



NEWTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - NISL Primary Newsletter December 2021



"International community of learners striving
for excellence and celebrating success"



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Principal - Mr Simon Berry

I feel extremely fortunate to be the Principal of a school with such wonderful children, a motivated and dedicated staff, and I continue to invite parents to work with us to create an environment that facilitates student learning through a wide variety of innovative and collaborative methods and activities.

Everybody has embraced the return of all students being back at school full-time. Staff continue to be highly committed to providing the most rewarding education possible and making the process of learning an enjoyable experience. Your child's education is our top priority.

It has been a busy and productive first term. We look forward to working together with you in Term 2 to make your child's educational experience a positive one.

I wish you and your family a restful break and a prosperous new year.



Deputy Principal - Mr Andrew Hardy

It has been an extremely busy and productive term.

Our students returned at the end of August where new beginnings were embraced. Our students have worked brilliantly across all of their subjects with examples of exceptional practice that can be seen within the pages of this newsletter.

We ended the term with our Qatar National Day celebrations. This included our students constructing some amazing 'Qatar themed' models.

Wishing you a restful Winter break!



Head of Primary - Mrs Zahra Aziz

16 weeks ago, we started our academic year, 2021-2022, with excitement, smiles and of course curiosity of what the year will bring. Will we continue with hybrid teaching for the full academic year or will we be able to welcome everyone back to school every single day? These questions were in all of our minds.

I will never forget that first day welcoming all students back to school. Everyone was excited and there were so many smiles throughout the building. I am so pleased to say that those smiles continued to shine, week after week.

We have celebrated so much success this term. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of your weekly assemblies, seeing our Student Leadership team flourish in their roles and seeing you all strive for excellence in all that you do.

As this term comes to an end, let's remember all of the lessons learnt, all of the fun we've had (Maths Week, Anti-Bullying week, WOW Days to name just a few) and let's remember to continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.



Happy Winter Break! May all of your dreams and wishes come true in 2022!



Deputy of Academics - Mrs Barbara Cotter Walton

Learning truly doesn't end no matter what comes our way. Two years we made it through the "Covid Curveball" We have seen what it means to "think outside the box" In our case, think outside the physical classroom. Super proud of how much you all embraced Technology Integration into your learning. Turning what almost seemed impossible, to many great learning possibilities.

Many of you remembered me as your ICT Educator at one time. Now that I have taken on this role as your Deputy of Academics, I am truly thrilled to see how much you all were able to integrate "Technology" fully into your learning. Continue to Grow. Continue to think outside the box. Continue to make learning fun amidst the challenges. Enjoy your Winter Break. Use that time to rejuvenate.



"Teachers need to integrate technology seamlessly into the curriculum instead of viewing it as an add-on, an afterthought, or an event." -Heidi-Hayes Jacobs



Deputy of Pastoral - Mr Jonathan Kingham

What an amazing term it has been to finally have all the students back in classrooms where they belong and where they can make the most of their time in Primary, we have missed you all so much over the last two years!

To all the parents, you can be very proud of how your children have adjusted this term. To be back in a classroom full of students may have worried some of them but they have impressed us with how maturely they dealt with the return to 100% attendance and still managed to stay COVID safe.

Have a wonderful, well-deserved rest over the holidays and we will see you all in 2022!





Y1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Red - Miss Walling
Orange - Miss Ali
Yellow - Mr Mudd

Purple - Mr Garland
Blue - Miss Baxter
Green - Miss McFadden

Year 1

What a wonderful start to the year we have had in Year 1. Despite all the challenges that have come our way, the children should be proud of the progress they have made and how well they have settled into their new school routines.

This term has been an abundance of fun! The children have been able to take part in a variety of brilliant learning activities, which they have shown fantastic resilience and enthusiasm in.

On behalf of myself and the other Y1 teachers, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents at home, for the outstanding support and encouragement you have continuously provided throughout the term. We would not be able to do what we do without your amazing support.

We hope you all have a wonderful winter break, full of rest and time with your family. We look forward to seeing all the children again in the new year and can't wait to see what Term 2 has to bring.



Year 1





Y2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Red - Mr Magee
Orange - Mr Dawson
Yellow - Mr Mathers

Purple - Mr Magee
Blue - Miss Loughran
Green - Miss Jenkins

Year 2

What an amazing start we have had to Year 2 this year! Once again we have faced all the challenges that have come our way together and are still smiling. Your children have shown repeatedly just how resilient, how fantastic and how adaptable they are and you should be so proud.

We would not be able to do what we do without the support of parents at home, so a huge thank you for everything you do!

We hope you have a wonderful break and enjoy your time off school. As a team, we are so excited to see what Term 2 holds for our Year 2 family!



Year 2





Y3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blue - Mr Matthew Megoran
Purple - Mr Alex O'Neill
Yellow - Miss Anne McGilligan

Orange - Mr Niall Jones
Red - Miss Grace Newlands

Year 3

A huge well done to all the Year 3 children. This term has been very challenging, with many changes thrown our way. The children should be proud of their resilience to this change and how they have adapted throughout the term with a smile on their faces!

An enormous thank you to all the parents at home, as well as the children. Your ongoing support is so important to us and we could not make it to the end of term without you.

We hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable winter break before we start Term 2 in January. We know that the next term will also be full of excitement and fun as we continue to strive for excellence and celebrate success!







Y4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blue - Mr Nolan
Orange - Mr Erasmus
Yellow - Mr Ruddy

Purple - Miss McParland
Red - Mrs Groep

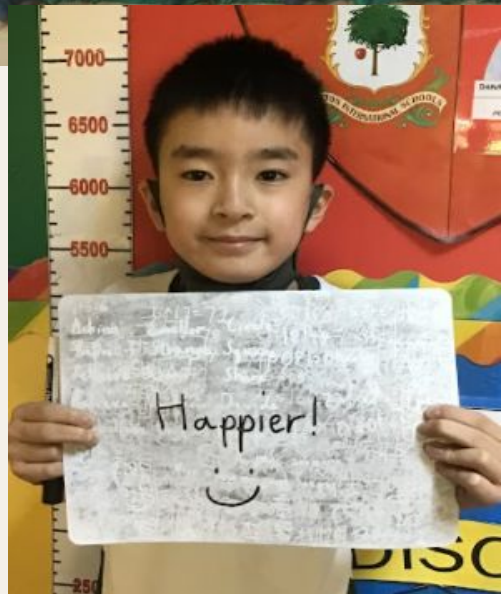
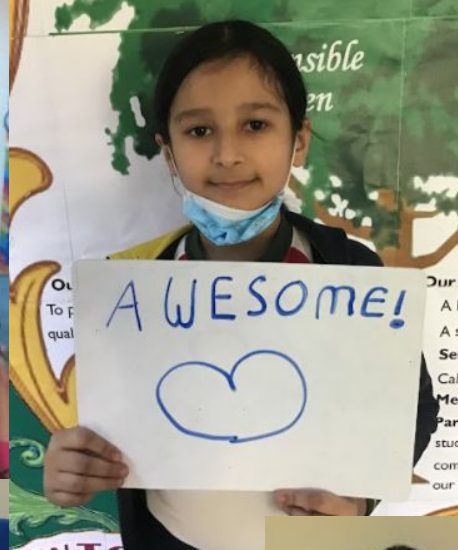
Year 4

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and guardians for supporting and preparing the children each and every day, especially with constant change as we try to keep up with forever changing Covid-19 guidelines. More importantly, a huge well done to all children who continue to strive for excellence each and every day.

This term, it was fantastic to welcome children back to 100% attendance which has enabled us to celebrate lots of success in school. We have enjoyed Healthy Eating Week, Maths Week and Anti-Bullying week which have all happened alongside our learning. You will see some photos of these attached.

Have a fantastic, restful Winter break and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new year for a fresh start in 2022. Take care and have an enjoyable break!







Y5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orange - Mr. Whelan
Red - Mr. Wright
Purple - Mr. Higgins

Blue - Mr. Dennehy
Yellow - Mrs. White
Green - Mrs. Rabet

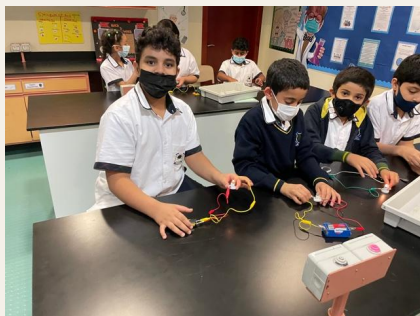
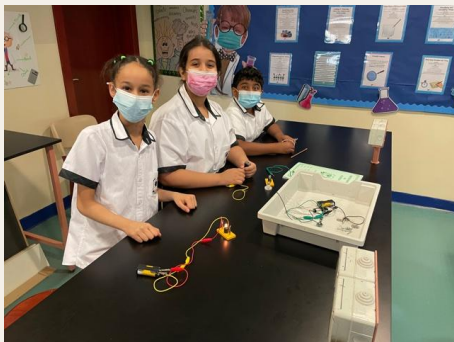
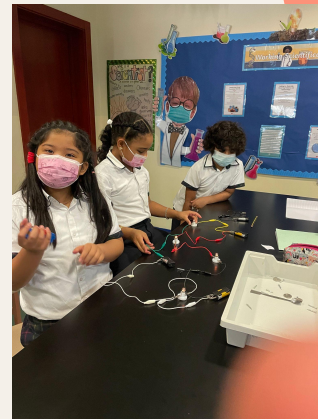
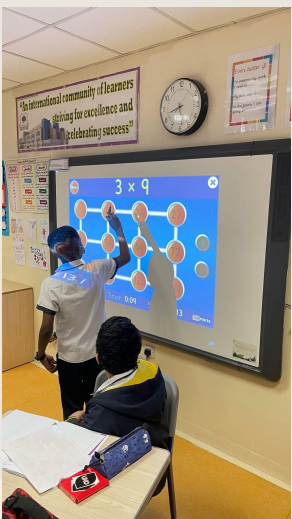
Year 5

A fantastic well done to all the Year 5 children. This term has been a positive challenge, with many changes having come our way since August. All the children in Year 5 should be proud of how they have responded to these changes and how they have progressed this term!

Thank you to all the parents, as well as the children. Your support is crucial to us and we could not make it to the end of term without you!

We hope that you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable winter break before we start Term 2 in January. We know that the next term will also be full of excitement and fun as we continue to strive for excellence and celebrate success! We have lots of exciting learning ahead and look forward to seeing all the children progress and develop as the year goes on!







Y6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Red - Mr Juan Victor
Blue - Mr Mike O'Brien
Purple - Mr Ciaran Toal

Orange - Ms Laura Farrell
Green - Mr Gerard Green
Yellow - Mr Ethan Smith

Year 6

What a term it has been! Despite the challenges and changes, the children in Year 6 have most definitely strived for excellence and celebrated success. The dedication, enthusiasm and charisma has been amazing.

Thank you both children and parents for your continued support, cooperation and efforts at home. As always, it is greatly appreciated.

I hope all children have a well deserved, relaxing and restful winter break. I look forward to working closely with you all in Term 2 - we have a lot of exciting learning ahead!







ARABIC & ISLAMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aslam
Zeina

Ahmed
Faten H

Ruba
Ola Sahar

Sanaa
Naglaa

Naema
Faten A

Bothaina
Nuha

Rania
Jihan

اللغة العربية والتربية الإسلامية

طلابنا الأعزاء

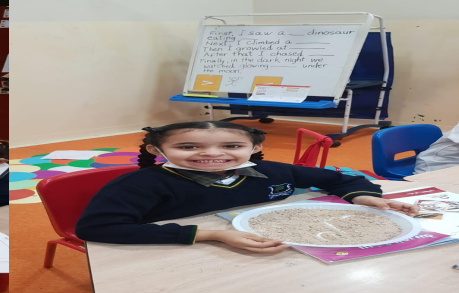
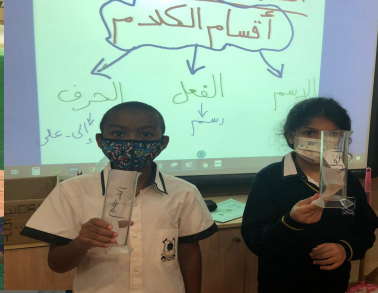
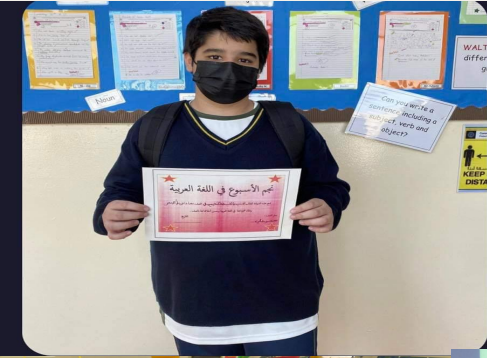
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معاً وأصدقائنا ومعلمينا

لقد تقاسمنا تلك الأيام يحدونا الأمل في النجاح والتفوق، أحلامنا تكبر معنا كلما مر يوم من الأيام لاننسى نصائح معلمينا وحرصهم في اللغة العربية والتربية الإسلامية وكيف هم يلامسون مشاعرنا أحاديثهم عن العربية وأدبها وشعرائها وعن التربية الإسلامية وسموها بروحنا من خلال قرآن ربنا وأحاديث نبينا ، فهنئاً لكم العطلة

أسرة اللغة العربية والتربية الإسلامية

Arabic and Islamic



QATAR HISTORY & QATAR IDENTITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Aslam
Zeina

Ahmed
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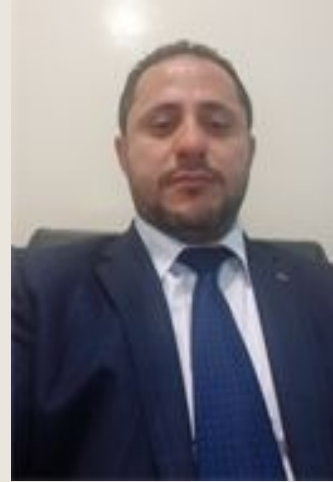
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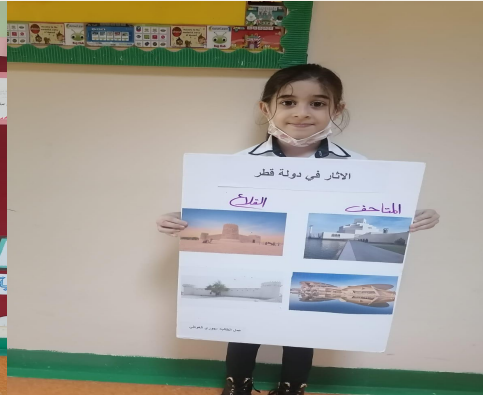
Qatar History and Qatar Identity

لجنة تعزيز الهوية الوطنية القطرية في مدرسة نيوتن العالمية فرع
اللاجون تولي اهتماماً خاصاً بغرس حب الوطن في نفوس أبنائنا الطلاب
كما تحرص على تعليمهم العادات والتقاليد القطرية الأصيلة كما أننا نربط
بين عبق التاريخ في الماضي وأصالته في الحاضر
مراعاة الأجداد أمانة
كل عام وقطرنا الحبيبة في تقدم وازدهار

مسؤول لجنة تعزيز الهوية الوطنية القطرية
أسلم إبراهيم



Qatar History and Qatar Identity



An illustration featuring a young boy with dark hair, wearing a yellow t-shirt, orange shorts, and blue sneakers with white socks. He stands on a grey ground with his arms crossed. To his right is a large yellow circle containing the text 'P.E.'. A dotted line starts from the top left, curves around the circle, and ends with a paper airplane. The background includes a light grey sky with a grey cloud, a small yellow triangle, and a teal triangle. A large orange shape is in the top left, and a teal shape is in the bottom right.

P.E.

Mr G Victor
Mr K Mallon
Ms Bannon

P.E.

PE has faced many challenges once again this Term through the Pandemic. We have tried to make PE Lessons as enjoyable as possible for all classes and we are happy to say that PE Lessons are now outside again. All the teachers are very impressed that most students are dressed correctly for lessons and their enthusiasm to be outside is evident. We hope that things ease up even more at the start of the new Term in order for our Teams to enter competitions again. - **Mr. G Victor**

KS1 - In these challenging times, it has been great to see the enthusiasm the children have for PE. If lessons were in the classroom, outside in the playground, around the school or at home, the engagement and enjoyment of the children has been exceptional! The children have continued to develop key skills in PE despite the challenges and limitations Covid has brought and we are all so proud of the progress that they have made. - **Ms Bannon**

KS2 - PE this term has provided children the opportunity to express themselves, by developing their own physical and mental skills through games and activities involving them working in a team or groups. The most important aspect is children having as much fun and enjoyment as they can during PE lessons. During these difficult times the children's attitude, commitment, behaviour and engagement to PE lessons online or face to face in school have been outstanding! We are proud of the progress the children have made this term and look forward to striving towards excellence in term 2. - **Mr. K Mallon**

I.C.T.

“Technology will never replace great teachers, but in the hands of great teachers, it’s transformational.” – George Couros



Mr. Jacob Barman - KS1 ICT
Mr. Fajol Miah- KS2 ICT

I.C.T.

KS1 - Over the last 2 years, the school has encountered a few challenges that have arisen from the start of COVID in Qatar and in turn, Newton Lagoon has strengthened its stand in terms of using ICT in continuing to provide lessons and reducing disruption. Therefore, in moving forward, the ICT lessons will be taking into account all of this and build up knowledge that will provide our students with skills that will be an asset to them in the future! - **Mr Barman**

I would like to welcome Mr. Miah. He has been a Secondary ICT Teacher in the U.K. and is now the new KS2 ICT Teacher at Newton Lagoon Primary.

KS2 - I have joined this year in September, the school was very welcoming and staff members are very friendly and extremely supportive.

Students have been the highlight as they are very friendly and excited about ICT. We have worked on a number of topics and each topic was approached by the students with excitement and a positive manner. One of the activities that stand out is students' presentation on social media. They created a presentation using PowerPoint, in which they had to present their work to the class on the activboard; I was really impressed with the students' confidence in presenting the work to the whole class and their oratory skills.

Primary is a new venture for me, I had a wonderful time in the first term and I am eagerly looking forward to term 2. **Mr Miah**

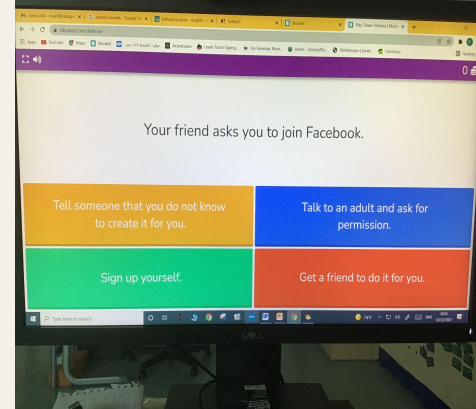
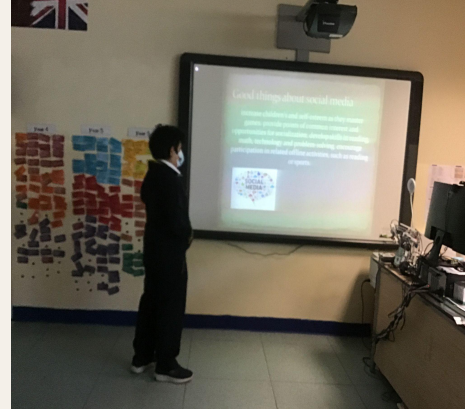
We made it through ICT in another COVID YEAR

YEAR 1-YEAR 3 Pictures

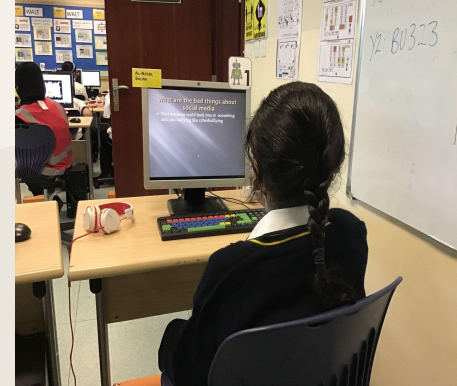
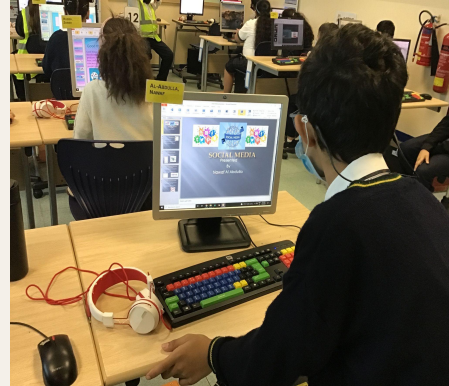
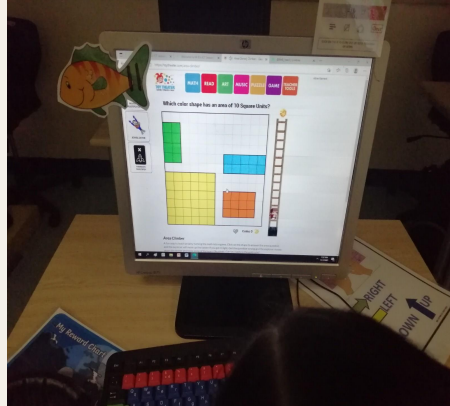


In ICT, learning has been 'Gamified'. This means the student becomes more engaged with what they need to learn, through playing educational games..

YEAR 4-YEAR 6 Pictures



Students working on their presentations using PowerPoint and learning through an online quiz.





FRENCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amal OUALI - Years 3-6

Bonjour!

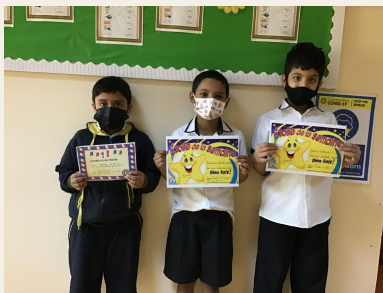
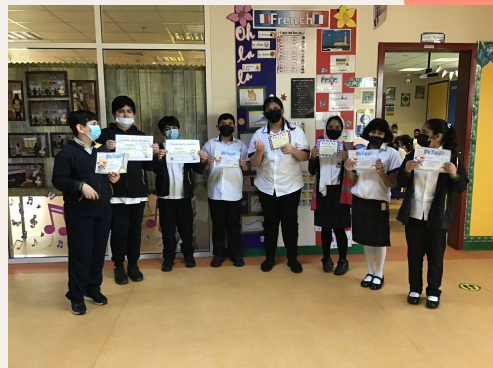
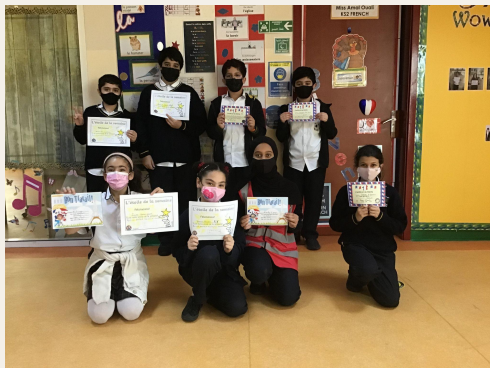
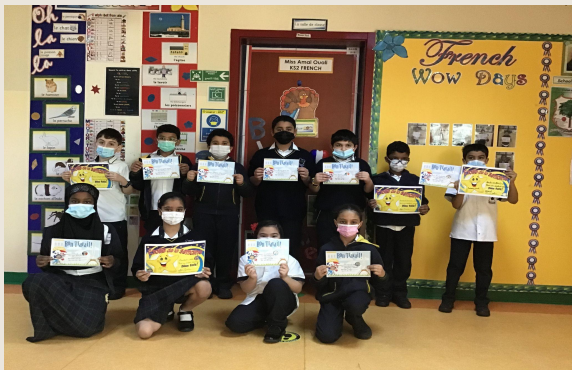
FRENCH

Unlike the previous academic years, this year we have witnessed special enthusiasm among students and people involved in the process of Education, whether it be children, their parents, teachers or the schools' staff. Two years of hybrid education made everybody's heart grow fonder and enthusiastic to go back to school.

Thanks to this enthusiasm, we had a busy and fruitful first term. I am proud of my students. I feel they have improved much better than they used to be. This means that now, they can grasp new concepts easily and it also means that they managed to overcome some crucial challenges. They enjoyed their Recycling project by decorating the Rhino with the bottle's caps. ALL STUDENTS participated in it with much care, enthusiasm and love.

Granting students certificates of achievements filled them with joy and because for them, their work is valuable.

Finally, learning via fun and joyful ways has taken place during the first, we will go on working with the same positive spirit during the second term to make our students feel proud of themselves and their school. Happy new year to you all. Enjoy your break. See you all safe and happy in January 2022.





MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Music is life, that's why our hearts have
beats - C. Morgan**

Ms. Laura Bannon
Ms. Marina Mitreska

KS1 MUSIC
KS2 MUSIC

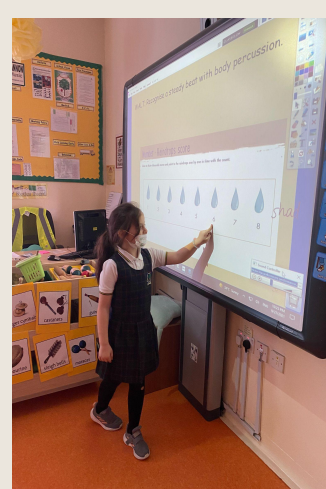
MUSIC

Although our music lessons are paused for the time being, it is clear how much passion the children at Newton Lagoon Campus have for music!

At the start of the year, the children loved being creative in class with their beautiful singing voices and instruments. When learning returned online, it was amazing to see the fantastic handmade instruments and music art projects the children have completed independently.

Although Covid has been a challenge, the children have not let it dampen their musical spirit! We are tremendously proud of the effort that is made from all of the children. Thank you to all the support at home in helping the children continue their musical journey.







AESN DEPARTMENT

"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen then you have something special."

Nelson Mandela 1918 - 2013

Ms. Denise Skyers : SEN
Ms. Anum Faizan: EAL

SEN

The SEN (Special Educational Needs) Department of the school is the area that deals with students who have challenges in their learning or barriers that prohibit them from achieving at the required standards. Throughout this term, we supported students in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

At the beginning, we were off to a slow start as there were limitations in terms of how much contact that could be made due to Covid 19 restrictions. However as time progressed, we were able to apply interventions more, therefore helping in boosting students understanding through various targets that were set Individual Pupil Profile. It is our intention to apply more interventions in the next term so that children with special or in need to additional help can gain success through assistance from the SEN department.

As we break for the winter, we wish you all a fantastic and peaceful season and a successful 2022.



"The limits of my language means the limits of my WORLD."

EAL

Our EAL (English as an Additional Language) team provides interventions to children who require little more support with English. The team works alongside classroom teachers to help children develop English language skills, reading and learning strategies.

Last year, the pandemic reflected difficulties in gaining regular sessions for our EAL children. Therefore seeing all the children back in school has meant that quick progress in learning phonics, and understanding grammar has been achieved. We have worked hard to develop speaking skills through the use of phonics workshops and continue to sharpen comprehension skills aiding the children to answer questions on what they have just read to ensure understanding has been achieved.

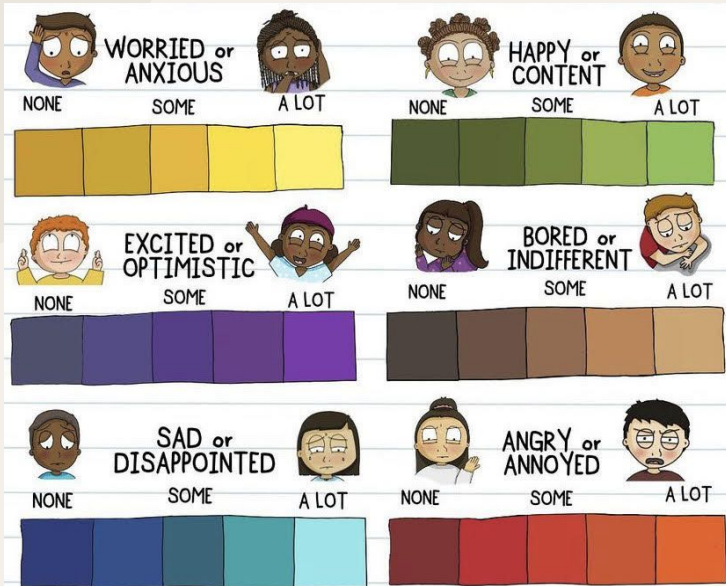
During the sessions the children have shown enthusiasm and resilience and they immensely enjoyed their learning. Our team really appreciated the class teachers for their cooperation and parents for their ongoing support at home.

Celebrate your hardwork and we're looking forward to Spring term 2022.



Primary School Counsellor - Meadhbh Murphy

As Primary School Counsellor my role is to help children who are experiencing social or emotional difficulties, which can affect their academic performance in school and at home.



When receiving support from the counsellor your child will learn to understand, manage and recognise their emotions. This will have a positive impact on their confidence, relationships, academic performance and overall well being.

The pandemic has been a difficult time for children and their families. The transition back to school has not been easy either. At NISL our goal is to make school a happy, safe place for children and support them.

BOOKS

aren't just made of

WORDS...

they're also filled with

PLACES

to visit and

PEOPLE

to meet.

**NISL
Library**



Thank you for
keeping in
touch with
the Librarian
on VLE.

Your Librarian: Mrs. B. Lilian

Library

What a fantastic term we have had at NIS Library. Seeing you face to face has been the most significant achievement for us in the last 20 months.

Reading, researching and doing fun activities together has brought the library back to life again. A huge thank you to all of you for the outstanding effort you have displayed in the library skills, Follett destiny (library systems) and library activities.

Enjoy your winter break.



YOUR FOLLETT DESTINY LOGIN AND PASSWORD.

We are excited to inform you that you can track your library activities and checked -out books in Follett destiny.

Follett Destiny:

<http://newtoninternationalschool.follettdestiny.com/>

Login using your membership number

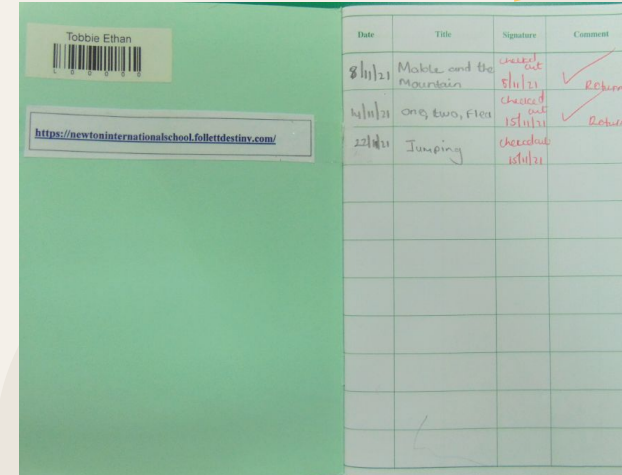
Example Login: L00000

Password: L00000

Go to "My Stuff" to see which book you have.

Find the Follett destiny website and the Library barcode number on your reading record book.

Contact your class teachers for your reading read book.



Words from our Head Boy and Head Girl

Hello parents, it's been such a good term especially now that all the students are back in school. Throughout this term, the Student Leadership Team has been very proud to see students show so many of the School Values around the school. Their good choices have been a big help to everyone as we go back to normal.

We have enjoyed some great celebrations this term such as Maths Week, Anti-bullying Week, World Philosophy day and Healthy Living Week. There have been many good ideas from classes for the School Council to discuss so thank you to all those students who shared their suggestions on how to improve the school.



Almaha Al Kubaisi



Yasseen Hosni

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



Bug Club - Ms Gertze

Bug Club has remained with us throughout.

Reading has remained our focus this term. Many of you have consistently read for 20 minutes per day. I would like you to continue in this manner. Let us all get back to Bug Club in the new term.

Stay safe, stay reading and enjoy the break.



HAPPY WINTER BREAK

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt for Kids

1. Find something outside you enjoy looking at
2. Find something that is useful for you
3. Find something that is your favorite color
4. Find something you know someone else will enjoy
5. Find something that makes you happy
6. Find something that tastes good
7. Find something that smells amazing
8. Discover something new
9. Find something that makes you feel safe
10. Find something that makes a beautiful sound
11. Find someone you are grateful for
12. Find something that is unique to you
13. Find something that makes you laugh
14. Find something in the night that you enjoy
15. Find something in the morning that you enjoy
16. Find a friend/pet that you love spending time with
17. Find your favorite place to spend alone time
18. Find something that reminds you of the people you love
19. Find something that you enjoy doing outside with friends
20. Find a place that you love

Natural
BEACH LIVING

Try this gratitude scavenger hunt over the December break and create a poster to share with Mrs Aziz on the 1st January! You may choose to create a poster and take lots of photos!

