



Newton International Academy -Smash Newsletter Term 1 2024-2025





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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I am very grateful for your continued support for the school, for the staff and for myself. The reputation of the school has spread throughout Doha and we are now seen as one of the leading British Curriculum Schools. We have nurtured a very close relationship with the MoEHE and who are very supportive of the school and have taken great delight in our success. We will continue to strengthen Qatar national values and strengthen national initiatives such as 'safe surfing' and 'cyber security'. We are now accredited with British Schools Middle East (BSME) which allows us to benefit from all the latest innovation and curriculum advances offered by the British Curriculum. We have focused on classroom learning, developing the skills of our fantastic teachers. 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. I have been so pleased to see girls' sports taking a bigger profile with the 'Qatar Sports Olympiad'. We want to strengthen our links with the community. We are proud to have raised over 12,000 QAR for Qatar Cancer Charities and have very close links with universities in Qatar and satellite campuses from across the world. We were so pleased to have organized an Umbra visit for over 40 Secondary boys in November. Our Arabic team, led by Mr Mostafa is an amazing strength of our school. We are also arranging a trip to Madrid. Yet we do ask that parents ensure that pupils and students arrive to school on time. Attendance and punctuality are 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



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Message from the Head of Secondary

Dear Parents,

As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements and milestones we've accomplished together as a school community. It has been a truly remarkable start to the academic year, and I am filled with pride and gratitude for the dedication of our students, staff, and parents.

Our students have returned with a renewed sense of purpose, embracing the opportunities to learn, grow, and excel. In classrooms, teachers have been fostering curiosity and engagement, using innovative approaches to deepen understanding and encourage critical thinking. Students are settling into routines and demonstrating commendable focus and determination. From the enthusiasm seen in group discussions to the diligence shown in individual projects, it's clear that we are off to a strong academic start.

This first part of the year has been marked by exciting opportunities for learning, growth, and connection. Whether it is in the classroom, on the sports field, or during co-curricular activities, our students have demonstrated curiosity, creativity, and determination. Their commitment to excellence and their ability to support one another truly embody the values we cherish as a school community.

Our pastoral teams have been equally proactive in ensuring students feel supported, valued, and cared for. Transitioning into a new academic year can sometimes feel daunting, but with a range of programs designed to nurture well-being, students are settling in well and growing in confidence.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you, our parents, for your active involvement and encouragement. From attending school events to supporting learning at home, your partnership is a cornerstone of our success.

Looking ahead, I am confident that this strong start will propel us to achieve even greater things as the year progresses. Together, we will continue to nurture an environment where every student can thrive and reach their full potential.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of our school community. I wish you all a safe and joyful break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another successful term.

Warmest regards,

Mr. J Browne

Head of Secondary

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Message from the Head of Primary

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

As we come to the end of another successful term, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we have accomplished together and thank you for your ongoing support.

This term, our focus on wellbeing has been a central theme across the school, and we are proud to announce our preparations for the WAS (Wellbeing Award for Schools) accreditation in January. Your contributions, such as the 'Proud Clouds,' have been invaluable in fostering a positive and supportive environment for our children.

It has been a busy and exciting term, filled with wonderful events, competitions, and trips. A highlight was hosting the very first French Newton Competition here at Smash, showcasing the talents of our students and celebrating their achievements. We were also delighted to welcome many of you for a coffee morning, an opportunity to strengthen the bond between school and home.

Our celebrations of national and international days added color and vibrancy to the term, helping our children connect with diverse cultures and traditions. Watching the students learn and grow daily—not just academically, but socially and emotionally—has been a privilege.

As we look ahead to the next term, we are excited to build on this momentum and continue striving for excellence in all areas. Together, we will aim for more achievements, meaningful experiences, and opportunities to grow as a school community.

Wishing you all a restful and joyous break filled with family, laughter, and relaxation. We cannot wait to see you in the new term, ready for new challenges and adventures.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Chani Meyer

Head of EYFS and Primary



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Message from the EYFS Coordinator

Dear Parents and Students of NIA Smash,

We are thrilled that we have had a wonderful start to the year and have warmly welcomed our new families to our school community. The students are adapting to their new environment and are beginning to embrace the routines and structure of the school day.

We have delivered a varied and exciting curriculum and have offered a range extra-curricular activities which have been a success. We are excited to offer even more opportunities in Term 2 for the students to explore their interests and talents.

This term has been full of exciting highlights, including special events such as Anti-Bullying Week, Road Safety Day, and International Day. The students particularly enjoyed the themed dress-up days, with National Day being a standout event for many. Students also celebrated the end of term with trips to Minipolis and Snow Dunes where they had a chance to explore exciting activities, make lasting memories, and enjoy quality time with their friends.

We are incredibly proud of all the students and everything they have achieved so far this term. Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm have truly shone through, and we couldn't be more pleased with your progress. As we look forward to Term 2, we are excited to see what new achievements lie ahead!

A special congratulations to the classes with the best attendance, and to the individual learners who achieved 100% attendance during Term 1. Keep up the fantastic work, and let's continue this momentum into the next term!

Lastly, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff and parents for your unwavering support and hard work throughout this term. The achievements of our students would not be possible without your dedication and encouragement. Your commitment plays a crucial role in their success, and we truly appreciate everything you do to help them thrive. Thank you for being such an important part of their journey!

We wish you all a wonderful and restful winter holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back for the new term!

Warm regards,
Lisa Davies



Message from the Head of Arabic

رسالة من رئيس قسم اللغة العربية

يُعد قسم اللغة العربية في أكاديمية نيوتن – فرع سماش أحد الركائز الأساسية في تحقيق رؤية الأكاديمية نحو إعداد طلاب متمكنين لغويًا وثقافيًا ، يهدف القسم إلى تعزيز مهارات الطلاب في اللغة العربية من قراءة وكتابة واستماع وتحدث ، مع ترسيخ قيم الهوية الوطنية والانتماء الثقافي.

أهداف القسم:

- تطوير مهارات اللغة العربية الأساسية.
- تعزيز قدرة الطلاب على القراءة بطلاقة وفهم النصوص المختلفة.
- تمكين الطلاب من الكتابة بأسلوب صحيح ومناسب وفق القواعد.
- تحسين مهارات التحدث باللغة العربية بأسلوب واثق وسليم.
- تعزيز مهارات الاستماع والتفاعل مع المحتوى المسموع.
- تعزيز الهوية الثقافية.
- ربط الطلاب بتراثهم الثقافي والتاريخي من خلال أنشطة تعليمية وثقافية.
- تعريف الطلاب بالثقافة القطرية والقيم الوطنية.
- تنمية مهارات التفكير الإبداعي والنقدي.
- تشجيع الطلاب على تحليل النصوص وإبداء آرائهم بطريقة موضوعية.
- تدريبهم على كتابة المقالات والتقارير بأسلوب إبداعي.

الأنشطة والفعاليات التي قام بها القسم:

- فعاليات أسبوع اللغة العربية من خلال تنظيم معرض لأعمال الطلاب في اللغة العربية، حيث عرضت نصوص إبداعية، ورسومات تعبيرية، وأبحاث متعلقة بتاريخ اللغة العربية.
- مسابقات في الإلقاء الشعري والخط العربي، لتعزيز حب الطالب للغة وجمالياتها.
- الاحتفال بالمناسبات الوطنية والدينية.
- تنظيم فعاليات خاصة باليوم الوطني لدولة قطر، حيث تم تقديم عروض طلابية تجمع بين اللغة العربية والفخر الوطني.
- إعداد برامج ثقافية خلال شهر رمضان، ركزت على القيم الإسلامية والتعبير الأدبي.
- برامج الدعم اللغوي من خلال تنظيم جلسات دعم فردية وجماعية للطلاب الذين يعانون من صعوبات في القراءة والكتابة.
- توفير منصات تعليمية إلكترونية مثل منصة "أنا أقرأ" لتطوير مهارات القراءة بطريقة تفاعلية.
- تقديم ورش عمل للمعلمين حول تحسين أساليب التدريس واستخدام التكنولوجيا في تعليم اللغة العربية وإعداد ورش إبداعية للطلاب مثل "فن الكتابة الإبداعية" و"أساسيات الخط العربي".

التحديات والإنجازات:

- التعامل مع التنوع الثقافي واللغوي بين الطلاب، وخاصة الطلاب غير الناطقين بالعربية.
- تعزيز حب اللغة العربية لدى الطلاب في ظل تأثير اللغات الأخرى.

الإنجازات:

- تحقيق تقدم ملحوظ في نتائج الطلاب في اختبارات اللغة العربية.
- إشادة وزارة التعليم بجهود القسم خلال الزيارات الميدانية.
- ارتفاع مستوى مشاركة الطلاب في الأنشطة اللغوية والثقافية.

يُعتبر قسم اللغة العربية في أكاديمية نيوتن – فرع سماش نموذجًا للتميز في تطوير مهارات الطلاب اللغوية وترسيخ قيم الانتماء الثقافي ، ويؤكد القسم التزامه المستمر بتحقيق الأهداف التعليمية والتربوية من خلال تطبيق أفضل الممارسات وتطوير الأنشطة التي تثري تجربة الطلاب و من حياتهم اليومية وتجعل اللغة العربية جزءًا من حياتهم اليومية.



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Foundation 1

Talk For Writing

In Phonics, we have been working on enhancing our phonological awareness through a variety of activities, including listening to the sounds in our environment, creating a "silly soup" with items that begin with the same sound, and using our window wipers to recognise rhyming words. Additionally, the children thoroughly enjoyed reading our story, "Dear Zoo."

Topic

In Topic, we have covered a wide variety of interesting and exciting concepts. We made new discoveries about dinosaurs and we went on a Safari where we saw different wild animals through the binoculars that the children have made. We completed various fun activities around farm and sea animals and the children were excited to show the creative work they made.

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 also spoke about positional language and where teddy was hiding! We have become so clever in F1 this Term and we had lots of fun!



Ms Amy, Ms Ally, Ms Hannah, Ms Rebecca and Ms Nandie wish you a lovely Winter break!



Foundation 1



Special Events

This term, we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week where we completed an activity every day with our classes promoting anti-bullying and being kind. We also celebrated Road Safety, where the children learned how to cross the road safely. We celebrated other wonderful days such as International Day where we celebrated all different countries from around the World. Lastly, we went on our end of term school trip to Minipolis and had so much fun!



Philosophy For Children

P4C stands for 'Philosophy for Children' and the lessons focused on developing our thinking skills. 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, play listening and turn taking games, then discuss something interesting.

Extra Curricular Activities

We enjoyed playing and learning after school also! Our ECA's included Playdough Club, Arts&Crafts Club, Fine Motor Skills Club and Construction Club!



Stars Of The Week

F1 Green - Stars of the Week

Abdulaziz, Aisha, Alma, Fahad, Fatma, Ghanim, Hamad, Hisham, Ibrahim, Rakan, Rashid, Rouda, Shaikha

F1 Yellow - Stars of the Week

Ali, Nour, Haya, Deema, Khalifa, Reema, Ghaliya, Aljoury, Ghanim Ali, Hassen, Abdulla M, saoud

F1 Orange - Star of the week

Nasser, Muneera, Latifa, Aisha, Thuraya, Maryam H. Saoud, Ali, Alwid, Mohammed Alreem A.

F1 Blue - Stars of the Week

Mahad, Iman, Dabya, Madina, Leo, Larissa, Qais, Noora, Cataleya, Sara, Enayah, Mubarak, Mohammed

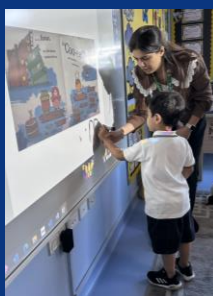
F1 Red - Stars of the Week

Ali, Hassan, Abdulla Saleh, Nasser, Saud Faisal, Saad, Nouf, Amna, Abdulla Saeed, Saud Ibrahim, Abdulla Ghaith

Foundation 2

Talk for Writing

The children have been retelling stories we have learned. They have used actions to help them learn the stories 'The five Little Pirates' and 'The Little Green Dinosaur'. They used the story map to help them retell the stories. The children have also been encouraged to write words and draw pictures about the stories during the Literacy lessons.



Maths

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



Phonics

We have worked so hard in our Phonics lessons this term. We have learned all the letter sounds of the alphabet with help from our Jolly Phonics songs. We worked on using the correct letter formation when writing the sounds and even started blending the sounds together to read words.



Philosophy for Children

We have been exploring philosophical thinking during our P4C lessons. We are working on being caring, creative, critical, and collaborative thinkers. The children explored 'big ideas' like respect, responsibility, happiness and friendship. Children were encouraged to justify their answers by giving examples, agreeing and disagreeing respectfully with their friends. We have been exploring how to use a continuum to order ideas from most to least important.



Foundation 2



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. Then we started a 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 some colourful gems! 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 learned about habitats and what dinosaurs eat. We also talked about paleontologists and museums!



Extra-Curricular Activities

This term, the children in Foundation 2 had the wonderful opportunity to learn new skills and explore exciting hobbies through a variety of ECAs. Some of the activities planned included pottery, sports, storytelling and crafts, dance and movement, and painting. We are thrilled with the progress they have made and the creativity they've shown. Looking ahead to Term 2, we will be offering even more opportunities for further learning and growth, encouraging the children to continue developing their talents and interests.

Trips

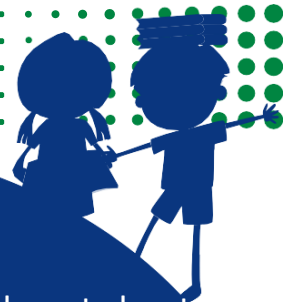


Foundation 2 celebrated the end of the year with an exciting trip to the Snow Dunes! The children had a fantastic time playing in the snow and enjoying all the thrilling rides. It was a wonderful way to wrap up the term, filled with laughter and unforgettable memories. We are so glad the children had such a fun and magical experience!



Foundation 2

Events this term



Foundation 2 have taken part in lots of fun school events. The students learnt about how to stay safe on the road during Road Safety Day and they also had a fantastic time during our International Day activities! They thoroughly enjoyed exploring and learning about diverse cultures from around the world, gaining valuable insights into different traditions, customs, and language. More recently, we took part in Anti-Bullying week and World Mental Health day.

We had lots of dress up days but our highlight was our end of topic pirate party and National day!



Stars of the week



Red: Leila, Abdulla, Rhoda, Amna, Maryam, Shaikha, Mohammed, Rouda, Satam, Alanood, Lolwa, Khadija

Purple: Abdulaziz F, Alhanoof, Dhabya, Ali, Jassim, Sultan, Abdulaziz K, Ibrahim, Lolwa, Mohammed A, Najla, Salem, Marwan, Saoud

Yellow: Abdulaziz, Abdulla. B, Asma, Deem, Jabor, Jassim, Lolwa. A, Lolwa. F, Maha, Maryam .D, Nazan, Shaikha. A, Shaikha. J, Thani

Green: Hamad, Shama, Jassim, Abdulaziz Saad, Abdulaziz Sultan, Aisha M, Aljoud, Alreem, Hissa, Nasser, Sara, Aisha R, Shareefa

Orange: Sara, Tamim H, Fahad M, Talia, Abdulaziz, Margarita, Fatima, Ahmad, Laith, Isaac, Adam, Emily, Elizabeth, Nova

Blue: Abdulla, Aisha, Amna, Basheer, Fahad, Ghada, Haya, Lulwa, Najla, Rashid, Rayyan, Salem, Shouq.

We wish you a happy and safe winter break.

Year 1



North Sedra farm

We enjoyed visiting North Sedra farm. We had the opportunity to explore our science topic of animals by feeding goats, turtles and rabbits. The farm vet guided a class round and discussed the health of the animals on the farm. The pony and camel rides were a big highlight of the day!



Anti Bullying Week

To celebrate Anti Bullying week, we wore odd socks to represent how everyone is unique and special. We read 'The Colourful Fish' to discuss the importance of being kind and sharing. We even dressed up as superheroes to show that we are protecting our school from bullying!

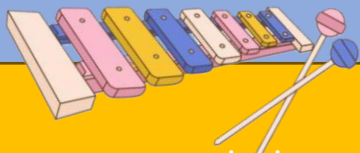


International day

We had a great day celebrating International Day. We created NIA Smash passports and learned all about Ireland, South Africa, Australia, Thailand and Egypt. We loved wearing our traditional clothes to represent our different nationalities.



Music



Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the term 1, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the musical journeys our students have embarked on this year. It has been a joy to witness their growth and enthusiasm for music, and we sincerely appreciate your support throughout this process.

In Key Stage One, students have explored various sounds and rhythms, discovering the joy of making music together. Their creativity has flourished, and we are proud to see how they express themselves through song and movement.

Key Stage Two students have embraced more complex musical concepts, diving into dynamics and learning to read musical notes. We have observed remarkable teamwork and collaboration during their group performances, and it has been heartwarming to see their confidence grow.

Year 2

Healthy Eating Week

In September, Year 2 celebrated healthy eating week! The children were dressed as their favourite fruit or vegetable. They brought in lots of yummy healthy food to try!



Mental Health Awareness Day

Year 2 enjoyed raising awareness for mental health. We spoke about our feelings and what we can do to ensure we are always happy.

Anti-bullying Week

Year 2 joined the entire school in celebrating Anti-Bullying Week. Through interactive activities and class discussions, our students explored the importance of kindness, respect, and standing up for one another.



School Trip

We had a fantastic day out at Kidzania where we were able to try our hand at child friendly experiences of real world scenarios. We learnt to be fire fighters, went on secret agent training and even help to make deliveries!

International Day

Year 2 celebrated International Day on Thursday 21st November. We enjoyed creating passports and visiting other classes to learn about lots of different countries. We even brought in some food to share with our class. Everyone had a very fun day!





Primary French Event

At NIA Smash, we were thrilled to host the first ever Primary French Competition for all the Newton branches. Y5 and Y6 students showcased their fabulous French language skills and worked collectively to complete a range of challenge activities. Bravo!

School Council Event

Our Year 6 pupils proudly represented the school this term at NIA Barwa for the Student Council Competition. They delivered an inspiring poem on sustainability and showcased their creativity with a STEM project made from recyclable materials. Well done!

Destination Imagination

Returning this year is our participation in Destination Imagination – an event that allows teams to solve fun and creative challenges. The chosen pupils, a combination of Y4 and Y5 pupils, are focusing this year on a Science task. We look forward to seeing the end product in February!

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Topic – Stone Age

During Topic, Year 3 have been studying the Stone Age. They have discussed daily life during this time and have compared it to life in the modern day, in Qatar. Our Topic closely linked with our Art lessons, and the children created their own cave painting, just like the ones we studied from the Stone Age.

School trip – National Museum of Qatar

On Wednesday, 13th November, Year 3 visited the National Museum of Qatar. The students explored Qatar's history, plants, and animals. We had loads of fun and gained insight into how people lived in the past. The children really enjoyed themselves and engaged with a range of different activities.



Anti- bullying Week

Year 3 loved raising awareness for Anti-bullying week. The week was filled with activities that lead to discussions about how we should treat each other and how acting with kindness improves everyone's experience in school. In our classes we wore odd socks and even dressed up as superheroes to stand up to bullying!

Healthy Eating Week

In September, Year 3 celebrated healthy eating week! The children were visited by students of Lusail university and participated in different activities learning about different types of healthy and unhealthy food. We ended our week dressing up as our favourite fruit and bought in lots of yummy healthy food to try!



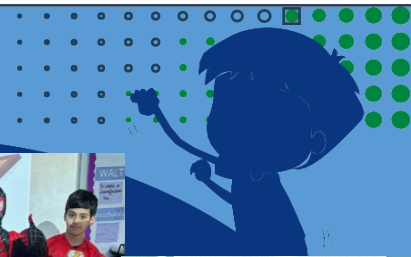
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In Term 1 at NIA SMASH, **Year 1** had a great time learning the basic skills of a computer. We focused on the mouse and the keyboard. Year 1 pupils also worked on 3D Paint; they finished two projects: painting a house and a car.

Year 2 and **Year 3** students had a fantastic time learning the basics of programming and coding using Scratch. Our main character, Sprite "Mr. Cat," was featured in almost all of the games. Students enjoyed creating stories and games, assembling code, and watching their Sprite speak, move, glide, and turn endlessly.

The students in **Year 4**, **Year 5** and **Year 6** had a wonderful time learning how to effectively use PowerPoint to create professional presentations on a variety of topics. These included: Why I love Qatar, Respect, Responsibility, My Hobbies, Staying safe online, "Stranger Danger", Cyberbullying, Virus, Anti-Virus, Firewall, and Phishing.

Year 4



Anti Bullying Week

Year 4 celebrated Anti-bullying week and took part in a number of activities to celebrate difference and diversity in our school! We have learned to respect, be kind and care for our friends.



School Trip to MIA

Year 4 had the incredible opportunity to visit the National Museum of Islamic Art, where we explored centuries of rich culture and history. This educational trip not only broadened our knowledge but also sparked our creativity and curiosity about global cultures. A truly unforgettable experience!



International and Philosophy day

During this exciting day, we explored what other countries and cultures have that is important to them, we shared our own cultures and thought carefully about what successful communities might need to think about and prioritise to keep their people safe.



Healthy Eating Week

To encourage healthy eating and celebrate all the children who are always bring healthy snacks, Year 4 participated in Healthy Eating week. Throughout the week, we discussed the importance of healthy eating and how we can make healthier choices in our diets.



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Term 1: French Newsletter



Yes, we speak French

In Term 1, Year 3, beginner learners started their journey in the French language by learning to pronounce the French alphabet, which helped them with basic phonics and pronunciation. They practiced numbers from 1 to 10 and explored simple greetings and introductions in French. Students also expanded their vocabulary by learning colours and names of school supplies. To make learning engaging and enjoyable. They sang songs and took part in interactive activities, which helped reinforce these topics in a fun and memorable way.

In Term 1, Year 4, students learned the days of the week, months of the year and how to describe the weather in each season. They worked on numbers from 1 to 40, using songs and games to make learning more interactive. Students practiced greetings and introduction in French, building their confidence with simple sentences like Bonjour, je m'appelle ... and comment ça va? They also improved their learning and pronunciation skills by understanding the importance of syllables.

In Term 1, Year 5, students developed key French language skills, including greetings, introductions, and vocabulary for family members. They practiced possessive adjectives like my: (ma, mon, and mes), and learned about countries and nationalities, focusing on masculine and feminine adjectives. Students also learned how to tell the time in French. The topics were made enjoyable through engaging activities and games, which helped reinforce their understanding in a fun and interactive way.

In Term 1, Year 6, Students focused on key introductory French skills, including greetings, introductions, and talking about the days, months and seasons to describe the weather. They practiced counting from 1 to 70, expanded their vocabulary with food and drink terms, and learned to write simple sentences. Students also mastered all pronouns and how to conjugate regular -er verbs like "manger" and "jouer" in the present tense. Classroom activities improved their listening skills and boosted motivation for learning.



Merci



December 2024

Bonjour

School trip to Sheikh Faisal Museum

On 12th and 13th November, year 5 travelled to the Sheikh Faisal museum where we got to view different modes transportation, culture, art and much more.



International Day

On 21st November, the school celebrated International Day. Year 5 started the day by receiving their own passports and boarding passes before taking part in activities and learning about different countries. We ended the day by trying food from different countries.

Anti-Bullying Week

On the 14th of November, the children celebrated Anti-Bullying week. Throughout the week the children discussed how to challenge bullying in school. We celebrated at the end of the week by coming dressed as our favorite superheroes.



Healthy Eating Week

In September we celebrated healthy eating week. We discussed the importance of eating a balanced diet and how healthy food help our minds when learning.

Extra-Curricular Activities



We look forward to being able to provide more outside ECAs in term 2.

Year 6



School Trip

In November, Year 6 had a fantastic time on their school trip to the Museum of Islamic Art. Some pupils enjoyed activities in the library, whilst others took part in a fascinating tour of the artefacts in the museum. Afterwards, we all ate lunch at MIA park followed by playing with our friends and even having some ice-cream!



International Day

On Thursday 21st November, the school celebrated International Day. Year 6 enjoyed learning about other countries and cultures, such as Colombia, Jordan and Iraq. We also had lots of fun sharing delicious food from many countries!



Anti - Bullying week

Anti-Bullying week focused on promoting kindness and respect among students. Throughout the week the children took part in many activities, which included group discussions about being kind, to raise awareness about bullying. We wore odd socks to show its ok to be different and dressed up as someone who is a hero to us. The week encouraged students to speak up against bullying and foster a supportive school environment where everyone feels valued and safe.



PE



KS 1

The 2024-2025 school year began with excitement and high hopes for our KS1 students, and they have already made remarkable progress in their Physical Education lessons.

Students focused on developing Functional Movement Skills, including walking, jogging, running, jumping, hopping, and skipping. They also worked on ball-handling techniques, experimenting with different-sized balls through rolling, catching, bouncing, and more. In the second half of the term, they explored basic gymnastics elements, such as body shapes, movement patterns, balance, and levels of gymnastics.

All skills were taught through engaging games, making learning enjoyable and natural for every child.

Congratulations to all students for their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm in PE this term!

Mrs. Motroc (Mrs. Coco)

Ms. Vanblydenstein (Ms. Rose)



PE



Key Stage 2 Newsletter:

Key Stage 2 started the school year with a positive attitude and great enthusiasm. In the first half of the term the students focused on active warm-ups, decision making games and team games. This allowed the students to improve their functional movements, as well as mentally challenge them. In the second half of the term, the students focused on their hand-eye coordination and the team game, named zone ball. Each student improved their throwing techniques with different objects, in order to, achieve a team outcome. The focus at the end of each lesson was to play zone ball. This is a hybrid game of handball and netball. This game covers an array of skills to be developed, from passing and moving, understanding the rules and instructions, to making quick decisions to scoring a point, in the zone. We would like to congratulate our students on a very successful first term. We look forward to striving for greatness in term 2, after a well-earned winter break.

Mr Matthew Black
Mr Adam Finlay

Primary 4



Primary 5



Primary 6



P.E



KS 2 Year 3

Year 3 started the year with energy and enthusiasm, leading to excellent participation in PE classes. Students engaged in football lessons, focusing on fundamental skills such as passing, ball control, and shooting, while also developing teamwork through pair and group activities.

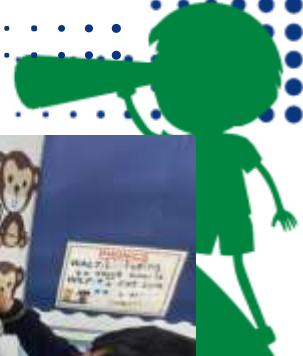
In the second half of the term, attention shifted to athletics, where students worked on short-distance running techniques, including high and low starts. The term concluded with an introduction to relay races. We commend the students for their hard work and dedication and wish them a restful holiday.

Mrs. Motroc (Mrs. Coco)

Ms. Vanblydenstein (Ms. Rose)



Arabic Department



من خلال الفصل الدراسي الأول ، تعرف طلاب الروضة الأولى علي بعض الحروف الهجائية وأصواتها ، وقمنا ببعض الأنشطة التي تعزز تعلم الحروف الهجائية ، كذلك مارسنا بعض الألعاب الإدراكية مثل تمييز الحروف بالدوائر ، والقص واللصق ، وأوراق العمل ، والتمرير على الحروف بالرمل والتشكيل باستخدام المعجون .

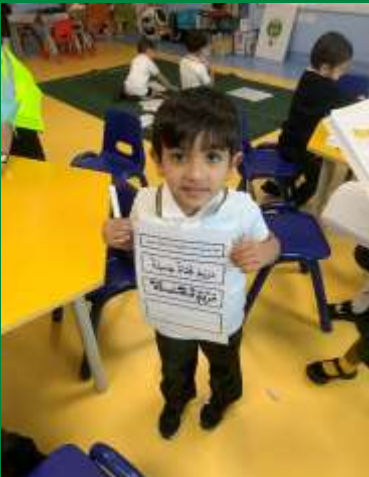


من خلال الأنشطة الاصفية تعلم طلاب الروضة الأولى بعض المفاهيم والقيم عن الوطن ، ومارسوا بعض الأنشطة التي تدعم اللياقة البدنية والحركية مع الأصدقاء ، كذلك تمييز بعض السلوكيات الصحيحة من بين البطاقات المعروضة أمامهم .

Arabic Department



من خلال الفصل الدراسي الأول تعلمنا الكثير من القيم والمبادئ الدينية والأنشطة الصفية والأصافية لتنمية المهارات المختلفة لدى الأطفال



Arabic Year 1



من خلال الفصل الأول قام طلبة الصف الأول بالتعرف على الحروف باللغة العربية
وحيث أقام الطلبة بإحضار أنشطة خلال الحصة تعزز الحروف .



من خلال الأنشطة الصفية قام بعض الطلبة بتعلم الحروف وكتابتها وتم تعزيز
ذلك لهم من خلا صندوق المفاجآت.

Arabic Year 2



من خلال الفصل الأول قام طلبة الصف الثاني بالتعرف على مفاهيم الدرس من خلال تطبيق استراتيجيات مختلفة مثل لعب الأدوار والتعلم الجماعي والقص واللصق .



من خلال الفصل الأول قام طلبة الصف الثاني بالتعرف على مفاهيم الدرس من خلال الألعاب الإلكترونية .

Arabic Year 3



مشاركة طلاب الصف الثالث في أنشطة اللغة العربية من خلال قراءة القصص الهادفة ،
والتعبير الكتابي بجمل مفيدة من لغة الطالب



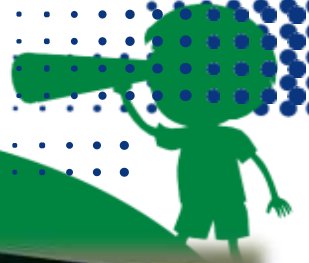
قيام طلبة الصف الثالث بعمل أنشطة تناسب مقرر اللغة العربية

Arabic Department



خلال الفصل الدراسي الأول لقد قمنا بالعديد من الأنشطة مع طالبات الصف الخامس والسادس ، ومنها كان نشاط الكشافة ، فقد قمنا بعمل الأنشطة التي تعزز معرفة الطلاب بتحية الكشافة ومعرفة كيفية نصب الخيم عن طرق الحبال، وتعزيز الصفات الدينية والاخلاقية لدى الطالبات وقمنا ببعض الألعاب مثل شد الحبل لعبة الخرز .

Arabic Department



خلال الفصل الدراسي الأول قدم طلبة الصف السادس عدة أنشطة صفية وغير صفية خلال حصص مادة اللغة العربية اكتسب الطالب مهارات عديدة في التعرف على الأشهر القمرية والتعرف على درس إن وأخواتها والتعرف على القصة وعناصرها والتمييز بين أنواع الحوار .



رحلة العمرة



الأهداف :

- تعزيز الروح الإيمانية والتقرب إلى الله من خلال أداء مناسك العمرة.
- ترسيخ القيم الدينية والأخلاقية في نفوس الطلاب وتعزيز ارتباطهم بالشعائر الإسلامية.
- توفير فرصة للطلاب للتعرف على الأماكن المقدسة وزيادة وعيهم بتاريخ الإسلام، وتعزيز روح الأخوة والتعاون بين الطلاب من خلال العمل الجماعي أثناء الرحلة.

الفوائد:

- تنمية الجوانب الروحية والدينية لدى الطلاب وزيادة التزامهم بالأخلاق الإسلامية . اكتساب خبرات حياتية جديدة من خلال السفر والتفاعل مع بيئات مختلفة.
- تقوية العلاقات بين الطلاب والمعلمين من خلال الأنشطة الجماعية في أجواء إيمانية . إدخال البهجة والسرور على قلوب الطلاب من خلال زيارة الحرم المكي .
- كانت رحلة العمرة تجربة إيمانية وتعليمية أثرت بشكل إيجابي على الطلاب من الناحية الروحية والاجتماعية، وعززت قيم التعاون والانضباط في نفوسهم



Secondary Newsletter



year 7 and year 8

Dear Parents,

As-salamu alaikum,

This Term, my first as School Coordinator of Year 7 and Year 8, has seen our students rise to the occasion and reach significant milestones in their academic journey with us at Newton International Academy Smash.

In particular, our Year 7 cohort have fostered a genuine resilience and a work ethic rooted in autonomous learning.

I was very pleased to see so many parents attend our Parent Workshop where I was able to meet several mothers, fathers, extending family and guardians who will be pivotal in shaping their child's potential as they continue their journey with NIA Smash.





- In September, our new Year 7s got their first taste of practical science as they studied the acid and alkaline content of household foods including potatoes and oranges. They studied their cell structure under microscopes and really engaged with the learning!
- Our Key Stage 3 boys had an amazing time at our first Newton Football Championship of the year. The boys made us very proud as they finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively with victories over Newton Lagoon and D-Ring!
- The Newton Smash Spelling Bee also turned out to be a massive success with classes from Year 7 - 10 putting forth fierce competitors and literacy superstars. As a school, we aim to improve literacy in every department as it is the building block of our students' future. This was a very proud moment for all staff and students involved!





October also saw a very successful fundraiser for Qatar Cancer Society and our girls took center stage with an incredible bake sale which raised over 9000 riyal. The care and consideration our girls showed in organizing the event is something that all staff took great pride in. Well done girls!

Several of our pupils were invited to attend the Qatar and Krygystan World Cup Qualifier game. This was a really enjoyable experience and every staff member commented on how well behaved our boys and girls were. They truly were a credit to their teachers and their parents!

This Term has shown so much and it is always one which seems to go much quicker than the others. Between September and December, the school has also proudly hosted 3 football tournaments, the Anti-Bullying week, Science workshops, a visit to (and from) Qatar National Library, the Road Safety Simulator, Design and Technology Project Week and our Term 1 Rewards Trip to Meryal Water Park!

It truly has been an exceptional beginning to our academic year. I would like to thank every parent for their kind words of encouragement to our young learners and for being their support network at home. We are very proud to call them our students. I look forward to hopefully meeting more of you in the coming months as we continue our academic journey in 2025.

Kind regards and best wishes this winter break.

Shukran,

Mr Cregan

Secondary Coordinator Year 7 and Year 8





Secondary Newsletter



year 9 and year 10

Dear parents,

As we approach the end of the first academic term here in Newton International Academy Smash, I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every parent and guardian for your support. This has been a remarkable first term for students of year 9 and 10 students who have excelled from the beginning of September, both academically and personally.

I would like to commend both year 9 and 10 boys and girls for their dedication to their studies, particularly those who have begun studying for their IGCSE examinations. Their resilience, passion to learn and enthusiasm toward school life is admirable and it is a joy to watch unfold. Their commitment to learning is setting a great example to the younger students in the school, highlighting their ability to lead by example and set high standards for others.

Not only have our students been active and engaged in the classroom but they have been participating and helping organize extracurricular events. The year 10's had the opportunity to avail of visits to both Lusail and Qatar University. They represented the school with pride and had an enjoyable experience discussing possibly career path and subject choices with lecturers and career advisors. Thank you to our own career advisor, Ms. Milica, for organizing this.





Year 9 and 10 girls were of great help to Ms. Roslyn in organizing the Cancer Society bake sale. Students organized stands in the canteen, collected money, baked and sold homemade crafts all for a great cause. It was difficult to envision if this bake sale could be better than last year but the girls, with their continued effort and commitment to the cause, raised three times more than last year, overall 9000QR. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Roslyn and I eagerly wait for next term when the boys will be given the opportunity raise money for this worthy cause.

Next term, I look forward to our year 9 options day where students will have the opportunity to speak to year 10 and 11 students about which subjects they would like to study for IGCSE. Students will have the opportunity to speak with teachers and students to get an insight into the course content of the subject and the basic requirements needed to take this subject at IGCSE level. I hope that this will be a helpful and insightful day for students.

Finally, students of year 9 and 10 attended the end of term trips which were an extreme success. A massive thank you to Mr. Browne and Mr. White for organizing this. Students had a great day relaxing with friends.

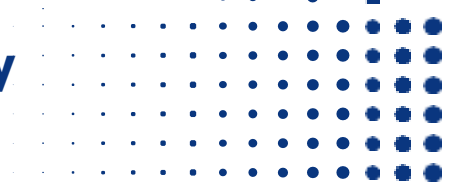
Again, thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to meeting with you again in term 2.

Warmest regards,

Ms. Claire McAreavey

Secondary Coordinator Year 9 and Year 10





Secondary Newsletter

year 11 and year 12



Dear Parents,

With the all-important first term drawing to a close, it is a good time to reflect on Years 11 and 12 and the journey that they have been on so far. These years are by far the most important of your children's lives to date; for the first time, their efforts will have a real impact on their future studies and careers. This comes with both positives and negatives – the students have to deal with real pressure for the first time in their lives, but they also have the opportunity to prove themselves on an international stage and to establish the foundations of incredible futures.

I have spoken to many of you this year, and it is only through our continuing work together that the students will go on to achieve their potential. I hope that you will forgive the seemingly endless emails and phone calls about ties, phones and lateness to lessons. We are not trying to waste your time, and I hope you appreciate that we only do this to establish incredibly high standards and to create the atmosphere of excellence required for our students to truly succeed.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you and your families a restful break and I look forward to starting afresh in the new year.

Kind regards,

Mr. Jack Bannan

Secondary Coordinator Year 11 and Year 12

NIA-SVASH NEWS





Message from the Head Girl

This academic year has been nothing short of amazing, filled with exciting activities, memorable moments and huge progress. From the successful bake sale that showcased the student's creativity, dedication and teamwork, to the Meryal trip that created many unforgettable memories and a break from all the hard work, we've truly had a year to remember. Our school continues to prioritize creating a happy and healthy environment for everyone, ensuring that students have opportunities to learn, grow, and enjoy themselves. The attitude and enthusiasm displayed during each event reflects the strong spirit that defines our school.

To all the students, your hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed. Your commitment to your studies, extracurricular activities, and each other is truly remarkable. A heartfelt thank you to our incredible teachers, whose effort and passion have been the backbone of our success. Let's continue to aim for the stars and make the rest of the year remarkable. Together, we are building a community where everyone can thrive and succeed."

kind regards,
Rim Zahid
Head Girl



Message from the Head Boy

It is truly remarkable to consider that we have already reached the end of the first term. As students, we have journeyed from forming friendships in the classroom to embarking on international trips, such as our visit to Mecca. Throughout these experiences, we have consistently embraced our Islamic and Qatari values, whether during our visits to the Ministry of Education or our own International Day celebrations.

This semester has been filled with valuable learning experiences, and at every step, we have had the privilege of forming lasting bonds through once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that we will cherish forever. We have also had the honour of hosting representatives from top national and international universities, who have provided invaluable guidance to our IGCSE and AS level students, opening doors to outstanding opportunities in the near future.

I can say with immense pride that this school has equipped us to be confident, compassionate, and kind individuals, ready to face the future while upholding the principles and values we have learned from our inspiring senior staff and teachers, including our Principal, Mr. Wilson.

SPORTING EVENTS

PE Secondary Girls

As we approach the end of Term 1, it is the perfect time to celebrate the accomplishments of our girls' physical education program and sports activities. Our secondary students immersed themselves in football, gaining a solid understanding of the game's key elements and procedures. This foundation will serve them well in real match situations.

Throughout the term, students focused on mastering various passing techniques, such as simple lateral passes, 1-2 (give-and-go), short passes, and long passes. Additionally, they honed their shooting skills, including straight shots, side-foot shots, and in-step shots. Alongside these technical skills, students developed a strong understanding of the rules and fair play principles, which are integral to the sport of football.

We are also proud to highlight the achievements of our U12 and U13 football teams, who participated in multiple tournaments with commendable results. These experiences have not only showcased their talent and teamwork but also provided invaluable preparation for one of Qatar's premier competitions, the QUESS tournament, which kicks off in January.

The continued growth and success of our sports programs are a testament to the commitment and enthusiasm of our students. Their dedication inspires us to strive for greater heights, and we eagerly anticipate the exciting competitions and events in the coming term.

To our students: congratulations on a fantastic term! Your hard work, focus, and proactive spirit have set a strong foundation for future success. We look forward to your full engagement and participation next term as we continue this journey together.

Thank you for your support, dedication, and love for sports!



SPORTING EVENTS

PE Secondary Boys

Our boys' teams have had an outstanding year, participating in multiple tournaments and showcasing their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. They have competed against top schools in the region, earning several victories and accolades. The dedication and hard work of our players and coaches have paid off, resulting in a term full of memorable moments and significant achievements.

Newton KS3 Tournament:

Smash hosted the first Newton KS3 Tournament across all Newton schools. This was a well-run tournament in which Smash came out victorious, with Year 7 placing third, Year 8 placing second and Year placing first.



SPORTING EVENTS



QUESS League

Smash began their QUESS league fixtures in November with the Under 12's achieving a resounding 5-0 victory over Newton Muraikh. This was a great start for them as the fixtures in Term 2 will come in fast for both the U12 and U14 teams, we wish them all the best!

Beyond the wins and trophies, our participation in these tournaments has fostered a strong sense of community and sportsmanship among our students. The experiences gained from competing at such high levels have not only enhanced their athletic abilities but also instilled important values such as, teamwork, perseverance, and respect for opponents.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we are also excited about the future. Our sports programs continue to grow and improve, and we are looking forward to building on this terms' success. With continued support and enthusiasm from our students, parents, and coaches, we anticipate even greater achievements in the coming years.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY



Students return to school on Monday 6th January

Year 12 AS Examinations begin from
8th January

Year 10,11,12 Careers Fayre Wednesday
15th January

Parent Coffee Morning - 16th January



Parents meetings Sunday 19th January and
Wednesday 22nd January

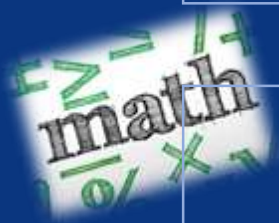
UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY



School Fayre Friday 24th January



Arabic Week starts from 19th January



Maths Week starts from Sunday 26th January

National Sports Day 11th February



Book Week starts from 16th February



Term 2 ends Thursday 27th March