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F1 IN SCHOOLS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COUNT-DOWN

GWA's F1 in Schools team Delta X-15 will be representing the UAE at the F1 in Schools World Finals in a month's time. Watch the team's promotional video to find out more about Delta X-15's history, their journey to the World Finals, and the design facilities at GWA.

[Watch here](#)



MESSAGE FROM MS MURPHY

As we head into Eid in a few days, I want to wish you all Eid Mubarak. This week we have been focusing on Data Intervention conversations with Primary Grade Leaders in order to track the progress of every student in each Grade. We are also very excited to announce that in the month of June, each Grade Level will have a special team building day. Read more about the exciting updates from Primary for this week [here](#).



MESSAGE FROM GWAPA



The GWA Parents Association are looking for parent volunteers to serve as Ambassadors. If you would like to be part of this amazing Programme, which welcomes new families in our school community, please register using the following [link](#).

GEMS QURAN-A-THON

During the Holy month of Ramadan, Muslim Students from all GEMS Education Schools across the UAE will be completing the entire recitation of the Holy Quran to nurture their recitation skills. Congratulations to the following [students](#) who represented GWA and participated by following the Rules of Quran.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO/PRINCIPAL, DR RANA

Dear Parents, Carers and GEMS World Academy Community,

It's of primary concern that everything we do fits the complex and intricate needs of every student in the school. Minds, hearts, spirits and bodies all require a bespoke, personalized approach and it is for this reason that I am so pleased to announce that the primary and secondary student data monitoring and tracking with interventions will be completed this week. This has been a vital piece of work and I'm so proud of the progress all students are making in all aspects of their educational experience. This has been a time where the social, emotional and physical needs of students have been as severely challenged as their academic ones and they have been exceptional. I'm also proud of the staff. Teachers have done a phenomenal job in making sure students have excelled in spite of the pandemic and our wonderful support staff have kept our community safe by ensuring our environment is sanitized and clean for everyone. Of course the mental well being of all students is a priority during this very stressful and distressing time but again the fortitude, resilience and determination of everyone pulling together in this time of need has been inspiring. I know parents and carers must be proud of their children's responses.

And what a week we have had, a highlight being with the GWA Delta X-15 F1 team delivering outstanding workshops and racing to Grade 6 students. This has been an example of skills and character building at its very best developing teamwork, friendships, competitive spirit and ethical teamwork throughout. And it was pleasing to see that the first, second, third and fastest time winners were all female students in what stereotypically is a male dominated arena. What was really pleasing to see was how much joy and happiness to our community the Delta X-15 F1 team brought to us. A very big thanks to all involved.

Finally, it's the end of Ramadan next week. This is a time that encourages everyone, religious or not, to think about those intangible but important spiritual dimensions that we experience where we try and see our lives and world through the prism of wonder and awe and find it in our hearts to be thankful. The privilege of helping our amazing students is part of this for me and I wish everyone a wonderful Eid Al Fitr.



Hygiene for Healthy Kids Course

In celebration of World Immunization Week 2021, this course aims to promote awareness of the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against diseases, and the importance of personal hygiene and proper hand washing for Primary school children. Upon completion of the course, students will receive a certificate. The course runs for the duration of an hour and is recommended by the DHA for Grade 2 to Grade 5 students.

Simply click on the following [link](#) and enrol for free. The deadline is on 18 May.



PE UPDATE

At GWA, we follow a hot weather policy which provides guidelines for outdoor activities and ensures the health and safety of our community, especially the students. As the seasonal temperatures begin to increase, PE lessons will be moved indoors to avoid heat related illness. Here at the Academy we have changed the layout and function of some of our PE spaces to ensure maximum student activity whilst adhering to Covid regulations and guidelines. Secondary students will be undertaking Units of Health and Fitness and have use of our gym facilities including treadmills, rowers and cross trainers.



GRADE 12 OFFERS OF ADMISSION:

Congratulations to our Seniors for this week's offers:

- University of Technology Sydney (UTS)
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- York University (3 students)
- Erasmus University Rotterdam (3 students)
- IE University Madrid (2 students)
- American University Dubai
- University of Liverpool (3 students)

Non School Uniform Days

Last day of Ramadan 10th or 11th May TBC

Thursday 3rd June Battuta Day - Yellow Theme



Thursday 10th June Sina day - Red Theme



Thursday 17th June Razi Day - Blue Theme



Thursday 24th June Zuhr Day - Green Theme



Last day of School Wednesday 30 June



DR PATIL'S TIP OF THE WEEK

Dubai Health Authority has updated the guidelines regarding eligibility for the COVID-19 Vaccine. Women who are breastfeeding or planning to conceive are now eligible to take the Pfizer vaccine. Breastfeeding mothers can also take Sinopharm vaccine, but only 6 months after delivery. Don't wait, Vaccinate.

ARABIC DEPARTMENT

Grade 6 Native speaker students have participated in an Arabic Anime competition between all GEMS Schools. GWA is proud of how our students have used their creativity alongside their gaming skills to create an Arabic purposeful game. The competition targeted our IB moral values and was based on teamwork, solidarity, and helping others.



DRONES IN SCHOOLS COMPETITION

This week the students taking part in the "Drones in Schools" national competition submitted their initial proposals for their concept drone designs. Each Student Team developed a wide range of great ideas for their drones. For example: Drones for use by Cartographers to map out inaccessible terrain, lifeguard drones for dropping rescue vests at sea in emergency situations, and drones to help park rangers detect and locate illegal poachers.

Students used skills they have learnt in Design Technology over the last few years to independently create final solutions generated in CAD software, such as rendered animations, videos to promote their design proposals, and Technical Drawings of their Designs, along with parts and pricelists for components. See some examples of students' work to date [here](#).



COUNSELLING CORNER

Helping young children with Friendship Issues

Experiencing friendship issues is a normal part of childhood. No parent or educator ever wants to see or think of a child feeling lonely or lacking in friends and we want to do everything to ensure each child's life is filled with lots happiness, fun and firm friendships.

Some of the most important things we can do for children is build up their own self-confidence, belief in themselves and model kindness and respect towards others. [Read more](#).