



News and Updates

One of our highlights in EYFS this week was our Once Upon a Morning parent reading event. The children loved welcoming their parents into their classrooms and were excited to show them around, share their learning and introduce them to their friends. It was wonderful to see our classrooms filled with families reading, discussing books and enjoying stories together. A big thank you to all the parents who joined us and helped make the morning so special.



Year 1

It has been another busy week in Year 1! In English, the children continued learning about capital letters, punctuation and rhyming poems, exploring the features of poetry and creating storyboards. In Phonics, they enjoyed hands-on learning stations and practised building and reading words. In Science, they planted their own seeds and learned about what plants need to grow, while in Maths, they continued developing their understanding of place value within 10. The children also enjoyed sharing stories with their parents during our Once Upon a Morning event.

Congratulations to Skander from Year 1 Red, who has been enjoying learning new skills, including origami. He recently completed Level 1 of LEGO Robotics and received his certificates. Well done, Skander, on this wonderful achievement!





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Year 2

In Year 2, Adam has also been exploring origami and was excited to learn this new skill. He successfully completed Level 1 of LEGO Robotics and was very proud to receive his certificates. We are also pleased to celebrate a pupil from Year 2 Blue who participated in the Al Meera summer camp, and Rashid, who has started playing football after school at Aspire. It is lovely to hear about the children's interests and achievements beyond the classroom.



Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed our Once Upon a Morning event. The children were delighted to read with their parents and share some of their favourite books. These opportunities help strengthen the connection between home and school while encouraging children to see reading as an enjoyable shared experience.

Year 3

Year 3 also had a wonderful time welcoming parents into their classrooms. The children enjoyed sharing non-fiction books about the Stone Age and plants, linking their reading to topics studied this term. They were particularly enthusiastic about discussing our class novel, Matilda, which we have recently finished reading together.





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Year 4

This week, Year 4 welcomed parents to our Once Upon a Morning event and shared their learning from our English unit on historical fiction. The children performed their adapted stories and explained their choices of vocabulary and language features. There was also time for reading for pleasure and discussing ways parents can support their children's love of reading at home.



Year 5

In Year 5, we are proud to celebrate Mickey Okeyo, who is working hard to develop his football skills through training at the PSG Academy. His dedication, commitment and enthusiasm for the game are fantastic to see. We look forward to hearing about his continued progress and achievements.

Year 6

In Year 6, we are incredibly proud of Mohammed's football achievements. He currently plays as a first-team goalkeeper for Umm Salal Club, competing in official Qatar League youth-category matches. This is a wonderful achievement that reflects his hard work and commitment. We look forward to following his football journey as he continues to develop his skills.

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Our Senior Management Team continues to work closely with staff to strengthen teaching and learning across the school. This week's focus has included supporting professional development, reviewing classroom practice and ensuring that school procedures remain clear and effective. Through training, learning walks and ongoing discussions with teams, leaders are helping staff identify strengths and agree practical next steps for improvement.





Workshops

This week, Mrs Wilson, our F2 Team Lead, led a Talk for Writing CPD session for our EYFS and KS1 teams. The training explored each stage of the process, including how it should be reflected in lessons, classroom provision and displays. It was an informative afternoon that helped our new staff feel more confident and enthusiastic about using Talk for Writing in their classrooms.



The teams will meet again in two weeks to share what has been working well and explore the hook and imitation stages in greater depth. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for sharing her knowledge and expertise.

Our Principal, Mrs Dodds, also led writing CPD for KS2 teachers, supported by our Head of Primary, Mrs Elmalem. The session focused on the conditions that support excellent writing and how we can motivate children to become confident, engaged writers. Staff explored the importance of purposeful tasks, stimulating starting points, high-quality models and opportunities to discuss and rehearse ideas before writing. The training provided a shared focus for developing writing practice across KS2.



HR Updates

We continue to review and update our school policies and procedures, working closely with our MOE advisor, Mr Mubarak. Our current focus includes school bus and private car arrangements, with children's safety and security at the centre of this work.

We are reviewing supervision, collection arrangements and communication to ensure that procedures are clear and consistently followed. Any updated guidance will be shared with the relevant staff and families so that everyone understands their responsibilities and can support safe, orderly arrivals and departures.



Employee Accomplishments

This week, learning walks across EYFS and KS1 focused on phonics, looking at both lesson delivery and how classroom environments support children's learning. Leaders observed many examples of positive practice, alongside clear areas for further development. These observations will guide ongoing support and help strengthen consistency in phonics teaching across the school.



Our new librarian, Ms Marilou Anievas, has made a fantastic start at NBS Al Waab and is already raising the profile of the library among students, staff and parents. During our Once Upon a Morning event, she opened the library early to welcome families for a morning reading session. Her enthusiasm is helping make the library a welcoming space and encouraging children to explore books and develop their love of reading.

Achievements

Our Student Leadership Awards took place on Thursday, when we announced leadership roles across the school, including Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies. This was a special opportunity to recognise our pupils and celebrate the contribution they will make to school life.



Parents received handwritten invitations, and we were delighted to see the school gym filled with families celebrating their children's achievements. We look forward to supporting our new student leaders as they develop their confidence, represent their peers and take responsibility for helping our school community.

Congratulations to Wright House, our first House Cup winners of the year! Our two Year 6 Wright House Captains, Mohammed Omer and Nasser Faleh, proudly collected the cup on behalf of their house. Well done to all Wright pupils for their efforts and contributions —a fantastic start to the year!



MOE Updates

Our Arabic Department and class teachers are working together on the first MOE My Values focus, centred on anti-bullying. This provides an opportunity to reinforce kindness, respect and the importance of ensuring that every child feels included.

Last week, we held an Anti-Bullying Day, with children wearing odd socks to celebrate their differences. The day encouraged conversations about individuality, treating others with care and recognising how our words and actions affect those around us. These messages will continue to be reinforced through lessons and everyday interactions across the school.

Events

Our Once Upon a Morning reading and parent event was a wonderful success. It was fantastic to welcome parents across the school during the first lesson of the day. Families read stories, explored books and enjoyed seeing some of the wonderful work their children have produced.



The event celebrated reading while giving parents an insight into classroom learning. Thank you to our families for their participation and to staff for creating such a welcoming and enjoyable morning.

ECAs are now underway at NBS Al Waab, and the children have been enjoying activities including multi-sports, chess, art, drama and mathematics games. These sessions offer opportunities to explore interests, develop skills and build friendships beyond the classroom.

Academic ECAs are also providing targeted support for selected pupils in English reading and the three compulsory subjects. These sessions give children additional time to practise key skills, strengthen their understanding and build confidence.

