



11G1

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## Leading the way....

### Celebrating Leadership:

The leadership ceremony held on October 11th was a changing course in the history of TWS, it was something unique and was different from all the other ceremonies ever held. First of all the students not present at the venue were able to see it in their classrooms through a live streaming link. Secondly, this wasn't our usual leadership ceremony whose highlight used to be speeches, but had dance, music and much more for entertainment and spirit of togetherness. Each Head of clubs put together an activity representing their clubs, for example, the cultural club performed an orchestra; the sports and games demonstrated their activity through an orchestra by combining dance and sports. That was indeed a creative piece of displaying talents through the spirit of togetherness among the differences. Our Head Girl Sidra gave a very inspiring speech, which made us all believe the student council is here to make a difference. Overall, the whole event was an amazing and totally a new experience, which sparked our hopes and lifted us to believe that change for the better which is inevitable, happens at Westminster.



Student's views (What our students had to say about the ceremony)

- This year's leadership held on Thursday 11th October 2012 was a new experience nothing like our traditional assemblies. All the speeches were inspirational and there were countless performances each representing their smart group. Every leader had clearly understood where they stand for in the council and the whole show was an unforgettable experience.
- The leadership ceremony this year was better than any other; the main reason being making each one of us, the whole school could actually view the event, which was totally awesome! It was good to actually see the leaders pledging to set an example by bringing in change, and leave their mark so that the future TWS keeps our batch in their memory for ever.



### World Teacher's Day:

Thursday, 4th October, a day I believe none of us will want to forget. It was a special day when students got a real chance to become teachers. Though it was for just one period, it totally changed some of our perspectives, to actually stand in as a teacher bearing the responsibility of 30 students. That was really challenging, tough job! Making sure that before you leave the room, all of them should have understood at least half of what you have taught! This day truly made us realize that our teachers go through a lot to make us understand our lessons. It is not an easy task. So to all our teachers, A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE, all of you are very courageous to stand day after day and make sure we learn our lessons. Being taught by students was also a new experience altogether. Even though we do have peer teachings, those lessons are taught as students, but this time lessons were delivered to us exactly like how a teacher would. It was a great day where we all did something creatively new to honor our teachers!! From our class, many got the opportunity to be memorable teachers:

For French-**Shereen Ashraf**, Islamic English- **Amna Shahzad**, Computer-**Nisa Rashid**, Mathematics-**Sidra Saeed**, EM- **Iqra Sharif Khan**

## Sewa Day:

Sewa day was taken very seriously in our school this time. All of us were willingly taking the initiative to do something for our community. We collected around 1,000 shirts which were donated to the Beit Al Khair Society.

It was a day to give back something and respond positively to the society. All of us were very enthusiastic to do so and we thank the school management for coordinating such a noble action.



## PINK DAY:

The pink day was raising awareness for all of us that simple lifestyle changes and routine doctor visits can make all the difference. It is certain that early detection saves lives. We understood the role of good nutrition and exercise in breast health. We remembered Ms. Tahani, who was a brave fighter of breast cancer; she is one who has fought till the end. We can all look up to her courage and determination.

Everyone was wearing something pink to support all those people going through this ordeal. In 1992, Evelyn H. Lauder launched the Campaign to bring global awareness to breast cancer. She co-created the Pink Ribbon, now recognized as the worldwide symbol of breast health. Mariah has made an inspiring chart which shows that we should always remain strong. Fatima initiated an inspiring discussion in the core value period about making friends with fruits and vegetables and staying fit. This has changed our perspectives that we must do it for ourselves and everyone we love.



## Food Day:

Food day was another enlightening experience for all of us. It made us all appreciate how fortunate we all are to have the food of our choice when there are millions of kids who sleep with their stomachs empty.

The 11th Graders went to Junior classes and taught youngsters the importance of healthy food utilising the core value period. There was a food sale, where healthy juices and milkshakes were sold. It was a thrilling experience as we learnt to manage running a canteen taking different roles as cashier, seller etc.

What students have to say about Food Day :

We enjoyed teaching our younger ones about healthy food. It was a great experience as the children were very interactive and eager to learn - **Maria Maged, Seher Gassaloglu**



## 1 Dirham a Month:

This new method for charity collection is proving to be very effective. Everyone contributes a dirham a month. A dirham is quite easy to contribute, and if 30 students from each class contribute a dirham a month, that will be a huge amount which will surely help those less fortunate than us. The charity collection is coordinated by **Fatima Shozib**

## Core value Presentations:

There has been many core value presentations this month by our peers. The various topics for thought included saving the environment, stories with morals. One of them was about the cookie bag. This story was particularly very interesting as it reminded us about ... 4 Things You Can Not Recover: The stone after it is thrown! The word after it's said! The occasion after the loss! The time after it's gone!

**Maria Hany, Maria Maged, Wafa Hussain and Heba Samy** shared their presentations for engaging us effectively in the core value period.

## Talents Corner:

Our classmates Mariah, Yvonne, Seher, Swadhin, Roaa and Ayesha participated in the **Best of the Best** auditions and succeeded to get short listed for the next round as well.

### Creative writing on Limestone Cycle:

There was also a very creative piece of writing on the limestone cycle in chemistry by Nisa Rashid, this was combining studies and multiple intelligence, Word Smart. It was on the limestone cycle written in the form of a story from limestone's point of view.

## Academics:

We have progressed a lot more mile stones since the last month. There have been many projects and independent learning classes. The Wi-Fi devices are helping us a lot, specially for accessing past papers which are readily available online and other useful links for ready reference.

In Mathematics, this month we have been mostly solving the past papers.

Chemistry- There was independent learning on the carbon cycle, where students used their Wi-Fi devices to learn about the cycle, Project work to plan an investigation to find the percentage of calcium carbonate in the egg shells.

Physics- We have learned about the different circuit devices.

Computer Studies- As we have finished our syllabus, we have been revising old topics.

Biology- We are learning about the various stages involved in human reproduction



### Amazing to teach Chemistry this way.....

A coral from my picnic bag fell down into the nearby barbecue fire. The coral crumbled up with an amazing glow of lime light! As the rain drizzled on the lime formed quickly, I saw heat spread up and lime slaking out. As more rain pours slaked lime disappears as lime water. It will surely neutralise the acids in the soil and next time when I come ..... Hope I will see purple petunia flowers instead of pink ones.

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