

# THE NGBS VOICE

16th January 2026

## WATER BOTTLES

Here at NGBS we encourage sustainability wherever possible. With this in mind, we request every child to bring a reusable water bottle to school. These can be filled at the many water fountains.

Can we encourage families to ensure these bottles are named and the child's class is clearly visible so we can return them to their owners when they are misplaced.

If your child has lost a water bottle, please do check lost property boxes.

## 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.**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We respectfully request that families check the class timetables to ensure students are wearing the correct uniform each day.

The school provides full PE uniform which is worn ONLY on the days the class have PE.

We expect students to wear the approved full uniform on other school days.

Whilst the mornings are chilly, some may require an additional jacket in the mornings but these should not be worn once in the school building please.

## ATTENDANCE

Learning takes place here at NGBS every day in every lesson. Every time a student misses a day of school, they miss the opportunity to learn.

If your child is genuinely unwell, please do not send them to school for them and to avoid spreading germs further.

We are aiming for every student to maximise their learning experiences at NGBS so 96% attendance is our aim for every child.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



### Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been another wonderful week at North Gate British School, full of energy, enthusiasm and meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Our Book Fair has been a real highlight across the school. It has been fantastic to see students so excited about reading – browsing new books, sharing recommendations with friends and developing a genuine love of literacy. Events like this play a vital role in nurturing curiosity, imagination and lifelong learning, and I would like to thank our staff, students and families for supporting such a successful initiative.

Alongside this, our Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) continue to thrive. From sport and creative clubs to academic enrichment, students are engaging enthusiastically, building confidence, teamwork and resilience beyond the classroom. These opportunities are an important part of developing well-rounded learners and supporting both wellbeing and personal growth.

Most importantly, Respect, Kindness and Responsibility, some of our core values, are evident every day throughout the school. Whether in classrooms, corridors, playgrounds or during ECAs, students consistently demonstrate care for one another, respect for their learning environment and responsibility in their choices. These values are at the heart of who we are at North Gate, and it is a pleasure to see them lived out so naturally by our community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we work together to create a positive, inclusive and inspiring learning environment for every child.

Safe, Respected and Ready to Learn!

# EYFS News

## EYFS HAPPENINGS

This week, our EYFS children were happily caught reading all around the school, bringing books to life in the most wonderful way. As part of our Book Fair celebrations, we were thrilled to welcome students from Years 6, 7, 8, and 9, who visited our youngest learners to read with them. Watching the older children share stories with such enthusiasm was a joy to see, and the focus from everyone involved was truly inspiring. Seeing confident readers in action helps younger children believe in themselves and sparks a genuine love for books. In line with the UAE's Year of the Family, we hope the books purchased during the Book Fair continue to be enjoyed at home; encouraging cosy reading moments, meaningful conversations, and special family time built around a shared love of stories.



## LEARNING IN EYFS

This week in FS1, children are exploring Life on the Farm by learning about farm animals and their babies through fun, hands-on activities. They are developing language and phonics skills (/s/ and /d/), enjoying Big Red Barn, counting up to 5, and using positional language like in, on, and under. Through creative art and discovery, they are learning how animals grow, live, and are cared for gently.

This week in FS2, the children settled back into routines and engaged enthusiastically in phonics, learning the sounds l, h, r, j, blending and writing CVC words independently. They explored transport through Olivia Travels, developed vocabulary, created labelled drawings, and extended learning through ICT and outdoor experiences. In Maths, children investigated mass and capacity using hands-on resources, while a highlight was visiting Booktopia, choosing books, and sharing their growing love of reading.



This week, our Year 1 children enjoyed learning and celebrating the Earth through writing, exploration, and creativity. In English, they expressed their love for the Earth by writing sentences and using the connective "because" to explain their ideas in more detail, helping to extend their writing.

In Science, the children planted their own seeds using cotton wool and learned about the different parts of plants and trees, developing a better understanding of how living things grow. In Art, they explored the beautiful, nature-inspired artwork of Georgia O'Keeffe and created their own artistic responses using colour and shape.

## 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

## REFLECTIONS & LOOKING AHEAD IN KS3:



This week we have increased the amount of **reading** taking place in most of our lessons. In line with NGBS Book Fair, we decided to ensure reading is relevant in most lessons this week.

We also had KS3 students visiting younger classes to read to them ... an absolute joy to watch! Following on from this we are pleased to announce a KS3 Photograph Challenge – details have been shared today on SeeSaw, please do check.

We are excited to announce a **KS3 Term 2 Trip** – details are being finalised this weekend with the provider and we will share an update with you all early next week. We do hope everyone will be able to join us.

**Education** – is not just about memorising facts & passing exams. It is about understanding concepts, applying knowledge and developing transferable skills so we can navigate our future successfully. Learning happens in every lesson, every day here at NGBS.

## UPDATES FROM KS3:

**The students in KS3 have continued to show a positive attitude to learning this week – we are convinced this is due to a partnership between home & school – Thank You.**

**To ensure your child is even better prepared and ready to learn please can you take note of the following:**

- Students should arrive in school between 7:30am and 7:40am. During this time they prepare for the first lesson of the day, observe the UAE National Anthem and a short recitation from the Holy Quran (on Fridays).
- Students should refer to the timetable on their SeeSaw account for which uniform to wear – PE kit is **ONLY** allowed on PE days. Other days they should be wearing full school uniform.
- Students should have their stationery with them (provided by the school) and a fully charged iPad daily
- Once in the building, students should **ONLY** wear approved school uniform.
- Girls must tie their hair back and no make-up is allowed.
- All students must wear their ID lanyard at all times – they can avail of an additional lanyard from reception if theirs is lost.

**All of the above help ensure your child, our student, are in school and ready to learn. We appreciate your support on these matters.**

# MFL & MCE

## CELEBRATING THE ISRA AND MIRAJ



This week, we celebrated Al-Isra and Al-Mi'raj, the miraculous night journey and ascension of the Islamic Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from Makkah, during which he received from Allah (SWT) the divine command for the five daily prayers (Salat).

Class activities took place during our Islamic Studies lessons across all year groups, from FS to KS3. Students enjoyed learning about the Prophet's journey (PBUH) and taking part in creative activities related to this miraculous event.

KS3 students were particularly busy working on the Al-Isra and Al-Mi'raj competition. Year 8 students attended the first round, and their final round will take place on Monday, 19 January 2026.

We would like to thank all the parents who took part in the Al-Isra and Al-Mi'raj online competition..

## YEAR 2 ARE LEARNING ABOUT THE UAE SPICES

Learning about UAE culture and real life, Year 2 Arab Social Studies students discovered different types of UAE spices, their uses in cooking, and their medical benefits. They enjoyed researching a spice, bringing it to class, and presenting their findings while sharing ideas with their classmates.



## ECA COOKING CLUB

Our talented students enjoyed starting their cooking club and mastering different dishes made by the hands of our little chefs.



# Safeguarding

## SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION AT OUR SCHOOL

At our school, safeguarding and child protection are at the heart of everything we do. We are fully committed to providing a safe, secure, and supportive environment where every child feels protected, valued, and able to thrive both academically and emotionally.

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility involving the school, parents, and the wider community. Our policies and procedures are designed to prevent harm, identify concerns at an early stage, and respond promptly and appropriately to ensure the wellbeing of all students.

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding means:

- Protecting children from abuse, neglect, or harm.
- Promoting children’s health, safety, and emotional wellbeing.
- Ensuring that students feel safe, listened to, and supported.

Our Role as a School

- We follow clear safeguarding and child protection policies in line with recognised standards.
- All staff receive regular training to help them identify and report safeguarding concerns.
- A designated safeguarding team is in place to manage concerns confidentially and professionally.
- We promote positive behaviour, respect, and a culture of safety across the school.

The Role of Parents

- Work in partnership with the school to support children’s safety.
- Share any concerns about a child’s wellbeing with the safeguarding team.
- Encourage children to speak up if they feel worried or unsafe.

Together, we ensure that our school remains a safe place where every child can learn, grow, and succeed with confidence.

### OUR SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

### MEET OUR CORE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

HERE TO SUPPORT AND PROTECT YOU.



**MICHAEL LYNCH**  
HEAD OF PRIMARY  
DDSL



**DSL WALID MOHAMED**  
DSL – DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD



**DANI**  
HEAD OF SECONDARY  
DDSL



**DULICA AMIN**  
HEAD OF EYF5  
SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS



**AKIM**  
HEAD OF KS3  
SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS



**RANIA GOMAA**  
KS3 SCIENCE TEACHER  
SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS



**PE BORJA**  
ART TEACHER  
SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS



**SAMANTHA LEE DEVRIES**  
YEAR 8 HOMEROOM TEACHER  
SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS



**HANA A BAIHA**  
SCHOOL COUNSELLOR  
SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS



**SHA BORJA**  
EYF5 HOMEROOM TEACHER  
SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

# Classroom Updates

## In Pictures



# Term 2 Key Dates

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Meet the Principal	19.1.2026	3.30pm	Auditorium
Meet the Primary Team	28.1.2026	TBC	TBC
Year 9 GCSE Options Evening	29.1.2026	5.30	Auditorium
Hag A Laila	3.2.2026	TBC	Whole School
Sports Week	WB 2.2.2026	TBC	School Field
Parent Teacher Meetings	11.2.2026 12.2.2026	TBC	Auditorium
ECAs Finish	12.2.2026	NA	NA
Half Term Holidays	16-20.2.2026	School Closed	NA

# Attendance

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Regular attendance at school is essential, as every day in class builds learning, routines, relationships and habits that are vital for students' academic success, wellbeing and long-term achievement.

Year Group	Present	Absent
FS1	73.07	26.93
FS2	84.07	15.93
Year 1	80.24	19.76
Year 2	87.62	12.38
Year 3	86.49	13.51
Year 4	81	19
Year 5	89.98	10.02
Year 6	87.72	12.28
Year 7	83.5	16.5
Year 8	87.64	12.36
Year 9	79.19	20.81

Students should arrive to school by 7.30am They will be marked late at 7.45am

**Our Target is 94% across the school each week  
We need you!**

# *School Day Timings*

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*Students Should arrive to school for 7.30am  
Approval will be required for early drop off due to supervision.*