



Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents,

In January, we have been working hard to be a positive place for our students, parents, and staff. As adults, our role is to maintain that feeling of safety for our students, as our youngest may not fully understand the present situation, and the oldest will be concerned about the impact on exams or university.

At Wesgreen, we want to keep things as normal as possible – in other words, *'to keep the light on'*.

As a Headmaster, these have been my highlights of the month:

- Our new FS1 (Pre-K) opened, and we now have two classes of wonderful students. These are full, but contact registrar_wgp@gemsedu.com if you are interested in starting in September.
- Our KG2 students now have the option to keep with remote learning, keep the blended learning system or come in 100%. We have opened seven large wonderful spaces to ensure social distancing.
- Almost all of our secondary grades also give students 100% access for those who want it.
- Each week, the Primary Team, supported by the Wellbeing Team, has been running excellent parent workshops online to help and support families at this time. These have included Innovation, PERMAH, and Safeguarding.
- Our pupils competed in the Chevron Readers' Cup at Emirates Literature Festival, and our Primary Teams have made it to the finals.
- Curriculum Days #keepingthelighton, Anglo Saxon Day, KG Water Day, and Primary Careers Day.
- Primary sports competitive events – socially distanced, of course!
- WISART 2021 is launched on 31st January. [Explore the wonderful virtual gallery.](#)
- The student-led WISMUN Committee has been working all hours to create an online Model United Nations event next week-end.

Primary Grades 1 to 5

We have worked incredibly hard to ensure we can offer the students who want to return full-time that option from Sunday 7th February. With the rise of COVID-19 cases, at this present time, we are giving you three options:

- 100% Remote Learning
- Blended Learning of 2/3 days each week with live online learning when at home
- 100% Face to Face: We have parents who are front line workers, parents who struggle with child care whilst trying to keep jobs secure, as well as students who want to come to school.

Kind regards,

Mr. J Dey
Headmaster





Early Years and KG2

Dear Parents,

The start of this term has been very exciting with the opening of our first FS1 (Pre-K) class. We welcome Ms. Rahila Hussain who is the Lead Teacher for FS1 and our 20 new students. On 18th January we opened our second FS1 Class led by Ms. Margi Victor. Welcome to all our Wesgreen Family.

We have also had a number of new students joining our campus for the first time. A big welcome to you all and we are so glad to have you as part of the Wesgreen Family.

By now you will have received the poster of our Art Activity 'Together We Paint' planned for KG1 and 2. Thank you to all those KG1 parents who have already sent in recyclable materials for our junk modelling. KG2s will be painting and we hope to display our works of art outside when the project is completed.

In the second week our KG1 and KG2 students took part in a 'safe sports day'. Please be assured all social distancing protocols were observed and this activity was conducted in small and safe groups. Unfortunately, I could not invite our parents to be part of this special activity, but hopefully next year! Your children were amazing and it was most rewarding to see how their physical skills have developed. We also had a lot of fun!

My door is always open – even if it is a virtual door. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns and suggestions.

Take care and stay safe.

Ms. Alison Stewart
Head of FS1 (Pre-K), FS2 (KG 1) Year One (KG 2)



Upcoming Events

- Animal Safari Day
- Book Week



January Events

[KG 2 Sports Day](#)

[KG 2 Sports Day](#)

[KG 2 Sports Day](#)



Primary School

Dear Parents,

What a fun filled start to the new year!

It is very important to us in Primary that our students have rich experiences that allow them to not only enjoy school, but to apply their learning in new ways.

From Grade 1's 'Read my T-Shirt Day' all the way up to Grade 4's 'Anglo-Saxon Day', each event has brought smiles and giggles, as well as new learning and experiences onto the path of our students.

Career Day had our students thinking about the future and why they were working so hard in the present. Our Career Day parade was full of aspiring astronauts, game designers, engineers, vets, doctors, scientists, teachers and much more. The children were elated when speaking about what they wanted to be when they grew up.

For our parents, we have increased our parent workshops to once a week. So far, we have had our Grade 1 Reading Workshop, Grade 2 Narrative Writing Workshop, Grade 3 Innovation Workshop, Grade 4 Multiplication, Division and Place Value Workshop, and Grade 5 Multiplication Workshop. It has been a delight collaborating with parents on different topics and themes.

In addition to this, our monthly parent PERMAH workshop on Friendship and Relationships was a wonderful time where we explored how students can make and maintain relationships during this pandemic. We encourage all our parents to join any and all relevant workshops.

We look forward to strengthening and continuing our community and parent partnership with you.

Kind regards,

Abigail Alexis-Olubuyide
Head of School Primary



Upcoming Events

- Primary STEAM Week
- Ancient Greece Day
- Elocutions
- Stone Age Day
- Book Week



January Events

[PERMAH Lessons](#)

[Chevron Readers' Cup Competition](#)

[Primary Career Day](#)

[Primary STEAM Week](#)



Girls' Secondary School

Dear Wesgreen Community,

We have had a very positive start to the year with a number of students returning to school for face-to-face learning. Having the students back on campus has revived the Girls' School to its original atmosphere. Both staff and students are happy to be back in school.

This month we had students compete in The Chevron Readers' Cup held annually by Emirates Airline Literature Festival. Students worked in Teams and read a selection of books. I would like to congratulate the following students for their enthusiasm and participation: Yara Walid 7GC, Aisha Ahmed 7GA, Layal Melham 7GB, Hoor Sultan 7GB, Layan Alzebe 7GB, Raaniya Hafeez 8GC, Faryal Fahad 8GC and Naomi Mahtani 8GA.

For the International Day of Education our students reflected on the past 10 months and wrote some inspiring pieces of work, quotes, posters and poems during the well-being session.

The enrichment of students learning through ECAs, competitions and whole school events has always played a big part in their development. Our students have persevered and are ever determined to ensure that they continue to learn in fun and interactive ways through online learning.

Our parents have always been at the forefront of their children's education. Thank you for your continued support, feedback and suggestions. Teachers have conducted over 600 Parent Teacher Meetings this month, giving parents feedback on how their children can make further progress in school.

Next month, we look forward to many more events and student-led initiatives. Watch this space!

Kind regards,

Ms. Surita Burman
Head of Girls' Secondary School



Upcoming events

- WISMUN
- Emirates Literature Festival
- Sports Day
- Elocutions
- Inter-house Sports

January Events

e-WISART

International Day of Education





Boys' Secondary School

Dear Wesgreen Community,

What a start we have had to Term 2. This month our students have had the opportunity to see their reports and how well they have performed in Term 1. It has been lovely to see parents in the Zoom meetings for the PTMs and now I would like the students to take all of that valuable feedback from their teachers and better themselves in their learning for Term 2.

We have some exciting events coming up next week, like WISART and WISMUN. I want to thank all, who have been part of the organizing team and helping in setting up the events for the rest of our students. It will be exciting to see the work produced and the intense debating from the participants involved. The unfortunate news is we have had to reschedule our Sports Day which was on the calendar for next week.

It was great to see that we were able to accommodate the Grades 6/Y7 to 12/Y13 students in school every day for face to face learning. We look forward to continuing this after our two weeks of remote learning.

The school took part in the Emirates Literature Festival, Chevron Readers' Cup 2021 this month, competing with numerous schools in the region, in the hope of claiming the Chevron Readers' Cup trophy.

The Readers' Cup is an annual event, in which students read a set of books determined by the organisers. The competition is held over two rounds, a semi-final and a final, where the winners receive a prize in the form of book vouchers, meet the author of one of the books and have their picture published in the local newspaper. Well done to the boys who participated and fingers crossed we have some winners.

Finally, a big thank you to all parents for your continued support and by working together we continue to strengthen the Wesgreen family.

Kind regards,

Mr. Rajiv Jethiji
Head of Boys' Secondary School



Upcoming Events

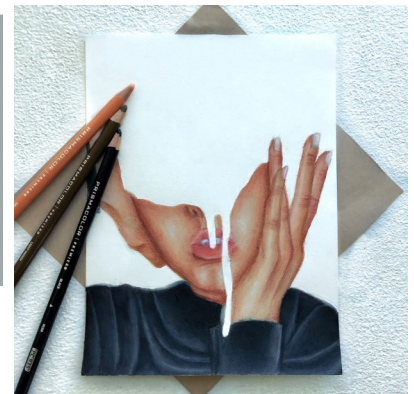
- WISMUN
- Emirates Literature Festival
- Sports Day
- Elocutions
- Inter-house Sports



January Events

[e-WISART](#)

[International Day of Education](#)





Arabic and Islamic Department

الأباء الأعزاء،

لدينا العديد من الأحداث المثيرة التي نتطلع إليها في هذا الفصل الدراسي. التميز الملهم هو رؤيتنا الجماعية ، وبغض النظر عن التحديات التي يطرحها COVID ، فإننا سنواصل العمل من أجل ضمان النجاح الأكاديمي والرفاهية لكل طالب.

سيبدأ قسم اللغة العربية قريباً في استخدام تطبيق BravoBravo بدءاً من الصف الأول / السنة الثانية وحتى الصف السابع / السنة الثامنة ، والذي سيساعد الطلاب على القراءة من خلال ممارسة مهارات مختلفة أثناء الاستمتاع. سيعمل التطبيق أيضاً على تعزيز مشاركة أولياء الأمور في تعلم أطفالهم. ونظرًا لأننا ندعم الطلاب في تطوير اللغة ، فإن الطلاب المختارون من الصف الثامن / السنة التاسعة سيشاركون في مناظرة عن بُعد ، تم تنظيمها لمدارس GEMS في الشارقة بعنوان "رأي الطلبة في دراسة القصة لطلبة الصف الثالث / السنة الرابعة . هل يؤيد الطلبة دراستها كقصة مصورة أم مقروءة ولماذا؟" سنواصل تعزيز شراكتنا معكم لضمان وصول طلابنا إلى إمكاناتهم الكاملة بغض النظر عن مكانهم في رحلة التعلم الخاصة بهم. يتواجد منسقونا المتفانون في كل مبنى وهم على استعداد دائماً للاستماع إلى أي مخاوف قد تكون لديكم فيما يتعلق بالجانب الأكاديمي ورفاهية طفلكم. لا تترددوا في الكتابة إليهم ، ويسعدكم تقديم الدعم.

منسقو اللغة العربية والتربية الإسلامية والاجتماعية

السيدة إيمان حمدان K-5

السيدة رندة الكركي - الصف السادس إلى الثالث عشر

السيد محمد عبد الدايم- الصف السادس إلى الثالث عشر

شكراً لدعمكم المتواصل.

Dear Parents,

We have a good many exciting events to look forward to this Academic Term. Inspiring excellence is our collective vision, and regardless of the challenges presented by COVID, we will continue to work towards ensuring each student's academic success and wellbeing.

The Arabic Department will soon start using BravoBravo Application from Grades 1/Year 2 to Grade 7/ Year 8, which will help students with reading through practicing different skills while having fun. The Application will also enhance parents' involvement in their children's learning. As we support students with language development, selected students from Grade 8/Year 9 will participate in a remote debate, "Students' Opinion in the study of the story for Grade3/Year4 students", organized for GEMS schools in Sharjah.

We will continue to strengthen our partnership with you to ensure that our students reach their full potential no matter where they are on their learning journey. Our dedicated Coordinators are available at each campus who are always willing to listen to any concerns you may have related to your child's academics or wellbeing. Please feel free to write to them, and they will be delighted to extend support.

Coordinators for Arabic, Islamic, and Social Studies

Ms. Eman Hamdan (e.hamdan_wgp@gemsedu.com) : K-5/ Early Years—Year 6.

Ms. Randh Al Karaki (r.alkaraki_wgp@Gemsedu.com) - Grade 6/Year 7 to Grade 13/Year 14.

Mr. Mohamed Abdel Dayem (m.abdeldayem_wgp@Gemsedu.com) - Grade 6/Year 7 to Grade 13/Year 14.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Moussa Al Shoubaki
Head of Department—Arabic, Islamic and Social Studies

January Events

GEMS Reading Challenge

Celebrations



Student Support Department

Be Well at Wesgreen:

Family Teamwork: 5 ways to build teamwork within the Family: Teamwork within the family is very important because it models the skills needed to work within a team for the children within the household. Practicing teamwork in the family is a rewarding experience for children and equips them with an important life skill. [Click here](#) to learn more about how you can build teamwork within the family.

GEMS Jewels of Kindness and Respect: As we continue to instill acts of kindness and respect within our daily lives, click on the links below to access the Kindness Calendars for the months of January and February to help guide acts of kindness, respect, helpfulness, empathy and compassion within the home:

- [GEMS Jewels of Kindness and Respect - January](#)
- [GEMS Jewels of Kindness and Respect - February](#)

Monthly Wellbeing Posters: The wellbeing of our students and families is of utmost importance to us.

These posters contain tips and activities for students, and families to carry out to ensure we keep a healthy mind, and a healthy body. Click on the links below to access the monthly wellbeing posters for Primary and Secondary:

Primary:

- [January Monthly Wellbeing Poster - EYFS & Primary Poster](#)
- [February Monthly Wellbeing Poster - EYFS & Primary Poster](#)

Secondary:

- [January Monthly Wellbeing Poster - Secondary Poster](#)
- [February Monthly Wellbeing Poster - Secondary Poster](#)

Kind regards,

Roxane Wolmarans
Head of Student Support Department
Early Years School Counsellor



Jewels of Kindness and Respect Winners

KG 2

- Zeyad Soliman KG2B/ Year 1B
- Shahad Aljneibi KG1B/ FS2

Primary School

- Hatem Khalid 5BC/ Year 6C
- Dalal Ahmed 5GD/ Year 6D
- Zeena Hussein 4B/ Year 5B
- Sara Qais 3L/ Year 4L
- Mohamed Masood 2C/ Year 3C
- Latifa Alburaimi 1L/ Year 2L

Girls School

- Fatima Farooq 12GA/ Year 13A
- Massa Al Deirani 11GB/ Year 12B
- Mahnoor Aslam 10GC/ Year 11C
- Farah Youssef 9GC/ Year 10C
- Alisha Rashid 8GC/ Year 9C
- Hoor Al Khayyal 7GB/ Year 8B
- Anousha Rashid 6GC/ Year 7C

Boys

- Usaid Aamer 13BA/ Year 14A
- Ali Jaffar Ali 12BA/ Year 13A
- Burhanuddin Kothari 11BA/ Year 12A
- Yahia Abouelela 10BA/ Year 11A
- Issa El Khatib 9BB/ Year 10B
- Nabil El Jechi 8BA/ Year 9A
- Mazen Mohamed 7BD/ Year 8D
- Seifelden Mohamed 6BC/ Year 7C