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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This has been such a short term and yet we have done so much. It was so wonderful to see the School Fayre for the first time. I am grateful to those parents who assisted us on the day. We take pride with our links with the community. We work closely many with Ministry departments and we are grateful to the Department of Transport for giving a talk to our young children about road safety. There have been other wonderful highlights, such as the visit from the 'Texas A and M' University. The students were introduced to the wonders of science through some breath-taking displays. We also enjoyed 'reading week' which tried to promote a love of reading amongst our young people.

The strength of our school is the wonderful students who create an environment that any Principal would be proud of. We also recognise that there will be occasions where parents will have concerns and questions. Please do contact the school. As I have said previously, communication between parent and school is fundamental to success. All policies, including the complaints policy is available on our website.

We do need to remind parents of the importance of ensuring that children arrive for the start of learning at 7 am. We do need students of all ages to attend school every day and arrive on time. Next month, we are expecting a visit from 'British Schools Overseas' who check that we are complying with the requirements of the British Curriculum. We are looking forward to their visit. I am looking forward to their visit.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mr Wilson



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Message from the Head of Secondary

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well. As we come to the end of Term 2, I am delighted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and successes of our students here at Newton International Academy-Smash.

Term 2 has been a period of growth, learning, and accomplishment for our students, and I am immensely proud of each and every one of them. From academic achievements to extracurricular successes, our students have truly excelled in various aspects of their educational journey.

Academically, our students have demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to their studies. Through their hard work and perseverance, they have made significant progress and achieved commendable results across various subjects. Whether it is mastering complex mathematical concepts, conducting scientific experiments, or analyzing profound literacy works, our students have shown an impressive level of resilience that is truly commendable.

Beyond the classroom, our students have also shone brightly in extracurricular activities and competitions. From sports tournaments to spelling competitions, from science shows to debating competitions, our students have showcased their talents and passion in diverse fields. Their participation, teamwork, and sportsmanship have been exemplary, reflecting the values of resilience, creativity, and collaboration that we strive to instill in our students.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering support and guidance of our dedicated teachers, staff, and of course, you, our supportive parents. Your encouragement, involvement, and partnership in your child's education have played a crucial role in their success, and for that, we are immensely grateful.

As we look forward to Term 3, I am confident that our students will continue to flourish and achieve even greater heights. With your continued support and our collective commitment to excellence, I have no doubt that they will continue to excel academically, personally, and socially.

Once again, congratulations to our students on a successful Term 2! Let us celebrate their achievements and look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in the coming term.

Thank you.

Mr. Browne



Message from the Head of Primary

Dear Students and Parents of NIA Smash,

We came to the end of a memorable term. During Term 2, students continued to strive for excellence both academically and within their extra-curricular activities. We nurtured the growth of the whole child- academically, socially, emotionally and physically - celebrating all achievements in a safe, caring and creative environment. The teachers worked together to bring learning 'alive' and extend pupils' experiences so that they are well prepared for Term 3 and the next steps in their education.

The highlights for me in Term 2 were certainly the opening of our school swimming pool and the many sports opportunities our students were presented with that were arranged by our PE department. A number of our students had the opportunity to participate in Inter-Newton competitions where healthy contesting between the Newton schools helped our students to further develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills. It filled me with great joy knowing that each student had the opportunity to develop these lifelong transferable skills on a safe platform. All these activities in conjunction with their daily academic subjects contribute to a holistic education.

Parents have worked closely with their children in providing the necessary support to assist with their ongoing learning and education. We are very thankful to all the parents for their input as this remains a pillar of strength for teachers and students. Parent's support is making it possible to achieve so many goals and raise student progress progressively alongside teachers. NIA Smash is a community to be proud of, and parents are an integral part of its continued growth and development.

We believe a happy child will be a successful child and work to ensure every child enjoys school and achieves success. Our teachers are dedicated and hard-working, as only the best will do for the children in our care. We pride ourselves on being a warm, welcoming school and look forward to continuing working together in Term 3 to achieve the best outcomes for all of the children. We are wishing you and your family a restful and joyous break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Chani Meyer

Head of Primary and EYFS



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Message from the EYFS Coordinator

Dear Parents and Pupils of NIA Smash,

We have reached the end of a very busy Term Two! I am immensely proud of what we have achieved. We have managed to deliver a varied and exciting curriculum and have tried to ensure that our children continue to make good progress. The pupils enjoyed the extra-curricular activities that were on offer, and we hope to offer many more in Term Three.

The highlights of the term have been Sports day, Arabic day, our visits from Build a Bear and Stem Xplorers and not forgetting our very first School Fayre. The fayre was fantastically supported and attended by our students and their families which has shown how the community can come together. Thank you to all the staff, students and parents for making it a successful day. It was an amazing event, and everyone really enjoyed!

Congratulations to F1 Yellow, F2 Green and F2 Purple for winning the best attendance and receiving the end of term class party. Congratulations also to the pupils who have achieved 100% attendance so far!

We have plenty to look forward to in Term Three and I look forward as our school continues to grow from strength to strength.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful break.

Ms Lisa Davies



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Message from the Head of Arabic

رسالة من رئيس قسم اللغة العربية

مع مشاريعنا القيمة في أكاديمية نيوتن العالمية- سماش، نمتلك القدرة على نحت هويتنا بأنامل الإبداع، ورسم لوحات بيانية تعكس جمال الطموح وعمق الإنجاز، في عالم تملؤه التحديات والفرص، تتجسد أنشطتنا كأضواء مشعة تنير طريق الأمل في حياتنا.

كل مشروع نقوم به يكون شاهداً على قوة الإرادة، ورمزاً للتغيير الإيجابي الذي نسعى إليه. من خلال رحلتنا في بناء مستقبل مشرق، نستمد إلهامنا من الأفكار الجديدة والأهداف النبيلة، لنرتقي بأنفسنا ونساهم في بناء عالم أفضل للجميع.

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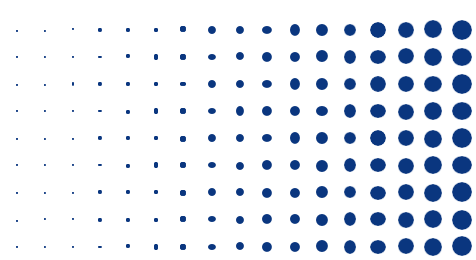
محمد حسني



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Foundation 1



Mathematics

In Mathematics, we explored length and height, heavy and light, one more one less, bigger and smaller numbers and numbers to 10. We had lots of fun, measuring our height with our friends and seeing who was the tallest and smallest in our class. We learnt how to identify numbers that are bigger and smaller with different activities, and we now know our numbers to 10! Our mathematical skills have developed so much as we have become more confident this term and we had lots of fun learning through play!



Special Events

We organised many special days that the students enjoyed. We had Book Week, where we went on different hunts for the books, we had different teachers come and read to us and of course we had dress as our favourite character! We also had Sports Day which was great fun and we did lots of activities. We finished the Term with Build A Bear, where we got to create our own bear and take them home!



Philosophy for Children

We enjoyed our weekly P4C lessons. P4C stands for 'Philosophy for Children'. We now know the key rules of P4C such as 'using our listening ears' and 'valuing all of our friends' ideas.' During P4C lessons we sit in a circle and enjoy taking turns to share our opinions and ideas. We had many great discussions based on our weekly topic, for example, 'What is good manners? Would I rather be a policeman or a vet? Or deciding how we should clean up?'



Foundation 1



Phonics and Talk for Write

In Phonics, we have begun to learn some initial sounds, such as, 's' 'a' 't' 'p' 'i' 'n' 'm'. We have explored what words begin with these sounds and how to identify and write these letters. For each sound we also completed a craft activity for example, we made an apple for the sound 'a' which was so much fun!

In Talk for Write, we read the story "Superhero's". For this, we drew our own story map and created actions to help us retell the story from beginning to end. This story helped us to recognise the different everyday superheroes that help us in everyday life, such as; doctors, teachers, vets and firefighters. The children have loved learning our story and about how these superheroes help us, and it has helped to developed their writing and Literacy skills.



Topic

We have covered some amazing content during our Topic lessons. Stories has taken us on a journey of dreaming and imagination. As part of our Topic this term we did Fairy tales. Goldilocks, the Gingerbread man and Jack and the beanstalk are just a few stories that came 'alive' in our classes. We ended off our fairy tale journey by doing Build a Bear which the children enjoyed so much. The pupils also got to learn all about People who help us during this term. They now have a good understanding about all the different people that play such an important role in our communities.



ECAs

The students had opportunity to engage in extra-curricular activities after school, including Phonics club, Maths club, Topic club, Fine-Motor club and Arabic club. This gave the students an opportunity to develop their self-esteem and confidence, not only this but they were able to explore new interests, make new friends and build social skills. We are looking forward to more fun in Term 3!

F1 Green - Stars of the Week

Aljoud, Hissa, Hamoud, Khalifa Al-Madhose, Mona, Muneera, Sara, Nasser

F1 Yellow - Stars of the Week

Abdulla Al-Amri, Thani, Abdulaziz, Yaqoob, Asma, Maha, Fahad and Isaac

F1 Orange - Stars of the week

Ibrahim,Josef,,Roudha,Mazeen.Alanoud,Adam

Elizabeth and Najla

F1 Blue - Stars of the Week

Rashid, Haya Maj, Amna, Nova, Haris, Khalid, Taim, Hamoud

F1 Red - Stars of the Week

Yazan, Satam, Abdulla, Lolwa, Yasin, Leila,

Shaikha Bader, Rodha

Miss Amy

Miss Kathleen

Miss Ally

Miss Hannah

Mrs Nandie

Wish you all a lovely half term break!

EYFS Extra-Curricular Activities



Pupils in Foundation Phase 2 could choose from a variety of ECAs this term.

Reading



In Reading students enjoyed listening to stories and showing critical thinking skills by asking and answering questions on the story. They listened to stories like "The Good Egg," and "Pete the Cat." They had fun creating art and learning about sequencing and rhyming words.

Phonics

In our Phonics ECA this term, we focused on sounds s, a, t, p, i and n. We worked on identifying these initial sounds in words we are familiar with. The children also worked hard on using the correct letter formation when writing these sounds



Topics



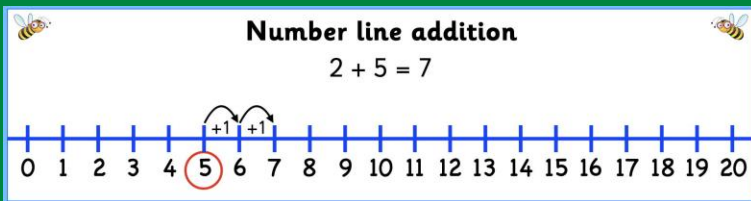
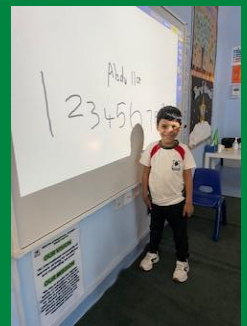
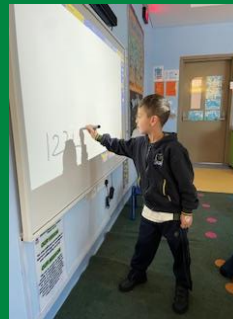
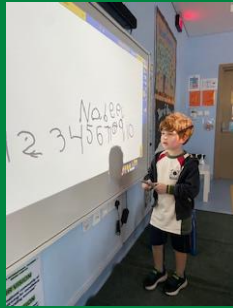
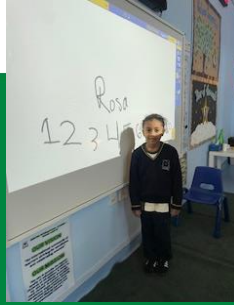
In the Topics ECA, we learned lots of new and fun facts about the topics we learnt such as Space and Superheroes. We learned about the continents, our galaxy, rockets and made our own handprint Superhero in our last ECA.



EYFS Extra-Curricular Activities

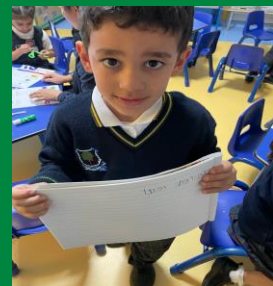
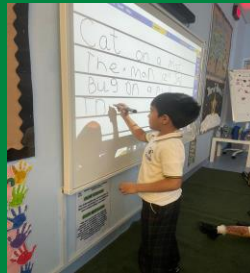
Mathematics

In Maths ECA, F2 enjoyed recapping over what we learned in class! We practiced number formation as well as number bonds, one more and one less, and representing numbers. We were also able to count up to 100 while listening to a song to help them!



Writing

In Writing ECA, we focused on writing our name independently on the line. We then practised writing our letter sounds correctly on the line. The children then started to write some words using their Phonics knowledge to help them.



Arabic

In Arabic this term, we have been learning the sounds.

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Maths

In Mathematics, we had fun sorting objects according to size, colour, and much more. We got to learn how to recognise, extend and create patterns. We got to recognize 2D shapes and learn their properties. We focused on understanding the 'one more/ one less' relationship between consecutive numbers and had fun focusing only on 4 sided shapes.



Talk for Writing



In Talk For Writing lessons, the children have been retelling stories we have learned. We started the term with the story of 'Whatever Next' which linked to our Space topic. The children have been working hard on writing words and sentences independently. When doing our last story on Supertato, the children learned about using describing words to talk about how a character or setting looks.

Phonics

We have worked so hard in our Phonics lessons. We have learned so many new letter sounds including double sounds. We are now able to read CVC words using our Phonics knowledge.



Philosophy for Children

Our P4C lessons are a wonderful way of bringing teachers and children together to discuss things that matter. We warm up with fun games such as Boom, Snatch, Clap and this or that. In our lessons we have been looking more deeply into critical, creative, collaborative and caring thinking. With big ideas like, "what I like about my school and what would I change?" and "can ordinary people be Superheros?"

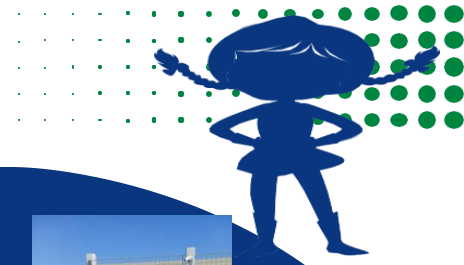


Topics

We had the chance to learn about 2 different topics. The first one explored was 'Space' where we learned about the different planets and astronauts. We discussed what astronauts do, wear and use to get into space. Our final topic was Superheros, which we loved! We discussed the different Superheroes we are familiar with and spoke about their superpowers. We created our own Superhero and say what superpower we would like to have. We also discussed villains: Who they are and what they do that makes them a villain.



Foundation 2



Events this term

Foundation 2 have taken part in lots of fun school events. We celebrated Arabic day, sports day and book week. We had many dress up days but our favourite was when we came to school dressed as our favourite book character!



Stem Xplorers

We welcomed STEM Xplorers in school and the pupils had the opportunity to explore their curiosity by doing some hands-on science activities and experiments. The pupils also went into the Sky dome, learning more about stars and galaxies.



★ ★ Stars of the week ★ ★

Red: Abdulla, Moatasem, Ibrahim, Nasser, Adam, Saif, Hend, Alya

Purple: Moza, Jassim, Haneen, Danial, Alhoor, Aysha, Amna, Ahmad

Yellow: Khalid, Ahmad Al-Jaber, Saad, Mohammed, Dalida, Leem, Tamader, Rashid Al-Katheeri

Green: Karim, Zain, Talia, Sanad, Aisha, Noora, Haya, Amina

Orange: Maha, Angelo, Nasser, Salem, Lamar, Tipu, Hissa, Rosa

Blue: Salem, Aisha, Haya, Ali, Essa, Alreem, Khalifa Saleh, Sofia.

We wish you a happy and safe break



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المختلفة المناسبة للمرحلة العمرية

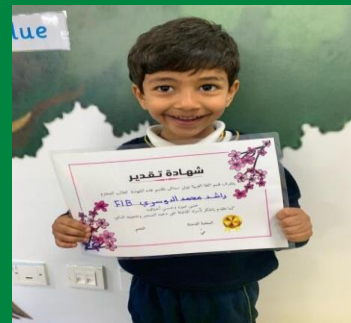


من خلال الفصل الدراسي الثاني تعرف الطالب على البيئة القطرية
والحيوانات التي تعيش في قطر



تم حفظ القرآن وبعض الدعية والأحاديث من
خلال الفصل الدراسي الثاني والأحتفال بالشهر
المبارك شهر رمضان

يتم تعزيز الطلاب من خلال نجوم الأسبوع





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Arabic – F2



الفصل الدراسي الثاني ، تعرف طلابنا على طريقة كتابة ونطق الحروف من خلال تمييز الحروف والمقاطع الصوتية ، كذلك مارسنا بعض الألعاب بشكل صحيح ، التعليمية في اكتساب حرف الأسبوع مثل اكتشاف الحرف وربط الصورة بحرف الأسبوع



مع الأصدقاء ، من خلال هذه الأنشطة تعلم طلابنا بعض القيم مثل التعاون : Eca الحركية خارج الصف ، وتمييز بعض السلوكيات الصحيحة من بين البطاقات التمارين



من خلال نجوم الأسبوع نستطيع تمييز الطلاب الذين اجتهدوا في أداء المهام في الوقت المحدد لها أتمنى لهم مزيد من التفوق والنجاح المطلوبة منهم ، وأنجزوها

Year 1



Sports Day

Year one enjoyed celebrating sports day. All house teams Curie, Bell, Wright and Edison participated and showed fantastic sportsmanship. The students enjoyed all the stations and activities set out for them.



Book week

We celebrated book week, and took part in lots of exciting activities to get us reading! On the 31st of January we got dressed up as our favourite characters from books.



School trip

In January Year 1 had a visit to OliOli Children's Museum and became scientists for the day. The children enjoyed exploring the WonderSphere, kinetic gallery, Future Park and the Water Gallery.



Extra-Curricular Activities

The children have enjoyed a range of Extra Curricular Activities this term. Developing the whole child is fundamental to the Newton International Academy, Smash education.

Pupils benefit from a rich curriculum within school hours, but we are committed to extending education beyond the classroom. We provide opportunities for pupils to discover new passions, explore interests, develop language learning and make friends outside of their year groups through our extensive Extra Curricular Activities.

Through teacher led activities, external providers and targeted academic support sessions, we offer every child the opportunity to expand their talents and fulfil their potential.



External ECAs



Year 2



We have had an eventful second term in Year 2!

- In English, we have enjoyed learning the story of Spaceman Jim and learnt about the features of a letter!
- In Maths, we were focusing on Multiplication and Division and have mastered measuring!
- In Science, we learned about plants and their functions as well as animals and their offspring.

Arabic Week

14.1.24-18.1.24

In February, we had our Arabic Week. The children had so much fun celebrating their beautiful culture!



Book Week

28.1.24-1.2.24

In January we celebrated Book Week. The children were able to participate in many reading activities, such as Stop, Drop, and Read. They were also given the opportunity to visit the bookstore and purchase their own books!



School Trip

4.2.24 / 7.2.24

In February, the children visited Oli Oli Children's Museum on their Term 2 school trip. The children had a fantastic day doing different activities and learning in the process.



Sports Day

11.2.24

In February, we had our Sports Day. We had a great day outside where the children competed in their house teams to earn points for their houses.



Year 3



**Year 3 has had a successful term.
We worked as a team and learnt so many new topics.**

In English we have studied a non-chronological report about Italy and we have written our own about Qatar. In Mathematics, we have learnt about length and perimeter and we have become confident with working out fractions. In science we learnt all about plants and forces and magnets. We even got to plant some seeds and watch them grow! In Topic, we learnt so many new facts about Italy, including landmarks, The Romans and Julius Caesar.

Book Week

We celebrated Book week from 28 January- 1 February. The children were able to participate in a speech choir and many reading activities such as Stop, Drop and Read and the dress up day. They were also given the opportunity to visit the book fair and purchase their own books!



Sports day

To celebrate National sports day, we enjoyed our very own sports day in school. From football to bean bag throwing, we had an excellent afternoon of amazing activities. We started with a warmup to ensure we didn't injury ourselves. Next, we split off into our house teams and work together to get the highest score at each activity we visited. Well done to Bell for winning!



School trip

On February 22nd, Year 3 embarked on a school trip to North Sedra farm. There, we had the chance to pick our own vegetables like lettuce, mint, and kale. Additionally, students had the opportunity to interact with animals, from bottle-feeding baby goats to feeding turtles, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We also had time to play in the park and learn about traditional farming practices in Qatar. It was a wonderful day out!



Music

We had a great Term 2 in Music!



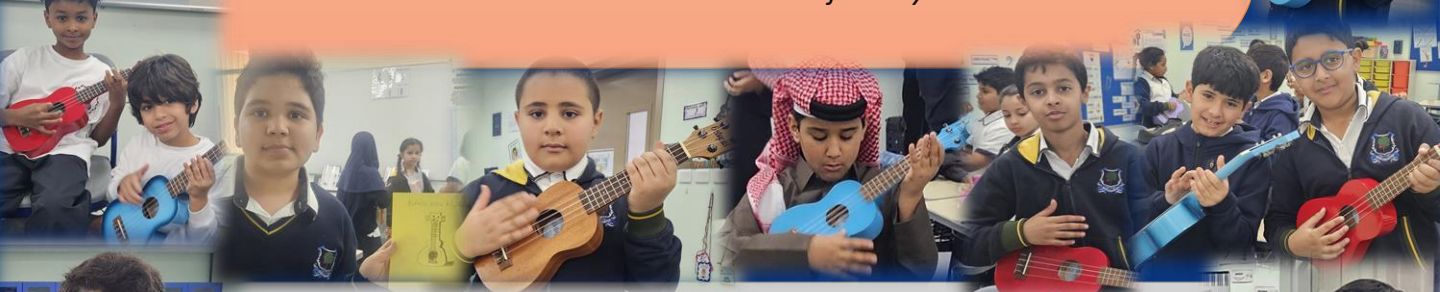
Dear Parents,

**Welcome to our Term 2 Music Newsletter,
focusing on the delightful world of the ukulele!**

In Key Stage 1 children have been exploring the ukulele in our music sessions, and we're excited to share their progress with you. They have learned about how to hold it properly and basic strumming techniques.

Through fun and engaging activities, they have developed a strong foundation for playing this charming instrument.

Music is all about teamwork, and our students have been collaborating with their peers in ukulele ensemble activities. By playing in a group, they have learned the importance of listening, cooperation, and supporting one another in their musical journey.



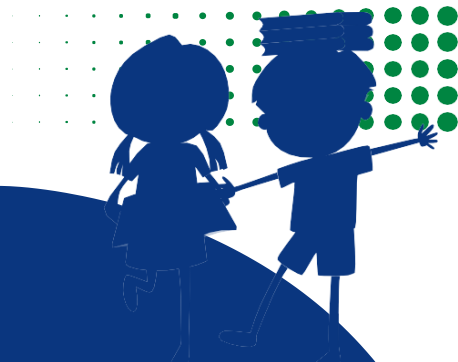
**Key Stage 2 students
have embarked on an incredible journey with the ukulele!**

In Term 2, they have honed their ukulele skills, mastering fundamental techniques such as playing chords in rhythmic strumming.

Music education goes beyond technical skills – it fosters qualities such as confidence, resilience, and teamwork.



Year 4



Sports Day

We were thrilled to participate in an exciting Sports Day at Smash. Each class was grouped according to their house, and completed a range of activities including handball, relay racing and the classic egg and spoon!

School Trip

Year 4 had a fantastic day out with Doha Bus, visiting and taking in wonderful parts of Doha. Students drew landscapes of the city by the Corniche, completed a scavenger hunt at Doha Port before visiting MIA and even having time for an ice-cream as they returned to school.

Arabic Week

Year 4 had the opportunity to celebrate the Arabic culture and Qatari culture during Arabic week. The pupils performed and watched a variety of tasks with their peers. It was great to see the students showing pride in their culture, wearing their respective traditional clothing throughout the end of week celebration.

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In Year 3 we are the stars ★★★★★

We have been learning how to pronounce some school items, naming various geometric shapes, and recalling the names of colours. Students looked at different pictures to name the animals in French. This gave the children a better understanding of the use of adjectives and their agreement with gender and number. Now, students have a better understanding of the use of masculine and feminine indefinite articles “un” and “une”. We also recalled how to divide the names into syllables (we used the names of animals and shapes to do it). We also sang songs to help us remember content covered in Term 2. It was a fantastic term!

Yes, we speak French

In Year 4 we are the stars ★★★★★

In French, we learned new vocabulary concerning the names of clothes and we made the distinction between feminine, masculine and plural nouns. We used the WORD WALL to make the lesson more interactive by students coming to the board and engaging with re-ordering activities. We also identified the names of the different jobs and occupations, by referring to the pictures. We learned how to pronounce the numbers from 40 to 70. Now we can read and pronounce these words correctly. We know how to conjugate the verb ‘to be’ (être) in the present tense with singular pronouns and we know their meaning in English. It's really fun to learn French by playing games.

In Year 5 we are the stars ★★★★★

We have been identifying the names of body parts. We have mostly focused on the face. We were using pictures to be able to name each part in French and to play memory games. Then, we looked at different sports activities and how to express opinions about them. We mostly used the following phrases: I like, I dislike. We also talked about what you do and what you don't do in your free time but referring to sports. Students learned to conjugate verb ‘to do’ (faire) and revisited the verb ‘avoir’ with singular pronouns in the present tense. Now we can build simple and correct sentences using these pronouns. We used different strategies to learn vocabulary such as memory games and using the interactive whiteboard to make the process of learning easier and enjoyable.

In Year 6 we are the stars ★★★★★

We have recalled and practised numbers from 50-100. We expanded the knowledge of the verb ‘avoir’ (to have) so the students were able to use all six paradigms. Then, we looked at the names of different parts of the house to enable the students to describe their houses. We have looked at both indicative and negative sentence structures to be able to say what there is and what there isn't in the house. We recalled different ways of expressing positive and negative opinions supported by reasons. We mostly used cognates to support students' understanding of French and English words. By the end of the term, we were able to give simple directions. We did many enjoyable activities to suit the topics we were learning about in Term 2!





Book Week

In January, Year 5 got involved in Book week. Throughout the week, they engaged in a range of activities such as making bookmarks, writing book reviews and even having guest readers reading to them. Year 5 got the chance to showcase their reading skills by reading to a Year 2 class. On the Wednesday, each child dressed up as their favourite book character.

School trip to EXPO 2023

For our term 2 trip, year 5 enjoyed a day out to Doha EXPO. During their visit they took part in different activities and learned more about sustainability and culture. They children enjoyed their guided tour around the International Zone where they explored the culture and traditions of different countries.



Sports day

The students were delighted to engage in our annual Sports Day on the 12th February. They all grouped together in their houses to compete in a very energetic and engaging events! It was a pleasure to see fantastic teamwork on show throughout the day. Well done again to Bell!



School Fair

This term, we hosted our first ever NIA Smash School Fair! All the children and their families from EYFS, Primary and Secondary were invited and enjoyed a brilliant day with many stalls and activities. Children played on bouncy castles, guessed baby pictures of teachers and many more. Some Year 5 children even entered the Key Stage 2 talent competition and won!



G & T



Talent is nothing without dedication and discipline, and dedication and discipline is a talent in itself. Everyone has a purpose in life and a unique talent to give to others. A number of our students had the opportunity to showcase their special talents during this term.

We were extremely proud of our Key Stage 2 students who took part in the Destination Imagination competition at Qatar University on Friday 9th February. Laith, Ahmad, Lamar, Zeina and Talya competed against hundreds of children in the category of 'Fine Arts'. These students were chosen to showcase their wide range of talents and have spent months preparing an Art and Drama piece to present to the judges.



Aljoori, Ahmed and Sara entered the Ministry's 'Irsim' Art competition at the Museum of Islamic Arts. Each student selected their favourite artefact to draw. We are proud of our three artists who entered the competition.



On Thursday 1st February we hosted our first ever Inter-Newton Gifted and Talented Spelling Competition. NIA Smash were highly successful. We would like to congratulate the Key Stage 2 team- Farah, Lamar, Ram & Moza for winning the Arabic round.



A huge congratulations to Maria Elkarrani, Doria Ahmed, Jack Craig & Tamim AlBoainin for representing Smash at the Lower Key Stage 2 gifted and talented competition Lagoon.



On Wednesday 24th January, four pupils from our NIA Smash, Primary School Council attended a Newton Inter-Schools Competition at NBA Barwa. The pupils took part in a Newton Group school council meeting, as well as participating in activities based around the Qatar value of Sustainability. Well done Year 6 pupils Nahar and Shaikha, and Year 5 pupils Adam and Mays.

We had a fantastic time at our Term 2 Reading Picnic Party. A total of 104 children were invited to attend. Thank you for your continued support and efforts to encourage our children to read 📖.



On the 28th February a group of Key Stage 2 students were selected to participate in a P4C Enquiry at NBA Barwa in memory of the late Dr. Jabr Al-Noaimi.



Year 6



Book Week!

In Year 6, we celebrated an exciting and memorable Book Week filled with a variety of reading activities to showcase our love of reading. We enjoyed visiting the library and being surprised by a 'guest' reader. A key highlight of the week was dressing up as our favourite book character! To finish the week, Year 6 engaged in 'paired reading' time with classes from Year 4 and Year 1! We enjoyed selecting a book of our choice and reading to the younger children!



School Trip!

Year 6 enjoyed a cultural journey around Doha on an open top bus! After touring the city, we took part in activities such as drawing the skyline on the Corniche and completing a scavenger hunt around the Souq Waqif before rounding it off with lunch, games and ice-cream in MIA Park. What a day!



Speech Choir Competition!

Year 6 participated in Smash's first ever speech choir competition, organised by our lovely librarian, Ms. Genevieve. The children worked very hard to prepare and deliver an exciting interpretation of the poem 'Please Mrs Butler.' All the classes showcased their amazing imagination which impressed the judges. Well done everyone!



Arabic Week

This term, we celebrated Arabic Week. The children had lots of fun taking part in activities in Arabic. Some children from Year 6 took part in the Arabic show, which was an amazing way for them to celebrate their culture. To wrap up the week, the children came dressed in traditional Arabic clothing, even the teachers got involved.



ICT

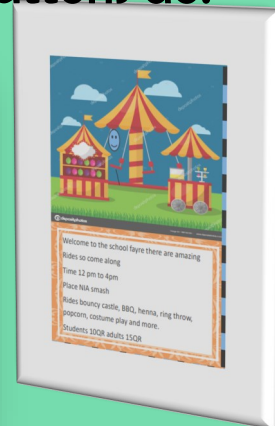
NIA SMASH Term 2 Newsletter



In Term 2 at NIA SMASH, **Year 1** and **Year 2** had a great time learning the basic skills of using the computer; we focused on the keyboard. Pupils enhanced their

typing skills and know what space, enter and backspace buttons do.

Year 3 had an amazing time learning the basic of MS Publisher. The students enjoyed their time making posters and flyers for the school fayre as well as their birthday card invitation.



Year 4 had an amazing time learning the basic of programming



The students enjoyed their time making stories and games.

Year 5 and **Year 6** had absolutely a great time mastering the main features of MS Word. They worked on the school's fayre posters.

Great Job!



GREAT JOB!

Also, the winner of the 2nd Annual ICT competition is from year 5. Congratulations!

NIA Smash PE NEWSLETTER



NIA Smash Primary PE have had a fantastic term and it has been a pleasure to play a role in your children's sporting development.

As Head of Department, I have a vision of what PE at a school looks like and this term, the department have tried to implement this vision. This vision consists of children having many opportunities to develop their physical, mental and social health in PE lessons, working closely with their friends to practice lots of skills. I hope this continues in 2024.

There is some great news coming from the PE department, 7 teachers have completed their STA International Swimming Teachers Award - Level 2, recently. Consequently, plans are now going to be discussed into how we can implement swimming lessons into the curriculum. This process won't be easy but it will be a high priority upon our return in 2024.

Finally, have a restful break and we will welcome your children back in 2024.

Kind regards,

Mr N. Lomas
Head of Physical Education
NIA Smash



KS1

KS1 have had a great introduction to PE this term. We have offered the children a wide range of activities in order to cover their functional movement skills (FMS) scheme of work. The children were concentrating on the three categories of FMS, Body control, object control and locomotion (movement).

The children were working to improve their balancing, jumping, hopping, skipping, running, dodging, rolling and throwing through conditioned activities. They've also learnt to collaborate with their peers to developing their social skills too. All children should be congratulated for their effort during PE classes as they have approach each lesson with a fun and engaging attitude.

KS2

KS2 have had a really progressive term, working hard throughout. Year 3 and 4 developed their football and handball skills, ensure they were improving their passing, shooting and dribbling during conditioned activities. They soon developed their skills during the introductions of small-sided games.



Year 5 and 6 have had a really positive term, showcasing their football skills during conditioned matches, developing their team play and individual tactics. They have also improved their athletic ability by practising different events, including: shot putt, relay and sprint starts during their indoor athletics scheme of work.

Fixtures and ECAs

The ECA programme started very well this year as they were very well attended and children had a chance to develop their learning through matches. Well done to all that attended.



The competitive fixtures programme is really taking off in the Primary school and it has been a busy term. The Year 5 and 6 boys and girls have had 2 fixtures against other Newton schools and each child selected ensured they represented NIA Smash with respect, passion and integrity.



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معرض اللغة العربية

نظم قسم اللغة العربية معرضا جميلا لأعمال الطلاب في اللغة العربية والتربية الإسلامية والتاريخ القطري، والذي قررت إدارة المدرسة الإبقاء عليه في مدخل المدرسة لمدة شهر تقديرا لأعمال الطلاب الجميلة ودعمها للغة العربية في المدرسة.



Arabic Department



ورشة لمعلمي قسم اللغة العربية

قام قسم اللغة العربية بتنظيم ورشة عمل قدمتها السيدة الفاضلة الأستاذة دعاء العوايشة، منسقة مجلس الآباء، لمعلمي اللغة العربية لاستكشاف منصة "أقرأ بالعربية

وآخر (ireadarabic.com) التحديثات التي طرأت عليها. الهدف من هذه الورشة كان تقييم تأثيرها على تعزيز حماس الطلاب لقراءة اللغة العربية

ورشة لغير الناطقين بالعربية لغير المعلمين العرب

نظم قسم اللغة العربية ورشة لمعلمي ومعلمات المدرسة غير الناطقين بالعربية، وكان لها أثر كبير في تحسين لغتهم العربية وتواصلهم بها.



Arabic Department



مسابقة إبداع سماش



نظم قسم اللغة العربية بأكاديمية نيوتن العالمية سماش مسابقة للطلاب المتميزين في مجالات الشعر، والخطابة العامة، والإنشاد، والتمثيل باللغة العربية، تحت عنوان "إبداع سماش". كانت الفعالية مقررة ليوم 8 فبراير، بهدف اكتشاف وتنمية المواهب الفنية الفريدة لطلابنا. وتضمنت الأهداف الرئيسية تعزيز الإبداع والتميز، وتطوير مهارات العرض والإلقاء، ورفع الثقة بالنفس، وتعزيز الروح الفنية داخل مجتمع المدرسة.

تشرفنا بحضور أولياء الأمور الموقرين، وكانت لجنة التحكيم تتألف من مجموعة مختارة من المعلمين: السيد خيرى حميدة، السيدة خديجة وهبة، السيد محمود البرديسي، بالإضافة إلى الوالدين السيدة دعاء العوايشة والسيدة رنا السامي. كانت المنافسة قوية، خاصة في مجالات إلقاء الشعر والإنشاد. سنتم مواصلة تنمية مواهب هؤلاء المشاركين ورعايتها استعدادًا للمسابقات القادمة مع مدارس أخرى.



Arabic Department



مسابقة التهجئة العربية على مستوى
مجموعة نيوتن



نظمت مدرستنا نيوتن سماش مسابقة للتهجئة العربية والإنجليزية ،
وفازت مدرستنا بالمركز الأول في بطولة التهجئة العربية للمرحلتين
الابتدائية والإعدادية على مستوى مدارس نيوتن .

Arabic Department



يوم البيئة القطري



نظمت مدرستنا معرضاً طلابياً للبيئة القطرية في يوم البيئة القطري 26 فبراير، والذي أقيم في الدور الأول، وذلك بمناسبة "يوم البيئة القطري"، بهدف زيادة الوعي البيئي بين الأطفال، وتعزيز المبادرة، وتعزيز الحماية البيئية والوعي بها.

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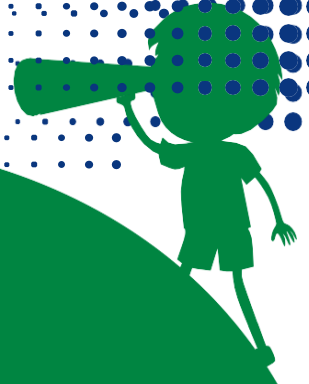
أولمبياد القراءة



يسرنا أن نعلن بفخر أن الطالبة دريا محمود، من الصف الثالث الأزرق، قد تألقت في المرحلة الأولية من أولمبياد القراءة العربي للمدارس في منطقة الشمال، مما أهلها للتقدم إلى المرحلة الثانية.

أظهر أداء درية الاستثنائي مهاراتها في النطق وفهمها لمحتوى القصص التي قرأتها، مما جعلها تبرز بين أقرانها. نتوجه بأسمى التهاني لدرية، ونثني على معلمها لدورها في تنمية مواهبها اللغوية.

Arabic Department



ورشة ابني في أمان لأولياء الأمور

نظم قسم اللغة العربية بالتعاون مع مركز أمان، بعنوان: "ابني في أمان"، وذلك في مكتبة الثانوي الأولاد بالطابق الثاني، يوم الخميس الموافق 15 فبراير، الساعة 11 صباحًا وركزت الورشة على كيفية تعزيز الأمان والاستقرار لأبنائنا الأعزاء.

وتناولت الموضوعات والطرق والأساليب التي يتعلمها الطفل ليحمي بها نفسه، وذلك من خلال تعزيز الوعي بالمخاطر وتعليمه كيفية التصرف في مواقف محفوفة بالمخاطر، إضافة إلى أساليب التواصل الفعال مع الأبناء، وتعزيز الثقة والمودة في العلاقة الأسرية.





Secondary Newsletter



School Events

School Fayre

The school fayre was a vibrant and lively event that brought together students, parents, teachers, and the local community for a day of fun and festivities. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as families explored the various games and competitions.





Asia Cup – Secondary Edition

Throughout the term, the school community has shown support for the people of Palestine. We held the Absentee Funeral Prayer to show our respect for the people of Palestine. We also participated in an art and poetry competition.



Y8 Red were the winners of our edition of the Asia Cup. They were rewarded with a special afternoon of celebration as a class. Well done to Y8 Red



IGCSE Success



We received our first set of IGCSE results this academic year from Cambridge and Pearson.

- English 1st Language 100% A* - C
- English 2nd Language 33% A* - C and 100% A* - E
- ICT – 100% A* - D
- Computer Science – 100% A* - D
- Business – 80% - Grade 9 – Grade 5

We are now preparing our students for the June 2024 exam series and ensuring our students have the best possible chance to obtain their desired grades.



NIA-SMASH

NEWS

Inter-Newton Spelling Competition – Arabic & English



Inter-Newton Spelling Competition 01.02.24

We hosted our first ever inter-Newton spelling bee competition in both Arabic and English. In secondary, we had four students represent NIA Smash. They completed in both languages and managed to be victorious in the KS3 Arabic category. Congratulations to Salwa, Jana, Sally and Elham on winning the Arabic spelling round.

Science Competition



Our secondary students were invited to create science projects with the best projects being entered in a Newton schools science competition at NIA Barwa. We entered 3 amazing teams with their projects to compete against the other Newton schools. The students had to present their projects then answer questions from a panel of judges. It was a great experience for our students.





Green Plant, Better Future Competition

Our school was invited to participate in an ICT competition named “Green Planet, Better Future”. Our ICT staff created a team of four Y9 students who managed to claim 2nd place in the competition. Our team leader, Salwa Shamtieh was invited to give a speech to the audience as the team collected their trophy. Well done to the team for their dedicated effort to their project.





DEBATE COMPETITION

Our secondary students participated in the Newton Debating Competition in NIA Barwa. Ms. McAreavey and Mr. Smyth took 3 teams: a Junior Girls team, consisting of Adria Faris, Ghazal Al-Thamimi and Sara Alyafei (All Year 8 Purple); a Senior Girls team, consisting of Rim Zahid, Reema and Fatima (All 10 Red); and a Boys Senior team, made up of Abdulaziz Al Delaimi, Abdulla Al-Amri, and Mohammed Al-Buenain (All Year 11). They had a great time debating against other competitive teams throughout the day.

NIA-SWASH NEWS

BOOK WEEK



The English department arranged some activities throughout the week in order to engage our students in literature. Firstly, we had our book fayre throughout the week which allowed students an opportunity to buy some new books in Arabic or English. During the English lessons, students were tasked with creating scroll boxes and a bookmark. Our students produced some amazing pieces of work.



NIA-SWASH NEWS

Arabic Celebrations

Arabic week was filled with different activities such as spelling competitions, Quran reading competitions, project creation and assemblies. Our teachers also participated in an Arabic class teaching them the basics of the Arabic language. The secondary boys and staff members often come together each day to pray.



Arabic ECA for Non-Arab speakers 15.01.24



Student / Staff prayer

SPORTING COMPETITIONS

As in Term 1, we have been heavily involved in a variety of sporting competitions. We have participated in a variety of sports which include swimming, athletics, basketball and football for both boys and girls. We are extremely proud of our students for being engaged and eager to participate. NIA Smash is recognised for being active in all available sporting competitions.



SPORTING COMPETITIONS

A personal highlight of the term in terms of sporting success was our U12s basketball girls' team. They entered the QUESS basketball tournament which included 25 other competing teams. They managed to reach the final and were narrowly defeated. They have now qualified for the finals where they will play against the winners and runners up from the other qualifying league. Congratulations to Ms. Coco and our superstar basketball girls: Leya, Fatima, Yasmin, Almayasa, Hana, Sherbano, Donna and Farida.



SCHOOL VISITS



Our students visited Snow Dunes to reward them for their positive behaviour and attitude towards learning



Our secondary girls also attended the World Aquatics Championship, High Dive Final. This was an opportunity for our students to witness athletes compete at the highest level possible. A fantastic opportunity which our students enjoyed.



Careers Week

Texas A&M University attended the school to perform a science show for our students. They demonstrated a variety of experiments which were interactive and engaging for the students.





IG Parents / AS Parents options

This term we have launched our IGCSE and AS options to parents. Our Y9 parents and students were introduced to our IGCSE subjects to inform their choices which they will study in Year 10 and Year 11.

Our Y11 parents and students were introduced to our AS subjects to inform their choices for next academic year.



IG Options
Afternoon 24.01.24



Staff Accomplishments

Ooredoo Marathon Runners

A special mention to our teachers who competed in the Ooredoo marathon race this term. We are very proud of their dedication and determination to challenge themselves. They started their preparation for the race in Term 1 and made us all very proud when they passed the finishing line.



Secondary Leadership

Dear Parents,

Student leadership has achieved significant success in various areas, demonstrating effective leadership and collaboration among its members. The term began with the establishment of clear goals and objectives, which were outlined in a comprehensive action plan developed by the student leadership members.

One of the key accomplishments was the successful organisation of several impactful events and initiatives aimed at enhancing student engagement and fostering a sense of community within the school. These included sporting events, cultural celebrations, and academic competitions, all of which received positive feedback from the student body.

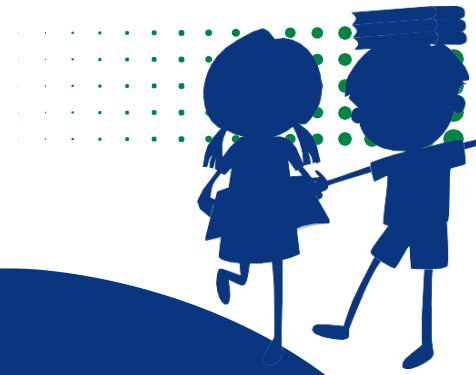
Furthermore, the student council played a crucial role in advocating for student interests and addressing concerns raised by the student body. Through open communication channels and regular meetings with school administration, the council effectively represented student perspectives on issues such as extracurricular activities.

Overall, the term has been successful and the achievements of the student council reflect its dedication to making a positive impact on the school community and providing a voice for student concerns and aspirations.

We are looking forward to a successful Term 3.

Best wishes,

NIA Smash student leadership



National Values



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY



Students return to school on Sunday 17th March

Sunday 31 March – Western Holiday

Eid Al Fitr from 10 April until 18th April



ECA begin on 21 April

Parents and teacher progress meetings
Sunday 5th May and Wednesday 8th May



Eid Al Adha from 16th June until 20 June

Term ends Thursday 27th June