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STUDENT PREFECTS



Thursday 29th September

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL PREFECTS



SAMI RADWAN **HEAD BOY**

As Head Boy I have goals that will benefit every pupil in school, from EYFS to Year 6. I will further support the school's vision of 'An international community of learners striving for excellence and celebrating success. All in all, my mission is to change and affect the school in a positive way that every pupil will benefit from. On top of that, I also seek to become an amazing role model for the younger pupils in the school.



MINN GALAGEDARA **HEAD GIRL**

As Head Girl an important lesson I want everyone to remember is that although everyone has differences we are all still equal. One of my goals as Head Girl is to achieve the vision and mission of the school. By teaming up with the Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and the 16 prefects I believe we can help the school achieve this together. It is my last year in Primary and at NIS West Bay, I want to give my best to represent our school.



LAYA EL SHAWA **DEPUTY HEAD GIRL**

As Deputy Head Girl there are a few things I would like to achieve this year. My main aim is to support all the pupils in their learning and ensure they have a fantastic year. I am looking forward to sharing my ideas for many different fun events that I think everyone will enjoy. As an individual I am aiming to improve my writing to make it more interesting for the reader.



MINA IBRAHIM **DEPUTY HEAD BOY**

As Deputy Head Boy it is my job to support the prefects and the Head Boy and Head Girl with their duties. I really like school, I enjoy and am good at PE. I also love Maths and Science, especially the topic of Space. I look forward to supporting all the pupils of NIS West Bay to enjoy their learning and achieve great things this year.

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STUDENT COUNCIL



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCILLORS



AKEF ALAKRAS
STUDENT COUNCILLOR 6C

I'm looking forward to helping the younger students around the school. I look forward to presenting my ideas and hopefully these will contribute to the school's success.



JOULIA KOURJOGEDARA
STUDENT COUNCILLOR 3G

I want to make the school a positive place where everyone will be safe and happy. I looking forward to having more responsibility and becoming more confident.



DANIA ELMAGABBER
STUDENT COUNCILLOR 5T

I am looking forward to planning a school fair. I also want to host my own Newton reading competition.



AHMED KRIZAN
STUDENT COUNCILLOR 4B

I want to make positive changes within the school. For example, I want children to be excited to come to school, so I will help us have more activity days.



ZAYED KHALED
STUDENT COUNCILLOR 5E

I am looking forward to suggesting more educational excursions for my peers.



HALA ELSHAFEI
STUDENT COUNCILLOR 6B

What I want to do this year is help children overcome exam stress, especially in Year 6.



LILYANA ELMALLA 3B
STUDENT COUNCILLOR

I look forward to making sure everyone is respecting our school To do this, I want to encourage everyone to be more environmentally friendly.



ROFAIDA HASSAN
STUDENT COUNCILLOR 4S

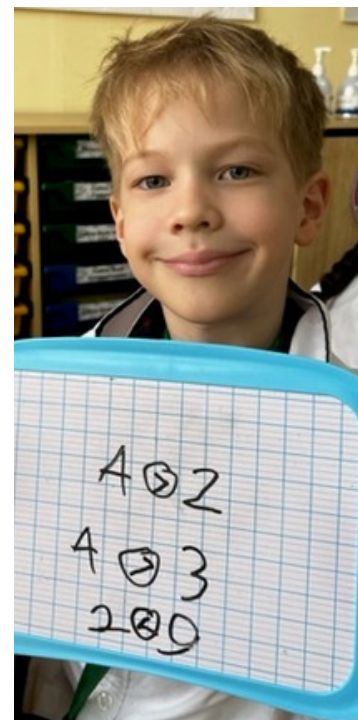
I am looking forward to helping support, assist and further develop the school in a positive way.

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YEAR 1



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WOW! A FANTASTIC START TO THE YEAR!

Year 1 have really enjoyed the first half of Term 1! We have learnt about lots of exciting topics.

We celebrated 'Roald Dahl Day' and 'House Colour' Day this half term which was great fun!

In Math's, we have learnt all about number bonds, fact families and addition. We even drew our own part-whole models and used cubes to represent different amounts.



In English, we learnt all about the features needed to write a story. We learnt the story of Officer Ben and had lots of fun coming up with actions to help us remember the words to our story. When we had learnt all of this, we changed the characters and setting and created a whole new story and actions!

In Science, we learnt all about the five senses and enjoyed carrying out an experiment using corn kernels to make popcorn. It was very exciting and yummy! We have also been learning about the human body and have even moved on to learning about animal body parts.

In Humanities, we learnt all about our local landmarks and enjoyed talking about which ones we have visited. We also learnt about different types of housing and found it interesting to see what kind of houses our friends live in.

We are very excited to begin our new units of work and look forward to another great half term!



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YEAR 2



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A SUPER START TO YEAR 2!

A big well done to all of the Year 2 children who have been working so hard this term. In Maths we have been learning about place value and addition and subtraction. We have enjoyed some practical lessons such as comparing numbers and a counting in 5's scavenger hunt. In English we have just started our new topic learning how to write a Non-Chronological report. Our T4W model text is about a polar bear and much to the children's surprise we had a polar bear called Snowy visit the teachers in Year 2.



In science we have been learning about habitats. The children have enjoyed creating posters about animal habitats and making their own bug hotels. We have also celebrated our first house colours day and international reading day. We learnt about the very famous author Roald Dahl, looking at some of his work including stories and poems.



There have been some fantastic projects History of Qatar projects handed in and the children have shown that they have developed an understanding of the components of a neighbourhood. Keep up the amazing work Year 2!

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YEAR 3



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SOME ROCKING LEARNING YEAR 3. GREAT WORK!

What a busy but exciting start to the year we have had in Year 3! We were learning all about the Stone Age in Humanities. Throughout this topic, we have visited our own cave, created cave paintings and clay models of Stone Henge and we even had our own dress up Stone Age day! This linked to our English T4W story, The Stone Age Boy, where we looked at the features of a narrative text and then wrote our own version.



In Maths, we have been learning all about place value and we have done a lot of practical work with our Base 10. In Science, we learnt about 'Rocks, Fossils and Soil'. We learnt all about the process of fossilisation and made our own clay fossils. We used Oreo's, M&Ms, biscuits and coconut flakes to explore and understand the different layers of soil. What a fantastic start to Year 3- keep up the great work!



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YEAR 4



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AMAZING OUTDOOR LEARNING

YEAR 4! GREAT WORK!

In Year 4, we have been looking at Living things and their habitats. As part of their learning, Year 4 were able to go out and look out for habitats in our very own West Bay! They really enjoyed seeking out the animals and trying to identify how they have adapted to suit their environment. Animals and, more specifically, animals in the rainforest have also been explored in our humanities topic of Brazil. The children were fully immersed in creating their own pieces of art inspired by the rainforest.



In Maths, we began by looking at place value and how numbers are organised. After consolidating the foundational topic of place value, Year 4 were able to add and subtract 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s. We were also able to identify a range of ways to add and subtract numbers up to 4-digits, exchanging where necessary.

In English, we have been looking at narratives. We began by looking at our model text about a journey in the rainforest. We then utilised this model text by extracting the key features before imitating them in our very own guided write. Next, the children planned and drafted their own narrative using the correct features. The stories they wrote were great and I'm sure there are many future authors among us! We have now begun our next topic of discussion texts, where we will be able to explore writing different sides of an argument.



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YEAR 5



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LETS GO YEAR 5! GREAT LEARNING THIS HALF TERM!

What an exciting start it has been to the 2022-2023 academic year! The new Year 5 group have settled in well and are all enjoying the new challenges of the Year 5 curriculum. There have been some positive changes, such as going back to the library more regularly as a class and the children being able to enjoy outdoor breaks again

During English, we have finished our talk for writing unit on the extremely, interesting creature called the Rhiswanozebtah. Our new unit is on poetry and we have been learning all the literacy devices in poems; our favourite fabulous feature is alliteration.



In Science, we have been learning various life cycles. A highlight was getting the chance to dissect a lily in class and see all the parts we had been learning about. In Humanities, we started off with the water cycle before moving on to learning about rivers and mountains. A few weeks ago, we were fortunate enough to have a Year 5 assembly in the gym. We spoke about our value of responsibility. It has been a great start to the year and we are very excited for what is still to come!



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YEAR 6



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ARRIBA! AN EXCELLENT START TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR! WELL DONE YEAR 6!

In English writing, we have been busy working on suspense narratives beginning with our model text - Treasure Island. This linked to our whole class guided reading text - Treasure Island.

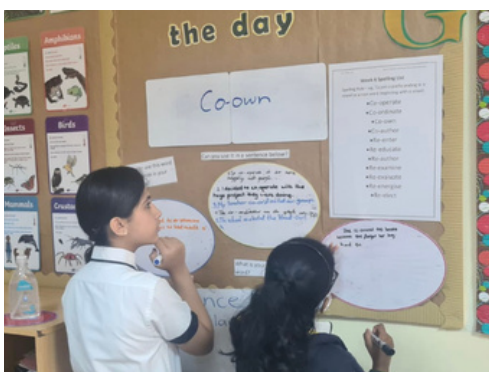
In Mathematics, we were focusing on place value and four operations, we created our music videos to help us memorise the steps for long division.

In Science, Year 6 have been learning about animals and their environments including food chains and classifying plants and animals.



Mexico is our topic in Humanities which meant we could celebrate Mexican Independence day which was held on 16th September. To celebrate, some classes had Mexican day where they could bring in a cactus and some mexican traditional foods to taste.

Finally, in Art, we were learning all about portraits including how to proportion the face, show our interests in split portraits and layered portraits.



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NOTES FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



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WHAT AN AMAZING START TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BY OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND YOU!

The students have made a fantastic start to the school year and it has been so wonderful to be able to see everyone's smiling faces each day. There have been lots of fun learning, celebration days, events and exciting appointment across the school already this term.

Students have celebrated Roald Dahl day on September 13th with the class teachers choosing their favourite Roald Dahl book to read to their class. The school houses have been announced, students and teachers have been divided between the four houses. 'Wear your colour day' was a massive success with all students and staff proudly wearing the colour to represent their house.



The KS2 students need themselves and the school proud by wholeheartedly participating in the student council elections. There were some excellent presentations that really made it difficult for the students to select just one representative from their class. Through the democratic process of a ballot each class did manage to elect a student councillor and we look forward to seeing their input into school life this year.

The Year 6 teachers, Mr. Stuart and Ms. Wiid were given the unenviable task of having to select the school prefects as well as the Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl from all the amazing applications submitted. The selected students will make a huge difference to school and we look forward to seeing them put their thoughts and ideas into action.

This half term we have celebrated the values of respect and responsibility. We held our first houses competition which entailed students designing their own poster celebrating the school value of responsibility. There were some truly amazing entries demonstrating the extraordinary creativity of the students.

TOP OF THE CLASS!

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

- 1) 6 Gold - 95%
- 2) 2 Crimson - 94%
- 3) 3 Bronze - 92%

Important Dates:

15th October - final submission date for the Newton Group Computing competition being run by NIS West Bay.

16th to 20th October - 2 assessments per day. Normal lessons will continue before and after each assessment.

2nd to 10th November - continuous assessments will take place daily. Normal lessons will continue before and after each assessment.

17th November - last day of Term 1

2nd January - first day of Term 2