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GWA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMANS DAY

"The education and empowerment of women throughout the world cannot fail to result in a more caring, tolerant, just and peaceful life for all."

Aung San Suu Kyi

On Monday 8 March, GWA celebrated our very special female students and staff members throughout our Academy. All of these wonderful women demonstrate courage, adversity, mental toughness in a variety of ways and most of all support for their female peers. Students were encouraged to think about the incredible female leaders that exist in our world today.



RECOGNIZING ENDANGERED ANIMALS

Endangered Animals Awareness was recognized this week at GWA. Grades 5 and 6 used their research and creativity skills to gain knowledge about the endangered species that exist in our world today. Presentations are being displayed on the TVs throughout school and the students who participated received house points. GWA would like to thank Diogo Monteiro for this wonderful idea. Stay tuned for further updates.

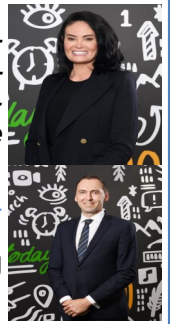


TEACHING AND LEARNING: MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skilful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives."

William A. Foster

Read more about the GWA Teaching and Learning Vision [here](#)



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO/PRINCIPAL, DR RANA

Dear Parents, Carers and GEMS World Academy Community,

It's always a pleasure to report on what we have been doing in the last week, and as always it's been a busy and exciting time with many things to celebrate and be justly proud of. It's important that students are given genuine immersive experiences in their lessons and it's been wonderful to walk round the school and see the tremendous interactive teaching and learning going on throughout. Both staff and students have been working hard to engage in important and mind-expanding experiences, which is of course what a great education should be all about. Despite the health and safety restrictions placed upon us by the pandemic, staff are working hard to overcome these barriers and students are thriving because of this.

An example of what is being achieved has been the wonderful art that our art students have produced. As the newly refurbished spaces begin to take shape, the students will be populating the display walls with their own fresh works, all of which is inspiring, imaginative and a testament to the creative, dynamic spirit we foster across the curriculum for everyone. This initiative will lead to an all-student school exhibition which has been an incredibly powerful experience for our students and teachers. These beautiful pieces will be displayed for all to see, contemplate and to react to.

Student voice is of course an essential component of any good school. Our students have just completed a uniform review and have chosen a very comfortable and discreet uniform for next

year which is a great example of student voice having a real impact on the decisions we are making. Next is the PE kit and I know their decision will be reached in the same mature, thoughtful, kind and intelligent way as the uniform decision was taken. I'm as always impressed by the way our students are able to manage adult decisions in a spirit of generosity and empathy, values we very much look for across the whole school community.

Finally, throughout all this, we never forget that education is an empowering and transformational agent for everyone everywhere. It is with that in mind that GEMS World Academy celebrates International Women's Week, reminding us as we do so of why we are an International Baccalaureate Academy where global values of generosity, intelligence and resilience coupled to the right of everyone to thrive are at a premium. Women are half of the planet's human population and the history of women's rights and the just celebration of their achievements is something everyone must engage with positively and with a view to ensuring that barriers to their success are continually identified and swept away. I wish everyone a very pleasant and restful weekend where we all refresh ourselves for the exciting new challenges of the future.



MESSAGE FROM GWAPA



Please find this week's message from GWAPA [here](#).

COUNSELLING CORNER

[Here](#) are some tips from our Counselling team on how to deal with anxiety in young children.

Please join us in congratulating our senior students on this week's offers of admission:

- University of Sydney
- Indiana University - Bloomington
- University of Sussex (5 students)
- Hult International Business School (3 Students)
- Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation (DiDi) (2 students)
- University College Utrecht

DR PATIL'S TIP OF THE WEEK

In the wake of International Women's Day, let us concentrate on women's health. Please find an age-wise screening guide for women [here](#).

ARABIC DEPARTMENT

In honour of the Achievements of Emirati Women in 50 years and their prominent role in establishing the UAE Federation, #EtihadMuseum hosted a lecture on the Encyclopedia of Women and the Achievements of Emirati Women in 50 Years, with Authors Professor Rafia Obaid Ghubash, founder of the Woman's Museum, and Dr Maryam Sultan Lootah, Associate Professor in political science department in UAE University to highlight the role and achievements of Emirati women.

GWA Secondary Arabic speaking students attended the virtual talk and asked questions and learned more about the achievements of women.



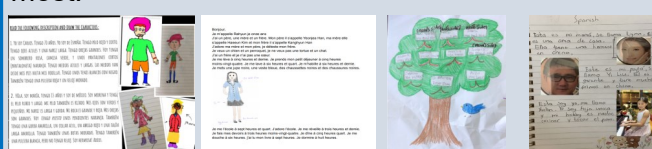
ENRICHMENT UPDATE

The Enrichment team would like to say a huge thank you for the support you have given the Enrichment Programme over the past few months in relation to our delivery of remote clubs and on campus sports. Your positive and helpful feedback, as well as your input at home has enabled us to provide a comprehensive programme of learning beyond the classroom for all our students. [Read more](#).



LANGUAGES: FRENCH AND SPANISH

Grade 4 and 5 students are enjoying learning additional languages. Students have achieved a great level of progress in their French and Spanish classes. Our dragons are able to write and express themselves. Speaking is one of the skills that exceeded the teacher's expectations the most.



KG1 RECIPE BOOK FUNDRAISER

KG1 have created a digital class recipe book in order to raise funds for Project Maji together with YallaGive. Should you wish to enjoy these wonderful recipes and support our KG students in ensuring people have access to clean water, any contribution is welcomed [here](#). Please forward your receipt to: a.odonnell_gwa@gemsedu.com.



DELE EXAMS

GWA would like to congratulate Sofia Faghihy, Arnav Kedia, Mridula Dhruva, and Doyeong Lee for passing their Spanish exams with remarkable scores and receiving their Spanish DELE A1 Diploma's. These are the very first GWA students to receive the Spanish Diploma, DELE A1 certification. Well done.



DP MUSIC

Grade 11 DP Theatre students have been exploring theatre traditions by leading physical workshops that focus on performance conventions related to Non-Western Theatre traditions. Through this investigation students had the opportunity to experience Theatre traditions as performers and learn from masters practitioners. They explored Kabuki (Japanese), Peking Opera (Chinese), and lastly Talchum mask dance (Korean). Students acquired and cultivated a new found appreciation for performers who specialize in these theatre practices.

