

# THE NGBS VOICE

09 January 2026

## BOOK FAIR REMINDER

We are excited to remind you all about the bookfair we have visiting school next week. Your child will have brought an envelope home for money to spend at bookfair, please ensure they bring this back to school on Monday.

We have a range of events organised during lessons this week to raise the profile of reading across our school community. Parents are also invited to visit the book fair before or after school.

## ECAS

A reminder that our Y1 ECAs (optional) run on Mondays between 1pm and will finish at 2:15pm. Dismissals begin from 2:15pm for parent pick up and buses will depart from 2:40pm onwards.

From Years 2 - 9 the ECAs run on Tuesdays or Thursdays till 3:45pm. All students should be collected promptly at this time, there is no late bus running on these days.

NB - we do not have a late club for siblings so students not doing an ECA should be collected at the regular times please.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you and your families well and that the new year has begun positively.

As we come to the end of our first week of Term 2, it has been a real pleasure to begin this new chapter as Principal of North Gate British School. The energy and positivity around the school this week have been truly uplifting and have made for a very encouraging start to the term.

I have been extremely impressed by our outstanding facilities, which provide such a strong foundation for learning, creativity, and personal development. Just as importantly, I have been delighted by our students. They have returned to school with enthusiasm, confidence, and a genuine readiness to learn. Seeing how quickly they have settled back into routines, reconnected with friends, and embraced the new term has been wonderful.

It has also been heartening to see the pride our students take in their school and the respect they show towards one another and our staff. This positive attitude and strong sense of community reflect the values we strive to nurture at North Gate and set a very promising tone for the term ahead.

Thank you to our parents and guardians for your continued support. Working together, I am confident that we can build on this positive momentum and ensure Term 2 is a rewarding and successful time for all our students.



# EYFS News

## BLISSFUL BEGINNING!

### Happy New Year, NGBS Community!

What a fantastic first week back it has been! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful winter break and feels refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead. The week began smoothly, with laughter and smiles filling our corridors once again. The pleasant weather even allowed us to enjoy some lovely outdoor learning experiences.

There are many exciting activities planned throughout the term, and we look forward to sharing regular updates with you.

As you are aware, next week we will be hosting our Book Fair.

We are very much looking forward to all the wonderful reading activities that will be taking place within our school walls and to celebrating our love for books together.



## LEARNING IN EYFS

In FS1 this week, we read *Rupert and the Noisy Fireworks*. We worked with our friends to draw how fireworks make us feel. In Maths, we added two primary colours to make a new secondary colour, and in *Understanding the World*, we pretended to bake a cake by mixing flour and water, exploring textures and having lots of fun! Brilliant work FS1! FS2 children recapped all the sounds introduced during Term 1 to reinforce blending skills. In Maths, we introduced the concept of zero, practising adding and removing objects to help the children understand what zero represents. We continued developing their subitising skills for numbers 0–5.

This week, Year 1 have settled back into school routines and enjoyed a busy and engaging week of learning across all subjects. In Phonics, the children revised Set 1 sounds, using a variety of activities to build confidence and fluency. In Maths, we focused on numbers from 10 to 19 using tens frames, number lines and practical resources. In Science, the children explored plants by drawing and labelling parts of a plant. They also planted seeds and learned about what plants need to grow, such as water, sunlight and care. Well done little scientists!

## Primary News

### CORE VALUES IN ACTION



It has been an immense start to the term for all of our children in the Primary School this week. We began with an assembly focused on our core values of Kindness, Responsibility and Respect, which were clearly evident in our classrooms, corridors and playgrounds and underpinned all learning—from kindness stories to responsibility and respect pledges. We are incredibly proud of the positive start all of our children have made.

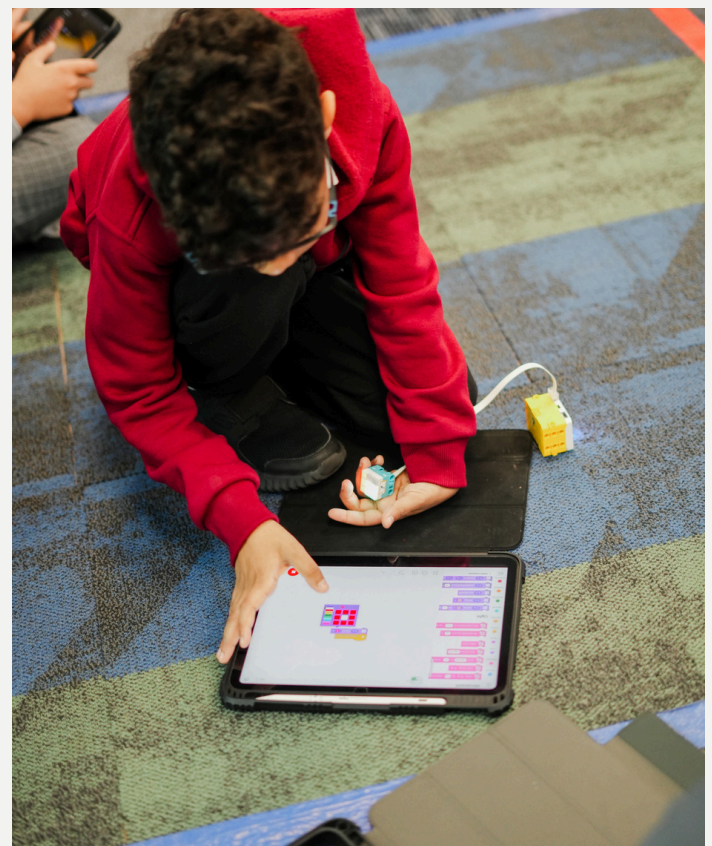
It has also been wonderful for our new leadership team, Mr Michael and Ms Deepika, to visit classrooms and meet our pupils—curious, bright and energetic young learners whom our teachers are excited to support as they grow and succeed.

Over the coming weeks, you will receive regular updates on Seesaw about your child's learning, upcoming events and ways you can support learning at home. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding this.

### JUST LOVE READING

A love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. When schools and families work together to share stories, talk about books and celebrate reading, we help children build imagination, confidence and a genuine joy for learning that lasts a lifetime.

Over the coming week, families will have the opportunity to visit our Book Fair together and choose books that spark excitement and curiosity. We are also eagerly awaiting the arrival of a large collection of new books, which will further enrich our children's reading experiences and strengthen our shared commitment to nurturing a lifelong love of reading.



# Secondary News



## AN AWESOME START TO 2026

This has been an amazing first week back in secondary. The students look wonderful in their uniforms, they are attending lessons with smiles on their faces and are looking forward to the term ahead. Awesome!

We have been busy over the winter break, recruiting additional staff for KS3. With this there has been some staff shuffling but rest assured, any changes we make are in the interests of our students, first & foremost.

We have had a positive uptake on ECAs for this term and look forward to interacting with the students on a more casual, fun level. To clarify, students will still be offered one ECA but we asked them for a back-up choice incase their first choice was full.

Lockers should have been re-allocated to all KS3 students ready for Monday.

Year 9 families please check SeeSaw / parent emails for updates regarding GCSE options.

## WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR KS3 COMMUNITY

**We would like to welcome the following staff to our KS3 team:**

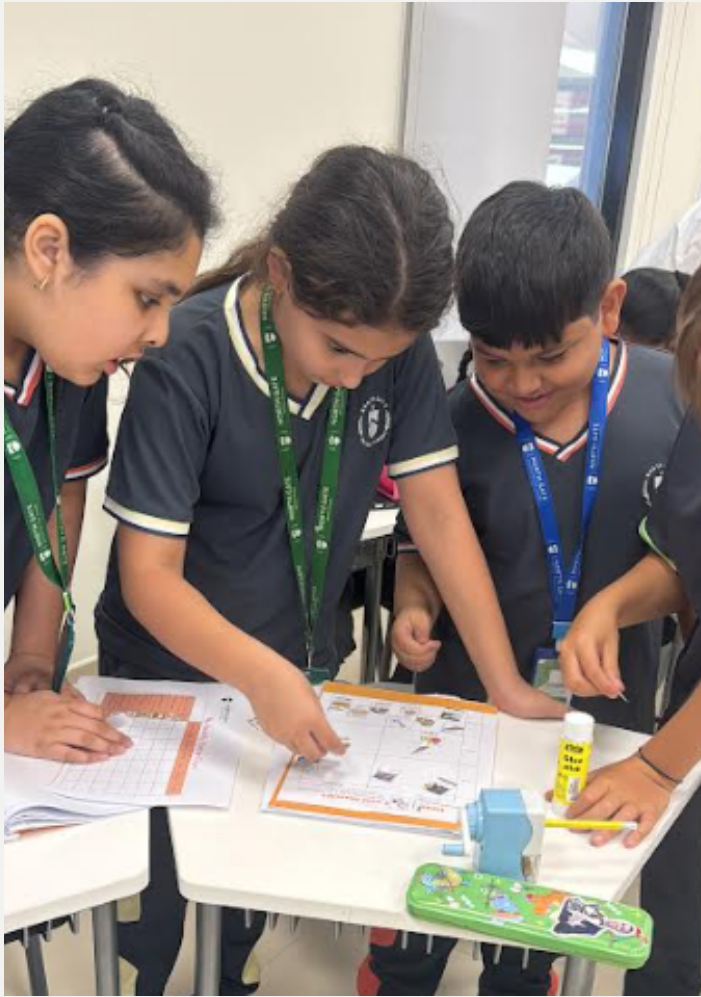
Ms Atulya – Science Teacher  
 Ms Yara – PE Teacher  
 Ms Misbah – Computing Teacher  
 Mr Frederik – History Teacher

**We also extend a huge welcome to our new students:**

Lamis – 7G2  
 Judy – 8G1  
 Miral – 8G1  
 Sheza – 8G2  
 Aamina – 9G1  
 Abdulaziz – 7B1  
 Tala – 8B1  
 Ibrahim – 9B2



# MFL & MoE



## WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR MOE COMMUNITY

As our student community continues to grow, we remain committed to providing a focused, enriching, and high-quality learning experience for every child. To support this commitment, we are delighted to share that our MoE team is expanding.

**Please join us in warmly welcoming our newest team members:**

Ms. Nehal, Moral and Social Studies Teacher

Ms. Omnia, Arabic and Islamic Studies Teacher

Ms. Josleen, FS Teacher for MoE Subjects

We are confident that their expertise and passion will further enhance our students' learning journey and strengthen our school community.

## ISRA AND MIRAJ

**Isra and Miraj** One of the most momentous nights in Islamic history, this sacred occasion marks the extraordinary divine journey of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ – a night that transformed Muslim worship forever through the gift of the five daily prayers.

On Thursday, 15 January, we will bring this remarkable event to life with interactive in-class activities during MoE lessons. In addition, an online competition will be held to inspire students and raise awareness about the significance of this blessed night.



# Safeguarding

## SAFEGUARDING AND BEHAVIOUR – SETTLING INTO THE NEW TERM

As we complete the first week of the new term, the school would like to thank students and families for their positive start. Safeguarding remains our highest priority, and we continue to ensure that all students feel safe, supported, and listened to within our school community.

Clear expectations around behavior help maintain a calm and respectful learning environment. Students are reminded to follow school routines, use appropriate language, and show respect towards others at all times. Positive behavior is encouraged and recognised, while any concerns are managed fairly and in line with school policy.

We understand that settling back into routines can take time for some students. Our staff and Student Support Team remain available to provide guidance and support whenever needed. We appreciate the ongoing cooperation of parents and carers in supporting student wellbeing and positive behavior.

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY REMINDER

Students are reminded of the importance of following all school bus rules and safety instructions at all times. This includes listening to the bus supervisor and driver, remaining seated, using appropriate language, and respecting others while on the bus. All guidance displayed on the bus must be followed to ensure a safe and calm journey for everyone.



**School Bus Behaviour Rules**  
قواعد السلوك داخل الحافلة المدرسية

Please follow these rules to stay safe and respectful.  
يرجى الالتزام بالقواعد التالية للحفاظ على سلامتك وسلامة زملائك:

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**Stay seated quietly throughout the journey**  
اجلس بهدوء في مقعدك طوال الرحلة
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**Always wear your seat belt**  
اربط حزام الأمان دائماً
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**Speak politely and use a quiet voice**  
تحدث بصوت منخفض وبأسلوب مهذب
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**Keep the bus clean – no food or litter**  
حافظ على نظافة الحافلة ولا تترك القمامة أو بقايا الطعام
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**Do not stand or move while the bus is moving**  
لا تقف أو تتحرك أثناء سير الحافلة
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**Respect the driver and the bus supervisor at all times**  
احترم السائق ومشرف الحافلة في جميع الأوقات
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**Follow all instructions from the supervisor immediately**  
اتبع تعليمات المشرف فوراً دون جدال

Misbehaviour	Consequence	السلوك المخالف	العقوبة
Crying loudly or disturbing others.	Verbal warning	التحدث بصوت مرتفع أو إزعاج الآخرين	نصحه بشعور من المشرف
Standing while the bus is moving	Written warning and parent notification	الوقوف أثناء سير الحافلة	إصدار تحذير وإخطار ولي الأمر
Disrespecting the driver or supervisor.	Suspension from the bus for one day	عدم احترام السائق أو المشرف	تحرمان من ركوب الحافلة ليوم واحد
Repeated or unsafe behaviour.	Suspension from the bus for several days and report to management	تكرار السلوك أو السلوك غير الآمن	تحرمان من ركوب الحافلة لعدة أيام وإخطار الإدارة



**Good behaviour shows respect for yourself and others. Be a role model on the bus.**  
السلوك الجيد دليل على احترامك لنفسك وللآخرين. كن قدوة حسنة داخل الحافلة.

# Classroom Updates

## In Pictures

