

The Muraikh Message

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Mr M Wilson
Principal

Dear Parents,

I am sure that you will agree with me that this academic year has gone very quickly. It has been an unprecedented academic year quite like no other. This has been a year dominated by blended learning caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic. We have done our very best to minimize the impact to learning and ,yet, I am all sure that you will agree with me that there is no substitute to the students being in the classroom. However, the need to keep the children safe has been the overwhelming consideration and the many visits that we received from the Ministry of Health has confirmed that we uphold all the necessary precautions extremely well.

There have been students, parents and teachers who contracted the virus and I am very pleased to hear that they all made a swift recovery. I appreciate that there are many of you who have had family members in the other countries and I know that this has often been an additional worry to many of you. We have all been impacted by the pandemic in some way. Let us all hope that the world becomes a safer place for everyone very soon!

This has still been a busy year. Firstly, we were visited by the ‘Qatar National Standards Agency’ (QNSA) who checked many aspects of the school. There were five inspectors in for a whole week, observing lessons, checking lesson plans and ensuring that the strategic vision of the school matched the high standards required by the State of Qatar. I am delighted to say that the team were extremely impressed with all aspects of the school and we were awarded QNSA status. I am very proud of all the students, teachers and parents. This is truly an international community that strives for excellence and celebrates success! Nevertheless, we are not complacent with this achievement. The school will continue to grow and remain a centre of excellence for many years to come.

This year has also seen the first cohort of Year 11 undergo the Year 11 IGCSE examinations. These were sat under very challenging circumstances and, although we are still awaiting the final results, it appears that we will have a 100% success rate with some outstanding grades. I have worked within British education now for almost 30 years, and these results will be the most successful results that I have ever experienced, clearly well above outcomes in the United Kingdom. This demonstrates how successful a school can be when students, parents and teachers work so effectively together.

We have also started undergoing PUMA and PIRL tests for KG2 until Year 9. This is to check that learning is meeting the necessary standards in reading and mathematics throughout a child’s development. It will also enable us to ensure that all our students meet the levels required to make substantive progress in years to come. This is just another example of how the school is investing in your child’s development.

I again want to thank all our wonderful students for making this year so special and we look forward to seeing you all here again in August.

Warmest regards,

Mr. Wilson

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EYFS



Miss K Horn
EYFS Coordinator

F1 classes have continued to grow and learn so much in Term 3. We have continued learning the sounds of the alphabet and are beginning to recognize sounds in our name and what sound objects begin with. We really like singing the Jolly Phonics songs to help us learn the sounds.

During the term we have been learning about 'Transport' and 'Fairy Tales'.

In F2, we have been learning about 'Jack and the Bean Stalk'. We loved learning about Jack and his magic beans.

In class, we have been focusing on writing sentences and blending sounds to make words. It is fabulous to see the progress the students are making in their letter formation and reading. We have also been doing lots of work with numbers and learning to add larger numbers and how numbers have patterns.

During Term 3, both F1 and F2 had lots of fun learning in our specialist weeks for 'International week and Art week' We loved learning about other countries and cultures and making art of the nation's we learnt about.

F1 and F2 have been very resilient learners completing most of Term 3 learning with online lessons. The students have loved returning to school to see their friends and teachers. We wish everyone a happy and safe summer holiday and we are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces return in August ready for a new year full of adventures and exciting learning.



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KS1

Miss C Greer



Key Stage 1 (Years One and Two)

Although we have not been able to come together in the classroom, it has been wonderful to see the children continue to enjoy their learning. Year 1 and Year 2 have been engaging incredibly well with their online lessons and as always they have been trying their best. Year 1 have been creating some magnificent pieces of non-fiction writing. They had a dinosaur invasion in their classroom, which they used to help write an explanation text. Year 2 have written some superb stories about different cultures, taking inspiration from the characters Handa and Grace.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been working hard learning about measurement and shapes. Year 2 have become statistic superstars and are able to create tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. Year 1 and 2 have both been working on developing their map skills and are able to devise a simple map.

Year 2 have been learning about famous events, such as the sinking of the Titanic and have produced some excellent newspaper articles about this famous event. We celebrated International week and it was great to see some many children taking part in special activities.

With many changes happening throughout this school year due to Covid -19 , the Year 1 and 2 children have adapted so well and have continued to work hard. You are all superstars! We can't wait to get all the children back to school full time!

Well done to you all!



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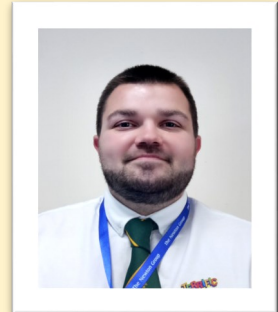


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KS2

Mr J Morgan
KS2 Coordinator



Key Stage 1 (Years One and Two)

In Year 3 this term, we have been looking at different types of measurements. We know how to measure the length, width and height of an object in mm, cm and metres, to measure the capacity of an object in Millilitres and litres and how much something weighs in KG and grams. We also learnt about time. In science, we have learnt about magnets and how they work in our everyday life. We have created magnetic games to show what we have learnt. In history and geography, we have been researching and exploring different countries around the world.

In Year 4, we have been on a time travel adventure to the Victorian era. We have enjoyed learning about the role of a child during this time. We learnt about education, toys and how the children use to work!! We have been writing diaries in English from the perspective of a time traveler in the Victorian era. In science, we have been looking at electricity. We have learnt about creating electric circuits and what a current is. We have also learnt how to measure electricity and the importance of safety around electrical items. In geography, we have been looking at world maps. We were learning key terminology used to describe some of Earth's features. We have learnt what hemispheres we live in and what the differences are between North and South.

In Year 5, we have studied ancient Greece and how their early society compares to the world today. We have learnt about some of their famous schoolers and their influence on the world. We have created plays with scripts to reenact some of the great moments in ancient Greece. In science, we have studied plants, recapping on our previous knowledge and extending our understanding of pollination and the growth of plants in unusual climates. We have also learnt about animal habitats and explain why some animals will live in one part but not the other.

In Year 6, we have studied Crime and Punishment, looking at what happened at the beginning of the 19th century. We have studied some of the crimes and what punishments fell upon them compared to what happens today. In mathematics, we have been studying 3D shapes, calculating perimeters and diameters. In science, we have been creating electrical circuits to make bells ring and lights flash. We have been creating diagrams of our circuits, learning about the symbols used to create them.



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Mr M Boylan
KS3 Coordinator

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Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 & 9)

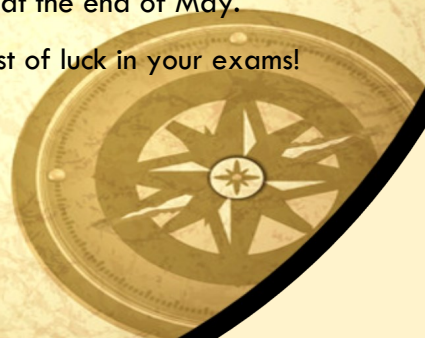
As another changeable term draws closer to wrapping up a unique year, we thankfully look forward to welcoming our KS3 students back into school for face - to - face learning once again, just in time to prepare for the crucial end of year examination period. Staff can't wait to see the students again! Students and staff at Newton Muraikh have once again risen to the challenge of online learning, drawing on experience from throughout the year to make the period a huge success.

Online attendance has been commendable and favourable compared to other schools thanks to our dedicated staff providing high quality lessons and diligent students working hard to maintain their learning.

Staff have still been able to commend the quality of the students' work in assemblies (even from a distance) as our impressive art work shows:

We look forward to celebrating our students' exceptional work across all areas of the school after they return to in-school learning at the end of May.

Welcome back Key Stage 3, we've missed you! Best of luck in your exams!



KS3

YEAR 8

Raghad Akl, 8 Purple



Rahaig Balla, 8 Purple

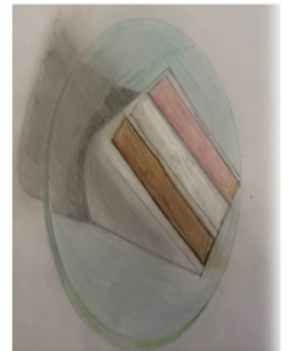


Farah Nurkhairina, 8 Purple

Aya Ebeid, 8 Purple



Nashwan Makki, 8 Yellow



Abdul Rahman Tahoun, 8 Green



ART APPRECIATION

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KS4

Mr J Browne
KS4 Coordinator



Key Stage 4 (Years 10 & 11)

This term, we have created history in Newton British School Muraikh with our first cohort of Year 11 students completing their IGCSE courses. The students have been resilient throughout this term by adapting to the changing circumstances regarding their IGCSE examinations. Students have completed their internal examinations for both Cambridge and Pearson and we eagerly await their IGCSE results on the 12th August to celebrate their success.

Year 10 and Year 11 students have been fully engaging with their online lessons during this term. Teachers have ensured our students continue to receive a high quality education delivering online lessons via Zoom. Teachers have also ensured that all lessons were recorded and placed on our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) alongside lesson resources so students can access the information outside of the lesson. The attendance and engagement of lessons has been very good across Key Stage 4. So well done everyone!

Our Year 10 students are currently preparing for their end of term examinations. Students have been issued their personal examination timetable with their revision guide to prepare effectively for their examinations. We welcomed back our students on the 30th May 2021 which was a great moment for both students and teachers. Students have the opportunity for full time face- to- face learning to support their progress in each academic subject.

Finally, I want to say how proud I am of our Key Stage 4 students. They have faced challenges throughout this academic year whilst doing their IGCSE examinations and they overcame challenges with resilience and determination.



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Arabic



Miss Marwa
Arabic Coordinator

Arabic, Islamic and Qatar History

The Arabic Department and Islamic Studies at Newton British School (Muraikh) undertook many achievements, competitions and activities during the academic year 2020/2021, despite the challenges related to the Covid-19 pandemic. There have been competitions such as:

- The 'Academic Competition' between Years 4, 5 and 6. These competitions aim to spread the spirit of competition amongst students and encourage their capacity to absorb the language.
- The 'Knight of Arabic hand writing Competition': This competition encouraged students to show their talent for hand writing and writing in general.
- The 'Creativity competition' (for all Newton campuses): This competition encouraged students to nurture and develop their talents in the fields of Arabic singing, poetry recitation and oratory. The school won first place in singing and poetic recitation for Secondary students, and second place in recitation for the Primary students.
- 'Al Muhaddith Al Sagheer' Competition. This competition was held for our students and we are still awaiting the results.
- The 'Preacher competition' which was for middle and high school students. This competition aimed to encourage students to recite and follow the best techniques to persuade the recipient of different viewpoints.

The Arabic teachers seek to provide students with enrichment and development strategies to all students in the various fields of the Arabic language.

We also took pride in promoting the 'Take my hand teachers project'. This project aims to assist students who need support and communicate with them individually and personally as well as supporting parents. As a result, we have seen effective student progress and an improvement in their academic levels and Arabic language magazines, especially reading and writing.

As a school, we have celebrated the International Day of the Arabic Language and also the National Day of the State of Qatar. We always seek to promote national identity, Islamic culture and religious values. We promote them during school lessons, whether through various strategies or classroom activities.

Also during this term, congratulations and blessings were sent on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan, and some photos and videos were shared for students' celebrations of the advent of the holy month.



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Student Council

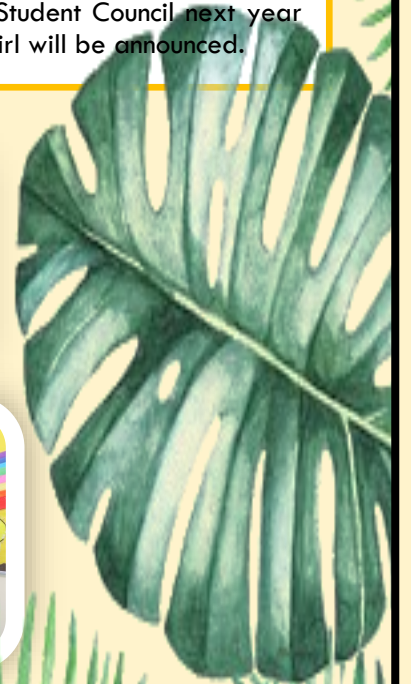
PTA Update

The PTA committee has been working to facilitate the communication between the school and the parents, its main function and role is to build a strong relationship among the parents and teachers within our growing school community, in support of our most valued asset, our students. The PTA committee is a safe haven for parents to speak out about any concerns, expectations, new ideas, as well as to obtain and learn about the latest updates about the school, know about parent workshops, or hear from the teachers about latest student programs. The committee will have parent representatives for each year group and a responsibility towards the school to deliver to them a complete and comprehensive picture of what the parents are concerned about.

Any queries can be emailed to ptanbsmuraikh@gmail.com.

Student Council Update

The Student Council are pleased to confirm the creation of their garden which will take place this summer break. The Council have enjoyed working together to communicate student feedback to teachers this year and develop their ties to the school community. Students from year 1 to year 11 have worked together on initiatives and have provided valuable insight into the student perspective. As the academic year draws to a close, all students can begin to put their names forward to be a part of Student Council next year when new elections take place and a new Head Boy and Head Girl will be announced.



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Important Message

- ◆ We wish all our school community - students, parents and staff, a wonderful and safe summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you all back here very soon.



Upcoming dates for your diary:

- ◆ Term begins on Sunday 29th August!
- ◆ Mid-term break is the 17th—21st October!



School Uniform can be purchased from NBA Barwa or NIS Lagoon between 6:45 am and 1:30 pm.

Parents can also place orders through

<https://uniform.newtonschools.qa>

