

GMS NEWSLETTER

EDITION #11



It is very important that students are prepared for this globally expanding and competitive world. To be successful, students must possess and be able to demonstrate strong communication skills. We spent time exploring what communication meant and decided that in the GMS context, the focus would be on helping students to effectively exchange ideas and information through a variety of mediums. We also determined that cultural competence was a key element of effective communication, leading to the decision to incorporate cultural competence into communication. As one student recently told me, "to have a good community, you have to have good communication."

When we did a deep dive into how we were teaching and assessing components of communication, we found there were many ways in which we were already explicitly teaching communication skills in classes across our grade levels. Since then we have further focused on ensuring that all GMS students become strong communicators. Our youngest students learn how to contribute to discussions, listen and respond to others, and give short presentations to classmates. In middle school and high school, students learn more sophisticated skills by preparing more extensive individual and group presentations, speaking to different audiences, and participating in debates, interviews, pitches and presentations, and MUNs. In world language classes, the emphasis is on speaking and interacting in Arabic, Hindi, Malayalam and French. By practicing communication skills appropriate to various disciplines, as well as after-school sports and activities groups, our students become comfortable and willing contributors in various settings.

Our faculty members are also encouraged to serve as models in this area. Like our students, our teachers vary in confidence when it comes to public presentations, and we encourage them to take risks and step out of their comfort zones. Parent talks, teacher debates and competitions, and professional conferences give us many opportunities to extend ourselves, and we value our faculty members' willingness to engage in these activities.

As an educator, I am proud that GMS has embraced the goal of effective communication by making it one of our core student learning outcomes. Every student from Kindergarten upwards participates in regular Just-a-Minute sessions (JAM sessions). Students are taught to articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written and nonverbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts; and use communication for a range of purposes.

When our alumni visit us after their first semester at college, I am always eager to hear their thoughts about how their GMS experiences compared with those of their college classmates. The most obvious difference, one student said, was that "I am able to engage in class conversations in a way that my peers cannot." Their comfort in engaging with others came directly from the GMS emphasis on interpersonal skills throughout her time at the school. We believe our schoolwide focus on communication sets our students apart and gives them the skills and confidence to have their voices heard as they move through life.



FINALISTS

MOST INNOVATIVE SCHOOL AWARD IN THE UAE 2021-2022

We are absolutely thrilled to be Finalists of The Schools Compared Top Schools Award for the Most Innovative School in the UAE 2021-2022.

In their letter to the School, Eimear McKenna Singh, Business Development Director at Schools Compared writes: 'I am delighted to inform you that you have been awarded Finalist in the above category of this year's Schools Compared Top School Awards. It is an extraordinary achievement and says so much about what your school has, in turn, achieved for your students, and your contribution to the outstanding quality of education in the UAE."

This year's awards will be announced on 6th December. Fingers crossed!









FINALISTS MOST INNOVATIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER AWARD IN THE UAE 2021-2022

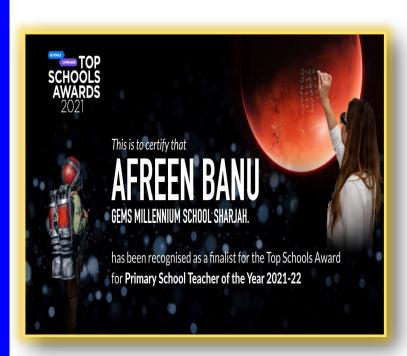


We applaud Ms. Afreen Banu on this extraordinary and hugely creditable achievement!

Teachers invariably take on the role of parent, especially in the early years of schooling. Teachers make students comfortable in their care, motivate them to believe in themselves, and encourage them to dream big. They see potential in every child and work hard to unleash it. The environment they create , the friendships they help foster, the lessons they impart and the activities they promote are all important in creating a place where a child can blossom.

Afreen Banu embodies many of the qualities that an exemplary teacher needs to effectively develop a child's persona while at school and outside. She unhesitatingly goes beyond the call of duty, initiates activities that increase Environmental Awareness at school, and encourages students to actively participate in campaigns that promote a clean and green environment. She strives to imbibe in her students values such as responsibility and care for the community. Her creativity shines through in her work. She has trained students for the Interclass Drama and the Theatre Competition, they have gone on to win the First Place every year! The massive appreciation received from parents bear testimony to the fact that she has made a great difference in the lives of many students in her care.

Here's a shout out to you, Ms. Afreen! What you do and the difference you make can never be fully captured in words. You have our deepest gratitude!





INNOTECH 2021 WINNERS

INNOTECH is the Digital Fest Competition organized by Our Own English High School, Sharjah (Girls). The Competition included various challenges such as AR/VR Video Making, Digital Animation, Poster Designing, Programming and Innovation Challenges.

Our students returned triumphantly having won the top prizes. Many congratulations to our winners on their brilliant and compelling wins!







SCOPE 2021

Our students bagged the top prizes at Scope 2021 organized by GEMS Legacy School, Dubai. Many Congratulations to all our winners!







Raima Kewlani
Grade—8G2





Grade — 8G2

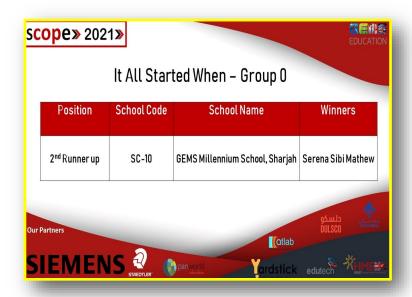


SCOPE 2021



Serena Sibi Mathews

Grade— 3A





Samruth Saljeeth

Grade—7B



SCOPE 2021



Abdul Malik Mohsin

Grade—12B2



Alwin Aloysius

Grade—12B2





Khadija Zakriya Jamadar

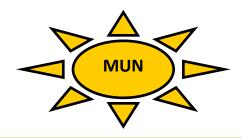
Grade—11G2



Adithya Suresh

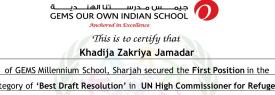
Grade—12B2





Heartiest congratulations to Khadija Zakriya Jamadar of Grade 11G2 on winning the Best Delegate Award, Best Draft Resolution and 1st Runner Up (Best Position Paper) in the OOIS MUN Competition held on November 13, 2021. She represented Russian Federation in the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.





category of 'Best Draft Resolution' in UN High Commissioner for Refugees in the United Nations Simulation Conference

held at GEMS Our Own Indian School, Dubai

Saturday, November 13 , 2021

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This is to certify that

Khadija Zakriya Jamadar

of Gems Millennium School, Sharjah secured the First Position in the

category of 'Best Delegate' in UN High Commissioner for Refugees

in the United Nations Simulation Conference held at GEMS Our Own Indian School, Dubai

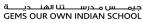
Saturday, November 13

President

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Principal

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This is to certify that Khadija Zakriya Jamadar

of GEMS Millennium School, Sharjah secured the Second Position in

the category of 'Best Position Paper' in UN High Commissioner for Refugees

in the United Nations Simulation Conference held at GEMS Our Own Indian School, Dubai

Saturday, November 13 ____, 20<mark>21</mark>

President

President School Council, Boys

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LATVIA

Warmest congratulations to Juwairia Farooque Khan of Grade 12G1 on being awarded the First Prize and Sophia Sibi Mathews of Grade 7G2 on winning the Fifth Prize in the 1st Latvia - GCC Friendship Students' Contest -2021. Well done, students! This is such a wonderful recognition of your immense talent.

The Principal, Ms. Teresa Varman was presented with a Certificate of Excellence for providing students with opportunities to excel and ameliorate their knowledge and understanding about Latvia a fast developing country in Europe.













Congratulations to the Winners of the Inter House Matches for the Academic Year 2021-2022. Finally, it will be the House that is able to forge stronger bonds among its members, work hard, exhibit great team spirit, sportsmanship and leadership qualities that will win the Championship Trophy. So, which House is it going to be? Summer, Winter, Autumn or Spring?































GRADE 5-8 GIRLS' BASKETBALL WINNER





GRADE 5-8 GIRLS' BASKETBALL RUNNER





GRADE 5 – 8 BOYS' BASKETBALL WINNER





8 BOYS' BASKETBALL RUNNER



INTER-HOUSE MATCHES@GMS 2021-2022



AUTUMN HOUSE



GRADE 5 – 8 BOYS' BADMINTON SINGLES WINNER

SUMMER HOUSE



GRADE 5 – 8 BOYS' BADMINTON SINGLES
RUNNER

SUMMER HOUSE



GRADE 5 – 8 BOYS' BADMINTON DOUBLES WINNER



GRADE 5 – 8 BOYS' BADMINTON DOUBLES RUNNER

SPRING HOUSE



GRADE 9-12 GIRLS' KHO-KHO WINNER

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AUTUMN HOUSE

AUTUMN HOUSE



GRADE 9-12 GIRLS' KHO-KHO
RUNNER

SPRING HOUSE



GRADE 5 – 8 GIRLS' KHO - KHO WINNER

WINTER HOUSE



GRADE 5 – 8 GIRLS' KHO - KHO RUNNER













GRADE 9 -12 BOYS' CRICKET RUNNER







GRADE 5 – 8 BOYS' CRICKET

RUNNER







GRADE 5 – 8 GIRLS' TABLE TENNIS SINGLES/DOUBLES RUNNER



Inter School Quiz Competition

Heartiest Congratulations to Neha Mariam Eapen and Mariya Shimmy both from 9 G1 for securing the Second Position in Spandhanam, the Inter School Quiz Competition held at GEMS New Millennium School, Al Khail, Dubai.





Ruhaaniyaat Islamiyah Fest

Ruhaaniyaat Islamiyah Competition was held on November 10, 2021 at **Our Own English High School, Sharjah.** Around 20 schools from the UAE participated in this event.

The competition included various categories like HIFZ-E- QUR'AN for the Lower & Upper Primary.

Al -Hadith for the Upper Primary & Middle School. Innovative Project for the Senior School.

Our students explored their talents and showed great enthusiasm and bagged prizes in the following events.

Heartiest Congratulations to all our winners!



Aaminah Shekh – 2D
Hifze – E- Qur'an
Lower Primary- 2nd Position



Ridha Para Kkandy – 7G

Al-Hadeeth Competition

Middle School – 2nd Position



Al-Hadeeth Competition

Upper Primary – 3rd Position



INNOVATIVE PROJECT SENIOR SCHOOL – 3rd POSITION



HADYA BINT FAISAL

GRADE – 9G1



AISHA SHAIKH GRADE- 9G1



SHAZA MUBASHEER

GRADE – 9G1



ABEER SIDDIQUI GRADE- 9G1

International Rajbhasha Utsav 2021

Heartiest congratulations to Aryan Alpesh Upadhyay of Grade 2C on winning the 2nd Position for his Mono Acting-Video at the International Rajbhasha Utsav 2021.

We are extremely proud of you!









Avanthika Reji of Grade 8G1 donated her hair to 'Friends of Cancer Patients'. We are so very proud of you for this selfless act of kindness.





On behalf of our Team members, patients and families, we would like to thank

باسم أسرة جمعية أصدقاء مرضى السرطان والمرضى وذويهم، نتقدم بجزيل الشكر ل

Avanthika Reji

for contributing to the "Locks of Hope" program. You have just put a smile on a brave child's face fighting cancer.

لمساهمتكم تجاه مرضى سرطانات الأطفال عبر برنامج "**خصلة أمل**" ورسم البسمة على وجوهم، وبث الأمل في نغوسهم.



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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Just as an artist paints a blank canvas and turns it into a masterpiece, a language teacher brings that canvas to the classroom and teaches students to paint their thoughts through words in different languages.

Dedication, perseverance and punctuality makes this teacher a true example for the same when it comes to meeting the needs of her students. She constantly seeks the best approach for every one of her classes, which makes her lessons consistently outstanding.

Her passion for the Subject comes to the fore in her training of students for various Inter-School Competitions which has brought several laurels to the students and the School. She also is a Team Leader in motivating her colleagues in the Department.

We applaud Mrs. Neeraj Singh on this well-deserved recognition!

Congratulation to our Hindi teacher Mrs. Neeraj Singh. She was felicitated and honoured for her contribution to the field of education by His Exce<mark>llency Mr. Aman Puri at the Consulate on September 5, 2021</mark>







LACNOR Healthy Eating Workshop



The Healthy Eating Workshop organized by Lacnor and conducted by a Nutritionist was very well received by the students of Grade 2. Our students were taught about food groups and the importance of proper handwashing. They also learned to create healthy lunchboxes.













GO PLOGGING!

Plogging is an organized activity that started in Sweden around 2016 which gained momentum globally to cater to the growing concern about plastic pollution. Plogging has emerged from a combination of two Swedish verbs, plocka upp (pick up) and jogga (jog) which gives the new Swedish verb Plogga.

As a workout, it provided variation in body movements by adding bending, squatting, and stretching to the main act of cleaning a public environment.

Our Eco Warriors undertook a Beach Clean Up Drive to contribute to the sustainability of the marine environment while also supporting the Dubai Fitness Challenge.



GENERATION GLOBAL VIDEO CONFERENCE

Generation Global is the Tony Blair Institute's global citizenship education programme for young people ages 13 to 17 years that enables them to embrace the future, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become active and open-minded global citizens. Our students learn how to express their views in a respectful and open-minded way on a Global platform.

DETAILS OF THE VIDEO CONFERENCE

Date of video conference: Monday 22 November 2021

Dialogue start time: 09:30a.m. Duration of video conference:

60 minutes **Topic:** Global Citizenship

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED

- Gems Millennium School, Sharjah
- Gurukul The School, India
- Taipei European School,
 Taiwan













NANDAN RYLESH KG1 A



AYAAN JOHN TIWADE



AGNAS MARIA THOMAS

KG1 C



PRANAVI KOTAMARTI KG1 D



AARAV SHARMA KG1 E



ABDUR RAHMAN IMRAN KG1 F



BENJAMIN JAISON JACOB

KG1 G





AIZA NOOR KG2 A



DAARON ANGEL JOHN KG2 B



MIKHAEL REED MASCARENHAS KG2 C



AHAD MUHAMMED AUFTHAB SYED KG2 D





MEHR SHANUP PEER
KG2 E



TEERTHA SHIBU GOPALAKRISHNA KG2 F



DIYA MENON KG2 G



ARUSHI ANEESH KG2 H





AMAL FATIMA
GRADE 1A



MADIHA MAZHAR

GRADE 1B



IQRA IMAN KHAN GRADE 1C



SWASTIK KURUP GRADE 1D



ARSHIYA CHAUDHARY

GRADE 1E





NAVANEETHA KRISHNAN

GRADE 2A



AMINA IZZAT
GRADE 2B



NIHARIKA PRADEEP

GRADE 2C





JIYA VIJAY KUMAR GRADE 2D



DHAARVI SHAH GRADE 2E



ANABIA SAFVI GRADE 2F



NOVEMBER 2021



AIN FATHIMA SHAMEER

GRADE 3A



AADHARSHAN RAJASEKARAN
GRADE 3B





PARTHASARATHI SARAVANAN

GRADE 3C



PARVATHY ANAND
GRADE 3D





MOHAMED RAED
GRADE 4B



RITHESH ROJI GRADE 4B1



JAYA AVAANEESH JAYAMANIKANDAN GRADE 4B2



RIDA SIDDIQUE GRADE 4G





TANISHA NANDRE GRADE 4G1





MUHAMMAD BILAL
GRADE 5B



MICHAEL JAISON JACOB

GRADE 5B1





SWARA DHANANJAY

NARKHEDE

GRADE 5G



HAYA NAYEEM PARKAR

GRADE 5G1





GULAM MOHAMMED SHAFI
GULAM MUSTAFA
GRADE 6B





USMAN NADEEM SHEIKH

GRADE 6B1



SAYYIDA YUMNA ZEHRA

ANSAR

GRADE 6G



PAVITRA KATTA
GRADE 6G1





SREYAS KURUP

GRADE 7B



ISHAAN MALI GRADE 7B1





MOHAMMED IZYAN

DORMIENDO PESHIMAM

GRADE 7B2



HUNAYN SHAJAHAN

GRADE 7B3





MANYA SALIAN
GRADE 7G



POOJA SHREE UMA
SHANKAR SINGH
GRADE 7G1





RIDA ABBAS GRADE 7G2





EVAN VIPIN GRADE 8B



JONATHAN JAISON JACOB GRADE 8B1





KRISH MANJUNATH SHETTY

GRADE 8B2



MOHAMMAD ABDUL
RAZZAQ SIDDIQUE
GRADE 8B3





TAHANI SIRAJ GRADE 8G



BHUMIKA CHOITHANI GRADE 8G1





AISHA ALHUMAIRA
GRADE 8G2





ALTHAMISH THANHEER

GRADE 9 B



VISHWAJITH SHARIN

GRADE 9 B1



NABEEH ABDUL MAJEED

GRADE 9B2



VANSHIKA MAHENDRA GRADE 9 G



ZAHRA RIZVI GRADE 9 G1







THANMAY PREBEESH

GRADE 10 B





SOORYASHANKAR JOY GRADE 10 B1



SANA SHABANDRI GRADE 10 G



RIFA ABDUL HAMEED

GRADE 10 G1





SHRAYON TARAFDAR
GRADE 11 B1



MOHAMMED ALIASGAR
KATABJIWALA
GRADE 11 B2



ANDREA JOSEPH PAUL GRADE 11 G1





ZOBIYA KHAN GRADE 11 G2





SYED ROHAAN SHAH GRADE 12 B1



ALWYN ALOYSIUS

GRADE 12 B2



LEVITA KRIS GRADE 12 G1





ANOUSHKA SEN GRADE 12 G2



Special

From the Special Educator's Desk

3rd December International Day of Persons with Disabilities

It is always important to raise awareness on different disabilities and how they impact people's lives. It is our responsibility to make the world more accessible for children with disabilities. We all should be mindful about the different disabilities and manage to communicate and work with them effectively.

Disability awareness is influential to the overall environment of a school. Inclusive classrooms educate each and every child about the importance of treating all children equally. The students develop empathy and positive attitude towards disability and understand how we as an individual can bring about the necessary changes.

Types of Disabilities:

Physical Disability (Cerebral Palsy, any type of orthopedic impairment)

Vision Impairment (Blindness, Partial vision)

Hearing impairment (Deaf, Hard of Hearing)

Mental Health Conditions

Intellectual Disability

Learning Disability

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Behaviour & Emotional Issues

Educate our children:

- All human beings are born the same. Some people might be a little different, it does not mean that they are less capable of doing something.
- Provide right information about different disabilities.
- Not to bully students with physical or learning disabilities.
- Watch what you say, be mindful when you use words.
- To be compassionate and understanding of the challenges faced by people with disabilities.

Both physical and learning disabilities need to be identified at an early stage and interventions should be done at the right time.

This will be helpful for a child to shape his thoughts, feelings and attitude towards his disability.

Accept disabilities and focus on strengths!

