

# Newton British Academy, Al Dafna

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## NEWSLETTER – October 20 -21

Dear Parents and Friends of NBA,

What a busy start to the year we have had! Starting with the blended programme, then being able to have some year groups back a little more and finally now we have all the pupils back full time. It is wonderful to see them all and to see them enjoying old friendships and making new ones.

The Newton Value we have been concentrating on has been RESPECT. I have to say that our pupils are generally a very respectful group and this is because they have learnt about respect from their first teachers – their parents. This half term, we shall be concentrating on RESPONSIBILITY – the wisdom to make good decisions.

This term, we have been pleased to welcome several new teachers and staff to our school. Thank you for making them feel at home here at NBA. I have to say that our current team is a dedicated team of people who are committed to doing their best for our children. I am delighted by the commitment and enthusiasm of the entire teaching team and I know that you will be as well.

### IMPORTANT DATES

24 October – School resumes  
15 November – Parent Workshop  
16 November PTA Committee Meeting  
22 November PTA General Meeting (Zoom)  
23 November STEM Specialist Days at school  
1 December End of Term 1 Exams begin  
9 December End of Term 1 Exams end  
12 December Arabic Week begins  
13 December International Day  
15 December National Day at school  
16 December Last day of Term 1 and School Reports will be available

In the term ahead it is vital that we concentrate on getting the pupils to school by 7am and attending every day. They have missed a lot of school over the past 18 months, so let us do all we can to get to school on time and every day.

## Heathly Eating Day

F1 Blue children enjoyed making fruit kebabs for Healthy Eating Day. The children could choose from a selection of fruits, kiwi, mango, pineapple, watermelon they wanted to put on their kebab. Layla in F1 Blue says "Kiwi is my favorite, its very yummy."



# Healthy

## Pyjama Day

The Early Years Foundation Stage had a fantastic Pyjama and Popcorn Day where we played games, sang songs and watched a movie. It was lovely to see the children so excited to show their friends their pyjamas, favourite toy and favourite treat. This incredibly fun day was to celebrate all the hard and brilliant work the children have completed this half term, and to encourage the children to be proud of their resilience and all the effort and they have put into their studies. Some things we learned from the children on this day were “it’s a very funny day!” and “I love school too much!”



## WOW Day – Our Local Heroes

Year 1's 'Super Me and My Local Community' has been great fun. They have learnt all about their body in Science and their local community in Geography. This includes our 'local heroes' which the children came dressed to school as for their WOW Day. It was an exciting day with lots of doctors, firewomen, police men, vets and such in the classroom. The children had a local hero visit them and answer their questions about their job. While taking part in role play as their local heroes, the children did a great job showing the current school value - Mutual Respect.



## Talk for Write

At NBA Al Dafna we use Talk For Writing to help us with our writing.

This term, Year 2 loved learning the actions to the story map to help them with retelling the story of Run in the Rainforest. This is always a very fun and active lesson where the children can make the story come to life.



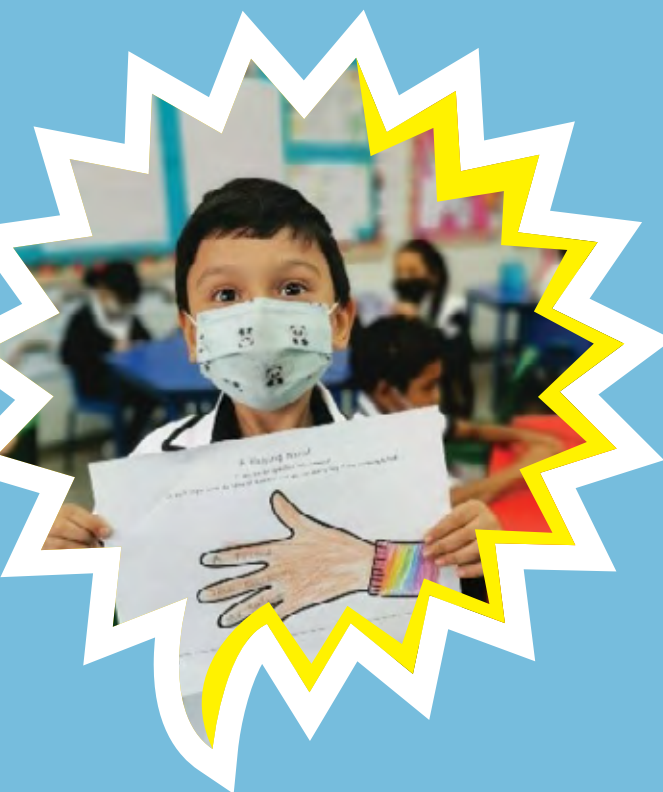
## Healthy Eating

Year 2 had a wonderful time learning about how to stay healthy through eating good food. Pupils came to school dressed up as their favourite fruit or vegetable. We spent time exploring and sorting healthy foods and also created our own healthy carrot person using a variety of fruits and vegetables. Pupils also tasted a range of healthy snacks which they brought to school and described their most and least favourite healthy foods to the class.



## Anti-Bullying Day

Pupils completed this activity as a part of 'Anti-Bullying Day' at NBA Al Dafna. As a class, pupils brainstormed who could help them if they were being bullied, including people at home and people in school. They then chose some different people to include on their helping hand, as people who could help, if we are being bullied.



# Be Kind

## Negative Numbers

To make Maths more exciting and fun the Year 4s used thermometers to explore negative numbers. Liquids at a range of temperatures were provided to the pupils in which they developed their measuring and recording skills while also expanding their concept of negative numbers. Kinesthetic learning at its finest!



## Stone Age Stew

In one of Year 3's Topic lessons, pupils were given the opportunity to prepare and cook their own Stone Age Stew. Pupils were learning about foods that early Hunters and Gatherers ate in the Stone Age so to help embed this learning pupils got to experience gathering foods such as: honey, berries, seeds and (gummy) worms. After cooking these ingredients pupils got to sample their delicious Stone Age Stew.



In Year 5 and Year 6, the children have had experience of the 'Cave of Curiosity.' pupils visited the cave when they heard the focus poem in English. They were encouraged to use their senses to describe the setting. Whilst in the cave, the children had a taste of hot chocolate just like in the poem and wrote their favourite line on the wall of the cave. Pupils have now become poets themselves, creating their very own poems.



Thank you for your support as we have begun the year and dealt with the various changes along the way. It has been a difficult time and your support of this school has been a wonderful encouragement to us all. Please remember that our first priority will always be your children – our children – and the partnership we share with you in educating them is precious. We are looking forward to school returning increasingly to normal as the year progresses.

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me should you have any queries or concerns or if you simply wish to come and say hello.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Salvage  
Principal

“Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts”.

