



# NEWSLETTER

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## PYPX EXHIBITION WEEK

The PYPX presentation week has been a fantastic display of the students' commitment and passion towards themes of global significance ranging from 'Animal Rights' to 'Healthy Lifestyles' to 'Climate Change'. They have collaboratively inquired into real world local and global issues that they care deeply about. Over the past 7 weeks, the students have taken responsibility for planning, researching and presenting their learning. They have delivered their research with confidence and enthusiasm and have shown great capacity to take action and raise awareness. Thank you to all the parents, students and teachers that have given their support and visited the exhibition. We hope that their sustainable actions will go beyond the exhibition and that they continue to investigate and offer solutions to real-life issues with the same dedication and drive.



[Click here](#) to find out more about the GEMS Ambassador Programme and how you can save on your tuition fees.

## ANXIETY IN YOUNG CHILDREN

“Our world has changed a lot this past 15 months and children have had to deal with a lot of change and uncertainty”. Read more from our Counsellors on how to help young children deal with the effects of anxiety [here](#).

# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO/PRINCIPAL, DR RANA

Dear Parents, Carers and GEMS World Academy Community,

GEMS World Academy continues to ensure that our great students enjoy their learning and this week there are a raft of fun activities for them to take part in. In an educational landscape that too often just emphasizes developing academic success, these activities remind us that there is far more to education than just that. Being able to play and participate in team activities and sports is vital in preparing our young people for the world beyond school: emotional intelligence, a sense of belonging, the mastery of new skills, the ability to play and have fun whilst also finding the grit and fortitude to overcome adversity, values of fair play, sharing and generosity coupled with competitiveness, drive and the ability to be equally gracious in success and failure are all crucial elements of the kind of character building our numerous sporting and musical activities are all about. We've also been reminded of how useful role models can be by having the fascinating entrepreneurship panel this week, which also showed us how educational and entrepreneurial values can often dovetail into one another through their ambition to improve the world and help everyone thrive.

Thursday is a house colour day, and this is also important in reminding us of how belonging to a team is important, fostering a spirit of fellowship and team endeavour where our individuality is expanded and enriched by its association with a wider circle of identities. Sometimes we're tempted to evade our connections with others, especially people and groups who might at first strike us as being alien and different, and so house colour day reminds us of a different spirit that embraces our links with a broader community. I'm very excited to be starting the induction process for new staff and I will be meeting all of them over zoom in the next few days. 95% of our new teachers will be joining us with an IB experience and we are training all staff in IB before the start in September to ensure that next year we've enhanced our capacity to offer our wonderful students a broader, deeper and richer educational experience than ever before.

Finally, the plans are being finalised for the academic year 2021/22 and all parents and students will receive their key documents on Tuesday 15 June.



## MESSAGE FROM GWAPA

[Click here](#) for this week's message from GWAPA. Please note that the Dragon's Den is closed until next Academic Year.



## SCREEN FREE REVISION IN SCIENCE

In preparation for the Science MAP test, our G7 students enjoyed a competitive old school game of snakes and ladders. Each board and game piece was printed and sanitized before being handed out. For every turn a student took, they had to answer a Science revision question created by their opponent.



## DR PATIL'S TIP OF THE WEEK

World Food Safety Day was observed on 7 June by the World Health Organisation. [Click here](#) for the benefits of safe food for child growth and development. All our students have the right to safe food.



## DEVELOPING AN ENTREPRENEURIAL MIND-SET FROM A YOUNG AGE

Leading UAE entrepreneurs spent the morning on Monday 07 June 2021 with Grade 8 students discussing the need to develop an entrepreneurial mind-set from a young age.

The Hub welcomed speakers which included Nour Al Hassan, Founder and CEO of Tarjama and Ureed; Alessandro Nocivelli, a Member of the Board of Directors at Epta and a GEMS World Academy parent; Fouad Dajani, Co-Founder of healthy food and beverage brand Nai; and Dr Saima Rana, CEO/Principal of GEMS World Academy – Dubai.

The panel discussed how education has changed over the course of the last decade, how it will continue to evolve, and what impact artificial intelligence and technology will have on the youth of today. Speakers were also asked what skills they believe most helped them in their entrepreneurial journeys, what challenges they had to overcome, and what skills they wish they could have developed whilst at school. Another hot topic was whether or not entrepreneurship is something that can actually be taught.



## KG MINI SWIMMERS

Our 'Mini Swimmers' are enjoying their enrichment swim sessions and making lots of progress. They have developed from safe water exploration to being able to submerge their face in the water to make bubbles. They are now kicking on their front and on their back in the water and on the poolside. In the 'Seal Stage' of our programme, they will learn how to jump into the water and perform a star float unaided. These sessions are lots of fun and we are delighted with the progress being made by all our 'Mini Swimmers'.



## GETTING READY FOR SUMMER

This year at GWA we have ensured all students have had 100% accessibility to their education on site as well as those students who continued with distance learning. It has been a tough year not only here but across the world too, with many students, staff and extended families going through their own personal challenges. However, if this school year has taught us anything, it is the importance of our friends, family and staying active.

For the upcoming summer, we are challenging our students to be as active as possible, so that when you return for the next academic year, you are feeling refreshed, energised and ready to learn. Take time out to focus on your wellbeing, explore new sceneries, try new things, spend time with family and start seeing what is around you. Encourage each other to try new sports, arts, drama and to spend time outdoors. Limit device time and balance those lovely summer treats with some healthy meals and snacks.

From the Wellbeing Team at GWA we wish you all a successful last couple of weeks.



A huge thank you from all Early Years and PYP students to GWAPA who have completed the enormous task of preparing individual cookie decorating kits for every student. The secondary students were also able to enjoy some cookies! We are very fortunate to have such a supportive Parent Association.

