

The Muraikh Message

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International Week



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Mr M Wilson
Principal

Dear Parents,

What an incredible term this has been! We started in September when we were back to blended learning. This was not ideal but with the resilience of the students and the support of our parents, we got through it. I know how difficult it was for parents who both work, very difficult. Younger children also found it hard to concentrate in front of a computer screen all day. I am grateful to the teachers who worked so hard to design lessons that catered for children at home and in the classroom. This was no easy task!

We finally heard that the children were all going to return back into school on a Thursday afternoon. We then had to organise the classrooms ready for a new start on Sunday. We were all so pleased, relieved and excited! The smiles on the faces on the children were incredible! Yes, we still have to comply to Covid regulations, thus the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education have visited the school many times to check that all the regulations are being followed. Indeed, we still have to be careful and cautious; students have not always found the transition easy. We hope that we do not see a resurgence of the virus.

In October, we were visited by Inspectors from the UK to ensure that we are complying with standards of British Education. I am delighted to say that we received very excellent feedback. The school was commended for all aspects of teaching and learning. Outcomes are in line and above UK outcomes and we are offering education of the very highest quality. We are proud of our school and I am so proud of our students, staff and parents. This is now my fourth year as Principal at Muraikh and it has been a pleasure and huge privilege to see the school grow and develop.

We therefore enter this coming term with confidence and renewed vigour to support our students in their education. We all hope that the Covid restrictions will continue to ease but we take nothing for granted. Like you, I look at the number of Covid cases every day but I am so inspired by our students who have adapted to these new conditions so very well. I am so very grateful for the support and words of encouragement that we have received from our wonderful parents. I wish you all a well-earned break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on the 2nd January, 2022.

Mr. Wilson

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EYFS



Miss K Horn
EYFS Coordinator

EYFS have made lots of progress in their first term of school. Both F1 and F2 students have met many new friends and have enjoyed being back in the classroom full time.

This term F1 has had lots of fun learning through play and lots of hands-on learning activities. They have studied the topics 'This is Me', 'Dinosaur Land' and 'Animals'. Pupils are learning about school and how to be a good friend as well as counting and how to play cooperatively with the new friends they have met.

In F2, the children studied the topics 'Marvellous Me' and 'Extraordinary Earth'. Pupils also started to learn the phonetic sounds to begin the reading process and have been blending sounds together to make words. We have witnessed lots of very proud students starting their reading journey.

Pupils have been enjoying the cooler weather and being outside to continue their learning. Pupils have been looking after the balcony garden and have enjoyed watching the petunias grow. During the term the classes have also enjoyed learning about the special days we have had. These include National Day, Cancer Awareness Day, International Week, Art week and Reading celebration days.



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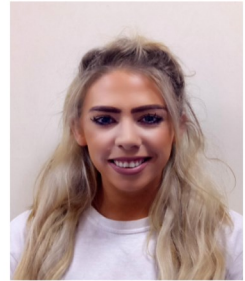


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KS1

Miss A Kane



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Key Stage One have had an amazing first term; we have been involved in various different celebration events. During International Week we enjoyed learning about the different Nationalities we have in our school and celebrating different cultures and traditions. We all got involved and completed daily 1km walks in October to raise awareness for Cancer Research. We all wore a touch of yellow in honour of this cause. During Art Week celebrations, each year group chose an artist to focus on and created our own art gallery along the Key Stage 1 corridor. We had so much fun becoming artists for the week! We enjoyed our Stop, Drop and Read sessions throughout our Reading Celebration Days and we always look forward to our library sessions with Ms. Flor! On World philosophy Day we discussed the importance of heroes in our daily lives, especially the amazing front line workers who have worked so hard throughout these difficult times.

We have enjoyed some fantastic assemblies this term with lots of different themes. These have included our Celebration Weeks, World Philosophy Day, Cancer Awareness Day. We especially enjoyed our Celebrating Success assembly where we got to showcase all our amazing talents!

KS1 have been working very hard during term one and we hope this continues into Term 2. Have a lovely winter break and we will see you all next year!



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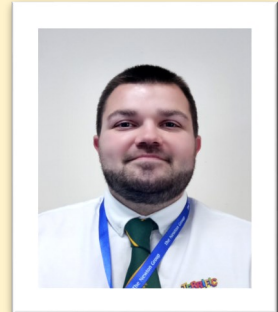


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KS2

Mr J Morgan
KS2 Coordinator



Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5, & 6)

Congratulations Laila Metwaly!! (Year 3 Yellow)

Who recently competed for the Qatar Gymnastic Federation in Poland.

She came 3rd in the rhythmic gymnastics competition!

Amazing work Laila! All the staff and students are incredibly proud of your achievement!

Well Done, Laila



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Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5, & 6)

Year 3

This term Year 3 has been learning about rocks and fossils. The children made sedimentary rocks and described the layers they could see. The children explained, designed and wrote an explanation text about their fantastic new invention. They also retold the adventure story, 'Stone Age Boy'. The children thoroughly enjoyed acting and mapping out the story which inspired them to write their own adventure story. As part of our learning, we studied the 'Stone Age to Iron Age' and children painted their own cave paintings. In mathematics, we have consolidated our understanding of addition and subtraction using 3-digit numbers. Furthermore, we have introduced finding fractions of amounts and equivalent fractions. We have had some great competitions on 'Times Table Rockstars' between the Year 3 classes to learn our 3 and 4 times tables.

During the term, we have had some brilliant specialist weeks. Year 3 took part in learning about India, Vietnam and Wales during International week. They created fact files on the country they learnt about and dressed up in the traditional clothes or colours of the country they were representing. For our World Philosophy Day, Year 3 created beautiful posters to say 'Thank you to the heroes of the pandemic'. In Art Week, we looked at light and dark as well as studying the very colourful art work of Henri Matisse. Children used different coloured paper to create a collaborative Year 3 display of an abstract art piece inspired by Henri Matisse.

We are extremely proud of how hard our Year 3 pupils have welcomed the challenges of Key Stage 2. We look forward to seeing what next term has in store for us!

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Year 4

Term 1 has been a busy and exciting term for Year 4. Year 4 have had lots of practical learning experiences particularly linked to science. They have explored the digestive system through a very messy and exciting experiment as well as creating their own working switches during the topic of Electricity. In mathematics Year 4 have been working hard at their times tables, particularly the 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables. There have been some very competitive hit the button challenges. Most of the English work this term has been linked to the humanities topic of The Victorians. There have been some very creative poems, excellent diary entries and very engaging stories written by all of the pupils.

There have also been lots of different celebrations that the pupils have enjoyed taking part in, including international week, art week and the reading celebration days. During international week there was the opportunity to focus on a country and link all learning activities to it. Year 4 Blue focused on the country of Brazil while Year 5 Red linked their learning to Portugal. In art week, Year 4 studied the artist Romero Britto and designed some fantastic pop art pieces inspired by this artwork. These were so impressive that they're up on display in the assembly hall for all to see.

What an excellent start to the year, Year 4!

Year 5

It has been a fun and hardworking term 1 for Year 5. For our Science topic Earth and Space; we all created amazing projects on our planetary system. We linked this to our English, by writing non-chronological reports on astronauts and incredible newspaper reports on the Apollo 11 mission. In Science, we carried out various investigations, including: creating paper helicopters to investigate air resistance; creating boats to investigate water resistance; and testing friction by using toy cars on various surfaces. In English, Year 5 also wrote fantastic suspense and mystery stories, which left us all on the edge...

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Year 5 have enjoyed learning and debating about the British Empire, and wondering what it would have been like to be an explorer. During international week, 5 Red were visited by Kangaroos and Zookeepers as they learnt about Australia. Whilst 5 Blue transported to the Pyramids of Egypt. In Art week, we studied Zaria Forman and created beautiful artwork out of recycled materials. In Mathematics, Year 5 have mastered their times tables by being the best year group on Times Table Rockstar. It has been a super start to the academic year!

Year 6

In Year 6 this term we have enjoyed learning about World War 2. Learning about the evacuation of children to the countryside, rationing and the changing role of the women. We also studied maps of London looking at the blitz and how the United Kingdom used propaganda to gain support for the War. In science this term we have looked at three systems of the body: digestive, respiratory and circulatory. We conducted various investigations and inquiries to further our knowledge even using a plastic heart to see how the circulatory system works. Our scientists also worked in the science lab to investigate which household materials conduct electricity and which materials act as insulators. Year six have also become excellent mathematicians over the course of term and 1, exploring fractions, decimals and percentages at a much more in depth level.

During international week this year, our year 6's were transported all over the world, from Italy to Sweden to Japan, discovering many new, exciting things about these wonderful countries. Moving onto art week, the Year 6's focused on the artwork of father and daughter duo Ahmed and Rim Al Bahrani, who have created some of Doha's most famous sculptures. The pupils researched well known work of these artists and created their own impressive clay sculptures.

Year 6 have made a super start to this academic year and we hope to maintain and develop this progression in the coming months!

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Mr M Boylan
KS3 Coordinator

KS3



Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 & 9)

Thanks to our hard working staff and outstanding students this has been another term with much to celebrate in KS3. It's been heart-warming to see the school slowly but surely start to normalize and see our students flourish as a result.

Yet again the individual and collective work has been commendable and the general environment and atmosphere in the school has been met congratulations and admiration from the 'British Schools Overseas' Inspectors we welcomed in October.

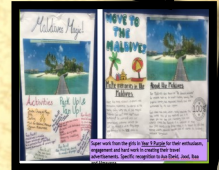
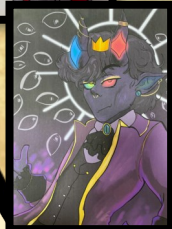
International Week-We pride ourselves at Newton Muraikh in being culturally diverse and aware with an outward looking focus. Our students know exactly how to demonstrate that in their work:

Just a couple of examples of the outstanding work produced but it was the invention in some of the dress up outfits that really impressed me!

Yet another fantastic Art week when we had the privilege to see and celebrate the artistic talent here at Newton Muraikh!

Around school

Seeing students back outside enjoying breaks has been fantastic to see and having the opportunity to reward outstanding effort and exceptional work has been a pleasure. Giving the numerous certificates out during assemblies is the highlight of my week. I look forward to giving out even more next term.



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KS4

Mr J Browne
KS4 Coordinator



Key Stage 4 (Years 10 & 11)

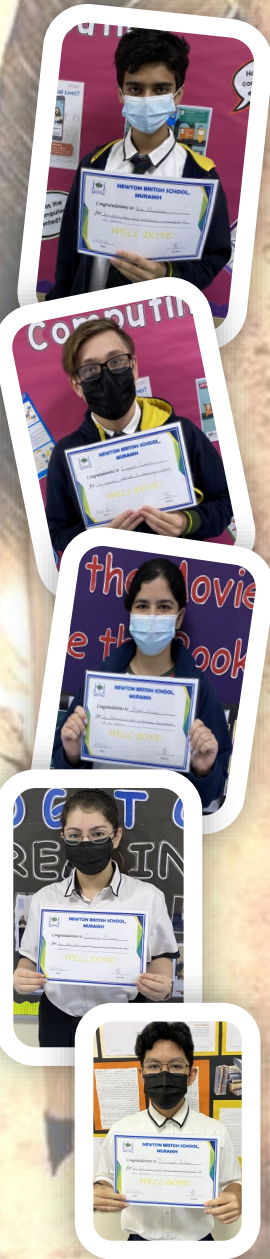
Our Key Stage 4 (KS4) students have made a great start to the academic year engaging with their lessons throughout this term. Teachers have been providing our students with high quality teaching throughout this term ensuring they are fully prepared for their End of Term examinations and are progressing in their subjects. Teachers have been placing resources on our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) so students can access the information outside of the lesson. The attendance and engagement of lessons has been good across Key Stage 4. So well done everyone!

Some Year 11 students have entered the English as a 2nd Language IGCSE early which they completed in October 2021. Our students now have the opportunity to sit the English as a 1st Language examination in May 2022. We are very thankful to Mrs. Wilson who is teaching both courses this year to stretch and challenge our more able students. They will receive their results during Term 2 and we wish them the very best!

During this term we have had several webinars regarding careers and further education with our partners at Education Basket. They have provided our KS4 students with information regarding choosing the correct career path, entry requirements for universities, using UCAS to apply for UK universities, how to write a personal statement and hosted university open days around the world. They will be continuing with their webinars throughout the academic year and have been offering 1-1 sessions with our students to discuss careers and further education.

This term, we also offered work experience to some of our Year 11 students. They had the opportunity supporting our teachers in Year 1 and Year 6. They worked extremely hard and were praised for their positive impact on the students and supporting students throughout the day. We have also had some sporting success in KS4 this term. Fathanah Khairani (Y11 Red) received a silver medal in Taekwondo. A huge congratulations to Fathanah. We are so proud of you!

Finally, I want to say how proud I am of our Key Stage 4 students. They have showcased their eagerness and maturity to achieve academic success in each of their subjects. I look forward to seeing this continue throughout this academic year.



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Arabic



Miss Marwa
Arabic Coordinator

Arabic, Islamic and Qatar History

Arabic Department

The Arabic Department pays special attention to the Arabic language skills of reading, writing, listening, speaking and written expression.

We believe in nurturing talented students with distinguished care. We pride ourselves in discovering talent, supporting all students including those who do not have Arabic as a first language.

We participated in the 'Arabic Reading Competition' all over Newton campuses and won the first place in Secondary (student Joud Hamed Year 9). The whole school is so proud of this achievement.

We applied a lot of new teaching and learning strategies. We strengthened our national identity and Qatari culture, through Qatari celebrations for National Day through classroom and extra-curricular activities.

Many distinguished students were honored in the three compulsory subjects, and encouraged to walk on the path of distinction and success. We wish all our students excellence now and in the future. We are excited by the prospect of more creativity and competitions.



PE



Girls' PE

We are so happy to see our students keeping fit and healthy in school again this term. The enthusiasm ranging from F1 classes all the way to Year 11 during participation is something we always love to see. Healthy lunches, full of colourful fruits and vegetables have also become a lifestyle here at NBS Muraikh. All students have been working hard to get their fitness levels back up and can be very proud of the progress that they've all made. We are looking forward to more exciting activities with you. Be active, be healthy, be happy!

Miss Cecilia.

We have had a very exciting term one in Physical Education here at Newton British School Muraikh. As always, we have strived to provide an environment where your child develops a passion for living a healthy and active lifestyle through fun, safe and engaging physical activity. We have participated in a variety of new and challenging sports this term including, athletics, hockey, table tennis and basketball, all performed in a safe and secure environment. The PE department is looking forward to term two where we will continue to provide positive experiences through individual and team sports such as gymnastics, invasion games and striking and fielding games, with a focus on physical, social and emotional development.

Mr Harrigan



Art Week

ART APPRECIATION

Through teaching Art & Design, we aim to foster a love of learning, enabling children to ignite their inner creativity and explore avenues to express thoughts, feelings, and understandings in new and exciting ways. At NBS Muraikh, we celebrated the artistic and creative abilities of our students during Art Week, based on both artistic and design elements the overall week exposed students to art history as well as multiple art and design activities and competitions. We were delighted by both the effort and skill students put into each activity. KS3 classes designed and created their individual class flag that symbolically represents their class spirit. Students entered an anime character contest where they had to design their original cartoon character. An amazing effort was put in by many students with an overall winning position awarded to our Year 10 student Aya Snan who firstly designed and sketched her character and later went on to complete a digital painting that highlighted her artistic talents. Many congratulations to all students who participated, all entries were amazing and the competition was highly competitive.



Aya Snan
Art Week Winner
Digitally painted cartoon character





NBS Muraikh is a melting pot of international cultures and nationalities from all over the world. It was a joy to take this week to not only represent our individual heritage but to celebrate our cultures and diversity as one community. Teachers and students here at NBS Muraikh are very proud of our nationalities, international week allowed us to not only celebrate our countries traditions but also educate each other developing a better understanding of our culture, ethos, and values. There was a very exciting buzz in school during this celebration week as students worked together participating in activities that were stimulating, informative, and exciting. Students were able to present their projects during the school parade which concluded the international celebration week, this saw students and teachers proudly wear international dresses, dances, and music. Many congratulations and praise to all who participated.



International Celebration Week

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Student Council

The Student Council

Our school council is made up of one elected representative of each primary class. We currently have 16 school counselors. We meet every week to discuss how we can improve our school. We ask our fellow students to put their suggestions for improving the school in their class suggestion box and these are discussed at our weekly meetings. This term, we have been focusing on how to make our school a healthy school, after completing a survey with every primary class, we have come up with an initiative to start a healthy snack tally for first break. We are working together to strive for a better and happy school environment for all pupils.



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STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2021-2022



Head Boy

Hello, my name is Karim Sobh, I'm in Year 11 and I am the Head Boy and Head Prefect in Newton British School. In our weekly student council meetings, we discuss to come up with a variety of ideas that will push our school community towards the best atmosphere any student would like to be in. To add to, we make sure to go through every challenge our school is going through in order to rectify it and overcome it. One of the many ideas we came up with was to add some greens to our spaces in order to support our earth and which is under working progress.



Muad Khan
Y11 Blue
Prefect

Karim Sobh
Y11 Blue
Headboy

Abdallah Al-Zaben
Y11 Blue
Prefect



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Head Girl



Hello everybody, I'm Gardenia Bahr Aliloom and I'm the Head Girl, Head Prefect and a Student Council member at Newton British School Muraikh.

At Newton British School Muraikh, we have an active Student Council, where members meet up on a regular basis in order to discuss ways to improve our school further and to make sure that student's 'voices' are heard.

During our Student Council meetings, we are currently discussing reward systems which contribute to the achievements of Secondary students, as we believe that certificates are not very appealing to older and more mature students.

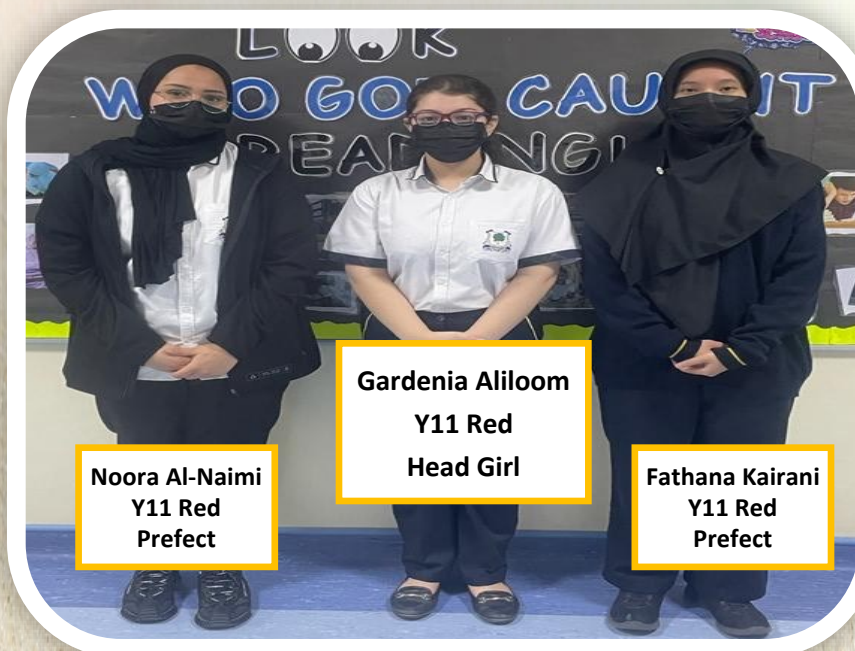
Additionally, we are currently discussing adding recycling bins to all classes and the class which has collected the most recycling waste by the end of the week gets a suitable reward.

The Prefects also get together every once in a fortnight to discuss how their duties are going - as they patrol the corridors during the school day to ensure that all students are being safe during COVID. Our Prefects also work alongside the staff to promote the rules and safety measures within the school.

At our school, safety is a priority and we (students) feel very safe at school due to the fact that the entrance gate is guarded by security so nobody can enter or exit the school without being given permission.

Furthermore, our teachers do their absolute best to make us feel as if we are a family living with in a community, hence, making our school a more family-friendly environment for the smaller children, as well as enabling students to feel safe and secure communicating with their teachers.

Moreover, at our school, we believe that diversity is the key to learning. This is because students can learn about all different kinds of cultures from their lessons as well as from their friends. Many students from different nationalities are enrolled at our school annually.



Noora Al-Naimi
Y11 Red
Prefect

Gardenia Aliloom
Y11 Red
Head Girl

Fathana Kairani
Y11 Red
Prefect



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PTA UPDATE

The PTA would like to thank the parents for giving us some of your valuable time and much appreciated effort to deliver our voices to the school. The PTA would also like to thank the school, who in return have been very supportive to adhere to our concerns within the frame of the school's values and ministry's rules and regulations.

The PTA committee has been founded in order 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 to speak out about your 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 PTA have met twice this term, agreeing that now students are in school full time everyone is much happier. Any concerns, expectations, new ideas and praise that parents wish to share, can be sent to your year group representative or via email to :

ptanbsmuraikh@gmail.com.



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Important Message

- ◆ We return to school on Sunday 2nd January, 2022
- ◆ Tuesday 8th February National Sports Day
- ◆ Sunday 6th February to Thursday 10th February Mid-Term Break

Upcoming dates for your diary:

School photos

The school photographers will be in school, week commencing 9th January.

- Years F1 and F2 - Sunday 9th January
- Years 1, 2 and 3 - Monday 10th January
- Years 4, 5 and 6 - Tuesday 11th January
- Year 7, 8 and 9 - Wednesday 12th January
- Years 10 and 11 and requested sibling groups - Thursday 13th Jan.



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>

