer Fisher, Janna Asghari, Shriram Arnand, Li Wei Law, Neev Dasani.



Year 11 XO

Kamil El-Rahbani, Marina Botros, Areeba Ansari, Aslan Tokbas, Ali Alyasin, Luke Waterman, Muhannad Rafeek, Sanzhar Turbayev, Adeeb Al Blooshi, Kenan El-Rahbani, Rachel Steedman, Medisa Fathali, Hana Mohamed, Rayan Salloum, Hamza Salman, Isabella Fouroughian, Andrea-Sofia Petti, Saeid Nazari.



Year 10 YO

Mrs Roberts, Dorka Molnar, Alizeh Nagi, Amal Ishraque, Gabriele Garzia, Amir Pasha Esmaili, Sama Ibrahim, Miguel De Oliveira, Aimun Malik, Aman Tiwana, Akriti Verma, Lahiri Kuchibatia, Janvi Tiwari, Ibrahim Muhammad Sameer, Kyle Van Der Merwe, Sophia Shaqra, Aarush Malhotra, Alina Shahzad, Finn Boering, Winston Sharp.



Year 11 YO

Manal Hussain, Leona Fahed, Tala Ibrahim, Jana Mneimneh, Lewis Hamilton, Abdullah Hamdy, Daniel Djerjarian, George Vergheze, Hamdan Al Fardan, Mohammad Himmo, Mohamad Khaled, Nirindu De Silva, Hashem Qusibatie, Dinmukhammed Askarov, Nayana Gupte, Hriday Deepak Mansey, Ayaana Buttan, Arzu Abbasova, Tia Amer, Patil Djerjarian.



Ruby House Highlights

Ruby House has gone from strength to strength this year and has continually built on the successes of the past. We are committed to celebrating the accomplishments of all of our students and throughout the year we have witnessed incredible accomplishments in not only the academic disciplines, but in the creative and sporting fields.

Across all of the Key Stages, students have modelled excellence in each phase of the school. Ruby House is known to have the most fastidious and dedicated young academics. The Key Stage 4 cohort performed particularly well in the mock examinations and a number were recognised for their high attainment. Ruby House also represented a high number of the early entry Maths GCSE cohort demonstrating the high calibre of the student body.

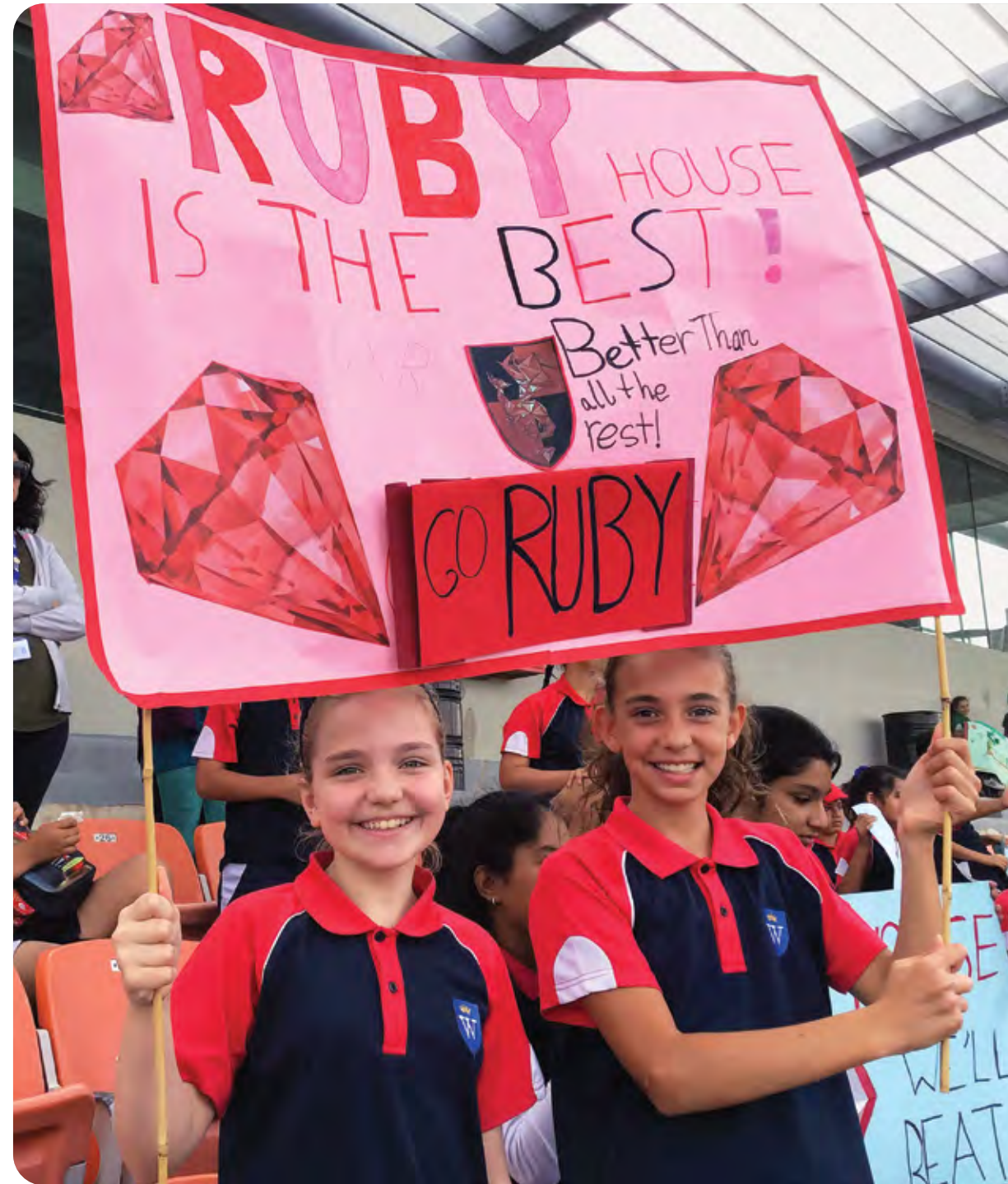
It was two years in the making, but our young sports stars took home the gold on Sports Day. We won, and what a well-deserved victory it was. Against some fierce competition from the other Houses our young athletes prevailed! Multiple records were broken across

all age ranges. The track and field events were incredible to watch and I am sure the experience will live on in the memories of the children for years to come. Here's to winning again next year!

Altruism was readily evident throughout the year as many students were awarded Jewels of Kindness and Respect certificates and badges. The diverse range of charitable activities our students engaged with really does demonstrate their commitment to the amelioration of the local community. This, coupled with their continued dedication to environmentalism and Sustainable Development Goals highlights their awareness of ongoing global challenges and the impact they can potentially have.

This year has been one of continued success and growth. The ongoing achievements of each individual student has added to the collective reputation of Ruby House. Long may the success continue!





Class Photos



Year 5 XR

Miss Smith, Adam Youssef, Ibrahim Soleja, Nate Fernandes, Kahil Anelka, Rory Hamilton, Reda Achimu, Michel Al Khoury, Adam Al Janahi, Elyza Jamal, Elyas Faheem, Loulwa Al Hallab, Aryan Thapar, Ansh Mandal, Marly Hymas, Andrew Turner, Veer Samarth, Aydin Naqvi, Seham Haj Mohsen, Shaurya Sheth, Ayaan Bahuguna, Sienna McGrail, Melody Uhlmann, Gyumin Moon, Shahad Al Sulaimani, Khushaan Garg.



Year 5 YR

Miss Snowdon, Maya Abdelshafy, Mohith Nagesh Gowda, Teya Qudah, Bassel Akar, Tia Helmy, Mansoor Said, Yejun Han, Irene Aloï, Ryan Brierley, Mia Chebaro, Alex Humphreys, Shreya Sharma, Isabelle Vazquez, Zeid Alsirawan, Karan-Veer Singh-Saravanan, Sharmistha Sathyanarayanan, Damir Sattarov, Hamza Saylawala, Alex De Voogd, Preet Trivedi, Ece Ozturk, Ada Sampat, Ra'ed Qureshi, Boudi Messaïke, Isabelle Van Der Merwe, Liana Antonios, Sofia Perez Cabral.



Year 6 XR

Miss Nawaz, Haya Ahmad, Ayatullah Galal, Saira Shirvaikar, Anya Shetty, Ethan Lim, Moksh Parwani, Safa Chaudhri, Thalia Al Hallab, Ryan Mounne, Yousuf Ahmed, Tuleen Eid, Salma Saad, Jade Reuter, Annika Sambhar, Rayan Palermo, Muhammad Mostafa, Hoor Al Mansoori, Armaan Dhar, Nadine Messeiki, Rares Paun, Adityaa Halbe , Mark Mikhaylov, Adam Nsouli, Yubin Lin, Ginevra Papa.



Year 6 YR

Ms Dunn, Amalya Radjabova, Alina Ahmed, Sourena Marashi, Saleh Wazni, Zeeshan Kara, Zoya Qureshi, Egor Maltsev, Selin Gulec, Karam Kreidieh, Safouh Alsirawan, Youssef Farouk, Leila Khelfi, Taleen Al Ezz, Alessia Laurent, Aoun Farajallah, Dina Khan, Jiawei Cai, Lila Chaudhry, Arhaant Anandkumar, Naya Sogut, Zaid Faizi, Inaya Bhojwani, Antoine Righi, Reisha Gandhi, Emaan Azfar, LSA-Priya Polly.



Year 7 XR

Daniel Lewis-Wootton, Shaun Das, Lyn Sultani, Mysha Khan, Hasan Redha, Ahan Kaushik, Mohammad Alsuwadi, Maya Elgarhy, Aanya Desai, Aarna Kukreja, Shreya Khetarpal, Mahiba Khan, Kevin Van Dijk, Ronin Wilson, Zayan Haq, Arnav Malhotra, Christina Rach, Ambre Allan, Noor Kaskas, Nishita Manish Bulchandani, Maira Noman, Krisha Anand, Melina Panagiotaki, Muhammad Hamza Harb, Zoya Adeel, Ganga Chana.



Year 7 YR

Muhammad Merchant, Youssef El Okda, Salam Kaskas, Kais Sebastiano Anelka, Aleksander Dozorov, Ahmed Zeyad Salameh, Dolly Khub Chand, Rohan Thomas, Niyati Khemnani, Aarav Kukreja, Rital Dieb, Mohammad Dayyan, Hasham Sada, Daniel Rach, Riyana Vora, Haya Kanaa, Chareen Dodampegamage, Hana Fayad, Tushar Iyengar, Poorvi Dayal, Heba Al Attar Al Zrouni, Jade Armstrong, Iqra Ijlal, Ryna Grover, Nayera Mohamed Aly Mahmoud Mohamed.



Year 8 XR

Mr Shakoor, Yaz Koc, Sufiyan Afridi Khan, Prithvi Baddi, Ritvika Tripathi, Sadhika Gopinathan, Kanhai Mehta, Lara Naja, Leyli Campbell, Khalid Elnaili, Batu Kolukfaki, Sina Esmaeili, Christopher Berry, Thidev De Silva, Nethan Alwis, Dana Amr Hemdan, Jana AbdelGhafour, Sakina Asgarali, Yeeun Kang, Taruun Ranjith, Vania Garg, Dilmukhammed Galin, Syed Ahmed, Rayan Saab, Willem Reuter, Sarah Fernandes, Rahma Sallam, Zara Qureshi, Tessa Charles.



Year 9 XR

Cian George, Vincenzo Aloj, Lucas Charles, Ahmad Alattar, William Ayana, Kareena Istarabadi, Malak Abou Zamel, Amr Hesham Rasmy, Navya Shankar, Joanna Al-Ezz, Abderrahmen Khelifi, Omar El Halabi, Yashlan Naidoo, Tayna Valentina Andreeva, Lotte Oremosu, Aarnav Nath, Adam Atari, Krish Singh-Saravanan, Su Lacin, Erina Lakhani, Aileen Khan, Acenath Faheem.



Year 8 YR

Ms Anna Dalledonne, Theo Albrecht, Mohammad Elberry, Nikita Konovalov, Krrish Kajaria, Muhammad Hasnain Ali, Omar Saab, Sayan Agrawal, Mohiz Haseeb Saifi, Sangini Agarwal, Jana Al Mubaslat, Nikhita Singh, Marcie Jones, Tarek Sherif, Vishakh Vinod, Faisal Al Houssami, Marco Cecchini, Aashi Dev, Aarya Dalal, Seojin Ahn, Aliaa Galal, Fairouz Khar Eddin, Melissande Fabre, Saira Sambhar, Midhuna Vinod, Omar Palermo.



Year 9 YR

Billy Joyce-Davis, Fatima Alina Noman, Arnav Yogishwar, Eugenia Perez Cabral, Mirjam Bensouda Korachi, Dominic Morton, Aditi Singhdeo, Ruaridh Sinclair, Suniya Kazmi, Mohammad Mehrzad, Sparsh Joshi, Madhav Suresh, Ekaterina Belyaninova, Bemnet Ayalew, Hayan Khan Afridi, Abdul Rahman Taghlepy, Rifah Fatima, Dara Ibrahim, Aanya Kumar, Jibreel Chaudhry, Laureen Doris Louwes.



Year 10 XR

Ms Chloë McConville, Kiki Cullen, Hennes Reuter, Pearl Carvalho, Alejandro De Armas, Malak Elseify, Karim Naja, Krish Kalani, Enzo Helena, Rasul Samed-Zade, Nawal Syed, Yueming Gao, Seoyeon Ahn, Kayra Koc, Leyi Hu, Setareh Amir, Chanmin Moon, Saanvi Jain, Abdullah El Tawil.



Year 11 XR

Insha Ahmed Bandeali, Sarah Quazi, Kareem Ayass, Matilda Mariam Yazgi, Charlotte Erikovna De Voogd, Amal Rehman, Mihai Eduard Paun, Valdemar August Kofod-Olsen, Omar Tamer Farouk, Osama Ayman Abdullah El Hussein, Kaan Tosun, Alik Aslanyan, Ashit Anandkumar, Mohammed Al Sakkaf, Vaibhav Aggarwal, Paras Dayal Prateek Dayal, Seojune Park, Siddharth Krishna Padmakumar, Eissa Abdulla Wagdi Abdu Muqbel Sallam, Sima Smadi, Salma Gamal Yassin Abdelwahab, Yasmine Tlais, Leen Zeyad Mohd. Salameh, Meghna Ghanashyma Mohanty.



Year 10 YR

Marius Engen Petersen, Mohamad El Habbal, Conor George, Haider Chaudhri, Anastasiya Kasyanenko, Sama Aly, Sara Charef, Ranya Khurram, Rida Khanyari, Tia Cendak, Arushi Vohra, Manit Uppal, Sanat Malhotra, Alexander Campbell, Muhammad Raafey, Zaid Dasuqi, James Armstrong, Rebal Akar, Jamal Al Sawalhi, Raahym Rafi, Mio Matsuo, Amal Peracha.



Year 11 YR

Mr Cullen, Jenna Hammoudeh, Alexia BelitsasCid, Kareem Mahran, John Haffar, Hanna Al Aidaroos, Soha Mohsin, Khaled Nasr, Jonathan Marattukalam, Youssef Fayad, Dina Al Mubaslat, Ryan Humphreys, Anna Balashova, Aryan Kotwal, Aaryanan Ahuja, Matthew Berry, Zain Istarabadi, Omar Sfafi, Simran Birla, Zein Kaskas, Siya Garg, Vera Ifeoma Akogwu.



Diamond House Highlights

Diamond House have enjoyed a fabulous year of achievements and success in both their academic achievements and extra-curricular events.

This year we welcomed Year 5 and 6 classes into our new Middle School system and it has been a pleasure to get to know and involve the students into our House system. These students bring new mentoring opportunities for our older students and allows a more streamlined transition into their higher education in the years to come. We have seen great success with the students in Years 5 and 6 beginning to move more independently around the school and even enjoying some lessons in the Upper School education classrooms. Science is a particular favourite for these students!

September saw the initiative of "Jewels of Kindness and Respect." Students have been awarded certificates and

badges throughout the academic year for displaying acts of Respect, Empathy, Helpfulness or Compassion. It has truly revealed how remarkably wonderful our students in Diamond House really are. Students across Diamond House were also involved in our "Kindness Week" initiative in February where students displayed kind acts towards each other, and to the external community, along with contributing to the well-being of everyone at the school.

WIS has been running the Duke of Edinburgh external Award for many years now with great success. This year, a large number of Diamond House students have undertaken expeditions throughout the UAE where they had to put their survival and thinking skills to the test. The students always return from their adventures with great stories to tell and it has been a pleasure seeing the bonds of friendship and comradery that has occurred from this fantastic life experience.

This year has seen an exponential increase in the number of positive ClassCharts points that students in Diamond House are achieving. It has been wonderful to see the students collect their rewards from the ClassCharts store and receive certificates for their extraordinary hard work. We are proud of all Diamond House students, watching them go beyond what is expected of them, both inside and outside of the classroom is inspiring to all.

The attendance and punctuality figures in Diamond House have been steadily improving as the weeks have progressed. We would like to thank parents and teachers for their continued support with this. Each term, students with 100% attendance are rewarded with 100% attendance certificates and one lucky winner receiving an AED 100 voucher prize!





Class Photos



Year 5 XD

Mrs Dey, Mayed Alqatami, Mia Gomez, Tenuji Chandradasa, Shinzou Poovathoor, Malcolm Buhariwalla, Layan Al Sharabi, Manahil Saeed, Alia El Sawy, Sofia Skachkova, Tanya Suri, Saad Ali, Nour Adem, Riad Marhaba, Jasmine Yakhlakova, Aisha Ahamad, Amira Said, Shreya Bansal, Antara Menon, Aahana Munge, Elisha Vellas, Alana El Mourad, Rashid Alflassi, Harshit Saravanan, Jaivardhan Bhatia, Lara Ibrahim, Rawan Gomaa, Preetika Srivastav.



Year 5 YD

Mr Edmonds, Aarav Goyal, Mohammad Almulla, Kristen Ninan, Daud Aftab, Tamara Alsayed, Nishka Jain, Salma Abbass, Dima Hamadeh, Devansh Singh, Rahif Baba, Simona Banerjee, Avyukta Pragnya Raja Ankam, Hazem Khamees, Naya Wanli, Der-in Apaydin, Arjun Rajesh, Jiyu Kim, Fares Nizameddin, Dima Diab, Mouaz Jamhour, Brielle Moraes, Kiswa Banerjee, Jiexi Fan, Mikaeel Saquib Qizilbash, Ekin Ozkose, Noufa Jamal.



Year 6 D

Miss Asante, Maha Mustafa, Eshan Mufthah, Maksim Hasecic, Yara El Far, Jihu Hwang, Omar Kazoun, Veer Mehta, Kabir Pasricha , Mounir El-Masri, Rhys Lota , Emaan Malik, Krishiv Jaikrishna, Ayaan Aftab, Mohammed Master, Robert Ramzy, Ceren Menlibay, Artem Khuzin, Khadija Lamloom, Tala Badr, Tegan Winter, Meher Paryani, Rawa Zubaiyen, Taha Al Ward, Gianluca Bruno, Tala Abbas, Danial Naqvi, Marya El Khodr, Neo Steinhoff, Mrs Jocelyn Singh.



Year 7 YD

Miss Swinscoe, Zeyneb Rahmoune, Umar Ali, Kavi Choudhary, Alexander El Massih, Dylan Patel, Hridaya Marghade, Ryan Atari, Richa Thomas, Arnit Dey, Huda Maryam, Lady-Lynn Nassif, Hamzah Anwer, Rayan Al Akash, Lakshya Karnawat, Anaida Sequeira, Ayden Stefaniuk, Sarah Mansuri, Daksh Gupta, Parmiss Zahedi, Parmida Zahedi, Alma Al-Hares, Celmira Shaikh, Afra Mohamed, Lea Chamat, Ayla Wanli.



Year 7 XD

Haneen Hikal, Martin Agha, Kaan Sozalan, Anastasia Sorial, Farah Yassa, Krishna Raninga, Emaan Ahmed, Aryika Saluja, Rakshika Muramalla, Mohammad Rakhshan, Fayha Fatima, Qasim Trumboo, Adeen Asad Mirza, Saif Bitar, John Luff, Tanin Shirazi, Mann Pethani, Sultan Khan, Mahmoud Taha Al Hawamdeh, Youseff Swedk, Kareem Ali, Eshaal Rasul, Sahana Shrikent, Nayda El Khoury, Omar Arafa, Nabeel Ismail, Vishesh Shah.



Year 8 XD

Jayseelan Muthukumar, Ibrahim Ahmed, Anirudh Gupta, Fareeda Lasheen, Diya Nair, Nayla Abdou, Yasmeen Fahmi Abbass, Faisal Alrahal, Fadia Masadeh, Maria Abbasi, Seyedeh Golbarg Taheri, Nazli Ishankulyyeva, Vaishnavi Dixit, Aleksandra Wiacek, Hridank Sahni, Kimiya Mojdehi, Joseph Abbasi, Rami Achimu, Hamza Ahmed, Ayaan Soleja, Owen Abu Jbara, Mahd Naveed, Saif Soomar, Briti Lilaramani.



Year 8 YD

Mrs Banton, Abdulrahman Fathy Ahmed, Lorenzo Scarpa, Kavin Pasricha, Sayed Abdullah Sharaf, Ali Abdelsalam, Aiham Zubaiyen, Hussain Mahmood, Layah Moopen, Simona Afshar Sadeghi, Madhav Malik, Oliver Bray, Ranvir Tandon, Cameron Park, Jay Lota, Mateo Bermudo, Ayana Omer Ijaz, Zaina Raza, Nida Alkan, Sofiya Asghari, Prithvi Agrawal.



Year 9 XD

Gohlan Sanjana, Van Der Merwe Chloe, Naqvi Vanya Raza, Rahmoune Abdelkarim, Martin Brandon, Datta Arnob, Lahd Joe, Rodrigues Rene, William Alannah, Arbad Maya, Davidanthony Segrayers, Carbonnelle Rayan, Saoudi Dina, Sayyad Diba, Bhatia Saachi, Khair Eddin Feryal, Kreidieh Abdullah, Beides Alnader, Corelli Beatrice, Ferrao Matilde, Kajo Michaella.



Year 9 XYD

Ms Alice Menhennet, Ziyaad Mansuri, Hatem Lamloum, Tala Baba, Mohamed Embaby, Mariam Taha, Eshaan Oswal, Aryaman Sahu, Anaika John, Kyra Desai, Aram Mohammed, Imaad Alam, Mohand-Rayhan Benbouzid, Hadi Hamadeh, Keira Winter, Maryam Fayyaz, Abudullah Obeidat, Tarkan Gulec, Anisha Jain, Anwasha Nath, Alessandra Palmieri, Dalya Nehir Ulku, Alisha Sharma.



Year 9 YD

Ms Laura Matthews, Daniyal Ansari, Miral Shenouda, Omar Sidani, Aditi Thakkar, Ishnoor Kaur, Mohid Aamir, Sarah Ouali, Aaron Kuriakose, Xena Abu Hilal, Amin Master, Aaron Patel, Neo Medic, Asher Arul, Anamika Gazanfer, Kevin Nassif, Siddhanth Suresh, Aya Sultani, Sophya Mashkoor, Aditya Balchandani, Jordan Thomas-Butler, Ceyda Menlibay, Anahita Cholmaghani, Rayyan Ahamad, Chiara Fioretti, Oscar Watson.



Year 10 XD

Khadijah Trumboo, Salleha Mohammed, Ahmed Abdelhamid, Alisa Khuzina, Arnav Narula, Alihusayn Dewji, Navya Grover, Inaya Khan, Dhruv Agrawal, Jasmine Parikh, Lina Hegazy, Waleed Mustafa, Miki O'Connell, Romeysa Shoaib, Amani Agha, Omar Lasheen, Abhimanyu Wadhwa, Moaz Youssef Eldemrdash, Reem Al Blooshi, Shreya Swaminathan, Peter Joergensen.



Year 11 XD

Rimsha Malik, Rithika Abraham, Christelle Abassi, Pragya Paliwal, Diya Mazumdar, Marwan Ouali, Mahmoud Masadeh, Ahmed Ibrahim, Rohit Saravanan, Navneeth Suresh, Alisha Engineer, Nazly Abdou, Leen Ismail, Arjun Dhananjai, Omar Alkhalili, Tarun Rangarajan, Risheng Zhou, Anirudh Vishneek, Moksh Kothari, Dara Abbas.



Year 10 YD

Raya Mahmoud Zadeh, Salma Smadi, Joao Felipe Almeida, Niharika Das, Salleha Ghayar, Anaya Khan, Debangsh Agarwal, Maya Idris, Kutay Sen, Shreya Tripathi, Deema Ibrahim, Karam Qasem, Kanav Mehta, Maria Bucica, Elmira Zare, Kritin Jaikrishna, Arsniiy Kozyrev, Fatima Sallam, Jamie Lee Vella, Abeeha Shaban, Danish Ali.



Year 11 YD

Mrs. Smith, Azargol Cholmaghani, Dalial Mutallapova, Lily Astrup, Horia Stoicescu, Viggo Sorensen, Naif Anas Khan, Abdul Mateen, Heba Ramsy, Tejas Trikha, Elsa Bermudo, Lucca Loguancio, Abdulla Alzarouni, Muhammad Khan, Muhammad Rayan Shabbir, Shreshth Modi, Ebrahim Al-Ward, Yousef El Dawy, Safia Naaz Aftab, Geetika Balchandani, Maleeha Ahmed, Elizay Farhan, Sarah Aamir Habib.



Emerald House Highlights

Once again, it has been a fantastic year for Emerald House students, both inside and outside of school. This year, we have welcomed the addition of our Year 5 and 6 classes who have joined us in the Middle School and they have been a wonderful asset to the House System. We have seen these students excel this year whilst taking on more independence and participating in house activities. We are proud to have watched each student develop skills which will support them in their move into the Upper School in the years to come.

Every year, we welcome many new students throughout Emerald House and it has been great to see each of them settle in, make new friends and flourish. This year, through the help of team building games, laughter and fun, our Emerald students have supported each other to become one big team who look out for and support each other.

Emerald student's outstanding teamwork skills shone when participating in the DECA Challenge during Global

Entrepreneurship Week as well as in the Global Innovation Challenge. We were extremely proud of our Emerald students who went on to represent WIS in the finals of these competitions. It was fantastic to see many of our Emerald students develop these collaborative skills further while partaking in the Ecoventures Camps as well as the Duke of Edinburgh adventurous journeys. Other highlights for Emerald this year included some of our students speaking at the annual TEDx event and achieving success on Sports Day.

One of our biggest house successes this year was raising the most amount of funds for the annual Walkathon. A special thank you to 7YE who raised the most amount of funds as a Tutor Group. This earned us the privilege of presenting the cheque worth AED 162,500 to Dubai Cares in our assembly. These funds were raised as a school over the past year through various fundraising events. The money raised will pay for a new school to be built in Cambodia and we look forward to working with Dubai Cares in the future to see our school develop.

In Emerald, our attendance and punctuality has been improving week on week. At the end of every term, we celebrate students who have 100% attendance. This year, three Emerald students have won a AED100 voucher for maintaining 100% attendance.

This year, we have also celebrated student's successes through their very own #BeAmazingAtWIS profiles. In these profiles, students have logged their achievements from both inside and outside of school. As well as being wonderful memories to look back on in the future, records of achievements can also be referred to when creating applications for roles such as student leadership or even for universities.

It has been a fantastic all-round effort by Emerald students this year. We wish our Year 11 students the best of luck when they receive their GCSE results this summer and we look forward to seeing you all next year!





Class Photos



Year 5 E Miss Morris, Moza Al Muhairi, John Abdallah, Jasmine Haddad, Malek Rmeili, Kaitlyn Faria, Tariq Qawsmi, Shaurya Sharma, Alexander Jorgensen, Cristiana Prodan, Rakan Rahbani, Omar Mahmoud Youssef, Shlok Awtaney, Abdullah Fadhlani, Pranav Ramnath, Hayah Jazbel, Marwan Kassem, Elma Imran, Prisha Dhawan, Forog Gazanfer, Aada Bolar, Dev Shevakramani, Ayan Puthuparampil, Samuel Irenitemi Adeniği, Aayra Menon, Julia Fahmy, Saleha Ali, Farida Hassan, Alyssa El Mourad, Ms. May.



Year 6 XE Ms Harvey, Terry Tabbal, Eshita Oswal, Freyaa Singh, Alaanoud Abualhaj, James Buchanan, Omar Faraidooni, Beatrice Karim, Zaina Latif, Krish Poduval, Alicia Yunseol Jo, Ella Yates, Ali Jawad, Amaar Shaban, Jiya Vivek, Dhairya Desai, Deniz Kirazci, Andrej Popivoda, Muhammad Aaliyaan Chawla, Joury Al-Lahham, Nada Ragy, Matin Alimohammadi Hajhosseini, Chintan Chokhani, Houman Najafi, Filippo Parmeggiani, Manisha Prasad, Kushali Abhayawickrama, Ms Desai.



Year 6 YE

Mrs Parkins, Tim Fahed, Adam Shihabi, Sonia Azam, Maryam Janahi, Neesa Vora, Yaquot Abualhaj, Riti Shah, Joao Sousa, Hussam Farooq, Ridam Maru, Taym Bourak, Rashi Bhandari, Mariam Helwa, Ali Bin Draï, Aniket Das, Anay Tyagi, Kateryna Synytsia, Yana Golubeva, Ghaliya Wahbeh, Ryaan Kalra, Laura Chiaranda, Mariem Hassan, Laila Zaghloul, Sophia Siddiqui, Sheraya Amarasekara, Malek Singer, Gene Peter-Swain.



Year 7 YE

Mrs Ryan, Anish Gupta, Ameera Saqr, Shashwath Jaiin, Jade Dubos, Isher Devsi, Haya Zayed, Thisuli Tennakoon, Alissa Marino, Ishita Karuturi, Safiyya Khan, Habiba Radwan, Maria Falaknaz, Zoay Khan, Aashvi Drolia, Ayesha Dhedhi, Ruheen Puri, Michael Page, Syed Rayan, Kabir Khan, Hamdaan Sayed, Yasma Soubra, Raha Yaghmai, Nabeeha Seedat, Aaron Samuel, Krishna Cariappa, Raunak Dhume, Ruvin Agarwal, Anisa Aziz, Yassin Eldin, Mahit Goel.



Year 7 XE

Mr Joseph Lawler, Lisa Beulah Cacote Rodrigues Dos Santos, Muhammad Aahil Wasif, Amina Samir, Yuvaan Ameet Sawlani, Omar Alobthani, Hira Tariq, Hala Sabri, Alan Patryk Chabier, Rishit Goel, Aleezah Mir, Fatma Janahi, Ayaan Mohammed, Zaynah Salim Sardar, Mariya Rahpaima, Aaditya Lokwani, Patrick Khatchikian, Sourav Iyer, Hadi Khan, Hadi Salman, Pim Wattanaveerachai, Nadia Walid Ibrahim, Inaya Kaleem, Amanda Ranjbar, Seongyeon Yu, Sarah Mohamed Farid Mohamed Hassan, Alisa Pereira.



Year 8 XE

Obaid Al Mansori, Al- Aina Muhammad Ismail, Sophia Khan, Raquel Matta, Ayaan Arora, Carla Nikolaidi, Bharat Porandla, Zaina Al-Lahham, Raahath Kazi, Ameer Alduwaik, Laith Al Saidi, Lara Moutran, Yahya Muhammad Ismail, Hania Zafar, Romit Kunwar, Natalia Marques, Max Roper, LekshmiPriya, Rupert Wright, Gourav Chopra, Darrion Hammadeh, Jasmine Karim, Miss Candice Byrne.



Year 8 XEM

Mr Sait, Eva Daniyal, Jana Abou Zamel, Seungju Eun, Shloka Gambhir, Catherine Hay, Parveen Patel, Karim Magdy, Pranshu Mundada, Grace Astrup, Joelle Juha, Tricia Ninan, Kaira Pal, Zhaojin Chu, Ayush Kogta, Pritika Khiaaraa, Zyaan Khan, Philip Sebastian Illick, Amna Muhammad Nagori, Hamza Negm, Daksh Shevakramani, Zain Muhammad Hamid.



Year 9 XE

Miss Titterton, Abdulwahab Mohammad, Amari Peters, Majed Singer, Daniel Merchant, Noor Zoufri, Lea Marhaba, Zeina Ragy, Oliver Hugo Stokes, Sara Lechuga, Elysia Page, Liqiao Zhang, Mishaal Faisal, Shenelle Dias, Ahmad Al Falasi, Ujjwal Aggarwal, Hermann Ziessnitz, Muhib Nabulsi, Joshua Elvis Rodrigues, Piyush Goel, Udita Tiwari, Anusha Naveed, Chloe Tabbal, Madia Zaidi.



Year 8 YE

Ms. Sheahan, Alexandra Nichols, Raina Saulat, Ariana Saulat, Prisha Singh, Maya Mufti, Yash Laad, Arshiya Razvi, Marina Bratchik, Giulia Chiaranda, Rayan Mughal, Hassan Khalifa, Mobin Alimo-hammadi Hajhosseini, Liyana Kasmani, Diala Abualhaj, Mohammed Chassan Amir Bourak, Pavlos Belitsas Cid, Tang Li, Srijan Goswami, Stepan Skachkov, Arnav Agarwalla, Salahaldeen Jamhour, Youssef Rady, Marjan Hafez, Darin Nasr, Dana Aljabiry, Nil Bilgin.



Year 9 YE

Ms Pooja Parmar, Asli Tosun, Sara Aboonajmi, Mariam Zayed, Selin Kutluk, Qasim Malik, Khalid Faraidooni, Andre Aldib, Kanika Khanchandani, Nour Elawany, Zain Attarwala, Tianze Li, Tianyi Li, Saher Adukia, Ayra Nauman, Wiann Wilson, Yasin Samir, Gleb Maslovsky, Abdul Qader Shoman, Aaryan Vinod, Sylvie Khatchikian, Zia Shah, Saif Azam, Hassan Fadhlan, Muhammad Nubaid Siddiqui, Taha Chenaf.



Year 10 XE

Zehra Bughio, Sarah Ahmed, Mariam Karim, Aliabbas Mohammed Merali, Navya Desai, Alexandra Haddad, Laiba Khan, Jude Elfadil, Ayaan Nadeem, Zayed Shaikh, Ronak Chopra, Bhavik Kunwar, Jonathan Bacon, Tom Giles, Mohamed al Marzooqi, Hassaan Mundia, Harley Green, George Moussa, Marta Sousa, Drishya Mathew.



Year 11 XE

Nikita Shanbhag, Hriday Deepak, Borislav Gonkov, Raehan Manu Mahdi, Isla Peter-Swain, Fay Samarai, Riaan Shah, Suvarn Nagan, Theerdha Anand Saripella, Zeina Elawany, Amey Jadhav, Eissa Abu Rashid, Kani AhmadPour, Mennatallah Zayed, Gyeol Jung, Anyka Chakravarty, Melissa Bhanji, Sadan Al-Mufieih, Mina Athnasuos, Saifeldin Mohamed Farid Mohamed Hassan, Divit Ray, Om Uppal.



Year 10 YE

Miss Westerman, Luna El Khoury, Maseeha Seedat, Siddharth Prasad, Idil Oruklu, Palak Chawla, Tala Hamdan, Yosif Elhefnawy, Priyanshi Joshi, Noor Saulat, Samiar Yaghmai, Anusha Aggarwal, Talha Haroon, Kexin Guo, Aryan Kundra, Muhammad Haseeb Yousuf, Isaac Hussain, Belal Soliman, Omar Khan, Jwana Kattan, Kanav Agarwalla, Muadh Abbasi.



Year 11 YE

Akilesh Nalluri, Anish Harigopal, Mustafa Syed, Vinayak Sharma, Akshal Jain, Zaid Shaikh, Zuha Tariq, Saira Khan, Dua Majid, Ansh Bahuguna, Usman Khan, Abdullah Dikko, Zakaria Swedk, Bhuvan Balaji, Zayn Panjwani, Jana Sabri, Hajra Ojha, Angela Nikolaidi, Maira Sayed, Manahil Hussain, Ishika Yadavalli, Maanya Panday.

Post 16 Highlights

This year's IB journey has been a significant one with many additional challenges thrown in. Year 13 students rose to the challenge of the early Spring Break and subsequent cancellation of the IB exams in a flawless fashion. The Year 12 students additionally rose to the assessment period of Remote Learning, faultless in their approach to undertaking the assessments in innovative ways that none of us, teachers included, have undertaken before. Business and related courses remain the favoured choice for our students progressing to University and we were delighted to see four students progress on to study Medicine in the UK and the UAE. The student cohort continued to increase in size from the previous Year 12 intake, showing the faith students and parents have invested in our 'Outstanding' provision for curriculum design and implementation.

Students at WIS are continuously involved in a large range of philanthropic activities and we were delighted to see the initiative by WIS students for blood donation be taken on as a

joint KHDA and Dubai Health Authority project across schools in Dubai. Year 12 student Zenia Barretto plays tennis for India and Aditya Kottila Veetil plays cricket for Kerala state and we are nothing but honoured to be able to work with students who wish to study IB Programmes and pursue excellence, in this case in sporting endeavours, outside of the classroom.

University applications continue to show superb acceptance rates and large amounts of scholarships awarded to our students. The highest to date being an individual scholarship award of \$60,000 Canadian Dollars to a student who has applied to study Economics at the University of Toronto. We have also had a significant amount of success with our Medical Application students who have progressed through our very own WIS Medical Society.

We wish all of our graduating cohort the utmost success in their end of year exams and look forward to celebrating further success with results on July 6th 2020.



Class Photos



Year 12 D1

Vlad Stoicescu, Adam Nichols, Kaja Geha, Krsna Vally Sarma, Abdurrahmene Hamidi, Cheick Doumbia, Camilia Carbonnelle, Hanea Mirza, Mafalda Ferrao, Vrinda Raninga, Majju Vallas, Aya Nizameddin, Anvay Joshi, Salma Haj Mohammad, Aryaman Mohan.



Year 12 D2

Miss Shaw, Chetan Nair, David Walpole, Ali Khan, Fares Ahmed, Tanguy Herkens, Samarth Kambli, Yalcin Alkan, Kuba Wiacek, Soham Mukherjee, Ribhav Galhotra, Omar Mukhtar, Kareem Saoudi, Ziad Taha, Umaimah Razvi, Tamara El Khodr, Alisha Sheikh, Jiayin Cai.



Year 12 E1

Tariq Shah, Ayah Aljanahi, Monisha Kelkar, Khalid Al Tayer, Yousef Juha, Aditya Kottila Veetil, Taejas Venkataraman, Ziad Abouzour, Zihan He, Yukti Raut, Khrisha Lockandwala, Shahin Sobati, Caitlyn Bradley.



Year 12 E2

Mr Waddicor, Poushali Ray, Manya Sharma, Fiza Dahra, Hiran Mohajer, Pratham Dhawan, Ritesh Pattanayak, Maxime Dubos, Neel Vora, Dheemaan Mehta, Michelle Moutran, Mahmoud Wahbeh, Zara Mufti, Rida Sayed Hassan, Vedant Yogishwar, Ammar Ahamad.



Year 12 O1 Miss Jane Bowden, Vatsal Doshi, Kenzo Gaches, Robyn Alice Milner-Wang, Amir Agha, Ishani Chakrabarti, Meena Muthukumar, Aman Mahmood, Amirhossein Sorouhi, Khryzel Peregrina, Oyku Ozyucel, Rawaan Chhotani, Serena Bazeih, Sumayra Jamil.



Year 12 R1 Ms Daykin, Adony Fidel El Massih, Harshet Anand, Ergang Wu, Iida Koskiluoto, Philip Feghali, Zenia Barretto, Yahia Ibrahim, Artin Nassery, Max Jessup, Lucas Lau, Zareen Kazmi, Alin Cendak, Aaliya Bhamla, Anumi Karunaratna, Arushi Jain.



Year 12 O2 Ved Shah, Xinyi Yang, Rishi Lolla, Devesh Kanal, Rnad Zubaiyen, Hassan Sadek, Jenna Khawaja, Danai Marina Karagkounaki, Aryan Walter Gaekwad, Danah Alkubbani, Jazz Fisher, Karam Mahmoud, Apurv Aditya Singhdeo, Daryl Lee Xan Yen.



Year 12 R2 Ayman Khan, Jida Sulieman, Dania Osama, Nader Akar, Francesca Drury, Talha Solangi, Ahan Nair, Yasser Kreideh, Ayrton Helena, Mia O'Connell, Ada Zeylan, Ruba Allousheh, Tala Salameh, Sarah George.

Class Photos



Year 13 D1

Mr Vijay Degun, Alia Mahdi, Tamanna Mehta, Isabella Misiec, Julie Christensen, Neal Rodrigues, Venkata Sai Viswa Krishna Koushal Parupudi, Lara Uguz, Joao Renato Almeida, Hassan Raza-UI-Qadir, Purva Kumar Pethani, Basil Faidhi.



Year 13 D2

Celine El Habbal, Prachi Bhatia, Daksha Krishnan, Vini Dev, Avinisha Tiwari, Snikita Moka, Skye McKenna, Laura Al Sharif, Ekaterina Balashova, Mohammed Al Ward, Tayte Stefaniuk, Karan Tulsani, Abishek Arul, Joud Qasem, Nadine Mukhtar.



Year 13 E1

Mr Jonathan Hoey, Priyanka Nair, Nagham Khoury, Joshita Manohar, Mohit Iyengar, Andreas Belitsas Cid, Fuad Atwan, Nenad Ranisavljevic, Edmond Markus Pacursa, Osama Rkieh, Ryan Wilson, Layla Abdulla, Zeinedine Elfayoumi, Mahith Abhayawickrama, Jules Boering, Tia El Khoury, Abdullah Siddiqui, Sama Nabulsi.



Year 13 E2

Mr McGuckin, Diba Penza, Sara Dhume, Maksymilian Tafintsev, Natalie Mekhael, Rafaella Gupta, Shiv Uttamchandani, Asim Godil, Salma Sfaxi, Avinash Raju, Sarah Pereira, Manan Sanghavi, Mackenzie Dewar-Pratt, Anjali Raju, Mrinal Gajaria.



Year 13 O1

Mr Turner, Mehak Kapoor, Mohib Zaidi, Inayat Amin, Firas Ahmed, Marcelle Brasil, Samir Singh, Obrimpong Osei-Bonsu, Shreya Kuttian, Adam Arif, Nisarg Limaye, Devanshi Arora, Andrea Van der Merwe, Marta Uzelac.



Year 13 O2

Mr Miller, Amrik Singh, Jean Santamaria, Adam Ghoul, Befekir Ayalew, Saana Adhya, Arsh Buttan, Fraser Colbeck, Ye Jun Yung, Carla Dirmina, Salma Alkhatib, Yousef Abualhaj, Aya Giahmi, Malik Hadi Ahmed.



Year 13 R1

Mr Maher, Malak Mohsen, Nelson Ngumo, Amina Farouk, Krishi Kothari, Khushi Gupta, Charlotte Drury, Ronak Dhirani, Danyl Chadli, Kabeer Kambli, Jordan Payet, Aashna Kathuria, Gaeun Lee, Sanchee Asnani, Mingqian Hu, Tania El Mallah, Anisa Alharmouzi.



Year 13 R2

Miss Bedi, Basil Fayyaz, Shivani Kogta, Philippa Wareham, Borna Khodadadi, Teresa Werner, Masa Dajani, Ivaylo Dimitrov, Ahmet Akturk, Marwa Facchini, Raneem Ayass, Talia Clements-Oliveiro, Areeba Khan, Haaris Khan, Ioana Rusnac, Jai Singh.

Graduating Class of 2020

The senior class of 2020 Graduated in a virtual ceremony on Thursday 4th June. Joining together across land and sea, students and families united virtually as we came together to celebrate graduation.

The virtual day did not stop students celebrating in true WIS style. Speeches were shared, recorded clips of students accepting their graduation certificate were showcased, and students received eBooks; the traditional graduation book, depicting each student in their graduation gown regaling the reader with a fond memory from school and favorite quote, along with the Now and Then Leavers book. This sentimental book was a collaboration of the sixth form team and the Year 13 parents, containing photographs of the students from infancy to graduation along with a personal message from their parents.



The event was initiated with the site going live at 6pm and the Graduation Ceremony video being shared across our social media platforms. From 6.30 onwards the IB team hosted a Google Meet to congratulate and reminisce with the Year 13 students and their families. WIS Head boy and Head girl gave a very moving and thought-provoking speech, which captured the feelings of this senior cohort of 2020 leavers and brought tears and pride to many of the students, their families, and all staffs eyes.

Class of 2020 - we could not be prouder of how you have managed and strived to succeed over the past two years.

The Virtual Graduation website is accessible via: <https://www.wisgraduation2020.com>



What we love about Our School

Student Voice



Thani Al Maktoum – Year 1

I love being at WIS, I have amazing teachers who make all of my lessons fun. I have made so many kind friends, everyone is always smiling. My favourite lesson is Maths where we use lots of blocks and counters to help us learn. WIS is the best!



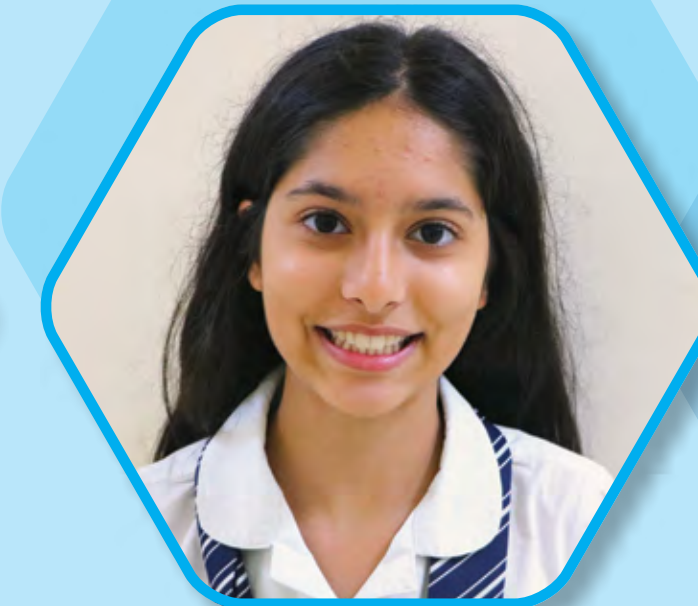
Camilla Fiestas – Year 4

I love WIS for many reasons, particularly the fun lessons we have that help us with our learning. My friends and teachers make every day a lovely day by being supportive and kind. They help me be the best I can be.



Adit Gupta – Year 7

I love studying at WIS because the teachers are determined to teach students new things. The teachers continue to push us to our limits and make us feel challenged at all levels. They also help to make us ready to face new challenges ahead of us in life.



Vanya Raza Naqvi – Year 9

I like studying at WIS because I feel most at home here and I can say this after I have been to seven different schools. I consider WIS as my second home because to me my friends, who are all from diverse backgrounds, are like family and make every day worth the early get ups.

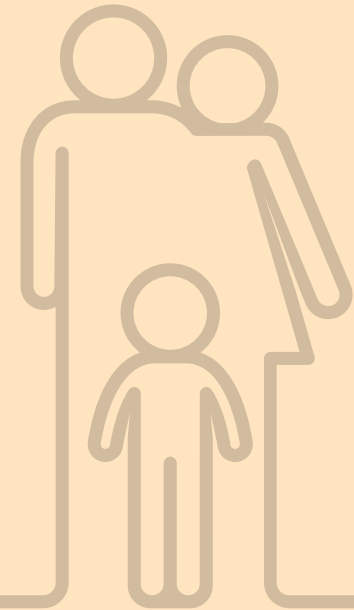


Mohammad Himmo – Year 11

I love studying at WIS as I feel that students and teachers get along really well as teachers give up their personal time to look after us with WISDOM sessions, Triple E's and trips abroad to experience a sense of adventure. Teachers are always ready to help us in any way, shape or form to enhance our experience at GWIS.

What we love about Our School

Parent Voice



Al Mansoori Family

We have so many amazing memories and things to mention about our children's experience at WIS, as the school continues to include immense interest in their mental and physical wellbeing. Teachers of both Hareb and Hoor know our children as individuals and continue to push them to levels they can and should achieve.

We are overwhelmed how nurturing and loving the staff have been while providing the structure and guidance our children need. Both Hareb and Hoor have benefited from all the amazing opportunities offered at WIS. These



Madhwani Family

My son Arnav Madhwani is in Year 2 and he has almost completed four years at WIS, right from his first day in FS1 where he started his WIS journey in 2016. For Arnav, WIS is not just a school but it is a beautiful place as he mentions to me, where he looks forward to coming every day to learn and explore new things. He spends most of his day in the school and thoroughly enjoys the company of his friends and loves his teachers!



opportunities at WIS have helped them both to grow as individuals personally and academically.

Because of the school's spirit, commitment and discipline, our children are thriving in WIS and continue to do so during their Remote Learning. The inclusion program which Hareb is part of has made strong positive changes to our family.

We love that all teachers and administrators are always loving, supportive and fully accessible. We have been impressed at the level of feedback and overall communication at WIS.

We have noticed a lot of progress in Arnav not only academically but also in his overall confidence and development. WIS is not only Arnav's second home but also for us as a family, as this four year journey with the school has become a part of our lives, where right from the start, at the doorstep of the school we are greeted until we say goodbye as we leave to go home. As we always believe happy teachers make happy students and that is the spirit of WIS - "my happy son".

Thank you WIS for everything and we love you as a family.

The Morton Family

As a family we could not have wished for a better place for our boys to start their Dubai school journey. Moving to the UAE in 2018 was a huge move for us as a family but none more so than for our boys starting a whole new adventure at a brand new school. WIS were there to support our move in every way. They have the most caring, supportive and dedicated team of staff who endeavour to give the children and their families the support and encouragement needed to ensure their whole school experience is one they will always remember. Though 2020 has proved to be a challenging year beyond all of our expectations, the school have excelled with their Remote Learning program, offering support for not only the students but also for parents, and as a family we are incredibly grateful for all of the support and guidance that we've received.

Thank you WIS for creating such wonderful school memories for us all.



The Souto Family

We have really enjoyed our journey at WIS so far.

Anita, our eldest child, started at WIS in FS1 and Lucas followed her the year after also joining FS. Now in Year 1 and FS2 we could not be happier!

We felt since the very beginning part of a great community, where our children's health, wellbeing and learning are at the core. We are very grateful that the job is made easy for working parents!

We particularly loved the promotion of independent work and, at the same time, the attention each and every child gets.

The most important thing to us is that both our children love to go to school every morning, they respect and love their teachers, they enjoy the learning and they are enthusiastic about playing in the different spaces that the school offers.

Every morning when we take our children to school we are sure that they will be having fun and they will have a great learning experience...! don't think there is much more we could ask!



What we love about Our School

Staff Voice



Joe Lynch-Beddows – Year 2H UAE Class

Through the transition from a school with under two hundred students to the vast size of WIS, I have been immersed in a range of experiences that really cannot be found elsewhere. I teach Year 2 every day but my EEE extra-curricular activity sees me teaching Drama to Year 9. I have also been responsible for organising French Day and assisted the Music Department's Big Sing event. The opportunities over the past year have been wonderful, and I am incredibly grateful to have these responsibilities alongside such a wonderful class and equally supportive parents of all the students in school.



Suzanne Ryan – PE Teacher and Sports Leadership Coordinator

It was fourteen years ago when I first arrived in Dubai to start my new job at GEMS Wellington International School. What a journey it has been! WIS is my second home and I have worked with some amazing teachers over the years. I have made lifelong friendships that I will cherish. So here I am now in 2020 and now my own two daughters come to school with me every morning. I look forward to many more years at WIS as I continue my journey as a family.



Ellen Storey – FS2B Dubai Class

I am in my third year of teaching FS2. I love teaching FS2 as you never know what to expect. One minute you could be rearranging chairs to look like an airplane, to go on an imaginary adventure and the next you could be teaching a new phonics sound, which the children will then be able to apply to their writing by the end of the lesson. One of the most rewarding aspects for me is teaching children a skill for life; to read and write. I feel so lucky to work at such a diverse and inclusive school. One of my main highlights is International Day, where I have been able to learn all about the different cultures within the WIS community.



Noredine Charef – Head of Languages

This is my third year at WIS and I have enjoyed each year more and more as the years have gone by. Both my daughter who is in Year 10, and my son who is in Year 3 love being students at WIS. WIS is an incredible place to work, all students and staff are amazing, and make it such a wonderful place.



Ciara Watson – Head of Year 13

I love the community feel we have here at WIS, there are so many different cultures and customs brought together in total synergy. Students taking everyone as they are and being interested in learning and understanding difference cultures and points of view makes working here a knowledge rich environment that produces an exciting buzz. Being Head of Year 13 has enabled me to be part of planning and preparing for the next generation of students.

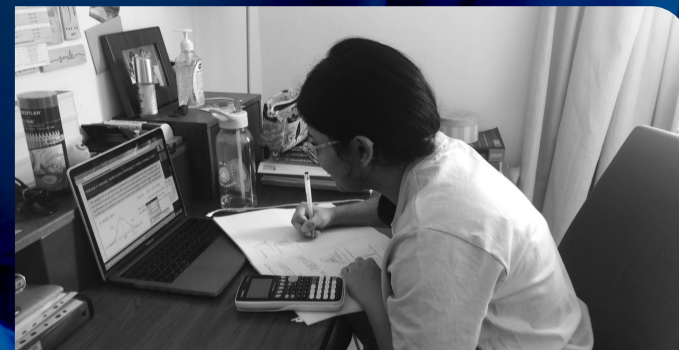
DISTANCE LEARNING

Remote Learning at Wellington International School

WIS is an outstanding school, with a team of staff dedicated to ensuring all students are given every opportunity to succeed. Learning at WIS is centred around a performance mindset, enabling our students to develop skills needed to excel in the 21st century. As such, our remote learning experiences are designed to replicate outstanding learning opportunities, whilst providing a forum for invaluable social interactions. Whilst teaching is conducted outside of the classroom environment, WIS teachers are equipped to ensure that remote learning is engaging, challenging and beneficial to all students by developing new methods for

delivering lesson content and providing specific feedback to support student growth and learning.

WIS uses the term “remote learning” rather than technology-specific labels such as “virtual learning,” “e-learning,” or “online classes.” This choice reflects our conviction that quality learning can occur at a distance, without solely relying on technology. Rather than being reliant on an electronic device for their learning, our goal is for WIS students to read, communicate, and engage in authentic learning experiences, while continuing to be physically active. Our shift to remote learning begins with



consideration of how we can intentionally align experiences with our vision of High Performance Learning for all students.

High Performance Learning is a research-based, pedagogy-led philosophy that responds to our growing understanding of human capability. It normalises high performance for all students and uses a unique teaching and learning framework to systematically develop the cognitive skills, values, attitudes and attributes needed for lifetime success.



I have a PERFORMANCE MINDSET. I am in charge of how smart I am because I can GROW my BRAIN like a muscle by learning challenging things. My POTENTIAL is LIMITLESS. I actively SEEK CHALLENGE and always strive to BETTER MYSELF. I VALUE my STRENGTHS and look to develop myself at every opportunity. FEEDBACK is important to me. I want to always know how I can IMPROVE. I will achieve my DREAMS through PERSEVERANCE and DETERMINATION knowing that my SUCCESS comes from EFFORT.

I AM A WIS STUDENT.

At the core of our approach to remote learning is the belief that we should continue to excel in our delivery of a high-quality curriculum when responding to challenging circumstances. We should embrace new methods for students to learn with authenticity and meaning; we should actively give our students opportunities to look at the world from another perspective. As a school community of students, staff and parent stakeholders working together in the 21st century, we can continue to drive success through innovation, reflection and powerful collaboration.

OUR CAREFULLY PLANNED LESSONS INCORPORATE THE 5 ADVANCED COGNITIVE PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (ACPS) OR - AS OUR CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THEM - 'THE 5 LEARNING BRAINS'

META-COGNITION BRAIN

LINKING BRAIN

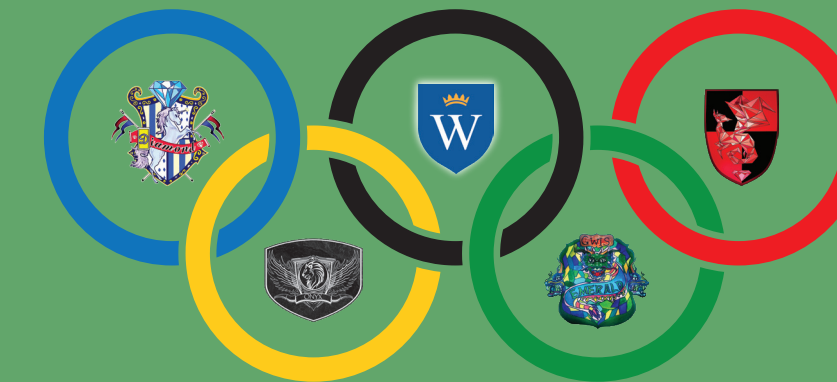
REALISING BRAIN

CREATING BRAIN

ANALYSING BRAIN



WIS VIRTUAL OLYMPICS



The PE team, with help from Mr Conor McGuckin, launched the first ever WIS Virtual Olympics in April. This Inter-House competition challenged all of our WIS students, parents and staff to earn points for their House teams through a series of fitness and skill-related activities all with the aim of helping everyone to maintain an active, healthy lifestyle during the period of Remote Learning.

Activities included a variety of running, jumping and throwing based challenges to coincide with those traditionally taken part in by athlete's in the Olympics in addition to some more fun based activities such as football keep-ups and balancing for as long as possible.

We experienced an overwhelming response with over 2700 activity results submitted via the dedicated WIS Virtual Olympic website throughout the two weeks of competition. In what was a very close finish Diamond and Ruby House eventually shared the WIS Virtual Olympic Gold medal followed by Emerald achieving Silver and Onyx winning bronze.

A huge well done to all students, parents and staff for their outstanding efforts and participation throughout the WIS Virtual Olympics.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Our Remote Learning programme has gone from strength to strength in the Lower School. Our progressive, safe and well-balanced route into 'Live Learning' through Microsoft Teams has enabled our students to become confident and accomplished Remote Learners. Our rich, innovative curriculum has continued seamlessly from the classroom to online provision, reinforced by clear and progressive curriculum maps and overviews enabling parents to see clear progression and quality. Small group sessions, social and wellbeing activities are deeply embedded into our Remote Provision providing that really important balance between screen time, physical activity, emotional health and wellbeing; all reinforced by teachers daily contact with students and parents via our Seesaw and Google platforms.

In the Lower School we really value those personal student and family interactions ensuring that the caring and supportive ethos of our school is both preserved and maintained. On top of this our teachers will always reach out to those students who require extra support or help with learning alongside providing extension work and 1:1 support for students working at greater depth. Many students have also engaged in our valuable 1:1 feedback and group interactions and this will also continue to be a vital aspect of our pastoral and academic support for students. The flexible nature of our timetables allows work to be uploaded throughout the day with teachers and school leaders always advocating that strong balance between academic coverage and rigor alongside the opportunities for our students to focus on producing quality, well thought out pieces of work that they have plenty of time to complete ensuring our students are remaining motivated and energized to produce their very best work and standards at all times. Finally, we have not been able to achieve this without the phenomenal relationships between home and school that have flourished during what has been a difficult time for all involved, thus showing we are a true family school underpinned by strong family values both in school or apart for albeit a short amount of time.



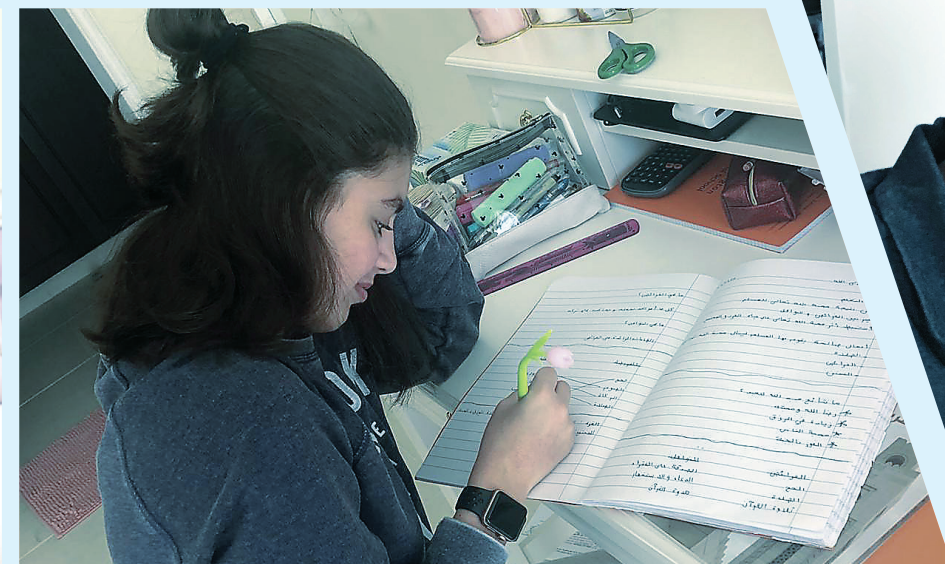
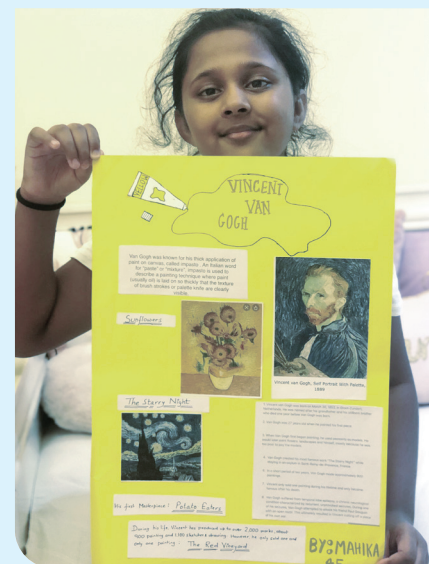
Lower



Middle

The current situation caught most of us by surprise, but the resilient nature of our students, parents and staff has shown me that we can deal with anything that is thrown at us. Our staff have taught in ways that they never expected to do and have learned new skills in order to continue to teach outstanding lessons. Our students have responded by engaging with Remote Learning from the start and submitting continuously high-quality work, as well as supporting one another with their work and looking out for each other's wellbeing. Our parents continue to support us through all that we do, providing us with constructive feedback so that we are able to continuously enhance and develop our Remote Learning Programme. The way that we have all worked together has filled me with immense pride.

I look forward to the next academic year, as I am sure you do, whatever that may bring. One thing I do know is that we will all remain committed to each other, to working hard and to recovering from the challenging circumstances we currently find ourselves in.



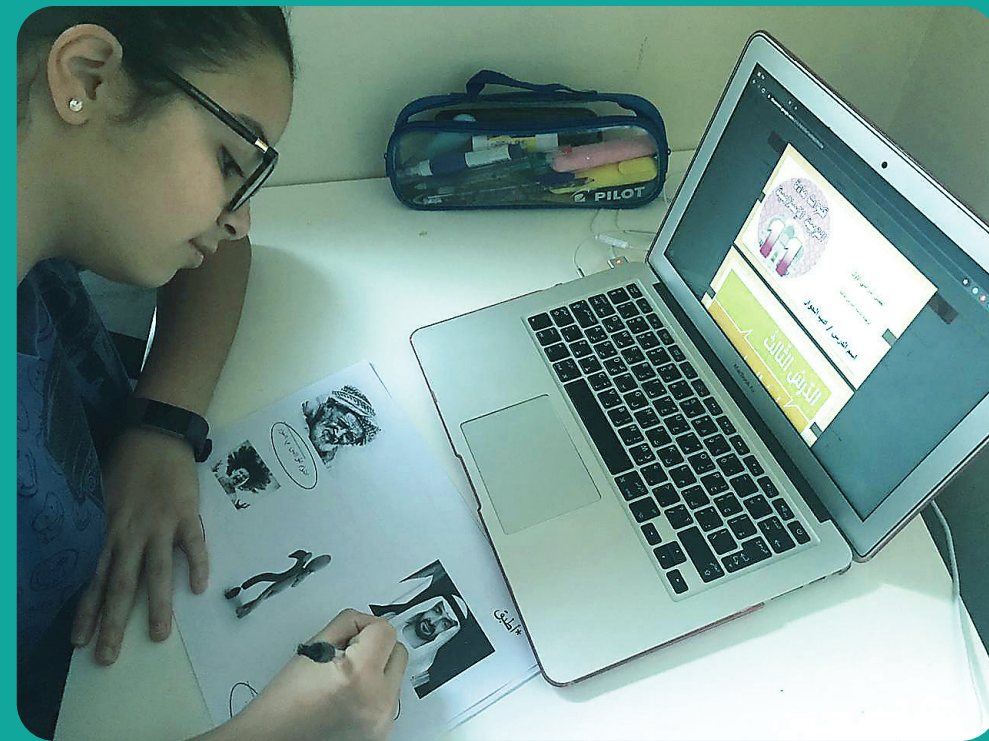
Upper

Our students in the Upper School wholly embraced the Remote Learning Experience, despite the disappointment that many students faced at not being able to sit their final GCSE and IB Examinations. However, for both Year 11 and Year 13 students, this gave them the opportunity to grow, from an academic and personal perspective due to the excellent programmes created by our Upper School teams, such as the IB Bridging Curriculum, and the Life Learning Programme for our Year 13 students. Many students showed their competitive streak through the accumulation of points in 'The Grad Prix' where students were posed challenges, centered around academic preparation, life preparation and personal growth.

For our Year 10 and Year 12 students, academics as well as extra-curricular activities, were truly embraced. Even though working remotely, this did not stop our students from working to their highest and greatest potential. We are all incredibly proud of them and the way in which they displayed excellent levels of commitment during an uncertain time.



DISTANCE LEARNING



Ayaan Arora in 8XE and Aryaman Arora in FS2A were the winners of our Family Photo Competition. This picture captures the moment Ayaan and Aryaman were playing Frisbee 2000 meters above sea level on the slopes in Austria.

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