



Early Years Newsletter

A message from Miss Cindy, EYFS Coordinator



Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year! Firstly, we would like to say hello to the new children and families who have joined us.

This newsletter will keep you up to date with all the latest events that have happened over term one and will include information about staff, upcoming events, handy tips and general information.

I have been so impressed with how well the children have settled into their new school routines. I hope this continues throughout the next term as they gain more confidence.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy end of term vacation and I will see you on Sunday the 2nd January 2022.

Newton International School- Lagoon

Volume 1

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School Timings:

Early years will run from 7:00am to 12:30pm. Gate 4 will open from 6:45am to 7:10am. We ask that you arrive on time to drop off and collect your child. Thank you.



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This issue features the Red and Orange classes, next term we will feature the Purple, Yellow and Maroon classes. The Green and Blue classes will feature in the Term 3 issue.



Foundation 2 Red Class

Welcome to Foundation Two Red, we are a class filled with hugs, friendships and giggles.

My name is Miss Rachel and I am from Ireland, this is my third year both living and teaching in the beautiful city of Doha. Moving to Qatar was a huge decision for myself, leaving behind my family and friends, however I believe that I have created a new family with the children of Red Class and staff from Lagoon. I made the decision to become a teacher seven years ago and studied at St. Mary's University College Belfast. Teaching is a great passion of mine and my aim is to encourage the children to enjoy learning in my classroom every day.

Ms. Ira is from the Ukraine and has also been working for 3 years in Newton. She is an excellent teaching assistant and an asset to both me and the children. Together we strive every day to create a warm, welcoming and fun learning environment for all of the children.

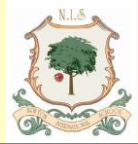
It is a continual pleasure to teach the children in Red Class, I have loved watching them grow and develop both as children and learners since the beginning of the year. This term I have seen the strengthening of beautiful friendships between the children, sharing, playing together and being kind to one another.



Since beginning school this year, we have had great fun and exciting times together. The children enjoyed celebrating 'Anti-Bullying Week; Odd Socks Day', expressing their ability to show kindness and compassion. Some of the children's favourite memory was also 'Pyjama Dress Up Day', because who doesn't love coming to school in your favourite pyjama's and snuggling down to watch a movie with popcorn at the end of the day?

This term we have been learning about 'People Who Help Us' as well as 'Space', it has been brilliant fun looking at people in our communities and their job and learning about the solar system and different planets in Space. We have learnt a lot of amazing new facts and wow words throughout both topics. Over the next few weeks we will begin a new topic of 'Authors and Stories' where we will look at different books and begin to retell the story in our own words.

I look forward to spending the remainder of the year with all the little darlings in Red class, supporting their learning in every way that I can possible.





Foundation 2 Orange Class

My name is Mariana Gomez Ahuad and I'm the Foundation 2 Orange teacher. I was born in sunny Cancun, Mexico and moved to Barcelona when I was 17 to go to college. I came to Qatar in 2013 and have been loving living here ever since. I have a Degree in Management, but deep down in my heart I always knew that what I really wanted to do was to become a teacher, so I did my post-graduate studies in Early Year's Education. I have been working as a nursery and Reception teacher for the past 7 years and this is my third year working for the Newton group. In my spare time I like to read, exercise, travel and go to the beach. My favourite food is Mexican food and I love doughnuts!

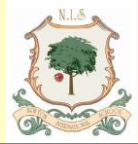
Ms. Joy, is my fabulous teacher assistant and she is from the Philippines. She has been living in Qatar with her husband for 9 years.

I love being an early years teacher. Since the first day of school, being part of this beautiful early years family has been bliss. Our class is made up of 23 friends who come from Qatar, Egypt, Venezuela, Palestine, Pakistan and Syria. They are all so friendly and kind to each other, always giving their best and there is nothing that makes me happier than seeing their proud faces when they have mastered a new skill or conquered a challenge. I'm so proud to be their teacher!

We have been through so many amazing adventures together this term. We thoroughly enjoyed the theme 'All about me', with lots of fun activities and especially the stories. Our favourite was Monkey Puzzle. We also had a blast with the theme 'Space', learning all about the different Planets. By the end, we'd had so much fun that we all wanted to become Astronauts! We also had lots of fun events this term like our Space dress up day, and Pyjama Day. We love having special days and we can't wait to have lots more opportunities to dress up and have fun next term!

I look forward to spending the remainder of the year with all my little darlings in Orange class, working and learning together.







Foundation 1 Red Class

Hi! I am Miss Cora and I am the teacher in F1 Red class. I am from England, and have been in Qatar for 4 years now and at Newton school for 2 years. I studied Psychology and Sociology at University and then did my PGCE to be a teacher in Early Years. Our wonderful classroom teaching assistant is Miss Yolanda, who has been working with Newton Lagoon for 5 years and has been in Qatar for 13 years! She is originally from Mozambique. Miss Yolanda is absolutely amazing and we are very lucky to have her in Red class. There is so much we love doing in Red class. Some of our favourite things are painting, playing in the sand and water tray and building towers with LEGO. We get so excited when it is our turn to play outside. We play with hula-hoops, space hoppers and balls, but our favourite game is duck-duck goose.



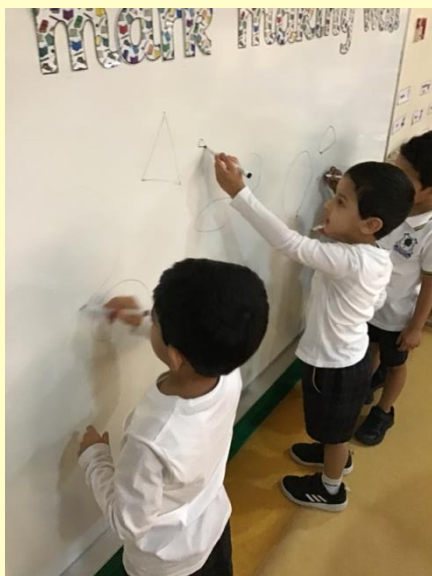
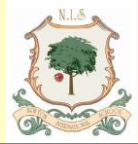
We have enjoyed our topic of Dinosaurs and the children are familiar with lots of different dinosaurs and can even name some of them! They love pretending to be different dinosaurs and seeing who can ROARRRR the loudest.

We have been learning lots of new sounds in Phonics and are really enjoying singing the songs that we are learning for each of the sounds.

If we HAD to choose our least favourite thing it would be snack time, because we just love playing so much that sometimes, we don't want to stop!

Each day in red class is fun and enjoyable. The children are so wonderful and have adapted to the school setting so well. They are making some fantastic relationships with their friends and it is so lovely to see them playing nicely together.

I hope everyone has a well-deserved and restful break. See you in 2022!





Foundation 1 Orange Class



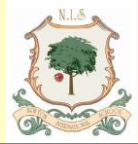
Welcome to Foundation One Orange Class. My name is Miss Anna and I am from Ireland. This is my first year teaching in Qatar and it has been a great start and wonderful first term in F1 Orange. I am enthusiastic about teaching and believe that education should be enjoyable and exciting.

Ms. Victoria is from Ghana and has been working at Newton for 5 years. She is an amazing and experienced teaching assistant with valuable skills. We work together to deliver excellent teaching and create a caring and safe environment for the children where they are fully supported.

The children have settled into school and our class well and have made good relationships with staff and their peers. It has been a pleasure to see the children progress in their learning throughout the term and they have engaged with lessons and enjoyed participating and getting involved in the class activities.

We have had lots of exciting Wow Days since the beginning of term including Math day where the children dressed up in outfits decorated with numbers and shapes and took part in lots of fun math activities such as creating shape monsters. The children especially loved Pyjama day where they got to watch a movie and eat popcorn in class. This term we have been learning 'All about me' and 'Dinosaurs'. The children have worked very hard and have learnt about different emotions, body parts, their family members, dinosaur habitats, diets, features and can recall lots of facts. Our next topic is about the 'Weather' where we will be looking at different seasons and weather conditions.

I look forward to the rest of the year in F1 Orange and seeing the children learn, grow and progress.





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Dates for your diary:

- ◇ Parents Phonics Work shop- TBC
- ◇ Parents Virtual meetings- 10th and 11th January 2022
- ◇ Arabic week – 23rd to 27th January 2022
- ◇ Mid-term break-6th to 10th February 2022

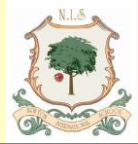


Miss Cindy's Handy Tip- Starting School:

You will have your own worries about your child returning to school after the holiday. These may have come from your own experiences of school or maybe based around fears about how your child is going to make that transition back to a school environment.

The chances are when you leave your child at school you will be very apprehensive and possibly tearful. Positive talking can go a long way!

Returning to school is a very exciting time and you can support your child's transition by supporting them at home through discussions and preparing them from being away from you.

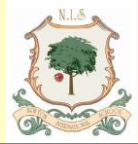


Healthy Living Month

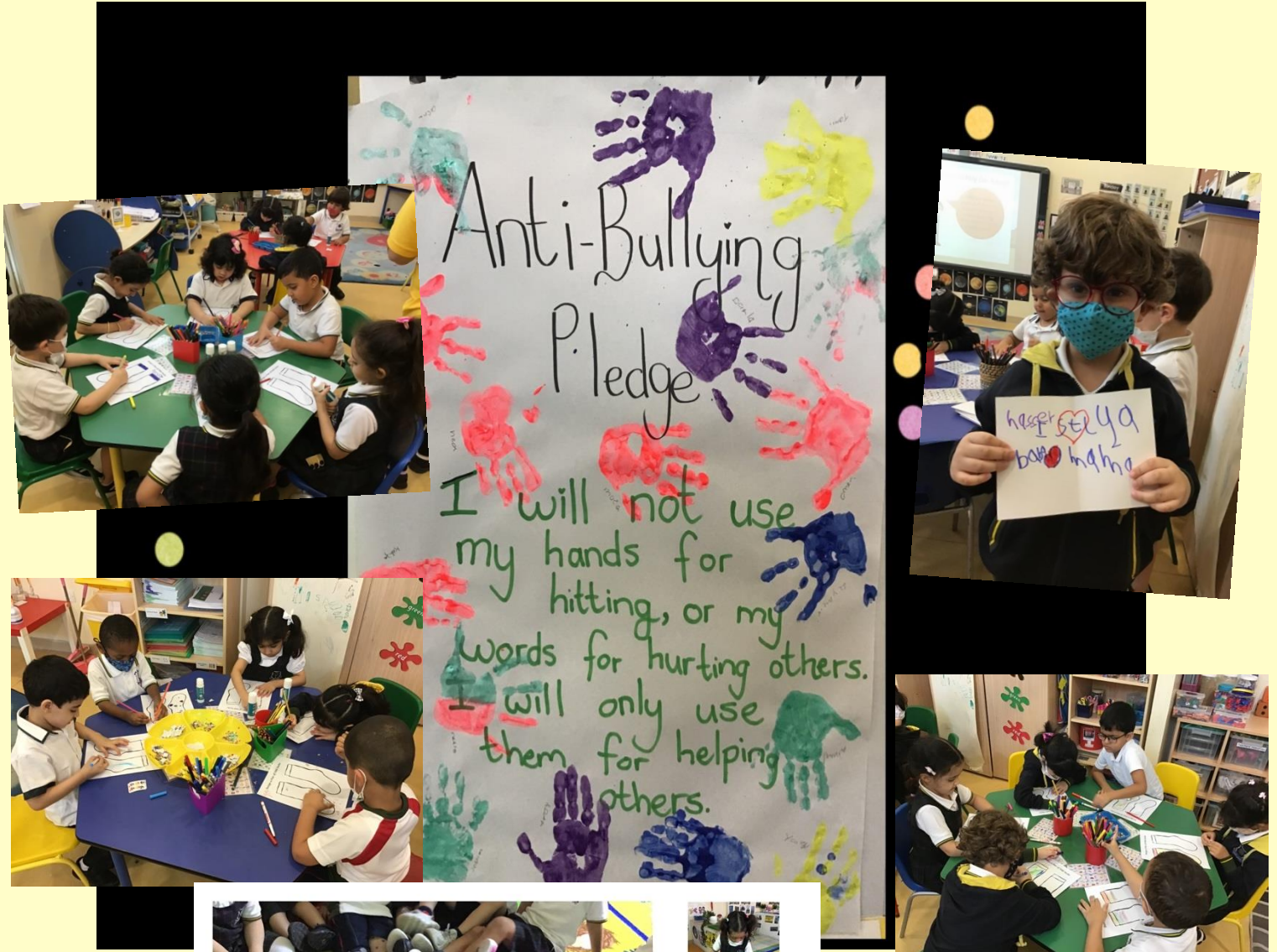


During Healthy Living Month, all classes learned about healthy foods and good hygiene like washing our hands properly!





Anti-bullying week



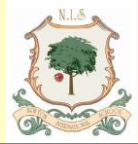
ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

ODD SOCK DAY



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During Anti-bullying week, classes learned about helping hands and being a good friend. We finished the week off with 'Odd sock day'.



Pyjama day



For Pyjama Day, students and teachers came to school in their pyjama's for a day of activities and reading. We even had some Secondary students come and read for us!

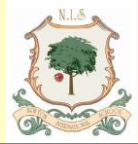


Foundation 1 Dinosaur Day



Foundation 1 had a lovely day being Dinosaurs and Paleontologist's after learning all about them this term.





Foundation 2 Space Day



Foundation 2 had an enjoyable day dressing up in Space outfits after learning all about Space this term.





Foundation One Team:

- ♦ F1 Red- Miss Cora & Miss Yolanda
- ♦ F1 Blue- Miss Aisling & Miss Marie
- ♦ F1 Yellow- Miss Sarah and Miss Rita
- ♦ F1 Green- Miss Fatima & Miss Mary-Ann
- ♦ F1 Orange- Miss Anna & Miss Victoria

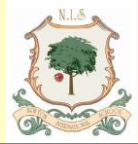
Foundation Two Team:

- ♦ F2 Red- Miss Rachel & Miss Ira
- ♦ F2 Orange- Miss Mariana & Miss Joy
- ♦ F2 Blue- Miss Lucy & Miss Aranetha
- ♦ F2 Purple- Miss Hannah & Miss Sherly
- ♦ F2 Yellow- Miss Jenny & Miss Djhoana
- ♦ F2 Green- Miss Jillian & Miss Josefina
- ♦ F2 Maroon- Miss Seanin & Miss Emely

Additional Staff:

EYFS Coordinator– Miss Cindy
F1 Team Leader– Miss Fatima
F2 Team Leader– Miss Rachel
EYFS Administrator– Miss Marah
Arabic Teacher -Miss Marah
Arabic Teacher - Miss Eyman
EYFS Nurse - Miss Pearl

Support Teaching Assistants– Miss Nileema & Miss Shayne



Sickness in School

It is very normal for children to become sick during the first few weeks of school. They are exposed to far more germs than normal. School children can get many colds during the school year along with other common illnesses including influenza, coughs and stomach viruses.

Organisms that cause these illnesses are easily spread in a large group of children. If one child goes to school with a viral illness, it doesn't take long for them to spread those germs to their classmates particularly if they cough without covering their mouth, use the restroom without washing their hands, or touch other children after touching their own face.

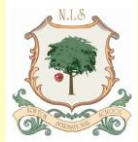
We have a very strict hand washing and clean classroom procedures in place and each class has their own 'Snuffle Station' with tissues, covered waste bin and anti-bacterial gel to encourage children to wipe their noses, dispose their tissues safely and clean their hands.

However, we do still have sick children coming to school when they clearly should be at home resting. Many parents tell us that their child 'wanted to come to school' and as much as we want children to be with us every day, coming to school when sick is not going to benefit the child, their friends or the teachers, all of whom will be exposed to viruses and germs.

If you have given your child medicine such as Panadol, then please keep them at home to rest because the medication will soon wear off and the child's fever or symptoms will return.

Your help on this matter is very much appreciated.





FEVER
A temperature of 100.4 or higher is considered a fever and your child should stay home.

MILD COLD
If there's no fever and the runny nose and cough isn't continuous, send them to school.

BAD COLD
If the cough doesn't improve after 4-5 days or there's trouble breathing, keep him home and see your doctor.

SORE THROAT
Minor sore throat usually isn't a problem and may just be part of a cold, virus or even irritation.

VOMITING & DIARRHEA
If your child is vomiting or having diarrhea, they shouldn't be in school.

EYE TROUBLE
If your child has goopy, colored eye discharge check with your pediatrician before sending him to school.

RASH
If the rash isn't bothering your child and he has no other symptoms, it's OK to send him to school.

How to know if your child is TOO SICK for school

TODAY Parenting team sponsored by Johnson's

Source Dr. Tanya Altmann



The benefits of regular school attendance:

All parents want the best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life.

Exposure to the English language: Regular school attendance can also help students who are learning English by giving them the chance to master the skills and information they need more quickly and accurately even in other subjects!

Being part of the school community: Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

The importance of education: Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success.

