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Schools are frequently criticized for "making students fit a mould". The mould often says what is possible, and what is not. At GEMS Millennium School, we pride ourselves on giving students possibilities like never before with personalized learning, new subject offerings, and 'passion pathways' with our unique Tap-a-Genius Programme. Students at GMS are given every opportunity to find their true selves rather than letting a system define who they can become, and how far they can go.

We do this by providing students with a rich personalised learning experience where students are able to thrive academically, emotionally, socially and intellectually. Our teachers take the time to know every child on an individual level. That way, they are able to personalise a student's learning experience based on her/his unique needs and interests. In the classroom, learning menus and learning journeys allow students to progress at their own pace. As part of the whole school Tap-a-Genius Programme, students are encouraged to follow their passions and interests. The programme includes a range of creative, physical and practical experiences. In Academic Year 2022-2023, we plan to add Indian Vocal Music, Bharatnatyam, Kathak, Tabla, Karate and Swimming to the host of activities already being offered. In Grades 11 and 12, students can choose from a range of 22 subjects based on their interest and aptitude without limiting themselves to a 'stream'. We give Senior School students a distinctive advantage within the world-of-work by partnering with some of the world's top companies for internships. Students also benefit from 360-degree career counselling and guidance with University placements.

We encourage students to explore in and outside the classroom so they can gain the confidence and skills they need to thrive in today's highly competitive, globalised world. When they can see the real-life application of what they learn, they become more independent and eager to try new things. They keep finding creative solutions to meaningful problems beyond the classroom, expanding the borders of what they're learning. This empowers children to take ownership of what they learn, ask thoughtful questions and become more confident in expressing their views.

Our warm and welcoming school atmosphere encourages a sense of belonging so children can feel safe to learn, grow and fully explore their ideas. Our spacious and bright classrooms have also been carefully designed to facilitate a favourable and stimulating learning environment for students throughout their entire school journey. With ample space for sports, art, music and other extracurricular activities, we bring out the best in children and increase their sense of well-being.

Open and effective communication between parents, teachers and the school administration is our priority. We encourage our parent community to voice their opinions freely, and remain involved in their child's educational experience. Please continue to follow our schools website and social media pages.

We, as a school community, will continue to make adjustments to meet the needs of our students and staff. We are excited to start the new academic year with lots of new, positive opportunities for students to learn, grow and discover their passion.



### **GEMS GLOBAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE**

GIC is an annual Global Innovation Challenge held across all GEMS schools. GIC aims to raise young entrepreneurs to address global challenges such as energy, environment, food and global health using technology and the design thinking framework. Our students performed exceptionally well in this competition by winning an overall of 9 accolades that is the highest amongst GEMS Schools.





### **GEMS GLOBAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE**

JUNIOR(GROUP) CATEGORY-'ENERGY' WON THE BRONZE AWARD PROJECT- THE SUN SQUEEZER







### Sharjah Chamber Awards For Innovators



The Sharjah Chamber Awards for Innovators was organized by the University of Sharjah (UOS), in collaboration with the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), UAE. The 7<sup>th</sup> International Forum on Innovation and Entrepreneurship and Sharjah Chamber Award for Innovators invited all school and university students to pitch their innovative ideas and solutions that could help solve National, Regional or even Global problems.

Hearty congratulations to Mumukshya Baitharu and Pragathi Damodaran of Grade 9G1 on winning the First Prize, a cash award of AED 12,000/- in the General Innovations Track and Tahani Siraj and Hannie Nevisa of Grade 8G on winning the First Prize, a cash award of AED 12,000/- in the Sustainable Innovations Track!

The ideas were evaluated based on the relevance of the problem identified, the innovativeness and uniqueness of the proposed solution, the business model and the potential financial, social or environmental impact of the idea.



#### **GEMS OUR OWN INDIAN SCHOOL**

**INTER SCHOOL JUNIOR FEST (2021-2022)** 

'CHRYSALIS'





**CELESTIAL QIRA'AT** The Qira'at competition provides an opportunity for all students to showcase their Tajweed skills.

Heartiest Congratulations Faizan!

#### **CRYPTIC & CURIEUSE**

This traditional game in the competition is aimed at providing an opportunity to students to create words and develop their innate vocabulary skills in the English language.

Congratulations Serena! Well Done

#### **CUDOS TO NUMBERS**

Sudoku puzzles are an excellent tool for building students' critical thinking skills. It also builds confidence in their abilities to complete challenging tasks, which can carry over into many aspects of classroom performance.

Heartfelt Congratulations Martin!



MUHAMMAD FAIZAN KHALID SECOND POSITION GRADE 2D EVENT:CELESTIAL



SERENA SIBI MATHEWS FIRST POSITION GRADE 3A EVENT:CRYPTIC & CURIEUSE



MARTIN SHIMMY FIRST POSITION GRADE 4B2 EVENT:CUDOS TO NUMBERS

### GEMS OUR OWN INDIAN SCHOOL INTER SCHOOL JUNIOR FEST (2021-2022) **'CHRYSALIS'**



#### **ARABIC CHORALE**

"Poetry is an art form in which human language is used for its aesthetic qualities in addition to, or instead of, its notional and semantic content"

Our students from Grade 3 bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

**Congratulations to you all!** 

#### **CAPER AND FUSE**

**Theme -** "*Connecting people - to feel and to be felt*".

Dance is a creative, passionate and an expressive form of art. Caper and Fuse has been designed to motivate, strengthen, communicate, collaborate and excite students about working on techniques, performance and leading through creativity.

Our students from Grade 4 bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

**Congratulations to you all!** 





#### CADENCE

**Poetic language is one which is full of expressions and captures attention**. It has the power to express the emotions with which the poem has been written. It challenges them to vocalize, internalize, emote and dramatize words through a range of emotions, thereby enthralling the audience. This in turn embellishes the students innate skills and helps develop forward thinking citizens.

Our students from Grade 2 bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> Place.



We are extremely happy to share the news that Nileena Mariam Jonesh of Grade 4G1 was announced Country Winner for scoring the highest marks in the Green Olympiad at the World Sustainable Summit 2022 inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.

We are absolutely delighted with this news! Nileena sets an amazing example for everyone at school. We continue to cheer her on to achieve greater heights.

Parent's Voice: GEMS Millennium School always challenges its students through various competitions. The Green Olympiad was one such Global opportunity.





#### **GREEN Olympiad: Country Winners**



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#### INTER-SCHOOL ESSAY AND POETRY WRITING COMPETITION





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The Inter-School Essay and Poetry Writing Competition was held to commemorate "World Hindi Day" organised by the Indian Consulate in association with the Indian High School, Oud Metha Campus. Krish Gupta of 11B2 was awarded the Second Prize for the topic 'Atulya Bharat'.

Huge congratulations to you, Krish! We are immensely proud of you!

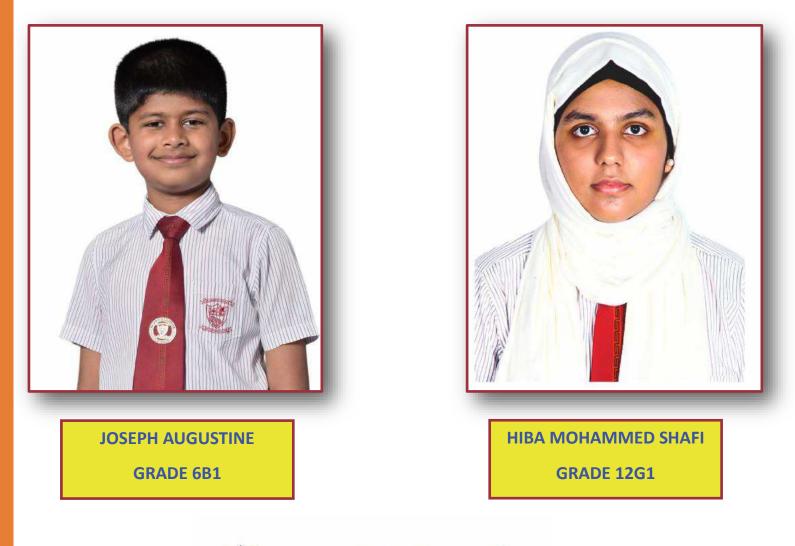


# Shakespearean Creativity Challenge 2021-2022 Syakesbearean Creativity Challenge 2021-2022

The Second Shakespearean Creativity Challenge 2021-2022 was conducted by Delhi Private School Ajman on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022. It was held virtually and rendered a great opportunity for our students to participate with exceptional zest and a competitive spirit.

The participants had to read and present their creative write ups. Judgement was based on creativity, expression, word choice, fluidity and organization of the content.

Joseph Augustine of Grade 6B1 bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Category 3 and Hiba Mohammed Shafi of Grade 12G1 bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Category 6. Heartiest Congratulations to our students!





#### HOWZAT!

We proudly announce that Mohammad Sadiq of Grade 11B2 and Anshul Kaithakkal of Grade 10B have been selected into the Sharjah Cricket Council Under-19 Team.

We warmly congratulate our brilliant cricketers and their coach Mr.Venu Sivakumar



Sharjah Cricket Council Under-19 Team

MOHAMMAD SADIQ SAYYED GRADE 11B2



ANSHUL KAITHAKKAL GRADE 10B





#### FEBRUARY 2022



ALZENA THANHEER KG1 A



KAADAMBARE MAHESH KG1 D



KAARUNYA BALAJI KG1 B



EASA SALAHUDHEEN MOOSA KG1 C



TABISH FIROZ KAZI KG1 E



MARYAM RIZWAN SAIYED KG1 F









#### **FEBRUARY 2022**



**MUMTAZ UMARA** 

KG2 A



DHATRI MANJAPPA S KG2 D





BHAVYA BHADORIA KG2 B



AUSTIN TOJI THOMAS KG2 E



AYRA SHARMA KG2 G



EHAN MUBEEN VOLLI KG2 C



DEVAN SUJAY PATNALA KG2 F



SHAMSHEER VEMSHEER ALI KG2 H







ITI GOULI GRADE 1A



RYAN ROY GRADE 1B



DEVANG SREEJITH GRADE 1C



ARADHYA MANIKANDAN GRADE 1D





**MERIN SHIBU** 

**GRADE 1E** 



#### **FEBRUARY 2022**



MEHWISH NADEEM



SYEDA ZEHRA HUSSAINI GRADE 2B



SHRAVYA SHETTY GRADE 2C



GURMAN SINGH

GRADE 2D



MOHAMMAD ZAKIR WANI

GRADE 2E





JAYA KAARTHIK JAYA MANIKANDAN GRADE 2F



#### **FEBRUARY 2022**



AKHIL SREEKUMAR PILLAI GRADE 3A



ADITYA SAI GRADE 3B



FATHIMA ANUM GRADE 3C



PRANAV PRASANTH VIDYA GRADE 3D





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MUHAMMED BISHR GRADE 4B



MOHAMMAD JIBRAN GRADE 4B1



AUGUSTINE TOJI THOMAS GRADE 4B2



AISHA MEHREEN FAIZAL

**GRADE 4G** 

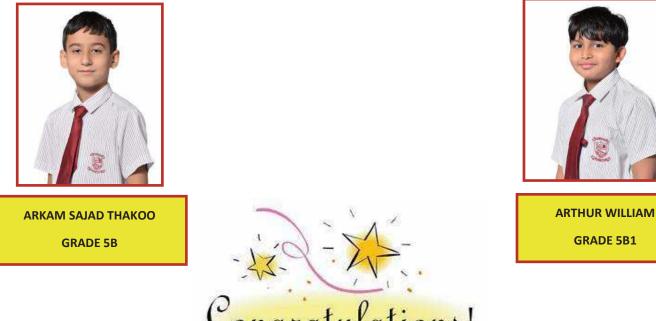




HAWA AIJAZ GRADE 4G1









**BHAVANI NARAYAN** 

**GRADE 5G** 





SHEMAAZ FAROOQUE KHAN GRADE 5G1



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SIDDARTH ROY GRADE 6B





ISA SHAIKH GRADE 6B1



SWARA GOPAL DHAGE

**GRADE 6G** 



DEEKSHA CHANDRASEKHAR GOULI GRADE 6G1







MUHAMMED SAAD ASIF GRADE 7B





SHIVANSH KATOCH GRADE 7B2





ZERAUN MOSAFI GRADE 7B3







RIDHA PARA KKANDY GRADE 7G



ARCHANA YOGESH





VARSHA RAMADURAI KARTHIK GRADE 7G2







JERSON CRIS MERLIN GRADE 8B





ADLER SHAUN ESCRAD GRADE 8B1



ADNAN PUTHUKKADAN JEMSHI

**GRADE 8B2** 



JATHIN VIJAY KUMAR GRADE 8B3







EMAAN PARKAR GRADE 8G



MERLYN SHIBU GRADE 8G1





FATIMAH NASIR ALI SHIRAZI

**GRADE 8G2** 







MOHAMMAD SABIR MIR GRADE 9B



MIRZA AYAN ALI BAIG GRADE 9B1





SHASHWAT SINGH

**GRADE 9B2** 



FEBRUARY 2022



SANJANA KANWAR GRADE 9G



ABEER KULSUM SIDDIQUI GRADE 9G1





FEBRUARY 2022



JOSHUA RODRICKS GRADE 10B





CHINMAY HALDULKAR GRADE 10B1



**DIYA ANOOP** 

**GRADE 10G** 



KHADEEJA SHEIKH GRADE 10G1



FEBRUARY 2022



FAISAL MUJAWAR GRADE 11B1



**IFRAH REHMAN** 

**GRADE 11G1** 





ERSHATH KHAN GRADE 11B2



SHANZA KAUNAIN GRADE 11G2



FEBRUARY 2022



VISHNUNAND PILLAI GRADE 12B1





PRANAV SHARMA GRADE 12B2



**ABHIPSA GARANAIK** 

GRADE 12G1



ARIA ELIZABETH ANIL GRADE 12G2



#### "Today's special moments are tomorrow's memories"

The Finale of the Kindergarten Fashion Fiesta saw the best of creativity, and talent. Our young participants stunned our judges and audience once again with their charming smiles, creative costumes, and stellar performances. While our students of KG1 took us around the world and right into space, our students of KG2, depicted the elements of nature in full grandeur, and our first batch of Pre- KG students dressed up as characters from their favourite nursery rhyme. Explosions of talent and confidence were the hallmark of the event as our little fashionistas enthralled the audience with each performance.



# Kindergarten

FASHION FIESTA GRAND FINALE















WELL BEING DAY



The Department of Counseling and Student Support of GMS organized a WELLBEING DAY for teachers on 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2022. It was celebrated with a variety of activities to create an awareness among teachers about the importance of taking care of their body and mind.

The session kick started with a short motivational speech about the importance of wellbeing in our lives by Ms. Ann Johnson. It emphasized the importance of cultivating gratitude and focusing on strengths to nurture Wellbeing.

The session by Ms. Bhavna Shetty on 'Relax your Body-Relax your Mind' was appreciated by all. A guided meditation session which was conducted by Ms. Amrita enlightened teachers on their breathing and taught them how to relax more effectively. The Laughter Yoga was another highlight of the session where teachers could laugh out loud and relax.

The Senior Leadership Team along with the staff enjoyed the session and learned a lot of practical things that they could implement in their lives to ease stress. The session ended with a personalized GRATITUDE NOTE to all.







# Colour your calendar!



"Mum... where is my ID card? What about my favourite pencil I had brought yesterday?

"Joshua, it should be right there on the table. Why didn't you pack your bag last night? Hadn't I told you to do so?"

The above is a conversation we are very familiar with and very often have with our parents. Have you given it any thought?

Time management is an attribute that can be developed and is benefitting to the self. It can be defined as the ability to plan and prioritize tasks based on the time available. The advantages of the same are less stress, increased productivity and focus on tasks, more confidence, increased time and energy for extra circular activities.

Let's also discuss a few measures that will help you in managing your time.

- The rock and pebble technique: Prioritize rocks to be activities that should be done whereas your pebbles as activities you have interest in doing. Use a jar or box each time to put in a pebble or rock when you have completed a task. In this way, you are not only able to achieve your daily goals but also fill in your jar with water, also known as, extra play time.
- **Don't overschedule**: In the hurry of getting things done, we often over burden ourselves and fail to accomplish our goals. We also end up feeling defeated and anxious. It is important to evaluate the time you would on a task and give yourself a tentative frame work to work with.
- Frame a routine: Having a framework to work with, not only helps with completing daily tasks but also helps in developing the attribute of being organized.
- **Reward yourself**: Cherish the wins that you have in managing time with activities or things you love. This could be extra time reading a book or even playing the PS5.

So, when are you going out with your colours?

If you feel discouraged or anxious, be it regarding your exams, relationships or yourself do reach out to your School Counsellor for help and support.