

Foundation

THIS TERM'S NEWS

The children have been getting used to their new school environment this term. They've done a great job; you should be proud of everything they've achieved.

In Phonics, we've been learning to recognise different sounds around us. We explored sounds from our bodies, musical instruments, and voices to understand how sounds can be different.

In Talk for Writing, we worked with the story Owl Babies. We started by getting the children excited with a 'hook', and then they practised retelling the story using actions and a story map. After our trip to the aquarium, we changed the story to Aquarium Animals. The children made up new actions to help tell the new version. We had a fun "under the sea" dress-up party to celebrate finishing the story.

In Maths, we've been singing number songs and starting to use words like 'more', 'less', 'full', and 'empty'. We learnt all about patterns, height, weight, capacity, matching and sorting.



Term 1



SPECIAL EVENTS



The children went on their first trip to the aquarium. They watched a 4D movie to learn about Hamad Port and how it was built. After that, they explored the aquarium and saw many different sea animals, including jellyfish, starfish, sea snakes, a baby shark, and many types of fish. The children really enjoyed their first trip of the year.



The children also started their first Talk for Writing with the story Owl Babies. Before we began the story, the children found an owl's nest on the playground with 3 eggs inside. Each day, we went back to check if the eggs had cracked. The children's imagination and language skills were amazing as they came up with lots of ideas about why the nest was there and where the owls went when the eggs cracked. This got them excited about our story.



The children celebrated Book Week and Qatar National Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next term, Foundation 1 classes will go on a school trip with Doha Bus Tour. We will also be visited by the Build a Bear company. The children will take part in Science Week, Sports Week and International Day. The school will host our annual School Fair Day, where you can participate in many different games and activities with your family. In Term 2, the Foundation 1 teachers will organise a 'Stay and Play' event for the parents. We will welcome the parents into our class where they can play with their children and see the many different ways we learn in Foundation 1.

Parent-teacher meetings will be held on the 14th and 15th of January.



Foundation 2

THIS TERM'S NEWS

In Term 1, F2 have worked so hard within their Phonics learning. The children have been learning to recognise, read and write letter sounds. They have also been applying this in order to read and write simple words. It has been amazing to see their progress so far!

In Literacy, the children have been learning to retell the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Their learning began when they found a letter left in their classroom, alongside a mystery breakfast table covered in porridge oats! Inspired by the story, the children have created artwork based on the characters and story settings and storymaps and have been labelling their drawings of bears. Each F2 class have also innovated the story using their own amazing ideas.

In Maths, the children have been focused on recognising, representing and comparing numbers to 5. They are also gaining an understanding of one more and one less with numbers to 5. They have also been learning about 2D shapes and have enjoyed continuing and creating simple repeated patterns.



Term 1



SPECIAL EVENTS

F2 has had such an exciting first term in school. The children had lots of fun on their trip to Eataly, where they got hands-on experience making their own pizza. The children were so excited to wear their special apron and chef's hat and showed a lot of pride in themselves for creating their own pizza.

We also celebrated Book Week, during which F2 was thinking about the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. During Book Week, the children were excited to visit the Book Fair, have parent readers visit their class to read a story and also have KS2 students come to read books with them.

We also invited F2 parents to a Phonics Workshop in Term 1, where we shared information on what the children will be learning in class in Phonics and tips for parents on how to continue learning at home.



UPCOMING EVENTS

In Term 2, we are so excited to be taking F2 on a trip to Heenat Salma Farm, where the children will be able to take part in lots of hands-on experiences and learn all about a working farm. The date of the trip will be confirmed in Term 2.

As a whole school, we will also celebrate Science Week, Sports Week and International Day in Term 2.

The F2 teachers will hold a Parent Workshop based on Guided Reading in F2. This will be an excellent opportunity to understand how to support reading at home and show parents examples of classroom activities and questions to support comprehension skills.

F2 Teachers will also hold Parent – Teacher meetings on January 13th and 14th of January. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's next steps in their learning.



Year 1

THIS TERM'S NEWS



In English this Term, we have focused on writing a story. The children learnt the actions of "The Little Red Hen" and worked hard to remember the story. We then practised tricky words and began writing the story. Some of the children managed to innovate the story as a whole class and changed the characters and setting. We used adjectives in our writing and focused on describing our characters. In Mathematics, Year 1 has worked very hard on recognising numbers up to 20. We practised forming and writing these in numbers and words. Year 1 worked well on recognising numbers before and after. We then used our number lines to recognise how to add and subtract numbers to 20. Using the part-whole model, Year 1 could visualise how we can add and subtract the numbers to find a total. In History, we have been learning all about "The First Moon Landing". Year 1 enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 mission. In Science, we have been focusing on "Animals Including Humans". We discussed the 5 senses and how we use our senses in our daily lives.



Term 1

SPECIAL EVENTS

This term, we have had many special days. We started the term with an inspiring Book Week, during which the children took part in many activities; we had buddy reading, and Year 6 children came and read with our classes. We had a fantastic bedtime story – pyjama day, where the children got to wear the pyjamas to school and bring a teddy and blanket. We read lots of stories and celebrated the importance of reading at home daily. The children were very excited and loved reading books. Please keep encouraging your child to read at home daily. We also had a very successful trip to KidzMondo, where the children got to work as teams and do jobs to earn money. Year 1 really enjoyed this and learnt some fabulous new skills. We ended the term with a very enjoyable "Space Day", where the children got to dress up in space-themed outfits. Year 1 participated in rotation activities where they read space books, created rockets using 2D shapes, explored magnets by creating space rockets, and used playdough to create what they found in space.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Term, we look forward to many exciting and fun new lessons and events. In Term 2, we will have an enjoyable Science Week, during which the children will focus on the importance of Science and how we use it in our daily lives. We will also have another enjoyable trip to Oli Oli Museum, where the children will explore and participate in fun scientific activities. We will look at instruction writing and why we use instructions in English. In Maths we will be moving on to numbers to 50. We will also be looking at length, height, weight and volume. In Science, we will be looking at plants and understanding how a plant grows. In Geography, we will focus on continents and oceans, which is always an enjoyable topic for Year 1. We look forward to all our new learning and fun events in Term 2!



Year 2

THIS TERM'S NEWS

Year 2 has been working extremely hard in English this term. Before the mid-term, they learnt how to write a narrative tale focusing on character description. They then learnt how to write a diary entry about Christopher Columbus. Some children were even successful in inventing their own diary entries all about their school trip this term to Carluccio's kid's cooking class! Year 2 continues to work hard with their phonics; it's been great to see so many of them progress and fall in love with reading.

In Mathematics, Year 2 has learnt all about place value and how to add and subtract numbers. We now know all the different ways we can partition numbers! Year 2 also knows how to recognise and add equal groups in our multiplication topic. To make our learning more fun, we have taken part in a range of practical activities relating to multiplication, such as making arrays and equal groups with cubes and candy.

SPECIAL EVENTS

In Term 1, we celebrated Book Week at NBS Al Waab. The children loved learning about Little Red Riding Hood; we participated in various practical and written activities related to the story. This strengthened our knowledge of narrative tales, which we then used in our writing exam. We particularly enjoyed pyjama day, where we got to listen to bedtime stories and eat popcorn by the fire. KS2 also visited our children to help them read while wearing the reading glasses we designed in class.

Year 2 had their first school trip to Carluccio's in the Pearl for a kids' cooking class. We got to pretend to be Chefs for the day, wearing a chef's hat and apron. The head chef showed us how to make pizzas by following his step-by-step instructions. We then got to eat the pizzas with ice cream; they were so yummy.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 2 will begin the new year off positively as they will have their school trip in January. They will explore Doha and its beautiful buildings on the hop-on, hop-off bus. This will link to our topic of locational knowledge and Qatar Values.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Upcoming learning in English will include writing a letter and rhyming poetry. In Mathematics, Year 2 will learn about 2D and 3D shapes, British money and statistics. In Science, we will learn how seeds and bulbs grow into plants and what plants need to survive.



We have many exciting and memorable weeks coming up in Term 2. We will celebrate Sports Week in February along with Science Week. Both of these weeks will involve a range of physical activities that will be both exciting and enjoyable for the children.



Year 3

THIS TERM'S NEWS

Through the students' hard work, the support of parents, and the dedication of our teaching team, Year 3 had a very successful first term filled with many memorable experiences. We are very proud of everyone's progress and individual achievements. In English, the children invented their own traditional tales inspired by Jack and the Beanstalk. They enjoyed the Talk for Writing lessons, which helped them develop their storytelling and descriptive skills. In Mathematics, the children focused on place value and multiplication, building a strong foundation for problem-solving and number fluency. In Science, they learned about the life cycle of plants and how they grow. They also explored different types of rocks and their properties. The children enjoyed the hands-on activities and carried out interesting experiments. This term provided lots of opportunities for creativity, curiosity, and learning. They particularly enjoyed working together to make a model of a volcano and making their own fossils.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This term, we celebrated Book Week, which helps emphasise the importance of reading. Year 3 explored the book *The Sneetches* by Dr. Seuss, which highlighted the importance of kindness and acceptance. The week was filled with memorable activities, such as visiting the book fair and engaging in the photo booth, alongside buddy reading sessions and captivating storytelling events, offering something enjoyable for everyone. The children particularly enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character and bedtime stories day.



Term 1

The excitement continued with a school trip to KidZania; from being doctors to firefighters, the children explored real-life occupations in a fun and interactive setting, learning valuable teamwork and decision-making skills.

Odd Socks Day was another meaningful event, celebrating individuality and raising awareness about anti-bullying. Year 3 embraced the theme with odd socks, spreading a message of kindness, acceptance, and inclusivity.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

The children are looking forward to Science Week; they will explore interesting experiments and engage in hands-on activities to spark their curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world around them.

We will also celebrate Sports Week, a time to celebrate teamwork, physical activity, and friendly competition. It promises to be an exciting week full of energy and fun, including opportunities for everyone to get involved and showcase their skills.

A highlight of the term will be a visit to the Museum of Islamic Art, where students will have the opportunity to learn about history, culture, and art through an incredible collection of artefacts and exhibits.

We're excited to welcome Term 2 and looking forward to new opportunities, engaging activities, and continued learning. Let's make it another memorable and successful term!



Year 4

THIS TERM'S NEWS

As we come to the end of our first term, we reflect upon everything the children have achieved during this very busy first few months in Year 4. The children connected English, History and Art by exploring the Viking era, writing historical fiction stories, and creating unique Viking longship designs. Our Science topics this term focused on Biology and Chemistry. Living Things and Habitats gave an insight into the diets of various animals, animal adaptations, and how food chains and food webs work. Our States of Matter topic lent itself to many opportunities for hands-on learning. The children investigated evaporation, condensation, melting, and solidifying by planning and carrying out various experiments. Our Philosophy for Children lessons have seen us create and categorise question types and create philosophical questions linked to various thought-provoking stimuli.

SPECIAL EVENTS

It has been an eventful and varied term, celebrating and recognising many of our students' skills and talents. Earlier in the term, 4 Red shared their assembly themed around Community, linking to our Newton Vision. In October, we celebrated Book Week with buddy reading, guest readers, our book fair, and lots of activities based on the Geronimo Stilton books and characters. November brought our Term 1 trip to Angry Birds World. It was lovely to see the children challenging themselves, sometimes facing their fears and showing great bravery. Some children were selected to represent the year group in inter-Newton competitions. Congratulations to Layan Alfarraj in 4 Blue, Mushaf Baig in 4 Red, Dario Martinez Segovia and Raania Adil, who are both in 4 Green and came second in the Year 4 Gifted & Talented Competition last month. While Dalia Amr Jameel in 4 Green and Dooa Salaheldin Adbulla, Farja Al-Marri and Mushaf Baig of 4 Red participated in the Year 4 Maths Competition.



Term 1





UPCOMING EVENTS

There are more exciting learning opportunities and events to look forward to in Term 2. In English, we will be writing newspaper reports and learning about Digestion and Sound in Science. Our Geography topic of Rainforests and our History lessons about Ancient Greeks will take our learning to exciting faraway lands. The school will celebrate Science Week with students participating in various experiments, quizzes and Science-related activities. February will see us celebrating Sports Week with our inter-house activities to see who will be our 2024 Sports Week winners. Later in the term, the Year 4 children go on their second school trip of this academic year to the National Museum of Qatar, which we are sure they will all enjoy. In addition to these events, 4 Blue will lead their class assembly.



Year 5

THIS TERM'S NEWS

Term 1 has been a very enjoyable and successful term for Year 5. The children have settled into their new classes and invested a lot of time in building positive relationships with their new classmates and teachers. The children have shown a great level of commitment to being positive role models for the other students across the school. As a result of their hard work and determination, Year 5 students were selected to go on a reward school trip to watch the Championship Rhythmic Gymnastics. Throughout Term 1, Year 5 students have been learning about many new, interesting and exciting topics; a particular highlight was learning about Earth and Space in Science. The children had the opportunity to design/build their own telescopes and present them to their peers for their Term 1 Science Project Homework.



Term 1



SPECIAL EVENTS



During NBS Book Week, Year 5 read *Kenzuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo as their class novel. They completed many activities relating to this book and created their book reviews. The children enjoyed participating in whole school activities such as making their own unique pair of reading glasses, participating in various games and quizzes and dressing up as their favourite book character. The children had a lot of fun visiting the book fair in the school gym; it was great to see such a positive attitude towards reading! For the Term 1 school trip, Year 5 went to the Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum. The children learned about the Sheikh's main hobbies and interests and were lucky enough to get an exclusive look at his vintage car collection! During their trip, the children could make links to the key topics they had learned about in Qatar History.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The new year will bring many new learning opportunities for Year 5; the children will learn about many interesting topics: World War II, Economy and Trade, Properties and Changes of Materials, and Newspaper Report Writing. Term 2 will also bring more memorable days and weeks to NBS: Science Week and Sports Week. Science week is always an enjoyable week. The children will participate in different activities and experiments, allowing them to become scientists and develop an increased love for Science. Sports week is a hugely popular week among our children. The children will participate in various games and activities throughout the week, building upon key life skills such as teamwork and communication. In Term 2, Year 5 children will be going on their third school trip of the year. They will go to the Museum of Islamic Art, Which will undoubtedly be an exciting and enjoyable day full of exploration and learning. We hope to end this trip with a group picnic!



year 6

THIS TERM'S NEWS

As we approach the end of a busy yet exciting term, we are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils. Over the past few weeks, Year 6 have shown excellent resilience and commitment to their studies. Their positive attitude and dedication to learning are to be celebrated; we look forward to seeing the same enthusiasm and resilience in the next term. Across the curriculum, Year 6 has approached tasks with curiosity and excitement. From strengthening their problem-solving skills in mathematics to showcasing persuasive writing techniques in English, Year 6 have been achieving great things! One standout moment from Year 6's educational journey this term was their exploration of electrical circuits, which was a notable highlight. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed using their knowledge of electrical circuits to create their very own steady-hand games; very impressive Year 6! We have worked hard at maintaining expectations across all areas this term and look forward to continuing our progress in the next term. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 6.

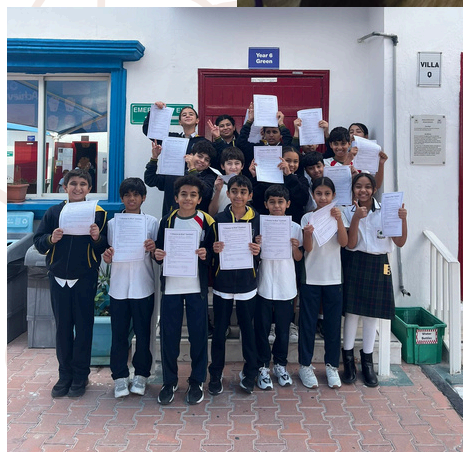
SPECIAL EVENTS

As we conclude Term 1, our Year 6 students have excelled in balancing their academic learning alongside some enriching extracurricular activities. This term, the pupils have participated in Book Week, a fantastic opportunity for all children to explore the exciting world of reading. Our Year 6 pupils participated in a buddy reading programme with Early Years pupils, enjoyed daily readings from various teachers and even had a visit and live reading from a real author! During Arabic Week, Year 6 learned more about their country and deepened their connection to its culture. On the 24th of October, we took a moment to remember and honour Dr Jaber for all the amazing things he did for Newton. It was an opportunity to unite as a school in gratitude and remembrance. Each child wrote a note to Dr Jaber, and it was displayed in a beautiful collage on our Gym wall.



Term 1





This Anti-Bullying Day, we stood together to promote kindness, respect, and inclusivity. It was a change for us all to reflect on the importance of creating a safe and supportive environment free from bullying. We should remember that small actions make a big difference.

Many students also showcased their skills in competitions such as the Spelling Bee and Mathematics Challenge, where we proudly applauded their sportsmanship and enthusiasm. A special highlight was our visit to Hamad Port Visitors Centre, learning about Qatar's maritime history and celebrating the country's achievements. Additionally, we had some very special visitors from Bein TV, where students participated in an engaging assembly. Recently, our students pledged to practice 'safe sailing' on the internet, aligning with both ASEEL and our school values.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking ahead to the upcoming term, we have some exciting events for our students. Sports Week promises to be a highlight, with various fun and competitive activities showcasing the children's athletic talents and team spirit. We'll also celebrate Science Week, where students will engage in hands-on experiments, explore new scientific concepts, and discover the wonders of the world around them. Additionally, our much-anticipated School Fair will offer a day of fun, games, and community spirit, bringing together students, teachers, and families for an unforgettable experience. It's going to be an action-packed term!



Arabic

احتفل القسم باليوم العالمي لمحو الأمية مع بقية دول العالم والذي يصادف 8 من سبتمبر من كل عام، وهو اليوم الذي تم الإعلان عنه في المؤتمر العام لليونسكو في 26 أكتوبر العام ١٩٦٦م واحتفل به لأول مرة العام 1967م باعتباره يوما عالمياً يهدف إلى تذكير المجتمع الدولي بأهمية محو الأمية على مستوى الأفراد، وقد تم تعريف الطلبة بجهود دولة قطر في محو الأمية، تم تنفيذ الأنشطة كالألعاب الإلكترونية وعرض فيديو للتعريف بمحو الأمية، وكتابة التعبير في حصص اللغة العربية.



تظل رحلة الإسراء والمعراج إحدى المعجزات العظيمة التي اختص بها الله تعالى ﷺ. هذه الرحلة كانت عون وتثبيت للنبي ﷺ بعد عام الحزن. حيث ماتت زوجته السيدة خديجة بنت خويلد رضي الله عنها، كما توفي عمه أيضاً أبو طالب، بالإضافة إلى الأذى الكبير الذي كان يتعرض إليه من قريش. فكانت منحة ربانية للرسول ﷺ في هذه الليلة المباركة.



Term 1





احتفل طلاب مدرستنا باليوم العالمي للمعلم في الخامس من أكتوبر، حيث قام طلابنا الأعزاء بأنشطة متنوعة ومتعددة في حصص اللغة العربية، كما قام بعض الطلاب بتقديم الهدايا احتفالاً بهذا اليوم تقديراً لجهود معلميه ومعلماتهم.

أسبوع الكتاب

تنظم مدرسة نيوتن البريطانية احتفالاً سنوياً بأسبوع الكتاب، وتم هذا العام في يوم الأحد السادس من أكتوبر وحتى يوم الخميس الحادي عشر، ارتدى الطلاب شخصيات القصص التي يحبونها، نفذ قسم المواد الإلزامية الثلاث أنشطة متنوعة ومنها الحكواتي.



إحياء ذكرى وفاة الدكتور جبر النعيمي

أحييت مجموعة مدارس نيوتن ذكرى وفاة الدكتور جبر النعيمي (رحمه الله) مؤسس مجموعة مدارس نيوتن في 23-24 من شهر أكتوبر، من خلال تعريف الطلاب على سيرة الشخصية وتواضعة وقلمه المبدع، وقد قرأ الطلاب الكثير من القصص التي ألّفها، كما أعدت معلمات قسم المواد الإلزامية الثلاث أنشطة متنوعة على مؤلفاته، إحياء لذكراه.



القراءة من الكتب لها نكهة تتفوّق على الطرق الأخرى، نظم قسم المواد الإلزامية الثلاث أسبوع اللغة العربية من (10-14) نوفمبر، تم خلاله تقديم أنشطة متنوعة خارجية وداخلية، وزيارة مكتبة المدرسة وقراءة الكتب، بالإضافة لتنفيذ نشاط الحكواتي، وعرض لطالبات الصفين الثاني والثالث في قاعة الرياضة، وتكريم طلاب موقع اقرأ بالعربية.



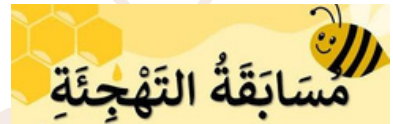
تلبية لدعوة سمو الشيخ تميم بن حمد آل ثاني لإقامة صلاة الاستسقاء وذلك يوم الخميس الموافق الرابع عشر من نوفمبر 24، أدى طلاب المدرسة الصلاة في القاعة الرياضية، وقد أمَّ الطلاب معلم الحاسوب الأستاذ اسكندر، وبعد انتهاء الصلاة خطب بهم مبيئاً فضل هذه الصلاة وأهميتها في طلب الغيث من الله تعالى عند احتباس المطر.



نظم قسم اللغة العربية مسابقة حفظ الحديث النبوي الشريف لطلاب مرحلة الروضة، بإشراف معلمة التربية الإسلامية أ. منى عاطف ومعلمة الروضة أ. رولا مرعي، وتم تحديد الفائزين بالمراكز الثلاثة الأولى، والطالبة منة الله التي حصلت على المركز الأول شاركت في مسابقة خارجية في حفظ الحديث، نتمنى لها الفوز مستقبلاً.



شارك قسم المواد الإلزامية الثلاث بمسابقة التهجئة التي نظمتها مدرسة الأطياف العالمية، وقد تكوّن فريق المدرسة المشارك من مجموعة من طلاب وطالبات المدرسة من الصف الثالث وحتى الصف السادس، نشكر طلابنا الأعزاء على مشاركتهم الفاعلة.



اليوم الوطني القطري مناسبة عظيمة تحتفل فيها دولة قطر بالوحدة الوطنية واستقلال البلاد، ويجسد روح الانتماء والاعتزاز بتاريخ البلاد وإنجازاتها في جميع المجالات، إحياء لذكرى تأسيس الدولة القطرية على يد الشيخ جاسم بن محمد، وقد نظم قسم المواد الإلزامية الثلاث حفلاً تضمن مجموعة من الفقرات الفنية التي أظهرت وعززت روح الانتماء لدى الطلبة، بالإضافة إلى الأنشطة الخارجية، ومعرض اشتمل على مشاريع الطلبة التي تعكس تاريخ البلاد وأهم معالمها.



French

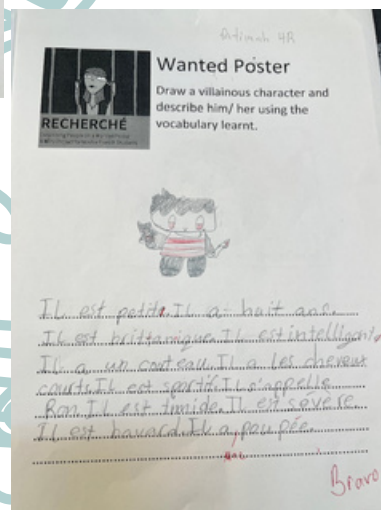
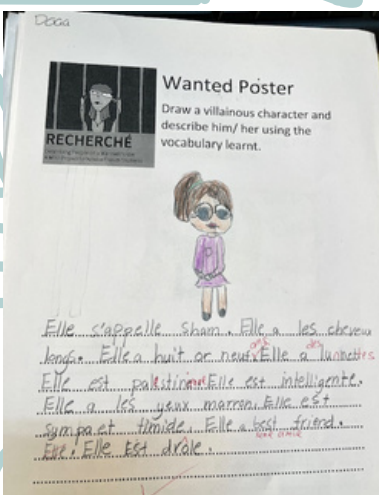
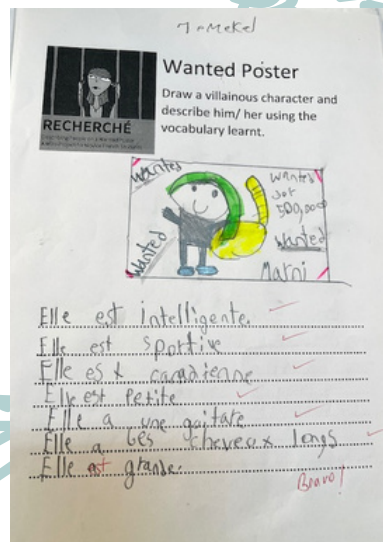
YEAR 3

Year 3 students started their journey through Rigolo with greetings, asking and saying their names and how they are. They counted to 10 and asked and answered questions about their age. They also learnt classroom objects, commands and colours.



YEAR 4

Year 4 students learnt how to describe people, how they look and how they use various adjectives. They enjoyed creating their "Wanted" poster which described a character using vocabulary they learnt. They talked about different leisure activities and learnt how to tell time to the hour.



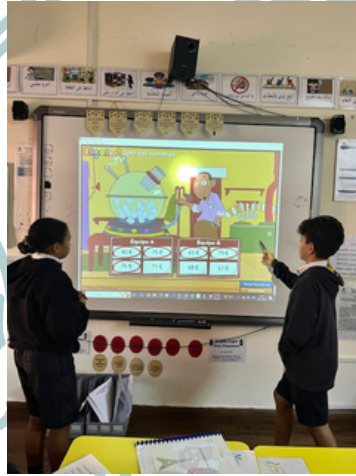
Term 1

YEAR 5

Year 5 students discussed their favourite school subjects and gave reasons for their preferences. They learnt about the timings of the school day and used "quarter past, half past and quarter to" in their discussions.

YEAR 6

Year 6 students learnt about sports and expressed their opinions about different activities. They also learnt about clothes and their colours. They can count to 80 and say how much different items cost.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Four Year 5 and 6 students represented our school in the first French competition organized by NIA Smash Academy. It was a great way to celebrate the French language and a memorable experience for the students. Their interest and efforts are greatly appreciated!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Rigolo journey will continue in Term 2. Year 3 students will learn the days of the week, numbers to 20, animals and pets. Year 4 students will learn about different festivals celebrated in France and the names of some famous cities. In year 5, we will talk about healthy and unhealthy food; in year 6, students will learn about transportation and getting to different places.



THIS TERM'S NEWS

ICT

As we come to the end of Term 1, we are excited to share the progress our students have made in their ICT lessons. This term, we have focused on building foundational digital skills and promoting online safety for students from Year 1 to Year 6. Here's an overview of what your child has been learning:

ONLINE SAFETY

Throughout the term, every year group has explored essential topics related to the MOE initiative 'Safe Sailing'. The students have learned about protecting personal information, being respectful online, identifying safe and appropriate websites, and how to handle cyberbullying.

YEAR 1: COMPUTER PARTS & MICROSOFT PAINT

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YEAR 2: COMPUTER PARTS & MICROSOFT WORD

Year 2 students have deepened their understanding of computer hardware, reviewing the parts they learned in Year 1. In addition, they have been introduced to Microsoft Word, where they practised typing, formatting text, and creating simple documents, building confidence in using word processing software.



Term 1

YEAR 3 & 4: MICROSOFT POWERPOINT

In Years 3 and 4, students have focused on developing their presentation skills using Microsoft PowerPoint. They have learned to create slides, insert text and images, and apply transitions and animations to enhance their presentations. This has allowed them to present their ideas creatively and effectively.

UPCOMING COMPUTING COMPETITION

"Timeless Qatar: A Digital Journey from Heritage to the Future"

We are excited to remind you about the Timeless Qatar: A Digital Journey from Heritage to the Future competition. Students across all year groups were encouraged to participate in this unique event, which invites them to explore Qatar's heritage and imagine its future using digital tools.

- Deadline for submissions: 6th February 2025

This competition is an excellent opportunity for students to apply the ICT skills they have learned and engage with important cultural and technological themes. We look forward to seeing their creative submissions!

Have a wonderful break, and we look forward to seeing the students in Term 2!



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Timeless Qatar:
"A Digital Journey from Heritage to the Future"
3rd Annual
COMPUTING COMPETITION

KS1

This Event invites students to explore **Qatar's Rich Heritage** and **Imagine its Future** through **Creative Projects** in:

Graphic Design	Presentations
- National Symbols of Qatar. - Festivals and Celebrations. - Qatar's Architectural Evolution.	- Traditional Games and Food of Qatar. - Qatar's Founding History and Leadership.

The Competition Starting: **06/10/2024**
Project Submission Deadline: **06/02/2025**

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KS2

This Event invites students to explore **Qatar's Rich Heritage** and **Imagine its Future** through **Creative Projects** in:

Graphic Design	Presentations	Programming
- Traditional vs. Modern Qatari Clothing. - Qatari Environment. - Qatar's Transport: From Camels to Metro.	- Qatar's Founding History and Leadership. - Qatar's Vision 2030.	- Traditional Qatari Games. - Interactive Timeline of Qatar's Leadership.

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Music

F1

This term, with the help of our amazing TAs, we have been working on exploring our loud, soft, fast and slow sounds using many different instruments, including drums and shakers

KS1

Year 1 students have been exploring the concept of beat by using shakers. Through interactive games, they are developing a steady sense of pulse and learning to play together in time. Meanwhile, Year 2 students are diving into rhythm, experimenting with patterns and different tempos. They've also begun using boomwhackers to create their own rhythmic sequences, combining fun and creativity. These activities build foundational musical skills in an engaging and collaborative environment!



KS2

Year 3 students have been exploring ostinatos, creating and performing repeated patterns to enhance their understanding of musical structure. Year 4 students have focused on dynamic changes, learning how variations in volume add emotion and interest to music. Meanwhile, Years 5 and 6 have been diving into major and minor keys, discovering how they affect mood and tone. Through hands-on activities and performances, all year groups are developing key musical skills and creativity!



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SPECIAL EVENTS

This Book Week, children across the school have been bringing stories to life through music! Key Stage 1 immersed themselves in Little Red Riding Hood, using percussion instruments and body sounds. They explored how music can represent characters and build suspense.

Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 took inspiration from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, composing and performing vibrant theme songs to capture its whimsy and adventure. Their imaginative melodies showcased teamwork, communication and musical flair. It was an unforgettable celebration of storytelling and sound!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next term promises to be full of musical fun and creativity across all year groups! Key Stage 1 children will have the chance to explore different instruments, experimenting with sounds and rhythms to tell stories and bring their ideas to life. They will learn to play expressively, work as a team, and create exciting musical pieces.

Years 3 and 4 will focus on listening to music by famous composers, discovering what makes their work special. They will explore how these composers use techniques like repetition, dynamics, and rhythm to make their music interesting. Inspired by what they hear, children will use these ideas to compose their own songs, building their creativity and understanding of music.

Years 5 and 6 will focus on writing original melodies and learning about musical notation. They will develop their ability to read and write music notes while exploring how melodies can express moods and emotions.



THIS TERM'S NEWS

PE

This term, PE has been engaging and educational. KS1 began by learning about sun protection and the importance of warm-ups and cool-downs, while KS2 explored these in more depth, emphasising their role in preventing injuries and improving performance. KS2 also studied the food pyramid, highlighting the benefits of a balanced diet for athletes and students.

Next, we focused on catching and throwing. KS1 worked on improving these fundamental skills through activities with various sports balls, including aiming at targets. KS2 advanced these skills by applying them in games, such as handball variations, which fostered teamwork and strategy.

The term ended with football. KS1 practised dribbling and passing using the inside of the foot, while KS2 applied these fundamentals in game situations, focusing on passing, dribbling, shooting, and understanding the rules of the game. It's been a fantastic term of learning and growth.

Across both key stages, students demonstrated great enthusiasm, teamwork, and progress, making it a fantastic term for Physical Education at Al Waab.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This term, we had the incredible opportunity to participate in a football tournament at Aspire Academy, competing against 23 other schools across Doha. I was privileged to take 10 talented Year 3 boys to represent our school in this prestigious event. The boys showcased outstanding teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. They embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and demonstrated the skills and discipline they have been developing in our PE sessions. Their effort made us incredibly proud, reflecting the values and spirit of our school. Well done, boys!



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During Book Week, we creatively connected reading to Physical Education by exploring books incorporating action and movement. Students had the opportunity to bring stories to life by acting out scenes, turning the lesson into a dynamic space of imagination and physical activity. This approach reinforced their love for reading and encouraged teamwork, creativity, and active engagement. By merging storytelling with movement, students could better understand the narrative while enjoying a fun and interactive way to express themselves physically. It was a fantastic experience highlighting the connection between literacy and physical development.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2 promises to be full of excitement and opportunities! One of the highlights will be Sports Week, a much-anticipated event where pupils will have the chance to participate in a variety of activities, including athletics, football, tug-of-war, and many more events. It's a fantastic opportunity for everyone to showcase their talents, with every student receiving a certificate for their involvement. Additionally, special awards will be given to those who display exceptional skills, effort, and teamwork throughout the week. We're also looking forward to expanding our participation in sports competitions by hosting events or competing against other schools. It's sure to be another term filled with growth, achievement, and memorable experiences!



THIS TERM'S NEWS

P4C

This term, Philosophy for Children (P4C) has continued to thrive at NBS Al Waab, with students actively engaging in thought-provoking discussions and developing critical thinking skills. Teachers have worked hard to integrate P4C into their weekly lessons, fostering an environment where students feel confident expressing their ideas and exploring diverse perspectives. From thought experiments to collaborative debates, students have been encouraged to ask meaningful questions and reflect on their learning.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This term, a significant highlight was the Dr. Jabr Memorial Day, during which the school community came together to honor the memory of Dr. Jabr Al Noaimi. In tribute, students across all year groups completed P4C enquiries centered on science, exploring thought-provoking questions inspired by Dr. Jabr's passion for discovery and curiosity. These sessions provided an opportunity for students to engage in meaningful discussions about the impact of science on our lives and reflect on the values of inquiry and perseverance that Dr. Jabr exemplified. The day was a touching celebration of his legacy and an inspiring reminder of the power of critical thinking.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue promoting HomeTalk as part of our commitment to fostering critical thinking and meaningful discussions beyond the classroom. HomeTalk encourages families to engage in thoughtful conversations on topics that spark curiosity and build connections. Additionally, we have plans to introduce more fun and engaging P4C lessons, designed to inspire creativity and collaboration among students. These lessons will focus on creating an enjoyable learning environment while continuing to develop essential reasoning and communication skills.



THIS TERM'S NEWS

Library

The library was abuzz with excitement during the first term, especially during the school opening. Students were eager to explore the vast collection of books and resources. Library orientation sessions were conducted to familiarise students with the library's layout, rules, and services. Exciting new book displays and reading challenges were organized to spark interest in reading. As a teaser for the year ahead, students were excited to hear about upcoming library events.



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Library

SPECIAL EVENTS

The library has been a hub of exciting activities throughout the year. Book Week was a highlight, with students dressing up as beloved characters, participating in book buddies and listening to captivating storytelling sessions. The Book Fair, in partnership with Crescent Bookshop, was another success, offering a wide range of books for students to choose from. To enhance the reading experience, the library invited parents to be guest readers, sharing their favourite stories with K1-K2 students. In celebration of Book Week, Ms Ghenwa Yehia, a renowned author, visited the school and had a live story session with KS2 students. Her book, "A Recipe For Home" has received significant recognition at the 2018 Purple Dragonfly Book Awards. Mr. Talal from Qatar National Library also visited the school to shed light on the library's vital role in fostering knowledge and community engagement. It remains an open platform for learning and discovery. These special activities have fostered a love for reading, sparking imagination and encouraging a lifelong passion for books.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The upcoming term promises exciting reading adventures in the library. Brand-new picture books are coming, filled with beautiful illustrations and heart-warming tales. Students can look forward to participating in various engaging activities such as Story Dice Creation, Story Gallery Walk, Readers' Theatre, etc. Students will develop a strong foundation for lifelong learning and a deep literary appreciation by participating in these activities.

