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# Newton International Academy -Smash Newsletter Term 1 2023-2024





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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I am very grateful for the incredible welcome that I have received from students, parents and staff since I started here in August. From the first day of my arrival, we have set out a clear determination to make NIA Smash the leading British Curriculum School in the area. We have focused on classroom learning, nurturing our links with the wider community and developing the skills of our fantastic students. We have set out clear expectations for our teachers and for our students. Through the diligent efforts of Mr White and Ms. Hardy we have communicated with our students' body to hear their views and their voice.

We have also valued the meetings that we have held with parents, listening to their concerns and developing a valuable partnership with our PTA. There are many achievements that we can celebrate. Our students have been participating in sporting events in other schools across Doha. Our secondary students have participated in Arabic and Qu'ran Competitions and we are strengthening our ties with other Newton Campuses. Furthermore, our sports teachers have now undergone the necessary training to deliver swimming coaching lessons and changing rooms have now been installed. We are excited to see the swimming pool begin again next term.

Sadly, we lost our Chairman, Dr Jabr AlNoami who passed away a two months ago. This was a shock to the school and the Newton Group; we celebrate his legacy and remember his passion for learning and science. We remember with great fondness the presentation he gave to our Secondary boys, just one week before he passed away.

We, as a school, are growing in confidence. Our student admissions are increasing as our reputation grows. We celebrate and embrace Arabic and Islamic values. We were so pleased to have organized an Umbra visit for over 40 Secondary boys in November. Our Arabic team, led by Mr Hosny is an amazing strength of our school. We know that punctuality and attendance remain a problem for some students. Attendance and punctuality is reported to the Ministry every day. It is essential that students arrive on time. Arriving late to a lesson is disruptive and is not good for learning. We know and appreciate that the traffic in Doha and Lusail can be busy, but this is why students need to leave for school early.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents that key policies are displayed on our website and we encourage parents to raise any concerns or issues that they may have with the school to ensure that problems are resolved as soon as possible.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for making this term so special and I look forward to seeing you all back in January. Enjoy your holiday and if you are travelling, have a safe journey.

Mr. Wilson



## Message from the Head of Secondary

Dear Parents,

Our students have made a great start to the academic year engaging with their lessons throughout this term. Teachers have been working hard to provide our students with high quality teaching. Teachers have been utilising our new learning platform (Microsoft Teams) ensuring students have the opportunity to review resources outside of the school to consolidate their understanding. Year 7 students have settled into secondary school and Year 11 students are focused on their IGCSE examinations which are fast approaching. We have opened Year 12 and they are preparing for their AS exams. The learning environment around the school and student engagement has been admirable. Well done everyone!

Some Year 11 students have entered their IGCSE examinations early in English 2<sup>nd</sup> Language, English 1<sup>st</sup> Language, ICT, physics, business, chemistry and computer science. They have worked extremely hard alongside their teachers to ensure they were prepared to sit the examinations. We eagerly await for the results from Cambridge and Pearson which will be released in January 2023. We wish all students the very best who entered.

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

Our secondary students have also been very active in sporting competitions. We have been competing against sporting teams from a variety of schools. Each year group has had multiple opportunities to represent the school. Thank you to Mr. Lomas and the PE department for arranging these different fixtures. They have done tremendously well representing the school. Our PE department have also obtained their swimming teaching certificates and life guard qualifications to enable us to offer swimming as PE lessons and afterschool clubs.

Secondary students also visited UMRA which was NIA Smash's first international school visit. Thank you to Mr. Hosny and the Arabic team. We were recognised by Qatar Cancer Society for our efforts for Breast Cancer Awareness in which we raised over 3000QAR. We have also been accredited as a BTEC centre by Pearson. This is an important accreditation for the school to ensure that we cater for the needs of the students. Qatar Football Association also invited our school to the Qatar vs Afghanistan game which Qatar was victorious 8-1.

Finally, I want to say how proud I am of our students and staff. We maintained our high standards throughout the term. We are all looking forward to building on the success we have built this term. Thank you.

Mr. Browne



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## Message from the Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

I wish to thank every one of you for your connection to our school and the commitment and hard work you show every day in supporting your children to be ready for learning. As Term 1 draws to an end, I want to take a moment to wish everyone a happy and safe winter break.

We have had a very successful term, filled with academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, and a strong sense of community spirit. Our students have demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication towards their schoolwork. I would also like to commend our staff for their tireless efforts in supporting our students both academically and emotionally. They have gone above and beyond to ensure that our students have had a positive and fulfilling experience at our school.

As I look back at a very successful first term, I cannot help but beam with pride at the hard work and fantastic learning I can see taking place every single day. We have had a strong focus on responsibility, sustainability, and developing a growth mindset this term. We can already see students embracing new challenges and striving for high academic achievement.

There have been many highlights this term including trips to KidzMondo, WOW Park, and Baladna Farm. Students demonstrated problem-solving skills, teamwork, and a curiosity for learning during Science Week, English and Arabic Spelling Bee competitions, class assemblies, and sports events to name but a few. Our ECA (Extra Curricular Activity) programme has also grown this year as we have started to collaborate with a number of external providers to further enrich our pupil's learning experience. It is our hope that over the next few months we can further build on these activities by arranging and attending more sporting events with other schools and where possible entering pupils in a variety of competitions.

Wishing you a restful and joyous break. Farewell to the students and families departing NIA Smash. Your contributions will be cherished, and you will be missed. To all our returning students and parents, we eagerly look forward to more exciting adventures and achievements in the coming year while we are striving for excellence and celebrating the success of every student.

With very best wishes,  
Mrs. Chani Meyer  
Head of Primary and EYFS



## Message from the EYFS Coordinator

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of an extremely busy Term 1, I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey so far. We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year and have had the pleasure of welcoming some new students and families to our school. Together, we will embark on a journey of growth, exploration and academic success, ensuring that each student's potential is nurtured and celebrated.

We have had many memorable moments this term and have fostered a warm and inclusive learning environment, where each student feels valued and nurtured. We have delivered a varied and exciting curriculum and have offered a range of extra-curricular activities for students to become all round learners. We have organised many themed weeks, such as Science week and Anti-bullying week and we look forward to our themed weeks in Term 2, including book week. We will also be organising a school fayre for the first time at NIA Smash, where we hope to see the students at Smash attend for a very fun day out!

The students have particularly enjoyed our dress up days- world mental health day, pirate dress up days, occupation dress up day, superhero dress up day and pyjama dress up day. Our highlight this term was our trip to Baladna Park, where the students enjoyed a day out with their friends to celebrate the end of term. As we continue to embark on this journey of your child's education, we hope to continue to create many more moments like these.

We are very proud of the progress our pupils have made during the first term of this academic year and we are looking forward to continuing to support and challenge the pupils in Term 2. It was great to see so many pupils reading daily at home this term and congratulations to those that were reading each week and got the chance to take the reading bear home for the weekend as a reward. Please continue to read with your students at home but most importantly spend some quality-time with your families over the winter break!

Congratulations to F1 Yellow and F2 Blue for the highest percentage of attendance in Term 1. You received a well-deserved picnic party for your class to enjoy. We hope to see the percentage of attendance and punctuality rise in Term 2 and we will be rewarding the classes with the highest attendance percentage.

I would also like to express my appreciation to our dedicated teachers and staff who have nurtured and guided our students throughout this first term. Lastly, none of this would be possible without the support and partnership of our parents and guardians. Your involvement and encouragement have played a crucial role in our students' achievements and overall success.

We are looking forward to another term full of adventures, challenges and fun!

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

Ms. Lisa  
EYFS Coordinator



## Message from the Head of Arabic

### رسالة من رئيس قسم اللغة العربية

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته،  
أولياء الأمور الكرام،

نتقدم إليكم بخالص الشكر والتقدير، وذلك لدعمكم غير المحدود وثقتكم الكبيرة في مدرستنا، التي تشرفنا من خلالها بأن نكون شركاء معكم في تربية أبنائكم.

الحمد لله الذي وفقنا للسعي لتحقيق هدفنا الرئيسي في تطوير وتنمية طلابنا، ليصبحوا أفضل طلاب علمياً وأخلاقياً، ونسعى لتحقيق هذا الهدف من خلال مبادرات وأنشطة متعددة قام بها أعضاء قسم اللغة العربية خلال الفصل الأول. من بين هذه المبادرات:

مبادرات تطويرية: مثل "خطي جميل"، "إملاني صحيح تعبيرى جميل"، "صلاتي حياتي"، "أقرأ بالعربية"، و"قيمي ترسم هويتي".

رحلات تعليمية: شملت رحلات داخل وخارج قطر، وكانت رحلة العمرة مع طلاب المرحلة الثانوية أبرزها. تجمعات طلابية: كانت تقام كل أسبوع لطلاب الروضة وكل أسبوعين لطلاب المرحلتين الابتدائية والثانوية. التفاعل مع القضايا: كان لدينا اهتمام فعّال بالقضايا العربية والإسلامية، خاصة قضية فلسطين وغزة، من خلال فعاليات متنوعة.

التواصل مع أولياء الأمور: نحن ملتزمون بالتواصل الفعّال معكم من خلال اللقاءات الدورية، وقنوات التواصل المدرسية.

توفير المصادر التعليمية: نسعى جاهدين لتوفير الكتب وأوراق العمل والمراجعات لتحفيز التعلم الفعّال.

المشاركة اللاصفية: تشمل نوادي متعددة تلبي احتياجات الطلاب يوم الاثنين من كل أسبوع.

تكريم الإنجازات: تم تكريم الطلاب الفائزين في تسجيل القصة العربية ونجوم الصفوف في تجمع طلابي.

نتوجه بجزيل الشكر لكم على تعاونكم ومساهمتم الفعّالة في تحقيق نجاح الطلاب. ونطمئنكم بأننا ملتزمون

بمواصلة هذا العمل المثمر وتطوير بيئة تعليمية أفضل لأبنائكم.

نسأل الله تعالى أن يديم علينا وعليكم هذا النجاح وأن يبارك لنا ولكم ولأبنائنا الطلاب في رحلتنا التربوية المستمرة.

مع خالص التقدير،  
أسرة اللغة العربية سماش



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# Foundation 1



## Mathematics

In Mathematics we have been focusing on shapes and counting from 1-5. We learnt the shapes: triangles, circles, squares and rectangles and how to identify them. We especially enjoyed going on a shape hunt around the EYFS corridor this term.



## Special days

We had a Science Week where we did a different experiment each day. We had great fun! We also had Anti-Bullying Week where we did an activity every day with our classes promoting anti-bullying. During this week we celebrated our differences, and it was amazing to see how these little ones could grasp this. Road Safety was also promoted and focused on, and the valuable lessons that the learners gained from this were awesome.



## Philosophy for Children

We enjoyed our weekly P4C lessons. P4C stands for 'Philosophy for Children'. We began to learn 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 I want to be when I grow up'.



# Foundation 1



## Phonics and Talk for Write

In Phonics, we have been focusing on developing our phonological awareness through many different activities, such as; listening to the environmental sounds around us, making silly soup with objects that start with a certain sound, and using our window wipers to identify rhyming words. Furthermore, the children loved reading our story 'Dear Zoo'.



## Topic

We learnt about different animals including, sea, farm, zoo animals and mini beasts. Each week we enjoyed learning the similarities and differences of each animal.



## ECAs

We had great fun in Term 1, Looking forward to more fun in Term 2!

### F1 Green - Stars of the Week

Abdualziz Al-Shammari, Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari, Aisha, Aljoud, Alreem, Haya, Khalifa Al-Sheeb, Khalifa Al-Sahoti, Noor, Rashid, Rouda, Tahani.

### F1 Yellow - Stars of the Week

Fahad , Abdulla Al-Heidous, Lolwa Al-Fadala, Lolwa Al-Amri, Deema , Ali, Shaikha Al-Hilal, Shaikha Alabduljabbar, Laura, Maha, Thani, Jassim, Tamim

### F1 Orange - Star of the week

Ali, Lolwa, Adam, Laith, Hend, Shafira, Fatima, Elizabeth, Thani, Mazeen, Fahad, Roudha, Abdulla

### F1 Blue - Stars of the Week

Salem, Shamma, Mubarak, Aisha, Emily, Kayan, Liam, Daoud, Madina, Sara, Reem, Shouq, Haya Maj

### F1 Red - Stars of the Week

Abdulla, Amna, Ahmad M, Hamad K, Jaber, Yasin, Maryam, Shaikha M, Abdulaziz, Jassim, Hamad A, Rodha

Ms Amy, Ms Hannah,  
Ms Kathleen,  
Ms Nandie and  
Ms Ally wish you all a  
lovely Winter Break!



# Extra-Curricular Activities



Pupils in Foundation Phase 2 could choose from a variety of ECAs, ranging from dance and storytelling to arts and crafts. There was also an exciting Arabic ECA to choose.

## Arts & Crafts



In Arts & Crafts, students enjoyed practising their fine motor skills by cutting, pasting and painting for a range of crafts including- bubble art, watermelon painting, Kite making, and paper animals.

## Story & Craft

In Story & Craft, we read and listened to many stories whereafter we made a craft from the story. The stories included: The Colour Monster, Put Me in the zoo, The very hungry caterpillar, The pout-pout fish and more.



## Dance & Movement

In dance and movement, we learned lots of new dance moves. We learned how to warm up before dancing, and to cool down after dancing with some relaxing yoga. F2 Loved copying the dance moves to their favourite songs such as 'waka waka'



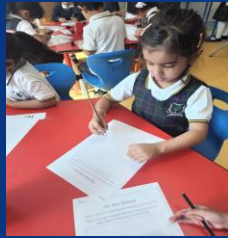
# Foundation 2

## 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. The first story was 'The five Little Pirates'. The second story was 'The Little Green Dinosaur'. The children learned actions for both stories. They have done an amazing job using the story map we made to retell the stories with their friends. Children have also been encouraged to write words and draw pictures about the stories during the Literacy lessons.

## Phonics

We have worked so hard in our Phonics lessons. We have learned so many new letter sounds with help from our Jolly Phonics songs.



## Philosophy for Children

We have been exploring philosophical thinking during our P4C lessons. We are working on being caring, creative, critical, and collaborative thinkers. We explored 'big ideas' like respect, responsibility, happiness, friendship and celebrations. Children were encouraged to justify their answers by giving examples, agreeing and disagreeing respectfully with their friends.



# Foundation 2



## Events this term

Foundation 2 have taken part in lots of fun school events. We first had Road Safety day where the children learnt how to cross the road safely.



We had lots of dress up days but our favourite was when we all came dressed as Pirates for our end of Literacy topic!



More recently the children took part in Science week, where they completed different experiments. We all came to school at the end of the week dressed as Scientists!



## Topics



We had the chance to learn about 3 different topics. The first one explored was 'All About Me' where we began writing our names and learned all about what makes us different and special as we settled into Foundation 2.



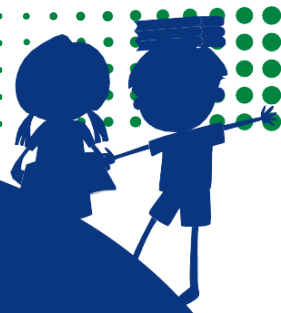
In September we began the super interesting topic of Pirates. We discovered how pirates lived, how they found treasure and we even followed our own treasure map around the school to find our lost toys!



Our final topic was Dinosaurs, which we loved! We were very busy learning the names of lots of dinosaurs and we couldn't believe how big they were. We discovered that paleontologists are people who are experts in dinosaurs, and we even had a go at being paleontologists in class, trying to match fossils to dinosaurs and exploring dinosaur bones

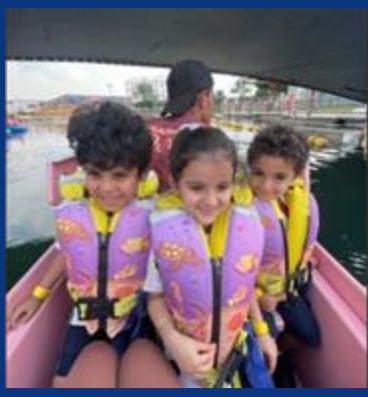


# Foundation 2



## FZ Trip to Baladna

We had a fantastic time at Baladna Park. The children loved going on the bus just as much as they enjoyed going to the park. We saw cows getting milked and had the opportunity to go and do many different activities at the park.



## ★ ★ Stars of the week ★

- Red:** Mahra, Maha, Qamar, Laila, Moatasem. Alya, Fatima, Salwa, Noor, Aldhabi
- Purple:** Abdulla, Essa, Farah, Ibrahim, Jaber, Khalid, Maytha, Moza, Nabeel, Nasser, Sara, Tamim
- Yellow:** Hamad, Wadha, Abdulla. H, Abdulla. N, Ahmad. K, Essa, Maha, Rashid. A, Shaheen, Tamader, Alia, Haya. H
- Green:** Karim, Robin, Noor, Tamim, Hamad, Latifa, Noora, Joud, Nawaf, Ibrahim, Mariam, Lolwa, Zain
- Orange:** Mazyouna, Mubarak, Bandar, Abu, Mamoh, Alanoud H, Mazoun, Alanoud T, Maryam, Shaikha, Khalifa, Noora
- Blue:** Mubarak R, Fatima, Fahad K, Mubarak K, Khalifa A, Abdulrahman, Wadima, Ali, Hamza, Muneera, Noor, Joud.

We wish you a happy and safe winter break.

# G & T



## Gifted & Talented Quiz

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, a very talented group of Upper Key Stage 2 children visited Newton Al Dafna to take part in a gifted and talented quiz.

The team competing were; Qayla and Manal from Year 5 Red, Abdulaziz from Year 6 Red and Ahmed from Year 6 Green.

These students displayed fantastic team work and did our school proud!



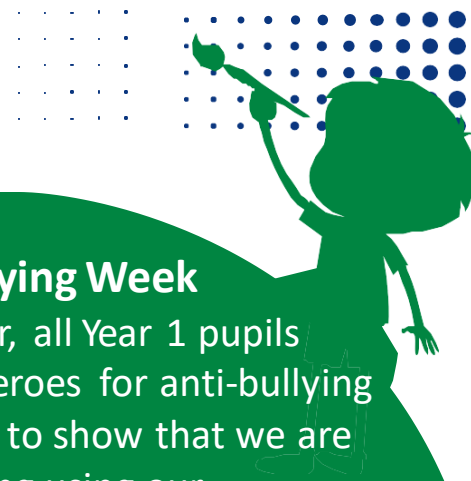
## Spelling Bee Competition

In Term 1, we hosted our first ever spelling bee competitions. This allowed children to showcase their spelling ability in both English and Arabic.

We are looking forward to hosting another competition in Term 2!



# Year 1



## Antibullying Week

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November, all Year 1 pupils dressed up as superheroes for anti-bullying week. We dressed up to show that we are fighting against bullying using our superpowers. We discussed what it means to be a bully and why it is so important to be kind. All of the costumes were fantastic and the children enjoyed showing that they say no to bullying!

## Science week

We celebrated Science Week with a range of scientific activities Children enjoyed dressing up as famous scientists and attending the Science Fair, where they got to see lots of experiments. They took part in our 'Egg Drop' experiment, where we dropped eggs from a height and wrapped them in different materials. Children predicted which materials would protect the egg the best. Also, each class took part in different challenges such as making foam snakes with bottles and socks as well as using kitchen roll to make pictures appear in water.



## School Visit

At the end of November, the children went on a Trip to Baladna Park. We had the opportunity to see cows and learn about how milk was made. We participated in a variety of outdoor activities including going on a boat, pottery and feeding lots of different animals. Everyone had so much fun!



# ICT



Year 1 had a great time learning the basic skills of a computer. We focused on the mouse and the keyboard. Year 1 pupils also worked on 3DPaint; they finished two projects: painting a house and a car.

## Year 1



## Year 2 Year 3



Year 2 and Year 3 had an amazing time learning the basics of programming and coding with Scratch; Sprite "Mr. Cat" became our main character in almost all the games. The students enjoyed their time making stories and games, assembling the code and watching their Sprite "say", move, glide, and turn forever.



## Year 4 YEAR 5 YEAR 6

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 had absolutely a great time mastering the main features of PowerPoint to make professional presentations about different topics: Why I love Qatar, Respect, Responsibility, My Hobbies, Staying safe online, "Stranger Danger", Cyberbullying, Virus, Anti-Virus, Firewall, and Phishing.,



# Year 2



## Healthy Eating Week

Year 2 enjoyed healthy eating week this term. The children took part in different healthy eating activities learning about important vitamins and minerals. We spoke about the difference between healthy and unhealthy foods along with dressing up as our favourite fruit or vegetable.



## Anti – bullying Week

Year 2 enjoyed taking part in different activities to promote the importance of being kind to one another. The children dressed up as their favourite hero! It's important to remember to be a buddy, not a bully!

## School Visit

Year 2 went to KidzMondo on their school trip this term. Everyone had a great day doing different activities and enjoying some time with friends.



## Science Week

Year 2 had a fantastic science week this term. We all enjoyed watching each others experiments. The science fair was another great day had by all.



# Music



*Let's reflect on the journey we've shared in the world of music education. From the first notes in September to the end of December, our Music Room has been a stage for creativity. All the students had a Musical Journey with Western Europe Composers, from Mozart's sonatas to Beethoven's symphonies, our exploration of renowned composers and their masterpieces deepened students' knowledge about the classic music weekly.*



*We have unleashed vocal prowess for year 1 and 2 during our weekly music sessions. Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or a singer extraordinaire, there's a place for them to hit the high notes. Students are welcome to the music room every week for a melodic journey.*

*Students across 3-6 grades mastered the keyboard.*

*Grades 3 and 4 have learned about Vocal Warm-ups, essential warm-up exercises for the voice and the importance of warming up before singing.*



*Grades 5 and 6 enjoying playing starting with easy tunes for beginners, as well as being introduced to keyboard by step-by-step guidance on learning new simple tunes and songs. We have encouraged students to compose and explore and improvisation to foster creativity.*





## Term 1 School Visit

Year 3 enjoyed a day out to WOW World of Wonders in Lusail. As a year group, Year 3 took part in many activities, including bowling, trampolining, laser tag and STEM activities, which focused on developing essential fine and gross motor skills. The trip also helped students to develop their communication and teamwork skills as they worked together to complete challenges. We cannot wait for our next trip!



## Spotlight on Anti-Bullying Week

*Our school had a fantastic Anti-Bullying Week with lots of interesting activities promoting kindness and respect. Kids showed they're against bullying by wearing superhero costumes. We talked about solving problems and handling worries. Classes did fun projects like making an anti-bullying poster and wearing mismatched socks. The superhero dress-up day showed we all stand together against bullying. Remember, we're here to help whenever you need it!*



## Science Week

Year 3 experienced an unforgettable Science week filled with engaging and educational activities. Guided by excellent teaching assistants, each student participated in lab sessions covering topics such as the digestive system, acidic and alkaline foods, and forces and motion.

In the classroom, students delved into experiments, exploring the flow of different liquids and applying the principle of equal and opposite reactions in the balloon car experiment.

The highlight of the week was Thursday's science fair, where Year 3 exhibited diverse entries, from invisible ink to lava lamps and levitating liquids. A special congratulations to Vasilije, the overall winner, recognized for his innovative Bottle Vacuum Cleaner. Kudos to all participants for their enthusiasm and contributions!



# French

## Term 1: French Newsletter

### Year 3

**In year 3 ..... we are the stars**



We have learnt how to pronounce the alphabet in French which allowed us to understand French phonics system, then we focused on numbers from 1 to 10 and we looked at the aspects of how to greet and introduce ourselves in French. Students also enjoyed learning colours, and singing songs to help them remember what we have learnt.

### Year 4

**Yes, we speak French**

**In year 4 ..... we are the stars**



In French, we have enjoyed learning about the days of the week, the months of the year and how to identify and recognise the weather for four seasons. We worked on the numbers from 1 to 40 with help of songs as it is more fun to learn French through playing games and singing. Students started understanding the usefulness of syllables when reading in French.

### Year 5

**In year 5 ..... we are the stars**



In French, we revisited greetings and cardinal numbers from 1-40 as well as how to tell time in French. We looked at names for family members and the use of verb 'avoir' within the context. Students learnt the French possessive pronouns. We worked on adjectives of colour and how to adapt them when describing masculine and feminine nouns. Students reviewed the names of days of the week in French.

### Year 6

**In year 6 ..... we are the stars**



In French, we have been learning how to greet and introduce ourselves and how to count to 50. Students worked on the days of the week and months to be able to say their date of birth. Students enjoyed learning classroom instructions and acting them out. This created a lot of enthusiasm and engagement from the students. I was really happy to see many of them willing to stand in front of the class to perform the simple act for words like 'écoutez'. Students work on conjugation of simple -er verbs in all paradigms.

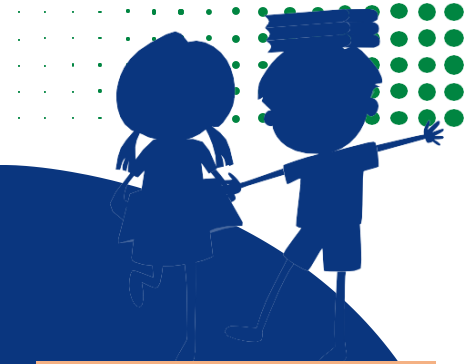


# Bravo!



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# Year 4



## Science Week

We were thrilled to participate in an exciting Science Week at Smash. Each class took part in daily investigations, spending some time in the lab. The week culminated in a fascinating Science Fair!

## School Visit

Year 4 had a fantastic day out Wow Wonders of the World for their school trip! The boys and girls gave 100% towards all their activities, including laser tag and playing on the trampolines.

## Spelling Bee

Primary school participated in the first ever SMASH spelling bee and it was a huge success. Our competitors had fun participating and the rest of year 4 enjoyed cheering on their classmates. Representing Year 4 was Hamad, Zain and Ghanim Nasser , who all achieved high scores. A big well done!

## Inside this issue:

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**Complete**



Science Week



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Spelling Bee



# Leadership



Pupils from Years 1 to 6 are a part of our school council. This term they have discussed school related matters as well as ideas for the class dojo shop.



Year 6 pupils represent the school as House Captains.



Years 5 and 6 have prefects, trustworthy pupils who carry out early morning support in KS1 and any important tasks required by the teachers.



Our Pupil Support Officers are Year 5 and 6 pupils who support pupils and staff at breaktimes.



Our Ambassadors were chosen following an application letter and interview. They are our Primary role models, and they have been a great help to the senior management team and PTA this term.



# Year 5

## Healthy Eating Week

We celebrated healthy eating week in Year 5. In our class we looked at the different types of food that we need to eat to keep our bodies healthy. We dressed up as healthy fruit and vegetables to promote healthy eating in our school!



## Anti-bullying Week

Year 5 loved raising awareness for Anti-bullying week. The week was filled with activities that provoked interesting discussions about how we should treat each other and how acting with kindness improves everyone's experience in school. In our classes we made a kindness paperchain, wore odd socks and even dressed up as superheroes to stand up to bullying!



## School Visit to WOW Park

Year 5 had an exciting day out at WOW park in Lusail for their end of term 1 trip. The children took part in a range of activities such as bowling, trampolining, laser tag and rock climbing. The children had an enjoyable day out and we can't wait for the next trip!



## Science Week

Year 5 really enjoyed Science Week. Throughout the week, they had daily science experiments to complete. The teachers were overwhelmed with the quality of the projects and the presentations. The week ended with a huge Science fair that was showcased.



# Extra-Curricular Activities



Pupils in the Primary School could choose from a wide variety of ECAs, ranging from academic, languages and ICT to art and sporting. There were also a number of exciting Arabic ECAs to choose from.



We began our collaboration with Prodigy Kidz, to provide a robotics ECA for Year 1 up to Year 8. Prodigy Kidz will continue in Term 2.



# Year 6



## Science Week

In Year 6, we celebrated an exciting and unforgettable Science Week filled with a variety of activities and thrilling scientific investigations. Each class enjoyed showcasing a multitude of creative and unique Science experiments which were proudly displayed in the Science Fair! We loved dressing up as famous scientists and participating in daily Science experiments in the lab including: Making Elephant Toothpaste, Raising Water Experiment and Creating a Density Jar! Year 6 had the opportunity throughout the week to think scientifically by forming predictions, discussing results and drawing conclusions from each investigation!



## Anti-Bullying Week

Year 6 celebrated Anti-Bullying week by participating in a range of activities. We wore odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us unique, bonded whilst making friendship bracelets and shared compliments to create a positive environment in our classrooms. We also dressed up as superheroes to fight against bullying! Well done to everyone for making a huge effort to ensure that we are happy and safe in school.



## School Visit

This term Year 6 went on a fantastic trip to World of Wonders (WOW) in Lusail! We had so much fun in the arcade, playing area and bowling. A particular highlight was the Arctic Zone and laser tag. What a brilliant day out!



## Mental Health Day

We enjoyed raising awareness for charities and certain topics of importance. On the 10<sup>th</sup> October, we wore yellow because the Young Minds Mental Health Organisation theme this year was #helloyellow. In Year 6, we discussed how good mental health is as important as physical health and we expressed the importance of the children speaking out whether they feel low, sad and upset.







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# Arabic Department

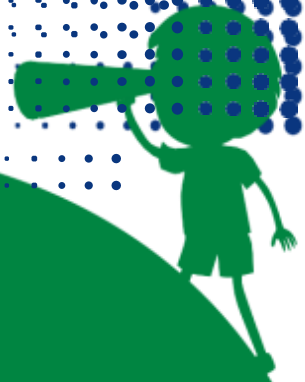


## The Arabic spelling competition

The Arabic spelling competition for Primary was successful. It featured exciting participation and intense competition. The competition comprised of two stages, with all students participating in the first round and the winners advancing to the second. The event attracted a significant parents who enjoyed witnessing their children's brilliance and acquisition of new skills. The competition was praised from the attendees, reflecting the school's commitment to promoting the Arabic language and inspiring students towards excellence. One student from each stage was recognised, adding an educational and motivational dimension to the activity.



# Arabic Department



## Quran Competition

The school successfully participated in the Ministry of Education's Quran competition. Students delivered exceptional performances in reciting and memory, showcasing their linguistic skills and mastery of Tajweed. Participation provided an opportunity to reinforce religious values and foster positive interaction within the school, contributing to students' motivation and strengthening their connection with the Holy Quran.



# Arabic Department



## Responsibility Assembly for Secondary Students



The Arabic department organized an assembly on responsibility for secondary school students with the aim of promoting and instilling the value of responsibility in their behaviors.

### **Objectives:**

Raise awareness among students about the importance of responsibility.  
Motivate students to apply responsibility in their daily lives.

### **Activities:**

Lecture on the concept of responsibility.  
Recognition of exemplary students embodying responsibility.

### **Impact:**

The assembly witnessed a positive response, as the activities inspired students to apply responsibility and fostered a sense of commitment.

### **Conclusion:**

This activity marks a significant step towards promoting positive values and developing the character of students

# Arabic Department



## Guided reading led by the mothers of our children

As part of the "Mother's guided reading and My Values Shape My Identity" project, we had the honour of hosting Mrs. Mariam Al Kaabi, a parent of a third-grade student. This visit aimed to explore a story emphasizing the value of responsibility. The students actively engaged in constructive discussions, exchanging thoughts and experiences.

Mrs. Mariam Al Kaabi shared personal insights in an interactive and inspirational manner, underscoring the importance of instilling values in personal growth. Her visit significantly enriched our educational project, enhancing students' awareness of the pivotal role responsibility plays in shaping their identities.

We look forward to more constructive interactions and inspiring visits in the future, aligning with our vision to nurture students personally and educationally.



# Arabic Department



## Visit to the Fashion and Style Exhibition - Musheireb

The Year 10,11,12 Secondary girls visited the Fashion and Style Exhibition in Musheireb as part of the Qatar Reads Initiative . Focused on the Arabic narrative of HaW bin Yaqzan, they explored its influence on classics like "Mowpli" and "Robinson Crusoe." The exhibition showcased paintings inspired by the story and a diverse array of republished books, offering a comprehensive cultural and literary experience.



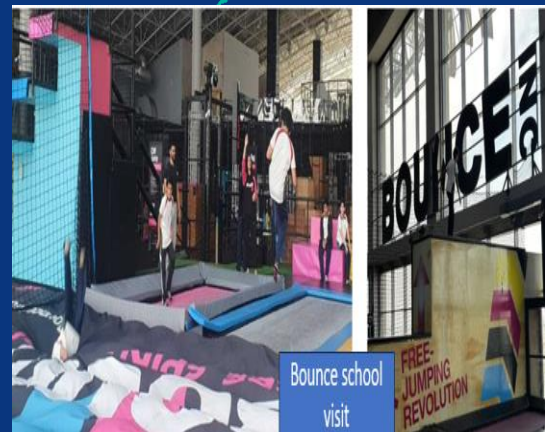


# Secondary Newsletter



## SCHOOL VISITS

Our Secondary students visited Bounce as part of our reward visits. Students enjoyed spending time on the trampolines learning different techniques and skills.



Our Secondary girls were invited to an event hosted by Qatar Cancer Society due to our involvement in raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness. The program was based on Health and a variety of workshops were delivered such as preparing healthy meals.



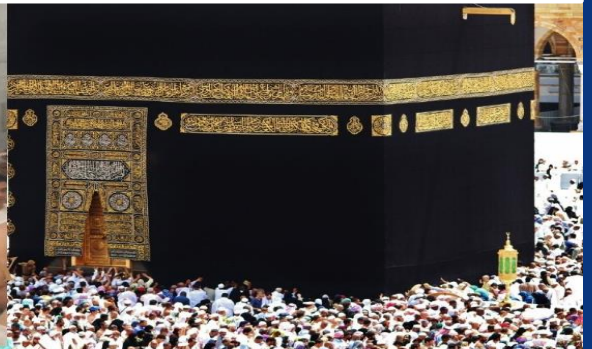
Our Secondary girls visited Qatar Cancer Society for a Health Program  
12.11.23



## UMRAH VISIT



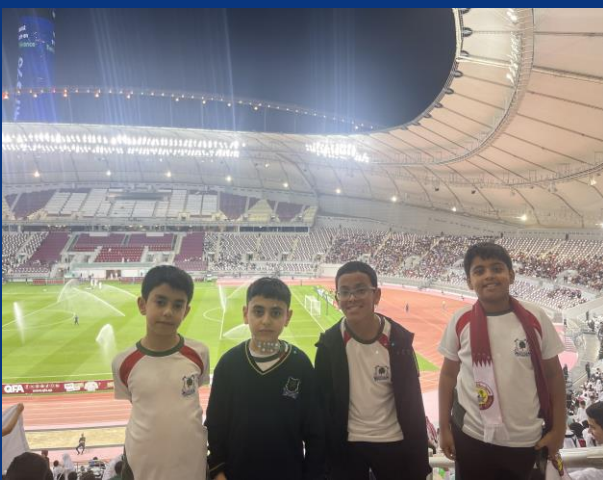
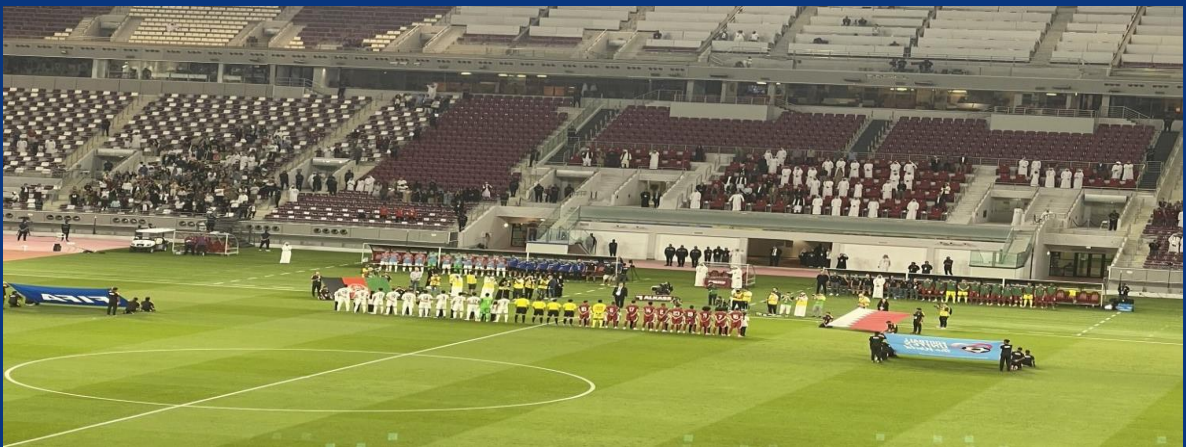
# NIA Smash Visit To Mecca



Our secondary boys went on an international visit to UMRAH. This was a successful religious visit which marked the first international school visit for students at NIA Smash. They represented the school very well. Thank you to the teaching staff for arranging the visit.

# Football Match

Qatar Football Association invited the school to attend the Qatar vs Afghanistan match. It was a thrilling game which ended with Qatar winning 8 – 1. The students and staff enjoyed the match.





# School Events



## Breast Cancer Awareness

The school held an event for Breast Cancer Awareness. The students and staff members wore the colour pink, hosted a bake sale and wore ribbons to show our support. We managed to raise 3065QAR for Qatar Cancer Society.



Our Y9 girls handing over the Breast Cancer Awareness cheque of 3065QAR



Breast Cancer Awareness Day  
31.10.23



# Support for Palestine



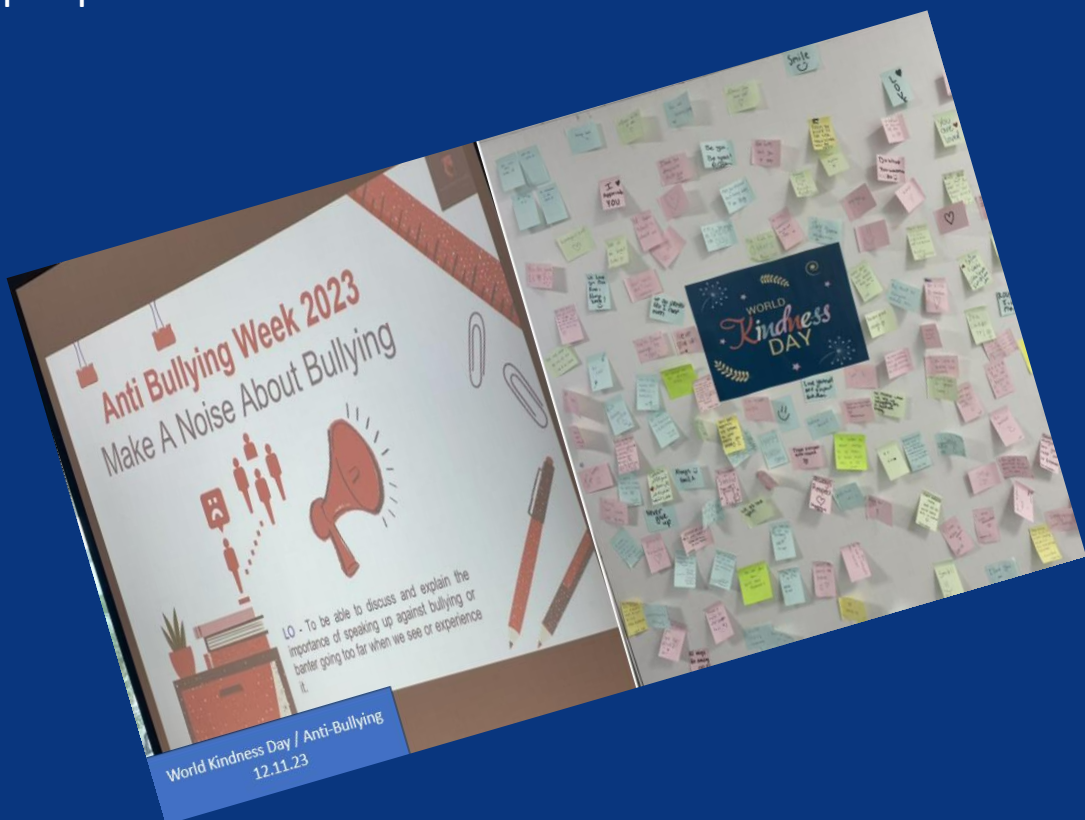
Throughout the term, the school community has shown support for the people of Palestine. We held the Absentee Funeral Prayer to show our respect for the people of Palestine. We also participated in an art and poetry competition.



## Anti bullying week and World Kindness Day



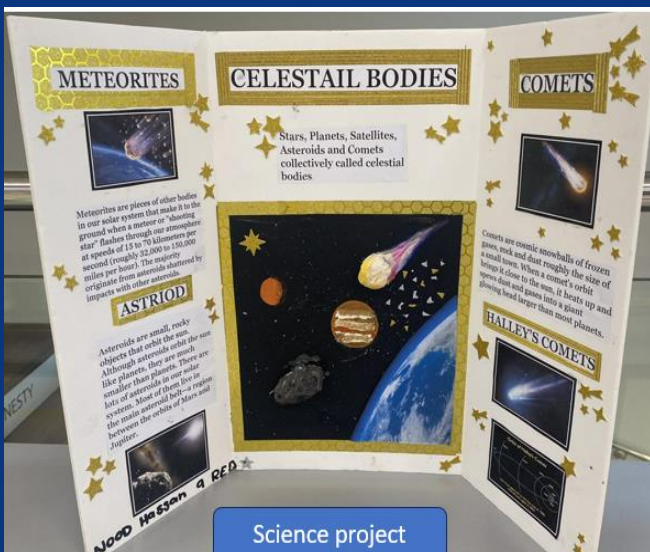
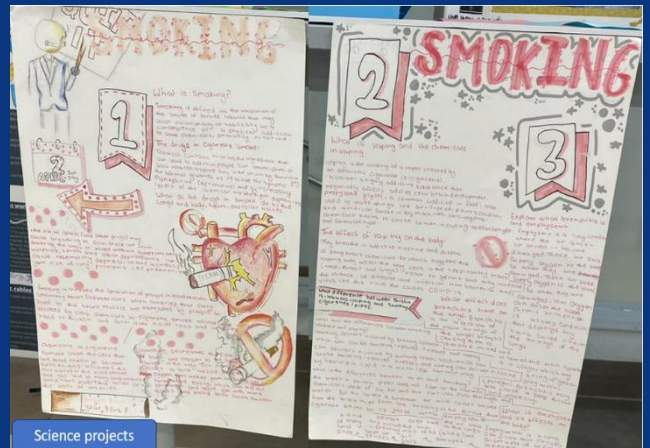
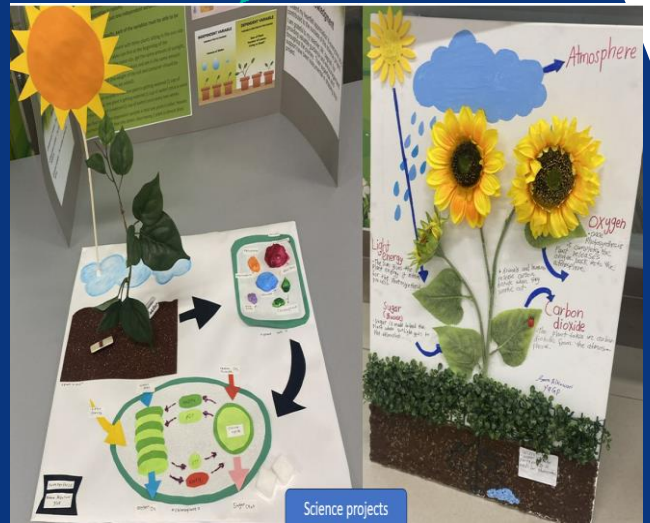
We held different activities to raise awareness regarding anti-bullying and mental well-being. We delivered assemblies to the students to discuss the issue of bullying and mental well-being. Our Year 9 girls, delivered presentations to our primary students to raise awareness of the different types of bullying and how we should deal with bullying. We displayed boards through the school, which encouraged students to post positive messages to other people.



# Science week



The students performed a variety of experiments throughout the week which included activities such as dissecting a sheep's heart. Students also completed science projects. We awarded certificates and prizes for the students who participated. We presented 1 boy and 1 girls with the Dr. Jabr Al Noaimi Science Award.



# Career events and Further Education



Throughout this term, we have held a variety of events to provide the students more information regarding careers and further education.



# Sporting Fixtures

We have been involved in a variety of sporting fixtures. Both our boys and girls have been involved in different fixtures and tournaments. Each year group have been given the opportunity to participate.



U13s boys football team  
29.10.23



U16s football  
competition  
19.11.23



Y7-Y10 Boys football  
tournament  
08.11.23



# Secondary Leadership

## Student Council



Our student council were elected through votes from their peers and teachers. They meet once every few week to discuss school events and the weekly tutor/P4C sessions. Our student council representatives bring forward ideas to further improve what we do as a school. They have given feedback on ECAs and we ask them to bring forward suggestions which the students would like to have arranged for them. The student council also met to discuss their role as a stakeholder and what the school is trying to achieve.

**Head Boy:** Abdulaziz Al Delaimi

**Deputy Head Boy:** Ahmed  
Mohammed

**Head Girl:** Chuc An Tran

**Deputy Head Girl:** Intle Tatusche



# Secondary Leadership

Our student council have been involved in the Breast Cancer Awareness Day. They helped on the day with the bake sale and creating some posters for the event. They helped the school secure a donation of 3056QAR for Qatar Cancer Society. The promotion and entries for the Palestine Art Competition was quite successful with our student council eager to raise awareness for the people of Palestine

The student council representatives also contributed towards World Kindness Day and had the idea of having a board which students could place kind messages in Arabic or English which people can review and feel more positive. Also, they created a PowerPoint presentation and delivered it to the primary school student regarding bullying for anti-bullying day. This was well received by the primary students as they appreciated having the secondary school students educate them about bullying.

## Sports Captains

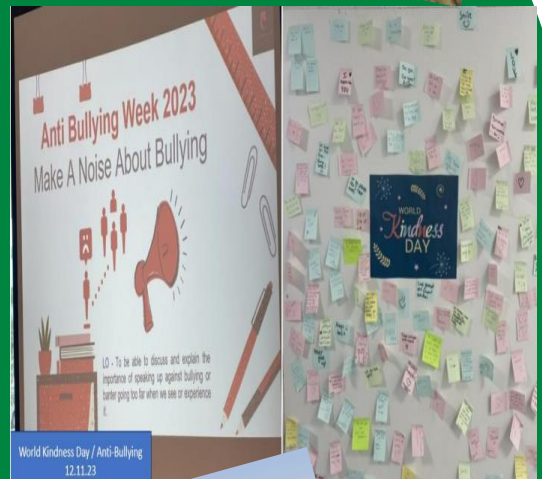
The PE department has selected representatives from the secondary school to represent the school as sports captains. We have been heavily involved in a variety of competitions this academic year and we are proud to announce our representatives who will play a part in being the voice for the students.

**Girls KS3 Sports Captain:** Salwa Shamtieh

**Girls KS4 sports Captain:** Rim Zahid

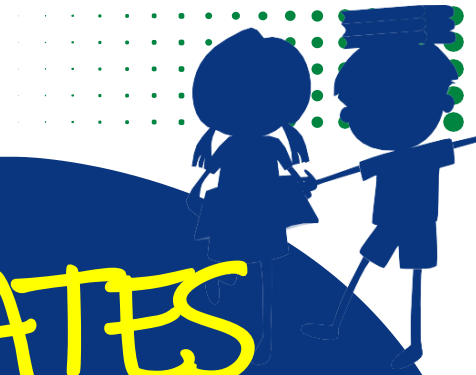
**Boys KS3 sports Captain:** Amin Radwan

**Boys KS4 sports Captain:** Rakan Al Mutairi





# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY



Students return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Parents and teacher progress meetings Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January



Arabic Week begins Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Book week begins Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January



National Sports Day Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Term 2 ends Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March