

NEWSLETTER



“AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF
LEARNERS, STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE
AND CELEBRATING SUCCESS.”

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Nadia January



PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I want to congratulate all our students from our youngest learners in EYFS to our graduating Secondary students for your hard work, determination, and achievements.

This year, our students have demonstrated that success is about much more than academic excellence. They have shown resilience, kindness, creativity, leadership, and a commitment to serving others. Whether through their learning, sporting achievements, artistic talents, charitable initiatives, environmental projects, or support for the wider community, they have represented Newton International Academy Barwa with pride, integrity, and compassion.

As we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Newton Group, we reflect on the vision that has shaped our schools for two decades, providing an outstanding education that inspires every student to achieve academic excellence while developing the character, confidence, and values to make a positive difference in the world. The success of NIA is built upon this vision and made possible through the dedication of our students, staff, parents, and the unwavering commitment of the Newton Group to educational excellence.

Our achievements this year are a reflection of that shared vision. Every lesson learned, every challenge overcome, every competition entered, and every act of service has contributed to making NIA Barwa a school where students are empowered to dream big, lead with integrity, and strive for excellence.

Our accomplishments also reflect the aspirations of the Qatar National Vision 2030. Through the commitment to learning, innovation, respect for others, environmental responsibility, and service to the community, our students are developing into responsible global citizens who will contribute to Qatar's continued growth and prosperity.

To our youngest learners, continue to be curious and never stop asking questions. To our primary students, keep building strong foundations and embracing every opportunity to learn. To our secondary students, continue to challenge yourselves, lead by example, and inspire those who follow in your footsteps.

As you enjoy your well-deserved summer break, take time to rest, spend precious moments with your families, discover new interests, continue reading, and return refreshed for another exciting year of learning and achievement. Thank you to all students, parents and staff for making this year one of which we can all be proud. Together, we have honoured the Newton vision, strengthened our NIA Barwa community, and continued our journey towards excellence.

Remember, every challenge is an opportunity, every act of kindness makes a difference, and everyone has the potential to achieve extraordinary things. Have a safe, happy, and memorable summer holiday.

Kind regards,

Nadia January
Principal

Dr. Tereza Woolgar



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a particularly challenging, yet highly rewarding, Term 3 at NIA Barwa.

This term has undoubtedly been one of the most demanding for our senior students and staff. The extended in-school assessment period brought with it significant pressure, requiring resilience, determination, and hard work from everyone involved. I would like to commend our students for their excellent attitude and commitment throughout the examination season, as well as our teachers and support staff who dedicated countless additional hours to preparing, administering, marking, and supporting students through this important period.

Alongside academic success, we have continued to celebrate the many enrichment opportunities that make NIA Barwa such a special place to learn and grow. Our Sports and Enrichment Awards Ceremonies showcased the remarkable achievements of our students and highlighted the dedication of dozens of staff members who generously give up their own time to provide clubs, teams, competitions, leadership opportunities, and events. Their commitment enables our students to shine both inside and outside the classroom and is a true reflection of our school's values. Well done to all students and staff involved.

This term also provided an opportunity to evaluate the progress made within our three CIS Development Initiatives: Innovative Teaching Practices (DI1), Social Responsibility, Leadership and Sustainability (DI2), and Digital Learning and Digital Citizenship (DI3). Through lesson observations, student voice, staff collaboration, leadership activities, and evidence collected across the school, we found substantial evidence of excellent progress in all three areas. Combined with our ongoing focus on Character Education, these initiatives continue to strengthen the quality of learning and personal development across the school.

Although overseas trips and some external activities were restricted this year due to the political situation in the region, our students continued to benefit from a wide range of experiences. We successfully hosted and attended numerous competitions, events, and celebrations, including Graduation, the Senior Final Walk, Dr Jabr's Arabic Competition, sporting events, leadership activities, and many other memorable occasions.

Throughout the term, our teachers continued to deliver engaging and inspiring lessons, challenging students to think critically, develop their skills, and achieve their personal best. Their professionalism and commitment remain at the heart of everything we do.

We are also incredibly proud of our graduating students and the outstanding universities they have been accepted into around the world. These achievements reflect years of hard work, perseverance, and support from both staff and families.

At the other end of the school, we have been equally delighted by the success of our EYFS Greenhouse Project, which has provided our youngest learners with valuable opportunities to explore sustainability, responsibility, and the natural world through hands-on learning experiences.

Most importantly, our values and virtues continue to shine throughout every phase of the school. Whether in classrooms, sports fields, leadership programmes, charitable initiatives, or daily interactions, we see evidence of kindness, respect, responsibility, resilience, and integrity. We are not only preparing students for examinations and university; we are developing outstanding citizens with strong character who will make positive contributions to their communities and the wider world.

Thank you to our students, staff, parents, and wider community for your continued support throughout the year. We are immensely proud of everything that has been achieved and remain fully committed to the continued development of NIA Barwa in the years ahead.

We wish all members of our school community a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting academic year.

Dr Tereza Woolgar
Deputy Principal



As we reflect on another successful term at Newton International Academy Barwa, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the achievements of our students, staff, and families.

Term 3 has been a celebration of learning, character, and community. Across EYFS and Primary, students have demonstrated resilience, determination, and a commitment to excellence as they completed assessments, participated in enrichment activities, and prepared for important transitions. From our youngest learners in EYFS to our graduating Year 6 students, it has been wonderful to see children embracing challenges and continuing to grow both academically and personally.

Throughout the term, students have engaged in a wide range of memorable experiences, including Art Week, Book Week, Maths Week, Arabic Week, Global Awareness Week, Character Education Day, Plastic Free Week, and World Environment Day. These opportunities enriched the curriculum and encouraged students to think critically, creatively, and compassionately while developing a deeper understanding of the world around them.

We are particularly proud of our students' participation and success in a variety of competitions and events, including the Kangaroo Maths Competition, Dr. Jabr Creativity Competition, French Competition, swimming galas, choir performances, Maths Olympiad, and numerous Inter-Newton activities. These experiences have allowed our students to showcase their talents while developing confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills.

Our commitment to Character Education has remained central to school life. Through assemblies, student leadership opportunities, sustainability projects, Global Awareness Week, and our focus on the virtues and values of the NIA Barwa Way, students have continued to develop the character strengths needed to become responsible and compassionate global citizens. This work was recognised through our continued success in Character Education initiatives and quality mark preparations.

This term also brought significant academic milestones. Students completed mid-term and end-of-term assessments, Year 4 pupils undertook the Multiplication Tables Check, and our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils completed the Phonics Screening Check with an overall pass rate exceeding 80%, reflecting the strength of our early reading provision and the dedication of both staff and families. Reading outcomes continued to rise this academic year, with the whole-school percentage of students working at or above the expected standard increasing from 80% at the end of Term 3 last year to 82% this year.

Writing outcomes across the school also improved, increasing from 78% at the end of last year to 82% at the end of this year, while Mathematics outcomes were particularly strong, with 84% of students across the school working at or above the expected standard. Across Key Stage 2, pupils achieved an average combined value-added score of +18 against CAT4 potential and predicted grades in English and Maths, based on EOT3 standardised assessments, highlighting the positive impact of teaching and learning both at school and at home.

We were also delighted to receive recognition through the Ministry of Education's "My Values Shape My Identity" awards, achieving Gold status in Primary and Bronze status in EYFS. This accomplishment reflects the collective efforts of our students, staff, and parents in promoting positive values and citizenship throughout the school community.

As we celebrate our Year 6 Farewell, EYFS Graduation, and Primary Prize Giving events, we recognise not only academic achievement but also the kindness, perseverance, and growth demonstrated by our students throughout the year. These moments remind us that success is measured not only by outcomes but by the character and confidence our children develop along the way.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for your commitment and professionalism. To our parents, thank you for your continued partnership and support. And to our students, thank you for inspiring us every day through your enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination.

This newsletter captures many of the wonderful moments from Term 3. I hope you enjoy celebrating these achievements with us as we conclude another successful year together at NIA Barwa.

Nathan Unwin
Head of EYFS & Primary

Sónia Santos**HEAD OF ACADEMICS**

What a year it has been!

As I reflect on the past months, I feel incredibly proud of everything our children, staff and families have accomplished together. This year has been marked not only by academic success, but also by an incredible increase in the number of internal competitions and enrichment opportunities available to our students.

From our Art Banner Competition and Writing Competitions to the Eco Warriors initiatives and the ever-popular Times Tables Rock Stars challenges, it has been truly remarkable to witness so many children enthusiastically taking part, challenging themselves and celebrating each other's successes. The joy, determination and sense of community these events have fostered are exactly what makes our school such a special place.

We are especially proud of the outstanding achievements of our pupils on a wider stage. Congratulations to 6 Yellow, who achieved an incredible 1st place in Qatar in Times Tables Rock Stars, competing against 349 classes across the country. Equally impressive was the achievement of 4 Green, who secured an outstanding 3rd place. These accomplishments are a testament not only to the hard work of the children and staff involved, but also to the culture of ambition and perseverance that continues to grow across our school.

To our children: thank you for your enthusiasm, creativity and willingness to embrace every opportunity. To our parents: thank you for your unwavering support and partnership. And to our amazing staff: thank you for your passion, dedication and commitment to providing experiences that inspire our learners every day.

As we head into the summer break, I wish every family a wonderful holiday filled with rest, laughter and special moments together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year of learning, growth and success.

Have a fantastic summer!

Ms. Sónia Santos
Head of Academics

Ansonet Oberholzer**HEAD OF PASTORAL**

This year has been filled with opportunities for our students to grow as responsible, caring and confident young people. Through Character Education, P4C, assemblies, wellbeing initiatives and leadership opportunities, students have continued to develop important values such as kindness, respect, responsibility and resilience. These experiences help our children build strong character and develop the skills needed to succeed both in school and beyond.

Student leadership has gone from strength to strength, with our Student Council, House Captains, Prefects, environmental monitors and Ambassadors taking an active role in school life. Student Council members have led assemblies, represented the voice of their peers and supported a range of initiatives throughout the year. Sustainability has been a key focus, with recycling bins introduced in every classroom and students helping to promote environmental awareness through our Eco-Schools programme. It has been wonderful to see our students take ownership of their environment and understand the importance of making responsible choices for the future.

We have also been proud to recognise the many students who consistently make positive choices. Through our house system, students earn house points for demonstrating our school values, positive behaviour and commitment to learning. Our "Caught Being Responsible" initiative has celebrated students who go above and beyond, while assemblies, rewards and special events have provided opportunities to recognise effort, achievement and personal growth. Attendance has remained a priority throughout the year, and we are delighted to celebrate the many students who achieved 100% attendance. Their commitment to learning and excellent attendance habits set a wonderful example for others and reflect the strong partnership between home and school.

Most importantly, our students continue to make NIA Barwa a positive and welcoming place to learn. Whether through acts of kindness, leadership, environmental responsibility or simply making good choices every day, they have shown what it means to be respectful, responsible and reflective members of our school community.

Thank you to our families for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we are helping to develop confident, compassionate and responsible young people who are ready to make a positive difference in the world around them.

At NIA Barwa, we truly believe that every child is a leader and every action makes a difference

Enjoy the well-deserved break!

Ms. Ansonet Oberholzer
Head of Pastoral

Akina Girard**EYFS COORDINATOR**

What a wonderful term it has been here in EYFS!

As we reach the end of another busy and joyful year, we find ourselves reflecting on just how much our little learners have grown, and we couldn't be prouder.

This term has been packed with memorable moments; from exciting trips and special events to everyday discoveries in the classroom that remind us why Early Years is such a magical time. The children have thrown themselves into their learning with enthusiasm, creativity, and those big, beautiful smiles that make every day a pleasure.

Watching each child develop their confidence, curiosity, and love of learning has been an absolute joy. Whether building friendships in the playground, exploring through play, or reaching milestones we've been working towards together, every step forward has been celebrated and cherished.

For our Reception children, this marks a significant milestone as they prepare to transition into Year 1. They leave EYFS as capable, curious, and kind young learners, ready for the exciting next chapter ahead. We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

To our wonderful families – thank you. Your support, warmth, and partnership throughout the year means the world to us. EYFS truly is a team effort, and we are grateful to share this journey with you.

Wishing you all a restful, happy, and sunshine-filled summer. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new ones in the year ahead!

With warmest wishes,

Ms. Akina Girard
EYFS Coordinator

F1 Overview & Highlights

This term has been full of exciting learning experiences in Foundation 1.

Our topics included Transport, Traditional Tales, and Transitions. The children enjoyed learning about different types of transport, comparing how people travel by land, air, and sea, and exploring the features of different vehicles. They also loved listening to and retelling familiar traditional tales, discussing characters, settings, and key events, and acting out stories through role play. As part of our transition learning, the children visited the Foundation 2 classroom and met the Foundation 2 teachers, helping them feel excited about the year ahead. Their communication, vocabulary, and confidence in sharing ideas have continued to grow.

In EYFS Maths, the children explored patterns, shapes, sequencing, routes, and time, creating repeating patterns, recognising 2D shapes, following simple directions, and ordering events. These activities helped develop their early mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills. In PSED, the children demonstrated kindness and teamwork when playing with their friends. During PE, they enjoyed a range of movement and balancing activities, developing their coordination, confidence, and physical skills.





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F1 GREEN

2025 - 2026



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F1 PURPLE

2025 - 2026



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F1 YELLOW

2025 - 2026

F2 Overview & Highlights

F2 have had a fantastic term full of imagination, creativity, and discovery! We have loved exploring our topics on **Gardens, Traditional Tales, and Transitions**.

Highlights include planting and caring for seeds in our gardens topic, retelling and acting out much-loved traditional tales, and learning all about the exciting journey of moving on to Year 1. The children have shown great enthusiasm as they explored change and growth in many different ways.

We have been so proud of their confidence, curiosity, and kindness throughout the term. The children have also continued to develop their communication skills, using new vocabulary and expressing their ideas clearly in stories, discussions, and play. Their teamwork has been wonderful to see during group activities and outdoor learning.

As we come to the end of F2, we are so proud of everything they have achieved this year and wish them all the very best as they move on to **Year 1**.

Well done, F2 – enjoy a well-deserved break!





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F2 RED

2025 - 2026



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F2 YELLOW

2025 - 2026



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F2 GREEN

2025 - 2026

What a Term to Remember! 🌍🎨

Term 3 has been an incredible journey of learning, creativity, and celebration here in EYFS! Our little ones have had a jam-packed term filled with memorable experiences, from exploring road safety, diving into the world of books during Book Week, and flexing their mathematical minds during Maths Week, to expressing their inner artists during Art Week and the Art Exhibition. We celebrated character and kindness on Character Education Day, and ended the term in true EYFS style with a cosy Pyjama Picnic Day!

To top it all off, our children took centre stage at the EYFS End of Year Concert & Graduation Ceremony – Around the World. Each class performed with confidence, joy, and so much heart, from songs and dances celebrating cultures across the globe, to Quran readings, the National Anthem, and our very own NIA School Song. Watching our F2 children receive their graduation certificates was a moment none of us will forget.

To every child, family, and team member who made this term so special – thank you. Here's to a wonderful summer and an exciting year ahead! 🎓★



EYFS Events



EYFS concert and graduation ceremony



Flying Through the World – A Year to Remember

What a magical way to end the year! Our EYFS children took to the stage for "Flying Through the World," filling the hall with songs, smiles, and so much pride as our Foundation 2 graduates crossed the stage to mark the start of their next adventure.

Thank you to every parent, teacher, and member of our NIA family who made this celebration so special. Here's to a summer of rest, and to all the adventures Term 1 will bring!

Be Brave. Be Bold. Be Brilliant. Be Best.



EYFS ECAs & Celebrations

A Term to Remember! ☀️

What a term it has been! Our EYFS children have had the most wonderful time exploring, creating, moving, and discovering through our Extra-Curricular Activities this Term 3.

From budding storytellers and scientists, to little chefs and artists, to active adventurers and sensory explorers – every child brought their enthusiasm, curiosity, and joy to every single session. Watching them thrive, grow in confidence, and simply have the best time has been the perfect way to round off an incredible year.

Thank you to every child who joined us, you made every session so special! Wishing you all a beautifully fun and restful summer. ☀️💚



Year 1 Term Highlights



Year 1 have worked incredibly hard this year and have so much to be proud of.

They have shone in their performances, made amazing progress in phonics and shown fantastic teamwork throughout the year. From exciting trips to Eataly and Trampo Extreme, to celebrating Book Day and Character Education Day, they have approached every experience with enthusiasm and kindness.

Their excellent behaviour, caring friendships and determination during exams have made this a truly wonderful year.

Well done, Year 1!

Year 1 Class Photos



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Year 1 YELLOW

2025 - 2026



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Year 1 GREEN

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Year 1 PURPLE

2025 - 2026

Year 2 Term Highlights

What a fantastic year it has been in Year 2!

In Geography, the children followed Sami's adventure to Kampong Ayer and explored how life around the world compares with life in Qatar. In History, they travelled back in time to learn about World War I. Alongside exciting themed days, dress-up events and special assemblies, pupils have also worked hard in Maths, developing their statistics skills and mastering times tables through TTSR practice.

We are incredibly proud of everything Year 2 has achieved this year!



Year 2 Class Photos



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Year 2 BLUE

2025 - 2026



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Year 2 GREEN

2025 - 2026

Year 2 Class Photos



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Year 2 PURPLE

2025 - 2026



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Year 2 RED

2025 - 2026



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Year 2 YELLOW

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Year 3 Term Highlights

What a memorable term it has been in Year 3!

We have had a wonderful time celebrating Art Week, Math Week and Book Week, each bringing its own energy and enthusiasm to our classrooms. Character Education Day and our hands-on learning journey through Ancient Egypt have given the children the chance to explore, question, and discover in truly meaningful ways. Throughout it all, the effort and dedication shown by every student has been outstanding.

We are so proud of how hard they have worked this term and we know they are more than ready for the exciting challenges that Year 4 has in store. Well done, Year 3!



Year 3 Class Photos



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Year 3 BLUE

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Year 3 GREEN

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Year 3 Class Photos



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Year 3 MAGENTA

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Year 3 PURPLE

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Year 3 YELLOW

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Year 4 Term Highlights

It has been a vibrant and memorable year in Year 4, filled with exciting learning experiences and special events. During Maths Week, students enthusiastically took part in a range of competitions, including Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) challenges and Rubik's Cube activities, showcasing both their speed and problem-solving skills.

In Science, pupils explored the digestive system using iPads to research and present their findings, bringing learning to life through technology. A particular highlight was our hands-on science lab lesson, which was both fascinating and, at times, delightfully gross!

Book Week was another favourite, with students dressing up as their favourite book characters and taking part in a "best dressed" competition. A special moment was sharing stories and reading with our Year 1 buddies, fostering a love of reading across year groups.

During Art Week, creativity flourished as students created collages using recyclable plastic materials, linking their work to themes of sustainability. They especially enjoyed discovering "The Dot Room," which inspired imaginative and expressive artwork.

Overall, it has been a year full of curiosity, creativity, and joyful learning.



Year 4 Term Highlights



Year 4 Class Photos



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Year 4 BLUE

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Year 4 GREEN

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Year 4 Class Photos



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Year 4 MAGENTA

2025 - 2026



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Year 4 PURPLE

2025 - 2026



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Year 4 YELLOW

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Year 5 Term Highlights



Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this year and have so much to be proud of.

They have shown excellent progress across all subjects, developed their confidence as independent learners, and demonstrated outstanding teamwork throughout the year. From exploring Tudor history, creating exciting science investigations, and taking part in engaging practical lessons, to celebrating Book Day and Character Education Day, they have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and maturity. They thoroughly enjoyed their trips to STEM Explorers and the Farm, where they applied their learning in real-world settings.

Their excellent behaviour, resilience, and determination during assessments have made this a truly successful and memorable year.

Well done, Year 5!

Year 5 Class Photos



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Year 5 BLUE

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Year 5 INDIGO

2025 - 2026

Year 5 Class Photos



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Year 5 MAGENTA

2025 - 2026



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Year 5 PURPLE

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Year 5 YELLOW

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Year 6 Term Highlights

As we come to the end of another exciting term in Year 6, we are proud to reflect on the many wonderful experiences and achievements our students have enjoyed. Throughout the term, we embraced digital learning across all areas of the curriculum, using technology to enhance engagement, creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking.

Our students enthusiastically participated in a range of special events, including Art Week, Book Week, Mental Health Awareness Week, Autism Awareness Week, Character Education Day, and Maths Week. These celebrations provided valuable opportunities to develop new skills, broaden perspectives, and deepen our understanding of important themes beyond the classroom.

We have worked hard while ensuring that learning remained enjoyable, interactive, and meaningful. Students have continued to build their confidence, independence, resilience, and problem-solving abilities—essential skills that will support them as they transition to secondary school.

Adding to the excitement, we have also begun preparing for our Year 6 Graduation. Students recently had their graduation photographs taken in their gowns and caps, making the upcoming milestone feel even more real and special.

It has been a term filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. We are incredibly proud of all that our Year 6 students have accomplished and look forward to celebrating their final term of primary school with them.



Year 6 Class Photos



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Year 6 BLUE

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Year 6 GREEN

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Year 6 Class Photos



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Year 6 MAGENTA

2025 - 2026



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Year 6 PURPLE

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Year 6 Class Photos



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Year 6 YELLOW

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لقطات مميزة من أنشطة اللغة العربية التي عززت مهارات القراءة والكتابة والتحدث لدى الطلاب في أجواء من المتعة والتفاعل. يتعلم طلابنا اللغة العربية من خلال أنشطة متنوعة تجمع بين التعلم والإبداع، وتُنمّي الثقة بالنفس وحب اللغة، مما يسهم في تنمية مهاراتهم اللغوية وتعزيز مشاركتهم الفاعلة في عملية التعلم.



شارك طلاب المرحلة الابتدائية في مسابقة الدكتور جبر النعيمي للإبداع في مجالات الإنشاد والإلقاء والمسرح، حيث قدموا عروضاً متميزة أظهرت مواهبهم وثقتهم بأنفسهم وقدرتهم على التعبير والإبداع. وقد أبدع الطلبة في تقديم النصوص والأناشيد والعروض المسرحية بأسلوب مؤثر وجذاب، مما عكس مهاراتهم اللغوية والفنية وروح العمل الجماعي. وتأتي هذه المشاركة في إطار حرص المدرسة على تنمية شخصية الطلبة وضفي مواهبهم وتشجيعهم على التميز والإبداع في مختلف المجالات الثقافية والفنية.



🇸🇦 بين العيد والحج... رحلة تعلم إيمانية.

احتفلت مدرستنا بعيد الأضحى المبارك من خلال أنشطة التربية الإسلامية، حيث تعرّف الطلاب إلى معاني العيد وأحكامه وآدابه عبر أنشطة تعليمية تفاعلية. كما شاركوا في استعراض الحج التعليمي الذي قدّم لهم تصوّرًا عمليًا لمناسك الحج وخطواته، مما أسهم في تعزيز فهمهم للشعائر الإسلامية وترسيخ تعلمهم بأسلوب ممتع وهادف. وقد تميّزت هذه الأنشطة بمشاركة إيجابية من الطلاب في تجربة تعليمية ثرية جمعت بين المعرفة والمتعة، وتركت أثرًا جميلًا في نفوسهم.



رحلة تعليمية في تاريخ قطر، تعرّف خلالها الطّلاب إلى محظّات وطنية مهمة من خلال أنشطة تفاعلية عزّزت معارفهم ورشّخت اعتزازهم بوطنهم وهويّتهم الوطنية.



Throughout the year, our AESN provision has continued to make a positive impact on students from Foundation 1 to Year 6, supporting a wide range of learning, language, and developmental needs across both EAL and additional support programmes.

Through targeted small-group and individual sessions, students have developed their academic skills while also strengthening communication, social interaction, emotional regulation, and confidence within the learning environment. It has been wonderful to see students grow in their ability to express themselves, engage positively with others, and access learning with increasing independence.

Sensory-based activities and personalised interventions have further supported students in building resilience, self-regulation strategies, and readiness to learn, helping them to flourish both in and beyond the classroom.

We are incredibly proud of the progress, achievements, and personal growth demonstrated by our students this year!

Their determination, perseverance, and successes are a testament to the collaborative efforts of students, families, teachers, and support staff. We look forward to continuing to nurture an inclusive environment where every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential!



Phonics in Action

This has been a fantastic year for Phonics, with our school achieving its highest phonics results since our assessments began. Phonics has been a key part of our daily routines, and the children have shown incredible effort and confidence in developing their reading skills.

A huge thank you to our families for supporting our Phonics in Action workshop, Google Classroom activities and regular reading at home. We are so proud of everyone involved and look forward to continuing this success next year!



This term, students across the school enjoyed a fun, active, and engaging PE programme, developing their physical skills, teamwork, and confidence through a variety of exciting activities.

In KS1, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils focused on target games and multi-skills activities, improving their coordination, balance, accuracy, and movement skills through a range of exciting challenges and games.



In KS2, students concentrated on Handball, Football, and other team games, developing their passing, dribbling, shooting, defending, and teamwork skills. They also learned the rules and tactics of each activity and applied them in game situations.



This term, Year 3 and Year 4 students participated in swimming lessons, focusing on developing stroke technique, water safety awareness, confidence in the water, floating, breathing control, and basic survival skills. Throughout the term, students demonstrated excellent progress, resilience, and enthusiasm, while growing in confidence and independence in the pool.

Well done, Years 3 and 4!



SPORTS EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

Throughout Term 3, our students proudly represented the school in a range of sporting events and competitions, demonstrating excellent commitment, determination, and sportsmanship.

At the NIA Swimming Gala, our primary swimmers showcased their confidence, skill, and hard work in the pool, achieving fantastic results and making the school proud.

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We celebrated outstanding success at the QSOP Finals, where Ubay Khaled earned a silver medal and 2nd place in Level 2 Taekwondo at Aspire.

In addition, our Boys' Level 1 Gymnastics team showed great dedication and perseverance, proudly securing a Silver Medal.

A special congratulations goes to Mhammed Khaled, who achieved individual medals in the Floor, Vault, and All-Around competitions.

These achievements highlight the talent, resilience, and hard work of our students, and we are incredibly proud of all those who represented NIA this term.

This has been a historic year for NIA Barwa sport, with our Lions achieving the school's highest ever medal tally in a single academic year: 53 gold, 49 silver and 23 bronze medals across individual and team competitions. Despite several major competitions being cancelled, our athletes and coaches showed exceptional talent, dedication and determination throughout the year - well done, Lions!





We have finished Term 3 on a high note! Throughout the term, students have enjoyed singing, dancing, exploring new instruments and making music together. Along the way, they have developed their musical skills, confidence and creativity while having lots of fun.

It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, progress and teamwork. We are very proud of everything they have achieved and look forward to more musical adventures next year!



Year 3 had a successful term in French. Pupils learned transport and animals, improved their reading skills, and confidently revised key topics such as greetings, numbers, and classroom language. Their pronunciation, fluency, and confidence continued to develop through speaking activities and games.



Year 4 had an excellent term in French. Pupils learned vocabulary related to food, opinions, and musical instruments and used full sentences to express their ideas. They also strengthened their reading, writing, pronunciation, and speaking skills while successfully revising previous learning.



Year 5 made very good progress in French this term. Pupils learned to describe themselves and others, confidently used the verbs être and avoir, and developed their reading comprehension skills. They also enjoyed writing short paragraphs and showed growing confidence in speaking French.

Year 6 had a very successful term in French. Pupils revised être, avoir, and -ER verbs, while expanding their vocabulary through the topic of my house. They developed their reading and writing skills by producing longer texts and continued to improve their confidence, fluency, and accuracy in French.



We have had a memorable and interesting Term 3 in P4C. Throughout the term, students developed their critical thinking by exploring thoughtful questions and identifying important ideas within our inquiries. They considered different viewpoints and evaluated reasons before forming conclusions.

Our thinking was strengthened during Mental Health Week, where we explored wellbeing, self-regulation, and ways to help ourselves feel good. Students also reflected on how their actions can positively impact others and the world around them.

Students demonstrated collaborative thinking by listening carefully to one another and building on shared ideas. They worked respectfully with different classmates, encouraging everyone to contribute their opinions and experiences.

Through creative thinking, students suggested alternative possibilities, explored new perspectives, and extended inquiries in imaginative ways. They generated thoughtful ideas and considered how inquiries could progress further.

Across the school, students worked towards objectives including listening to others' ideas, sharing and responding to opinions, working beyond friendship groups, changing opinions when appropriate, and identifying important aspects of inquiries. We also participated in inquiries on Road Safety and Character Education Day, exploring social responsibility, caring for the environment, and using Earth's resources wisely.



As Term 3 wraps up, we are excited to share the amazing progress our students have made in ICT. From the youngest Year 1 students to the tech-savvy Year 4s, each contribution has created a vibrant, exciting learning environment.

Year 1 began their coding journey, building logical thinking and problem-solving skills through simple sequences and challenges, alongside learning about online safety and responsible digital choices.



Year 2 developed their data skills by collecting, organising, and presenting information using charts and graphs, while also exploring online safety.



Year 3 explored inputs and outputs, learning how computers process information, alongside developing their understanding of online safety and responsible digital citizenship.



Year 4 learned how websites are built using HTML, designing their own web pages and showing great creativity and enthusiasm.

Our Year 4 students proudly represented the school in the COBIS Digital Creators Competition, showcasing their creativity, commitment, and determination and making our school community proud.



- ✓ Intro to AI
- ✓ Online Safety
- ✓ MSOffice
- ✓ WINShortcut keys
- ✓ Animations
- ✓ Coding: Python 101, LOGO & Scratch
- ✓ ASCII to Binary Conversions &
- ✓ Bar, QR, RFID & Cipher Codes



Character Education

Character Education has continued to play a vital role across the Primary school, with a strong focus on the core virtues of courtesy, forgiveness, determination, self-discipline, and gratitude. Throughout the year, students explored these values through class discussions, reflective activities, and real-life applications, helping them to grow not only as learners but also as responsible and compassionate individuals.

A key highlight was our Character Education Day, which brought the school community together to celebrate these important values. The day featured a special student council-led assembly, where students confidently shared messages about the virtues and their importance in everyday life.

We were delighted to welcome parents to this celebration, where students were recognised for demonstrating the school's core values through the presentation of virtue certificates. It was a proud and meaningful moment for our school community, highlighting the positive character and personal growth of our students.

Overall, Character Education has helped to nurture a respectful, reflective, and values-driven environment across the Primary school.



Qatar National Values & Identity Programme



🏆 بقيمنا نرتقي... وإنجاز ذهبي نفخر به

في ختام مشروع "قيمي ترسم هويتي"، نحتفي بحصول مدرستنا على **المستوى الذهبي**. تقديرًا لجهودها المتميزة في ترسيخ القيم الوطنية والأخلاقية وتعزيز الهوية القطرية لدى الطلاب. ويعكس هذا الإنجاز التزام مجتمعنا المدرسي بفرس القيم في نفوس أبنائنا، كما يجسد ثمرة التعاون المثمر بين الطلاب والمعلمين وأولياء الأمور في بناء جيل معتنز بقيمه وهويته.



🌟 مشاركة متميزة في مبادرة "بعدي"

واصلت مدرستنا تألقها من خلال المشاركة الفاعلة في مبادرة "بعدي"، إحدى المبادرات الوطنية الهادفة إلى تعزيز السلوك الإيجابي. وقد أسهمت أنشطة المبادرة في ترسيخ القيم الأخلاقية وتشجيع الطلاب على التحلي بالمسؤولية والاحترام، مما عزز بيئة مدرسية إيجابية ومحفزة للجميع.

Student Leadership



Our student leaders have had a busy and successful Term 3, continuing to make a positive difference across the school through their commitment, enthusiasm and willingness to help others. One of their main areas of focus this term has been sustainability.

Student Council members met with Ms Haadiqa to discuss plans for the development of the school greenhouse and shared ideas on how students can become more involved in growing plants and caring for the environment. They have also supported recycling initiatives, encouraged responsible use of resources and helped raise awareness of environmental issues through assemblies and school events. Student leaders have also played an important role in preparing for the upcoming CIS visit.

They have worked closely with staff to showcase the many leadership opportunities available at NIA Barwa and to highlight how student voice helps shape school life. Their confidence, maturity and pride in the school have been evident throughout the preparation process.

Our prefects continue to be excellent role models during breaktimes, helping younger students, supporting buddy systems and ensuring that no child feels left out. Their presence around the school helps create a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where students feel supported and cared for. Whether leading assemblies, supporting sustainability projects, helping their peers or representing the school, our student leaders continue to show what it means to lead through service. We are incredibly proud of the positive example they set and the difference they make to our school community every day.

Student council

This year, the Primary Student Council played an active and meaningful role in shaping our school community, demonstrating leadership, responsibility, and a strong commitment to student voice. A key initiative was the introduction of suggestion boxes across key stages, which were reviewed weekly by council representatives. This empowered students to share ideas and contribute to school improvement, with suggestions regularly discussed with school leadership.

The council also supported a wide range of events and initiatives throughout the year. They helped lead assemblies on important topics such as taking responsibility for your behaviour, uniform, environment, attendance, the Zones of Regulation and recycling.

Environmental responsibility was a major focus, with students contributing to Eco-Schools initiatives, promoting recycling, reducing plastic use, and encouraging sustainable habits across the school. Their efforts included leading awareness campaigns, supporting Plastic-Free Week, and helping maintain clean and tidy school spaces.

Overall, the Student Council has been instrumental in fostering a positive, inclusive, and environmentally conscious school environment, while developing confident and responsible young leaders.



Gifted & Talented



We are incredibly proud of our Gifted and Talented students for their outstanding achievements throughout this year. They have consistently demonstrated dedication, resilience, and a passion for learning, achieving excellent academic results and representing the school with pride. Their commitment has extended beyond the classroom through participation in academic, Arabic, and sporting competitions, where they have showcased their talents, determination, and teamwork.

They have been excellent role models for their peers, and we congratulate them on all they have accomplished this year.



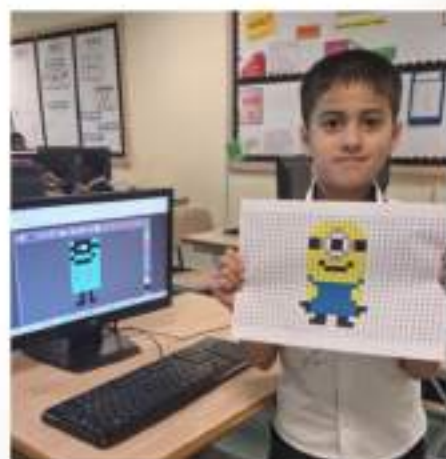
Primary ECAs

Our Term 3 Extra-Curricular Activities programme provided students with a wide range of opportunities to develop new skills, explore their interests and build confidence outside the classroom. Students enjoyed participating in activities such as debate, chess, coding, robotics, choir, drama, yoga, sports clubs, sustainability projects and creative arts. The variety of activities ensured that there was something for every student, whether their interests were academic, sporting, creative or leadership-focused.

These opportunities not only enriched students' learning experiences but also helped to develop teamwork, resilience, independence and communication skills. It has been wonderful to see students challenge themselves, discover new talents and build friendships through their participation in ECAs. Thank you to our staff who generously gave their time to make these opportunities possible and to our students for their enthusiasm and commitment throughout the term.



Primary ECAs





NIA Football Academy has been a great success, with students showing excellent commitment, teamwork, and enthusiasm. Throughout the programme, players have developed their skills, grown in confidence, and enjoyed representing the academy.

Well done to all involved on a fantastic year.



Falcons Swimming

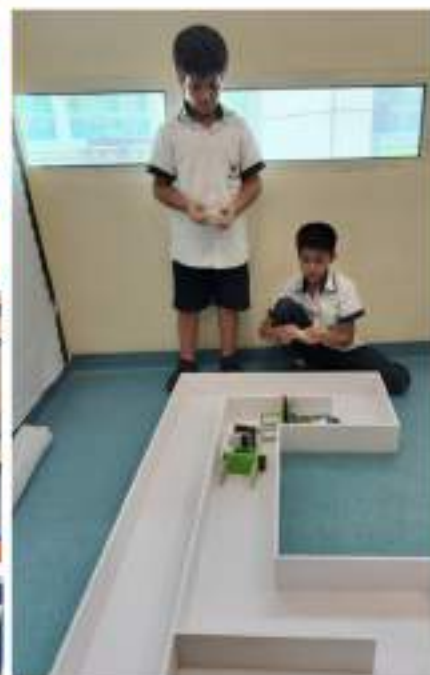
The Falcons Swim Team has enjoyed another successful season, with swimmers showing great commitment, determination and enthusiasm throughout the year. Through regular training, they have developed their swimming skills, confidence and teamwork while making excellent progress in the pool.

To celebrate a fantastic year, swimmers, families and coaches came together for a special end-of-season celebration. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the hard work, achievements and dedication of our swimmers and to celebrate their success together. The event was filled with laughter, exciting activities and memorable moments shared with teammates and families.

It was fantastic to see the strong sense of community that makes the Falcons Swim Team so special. The positive attitude and sportsmanship shown by our swimmers throughout the year have been truly inspiring. A huge thank you to our coaches, swimmers and families for their continued support and commitment. We look forward to another exciting year with the Falcons Swim Team and welcome new swimmers to join us!



Robotics



This year, our students have continued to thrive in STEM, Robotics and AI through our partnership with HalaTech Robotics & AI Education. Through exciting hands-on activities, students explored coding, engineering and artificial intelligence, developing their creativity, problem-solving skills and teamwork. The programme has become an important part of learning at NIA, inspiring students across all year groups and helping to prepare them for the technology-driven world of the future.

Gymnastics

For the past 12 years, Captain Mohsen has led the gymnastics programme at NIA with outstanding dedication and success, helping students develop confidence, coordination, strength, and resilience through sport.

Under his expert guidance, NIA has enjoyed remarkable achievements in the Qatar Schools Olympic Program, consistently winning medals across Levels 1, 2, and 3 in both the boys' and girls' competitions. These successes are a reflection of the hard work of our students and the commitment of a coach who has inspired generations of young gymnasts.

The gymnastics programme continues to provide opportunities for students from Early Years through to Secondary School to develop their skills in a safe, supportive, and enjoyable environment. This year, students enthusiastically participated in a range of activities, including vaults, balance beam routines, rolls, and handstands, building both their technical ability and self-confidence.

We extend our sincere thanks to Captain Mohsen for his years of service and commitment to our students. We look forward to another exciting and successful year of gymnastics when the programme returns in September.



Eco-Schools & Sustainability

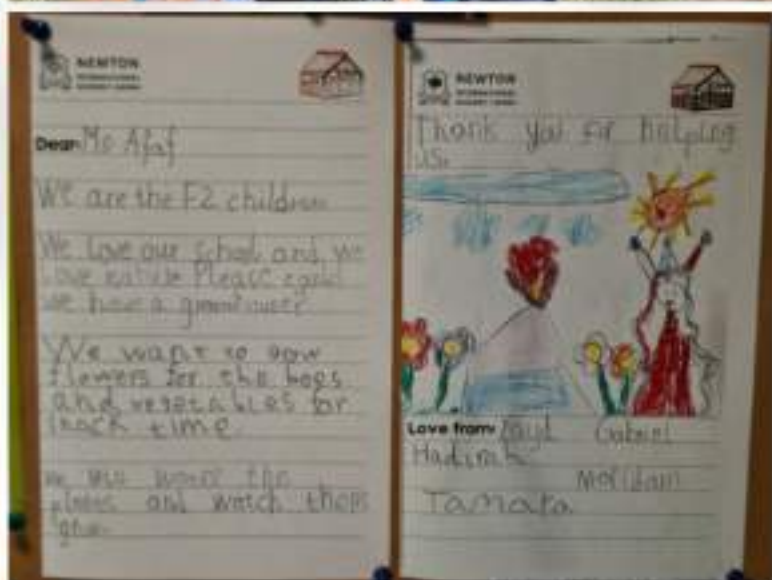
Sustainability has been a key focus at NIA Barwa this year, with our Eco-Team taking an active role in leading positive change across the school. After completing an Environmental Review, students created an action plan focused on Global Citizenship, School Grounds and Waste Management, identifying practical ways to make our school more environmentally responsible.

One of the team's first achievements was helping to establish a school-wide recycling system. Students wrote to the CEO to request additional recycling bins, and these are now available in classrooms throughout the school. This has helped encourage students to recycle to recycle paper while developing sustainable habits in their daily routines.



The Eco-Team also led a number of awareness initiatives throughout the year. Through assemblies, Character Education lessons and classroom activities, students explored environmental responsibility and the importance of caring for our planet. Plastic Free Week encouraged students and staff to reduce their use of single-use plastics, while the Sustainability Pledge challenged our school community to commit to simple actions that can make a positive difference.

Looking ahead, students have been involved in discussions around the development of a school greenhouse and future green spaces that will support outdoor learning and environmental education. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and leadership shown by our Eco-Team, whose efforts have helped raise awareness and create a stronger culture of sustainability across the school.



Wellbeing / Mental health awareness

Mental health is a key part of our academic success and overall wellbeing, as it affects our learning, behaviour, and daily relationships. At NIA, we are committed to fostering a safe and supportive school environment where students, parents, and staff feel respected, valued, and heard.

Caring for our mental health starts with simple steps such as expressing our feelings, seeking help when needed, getting enough rest, and showing respect and kindness to others. Asking for support is not a sign of weakness, but a positive step toward balance and growth.

Together, we strive to build a positive school community that promotes awareness, supports mental wellbeing, and encourages success and balance for everyone.

During Mental Health Week, children participated in Philosophy for Children (P4C) inquiries focused on mental health and wellbeing. Through thoughtful discussions, pupils explored questions such as:

- What helps our bodies and minds feel good?
- Do we always need other people to have a good day?
- Is spending time with other people the most important part of a good day?

These inquiries encouraged children to reflect on their own wellbeing and consider different perspectives. Through collaborative dialogue, they identified strategies for self-regulation, explored ways to maintain positive mental health, and discussed how they can support and care for one another.



NED Assemblies

Our students loved taking part in the NED Mindset Mission assemblies this term. Through a fun combination of storytelling, humour and impressive yo-yo tricks, students learned the meaning behind NED: Never Give Up, Encourage Others and Do Your Best. The assemblies encouraged students to think about how these simple but powerful messages can help them in school, at home and in their everyday lives.

The excitement continued long after the assemblies ended, with many students bringing their yo-yos to school and practising new tricks in the NED Zone during breaktimes. It was fantastic to see students showing perseverance, supporting one another and celebrating their progress as they learned new skills.

The NED programme was a wonderful way to promote positive attitudes, resilience and encouragement while creating lots of fun for our students.



Safeguarding

Keeping children safe, happy and protected is at the heart of everything we do at NIA Barwa.

Safeguarding continues to be at the heart of everything we do at school. We are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where all students feel valued, listened to, and protected.

OUR POLICY



Throughout the term, staff have continued to engage in safeguarding training and work closely together to ensure the wellbeing of every child remains a priority.

Our school also has a dedicated Safeguarding Team who work closely with staff, students, and families to provide support, respond to concerns, and promote the safety and wellbeing of all children.

We encourage students to develop confidence in speaking up, understanding who their trusted adults are, and making safe choices both in school and online.

Through assemblies, P4C and Character Education lessons, and daily interactions, we reinforce the importance of kindness, respect, and looking out for one another.

Thank you to our wider school community for your continued support in helping us maintain a strong culture of safeguarding and wellbeing across our school.



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Autism Awareness week

During Autism Awareness Week, our school community came together to celebrate neurodiversity, promote understanding, and encourage inclusion.

Throughout the week, students took part in assemblies and classroom activities designed to help develop empathy and a better understanding of autism and the different ways people experience the world around them.

Students also had the opportunity to visit the sensory room and explore how sensory regulation and supportive environments can help individuals feel calm, safe, and ready to learn. These experiences encouraged thoughtful discussions about inclusion, communication, and respecting individual differences.

To conclude the week, students and staff proudly wore blue in support of Autism Awareness, showing our shared commitment to creating a school environment where everyone feels valued, understood, and included.



احتفاءً باللغة العربية وتعزيزاً لمكانتها في نفوس الطلاب، نُظِّمت خلال أسبوع اللغة العربية مجموعة متنوعة من الأنشطة والفعاليات التعليمية والثقافية، من أبرزها مسابقة التهجئة، والقراءة المفتوحة عبر موقع أقرأ بالعربية، ومسابقة الخط العربي. وقد أسهمت هذه الأنشطة في تنمية مهارات القراءة والكتابة والتحدث، وتعزيز الثقة بالنفس وروح المنافسة الإيجابية بين الطلاب، في أجواء مليئة بالتفاعل والإبداع، مما ساعد على ترسيخ حب اللغة العربية والاعتزاز بها.



Art week

During Art Week at NIA, children were immersed in creativity as they explored a new artist each day, with wonderful support from parents at home who joined in with the daily tasks, a true reflection of our strong school-community connections. Each year group worked on their own unique project throughout the week, showcasing the breadth of talent across the school.

The highlight came on Thursday, when children had the pleasure of visiting the NIA art gallery to admire the incredible artwork produced by their very own peers. The experience was brought to life further as students stepped inside our very own art installation, inspired by the iconic Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, leaving them truly captivated and inspired.



Book Week was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the term and brought a real buzz of excitement across the school. From our much-loved Masked Reader competition and creative "Reading in Strange Places" entries to author-inspired dress-up day, buddy reading sessions and surprise story times, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The week was packed with opportunities to celebrate reading and, according to some very reliable sources, may even have been our best Book Week yet (although our Guided Reading Coordinator insists this is purely coincidental!).

What made the week truly special was the enthusiasm shown by the children. It was wonderful to see pupils so engaged, discussing books with friends, recommending stories to one another and embracing every activity with such energy and imagination. The creativity on display was incredible, with pupils producing wonderful artwork, exploring book fairs, taking part in treasure hunts and enjoying visits from special guest readers. The joy that reading brought to classrooms throughout the week was clear to see.

Book Week was also a fantastic example of our whole school community coming together. Staff embraced the celebrations wholeheartedly, families supported competitions and activities from home, and pupils of all ages shared their love of stories with one another. A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped make the week such a memorable success. It was a wonderful reminder of the power of books and the importance of nurturing a lifelong love of reading. With such a successful week behind us, we are already looking forward to making next year's celebrations even bigger and better.



We are proud week

This term, students took part in our "We Are Proud of NIA" Week, a whole-school initiative linked to our CIS Development Initiative 2: Building Social Responsibility, Leadership and Sustainability. Throughout the week, students explored what it means to take pride in themselves, their school and the wider community.

A key focus of the week was encouraging students to take greater responsibility for their environment. Through assemblies, classroom discussions and student-led activities, children learned about the importance of recycling, reducing waste and caring for shared spaces. Students were encouraged to think about how their daily choices can make a positive difference and how small actions can contribute to a more sustainable future.



Alongside sustainability, we also focused on behaviour, attendance and uniform. Students were reminded that being proud of their school means demonstrating positive behaviour, attending regularly and wearing their uniform correctly. Staff recognised and celebrated students who consistently modelled these expectations, helping to reinforce the high standards we strive for as a school community.

The week was a fantastic opportunity to promote responsibility, leadership and school pride. It was wonderful to see students embracing the message and working together to create a positive learning environment where everyone can thrive. By taking ownership of their actions, their learning and their environment, our students continue to demonstrate that every child is a leader and every action makes a difference.





The Choir has enjoyed another fantastic and successful year, bringing together a large group of enthusiastic students from pr. From the very beginning, choir members showed great commitment, attending rehearsals regularly and always giving their best. Their dedication and enthusiasm helped them grow in confidence and develop their singing and performance skills throughout the year.

Term 3 was especially busy and exciting, with the choir performing at Sports Awards, Enrichment Awards, Prizgivings and Graduations. One of the highlights was the opportunity to perform alongside the Staff Band, creating a memorable musical experience for both performers and audiences.

To celebrate a wonderful year of music and achievements, the choir enjoyed a well-deserved Pizza Party, where students had the chance to relax, have fun and celebrate together. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming familiar faces and new members to the choir next year!



Transition day

As part of our commitment to ensuring smooth transitions, students across the primary took part in a Transition Day this term. Students in Years 1-5 had the opportunity to meet their new teachers, visit their new classrooms and learn more about what they can expect in the next academic year. New teachers joining NIA Barwa also shared information and photographs about themselves, helping students become familiar with the staff who will be supporting them next year.

Our Year 6 students also participated in a dedicated Secondary Transition Day, where they experienced life in the secondary school, met key staff and learned more about the expectations and opportunities that await them. The day helped students build confidence, ask questions and prepare for this exciting next stage of their educational journey.

The transition activities were met with great enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see students embracing the opportunity to explore their new learning environments. These experiences help reduce anxiety, build excitement and ensure that students feel confident and ready for a successful start to the new academic year.



Primary enrichment awards



We are incredibly proud of all students who have represented NIA Barwa in enrichment opportunities this year, including the Inter-Newton Upper KS2 Maths Challenge, Inter-Newton Spelling Bee, Inter-Newton Gifted and Talented Quiz, Inter-Schools Mental Maths Competition, Arabic Spelling Bee, BSME Arabic Spelling Bee, Dr Jabr's Creativity Competition and Ashbal Al-Tafsir Competition. Through these events, our students have shown confidence, creativity, teamwork, resilience and a real commitment to going beyond the classroom. You make our school proud every day!



Prize Giving ceremonies

This term, we were delighted to come together as an international community of learners, always striving for excellence and celebrating success, through our EYFS Graduation, Year 6 Graduation and Primary Prize-Giving ceremonies. These special events provided an opportunity to recognise not only academic success, but also the character, confidence, kindness, leadership and perseverance shown by our children throughout the year.

Across the ceremonies, students were celebrated for excellence and progress in a wide range of areas, including Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Arabic, Islamic Studies, Qatar History, French, Computing, Music, Art, Swimming and PE. Our Top Achiever Awards recognised students who demonstrated outstanding attainment, while our Academic Progress Awards celebrated those who made significant improvements in their learning.

These celebrations were especially meaningful in a year where outcomes across the school continued to rise. Reading outcomes increased from 80% of students working at or above the expected standard at the end of Term 3 last year to 82% this year, while Writing also improved from 78% to 82%. Mathematics outcomes were particularly strong, with 84% of students across the school working at or above the expected standard. Across Key Stage 2, pupils also achieved an average combined value-added score of +18 in English and Maths, highlighting the positive impact of teaching, learning and support both at school and at home.

We were also proud to present our Fusion Values GEM Awards, recognising students who consistently went the extra mile and demonstrated exceptional character through their actions, attitudes and contributions to school life. Additional values-based awards celebrated Character Education, Citizenship, P4C, Best Team Player, House Contribution, Perseverance and Environmental Champion, reflecting the many ways our students live out the values of the NIA Barwa Way.

It was wonderful to celebrate wider personal development through the presentation of Junior Duke Awards, alongside recognition for our student leaders who have served the school as Ambassadors, Prefects, House Captains, Student Council members, bus monitors and Early Years young leaders. These roles provide our students with meaningful opportunities to lead, serve others and make a positive difference within our school community.

Prize Giving ceremonies

A particularly special moment this term was our Year 6 Graduation, as we celebrated our oldest Primary students and wished them every success as they prepare to begin their Secondary School journey. This cohort has shown maturity, resilience and independence, and they leave Primary more prepared than ever for the opportunities and challenges ahead. We are incredibly proud of the learners and young people they have become.

We also want to recognise the way our students responded during the period of online learning following the unforeseen regional conflict. Their independence, organisation and commitment to continuing their learning were highly impressive, and they showed great responsibility in adapting to a different way of working. This was another powerful example of the resilience, determination and character that our students have developed throughout the year.

A huge well done to all of our award winners and to every student who has worked hard, shown resilience and continued to grow this year. These ceremonies are an important reminder that success is not measured by one moment alone, but by the effort, progress, character and confidence our children develop along the way. We are incredibly proud of you all.



2025 / 2026 winning house

Our NIA House System has continued to play an important role in school life throughout the 2025-2026 academic year. Through house assemblies, competitions, celebrations, and leadership opportunities, students have developed a strong sense of belonging, teamwork, and school pride.

Throughout the year, students from all year groups came together during house assemblies to celebrate achievements, recognise contributions, and strengthen the spirit of their houses.

These events provided opportunities for students and staff to work together, showcase their talents, and build positive relationships across the school community.



There were many memorable moments filled with enthusiasm, encouragement, and friendly competition.

A special thank you goes to our House Captains and House Heroes, who demonstrated outstanding leadership, responsibility, and commitment throughout the year. Their efforts helped inspire their peers and contributed greatly to the success of the house system.

The House Championship was closely contested, with all four houses showing determination and excellent house spirit. Congratulations to Wright, who were crowned NIA House Champions 2025-2026 with an outstanding 9,086 points. Curie finished in second place, followed by Bell and Edison. We are incredibly proud of every student who contributed points through positive behaviour, effort, attendance, participation, and leadership. Together, they have helped make this year's house competition a tremendous success.



Important Dates Termly Calendar

☀️ What's Coming Up Next at NIA Barwa – Key Dates for Term 1 (TBC)

Week	Date	Event
T1 W1	30/8/26	School re - opens (Term 1 begins)
T1 W2	6/9/26 - 10/9/26	Assessment Week (Baseline Assessments)
T1 W2	6/9/2026	ECA's commence
T1 W3	13/9/26 - 17/9/26	Healthy Lifestyle & Mental Health Week
T1 W4	20/9/26 - 24/9/26	Anti - Bullying & Cyber Safety Week
T1 W4	20/9/26 - 24/9/26	EYFS Kindness Day
T1 W5	27/9/26 - 1/10/26	Cancer Awareness Week
T1 W5	30/9/26	Pupil Progress Meetings
T1 W6	4/10/26 - 8/10/26	CIS Accreditation Inspection Visit
T1 W6	4/10/2026	World Teachers Day
T1 W7	11/10/2026	Association of Character Education (ACE) Inspection Visit
T1 W7	13/10/26 - 15/10/26	British Schools Overseas (BSO) Inspection
T1 W8	18/10/26 - 22/10/26	Assessment Week (Mid Terms)

Important Dates Termly Calendar (2)

☀️ What's Coming Up Next at NIA Barwa – Key Dates for Term 1 (TBC)

Week	Date	Event
T1 W8	18/10/26 - 22/10/26	EYFS Job Share Mornings
T1 W8	18/10/26 - 22/10/26	Careers Week
T1 W8	19/10/26	Talent Show Auditions
T1 W8	22/10/26	EYFS Mini - Market Place
<i>23/10/26 - 31/11/26 - Mid - Term Holidays (School is closed)</i>		
T1 W9	1/11/26 - 5/11/26	Sustainability Week / Humanities Week
T1 W9	1/11/26 - 5/11/26	EYFS House Week
T1 W9	1/11/26 - 5/11/26	EYFS Parent Assemblies
T1 W9	2/11/2026	Talent Show Auditions
T1 W10	13/11/26	Beach Clean Up (with DEAP)
T1 W10 & W11	15/11/26 - 18/11/26	Oman Trip (Y5-Y7)
T1 W11	15/11/26 - 19/11/26	Languages Week
T1 W11	16/11/26	Phonics Parent Workshop
T1 W11	18/11/26	P4C Day
T1 W11	19/11/26	International Day
T1 W12	22/11/26	ECA's end

Important Dates Termly Calendar (3)

☀ What's Coming Up Next at NIA Barwa – Key Dates for Term 1 (TBC)

Week	Date	Event
T1 W13	1/12/2026 & 2/12//26	GEM Attendance Rewards
T1 W13	3/12/2026	Assessment Week (EOT3 Assessments TBC)
T1 W14	6/12/26 - 10/12/26	Assessment Week (EOT3 Assessments TBC)
T1 W15	13/12/26	Assessment Week (EOT3 Assessments TBC)
T1 W15	14/12/26	Qatar National Day Celebrations
T1 W15	15/12/2026 & 16/12//26	Great Attendance Race Awards

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As we come to the end of another successful school year, we would like to thank our students, families, and staff for their continued support, dedication, and enthusiasm. This term has been filled with learning, achievements, celebrations, and many special memories that have made our Primary School community proud.

We wish all our families a happy, safe, and relaxing summer holiday. We hope this break provides an opportunity to rest, spend quality time with loved ones, and create wonderful memories together.

We look forward to welcoming our students back for the start of the new academic year on Sunday 30th August 2026, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning, growth, and success.

Have a wonderful summer!

