

NEWSLETTER



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"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss



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Ms Nadia January

Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure to be highlighting all the wonderful work that took place this term. Students and teachers have worked exceptionally hard and it is clear in this newsletter the successes of everyone. As parents, you can be proud of your child's performance and achievements and you can be proud to be part of NIA. We are proud of our students and appreciate your ongoing support in your child's learning and participation in all school activities.

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السادة أولياء الأمور الكرام
تود أكاديمية نيوتن العالمية أن تُشارككم فرحتها بإتمام جائزة الحياة النفسية والصحية للمدارس بنجاح
مرفق لسيادتكم شهادة الجائزة، والتي ستكون صالحة لمدة ثلاث سنوات من 2025 إلى 2028
شكرًا لمساهماتكم و مشاركتكم ودعمكم المستمر
مع خالص الشكر والتقدير



We continue to strive forward with the excellent partnership between teachers, students and parents, NIA successfully achieved its goals to continue high standards of Teaching and Learning. We appreciate everyone's efforts in making this work and fostering good relationships and good communication.

Once again, I would like to highlight our school's vision: **'An international community of learners striving for excellence and celebrating success'**. It is clear through these successful times of change that our vision is always clear in everything we do.

We wish all families a lovely holiday and an Eid Mubarak. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you back in Term 3.

Kind regards,

Nadia January
Principal



Deputy Principal

Dr Tereza Woolgar

Term 2 has been a short yet exceptionally intense and rewarding chapter in our academic year. We are incredibly proud to announce that NIA has received the Well-being Award for Students (WAS)—a reflection of the unwavering commitment and hard work from both staff and students. Well-being remains a core priority for us, alongside delivering outstanding teaching, learning, and the holistic development of every learner.

Our vibrant international community continues to strive for excellence and celebrate success across all areas. This term, our students, staff, and parents came together to embrace our diversity and unity during Languages Week and International Day, Ramadan and Community Iftar - which were meaningful celebrations of culture and identity. Our School Fair and Sports Days were also wonderful demonstrations of NIA community spirit, joy, and collaboration.

In this newsletter, you'll find highlights from each phase and department across the school. Notably, for the first time, our Year 10 students joined Years 11–13 in sitting mock exams in preparation for up to seven modular external exams scheduled for May/June. Students approached these assessments with determination and achieved impressive results. Primary students and staff focused on their Reading and created beautiful Reading corners in every classroom in Primary.

Our Year 12 and 13 students also sat external exams in January, with most achieving or surpassing their target grades. We are proud of how our senior students rose to the challenge and how our dedicated staff supported them in realising their potential. Across Primary and Secondary, our learners shone during the Inter-Newton Dr. Jabr's Science Research Competition, where they secured multiple victories and qualified for the Newton-funded science trip to Paris—a remarkable achievement!

Beyond academics, NIA students have continued to thrive in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Highlights include another highly successful Science Week, Business Week, NIAMUN, and participation in MUN conferences, as well as outstanding results in sports competitions— in not House events and Sports Days but also in QUESS and Qatar School Olympic Programme. Students also completed Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, took part in debates, and joined numerous local and international trips, where they represented NIA with pride, integrity, and excellence as true global citizens.

We are also proud of the growing connection we have with our wider community through our official Instagram account (@nia_barwa_city). Since August 2023, we've shared over 1,100 posts and gained nearly 2,100 followers, reflecting the active engagement and interest in our school's journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my many thanks to our parents and the broader NIA community for being such valuable partners in all we do. Your feedback, encouragement, and support play a vital role in our continued success.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable holiday!

Dr. T. Woolgar
Deputy Principal



Head of Primary

Dear Parents, Students, and the NIA Barwa Community,

Mr Nathan Unwin

As Term 2 draws to a close, we take great pride in reflecting on a term filled with academic success, student leadership opportunities, enriching trips, and exciting school events. Our commitment to striving for excellence and celebrating success has been evident in all aspects of school life, and we are grateful for the ongoing support of our students, parents, and staff. This term featured a variety of competitions and enrichment opportunities that encouraged students to think critically, creatively, and collaboratively. Highlights included the Arabic Reading Olympiad, Inter - Newton Arabic Spelling Bee, Qatar Rocks TTRS Competition, Inter - Newton P4C Event, and the Inter - Newton Dr. Jabr Memorial Science Competition. These events provided students with platforms to showcase their talents and deepen their understanding across a range of subjects.

Throughout the term, specialist weeks provided engaging and enriching experiences for students. Science Week brought hands - on experiments and exciting demonstrations, igniting curiosity and discovery. Sports Week encouraged teamwork and perseverance through House competitions and inter - school events, developing a spirit of teamwork. Arabic Week celebrated language and cultural heritage, allowing students to deepen their appreciation for our diverse school community. World Book Day was another key highlight, with students taking part in literacy - focused activities and storytelling sessions, further inspiring a love of reading across all year groups. On our school trips students visited Oli Oli, Torba Farm, Al Bidda Park, Snow Dunes, Hamad Port, and Bounce. These experiences provided valuable opportunities for exploration, hands-on learning, and fun, reinforcing curriculum concepts in meaningful ways. The talent show auditions showcased the sublime talents of our students, and we eagerly look forward to the Talent Show Final at the beginning of next term, where students will have the opportunity to shine on stage and celebrate their artistic and creative abilities.

Sporting success has been another standout aspect of Term 2, with students proudly representing NIA Barwa in QPPSSA, QSOP, and QUESS competitions across swimming, basketball, gymnastics, cross country, and athletics. Their dedication, perseverance, and teamwork were truly commendable, and we celebrate their achievements. Beyond academics and sports, character education and student leadership remained at the heart of our school ethos. Our House System has developed respect, social responsibility, and empathy, with students taking an active role in leading initiatives that positively impact their peers and the wider community. During Ramadan, our student leaders organised the Kindness Collection initiative, raising funds for the 'Feed a Friend' campaign, demonstrating their commitment to giving back and supporting those in need. We also came together as a community to celebrate Garangao, a cherished cultural tradition that brought joy and excitement to our students, allowing them to engage with Qatari heritage in a fun and meaningful way.

Our Community Iftar event provided a wonderful opportunity for families, students, and staff to unite in the spirit of Ramadan, generosity, and togetherness. Another major highlight was International Week, where students explored global cultures through engaging activities, performances, and food festivals, reinforcing the importance of diversity and inclusion. Additionally, our vibrant School Fair, brought the community together for a day of fun, creativity, and celebration. We extend our gratitude to all parents who attended workshops and parent - teacher conferences, strengthening home - school collaboration and supporting student success.

As we look ahead to Term 3, we are excited to continue striving for excellence, celebrating success and preparing for key milestones, including end - of - year assessments and transition events. Thank you for your continued support in making NIA Barwa a thriving community of learners. We wish you a restful Eid break and look forward to another fantastic term ahead!

Regards,

Mr. Nathan Unwin



DHOA - Deputy Head of Academics

Dear Parents, Students, and Teachers,

Ms Sónia Santos

As we come to the end of another enriching and eventful term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey so far. Stepping into the role of Deputy Head of Primary Academics in January has been both exciting and rewarding, and I am incredibly grateful for the warm welcome and support I have received from parents, staff, and students. It has been a pleasure working alongside such a dedicated school community, and I truly appreciate the collaboration and commitment that make our school a vibrant place for learning.

Our students have demonstrated remarkable progress in their academic pursuits, showing curiosity, creativity, and perseverance in their learning. We are especially proud of Hamdan Mirza (6P) and Andrew (5M), who emerged as winners in the Inter-Newton Science Competition, showcasing their exceptional scientific thinking and problem-solving skills. Additionally, we are thrilled to see 43 students sign up for the Kangaroo Maths Competition, a testament to their enthusiasm for mathematical challenges.

This term, we have also focused on fostering a love for reading by creating dedicated reading areas for each year group. These spaces provide students with a welcoming environment to explore books, nurture their imagination, and develop strong literacy skills. We hope this initiative will inspire a lifelong passion for reading. A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers, whose unwavering commitment to fostering a love for learning continues to make a lasting impact. Their efforts in creating engaging learning experiences have been instrumental in our students' growth and success.

Looking ahead, the next term promises exciting new opportunities for academic and personal development. We encourage students to take time over the break to rest, recharge, and engage in activities that fuel their curiosity—whether through reading, exploring new interests, or spending quality time with family. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to continuing this journey with you next term!

Warm regards,
Sónia Santos



DHOP – Pastoral

Ms Ansonet Oberholzer

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful term, filled with many exciting activities such as Sports Day, House Assemblies, educational trips, and incredible student achievements! As we come to the end of another eventful term at NIA, we take a moment to celebrate the enthusiasm, teamwork, and dedication of our students and staff. This term has truly highlighted the strength of our school community and the joy of learning together.

Our students had an incredible time during Sports Day, made even more special by the fantastic House Assemblies led by our dedicated House Captains. Bell, Edison, Curie, and Wright put in tremendous effort to energise their teams, inspiring a wonderful sense of team spirit. Positive behaviour was celebrated across the school, with many classes earning Behaviour Reward Days, including movie afternoons, non-uniform days, and extra playtime. Individual achievements were also recognised, with students working towards their Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, or Going the Extra Mile (GEM) behaviour awards.

Enriching learning experiences extended beyond the classroom, as students from EYFS to Year 6 enjoyed educational trips to Hamad Port, The Mangroves, OliOli, and Torba Farm. Our Student Leaders demonstrated exceptional dedication through initiatives such as Ramadan Kindness Boxes, promoting NIA, working with our Little Leaders, and running the Buddy Program during breaks. Their hard work has made NIA a more supportive and inclusive school.

The Term 2 ECAs were a huge success, offering diverse activities such as Wellness Club, Cubs, Tag Rugby, Gaelic Football, Cheerleading, Makey Makey, academic booster sessions and many more. Additionally, the Term 2 Talent Shows showcased the incredible abilities of our students, and we eagerly anticipate the finals in Term 3!

For our Year 6 students, preparations for secondary school are well underway. A visit from the Secondary Head Boy and Head Girl provided valuable insights, and we look forward to the big transition day in Term 3. Our School Fair and Community Iftar were standout events, bringing together students, staff, and families to celebrate our strong community ties.

Attendance has been strong this term, and we aim to improve it even further in Term 3. Students achieving 99% and 100% attendance will be rewarded with an exciting trip in Week 1 of the new term, reinforcing the importance of consistent attendance for academic success.

A proud achievement this term was receiving the WAS Wellbeing Award, a significant recognition of our commitment to the wellbeing of students and staff. At NIA, we prioritise creating an environment where everyone feels supported, valued, and encouraged to thrive.

As we look ahead to Term 3, we are excited for all that is to come. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for making this term so special. Enjoy the break, and we look forward to another fantastic term ahead at NIA!

Kind regards,
Ms Ansonet



EYFS Coordinator

Mrs. Carien Hanna

Dear Parents,

What an exceptional and enriching term it has been as we've kicked off the exciting start to 2025! Our children have truly showcased the remarkable skills they've developed this term, demonstrating their creativity, collaboration, and hard work through their learning projects.

The STEM initiative has come to life, especially during our fantastic Science Week, where students embraced innovative ways to think about sustainability. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to our recycling initiative—it has been an eye-opening experience, teaching the children about the importance of caring for our environment while encouraging them to think creatively about reusing materials. Our STEM extracurricular activities have also offered our students a fresh perspective on combining different STEM fields, nurturing future engineers, mathematicians, inventors, and scientists!

In addition to all the learning, we've placed a strong emphasis on physical well-being, culminating in our fun and engaging Sports Day. It was inspiring to see both parents and teachers come together to participate, modeling sportsmanship and teamwork for our children. Another highlight was our memorable trip to OliOli, where the children had the opportunity to explore, create, and experiment in a hands-on environment. Of course, our International Day was a standout moment, as we celebrated and learned from the diverse cultures that make up our global community.

We are so grateful for your continued support—it truly enhances the experience for our little ones. Wishing you all a restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you in the new term!

Warm regards,

Carien Hanna



We are incredibly proud of our achievements this term, especially as we launched our Gifted and Talented program in EYFS.

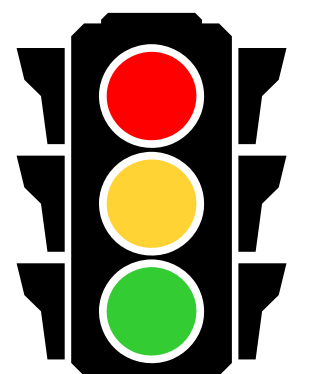
The children embraced the challenge, pushing themselves to reach new levels of learning and development. It was inspiring to see them engage with the program and grow in confidence as they explored new concepts and ideas.

A special congratulations to our top students who participated in the NIA EYFS Spelling Bee for the first time! They took on the challenge of five rounds of spelling words, demonstrating their impressive phonetic and tricky word skills. Well done to everyone who competed—it was a fantastic display of determination!

EYFS NEWS



In EYFS, we participated in our annual Road Safety Awareness campaign, an essential part of teaching young children how to stay safe and be responsible. The children took part in a variety of activities, such as practicing how to cross the road safely, learning about good backseat behavior, understanding the meanings of different road signs, and recognising traffic lights. These activities help equip them with important skills for their safety in the world around them.



With the new academic year just around the corner, we've been busy preparing NIA EYFS for the exciting journey ahead. To help our little ones settle in, we hosted the first of several Stay-and-Play afternoons, providing an opportunity for our new students to explore their school environment. We believe in making this transition as smooth as possible, allowing the children to feel comfortable and confident. During these sessions, they were able to engage with our interactive enrollment activity room and participate in some of our daily classroom activities, helping them feel familiar and excited for the year ahead.



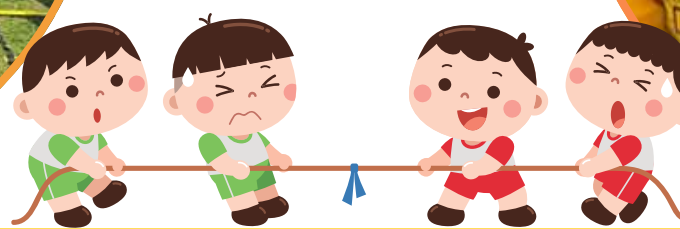
F1 Adventures: A Term Full of Fun and Firsts!

This term, our little learners in F1 had an exciting time filled with discovery, adventure, and new experiences! Their journey began with a fantastic trip to Oli Oli, where they explored, played, and let their curiosity run wild in a world of hands-on learning and imagination. From interactive exhibits to creative experiments, the children had a blast engaging their senses and minds.



But the excitement didn't stop there!

Our F1 superstars also took part in their first-ever official Sports Day at school. With big smiles and boundless energy, they ran, jumped, and cheered their hearts out, showing off their teamwork and determination. It was a day of fun, friendly competition, and lots of proud moments for both children and teachers!



F2 Events and Trips

F2 had an exciting trip to OliOli where they enjoyed a day filled with creativity, discovery, and play. They made the most of the museum's fun activities from sensory play to science experiments.

Every moment was filled with joy and wonder, an unforgettable day!



International Day

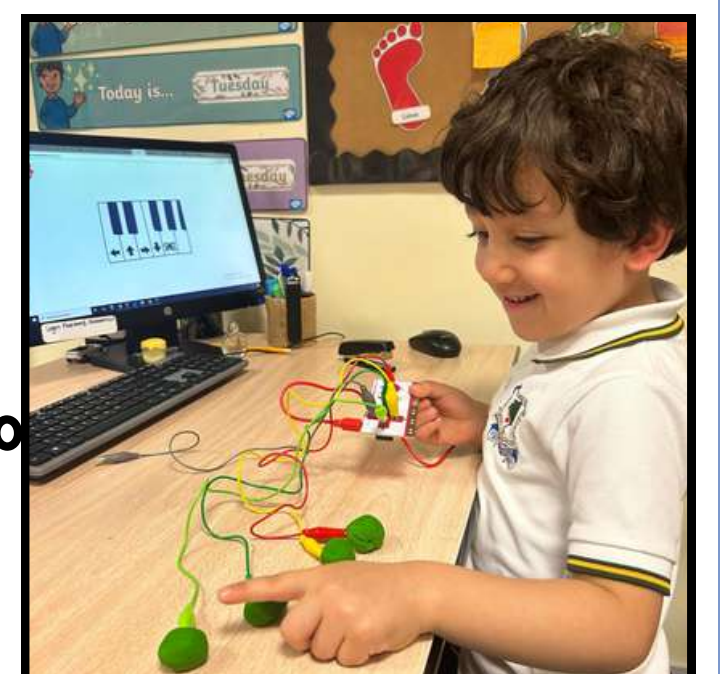
We celebrated International Day by dressing up in colorful outfits and embracing different cultures. The day was filled with fun activities, including songs, dances, and trying delicious foods from around the world. The children enjoyed learning about different traditions and sharing special moments with their friends.



Science WEEK



F2 enjoyed science week exploring, experimenting, and discovering new things! The children took part in fun hands-on activities, from making simple experiments to learning about the wonders of the world around them.



Maths $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$



We explored fractions by learning how to find halves. Pupils had a great time using manipulatives to split numbers into two equal parts, making learning hands-on and exciting!



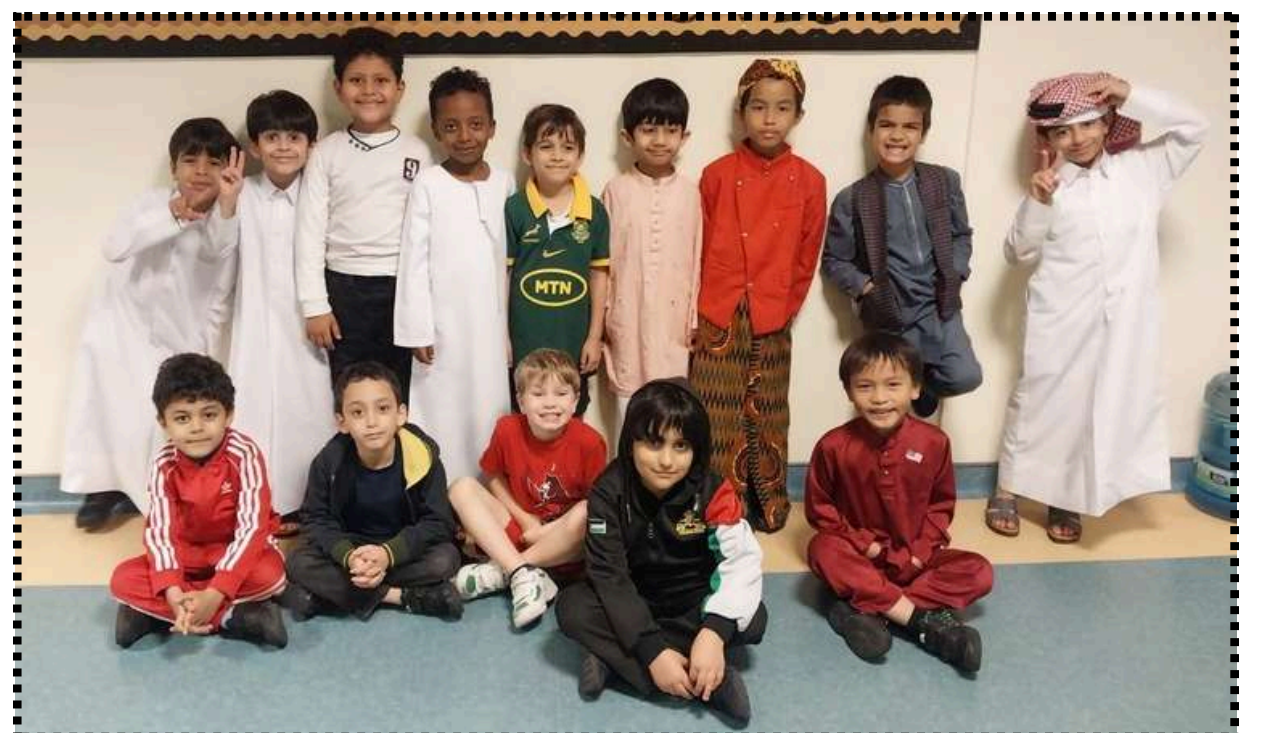
World Book Day

Secondary students visited our class to read stories, inspiring a love for reading and building connections across each class



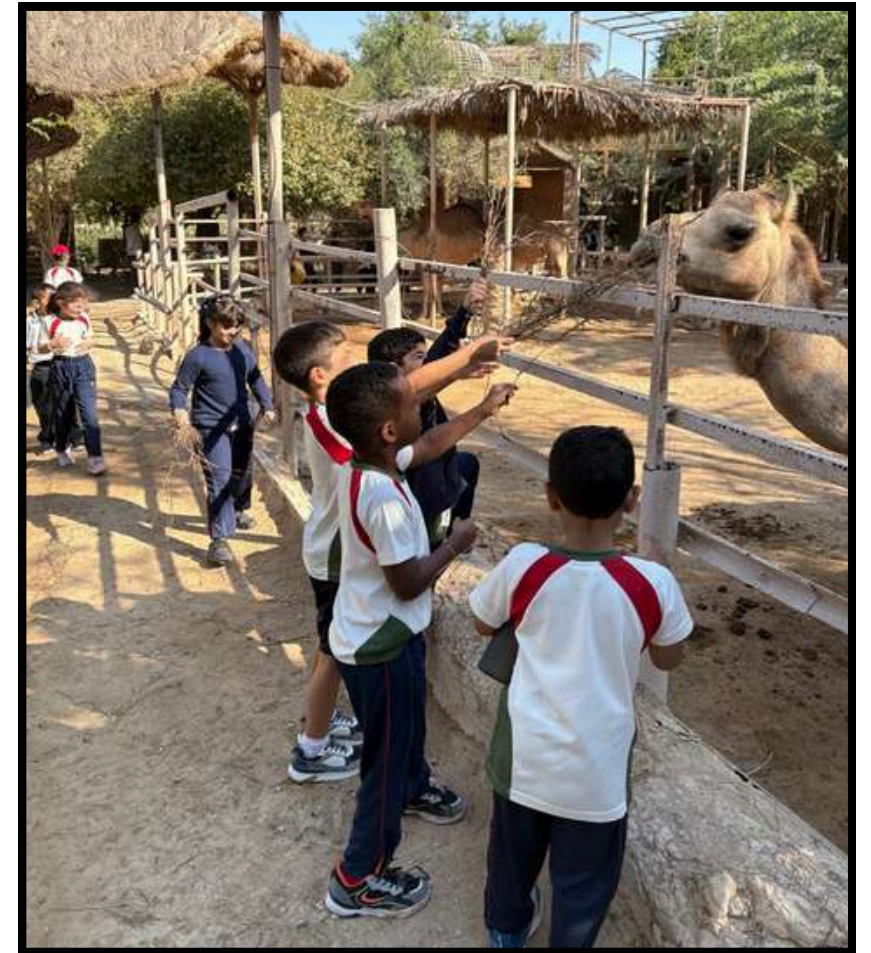
International Day

We all celebrated together, exploring different cultures and tasting delicious foods from around the world!



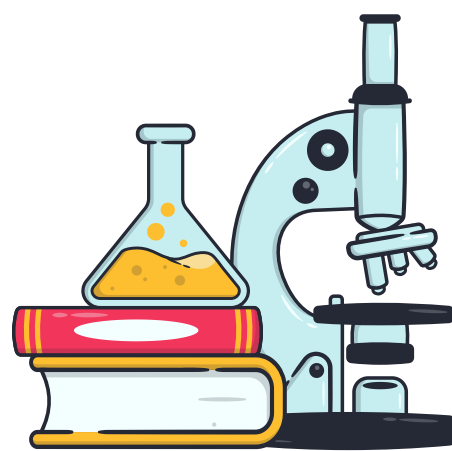
TORBA FARM

Our school trip to Torba Farm was an engaging and educational experience. We learned about farm life, sustainability, and how to care for animals. A highlight was feeding the camels and discovering how they adapt to different environments.



SCIENCE WEEK!

Science Week was an exciting and hands-on experience, where the children explored a range of experiments and learned about the importance of recycling and sustainability. They investigated scientific concepts through practical activities, including experiments focusing on recycling.



SCIENCE

YEAR 3



This term has been packed with thrilling science experiments! We built a working model of a hand to explore how our joints move and even constructed a skeleton. During our fascinating Shadows and Light topic, we discovered different sources of light and how shadows are formed.



GEOGRAPHY

We've been on an exciting journey comparing the UK and Italy! To explore even further, we grabbed our atlases and uncovered fascinating facts about each country.



READING

Our exciting mission to collect Reading Riyals. Reading is our super power!





Hamad Port

We had an amazing adventure at Hamad Port, diving deep into how the port operates and seeing the impressive logistics behind it! We then explored the fascinating aquarium, marveling at the vibrant marine life. It was a day full of discovery and excitement! 🎉



Sports Day

Sports Day was an absolute blast! We competed in fun, energetic events, pushing ourselves to the limit and cheering each other on. From races to relays, the excitement never stopped, making it a day to remember!



Reading Rumble

Reading Rumble was an exciting adventure that sparked our love for books! We dove into great stories while earning Reading Riyals for every page turned. It was a fun and rewarding way to make reading even more thrilling!



YEAR 5

Wwww

Bounce!



Our trip to Bounce was a blast! 🏀🏸♂️ Students jumped, flipped, and had an unforgettable time filled with energy and excitement! 🎉

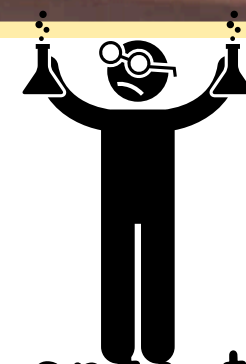


Sports Day!

Sports Day was a hit! 🏆🏃♂️ Students raced, competed, and cheered each other on in a day full of energy, teamwork, and fun! 🎉👏



Science Week



Science Week was a blast! 🔬🚀 Students explored experiments, tackled challenges, and unleashed their curiosity in a week full of discovery and fun! ✨





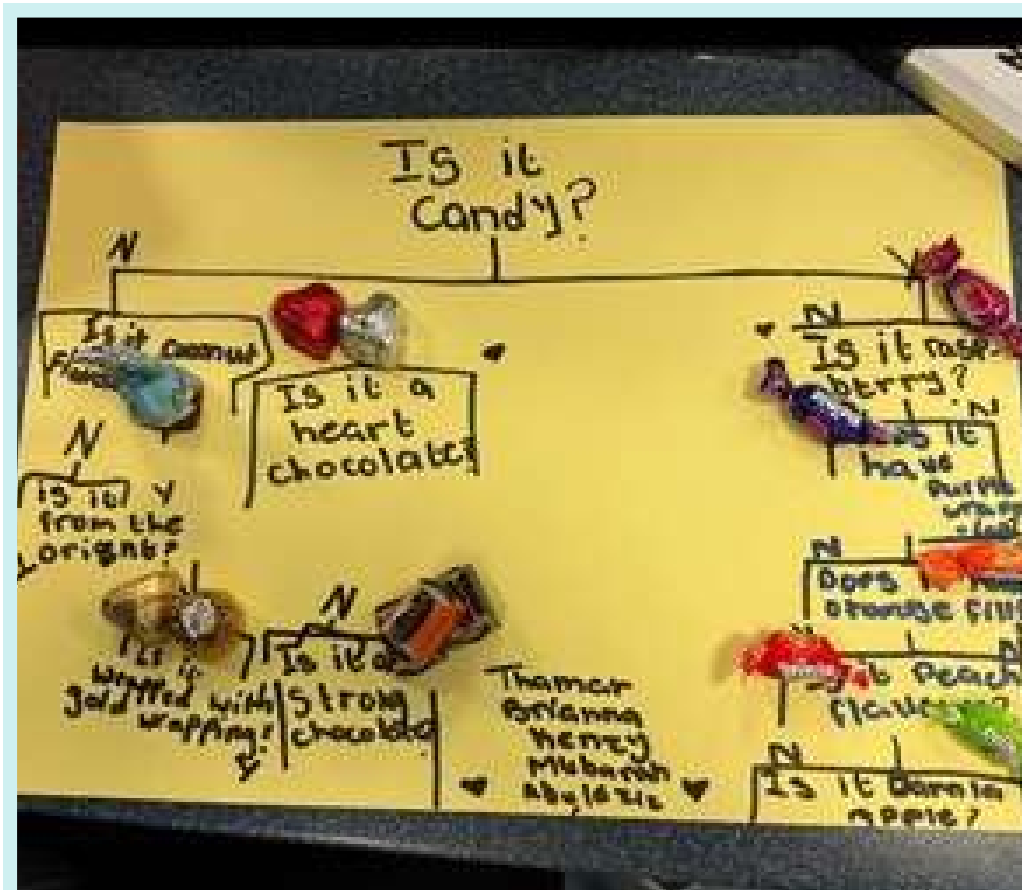
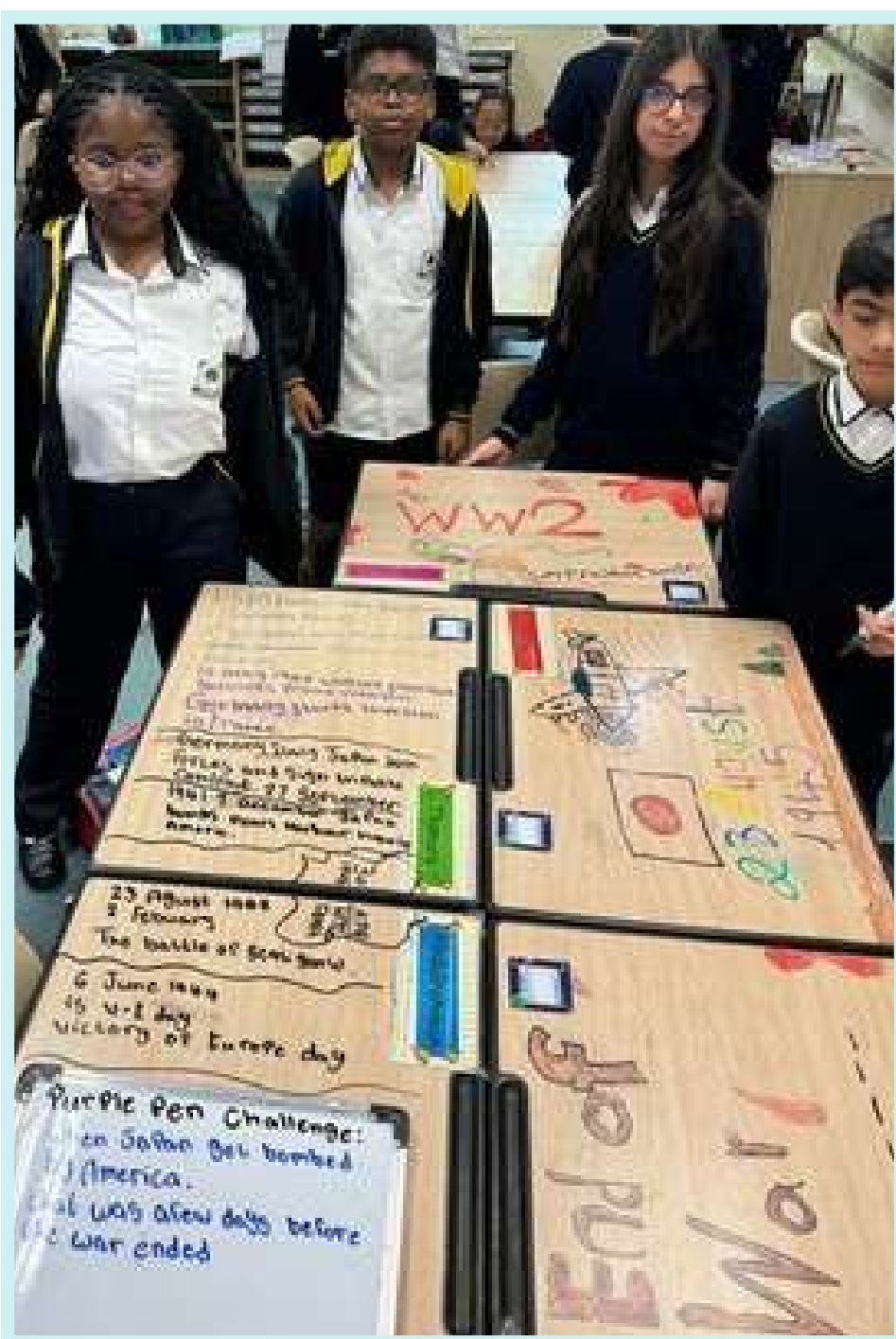
World Book Day!

YEAR 6



Year 6 students read to the younger students. They enjoyed using all the new and improved reading corners.

Applying Diverse Strategies for Success!



Kayaking trip to the Mangroves !

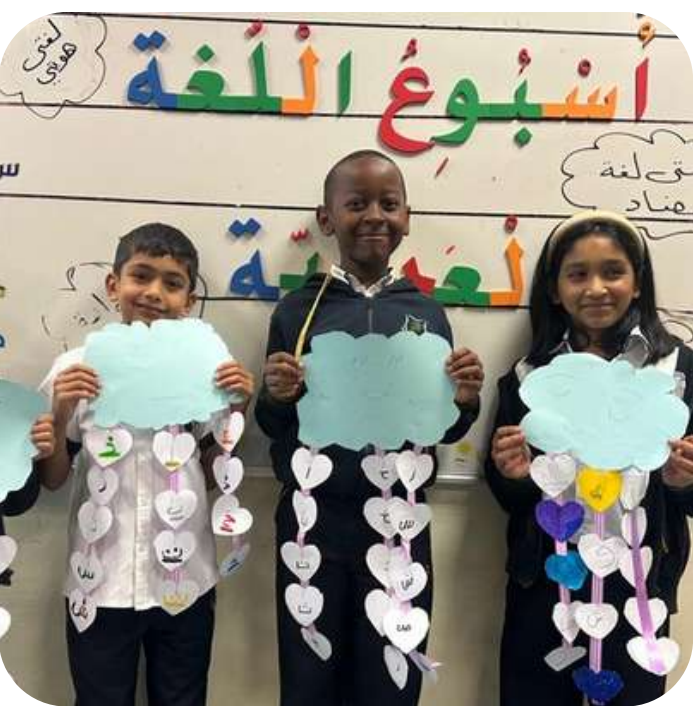


ARABIC

في أجواء من الحماس و التحدي، أقيمت **مسابقة التهجئة العربية** لمجموعة مدارس نيوتن، و التي نظمتها أكاديمية نيوتن العالمية بـرو، حيث تألفت جميع المدارس في منافسة شيقة جمعت بين المتعة و الفائدة، و عززت مهارات الطلاب و حبهم للغة العربية.



استمتع طلابنا بزيارة معرض الكتاب و أنشطة متنوعة في **أسبوع اللغة العربية**.



الملتقى الطلابي مع المؤلفة القطرية د. فاطمة المعاضيد ضمن أسبوع اللغة العربية ، فرصة فريدة لاستكشاف عالم الأدب.

في أولمبياد القراءة العربية ، تنافس طلابنا بروح التحدي و العزيمة، مؤمنين بأن كل صفحة تقرأ هي خطوة نحو المستقبل.

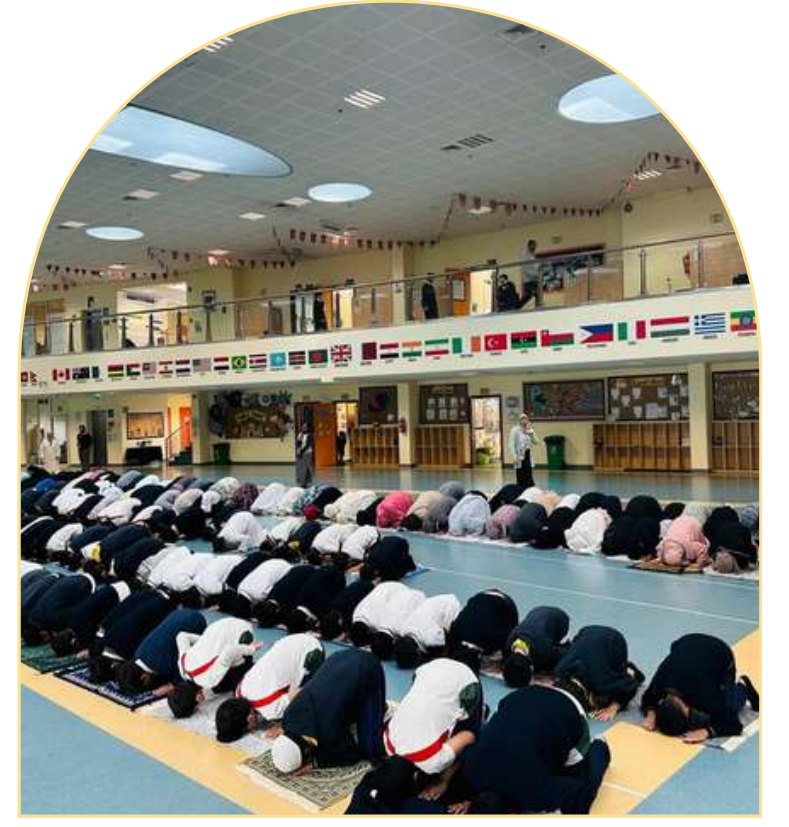


Islamic & QH



نفحات رمضان

رمضان شهر الطاعة والإيمان، شهر العزيمة و تربية النفس.



احتفال القرنقعه أضفى أجواء من البهجة، حيث امتزجت العادات و التقاليد الجميلة في أجواء الشهر الفضيل المفعمة بالفرح.



مشاركة مميزة لطلابنا في **مسابقة المحدث الصغير** التي تمت تحت إشراف وزارة التربية و التعليم، فخورون بهم و نتمنى لهم المزيد من التفوق و النجاح.



لحظات عامرة بالود و التواصل ، يجتمع فيها الطلاب و الأهل و المعلمون على مائدة الإفطار في لقاء يعكس روح المحبة و التآخي. **رمضان يجمعنا.**



AESN



In EAL this term, the children have been exploring fascinating facts in a non-fiction book, as well as sharing a funny tale with friends. Reading has helped spark imagination and build their confidence. Our classroom is buzzing with eager readers, discovering new worlds and expanding their knowledge.



The Nessy Intervention Programme is designed to improve reading and spelling skills.

Through engaging, interactive activities, it focuses on phonemic awareness, decoding, and spelling patterns, helping students build confidence and fluency at their own pace.

In writing, we used the Wigit platform to provide visual support by pairing pictures with each word in the model text. This helped ensure that children fully understood the text, expanded their vocabulary, and engaged in role-playing. We then incorporated scaffolding and various strategies to further support them in independently writing their own text.



PE Swimming



In Primary PE lessons this last term KS1 focused on improving their swimming skills. In KS2 the pupils learnt skills, rules and tactics of Football and Volleyball.



SPORTS DAY



GOAL!



During Ramadan both KS1 and KS2 played Table Tennis, Badminton or Chess. It has been a successful term learning new skills and building on already acquired skills!



SMASH!!



Sports Day for Primary with 11 different stations, pupils had fun and scored points for their houses.

SPORTS Events



In Term 2 we competed in external competitions QPPSSA and QSOP.

In the QPPSSA U10/U11 Cross Country our students performed really well.



Athletics Primary boys and girls competed in the QSOP qualification, we are waiting for the results.

Level 2 Boys competed in the QSOP Excellent team work!!

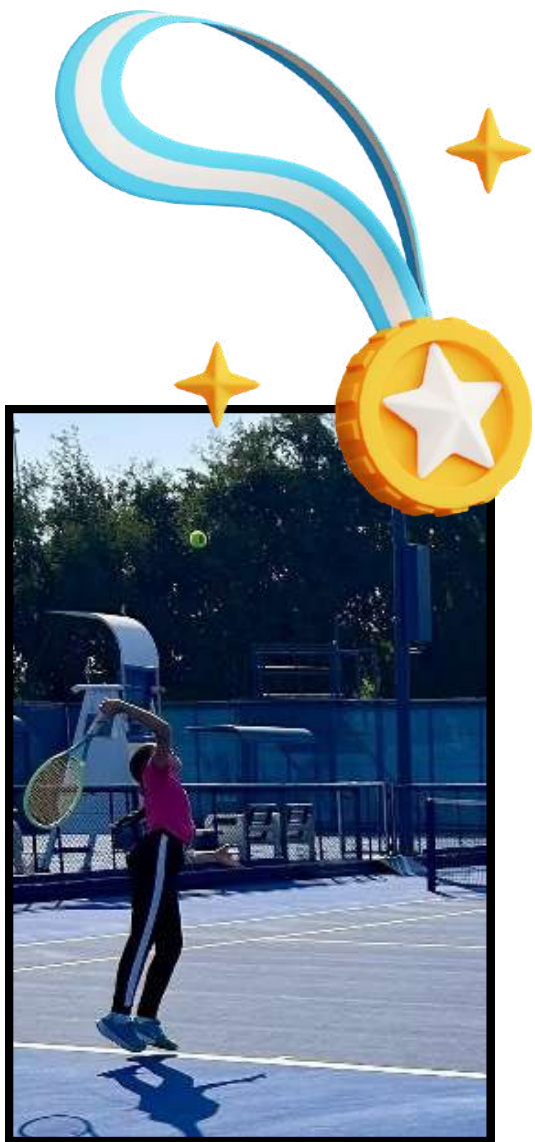
QSOP Level 1 /2 Swimming our boys qualified for the Final which will take place in May.

In the QSOP Primary Swimming Farah Hafnawy won Bronze - 25m Breaststroke.



U8 and U12 Tennis was outstanding with Gold medals.

KS2 Athletics meet for boys and girls at the UDST in Lusail was a huge success! We identify talented athletes for future events!



Level 1 and Level 2 boys and girls Gymnastics qualifying took place in the QSOP

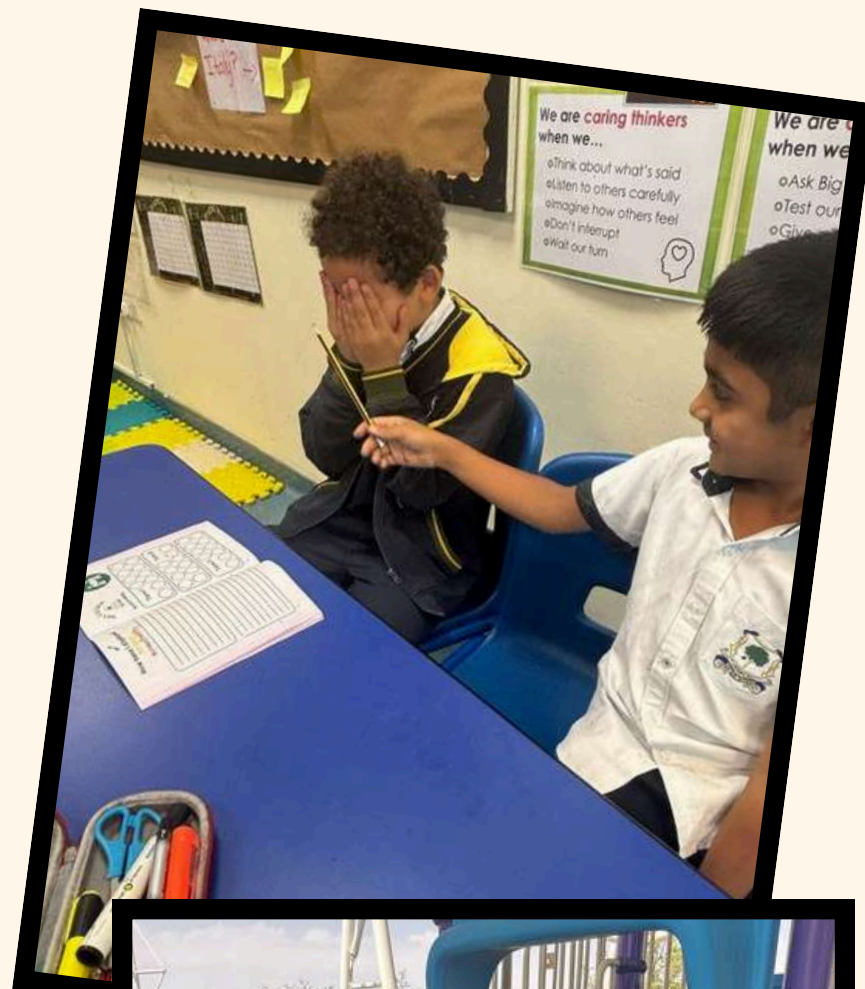


QPPSSA U10/U11 outdoor athletics competition there where some super performances with medals - Shot Put, 100m, Triple Jump and Ball throw.

We are now looking forward to Term 3 and more competition and the finals of the QSOP !

CHARACTER EDUCATION

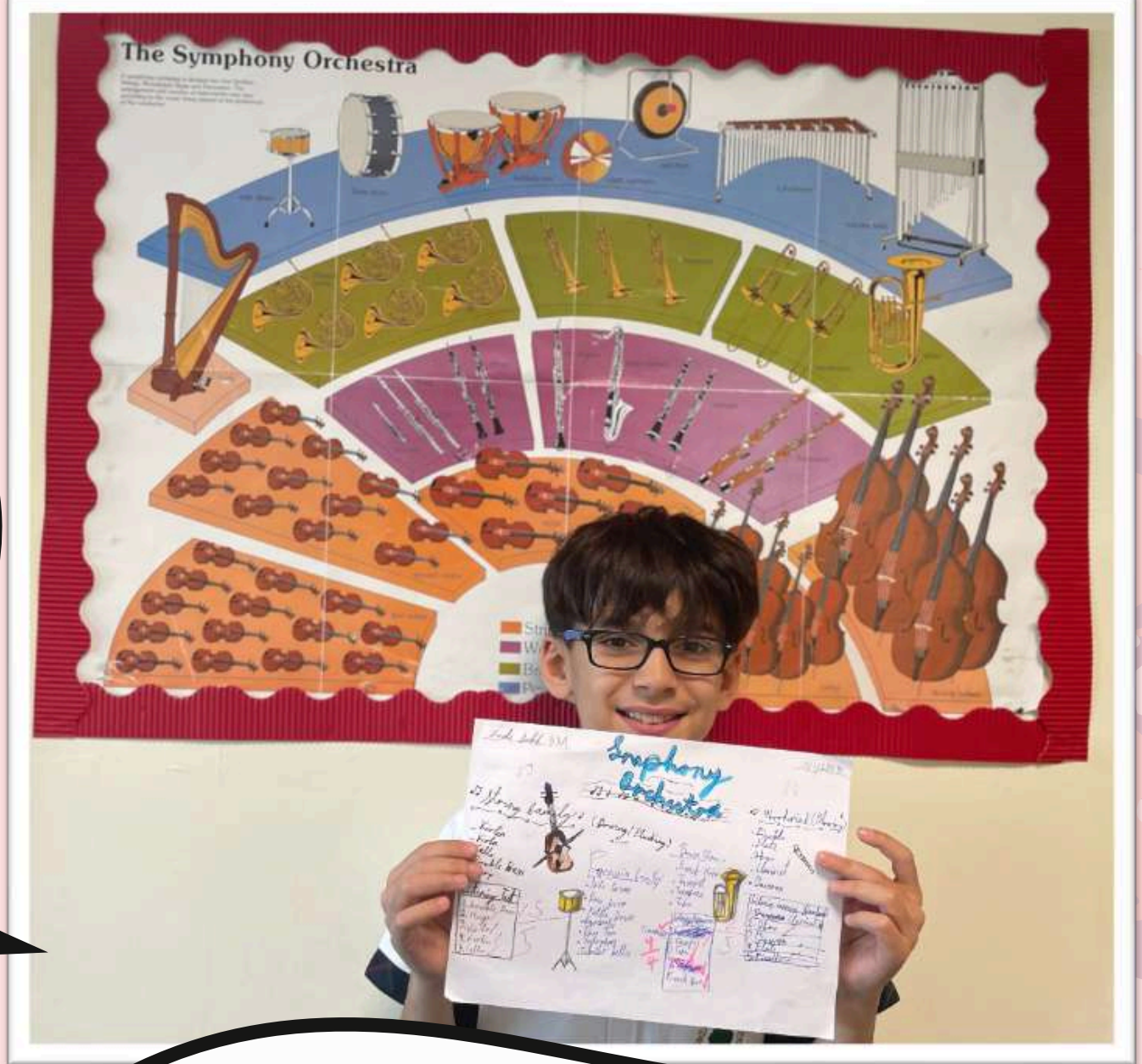
TERM 2



This term, we focused on the virtues of cleanliness, fairness, friendliness, patience, and respect. Students learned to maintain hygiene, treat others fairly, build positive relationships, practice patience, and show respect in their daily interactions. Through activities and discussions, they developed important life skills to become responsible and compassionate individuals.

Music

The Year 5 students explored every aspect of the orchestra, immersing themselves in the world of music, instruments, and the beautiful sounds that bring each performance to life!



The Year 3 students explored different songs on the xylophone. They learned to sing and play together as a group, experimenting with various rhythms and beats. Using percussion instruments, they had fun creating music as a team!



The Year 6 students created their own music based on the pentatonic scale. In groups, they composed a song and performed it for the class using the xylophone and percussion instruments. It was a great success!



The Year 4 students focused on learning songs like 'You Are My Sunshine' on the xylophone. They also played percussion instruments to accompany pieces of classical music, adding rhythm to the compositions.



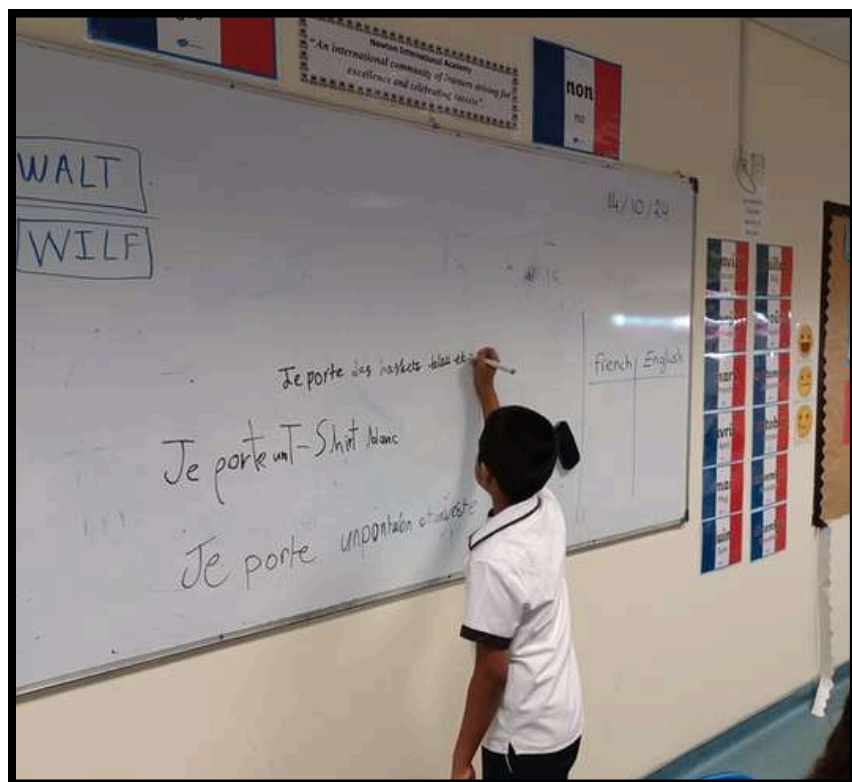
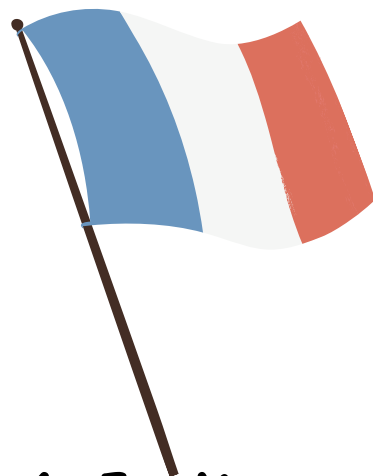
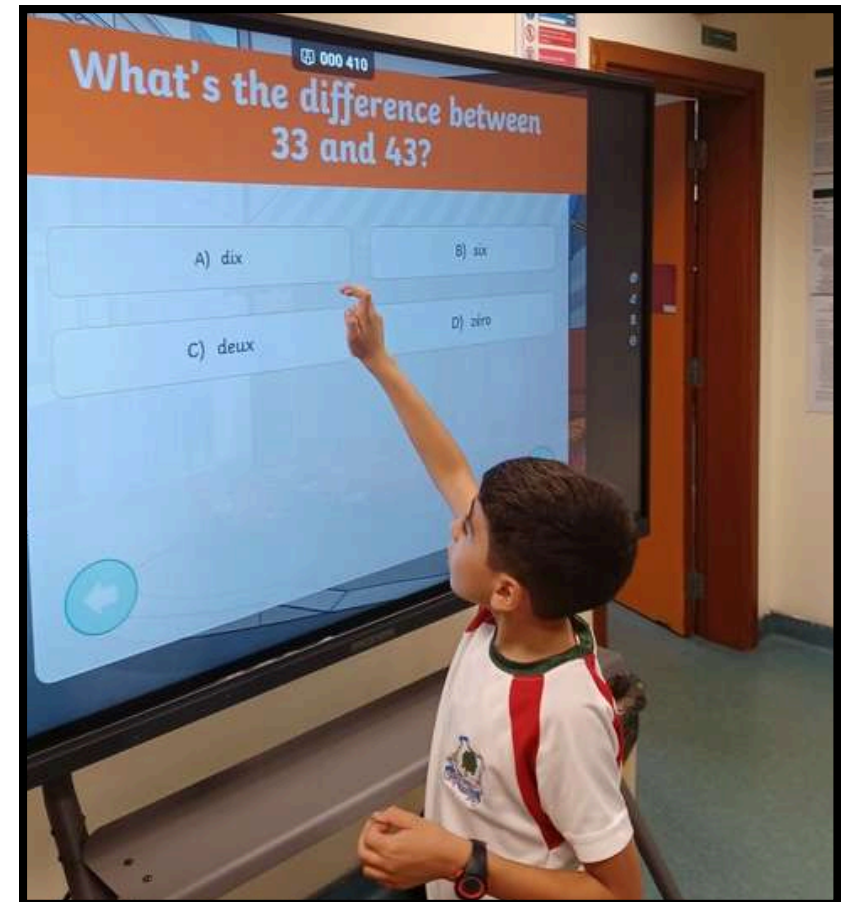


French

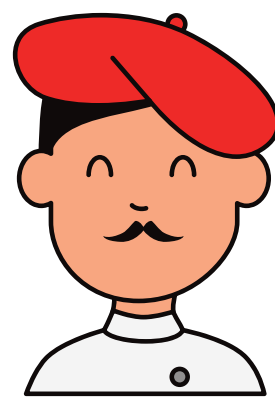


What an exciting term it has been in our French lessons!

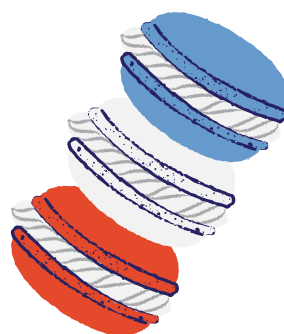
Year 3: This term, Year 3 have been learning numbers up to 15, asking and answering the question “How old are you?” and following simple classroom instructions in French.



Year 4: In Year 4, children have been learning numbers up to 31, the days of the week, months of the year, and how to write and say the date in French.

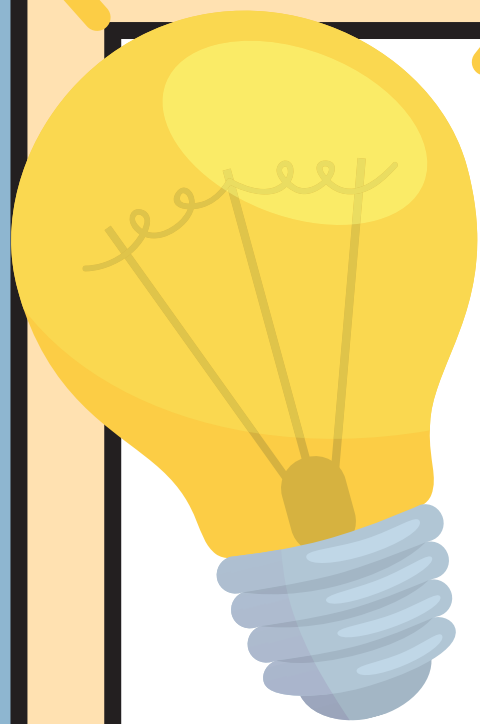


Year 5: Year 5 pupils have been learning vocabulary and phrases for shopping, counting up to 100 in French, using the verbs avoir (to have) and être (to be), and describing their family members.



Year 6: This term, Year 6 have been exploring school subjects and giving their opinions in French. They have also been learning how to use regular -ER verbs and writing short paragraphs to describe themselves.





P4C

After a small group discussion and whole class discussion, we decided whether we agreed or disagreed about feeling sad.



We explored the idea of Charity. We paired up and shared our thoughts.



We explored big questions about life, change, and nature through a thoughtful discussion inspired by a delicate butterfly.



Linked to our WWII history topic, we looked at items found in a briefcase. This led to a discussion about who the suitcase might have belonged to and why such items would have been important.



After discussing the stimulus, we started sizing up the concepts like money, health, family and happiness.

COMPUTING

What an exciting term it has been in our Computing lessons!

In Year 1, students have been having a blast improving their typing skills and boosting their problem-solving abilities with Bee-Bots! These little robots have helped them learn how to think logically and creatively to solve fun challenges.

Year 2 has been busy boosting their typing speed while developing fantastic problem-solving skills. The class has enjoyed exploring different ways to approach and solve problems, making learning both fun and rewarding! 🤖

Year 3 has dived into the fascinating world of Networks! They've explored how devices connect and communicate, unlocking the secrets behind the internet!

Meanwhile, our Year 4 students have become budding web designers! They've learned how websites are created using HTML and explored the magic behind the internet! It's been a term filled with hands-on activities, teamwork, and lots of learning with a smile!

We can't wait for the next adventure in Computing!



COMPUTING

A Short Yet Productive Term for Years 5 and 6!

As we come to the end of Term 2, we reflect on the incredible achievements made during this short but productive term. Our students have been busy mastering new skills that will benefit them for years to come, especially in the world of technology!

Year 5: Mastering MS Excel and Real-Life Applications

This term, Year 5 students have been diving deep into the world of Microsoft Excel. They've learned how to use formulas and chart presentations – skills they can apply to real-life scenarios. From organizing data to visually presenting information in a way that makes it easier to understand, Year 5 students are now equipped with essential tools for both school and beyond.

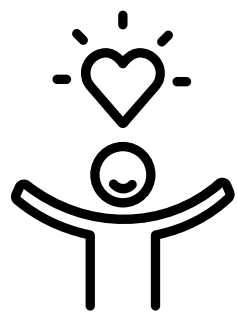


Year 6: Introduction to Python Programming

In Year 6, students have taken a giant leap into the world of Python programming. They've learned how to use print functions to display text, and have worked with mathematical functions like minimum and maximum to manipulate data. Students are also mastering key programming concepts such as indentation, comments, floating-point numbers, integers, and variables. These foundational skills are preparing Year 6 students for more complex programming challenges in the future.



In Key Stage 2, Typing skills continue to be a focus, with students practicing ergonomical finger positioning using the home row keys. This foundation in proper technique will help them type faster and more comfortably. With regular practice, students are becoming more efficient typists and more so as programmers, ensuring their digital skills are top-notch. But that's not all! The Key Stage 2 students have also been sharpening their multitasking skills. They've learned how to maximize their windows and use multiple screens simultaneously to get tasks done faster, embracing the idea that working smarter is just as important as working hard. Thank you to all the students for their hard work this term. We can't wait to see what they will achieve in the upcoming term!



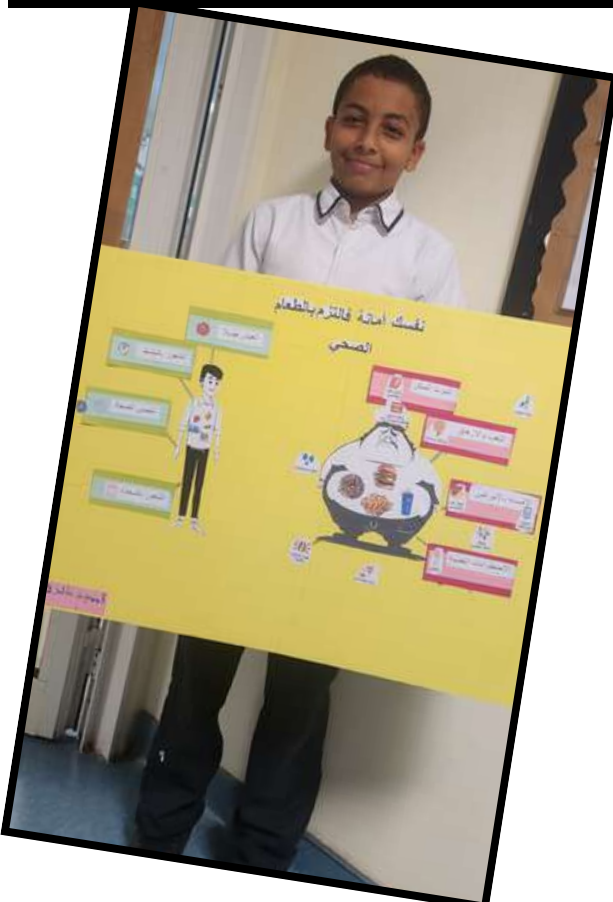
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في إطار الشراكة المجتمعية الفاعلة، قدمت الأستاذة مريم الخليفي "استشاري وزارة الداخلية" **محاضرة** **توعوية مميزة** لطلاب الصف السادس بعنوان **نفسك أمانة** / ضمن مشروع قيمى ترسم هويتي.



تضمن **مشروع قيمى ترسم هويتي** للفصل الدراسي الثاني مبادرتين أساسيتين الأولى مبادرة "نفسك أمانة" و التي تهدف إلى توعية الطلاب بمدمرات الصحة الجسدية و النفسية و حمايتهم من الأخطار المحيطة بهم. و الثانية "مبادرة فطرة" التي استمرت خلال الشهر الفضيل لتسهم في تعزيز مفهوم الفطرة الإنسانية للطلاب و حمايتهم من الغزو الثقافي و الفكري الدخيل.

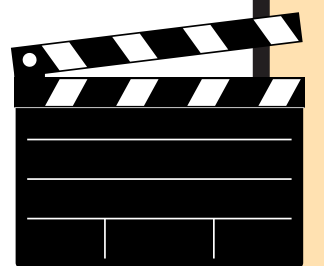




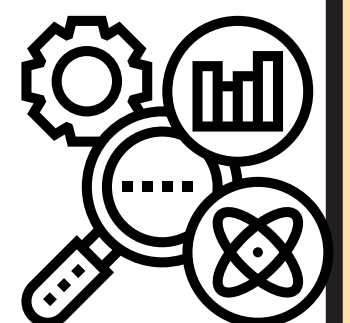
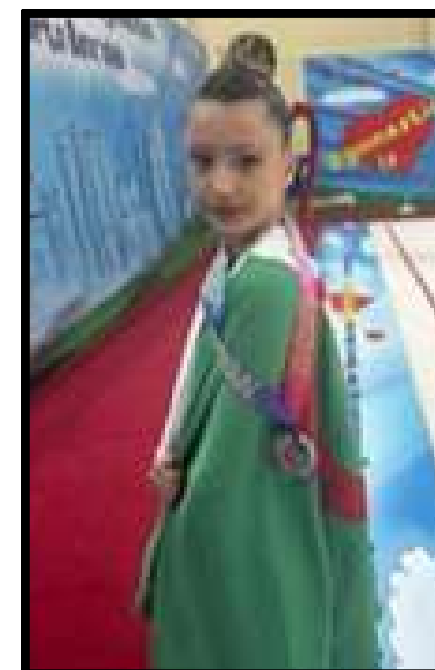
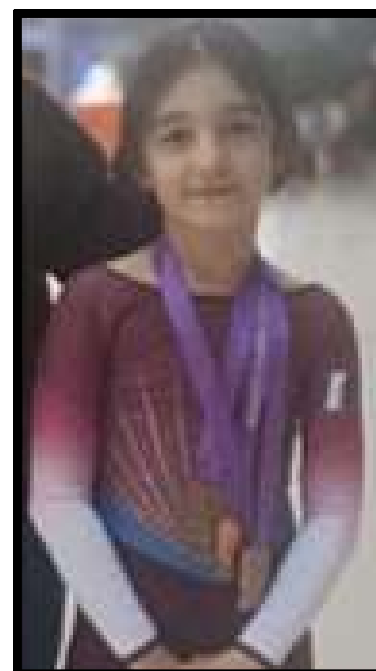
Celebrating the success of our G-E-M's who 'go the extra mile' when striving for excellence!



A huge congratulations to Yehia (7BR) and Hana (6M) Zineldin for being cast in a Doha Film Institute production directed by renowned Qatari filmmaker Nadia Al Khater! As part of the Qatari Film Fund, their work in the film named 'Light to Ashes' will be showcased on the international stage, reaching film festivals across Europe, the Middle East, and North America. We are incredibly proud of their talent and can't wait to see them shine on the big screen

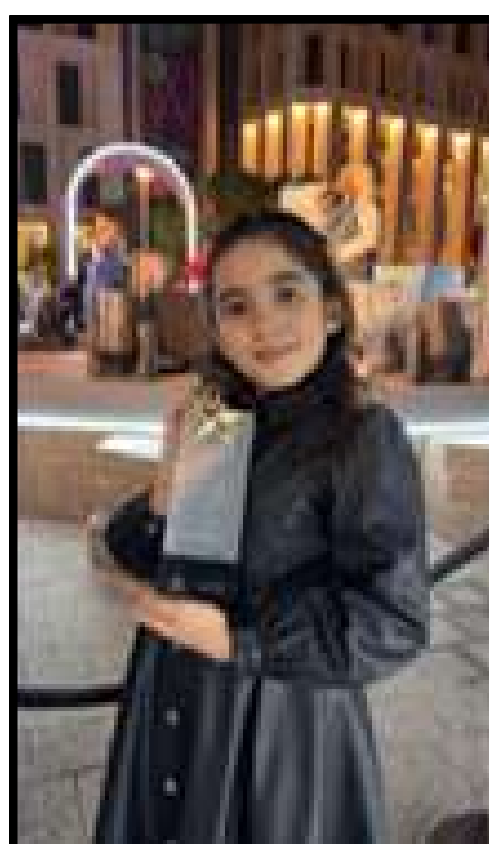
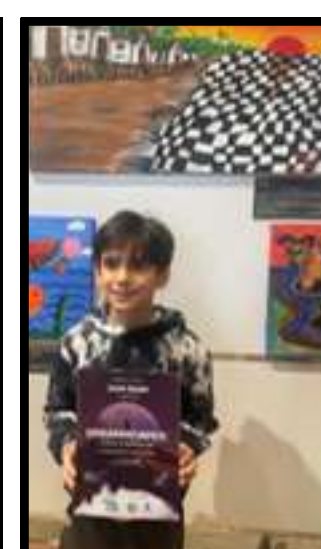
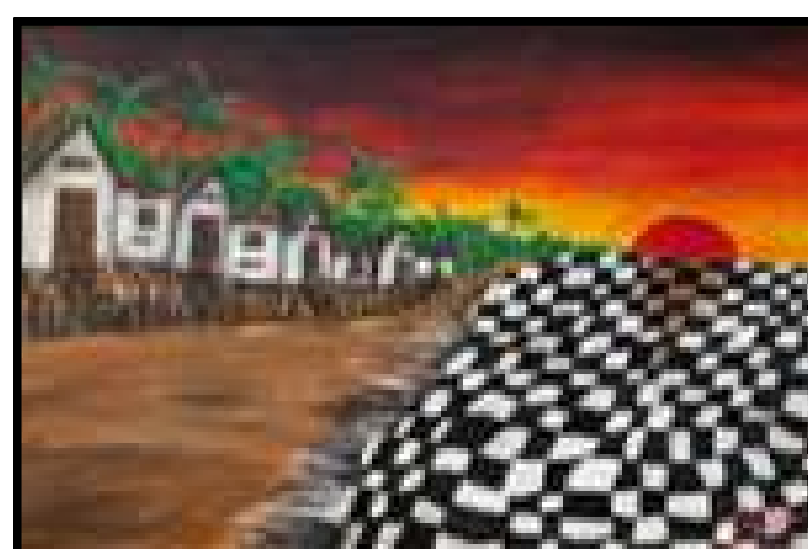


Dina Tareq Hani Kasht (4M) impressed us all by winning three bronze medals at the Friendship International Artistic Gymnastics Championship, proudly representing the Qatar Gymnastics Club. Meanwhile, Assirem Iamrache (5Y) showcased her talent in Azerbaijan, securing 2nd place in both free hand and hoop routines - congratulations to both for their outstanding achievements!



Andrew Samer Saad, Shafik Abdelmasih (5M), and Hamdan Mirza Bin Muhammed (6P) showcased their scientific expertise in the Dr. Jabr Memorial Inter-Newton Scientific Research Project Competition. A special congratulations to Hamdan for achieving first prize in the primary category for the second year in a row - an outstanding achievement!

Congratulations to Jude Sobh (5M) for showcasing his artwork at the IAID Academy Arts Exhibition at the Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Museum. His painting, *Where War Never Existed*, beautifully conveys a vision of peace, using a chessboard to symbolise conflicts that, in his imagined world, are never played - allowing harmony to flourish.



We are thrilled to celebrate Lamar Sobh (4B) for securing 1st place in the stage performance category of Msheireb Little Talents! Her outstanding talent and confidence on stage truly shone - an incredible achievement!



GIFTED AND TALENTED

Good
Job!!



This term, our gifted students showcased their brilliance at the Mind Masters Challenge at NBA Al Dafna, excelling in a range of Maths, spelling, and STEM challenges. Their hard work and dedication truly stood out!

Meanwhile, our talented Year 5 and 6 students demonstrated their athletic skills in an exciting house group sports competition at UDST. Competing in a variety of races and throwing events, they gave it their all, with Curie House emerging as the overall champions!

Congratulations to all our participants for their outstanding achievements!

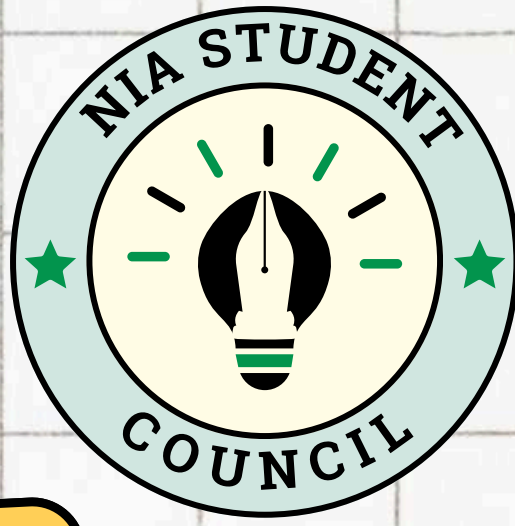


Parent Events



This term's highlight was the Community Iftar, a heartwarming event that brought families, students, and staff together in the spirit of Ramadan. With 132 parents in attendance, the evening was a true celebration of unity, generosity, and togetherness. A special thank you goes to our PTA for their incredible support in organising the event, and to the wider NIA Barwa community for making it such a memorable success.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



This term, our Student Leaders have demonstrated outstanding dedication to making NIA a more supportive and safe environment for all. Through their commitment and teamwork, they have led several meaningful initiatives that have had a positive impact across the school.



One of their key projects this term was the Ramadan Kindness Boxes, where they collected donations for charity, showing the true spirit of generosity and community. Their efforts helped provide essential items to those in need and encouraged a culture of giving within the school. Our Student Leaders have also been actively promoting NIA on social media, showcasing the fantastic things happening in our school and celebrating student achievements. Their efforts have strengthened school spirit and engagement within the wider community.

Working closely with our Little Leaders, they have helped nurture kindness throughout the school by supporting the Kindness Tree initiative. Their mentorship has encouraged younger pupils to recognise and celebrate acts of kindness, fostering a positive and caring atmosphere. Well-being and safeguarding continue to be a top priority, and our dedicated prefects play a vital role in ensuring that everyone feels safe and included during break times. Through the Buddy Programme, they make sure that no student feels alone, helping to build friendships and a sense of belonging among their peers. Our Library Prefects have also been a tremendous help in the school library, assisting with many different tasks and activities.

We are incredibly proud of our Student Leaders for their hard work and dedication. Their efforts this term have truly made a difference, and we look forward to seeing what they will accomplish next!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our Amazing Afterschool Clubs!

This term in our EYFS ECAs, the children have had a fantastic time exploring a variety of fun and engaging clubs! In STEM, they discovered the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics through hands-on experiments and challenges. In Arts and Crafts, they unleashed their creativity, making colourful masterpieces and learning new skills with different materials. Our Skills Building club focused on developing key life skills through playful activities, helping the children grow in confidence and independence. Finally, the Active Club got the children moving, improving their coordination and teamwork through fun physical activities. It's been an exciting term filled with learning, laughter, and lots of new experiences!

The Term 2 ECAs were a resounding success, bringing together students and staff in a dynamic range of activities that fostered creativity, teamwork, and new skills. From high-energy sports like Tag Rugby, Gaelic Football, and Cheerleading to more reflective pursuits such as Wellness Club, Yoga, and Arabic Calligraphy, there was truly something for everyone. Students also had the chance to engage in hands-on experiences with Makey Makey, build with Lego, and immerse themselves in storytelling. The academic booster sessions provided additional support, ensuring a well-rounded experience for all participants. The enthusiasm and dedication from both students and staff made this term's ECAs a memorable and enriching experience.

As we reflect on the fantastic engagement in Term 2, we eagerly anticipate an equally exciting lineup of ECAs in Term 3. With a continued commitment to providing diverse opportunities, we look forward to seeing students explore new interests and build on their talents. A big thank you goes out to our teachers and coaches for their passion and hard work, as well as to our students for their enthusiasm and participation. We can't wait to see what the next term brings!

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Accreditations & Awards

The Best Practice with Teaching Assistants (BPTAA) is an exciting national award that the school is hoping to achieve in the next 15 months. It provides a practical resource to support school improvement through best practice in leading the management and support of teaching assistants.



The core purposes that underpin the BPTAA are:

- To recognise and celebrate the invaluable, increasingly complex role of teaching assistants in supporting the teaching and learning and pastoral care of pupils.
- To evaluate, monitor and support the leadership, management and work of teaching assistants in order to maximise pupil attainment, achievement and well-being of pupils.

Recent research suggests that the potential of teaching assistants to improve achievement and attainment of pupils is only fully unlocked through strategic management of their work. Through completing this award, our school seeks to ensure that every member of the school community feels valued, safe and secure, and every member can achieve their potential in all areas of school life.

We would like to inform you of our commitment to achieving the award but also ask for any assistance that you might be able to provide to support us in furthering best practice. If you would like to discuss the BPTAA, please contact Sonia Santos – sonia.santos@nia-newtonschools.com.

With many thanks for your help,





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