



NIA TODAY

Principal's Message *Paul Williamson*



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Dear Parents,

After a long and difficult Term 1, I would like to say THANK YOU to each of you! Our parent community has faced many challenges during this term, and I cannot thank you all enough for your support. I believe we are extremely fortunate to call our NIA community home!

Our children have coped incredibly well with all the changes they have had to face in school, moving through 30, 50 and eventually 100% attendance. They have stayed in their bubbles and protected each other, their families and their local communities impeccably. They have followed all the covid protocols that have been asked of them and they have coped with missing their friends from other bubbles.

I encourage each of you to reach out to our teachers and support staff to thank them for their efforts this term. Our staff works tirelessly to provide amazing learning opportunities.

They work long hours to make sure that questions are answered, grades are updated, and lessons are prepared. I am so proud to be a part of this team.

During the break my wife and I are travelling home to Australia to spend some much-needed time with our three daughters and extended family. We are extremely grateful that we have been able to have our three covid vaccinations here in Qatar and are now able to travel again.

School will resume on 2nd January, and Term 2 will be relatively short. I trust that you all have a restful winter holiday, and that you celebrate Qatar National Day in style. I hope that you take some time to look through our Term 1 Newsletter and see all that we achieved.

Sincerely,

Paul Williamson

Deputy Principal's Message

Nadia January



Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to end Term 1 on a successful note despite the ongoing challenges of COVID-19. I would like to thank all staff and students for working hard and always striving to give their very best. It is clearly evident in the end of term results. Thank you parents for your ongoing support of your child's education and to the development of the school.

NIA is very proud of the outstanding work students have produced this term across all key stages. This certainly highlights the school's vision 'An international community of learners striving for excellence and celebrating success'.

Our School Objectives to achieve the Vision and Mission is very clear:

1. To provide a modern, diverse and academically sound education in a safe, supportive environment that encourages self-discipline and confidence.
2. To ensure that teaching and learning is meaningful and provide a challenge for all learners.
3. To promote a sense of community in the school so that students, parents and staff develop a sense of belonging and work in partnership to achieve our vision and mission.

لدى نيوتن رؤية ورسالة محدّدة ، وأهداف مدرسية لتحقيق الرؤية والرسالة.
1. توفير تعليم حديث ومتنوع وسليم أكاديميًا في بيئة آمنة وداعمة تشجع على الانضباط الذاتي والثقة.
2. التأكد من أن التعليم والتعلم لهما مغزى ويشكلان تحديًا لجميع المتعلمين.
3. تعزيز روح المجتمع في المدرسة، بحيث يطور الطلاب وأولياء الأمور والموظفين شعورًا بالانتماء والعمل في شراكة لتحقيق رؤيتنا ورسالتنا.

We are looking forward to an exciting Term 2 and further plans to improve our academic results. Parent Meetings are taking place in January. Teachers are eager to share feedback on the development of your child. We should take the opportunity of this holiday to relax and enjoy with family and friends.

I wish all families and staff a safe journey to their holiday destination and a safe return. For those staying in Qatar, enjoy the lovely Qatar National Day celebrations, rest well and continue to implement social distancing and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Nadia January



Newton

International Academy Barwa City



Head of Secondary's Message

Dr Tereza Woolgar

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased and proud when looking back over this term, the start of a new academic 2021-22. Despite Covid 19 precautionary measures still upon us and despite the collective physical and emotional fatigue caused by eighteen months of enduring global pandemic, NIA Secondary continue to grow and excel.

We are very happy to have all of our students back in school for face to face lessons and finally see how much we have grown in the last two years, now having almost 900 students and being the largest Secondary school in the Newton group.

Our seniors continue with their journey to success, achieving pleasing grades in Mock 1 exams and focusing on their Mock 2 exams and external January exams in the start of Term 2. They are also busy applying to a wide range of universities worldwide and I have no doubt that each one of them will be at least as successful as their friends in previous years.

Our Year 7-10 students worked very hard towards their end of term exams and bridged all any any gaps they had due to online learning. All students continue to develop their knowledge of Arabic and learn about Qatar whilst becoming Global citizens and learning about our school values fulfilling the school vision and mission in everything they do.



NIA Secondary student leadership have taken a very proactive and creative lead searching for ways of making our school life more colourful again without breaking Covid 19 precautionary measures. I am also very happy to see so many parents being more engaged with school life, answering our surveys, joining our Google classrooms Parental workshops and attending Zoom online progress meetings.

We also continue with the preparations for TEDx 2022, Debating competition and MUN conferences. Also, other ECAs such as the chess club starting to return for our students as an additional enrichment to their academics. This term alone we also organised Anti-bullying and IT safety week, Healthy eating week, Careers week, Road safety awareness, Languages week, International Day and Environmental week and numerous House competitions. NIA Secondary have also joined Eco-schools. Well done!

Thank you all NIA Secondary staff for your hard work this term and well done to all of our students - you have certainly made excellent progress this term. I wish everyone an enjoyable winter holiday.

Sincerely,

Dr Tereza Woolgar





PREFECTS



HEAD BOY

Talha Shahzad

Term 1 has been very productive and successful due to the valiant efforts of the Prefect Body and Student council. We have carried out numerous activities and events such as the annual Newton Breast Cancer Awareness Week, where the student body came in their pink outfits to promote the importance of this month. In addition to that, generous donations were collected from students and teachers which were transferred to charities and towards Breast Cancer. Furthermore, break duties have been outstanding and despite the shaky start, I believe we have all adapted quite well to the Covid pandemic; ensuring safety as well as positive results. To conclude, I am very proud of our Prefect Body's performance and I hope that we will continue to strive for even greater excellence for future events. Well Done!



HEAD GIRL

Aljori Mashhadi

As the Head Girl at NIA 2021-2022, it is impossible to ignore the success of this year's academic start. Both students and teachers have enjoyed numerous events and activities that we, as the student leadership team, have had the pleasure to organize. Events such as languages week have allowed us to create a special connection amongst students of different backgrounds and cultures. Therefore, we were able to reinforce such a bond, all by strictly following COVID-19 sanitary measures. Many programs have also been introduced such as the buddies program, which is created specifically by the heads of the Student Council for the relationship that students of the sixth form have created with younger ones. Nevertheless, raising awareness about breast cancer is also as vital as any other event, thus, such occasion has been gladly celebrated by many students, such as having a photo booth and spreading the word on such disease. Lastly, I would like to hugely thank all prefects and members of the Student Leadership team at NIA for all the hard work that has been done this year to create an amusing and positive environment at school despite the sanitary difficulties.

During my interview, I introduced the daily announcements, where the prefects within the school would announce random interesting facts and facts about the events happening throughout the week, here, are some pictures showing how the announcements are shared throughout the school. The reason behind the daily announcements is that by the end of the school day, the students would be able to memorise the fact for the rest of their lives since it's not compulsory as well as that they will be hearing the announcements during both of their breaks. In the past few weeks, I have helped both the partnership committee and the press team by taking part in the breast cancer awareness week, which was by making the ribbons and handing them out to all of the secondary year groups along with taking photographs of the students wearing them. I also took photographs of the students completing the activities and while viewing the presentation. Other than the breast cancer week, I have also helped during the Maths week and Environmental week. In the environmental week, I participated in collecting plastic water bottles along with the donations that has been collected to plant trees. In the future, I am willing to take part in the events which will be held in the school. I would also try to come up with new and fun ideas to help the students to love school. - Lolwa

DEPUTY HEAD BOYS

Anis Nadim
Hassan Ali Al-Haddad

DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS

Amel Ali
Lolwa Abdulla Al-Faddalah



STUDENT COUNCIL

It has been such a pleasure working with the student council and the prefect body to organise and take part in multiple activities over the term. Throughout languages week students had brought in healthy lunches and the students with the healthiest lunches had received a healthy eating award. It was gratifying to see that our students understood the importance of eating healthy as shown by their eagerness to bring healthy lunches every day. During languages week the students had a blast partaking in a Kahoot Quiz during break times. They learnt about different Flags of the World and various little-known facts about different countries from all over the world. Breast cancer awareness week had been a very wholesome week as students showed their support for breast cancer patients by wearing pink masks and ribbons as well as writing supportive messages to cancer patients. All of this has helped to spread awareness about breast cancer; I am happy to have been a part of such a fulfilling event. Maths week has been another exciting week as students participated in multiple activities while learning about the history of mathematics and the people that created it. It has been such an eventful term and look forward to a livelier term 2 as we have more activities planned. See you then! - James



This term has been filled with numerous activities created by the students' leadership body, and it has been an absolute pleasure of mine to have contributed to the process of making it happen. As the head of the partnership committee, I have tried my best to come up with fun and enjoyable activities for all year groups, despite being bound by the COVID-19 health and safety restrictions. During languages week, prefect buddies carried out language-related games with their classes such as tongue twisters, map guessing and even language matching! Breast cancer awareness week has been another major part of this term. It has been very wholesome seeing letters, written by our students to be given to a cancer hospital, motivating cancer patients and praising them for being the survivors they are. Furthermore, we have had PowerPoint presentations created, pink ribbons handed out and many posters designed, all to raise awareness about breast cancer. What an eventful term it has been! -Rowan

HEADS OF HOUSES

HEAD OF BELL

Marwa Abubaker
Muhammad Salman Shuaib

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AlMeira Nadiraputri

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STUDENT COUNCIL

HEAD OF STUDENT COUNCIL (BOYS)

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Aisha Nisar **Biology**
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Laila Al Haddad **Geography**
Angeline Abril Clavijo **History**
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Shaymma Alansari **Travel & Tourism**
Rakesh Rajesh
Reem Elsadig **Business & Economics**
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Azwa Junaid **French**
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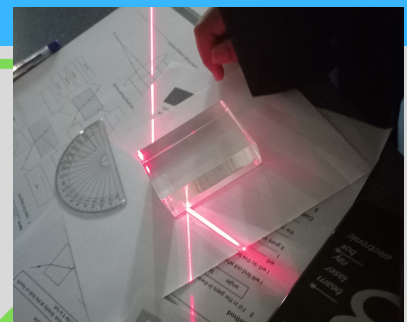
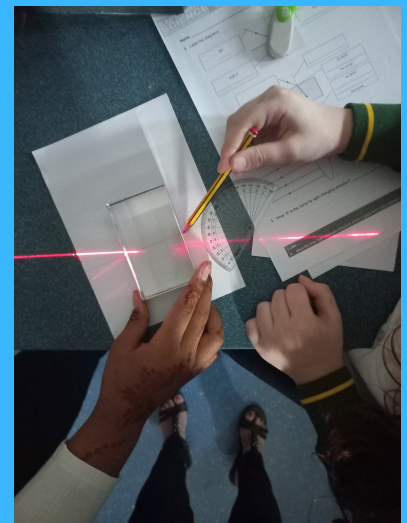
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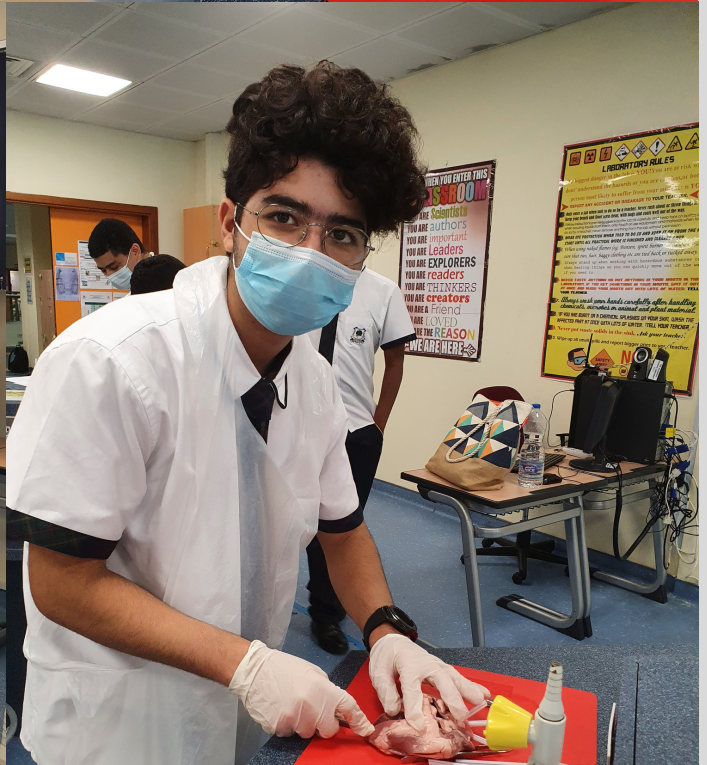
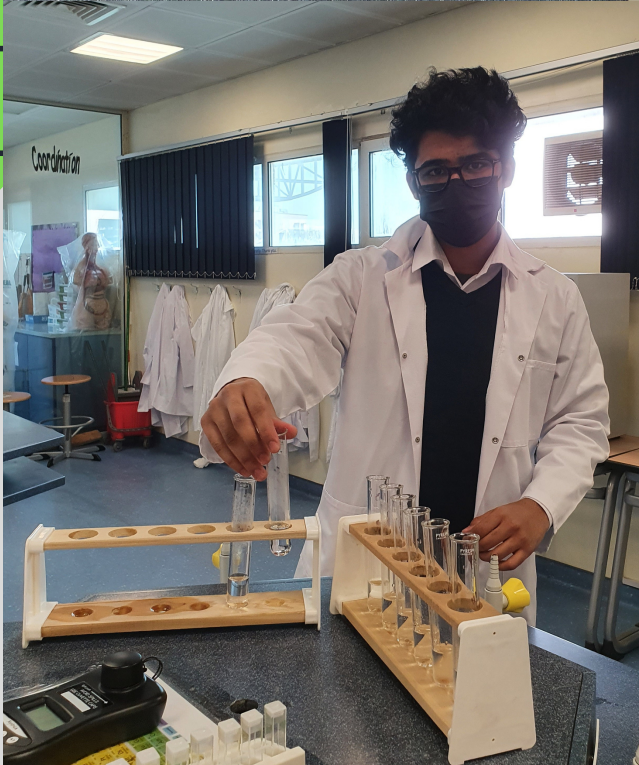
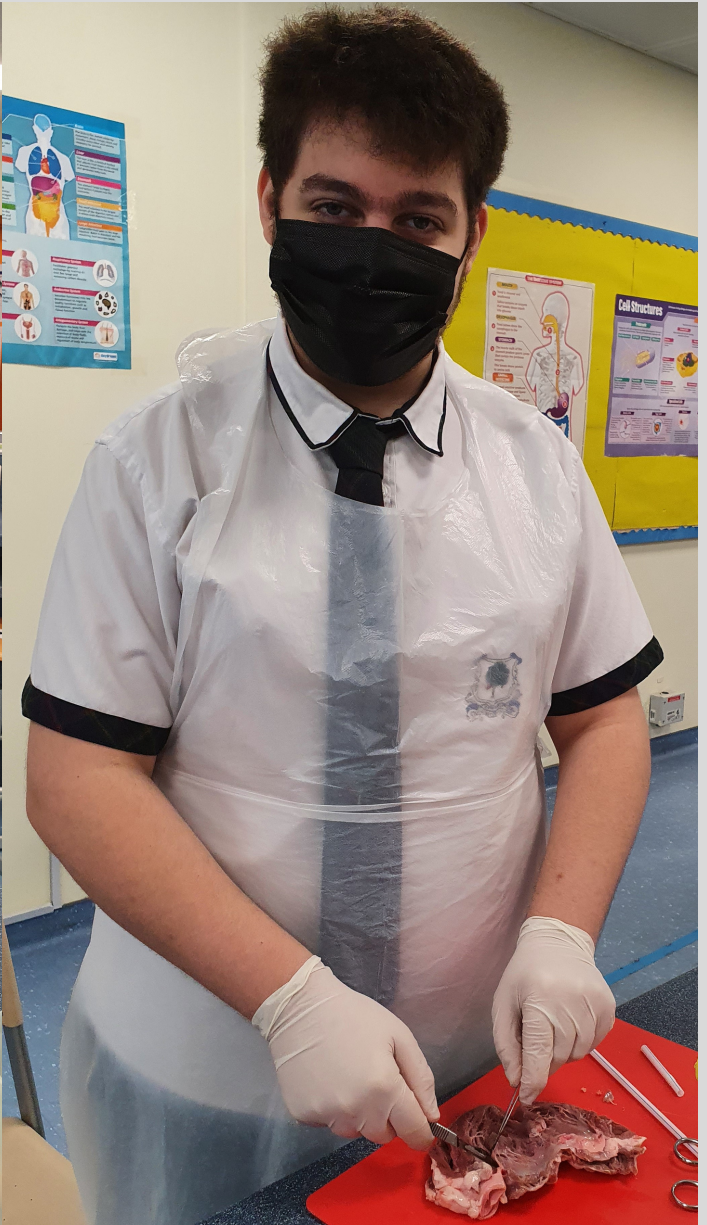
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SCIENCE

The KS3 science teachers were delighted to return to the laboratory this term. Whilst always complying with COVID-19 safety regulations, we were able to conduct various scientific investigations. The students had an opportunity to plan and execute various experiments to develop their understanding of some concepts, and even to prove some rules. The students were introduced to the lab with general safety procedures and learned how to plan a fair and reliable investigation. They did investigations related to states of matter, whilst others got the opportunity to work with light ray boxes to prove the Law of Reflection. We appreciate being back in the lab and look forward to many more next term.





Maths Week

We have had another successful and fun Maths Week for this academic year. We had our highest number of students participating in activities throughout the week.

All students across the school completed a maths quiz during tutor lessons at the beginning of Maths Week. They completed these in their house groups and gained a lot of points for each house. Curie was in the lead of Maths Weeks from the first day.

The students got very excited and eager to complete in team quiz challenge during their break time. Competing in houses they got very competitive and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We also had a Murder Mystery where students worked in a team decoding evidence to find the guilty person!

The Treasure Hunt was very popular with our Year 8 students who hurried around the school collecting clues to the next destination and solving math problems. During lesson time, the Treasure Hunt was completed as part of their active learning activities.

The English Department had a very interesting debate about why Maths is important in life. The Year 8 students were so engaged and made very good arguments for this discussion, all in favour of Maths being important, of course! It was great for me as Maths HOD to engage and join in on this debate. We incorporated P4C and cross-curricular activities during Maths Week!

A large number of points were collected throughout the week with students getting competitive and eager to have their house come out on top. Curie came out on top as Maths Week Champions with 249 points. 1st place Curie- 249 points. 2nd place Wright- 193 points. 3rd place Edison – 186 points. 4th place Bell – 172 points.

Well done to all students who participated and thank you for another successful Maths Week at NIA.

Ms Sinead McGilloway





Maths Week

From November 7- 11, I assisted Ms Sinead with organizing activities for the students to have fun and collect house points from. I also created a poster regarding the activities that were going to be played during the whole week, which was pasted around the school to alert students to join them.

On Sunday, during the tutor session, there was a Kahoot that was being played in every class with the help of the teachers. The students were being very competitive with each other which is a good thing to develop a sense of triumph within them.

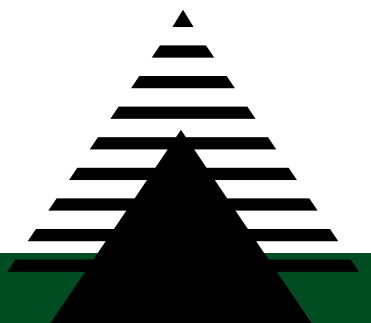
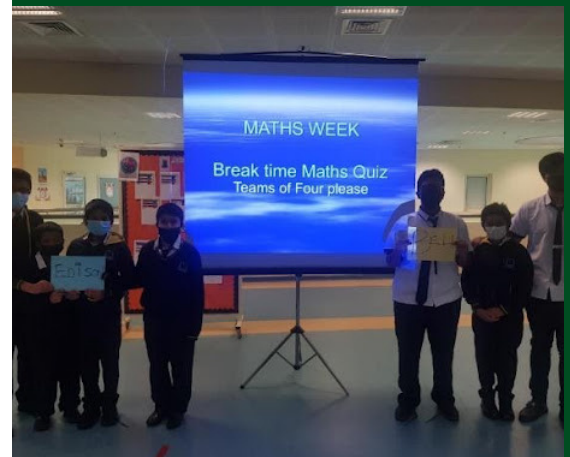
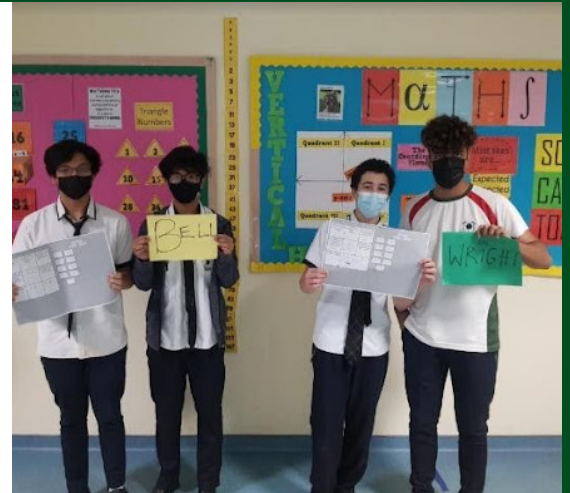
On Monday we had Math quizzes on the girls' side, which was assisted by the prefects and some seniors.

On Tuesday we had the same activities but on the boys' side. On both days, with the help of the teachers and seniors, the event went by smoothly and neatly so both the invigilators and the students enjoyed it.

On Wednesday, we had challenging math quizzes for the seniors to participate in. As a senior myself I also participated and had ample fun with the activities.

On Thursday, we had a day full of luck for kids to guess the number of sweets in a jar. I was surprised that they guessed very close to the correct number of sweets, but no one had managed to guess the exact number. While I was helping the kids around during the breaks, I noticed that they were having a lot of fun, expressing their mathematical abilities. I was very fond of this as students are generally scared towards mathematics, however, Ms Sinead has developed a fun and entertaining way of bringing the knowledge into the students' scope. In the end, it was a wonderful week that could have only been accomplished with the help of my friends and teachers which I am thankful for.

By Mohammed Dani



LANGUAGES WEEK

With the Spotlight on International Day

A week of CELEBRATION!

BY ALJORI MASHHADI

La semaine des langues est de retour, cette année elle était encore plus spéciale, c'était un bonheur de revoir tous les élèves à l'école. Pour célébrer leur retour et la semaine des langues, on a organisé chaque jour des activités qui les intéresseraient pour s'amuser dans cette semaine exceptionnelle. Le « Student Leadership Team » a organisé des activités aux élèves avec le département français afin de créer un environnement intéressant et amusant à l'école. Donc bravo à tous les élèves qui ont travaillé dur pendant cette semaine merveilleuse !

Language week is back and this year is even more special, it is wonderful to see all the students at school again. To celebrate their return and Languages Week, activities are organized every day that will surely amuse them in order to have fun in this exceptional week. The student leadership team, along with the French department have organized activities that allowed students to create a strong bond and connection with each other through different activities such as tongue twisters, kahoot and many others on zoom. Thus, despite the difficulties we faced during COVID-19, we have tried our best to provide a safe and amusing environment for students to enjoy languages week. A huge well done to all prefects and heads that have worked hard to provide this!





By Azwa Junaid

As a French prefect, for language week my French class and I planned to make a French video based on zoom. So we made the scripts and acted it out together on Zoom.

I acted as the teacher where I taught the students French grammar and the only rule in the class was to communicate in French and not English, and if any student did, they disappeared from the zoom. In the end, to finish it off when there was only one student left, the teacher accidentally spoke English herself, and then also got kicked out.

I'd like to thank the class for making this happen and successful, as we really enjoyed ourselves as well.

Being part of the environmental committee as a prefect, I created some art pieces and quotes to display on our environmental board on the girls' side, to fill it up. I also decorated our recycling box for our class 11GB. Furthermore, I added a few seeds in our vertical garden to regrow the dead plants.



Art

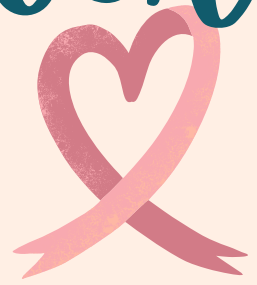
IN TERM ONE



INTERNET SAFETY



Breast Cancer Awareness



By Dajwa Saad

Breast Cancer is a disease in which cells inside the breast get extensive growth out of control and create a mass called a tumour. The risk of this disease increases with an increase in weight and age. Symptoms of breast cancer include a feeling lump in the breast, experiencing breast size change, and observing skin changes on your breast. There is a dire need for awareness campaigns of breast cancer. I have had the pleasure to arrange an event for breast cancer awareness in collaboration with Dunia, Malak E, Zakia, Ayaa, and Hassan A. Initial funding for the event was collected from grade 12 students. Small pink packings were made, including cake pops, truffles, and popcorns were sold at the event. Each package was sold at QAR15, and refreshing juice was served for QAR7. The participants were coming and were marking their thumbs for acknowledging their knowledge about breast cancer. The revenue generated from these packings was donated to the Qatar Charity Organisation working for the awareness of Breast Cancer.



CAREERS DAY

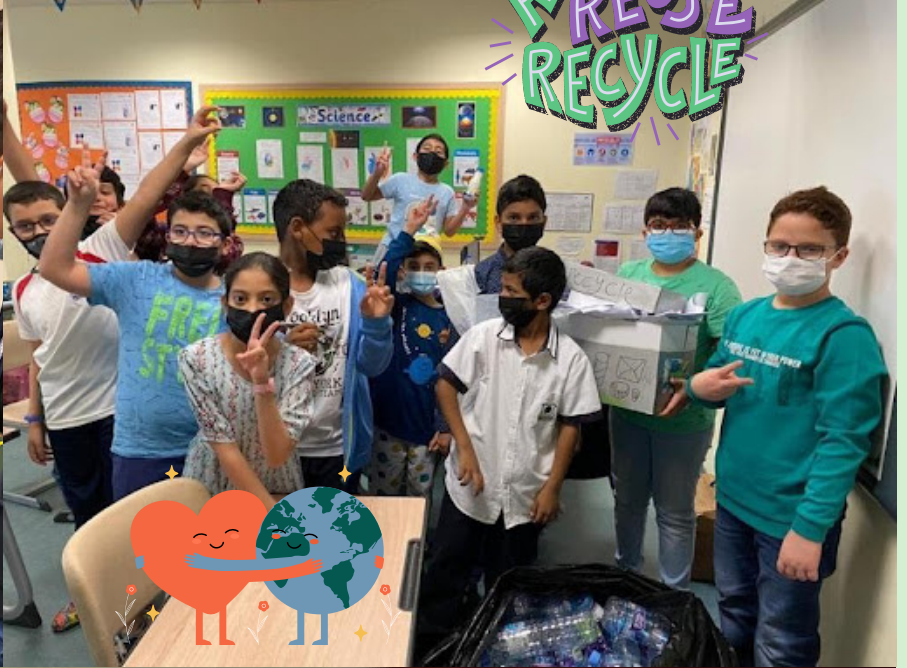


ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK

By Amel Ali

The Environmental Week was a pleasure to organise and run. There were many competitions held during this week such as; which class recycled the most plastic bottles, and which class had the most creatively-decorated box for recycling paper. Not forgetting to mention the break activities that Primary enjoyed very much! This week would not have been as successful without the help of the environmental committee, Ms Sorcha, and of course the students. It is so heartwarming to see my fellow students so enthusiastic about conserving our planet, and I hope that together we can make NIA a greener school!





EMPOWER 2021

Young Global Citizens Co-Create Culture



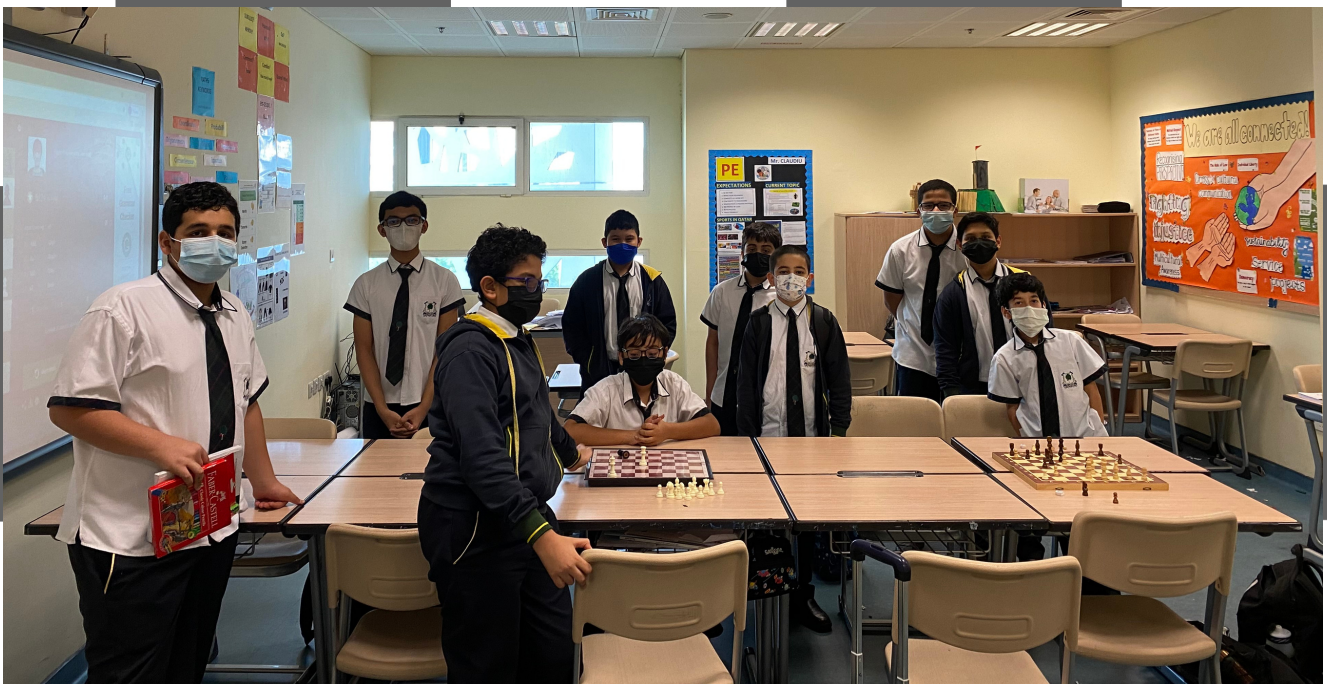
NIA's very own Priscilla Agbozo in Y11, and other youths performed an opening skit on how our cultures have been interconnected focussing on loan words, accents and dialects from each nation and how it affected their history and development today.

Our students had the honour of performing in front of HE Shaikha Mayassa Bint Hamad Al Thani, HE Lolwa Al Khater, The Minister for Youth HE Salah Al Ali, Director of Doha International Family Institute Shaikha Al Emadi, Director of UNESCO Gulf region and Yemen Anna Paolini, and a large part of Qatar's Ambassadorial Corps.



CHESS

club



Qatar National Day



Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani

Il s'appelle Cheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, il est né le 12 Juin 1960, il a 41 ans et est l'ami de l'état du Qatar et c'est le commandant supérieur des forces armées. Après que son père, Cheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, a abdiqué le 25 juin 2013.

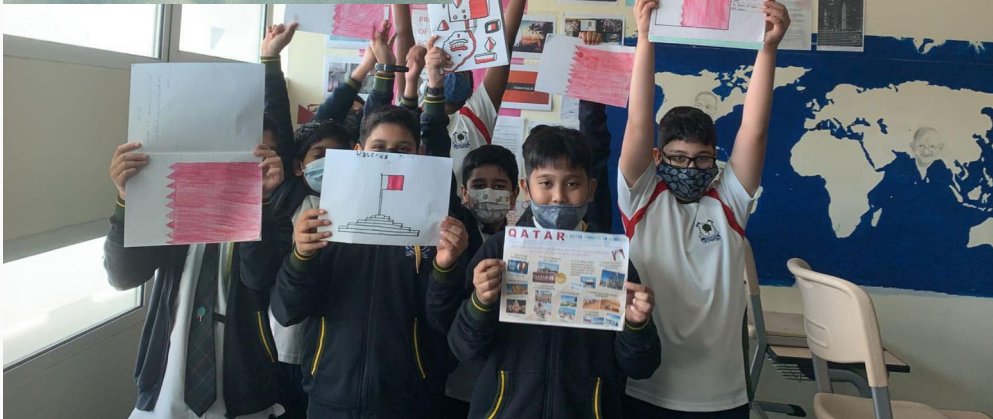
Tamim a occupé plusieurs postes gouvernementaux au Qatar et c'est à l'avant-garde des efforts du Qatar pour promouvoir le sport et un mode de vie sain dans le pays. Tamim est le plus jeune dirigeant du Conseil de coopération du Golfe.

Cheikh Tamim a les yeux marron foncé et les cheveux noirs et un visage marron clair.

Les activités les plus visibles de Tamim au cours de ses 10 années en tant que prince héritier concernent sa direction des efforts du Qatar pour renforcer sa stature internationale en attirant de grands événements sportifs et en acquérant des équipes sportives de haut niveau. Il a été président du comité d'organisation des Jeux asiatiques de 2006, qui se sont tenus au Qatar, et a dirigé avec succès la candidature du pays pour accueillir la Coupe du monde de football 2022. Il a également eu l'honneur de travailler pour le Qatar club de football du Paris Saint-Germain.

Il est le quatrième fils de Cheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani et le deuxième fils de Cheikh Moua Al Mansour, le deuxième émir de Hamad. Il a obtenu son certificat d'études secondaires à la Sherborne School au Royaume-Uni en 1979 après JC, puis a étudié à la Royal Military Academy de Sandhurst, dans le sud de l'Angleterre, en 1980 après JC. C'est le plus de l'Arabie, il parle couramment l'anglais et le français.

By: Joudi 7GB

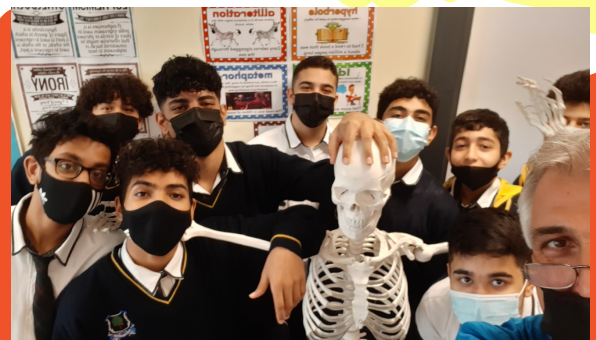
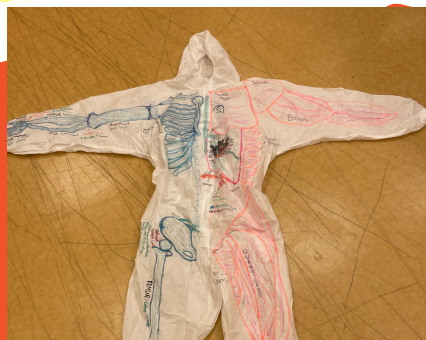


PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT NIA SECONDARY

By Claudiu Pitigoi, Head of PE

Term 1 of this academic year has continued to bring new challenges as well as new perspectives for PE at NIA, for both students and teachers. Even under the same COVID 19 conditions and restrictions regarding physical activities, our experienced teachers have prepared and delivered high standard lessons across the Secondary school.

As far as our subject is concerned, our students performed very well in terms of academic achievements, tasks completion, exam results and implication in different individual physical activities. The Theory lessons brought new information to our students regarding different sports such as Football, Basketball, Baseball, Mountaineering, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Equestrian Sports and orienteering. They were excited and interested to learn about sports history, basic rules and regulations, interesting facts, major world competitions and outstanding athletes.





For the online Practical lessons, our teachers have prepared interesting, useful and accessible Fitness Circuits and physical routines so our students could stay physically engaged even when at home. For the Practical lessons in school, which we resumed after the midterm break, the students enjoyed working on Football and Basketball individual skills.

In terms of GCSE-PE, our students worked hard during their lessons this term. They have prepared very well for the exams so now we could see some outstanding results in both Ends of Term 1 and Mock 1 exam.

Congratulating our students, their supportive parents, our teachers and the school managers, we can only hope that Term 2 will bring us all close to normality soon, so we can see our talented and skilled students competing again and proudly representing NIA in different competitions across the State of Qatar.



**Virtual Marathon
Qatar Olympic Committee Award Ceremony**