



# Newton Lagoon School News

— *The Summer Issue 2024* —

## **Our Vision:**

An international community of learners striving for excellence and celebrating success

## **Our Mission:**

To provide the highest quality of education possible for students of all abilities To positively encourage each student to achieve academic excellence, enjoy creative diversity, develop critical thinking skills, become lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

## **Our School Objectives:**

- Strong and effective leadership at all levels throughout the school.
- For students to meet their targets and strive to achieve beyond their potential.
- To improve the development and care for students ensuring they are supported, focused and committed to their learning.



## M E S S A G E F R O M T H E P R I N C I P A L



Dear parents and friends of NIS Lagoon,

As the year end approaches, it is my pleasure to share a few thoughts with you. 2023-2024 has been an exciting year filled with activity and challenges. As the new principal for the past few months I have seen a warm and welcoming community of parents, pupils and teachers.

We recently celebrated the success of our pupils at the various Graduations and Prize Giving ceremonies. It was lovely to see pupils being acknowledged for the strides they have made whether academically or in their social development. What was equally lovely to see in Prize Giving ceremonies was the pupils who did not win any awards, enthusiastically clapping for those who did. This kind of peer support is very encouraging to see and I was delighted to see the extent to which it has flourished at NIS Lagoon.

During the course of the year, pupils from F1 to year 12 had many opportunities to go on trips, explore new areas of knowledge and to enjoy learning with their friends at school. In the pages which follow you will be able to read about some of these activities and see the photos of the events.

Please take note of the term dates for next year that have been sent to you and will be sent to you again towards the end of the summer. Term 1 will start on Sunday 1st September. Should you need to come into school during the summer holiday, there will be staff on duty every weekday to assist you.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your generous support of this school, the teachers and the children. May you have a safe and blessed summer with family and those whom you love.

With warm regards,

**Patrick Salvage Principal**

## ◆ MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR LEADERS ◆



Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of this academic year, we reflect with gratitude on the incredible journey we've shared. Our students have exhibited exceptional dedication, both within the school and at home. Their remarkable progress, fueled by high attendance, active engagement and unwavering focus, has been helped by the unwavering support of our dedicated parents and passionate teachers.

In numerous ways, our students have excelled, demonstrating their best efforts across various academic assessments, extracurricular activities and competitions. Their achievements, spanning all areas, fill us with immense pride and joy. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for supporting their ongoing learning and development. The collaboration between parents, teachers and students has been instrumental in fostering a culture of success within our school community.

Looking ahead to the new academic year, we are filled with optimism and excitement. With your continued support and collaboration, we are confident in our ability to provide the best possible education for our students. The school remains dedicated to enhancing our programs and services, ensuring every student reaches their full potential.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of Newton International School - Lagoon Campus. Wishing you all an enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards,

Mr. Andy Hardy, Mr. Christopher Hyndman and Mr. Jimmy Haidar Deputy Principal,  
Head of Primary and Head of Secondary



# EYFS



Cindy Hannocks  
EYFS Coordinator

As we wrap up this fantastic school year, we want to celebrate the incredible learning experiences and memorable moments our students have enjoyed. From exciting WOW days that sparked curiosity to enriching trips that expanded their horizons, our students have thrived in a vibrant educational environment. The wonderful lessons taught by our dedicated teachers have laid a strong foundation for your child's academic journey. We also appreciate your participation in our parent workshops and stay and play days, which strengthened our school community. Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate welcoming the students back next year, ready for more adventures and learning opportunities. We wish you all a relaxing and joyful summer!

## EYFS Foundation 1 End of Year Ceremonies and Foundation 2 Graduation

We are thrilled to share the joyous highlights of our year-end celebrations.

Our F1 students delighted everyone with their end-of-year ceremonies, showcasing their dancing and singing talents, while our F2 students marked their graduation with equally spirited performances. It was a privilege to present well-deserved certificates in both Arabic and English to all of our students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who joined us in these celebrations and the classroom parties that followed. Your support made these events a truly memorable conclusion to the academic year.



well done!





## EYFS and Primary STEM Week

We had an action packed STEM week for our young explorers. Starting off with a dress up Sunday, with lots of Scientists but as well as Doctors, Nurses, Engineers and many more exciting professions.

Throughout the week we welcomed STEM Xplorers in to work with the students doing various Science experiments on top of the pre planned experiments led by our class teachers. During the week finale, the STEM Xplorers put on a thrilling Science show for our EYFS and Primary students.



WOW  
DAYS

## Year 5 Science Workshop at QNL

After the success of our Year 6 trip to the Qatar National Library earlier in the month, Lagoon students were invited back for another workshop about the solar system. This was a great opportunity for Lagoon to develop our community links with the QNL.

The theme of the workshop was 'The Sun and the Moon in Calculation' and we used models to study the movement of the moon around the Earth and their joint movement around the sun, as well as the phenomena of eclipses and seasons, etc. Students were given the opportunity to observe the planets through telescopes, which they enjoyed immensely!

Additionally, there is a smaller version of this model that students can assemble and operate as part of the workshop activities. Students were given Solar System models to construct at home



## Primary Prize-Givings & Year 6 Graduations

At the end of the academic year, we have the pleasure of celebrating the achievements of all our Primary students through our annual Prize Giving ceremonies. These ceremonies not only acknowledge academic excellence but also commend the dedication and diligence displayed by students throughout the year in all aspects of their studies.

We bid farewell to our Year 6 students, wishing them well as they embark on the next chapter of their educational journey in Secondary school. This year's Year 6 cohort has demonstrated exemplary attitudes towards learning, serving as admirable role models for our younger students. Whether through participation in the Student Leadership Team, serving as prefects, or assisting in the library, our Year 6 students have made significant contributions to our school community. They will be greatly missed in Primary next year.



 Year 6 Transition Day



Primary Prize-Giving



Qatar Metro Trip

### Student Leadership Initiatives:

This year's Year 6 Student Leadership Team has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, guiding our EYFS to Year 5 Primary School Council. Their ideas have significantly influenced the Senior Leadership Team's decisions, in enhancing our school environment. A key focus has been sustainability, aligning with Qatar National Vision 2030. Environmental topics are integrated into our curriculum and the Student Leadership Team has translated learning into practical solutions within our school.

Under the guidance of Mr. Kingham and Mr. Nolan, the team has pursued various sustainability initiatives. They participated in ICT Sustainability competition at the West Bay campus and engaged in environmental challenges during School Council meetings at NBA Barwa. Their interest expanded with visits to the Doha Expo in March and the Qatar Metro in April. These experiences provided insights into global initiatives and Qatar's sustainable future. Their efforts culminated in proposing the use of QR codes instead of printed materials for Prize Giving and Graduation ceremonies, aiming to reduce paper usage.

As we conclude this academic year, we are confident that the momentum towards a more sustainable school will persist. The seeds of environmental awareness planted by this year's Student Leadership Team will continue to flourish at Lagoon, shaping our future endeavors.







## NISL Lagoon School Fayre

Last April, NISL hosted their annual School Fayre. The school was abuzz with excitement as the Year 12 Cohort started their preparation for the House of Thrills. There was also movement in the playground as outside vendors started preparing their stalls.

This year we were once again blown away with the number of outside vendors. We had in excess of 35 vendors who offered clothing and accessories, international cuisine, coffee stations, ice cream bars, gelato stations, jewellery, food trucks and many more. The staff stalls were once again outstanding, offering activities that catered to all who attended.

The highlights of the Fayre were the Rodeo Bull as well as Dunk the Teacher Tank. Many teachers got into the spirit of the occasion and were dunked many times. The day was a massive success thanks to all the effort that went into the preparation for the event. Our Newton community celebrated and thoroughly enjoyed the day immensely.



## MoEHE Ramadan Campaign Award Giving



NISL was selected by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, as one of the remarkable schools and one of the most interactive schools during a ceremony held in conclusion of the Ramadan campaign "Ramadan in the Company of the Messenger of Allah, may God bless him and grant him peace" (his morals and attributes)."

The award was accepted by our School Principal, Mr Patrick Salvage along with our competition supervisors Mr Aslam and Ms Noha.

Cybercrime Talk for KS3 Girls

On Thursday 16th May 2024, we had a talk on cybercrime and this was led by the cybercrime unit. Our girls were the first group to receive the talk.

Mr. Patrick, our School Principal, welcomed the representative from the cybercrime unit. The talk was very informative as they highlighted a number of pertinent issues that our students were facing on a daily basis regarding different types of crimes on social media. The students were made aware of the legalities if they were involved in cybercrime.

The students had an opportunity to ask questions and useful information was shared by the guest speaker. It was a very informative session and the students received a lot of very useful information to keep them safe online.



A Night to Remember: Celebrating Our Year 12 Graduation



On Friday, May 31st, our Year 12 Graduation at the Sheraton Resort was a resounding success. The event, meticulously organized, saw a significant turnout of guests, all eager to witness our seniors receive their well-deserved awards.

The evening was filled with memorable moments. The heartfelt student speeches added to the emotional and joyous atmosphere, showcasing the incredible journey and achievements of our graduating class.

Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed a delicious buffet, adding a perfect touch to an already wonderful evening.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023-2024 for making this night truly unforgettable. Well done!



**Important Date or Events**

**What:** Academic Year 2024-2025

**When:** Term 1 Starts Sunday 1st September

**Who:** Whole School

**Where:** Newton International School Lagoon