

The Muraikh Message

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Mr M Wilson
Principal

This has been such a short term and yet we have done so much. The highlights for me have been seeing the children return to the normality of teaching and learning in the classroom. We hope that this will continue but of course it depends on the number of cases, as we continue to take all possible precautions. This means that we must continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing. We know that there are still cases and that children mix together outside of school.

We are grateful for the declaration forms that are returned every week and the Rapid Antigen Tests that the students have to take. We are visited frequently by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to check that all the paperwork is completed correctly and that everyone in school is complying with the rules.

It was so good to see some of our students in Primary receiving recognition after being invited in the National Day Celebrations. The reputation of the school continues to grow and that is because of our parents, students and teachers. I am very proud of the IGCSE results that some of our Year 11 have already achieved. They have surpassed national and international averages in English, maths and science, due in no short part to the extremely high quality of teaching and expectations. This has placed the school in a very strong position to have another outstanding year of international results.

I do want to reiterate the importance of regular attendance. Again, this is key to high achievement, particularly during this period of the pandemic. It has been recognized internationally that low attendance is one of the main reasons for underachievement and attendance is monitored by the Ministry every day.

Please remember that we have the photographers in school on our return after the break.

Please do feed back comments to our PTA, positive as well as negative. Your voice is important to us.

Thank you again for all your support.

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EYFS

Miss K Horn
EYFS Coordinator



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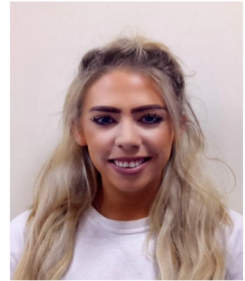


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KS1

Miss A Kane



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Key Stage One have had yet another amazing term; we started online and although this was difficult, the teachers were so impressed with the children's hard work and determination. Thankfully we have now all returned to school and the hard work has continued – so well done boys and girls!

We had a really enjoyable 'healthy living' week where we focused on the importance of looking after ourselves both physically and mentally and learnt lots about the importance of being kind – Year 2 Red made up an amazing song that they shared with KS1 during assembly about how we can look after our bodies. During reading celebration, the children were able to showcase their favourite place to read, we had some amazing enthusiastic readers who took their books to the mall, the beach and even to the desert!! It has been a pleasure to have the children back in school this term and we hope that you all now enjoy your well-deserved break.

Have a lovely break and we will see you all very soon!



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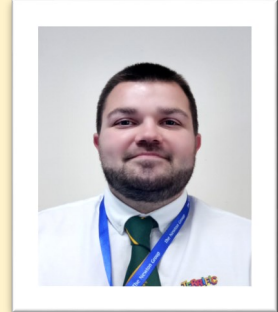


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KS2

Mr J Morgan
KS2 Coordinator



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

Key Stage 2 have had a busy second term. Despite mixing online learning and in-class learning, all the students have made a tremendous effort to engage, take part and learn in many different ways.

In Year 6, we have learnt about the culture of an ancient civilisation - the Maya. We have learnt about the Maya's discovery of chocolate and how their culture helped develop modern-day farming methods. We have learnt about the similarities between the Maya calendar and the modern-day calendar. They both have 365 days months and group the year into seasons. We have also studied and investigated light. We recapped the basics of light sources and the formation of shadows then progressed into understanding how the human eye uses light to see colours. In English, we have written tales inspired by the tales of the Mayas and we have written online newspaper articles on topics that we have researched in our ICT lessons.

In Year 5, we have learnt about the Anglo Saxons — their traditions and how they changed the landscape of the United Kingdom. We learnt about their way of life - what they did for jobs, what they ate, wore and what kind of houses that they lived in. In geography, we have learnt about the world and its countries. Using an atlas, we have located countries on maps and discovered key features about them, such rivers, mountains and lakes. We have also learnt how to use map coordinates to find different landmarks. In English, we have continued to use our talk 4 writing skills to write instructions and stories. We have also been practising our spelling and the correct grammatical features of sentences.

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In Year 4, we have learnt about the Shang dynasty. We were learning about the culture they created and the hierarchy of people in that kingdom. We have learnt about the dress and the craft that was so important at that time. In geography, we have learnt about the rivers of the world and the key features that make a river different from a lake or an ocean. In science, we have learnt about the states of matter, knowing if something is a liquid, gas or solid object. In English, we have improved our writing skills and expanded our vocabulary. We have made WOW walls of words to help use exciting and unique words to describe our settings as well as our characters in our short stories. We have also progressed to using thesauruses.

In Year 3, we have been learning some modern history. We are learning about the nations of Japan and America. We have learnt about their most recent past and how they currently are running. We have also studied these nations in geography, finding them on maps, learning about capital cities, flags and geographical features such as rivers, mountains and lakes. In English, we have been writing letters. The type of letters have been persuasive ones, we have written to Mr Wilson and Mr Stuart, trying to persuade them to improve the school with many different requests such as ice cream stations, swimming pools, petting zoos and Thursdays off.

Our learners have enjoyed a busy term, taking part in 'well-being' week and celebrating weekly reading week in class and online.

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Mr M Boylan
KS3 Coordinator

KS3



Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 & 9)

Hats off to our amazing Key Stage 3 students who demonstrated their maturity during our online learning period this term. Their attitude to learning, participation and dedication really shone through again!

As successful as online learning was, the teachers were delighted to welcome the students back in person and a relaxation of restrictions has allowed the students to shine again:

PE: Students have been able to further show off their skills with increasing interaction in physical activity.

Science: Science has been made visual and interactive again thanks to live experiments.

Market day: students supported our KS3 market day exceptionally well, taking advantage of the opportunities offered by our KS4 Business students and offering their support and keen interest.

Breaks: It has been a pleasure to see our students enjoying their breaks outside again and involving themselves so enthusiastically in our break reward system. We look forward to the day when we can have all of our students outside again enjoying the sunshine (in moderation of course)!

Achievement points: Competition is becoming hotter and hotter every week for who can win form of the week and KS3 student of the week. It's very pleasing to see just how many of our students are achieving and impressing so widely across the school!

Exam results: results just keep going up and up and up! Each assessment period this year has seen an improvement on the last, a great achievement! This is thanks to the dedication of both students and staff in both lessons and our extensive ECA programme!

I look forward to another exciting term of further progression in term 3! Well done Key Stage 3!



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KS4

Mr J Browne
KS4 Coordinator



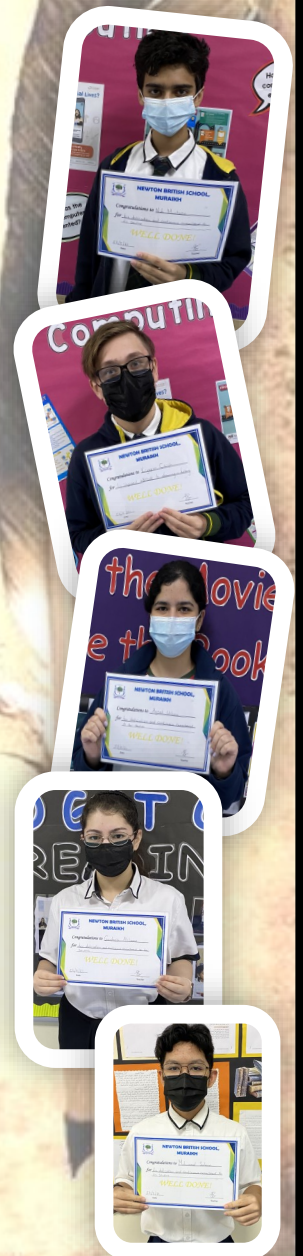
Key Stage 4 (Years 10 & 11)

Our Key Stage 4 students have been very busy the term with making progress in their academic subjects and preparing for their IGCSE examinations. Our Year 10 students have been developing their skills and knowledge of their subjects. All of our students have been receiving a high quality education from our wonderful teaching staff. ECAs have been ongoing with support sessions available to all KS4 students. These will continue in Term 3 so all students are making progress and feeling confident in their studies.

Some of our Year 11 students entered English as a 2nd Language and Arabic as a 1st Language early which they completed in October 2021. Students received their results in January which were very impressive! 100% of students achieved a grade 9 – 5 in Arabic as a 1st Language. Well done to Mrs. Marwa and the Arabic team. 75% of our students achieved a grade 9 – 4 in English as a 2nd Language. 50% of students achieved a Grade 8 or Grade 9 which is incredible. A huge thank you to Mrs. Wilson!

During this term we have had several webinars regarding careers and further education with our partners at Education Basket. They have provided our KS4 and Y9 students with information regarding choosing the correct career path, entry requirements for universities and hosted university open days around the world from different universities. 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.

Lastly, I want to thank our Key Stage 4 students who have continued to be engaged and committed to their studies despite the challenges of online learning at the beginning of the term. Thank you also to our parents who are always supportive and help motivate our students to achieve academic success in each of their subjects.



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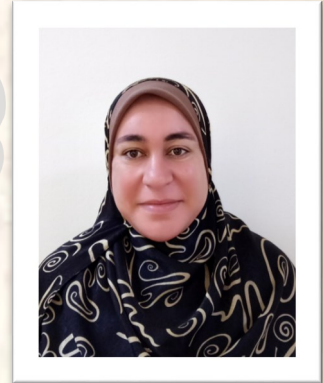


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Arabic

Miss Marwa
Arabic Coordinator



Arabic, Islamic and Qatar History

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

We nurture the talented with distinguished care and we discover the talent. This was demonstrated by our participation in the Qatar National Day celebrations. Our students were amazing!

We will also participate in the Arabic creativity competition which will take place after the Term 2 break.

We applied a lot of new teaching and learning strategies during (Arabic, Islamic and Qatar history lessons) and we celebrated the Arabic National Day and arranged Arabic week. It was wonderful to see our students enjoy all the different activities.

Many distinguished students were honored in the three compulsory subjects, and encouraged to walk the path of distinction and success.

We wish all our students excellence and excellence always, and we are waiting for more creativity in the upcoming competitions and works.



PE



Firstly, I would like to congratulate every pupil for their amazing performances and participation in their Physical Education lessons both online and in school in terms 1 and 2 here at Newton British School Muraikh. The enthusiasm demonstrated by the pupils to progress and engage in Physical Education and healthy lifestyles makes for a wonderful learning environment in the gymnasium. The Physical Education team has endeavored to work towards our school vision of striving for excellence and celebrating success in all lessons.

This term we have performed a variety of team sports and invasion games focusing on improvement in our physical literacy and our understanding and implementation of tactics to achieve success. Our lessons are delivered in a safe and secure environment underpinned by our core values of sportsmanship, respect and fair play.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents for their continued support and communication this year especially during the Healthy Living week. It was fantastic to see so much enjoyment and participation in the various activity days such as 'Wellness Wednesday' and 'Sporty Sunday'. We are looking forward to another fun filled term 3 in Physical Education after the end of term break.



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Student Council

The secondary student council has been actively involved in representing the students over the past term. With the help of new teacher advisors, they are continuing to provide a means for student expression and assistance for their fellow peers. During online learning the student council was the voice for students, identifying challenges of online learning and proposing solutions to those challenges. After online learning came to an end, the student council turned their attention to *making the school more student centred*. This involved coming up with multiple activities and project ideas where students can be actively involved. We are looking forward to seeing how the student council will provide further opportunities for student leadership and encourage student / teacher and community relations.

The Primary Student Council has worked hard to implement our new Healthy Eating initiative. During the first break every day, Student Council are encouraging their classes to make healthy choices to go towards their healthy eating tally. At the end of every fortnight, the healthiest class is awarded with extra outdoor play for their efforts. The Student Council have been very dedicated in their roles and have brought forward some excellent suggestions for our next project for Term 3. Well done everybody and remember to keep writing suggestions for your class suggestion boxes.



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STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2021-2022



Life feels so much better together, right? So many communities are reuniting this Term including this one – our school community here at Newton British School, Muraikh. There is a vibrant and upbeat feel about the place; students are ecstatic to be back, having reunited with their friends and teachers at long last! Therefore, there is a real sense of purpose and strong academic ethos.

Indeed, Year 11 rose to the challenge of partaking in two, high profile Business projects. One of those being Market Day. This involved senior students acting in role as market holders, selling goods in order to gain a small profit. The idea behind this event was to consolidate Year 11s understanding of how to manage a small business.

The best highlight for this term was In early January, when Year 11's celebrated their IGCSE early entry examination results, 33% of the students achieved a Grade 9, Year 11 students had a great and fun time celebrating their success.

During student council meetings, we came up with the idea of starting a reward system, this means that the Year Group that collects the most achievement points will have the option of choosing a reward, some of the rewards was playing football during breaks. The Year Group that has achieved the most rewards this term is the Year 8 Blue, Well Done!

Besides that, I would like to thank everyone for this wonderful Term, and wishing everyone a nice Term 3.

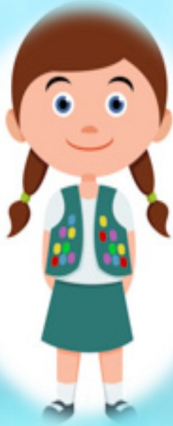
Karim Sobh
Year 11– Blue



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Dear Valued Parents,

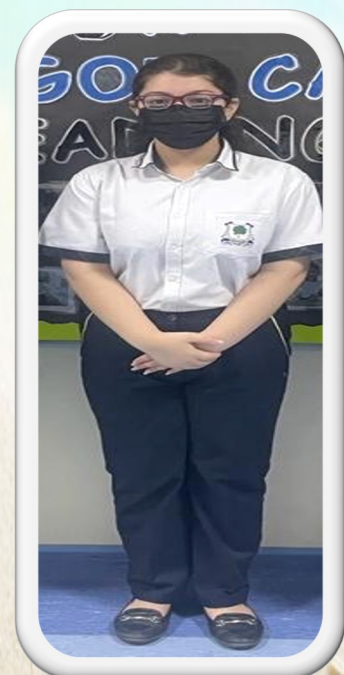
I'm Gardenia Bahr Aliloom and I'm the Head Girl, Head Prefect and a Student Council member at Newton British School Muraikh. This term, we began on a very positive note as students were able to come back into school and the English as a 2nd Language IGCSE results came in as well as the IGCSE maths, physics and chemistry results. I am proud to report that the early entry Yr 11s attained 12 Grade 7 (A Grade) and above. Many achieved Grade 8 (A *) and Grade 9 (A**). This is a remarkable achievement!

We are so proud of the students and would like to thank all those teachers who gave up their personal time to help in the run-up to the exams.

Furthermore, I would like to thank all our teachers and our Principal - Mr Wilson - who do their absolute best to make us feel as if we are a family living within a community. This makes it easier for students who are struggling with school to ask for help and hence this makes 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. I am certain that the other Year 11 students are sad - just as I am - to leave this school at the end of the academic year as we are not sure if we will receive the same warm treatment from other teachers at a different school.

Gardenia Aliloom

Year 11– Red



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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 four times this academic year, agreeing that now students are in school full time everyone is much happier. The PTA would particularly like to extend an invite for parent representatives join the meeting from Early Years and KS1. 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.

Thank you!



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Important Message

- ◆ We return to school on Sunday 20th March
- ◆ Do not forget to take the Rapid Antigen tests.
- ◆ Remember, if you are vaccinated or recovered, we need written evidence for MoPH.
- ◆ We are still awaiting confirmation of the next calendar dates.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

School photos

- ◆ Sunday 20 March F1 and dF2
- ◆ Monday 21 March Years 1, 2, 3
- ◆ Tuesday 22 March Years 4, 5, 6
- ◆ Wednesday 23 March Years 7, 8 and 9
- ◆ Thursday 24 March Years 10, 11 and sibling groups.



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>

