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GMS NEWSLETTER

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At GMS, we have very high aspirations for your children and the quality of education that we aspire to provide them with. We want them to develop strong character and core values. We want them to grow as healthy, confident, caring young people. We want them to blossom academically and in all their pursuits.

While the jobs of the future might be unknown, the skills required to succeed are shared across all industries. We call them our learning aspirations: critical thinking, content knowledge, cultural competence, communication, creativity, character, and collaboration. Helping our students develop these learning attributes will prepare them for any future that awaits them at graduation and beyond. These are the skills that we believe every GMS student should acquire in order to be successful in the future, and they are at the heart of our academic mission.

These aspirations are given life in our Strategic Plan, a roadmap whose ultimate north star is that all our students develop a true sense of joy and purpose in their learning.



For students, excellence means that every student is learning at high levels and fully realizing their potential, with every teacher and in every programme in which they are enrolled. It also means preparing our students to succeed in college and in their lives after college. For us as educators, excellence means continuing to refine and grow in our professional craft individually and collectively in professional learning communities. Finally, as a school it means having the systems in place to support students throughout their journey at GMS and to assist our staff to grow and develop in their professional practice.

We believe in possibilities. For students, possibilities mean that each student has the time and opportunity to explore, pursue, and demonstrate his/her interests and passions. For teachers, possibilities mean that we have a commitment to innovate and develop new ways to more effectively impact student learning. Supporting possibilities for students increases their agency and ability to be self-directed and life-long learners; it also promotes joy and purpose in learning.

We look forward to working together with you as we move toward this shared goal. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting with you soon.

CLIMATE ACTION PROJECT

The moment has arrived! We are excited to kick off the Climate Action Project, and be global changemakers ready to take action for the planet and environment.

Over the next six weeks, our students will join thousands of other classrooms from around the world to examine climate change by exploring causes, solutions, actions, and special interactions. We will be welcoming incredible guests, including experts from WWF, NASA, the UN and more.

We owe thanks to our teacher, Ms. Pushpa Krishnan for going above and beyond to passionately lead on this initiative at our school. True heroes are those who motivate us to go places that we would never otherwise go. Join Ms. Pushpa and our invested band of Eco Warriors as they take on the Climate Action Project.



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GEMS Millennium School
Sharjah



Global Changemakers

GEMS Millennium School is proud to be a part of the 2021 Climate Action Project with 1,000s of classrooms from over 140 countries to take action for the planet!

Launch Date: September 27, 2021

For more information: <https://www.climate-action.info>

#ClimateActionEdu #TakeActionEdu @ClimateActionED @TakeActionEdu



Climate Action Project- Save the Planet, Take Action
(Grades 3 to 5)



Pushpa Mahesh Krishnan

GRADES 3 & 4 ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations!

Aryadev Ajish of Grade 3C is awarded the **Gold Topper** in the National Online Abacus-Brainobrainfest held on 14th August 2021.



Saanvika Srinivas of Grade 3C is awarded the **Champion** in the National Online Abacus-Brainobrainfest held on 14th August 2021.



Winning isn't everything, but it sure beats anything that comes in second. Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all time thing. You don't win once in a while, you don't do things right once in a while, you do them right all the time. Winning is a habit.

We warmly congratulate our Grade 3 and 4 students who have used their time to develop their skills and exhibit their many talents. Well done, students! We know you will go from strength to strength!

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Nileena Mariam Jonesh of Grade 4G1 is awarded the **Champion** in Inter Continental Spellbee for the year 2019 and 2021.



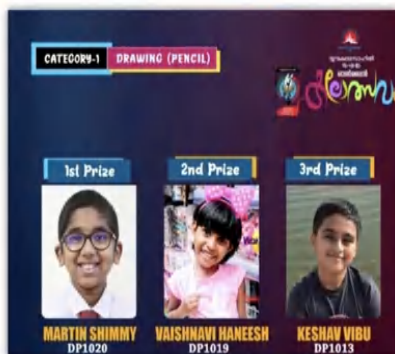
Aashay Jain of Grade 4B2 is awarded the **Champion** in the National Online Abacus-Brainobrainfest held on 14th August 2021.



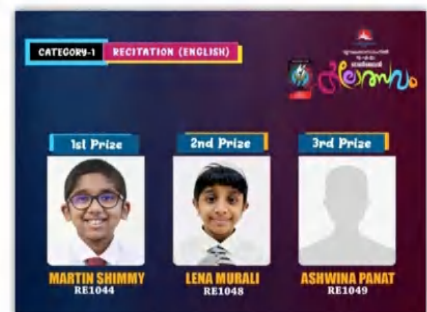
Congratulations!



Martin Shimmy of Grade 4B2 won First prize in Pencil drawing in the Yuvakala Sahithi Central Kalolsavam in the Sharjah zone.



Martin Shimmy of Grade 4B2 won First prize in English Recitation in the Yuvakala Sahithi Central Kalolsavam in the Sharjah zone.



GCC Friendship Students' Contest – 2021

The **1st Latvia – GCC Friendship Students' Contest – 2021**, a first-of-its-kind, a unique essay writing contest for students studying in the Gulf !

We are extremely happy to have two of our incredible students featuring in the top five. At the very top of the leaderboard in First Place is Juwairia Farooque Khan of Grade 12G1. In the Fifth Place is Sophia Sibi Mathews of Grade 7G2. Many congratulations to Juwairia and Sophia. May this recognition encourage you to embrace more opportunities to broaden your horizons. The world is your platform - go for it!



JUWAIRIA FAROOQUE KHAN

GRADE 12G1

FIRST POSITION



SOPHIA SIBI MATHEWS

GRADE 7G2

FIFTH POSITION

1st JSSIS INTER SCHOOL Hindi Debate and Poetry Recitation Competition-DARPAN

Our students participated in the JSSIS Inter-School Hindi Debate and Recitation Competition. Students from 37 different schools across the UAE participated on Zoom.

With 160 participants, the competition was tough and was held in three categories- Junior Debate, Senior Debate and Poem Recitation.

Mariya Ali Raza of Grade 8G secured the 2nd Position in the Junior Debate

(Topic- Is social networking sites profitable for society?-Trained by Ms. Mehrunnisha Aijaz) and

Siddhant Seth of Grade 5B secured the 3rd Position in the Poem Recitation Category

(Topic- Patriotic or Environment related poem- Trained by Ms. Sonika Sevda)

Heartiest Congratulations to both our winners!



MARIYA ALI RAZA
GRADE 8G
SECOND POSITION



SIDDHANT SETH
GRADE 5B
THIRD POSITION



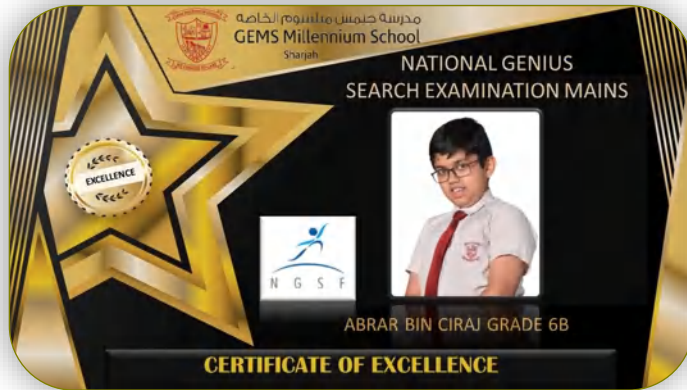
National Genius Search Examination 2021



A big congratulations to our students on being awarded Certificates of Excellence for their exceptional performance in the National Genius Search Examination 2021. Dear students, keep shining brightly! We are immensely proud of you!



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INAUGURATION OF THE PARENT CAFE

Thursday, September 23rd was an extra special day!

To celebrate the **Parent Forum's Sharjah Excellence Award**, we inaugurated a warm, welcoming, dedicated space for our wonderful parent community.

The Parent Cafe (as we fondly call it) was inaugurated by the President of the Parent Forum, Ms. Suguna Balakrishnan together with Mr. Jonathan Bramley, Chairperson of our LAB (Local Advisory Board).



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International Rajbhasha Utsav 2021

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Painting Competition Junior
Position - Third



SHRIYA JISHNU 8G2

Heartiest congratulations to Shriya Jishnu of Grade 8G2 on winning the 3rd Position at the International Rajbhasha Utsav 2021.

We are very proud of you, Shriya!



Global Schools Advocate

Our warmest congratulations to **Ms. Syeda Fatima**, a teacher from the Kindergarten . She has been conferred the title of 'Global Schools Advocate' by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

Ms. Syeda took it upon herself to successfully complete this bespoke programme, which in itself is truly commendable. Her drive, dedication and initiative has been duly recognized and applauded by the network.

Many congratulations to you, Ms.Syeda!

We never cease to be impressed by your most inspiring work ethics!



A Perfect Score

We were absolutely delighted to have a surprise high-level visit by three dignitaries from the Social Services Department, Government of Sharjah.

They were in school to personally congratulate Ms. Ann Nimsha Johnson on obtaining a **perfect score** in the licensing examination and to present her with the Counselling Psychologist License.

Congratulations, Ms. Ann! You have done us all so very proud. You are truly deserving of this great honour!



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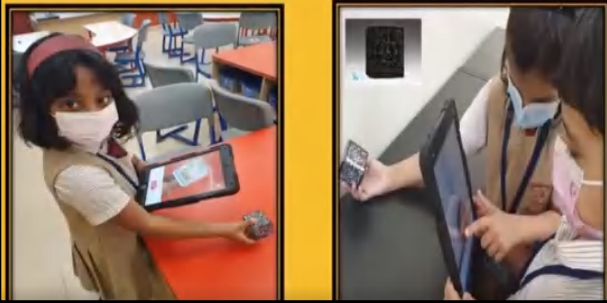
EXPLORING MERGE CUBE

Learning to use Merge Cube's AR/VR features in Grade 1!

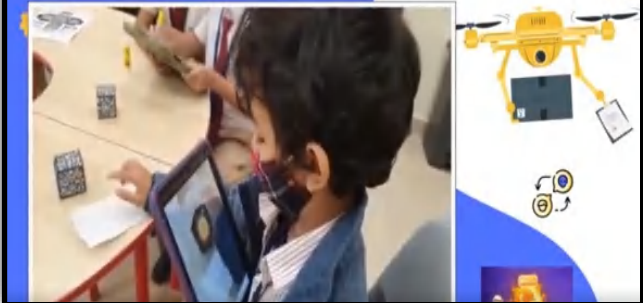
Merge Cube lets you hold digital 3D objects, enabling an entirely new way to learn and interact with the digital world.

Now, our students can explore a galaxy in the palm of their hand, hold fossils and ancient artifacts, explore a DNA molecule, investigate the Earth's core, dissect a virtual frog, hold and share their own 3D creations, and so much more! There is no limit to learning!

Explore and Learn using the Merge Cube



Hold the Merge Cube to Explore...



Understanding 'Augmented Reality' and Virtual Reality



Transforming the cube into a Digital Canvas





From the Special Educator's Desk !

AWARENESS OF DYSLEXIA

Learning is always a topic for discussion! When children struggle with learning, people tend to attribute different factors to it without reaching out to right resources. Even though we are in a digitalized world where we get everything at our finger tips, the word DYSLEXIA still remains a mystery for many parents!

Dyslexia Awareness Week which is celebrated from October 5th to October 11th is an annual event aimed at further understanding and raising awareness about Dyslexia. Let us get familiarized with the term Dyslexia and know better so that we do not miss the early symptoms!

An awareness video about Dyslexia.

<https://youtu.be/zafiGBrFkRM>

People with dyslexia typically have trouble reading fluently . They often read slowly and make mistakes. That can impact how well they comprehend what they read. But when other people read to them, they often have no problem understanding the text.

Dyslexia can create difficulty with other skills, too. These include:

- Reading comprehension
- Spelling
- Writing
- Math

It's important to know that while dyslexia impacts learning, it's not a problem of intelligence. People with dyslexia are just as smart as their peers!

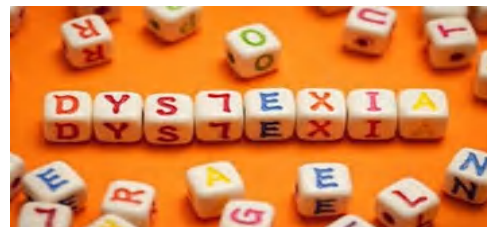
Major Symptoms:

Trouble **decoding words** - A key sign of dyslexia is the inability to match letters to sounds.

Trouble with **phonemic awareness** - This is the inability to recognize the sounds in words. Trouble with phonemic awareness can show up as early as preschool.

OTHER TROUBLE AREAS

- Sounding out written words
- Recognizing common words in text
- Spelling
- Reading accurately and smoothly
- Understanding what's read
- Writing
- Rhyming
- Solving word problems in Math
- Learning a foreign language



Why My child??

Researchers agree on the fact that Dyslexia often runs in the family .Brain differences also play a vital role.

Who diagnoses Dyslexia?

In most cases, testing for dyslexia is done by a **licensed educational psychologist**. You can reach out to a Special Educator of your school to get more information.

What is the colour of Dyslexia?

The red marker used to highlight mistakes is all too familiar for dyslexics around the world and so the colour of Dyslexia is considered as **RED**.