



# NEWTON INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Primary Newsletter

Term 2

2021/2022



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# MR PAUL WILLIAMSON

## PRINCIPAL

I sit down to write this newsletter piece with hope. During Term 2 we have successfully managed a return to full-time 100% attendance and we all are feeling that we are getting close to the light at the end of the tunnel. Case numbers continue to fall in Qatar, and also here in school.

Whilst this is very nice to have this hope, we should not get complacent. We are finding now that if one person does have COVID, and attends school, more than one of their classmates is likely to catch it. We must therefore continue to stay home if we have symptoms and test accordingly, and also observe all precautionary measures at school. Let us move towards the end of tunnel cautiously.

We have successfully re-introduced some Extra Curricular Activities, and more will be available in Term 3, keeping in mind that Ramadan will start after 2 weeks. It is great to see students smiling leaving their ECA's in the afternoons, again getting back to normal. We also managed to schedule some reward trips to finish the term, and field trips will follow in Term 3.

Thank you for your support during the exam period. This was a far more settled period in Term 2, with many students taking advantage of early departure for home study. This process will hopefully continue in Term 3.

I trust you and your family will enjoy the end of Term break, with school resuming on 20<sup>th</sup> March. It will be an unusually long third term of 13 weeks, so please allow your children to rest up as well in preparation for this.

Paul Williamson

Principal



# MS NADIA JANUARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure to come to the end of Term 2 achieving and highlighting all the wonderful work that took place this Term. Students and teachers have worked exceptionally hard and it is clear in the Newsletter the successes of everyone.

As parents, you can be proud of your child's performance and achievements and you can be proud to part of NIA. We are proud of our students and appreciate your ongoing support in your child's learning and participation in all school activities.

With reduced COVID-19 regulations, we continue to strive forward with the excellent partnership between teachers, students and parents, NIA successfully achieved its goals to continue Teaching and Learning.

It has not been an easy time and we appreciate everyone's efforts in making this work. We are also very proud that NIA is participating in the International Test, PISA 2022 (Program for International Student Assessment). This test are completed across the world in many countries to test the levels and standards of students Reading, Mathematics and Science levels. We are very confident that our students will perform well.

Once again, I would like to highlight our school's vision: ***'An international community of learners striving for excellence and celebrating success'***. It is clear through these times of change that our vision is always clear in everything we do. We would like you to continue working with us and be part of NIA community so that we can end this academic year successfully.

Have a lovely break. Stay safe wherever you may be.

Kind regards,  
Nadia January





As we end our second Term of this academic year, I can truly say we are extremely proud of the children who have engaged so positively with both their online learning and face to face session's term. Unexpectedly, Term 2 started of online, however, the continued resilience and fortitude the children have once again shown during this period is commendable.

The children loved being back at school and thanks to all the marvelous support we have succeeded in having a successful term during which learning and development has continued. Children have worked hard, whether online or in school and taken part in exciting dress up days and themed weeks such as Science week and Humanities week.

We are really proud of our NIA school community for the way in which we have supported one another through the ongoing challenges of the coronavirus pandemic. We have worked together to ensure that we focus on doing everything possible to maintain the highest standards of education possible, both academically and for your child's personal development too.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, staff and children for your continued support and team work.

I wish you a wonderful and safe holiday.

**MS ASMA HANIF**

**DEPUTY HEAD OF PRIMARY ACADEMICS**

# MS ANSONET OBERHOLZER

## DEPUTY HEAD OF PRIMARY PASTORAL

Throughout this term I have once again been impressed by the resilience of the children and I am extremely proud of what we have achieved at NIA. It is wonderful to have the children back in their school routine and to allow them to experience daily school life again. Despite some disruptions, the last couple of weeks of this term have been as normal as it could be and the student attendance has been fantastic. The smiles and enthusiasm we see across the school from children, staff and parents shows how happy everyone is being back in the classroom.

This term we celebrated Science week and although we were online, the students at NIA showcased their knowledge of Science and practical skills with amazing experiments. The students explored a wide range of scientific topics through hands-on investigations and enjoyed experiments and of course, Scientist Day. During Humanities week the focus was on History/Geography within each year group. There was a great deal of learning taking place, from learning about different countries, eras in the past to biomes. Students took part in a range of activities to extend their creativity and independence while engaging in deeper-level learning to end the week, each year group celebrated their current Humanities topic by dressing up accordingly. It was great fun!

To ease the transition from Primary to Secondary, the Year 6 students took part in a couple of secondary events such as Environmental week as well as Animal Awareness week. Thank you to secondary staff and prefects for your support. They truly enjoyed the activities and are excited to continue their journey at NIA Secondary. The Year 6 students have shared their feelings and opinions about their next step in the Term 2 Newsletter. Thank you to all staff for your hard work and parents for your support during this term. I am looking forward to Term 3 with a renewed sense of normality and routine. School will resume for all students on 20 March. As we break for the holidays, I wish you a wonderful, restful and safe holiday.

Ansonet Oberholzer



# NIA MISS TANIA DEVLIN EARLY YEARS COORDINATOR ORYX & PEARL



Our second academic term this year has just flown by!

We started off with Online Learning. Children had the opportunity to engage with learning content via live lessons on Zoom and activities on Seesaw, our online learning Platform. We even had our 'Science Week' online, and children engaged in experiments at home, developing their curious minds!

After 4 weeks, we were full of joy to welcome the children back to school full time. After a short resettling period, children were full of energy ready to learn and play! Thanks to our wonderful teachers, teaching assistants and parents we have had another successful and progressive term of learning and development.

Children have learned about many new concepts and ideas. As a community of learners who celebrate success, we have celebrated the children's investigative and curious approach to learning. The children started off the term learning all about 'Animals', and went on to discover the world around them by learning about 'Plants and Minibeasts'. As well as continuously developing in Mathematics, the children are learning to read, write and recognise letter sounds using the 'Jolly Phonics' programme in Literacy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and family members for your ongoing support.

I wish you a fantastic break on behalf of the team here at Pearl and Oryx, stay safe and we will see you all back at school for a fun filled final Term!

Caution! F1 Aqua are hard at work using their imagination to construct and create buildings and models.



We started Term 2 online at Newton International Academy Oryx. The children worked really hard on their Zoom lessons and completed many tasks on Seesaw. Everyone returned to school and continued with their learning, happy to be reunited with each other where lots of fun experiences took place.

# EYFS – ORYX



F2 Aqua boys in the construction area building a castle together.

F2 Aqua Children are learning to write a complete sentence.

F1 Orange fascinated with ants. Every time we go outside, we build a safe house for the ants and take the ants to the house.



F2 Aqua Labelling parts of a flower.

F1 Yellow developed their creative art skills and made some magnificent mini beasts!



F1 Aqua thoroughly enjoy outdoor play, we are having fun developing our gross motor skills and building friendships.



F2 Orange children enjoyed playing outdoors in the lovely weather.

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs Everywhere! F1 Aqua are learning about mini-beasts.



F1 Orange used the shapes and sorted them according to the shape and the colour.



F1 Yellow had an amazing science week online, taking part in many fun and exciting experiments.

F1 Orange found a big box and the learners decided we should make a house for them to play in. They enjoy playing in the house along with all the teddies and dolls.



In F2 Orange, experiments were held online with the children.





### F1 Purple

Children independently select some paint to make a flower.



In EYFS Newton International Academy PEARL Building our environment is an integral part of our children's learning. The children work daily in both our outdoor and indoor areas. Exciting and stimulating resources enrich the children's learning possibilities. In Term 2 the children continued to become confident, independent learners and made positive relationships.

F2 Purple look for information about spiders and then write down some facts!



F1 Purple role playing shop.



F1 Green children had fun painting the rainbow fish in many colours like in the story.



F2 Purple enjoy the topic "Mini-beast" making bugs in the art area and look for it in the garden!



In F1 Green the boys used the wooden blocks to make a ramp for the cars to roll down. They took turns in pairs making races to see which car rolls down the fastest.



F2 Purple use their phonetic knowledge to make and read words



# EYFS - PEARL

F2 Purple enjoy planting seeds in the outdoor. They discuss what a plant needs to grow and learn to take care of plants in the environment.



F1 Green independently choose various materials in their art area to decorate a flower.



Children in F1 Purple indicate whether they enjoyed the P4C lesson on 'exercise' or not - if they enjoyed it they are standing in the line with the happy face. If they did not enjoy it, they are in the line with the sad face.



# YEAR 1

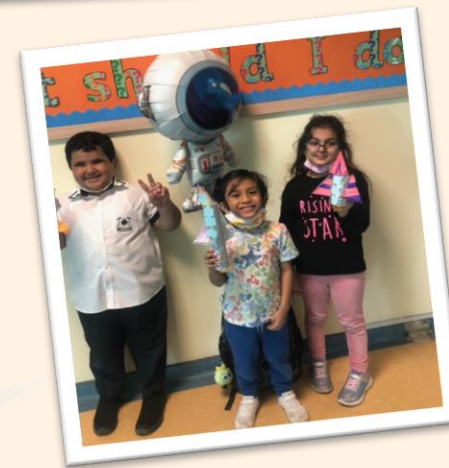
In English, we really enjoyed the story of Zog and practised retelling it using our 'Talk For Write' actions. Afterwards, we wrote our own interesting stories.



When we returned to school we loved going to the library and borrowing new books to read. Learning about Neil Armstrong and celebrating space exploration was one of the major highlights in Term 2.



Year 1 learned and explored lots of new things during Term 2. We used cubes to double and halve numbers in Maths. We also practised skip counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

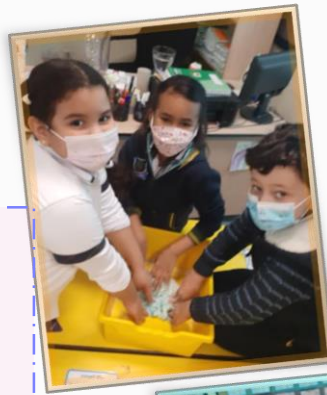


# YEAR 2

What an eventful term this has been, filled with ups and downs. The downs being having to do online classes and the ups being all the fun activities we did in the classroom while working extremely hard. The most fun for **2 Orange** was doing an egg drop challenge in Science, where we got to use different materials to build a protective layer for an egg. We also enjoyed the light hearted moments of the day by doing class karaoke



**2 Purple** created actions in order to help them explain how chocolate is made. We also created a story map, showing the steps in this explanation text. Teoman is showing the seeds being crushed during Winnowing. Thia is showing what happens during Roasting.



**2 Indigo** learnt how some materials can change shape and made their own playdough to explore this new concept. We learnt about different inventors in Humanities such as Thomas Edison, The Wright brothers and Alexander Bell and then came to school dressed up as our favourite one.

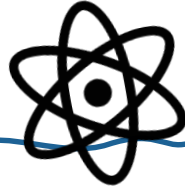


With Covid restrictions easing off a bit **2 Green** enjoy break time together in the beautiful weather.

**2 Yellow** enjoyed the cooler weather and took maths activities outdoors! They enjoyed tracing 2D shapes and completed a colour by number activity while spending time in the fresh air.



# YEAR 3



**What a fantastic term we have had in Year 3!**

Although we started off online, we were all so happy when we were all allowed to return to school. Since then, we have been doing fantastic work including; Talk 4 Write, fun Science experiments and we loved going outside for PE!

Our favourite activity was dressing up for Humanities Week and celebrating our Geography topic 'Italy'.

**We're all looking forward to Term 3!**



# YEAR 4

**Year 4 Indigo** have immersed themselves in their topics this term. They have dressed in Brazilian colours, they have travelled to Ancient Egypt and they have even been given a very important warning! We have also been invested in Roald Dahl books this term, completing 'The Witches' and 'The Twits'. We can't wait to see what will happen in Term 3!



In Term 2, **Year 4 Orange** travelled to exotic Brazil and learnt about their way of life and the Amazon Rainforest. Then they were transported to Ancient Egypt to learn about hieroglyphics, mummification and pharaohs. Included in this term was a mysterious warning about tales to come. The class has enjoyed being together and are excited for what Term 3 has in store for them!



**4 Yellow** has had a pretty exciting year so far. They are a lively group of children who enjoy learning and making each other laugh. They have really enjoyed doing practical things in class like Science experiments and acting things out in English. They also enjoyed winning Rock Star challenges.



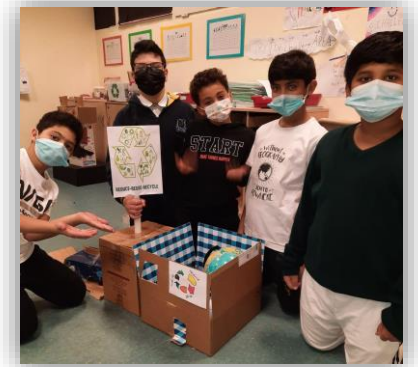
What a **Year 4 Green** is having so far! The children have immensely enjoyed coming together in class for the first time in 2 years, and they are working hard at establishing great study habits and work ethic. From writing suspense stories to solving word problems to sharing our ideas in P4C, the children are loving working as a class.

**4 Purple** have gone above and beyond this year to show they are a respectful, hard-working and caring class. Their positive attitude to learning and cheerful outlook to new challenges amazes me each day. **4 Purple** particularly enjoyed learning about animals in Science and taking part in Maths competitions within the class.

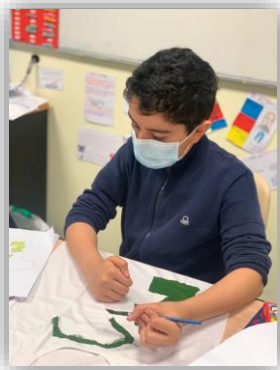


# YEAR 5

We spoke too soon at the end of last term and Term 2 began with all the children online for a period of 4 weeks. This time around though, we were prepared and made the most of our time online. Science Week, P4C day and even wearing our PJs daily were things that happened AND we still managed to work hard and have fun.



While online worked it was nice to get back in-person from Week 5. The children were happy to see each other and it was as if the last 4 weeks never existed. Tiredness played a part, of course, since the children couldn't now just roll out of bed and onto Zoom they had to actually get ready! But oh... what a difference it



Once back we had Humanities Week and then completed the term in school. Once again, we have had a great term. Although it started in a different way, I think we are all glad we are back in school full time now. The dedication, hard-work and fun had by all is clear to see and all of us, as teachers, are very proud of the way the children in Year 5 made this work.



From all of the Year 5 team thank you so much for your support this term. The children have developed a lot and it is only with your continued support they will keep improving. We look forward to Term 3 in March.

# YEAR 6

We have had a very busy and fun term, jam packed with learning. Well done to all Year 6 for your efforts. Although starting the term off with online learning, you have still managed to cover many different topics and learn all sorts of new and exciting things. Here are some examples:

**Science:** In Science you have looked at a **Classification** and **Light**. We were able to understand why **classification** was important, how it came about and what classification has enabled scientist to achieve.

In your studies of **Light**, we looked at the human eye and how we are able to see.

We also now know about **reflection** and **shadows**, involving yourself in fun experiments along the way!



**Geography and History:** In your **History** lessons, you learned about **WW2**, understanding and applying your knowledge of why it began, who was involved and how the world was affected by it. In **Geography**, we learned about **Biomes!** This was such a fun topic. We even had our own **Biome** for each class and had a **Biome** dress-up day! Congratulations to **6 Red**, who won the best display.



**Extra:** Some of the Year 6's entered a competition, creating brilliant front covers for **Dr Jabr's new book**. They were also invited to listen to his stories!



**English:** You have been working hard on trying to gain your understanding of all areas of English.

From **reading comprehensions**, **SPAG** and **writing**. This term, we have been blessed to read some fantastic **newspaper reports**. You have shown that you can apply all key features and structure. Who knows, maybe there are some future journalists amongst you!



**Maths:** You have had the chance to cover new topics this term, like **ratio**, **scatter graphs**, as well as deepen your knowledge of other key concepts.

**Maths** will always help with your problem solving and reasoning skills.

These skills will be useful for all aspects of life!

# HOW THE YEAR 6 STUDENTS FEEL ABOUT GOING TO SECONDARY



"I am looking forward to learning new things. I am excited about meeting my new teacher and friends."

Ibrahim

"I am really looking forward to secondary. It may be challenging but meeting new people is amazing."

Reem

"I am looking forward to secondary next year. My biggest concern is the homework but other than that, I am excited!" Muhammad Arfan

"I am quite excited to go to secondary but I also feel nervous because of all the changes in the school routine."

Adem

"I am very excited to go to secondary next year but, to be honest, I am also nervous. This will teach me independence." Yasmine

"I feel nervous and a bit scared but mostly excited to be with my friends." Ethan

"I feel excited. Why? Because I'll get to learn new stuff."

Ruby

"I am fine with going to secondary, it seems fun but also I feel shy because I have no idea what I'm gonna experience." Fares

"I am a little nervous to go to secondary, as I know it will be a challenge. The excitement of a new experience is very motivating though, it's only the memorising of classes and the thought of a new difference that holds me back." Jorja

"Secondary seems like a huge responsibility, but I am excited about all the new topics we're going to be taking. I heard it's a whole new level up there, but I think it will be much easier. Hopefully it doesn't go too hard all at once." Haya M

"I feel really good because I feel prepared from Year 6 work. I also feel a bit scared because of all the rules in secondary."

Amir

"If I go to secondary I would be very happy as I will do my best to progress in English."

Djabir

"It's always been my dream to go to Year 7. I used to see my sister doing so many fun things and getting really good grades, so I got jealous. I am a bit scared but I hope it will be fine."

Aseel

"I am partially worried, yet excited. It seems fun to be in secondary but with it comes responsibilities and stress. It will be new but I will eventually fit in."

"I am kind of nervous because I feel that the teachers will be strict but I am happy to get more mature."



# قسم اللغة العربية والدراسات الإسلامية

## Arabic and Islamic department

دعوة الدكتور جبر النعيمي مؤلف قصص الأبطال لقراءة آخر مؤلفاته ( أين اختفى القصر؟ والقطة تعلق الجرس!) ومناقشتها مع طلابنا المتميزين في الصفين الخامس والسادس وتكريم الفائزين بمسابقة أفضل رسم لخلاف القصتين.



مشاركة الطلاب بنشاطات أسبوع اللغة العربية من خلال تصميم القبعة السحرية للغة العربية وتاج الحروف العربية.





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مشاركة طلاب  
الصف الأول  
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العربية

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في مكتبة المدرسة



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ومتميزة بمناسبة ليلة  
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التربية الإسلامية





# PE

It was wonderful to be able to return to practical PE lessons, in KS2 Basketball was the sport with the early spring weather allowing us to be outside. We started with ball control, dribbling and then passing followed by shooting, the last two weeks was spent learning the rules of the game and match play, next term we will have a week of match play. Sports days will be in week two of next term during the PE lesson where pupils will score points for their house with the overall winners announced during assemblies. In KS1 agility, balance and co-ordination was the base that pupils have been working in, during PE lessons a variety of different stations allowed pupils to explore and develop the motor skills whilst having fun.

We look forward to seeing the pupils next term.

Mr Paulo & Mr John





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PE

This Term Student Council has been extremely busy organising lots of events for NIA.

During Zoom meetings, they brainstormed mindfulness ideas to help their peers get through their exams. They also took time to speak on behalf of their peers explaining how to make NIA a better place.

On top of their long list of jobs, the Student Council organised the charity donations and dress up day for QAWS, which was a huge success.

Thanks to the on-going effort and commitment of the Student Council NIA is a happy and inclusive environment.



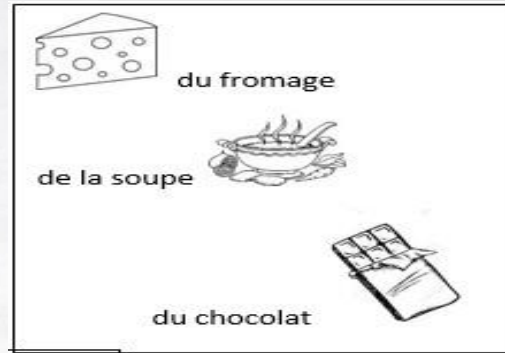
# Student Council

This term saw a combination of online and in-class learning. Whether online or in the class, we still had a lot of fun and learned a lot in each year group.

### YEAR 3

In Year 3 we learned how to speak about our house, our family and our body parts in French. We even started doing some basic reading in French.

*A job well done, Year 3's!*



### YEAR 4

In Year 4 we learned how to order food and drink in a restaurant. We also learned how to speak about the clothes we wear and how to make sentences negative.

*Thank you for your hard work,  
Year 4's!*

# FRENCH

### YEAR 5

In Year 5 we focused on weather and how to say what activities we like doing. We also started to focus on more grammar.

*Un très bon travail!*



### YEAR 6

In Year 6 we focused more on grammar and writing. We learned how to speak about our activities and how to describe ourselves and other people.

*Felicitations!*

# Competition de classe

The class competition this term was close as everyone worked hard. Here are the results.

**Congratulations to the winners!**

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		Purple: 55	Yellow: 47
Green: 56	Indigo: 59	Orange: 66	Orange: 57
Yellow: 57	Green: 61	Green: 72	Blue: 63
Orange: 58	Orange: 63	Indigo: 73	Green: 68
Yellow: 58	Purple: 63	Yellow: 85	Purple: 69
<b>Winners:</b> Magenta with 59	<b>Winners:</b> Yellow with 64	<b>Winners:</b> Blue with 86	<b>Winners:</b> Red with 73

**Felicitations!!!**



**We have had an exciting, creative and fun-filled Term in ICT with KS1 children.**

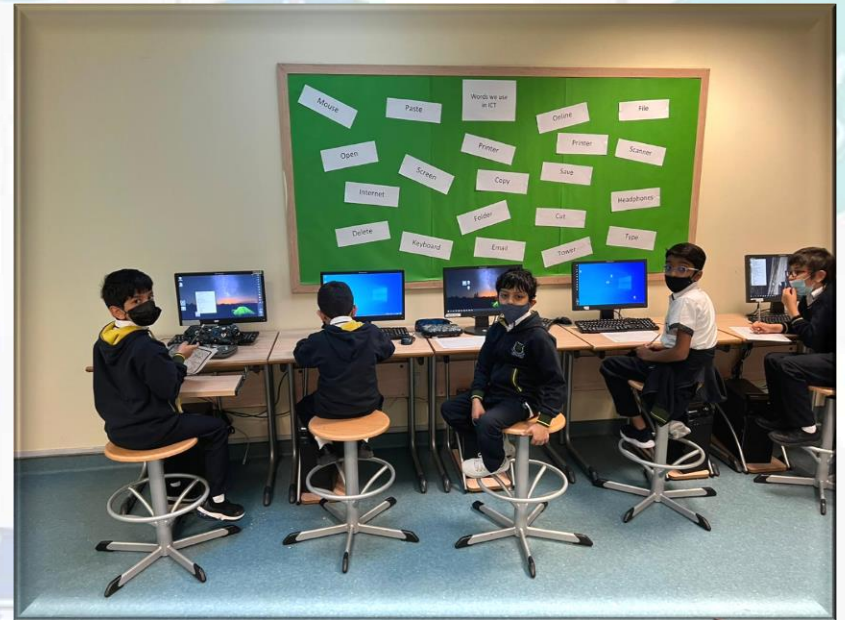
**Students learned about Algorithms, Coding, Internet, Emails and different devices we use.**

**They also enhanced their vocabulary on all those topics.**

**It was a very exciting and challenging time for students and we are very proud of their academic achievements.**



**ICT**





Busy identifying and using conjunctions in a sentence.



EAL Support is provided to help students whose first language is not English.



Every student can learn, just not on the same day in the same way!

**SEN AND EAL**

# TERM 3

Starts:

**Sunday**



**20 MARCH 2022**