

# *Newton International Academy* **SMASH**



## **NIA News**

December 2021

### **Message from the Principal - Mr. Luke Peacock**

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy term 1 at Newton International Academy SMASH. The school has grown a lot since last year and we are happy to now have our first Year 10 cohort who will study for their IGCSE's over the next two years.

With the easing of Covid restrictions and the announcement of full time learning in October there have been a lot of changes this term which our students and teachers have adapted to admirably, resulting in an environment that people have felt safe in and allowed good learning to flourish throughout the school.

This term we have been able to put on several events throughout the school such as Healthy Eating Week, Road Safety Day, Anti Bullying Week and World Philosophy Day which you will be able to read about in more detail over the coming pages! I must say that my favourite day this term so far has been the Inter-House Competition which took place last month, it was great to see students participating in academic competitions in order to win points for their houses. We hope to extend this to sporting activities and other competitions next term, a thriving house system is an integral part of school life and it is something that I am personally eager to develop here at NIA Smash.

Finally, I would like to thank all the teachers and students for their hard work and dedication this term which has been another very successful term for Smash. I would also like to thank you the parents for continuing to support the school and I hope you all have a restful winter break. I look forward to seeing all the students back on January 2nd for the term 2.

Yours Sincerely,

Luke Peacock



# Foundation 1

We had a very busy Term 1 with lots of exciting events and activities.

## All About Me



We started the year with the topic All About Me. We settled into our new classes and got to know each other. We learned about our families, our bodies and our senses.

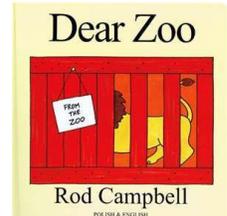
## Superhero day

We all enjoyed dressing up as our favourite superheroes to support anti-bullying week. We also created posters, made a paper chain of kind words and made friendship bracelets to give to our friends.



## Dear Zoo

We have been reading and learning all about the book Dear Zoo. If you ask your child, they will be able to read the story to you, all by themselves!





## Animals Topic

We have enjoyed learning all about different animals. We have looked at farm animals, zoo animals, dinosaurs, animals under the sea and mini beasts. We have learned their names, where they live and have created lots of art work.

## International Day

We have been learning all about different countries and their traditions. We all dressed up in our national dress.

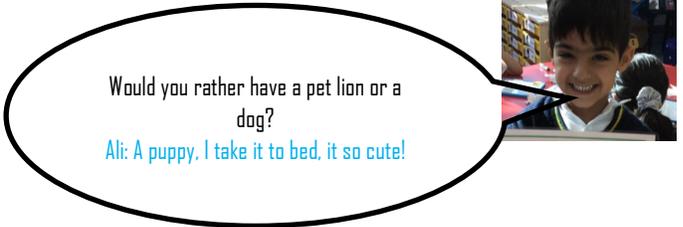


## Philosophy 4 Children



Would you rather ride a spaceship or a tractor?

Hasan: I would like to go on a spaceship because I want to go to the moon!



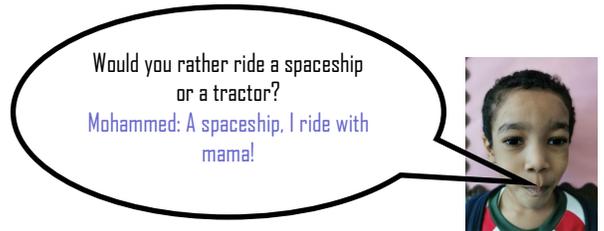
Would you rather have a pet lion or a dog?

Ali: A puppy. I take it to bed, it so cute!



Would you rather ride a spaceship or a tractor?

Dalia: I would like to go in a spaceship, it is like an aeroplane.



Would you rather ride a spaceship or a tractor?

Mohammed: A spaceship, I ride with mama!



## Stars of the week this term!



**F I Blue:** Aida, Ali, Ali, Ayse, Karam, Mohammed and Saif.

**F I Purple:** Fahad, Ali, Noura, Mohammed, Shaheen, Khalifa, Mohammed and Owen.

**F I Red:** Adam, Mostafa, Pamila, Tia, Zayed, Muna, Adam and Mohammed.

**F I Yellow:** Hassan, Sara, Azlan, Taim, Hamad, Aisha, Zeid, Alreem and Dalia

We hope you have a fantastic half term and we look forward to welcoming you back!

Miss Lucy, Miss Eimear, Miss Molly and Miss Shaunna.

# Foundation 2



We had a very busy Term 1 with lots of exciting events and activities.

## Pirate Topic



We started the year with the topic pirates and learned all about Famous Pirates, Life on a Ship, Surviving on an Island, Maps and Treasure. We were very busy in the class and lots of us had our very own Pirate Ships! We made some fantastic art pieces in this topic, ranging from making pirates to pirate ships.

## Under the sea topic

We had fun learning about different sea creatures that lives under the sea. The children created some wonderful art during this topic, also learning the story of 'The Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark' in Talk for Writing.



## Healthy eating week



We had a great time during healthy eating week, learning about healthy foods and how to keep ourselves healthy. We ended the week with a pajama party, bringing and sharing lots of healthy foods with our friends.

## Anti-bullying week



We learned that bullying is not kind and that we should always try to be good and kind friends, just like Superheroes!

## All Around the World Topic

We learned about many different countries and cultures and used movies to help us. The countries we learned about were America, Africa, China, France, Turkey and England



## Road safety day

We had a fun day learning about road safety. The children played traffic light games outside and learned how and where to cross the road safely. Most importantly... we learned to always wear a seatbelt in the car!



## International Day

To celebrate our different nationalities and cultures we held our annual International Day celebrations. We had great fun exploring the different countries in each class and talking about our own countries with the other children. We also had the opportunity to taste foods from around the world



## What the boys and girls say...

**Farida (F2P):** I had fun in school. I made lots of friends in school. We played, drew pictures and learned to read and write.

**Sarah (F2G):** The school is so nice and beautiful. Most of my friends are here.

**Amin (F2Y):** I liked playing hot wheel city with my friends in class. I liked playing outside.

**Abdulla (F2R):** I like painting and drawing pictures. I also like cutting with scissors. I love my school and friends.

**Shaikha (F2B):** I love my teacher and my friends. We like playing and learning.

## ★ Stars of the Week This Term ★

**F2 Green**– Annie, Dana, Jasim, Maksim, Maryam, Mohammed F, Nijat, Sarah, Turfa, Jenique, Nawaf, Khalifa

**F2 Blue**– Eisa, Louie, Ghanim, Mohammed Salem, Shaikha, Sarah, Lama, Nawaf, Maryam, Jassim, Majd, Thani

**F2 Red**– Ahmad, AlJazi, Jeham, Abdulla, Maria Hussien, Haya Alani, Ebrahim

**F2 Purple**– Rayyan, Safiia, Haya, Mubarak, Dogukan, Ghanim, Mohammed Saad, Farida, Soufy,

**F2 Yellow**– Luca, Sana, Amna, Shahein, Tala, Abdulla Al-Naimi, Ghanim

# Year 1 Newsletter

## We have had a busy Term 1 in Year 1!

In **English**, we have enjoyed learning about narrative texts. We had lots of fun creating actions for our story 'The Snail and the Whale'. We then innovated the story to create our own.

In **Maths**, we have been learning to add and subtract to 20 and use 2D and 3D shapes.

In **Science**, we have enjoyed learning about animals and food groups. We also looked at the seasons and the changes that occur in each season.

In **Topic**, we learnt about old and new toys. We compared the toys and talked about the similarities and differences.

## Interhouse Competition Day

Together with their House Team, the children had great fun playing a quiz using the school tablets. The children worked together to answer questions about topics they had covered as well as some general knowledge questions. It was great to see such team spirit!



## Topic Day

We came to school dressed as old and new toys. We had lots of fun on our toy hunt!



## Road Safety Day

We practised crossing the road safely at the zebra crossing using the 'Green Cross Code'. We acted out scenarios of crossing the road with the help of the lollypop person. The children also had great fun making traffic light biscuits!

## Healthy Eating Week

The children enjoyed creating faces out of their favourite healthy snacks. Let's continue this healthy eating in term 2!

## Anti-Bullying Week

We dressed up as superheroes to stand up against bullying. We learned to be a buddy, rather than a bully and always be kind to others.



# Year 2 Newsletter



## Interhouse competition

The next step of our school community building this year in SMASH is the creation of our 4 school houses. To celebrate our healthy competitiveness and cohesion we held a interhouse competition. This day was full activities where the children could earn points for their houses. We had so much fun!

## Road Safety Day

**STOP, LOOK and LISTEN** before crossing the road. Do you remember? We also must remember to wear our seat belts and to sit sensibly in the car. These are the things we learned on our road safety day!



## Topic Day

Our topic day in year 2 was all about continents which we have been learning about this term. The children have done so well remember them all! Do you remember the song?



# Year 3 Newsletter

## In this issue:

Healthy Eating Week

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### We have had a busy first term in Year 3!

- In English, we have enjoyed learning the story of Fantastic Mr. Fox, reading Roald Dahl's BFG book and learning the myth of Perseus and Medusa!
- In Maths, we have become place value experts! We can add, subtract, multiply and divide 2-digit numbers.
- In Science this term we have enjoyed learning about Rocks and Soil. We also know how to keep our bodies healthy by eating the right foods.
- In Topic, we learnt about The Stone Age and we can label all of the continents in the world!

## Healthy Eating Day

During our healthy eating day, we brought some delicious fruits and vegetables to school. We then made some art work using the foods we brought. Don't forget to keep your lunchbox healthy in Term 2!



## Road Safety Day

As part of our road safety awareness, we learnt how to cross the road safely! Here are some steps to help us! We must always remember to **STOP, LOOK** and **LISTEN** before crossing. We also must remember to wear our seat belts and to sit sensibly in the car.



## Anti-Bullying Week

During our anti-bullying week, we dressed up as superheroes to show that we can stand up to bullies! We discussed how to deal with our problems and worries. Remember, we are always here to help you!



## Topic Day





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# ★ Year 4 Newsletter

This term has lasted 15 weeks and in them 15 weeks we have taken part in some incredible themed days!



We had our anti-bullying day and the pupils dressed up as their favourite superheroes to highlight this!



We started our interhouse competitions which involved the students from all of year 4 being divided into certain teams and started to compete against each other. We had a whole year quiz and the winners from each class earned points for their respective teams!

Near the end of Term 1, we started to practice mindful coloring and meditation at the end of break so the students could prepare for the lessons straight after. This is proving to be a great success and will continue in Term 2!



The pupils also loved getting out of the classroom to complete some crazy science experiments!



# **Term 1**

## **Year 5 Newsletter**

### *December 2021*



We had a very busy Term 1 with lots of exciting events and activities.

## **Healthy Eating**

We started the year with a Healthy Eating themed day. We dressed up as different fruit and vegetables. We discussed the importance of eating healthily and agreed that we need to eat healthy lunches when in school. We did a range of activities for example, creating masterpieces using fruit.



## **Topic Day**

Over the course of Topic day Year 5 carried out many Ancient Greek themed tasks. The pupils created their own Ancient Greek pottery which are displayed in each classroom. They also took part in an Kahoot quiz which was based on the knowledge they have learnt in History this term. On addition to this, they came dressed in the appropriate attire for this era.

## **Interhouse**



This term, we have started our Interhouse competitions. We have completed a kahoot quiz within our houses and we have started to earn house point throughout the week.

## **National Day**

The end of Term 1 saw Qatar National Day celebrations within school. The Arabic team created fantastic displays in the school reception. Students and staff wore the national dress of Qatar and the secondary students demonstrated their dancing skills to Year 5, a fantastic day, and a fitting end to the term.



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## Year 6 Newsletter

### We have had an eventful first term in Year 6!

- *In English, we have enjoyed learning about the fascinating culture of The Ancient Maya and Mexico! Our Talk for Writing actions have certainly improved since August!*
- *In Maths, we have improved our four operation skills. We have become fraction fanatics - being able to add, subtract, multiply and divide confidently..*
- *In Science this term, we have enjoyed learning about The Circulatory System and also the importance of keeping healthy by staying active.*

## Topic Day

This was an opportunity for all pupils to celebrate the culture of the Ancient Maya and Mexico. All classes dressed up in traditional costume, as well as taking part in a variety of activities across the day.

## Healthy Eating Day

During our healthy eating day, we brought some delicious fruits and vegetables to school. We then created some art work using the foods we brought. Make sure you continue eating healthy foods in school and at home throughout the year!

## Inter-house Competition

The students were delighted to be take part in the first (of many) inter-house competitions in school this year. The effort and commitment of all Bell, Wright, Curie and Edison teams was brilliant to see. Keep supporting your houses and keep an eye out for future competitions

## Inside this issue:

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# Newton International Academy SMASH

## SECONDARY - TERM 1

### Positive Rewards in the Secondary School

#### Individual awards

At Newton International Academy, Smash we recognise and reward our most outstanding, hard working and well-behaved students, as a key part of our behaviour policy. Term 1 has been a very productive with many students receiving 40 or more achievement points and receiving the Head of Secondary Award, well done! Some of the other awards given to students are the Principal's Award, Student of the Month, and non-uniform days.



#### Tutor Group Awards

In addition to the above-mentioned individual awards, we also have a tutor group reward system called the Fortnight Cup. The Fortnight Cup is where we recognise and reward the tutor groups who gain the most achievement points in a two-week period. Not only do the winning tutor groups take the Fortnight Cup to proudly display in their classroom, but also choose their reward, which can take the form of a non-uniform day, a games class, movie class, extra PE and a class party during one lesson on a Thursday.

The winners this term have been:

Boys - 8 Boys Blue (x2), 8 Boys Red and 7 Boys Green

Girls - 8 Girls Green, 9 Girls Green, 7 Girls Blue (x2)

# INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION



In our most recent inter-house competition day the secondary students competed in a general knowledge quiz and even got the chance to guess the teacher using baby photos.



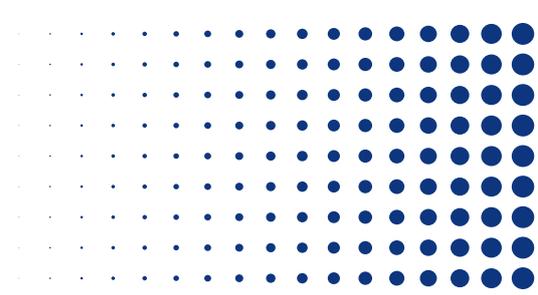
The results of the quiz were as follows:

- 1st: Edison 50 house points
- 2nd: Curie 30 house points
- 3rd: Bell 20 house points
- 4th: Wright 10 house points.

## Well done Edison!



# HEALTHY EATING WEEK



The Healthy Eating Week was a chance for everyone to reflect upon their diet and nutrition, and to make necessary changes to live a more health and balanced lifestyle. We had a great week with a lot of activities planned.

There were presentations every morning informing the students about healthy choices they can make when buying and eating food. Each student was also provided with a document that included balanced healthy meal options they could make at home, which offered alternatives to sweets, chocolate, chips, and fast food.

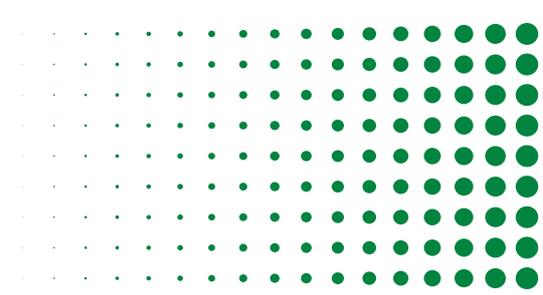


There were competitions, such as the lunch box challenge, where any student that had a lunchbox with a piece of fruit, veg, carbohydrates or protein would receive an achievement point. The English department also wrote poems about Healthy Eating that are on display in the corridors of our school.

On the final day of Healthy Eating Week, we celebrated with a quiz about everything they had learned during the week, all students were provided with healthy fruit, and everyone ate healthy food together.



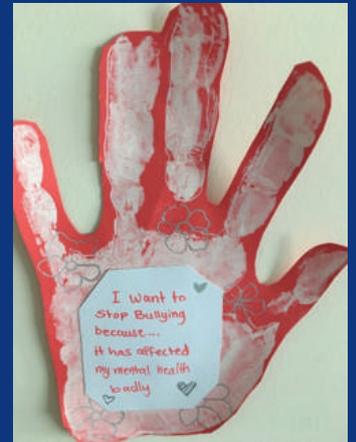
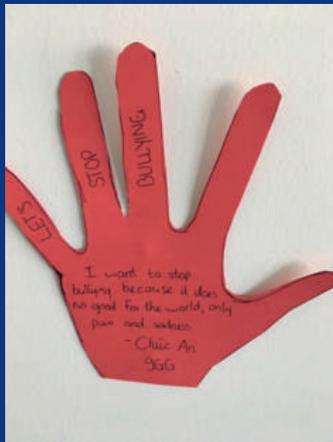
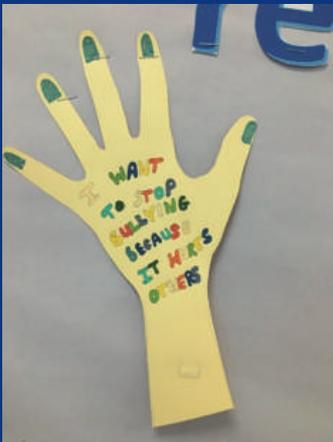
# ANTI BULLYING WEEK



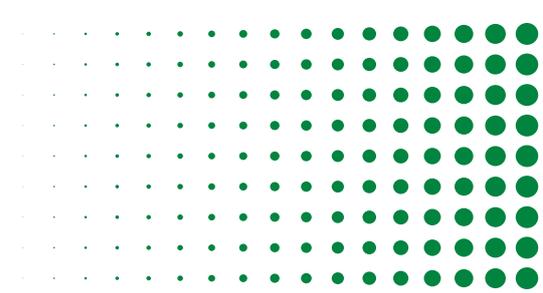
The Anti-bullying week was a rather eventful week, despite assessments having taken place that week. The purpose of Anti-bullying week was to highlight the importance of how bullying can negatively affect people in so many ways, and how it can be stamped out. Furthermore, Anti-Bullying week was a way of conveying the message that 'equality' is an important ingredient when people come together, irrespective of gender, race, religion or nationality.

In order to convey the important messages of bullying, the students became involved in a number of activities, which included an introduction to bullying and the types of bullying, in order to make students aware of what types of bullying can occur and what exactly constitutes bullying. Furthermore, the students became largely acquainted with the word 'respect' and they were asked to create some poetry, which highlights this.

The students took part in many games and quizzes. The most significant project that the students became involved in was a handprint project in which they were asked to make their handprint, colour it, and then cut it out. Subsequently, they then had to write a sentence, which says 'I want to stop bullying because ...', and then complete that sentence with their own feelings and ideas, in way to convey their negative feedback. Here are some examples:



# WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY



As part of our Philosophy For Children (P4C) lessons, we celebrated World Philosophy Day at Newton International Academy, Smash! For one English lesson, students put the exercise books away and gathered in a socially distanced circle ready to discuss their ideas. We first looked at images of our medical workers as heroes due to the amazing work they have done over the pandemic. Students shared their thoughts with their peers and then with the whole group.



Next, we watched a video of 'Children's Bedrooms Around The World'. Students needed to predict what they thought a child's room may look like based on the child's appearance, age and nationality. This activity allowed students to understand how many different children are growing up around the world, and to hopefully be appreciative for their own situations.

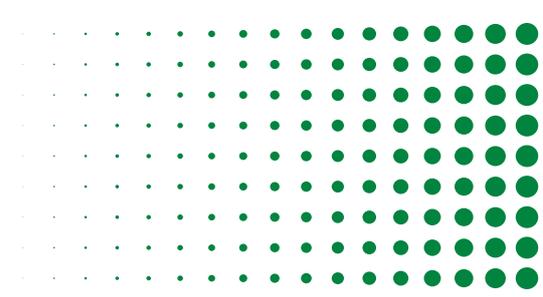


Finally, we looked at images showing contrasts between people who have plenty and people who do not. Our students offered very mature and kind ideas as to how these images made them think about the world; they were grateful for everything they had by the end.

P4C lessons are a great way for students to think about the wider world. It's important they have an understanding of key issues in every-day life, and that they are able to articulate their views on it. These lessons are also a fantastic opportunity for our students to practise their verbal English and work with each other to have important discussions.



# THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND STUDENT VOICE



The Student Council consists of a group of secondary students selected by the students themselves. These students were elected in tutor groups, and act as representatives for their tutor group. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare, the student council is the voice of the student body. They help share student ideas, interests and concerns with the school wide community.

The aim of the Student Council this year is to focus on the needs of the students as well as co-ordinate events each month that link with the aims of the school and the community. In October, we had Pink Day at school in honour of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and in November, we had Crazy Sock Day in honour of anti-bullying. We will also have a birthday bulletin board, and teacher appreciation each month.



Future events planned are 'colour days' for each month, such as blue for Earth Day, white for Peace Day and green for Irish Day.

The President of the Student Council is Natasha al-Khaldi, 8GG, and the Vice President is Abdulla al-Amri, 10BG.