



**NIS WEST BAY
NEWSLETTER**

ISAAC AND THE APPLE NEWS

END OF TERM 1

2022/23

ISAAC AND THE APPLE NEWS FIFA WORLD CUP WEEK



Thursday 17th November



'CAUSE WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS...



One of the biggest sporting events in the world kicks-off here in Qatar in just 3 days' time on November 20th. Our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl decided that they wanted all the pupils of NIS West Bay to celebrate this momentous occasion. With the help of a group of teachers a week's worth of activities was arranged.

Each day of the week there was another fun and exciting World Cup themed activity for the pupils to take part in. On Sunday pupils were tasked with creating some World Cup arts and crafts which were used to decorate the school. On Monday each year group went outside to complete multiple footballing challenges including penalties, throw ins and dribbling. All pupils and staff were asked to wear their football kits or team colours. So many nations football teams were represented which was fantastic to see. On Tuesday pupils participated in a school wide World Cup quiz with questions devised by Mr. Ward with some help from our Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy, Sami and Mina. On Wednesday pupils and teachers were in their House colours as the pupils took part in a STEM House competition. Pupils looked into all the physical and mental attributes that are needed to be a professional footballer before creating their own skillsets to get the 'perfect footballer'. Thursday was crazy hat and sock day, and many pupils took the opportunity to show their support for their national team and the World Cup by designing and wearing football inspire hats and socks.



ISAAC AND THE APPLE NEWS INTER-NEWTON COMPUTING COMPETITION



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CONGRATULATIONS!



Over the course of this term our Computing teachers, Mr. Mohammed and Ms. Sara, have organised and run a computing competition for all the schools in the Newton Group. The competition celebrated the FIFA World Cup 2022 and gave students the choice of competing in three different strands. KS1 and KS2 students had the choice of entering a graphic design, computer presentation or programming competition. KS3 students were invited to enter a programming competition.

It has been wonderful to see the computing teachers from each branch collaborate to motivate and support the pupils in their respective schools to show off their amazing computing skills. A select panel of judges were assembled to look over, discuss and ultimately choose the four winners in each category. As Ms. Hessa Al Noaimi remarked in her speech at the celebration ceremony, there were so many fantastic entries that demonstrated the high level of computing skill and knowledge our students have that it was difficult to choose the winners.

On Thursday 27th October a celebration ceremony was held to award the prizes to our winners. With much anticipation amongst the students and parents to see who has won the ceremony started with a magnificent performance from the NIS West Bay School Choir. Finally, it was time to announce the winners of each competition strand and hand the students their trophies and prizes. Well done to all the students who submitted an entry for the competition and a huge congratulations to our winners. We look forward to being able to hold another computing competition next academic year.

WEST BAY WINNERS

Minn Nell Nethaya - 6 Gold - 2nd Place Graphic Design

Mazen Elsadek - 4 Gold - 3rd Place Programming
Malak Elsadek - 3 Silver

Dehansa Vithanaarachchi - 6 Bronze - 2nd Place Presentation

Malek Hossam - 5 Turquoise - 1st Place Presentation



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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE STUDENT PREFECTS?



HOOR ELSHAFEI PREFECT 6 GOLD

It is important for me to be a prefect so that I can help pupils in West Bay. I can help them to feel comfortable and welcomed every day. If they are in trouble or need support, I can be there for them.



ABDULLA ALYAFEI PREFECT 6 GOLD

Being a prefect is important because every school needs leaders, every team needs leaders. At West Bay I know I can help to show my honesty and hard work in everything I do.



LAIBA WAQAR PREFECT 6 BRONZE

I'm delighted to be a prefect; it is really nice and fun to be a prefect and to represent our school. Being a prefect means I'm the role model for many younger children. I can participate in creating school events which is amazing. I will continue to set good examples for younger children in N.I.S West Bay.



YOUSSEF ABDELLATIF PREFECT 6 SILVER

Being a prefect is important to me because I have a leadership responsibility. It is a special role that is rewarded, and means I am a role model for others. I have many duties, such as health & safety and taking care of pupils during break times.

ISAAC AND THE APPLE NEWS STUDENT COUNCIL

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In October we celebrated Sustainability week, this was part of a National Campaign in Qatar, which aimed to engage the community in a wide range of sustainability-oriented activities raising awareness among the wider community and showcasing the progress Qatar has made in the areas of sustainability. Here at NIS West Bay, we raised awareness regarding the use of single-use plastics. As part of an ongoing green initiative, we awarded house points to every pupil who brought in a reusable water bottle each day. We also checked lunchboxes every day and awarded house points to every pupil who has a single-use plastic free lunch.

Well done to all our pupils for doing their best to live sustainably and we hope that all pupils, staff and parents will continue to do their bit for the health of our planet.



RAMI SARTAWI
STUDENT COUNCILLOR 4S

I am excited to add my contributions to the student council this year. I have so many fun and exciting ideas from planning events and trips to having themed days in school. I am enjoying every moment thus far.



ELIAS NAKHLE
STUDENT COUNCILLOR 5S

I have loads of ideas I want to put forward such as having a pyjama party and festival days in school. I believe in leading by example and being a role model for the younger years to follow.



RUZGAR KURT
STUDENT COUNCILLOR 4G

I am looking forward to making the school a fun and safe environment that children are excited to visit. I have some creative ideas that we have already brainstormed in the school council meetings.



LEONEL ALHADDAD
STUDENT COUNCILLOR 6S

I enjoy being part of the student council, representing the school in a positive way. I have a lot of ideas planned for the new year and look forward to sharing them in the meeting. I enjoy the responsibility I was given and I aspire to continue working hard to make NISWB a better school.

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YEAR 1



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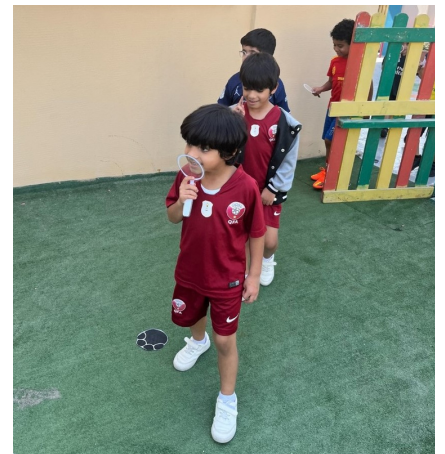
WHAT A FANTASTIC TERM WE HAVE HAD IN YEAR 1!

A huge well done to all of our fantastic students for the hard work and resilience they have shown this term! We have had a jam packed few weeks filled with learning, excitement and celebrations.



In English, we learnt all about non-fiction report writing. A mystery animal broke into school one evening and Ms. Mari and Mr. Stuart called on Year 1 to help them figure out exactly what kind of animal it was. We followed the footprints and studied the evidence left behind and, with our super investigation skills, discovered the mystery animal was an elephant! We took this opportunity to write a report about elephants making sure we included the key features of a non-fiction report.

In Mathematics, we have been busy learning all about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. We enjoyed some practical lessons where; we had to draw our friends using only 3D shapes, we hunted for 2D and 3D shapes in the playground and in everyday objects. Thank goodness we are such good investigators! After studying shapes, we moved on to working with numbers up to 20 using tens and ones. We had lots of fun using the 'Base Ten' manipulatives to help us understand this topic.



In Science, we have been categorising animals and have learnt all about their different features and what they like to eat. This really helped us when we were writing our report about elephants! In Humanities, we learnt all about Sir David Attenborough. We found his life fascinating and his love for animals and the planet inspirational. He would have been extremely proud of us when we celebrated Sustainability Day!



We have enjoyed several celebrations as well this term. We particularly enjoyed 'FIFA World Cup Week' when we got to wear our favourite team's jersey, take part in World Cup themed quizzes and showcase our amazing football skills. We also had a 'Crazy hat and Sock' day - this was super exciting and we were very impressed by the creativity we observed! We look forward to seeing you all again in January, refreshed and ready to learn!

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WHAT AN AMAZING LEARNING JOURNEY YEAR 2!

Year 2 have been working hard over the term, whilst having fun along the way. In English we have been learning about reports and different features that are used when writing a report. Recently, we have been exploring and learning about Christopher Columbus!

Our T4W model text has also been about Columbus and his story. In maths we have recently been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes, such as faces, vertices and edges. Students love this topic and are really enthusiastic to learn. In science we have been learning about animals and humans, we have also started to look at the human body, before and after exercising. The children love this topic and are very interested in the animal aspect



We have also celebrated World Cup Week, children had many different activities which included some football games outside, they all had such great fun playing and working together. We also had crazy hat and socks day, everyone including staff and children wore funky clothing and had so much fun! Children especially enjoyed Explorers Day; they searched the school for clues to find the treasure chest.

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WHAT A FANTASTIC TERM WE HAVE HAD IN YEAR 3!

In Science, we were learning all about plants. We planted seeds, looked at the parts of a plant, explored water transportation in plants and learnt all about seed dispersal. The children loved conducting experiments and are developing their awareness of how to conduct a 'fair test'. We were learning about Volcanoes in Humanities. Throughout this topic, we have used play dough to create models of the layers of the Earth, explored how Earth is made of tectonic plates, completed map work based on the location of volcanoes and have understood how volcanoes are formed.



We were able to work in groups to research Volcano Cumbre Vieja and used this to help us write our own newspaper report. We also learnt about writing a diary entry by learning 'The Diary of a Crayon'. The children had a lot of fun learning this model text and have been able to innovate it in a range of creative ways. Year 3, you have worked so hard during Term 1! We can't wait to see what you achieve next term!



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YEAR 4



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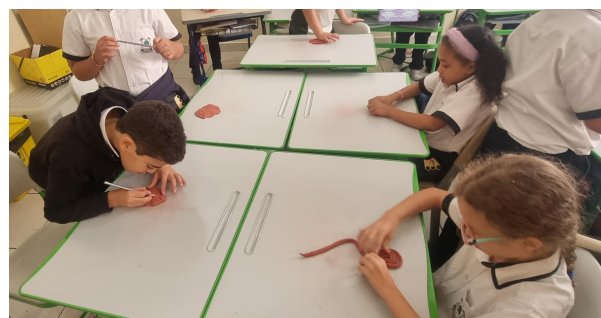


AN AMAZING TERM OF LEARNING IN YEAR 4!



In Maths, we have been exploring methods of addition and subtraction before identifying multiplication facts. The children in Year 4 were given the opportunity to explore creating fact families using their understanding of commutative operations, the times tables and their relationships.

In English, Year 4 have been looking at discussion texts. We began by looking at our model text about whether The Terracotta Army should be destroyed, linking in to our humanities topic of the Shang Dynasty. We then used this model text by extracting the key features before imitating them in our very own guided write. The children were eventually given the opportunity to research the reasons for or against the destruction of the army before planning, preparing and draft their own discussion text using the relevant features. These pieces of work turned out great and I'm sure there are many more discussions we can delve into! We have now begun and nearly finished our next topic of a suspense narrative.



In October, Year 4 took part in a range of different activity days in preparation for the Qatar 2022 World Cup. We also created some wonderful artwork for a FIFA World Cup themed competition. It was great to see the unity and enthusiasm displayed by both the staff and children throughout!

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KALIMERA! HELLO FROM ANCIENT GREECE!

On the 13th of October, we celebrated Ancient Greece day. The children came to school dressed in their wonderful Greek inspired outfits. The day started with Ms Foteini, a Greek teacher at our school, teaching us about her country. She taught us some Greek words and explained the meaning behind the Greek flag. During the day, the children got to create some Greek vase art, write their name in Greek, participate in our version of the Olympics and taste some delicious Greek food such as baklava, tzatziki and Greek yogurt.



Towards the end of October, we had the opportunity to celebrate the upcoming FIFA World Cup. It was a week full of fun activities and dress up. We participated in some sports activities outside, a World Cup quiz, a STEM challenge of building the perfect footballer and ended the week with a wacky sock and hat day!



In between all of these fun celebrations, we have been working diligently to learn all of our Year 5 curriculum work. In Talk for Writing, we have been focusing on our new topic of narrative myths - linking with our Ancient Greek theme in Humanities. Our model text, Pandora's box, is the mythical explanation of how all evil and hope was released into our world. During Mathematics, we have been challenging ourselves with the topic of fractions. We have looked at different types of fractions, how to order and compare them and how to convert between different type of fractions. It has been such an interesting term so far, and we can hardly believe how fast the time has gone! Good luck to all the teams participating in the World Cup and we look forward to a productive, successful second term.

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WHAT A MAGNIFICENT HALF TERM IN YEAR 6!

After finishing four operations in Mathematics, we have been busy working on Fractions including multiplying and dividing fractions and finding fractions of amounts. Each day, we have been working hard on reasoning and problem solving and we are looking forward to beginning our new topic in November - Measurement: Converting units.

In English Reading, we enjoyed reading our class story about Annie Oakley - The Catapult Kid. In this story, we dived into the world of Lizard's Lick and discussed all things cowboys and wild west! In English writing, we focused on 'Overcoming a Monster Story' with Harry Potter by J.K Rowling as our stimulus. We used our sorting hat to organize us into our houses for many group activities.

In Humanities, we began our Mayan Inquiry which has helped us develop many skills such as: teamwork, research, critical thinking, communication and much more! In our groups, we will continue to work hard to produce our end product which is a news report about our chosen topic. We cannot wait to show off our final pieces! In Science, we continued our topic of Animals, Humans and their habitats with a focus on food chains and food webs before studying micro-organisms. Successfully, we carried out a scientific experiment, using the scientific method, to investigate how Mould grows on bread. We used bread, zip-lock bags, soil and bread to help and our results were amazing!



Art has been exciting with the FIFA World Cup competition! We learned two new skills - shading (using oil pastels) and cross-hatching (a shading technique using black pen) to create the Doha Skyline on black paper with the world cup trophy hidden as one of the buildings. Well done to Nadine from 6 Silver who was our competition winner. Now, we are focusing on creating three-dimensional (3D) drawings and collage work. Well done, Year Six!

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ARABIC, ISLAMIC & HISTORY OF QATAR



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المشاريع PROJECTS

في كوكبة مضيئة من إبداع طلاب نيوتن الخليج الغربي، افتتح معرض مشاريع المواد الإلزامية للمواد الثلاث يوم الخميس 13-10 ليحمل لنا أسمى المعاني من الاعتزاز بقيمتنا الدينية وبوطننا وتراثنا ولغتنا الأصيلة.

The project exhibition for the three materials opened on Thursday 13-10-2022. It was achieving the highest meaning of pride in our religious values, our homeland and our authentic language.



صلاة الاستسقاء PRAYER FOR RAIN

بتاريخ 10-27 قامت إدارة مدرسة نيوتن (الخليج الغربي) تحت إشراف قسم المواد الإلزامية بتنظيم أداء صلاة الاستسقاء للطلاب من الصف الرابع وحتى السادس.

On 27-10, the management of Newton School West Bay, under the supervision of the Department of Compulsory Subjects, organised the performance prayers for rain for students in Years 4, 5 and 6.



النادي العربي ARABIC CLUB

حيث يقوم نادي اللغة العربية على مجموعة من الأنشطة المتنوعة لرفع مستوى الطلاب في اللغة العربية.

The Arabic language club is based on a variety of activities to raise the level of students on the Arabic language.



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VALUE القيمة

قام الطلاب بتفعيل القيمة الشهرية لشهر أكتوبر وهي الفخر والاعتزاز بوطني، كعبة المضيوم ورمز العدل.

The students learnt about our value for the month of October, which was pride and 'pride in my homeland'



READING ALOUD القراءة بصوت عالٍ

قام قسم اللغة العربية بتفعيل يوم القراءة بصوت عالٍ بتاريخ 31-10 حيث قام الطلاب بقراءة بعض القصص وتم منح شهادات تكريم للطلاب.

The Department of Arabic Language activated the Day of Reading Aloud on 31-10. Students read some stories and certificates of honour were awarded to students.



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NOTES FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



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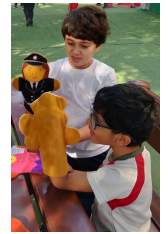
WHAT A FANTASTIC FIRST TERM OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

If the first half of Term 1 was jam packed full of fun learning opportunities, then the second half of the term can only be described as being bursting with excitement and outstanding learning.

Hopefully you have noticed the newsletter name change. This was the result of a competition between the classes. Each class came up with multiple suggestions for a newsletter name before democratically voting for their favourite. Each classes' suggestion was then added to a voting form and pupils got to vote for their favourite name from all the fantastic entries. In the end they chose Isaac and the Apple News which was suggested by Year 5 Turquoise. Congratulations to Year 5 Turquoise and well done to all the other classes for their imaginative newsletter names.



This half term our playground has taken on a new look at break times. There is now a variety of different break time activity zones set up for KS1 and KS2. Year 1 and 2 pupils have enjoyed solving our giant puzzle as well as trying to correctly identify different countries, continents and ocean on our world map. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils have gathering together in our Pokémon card trading zone to try and 'catch them all'. The basketball hoops have also proved popular for KS2 pupils and we look forward to seeing improved skills being used in PE lessons and Mr McGrath and Mr Kennedy's after school club next term.



This half term we have celebrated the values of citizenship, personal accountability, honesty and individual liberty. We held our second house competition which saw pupils complete a FIFA World Cup themed STEM challenge as part of our World Cup celebration week.

Thank you for all your support and cooperation this term. We wish you safe travels if you are flying out of Doha for the break or if you are staying, we hope you enjoy the World Cup festivities.

Important Dates:

Monday 2nd January - First day of Term 2

Sunday 8th January - Book Week

Monday 9th January - After-school clubs begin

Sunday 15th January - Arabic Week

Sunday 22nd January - International Week

Tuesday 14th February - National Sports Day (school closed)

Tuesday 21st February - After-school clubs end

Thursday 9th March - End of Term 2

TOP OF THE CLASS!

The top 3 classes with the best attendance % this half term are.....

- 1) 3 Gold - 97.7%
- 2) 4 Silver - 96.2%
- 3) 4 Gold - 95.5%

Well done on your super attendance.

TOP OF THE CLASS!

The top 3 classes with the best attendance % the whole term are.....

- 1) 3 Gold - 96.8%
- 2) 4 Silver - 96.7%
- 3) 2 Bronze - 94.5%

Well done on your super attendance.