

THE NGBS VOICE

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PROJECTS

Projects are displayed at the front of the school and will remain there for the next couple of weeks. It is wonderful to see the different styles of learning and the proud way children spoke about their learning yesterday. If you have time do pop in to have a look.

FS OUTDOOR & LITTLE SOUQ OPENING

We have changed the date to the 14th November for our grand opening. The children are using the areas but we are looking forward to inviting FS parents in at 10am - 11am on Friday 14th November. We will officially open the outdoor learning area, The Little Souq and of course see wonderful learning. Save the Date!

SAVE THE DATE

Parent consultations are being put on the calendar for Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November. The timings for these will be 3pm - 6pm and 3pm to 7pm, a formal booking link will be sent out in a few weeks for you to book a 1:1 session with your child's teacher. This will also give you an opportunity to visit the classroom and see the book work from the term.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

As we come to the end of October, please ensure you take the time to look at the calendar for November with event days for NGBS. We have highlighted Parent meetings, ECAs, our National Day celebrations, Assessment week etc. It is located at the end of the newsletter.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It was lovely to meet so many of you at the project display. Next week, we will be adding an exciting new layer to our staff leadership structure with the introduction of Year Group Leaders for each year. Internal interviews for these positions will take place during the week, and we look forward to announcing the appointed staff members in next week's newsletter. The YGLS will support each year group in teaching and learning but also ensure each year group has consistency with communication, homework etc.

A gentle reminder that all students must attend school in the approved **school uniform only**. We appreciate your support in helping maintain our high standards and sense of pride in belonging to NGBS.

We are also delighted to announce that NGBS will be entering a range of local tournaments and competitions through the EISSA organisation. This will provide our pupils with valuable opportunities to compete against other schools, develop their skills, and build teamwork and sportsmanship. All students are welcome to try out for squad teams, and more information will follow from the PE Department soon. We are delighted to be EISSA members.

Our first Parent Action Group (PAG) meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th November, from 8:00-9:00am. A full list of PAG meeting dates for the term is included below. We truly value the partnership we have with our parents and look forward to working together to strengthen our school community.

Tuesday 25th November 2025 - 8am

Thursday 4th December 2025 - 8am

With assessment weeks coming up in November please ensure attendance is daily whenever possible. Please also notify class teachers if there are any thoughts of leaving school before the end of term.

We welcome children to come in on Monday 3rd (UAE Flag Day) in UAE flag colours (red, white, green, black) and bring in a flag for the 11am ceremony.

Have a wonderful weekend, get outdoors, the weather is fantastic.



EYFS UPDATES

Eyfs News

Dear NGBS Families,

What an exciting week it has been across our school! Our Pink Day celebration was a wonderful success. The children had such fun dressing up, learning about awareness, and sharing the joy of the day together.

We have now begun sharing certificates during assemblies to celebrate children's efforts and achievements. Please rest assured that every child will receive one over the coming weeks – we want each of our children to feel recognised and proud of their accomplishments.

Looking ahead, we are excited to mark UAE Flag Day on Monday. Teachers have shared all details via Seesaw, so please check the platform for updates.

We are also gearing up for the official opening of our Little Souq and Outdoor Learning Space on 14th November! There are lots of exciting changes taking place, and we cannot wait to share these new additions with our children and families.

As always, thank you for your continued support in making NGBS such a warm and joyful community for our children.



LEARNING IN EYFS

FS1 children had a blast this week! The children had a wonderful time reading and retelling the story *Sparkles in the Sky*! They created their very own sparkles using salt, paint, and colourful materials, bringing the story to life through art and imagination.

During Maths, we explored position and shapes using everyday objects, practising fun words like on, in, under, and in front of.

We also carried out an exciting science experiment; making our very own sparkles in a bottle! To continue the celebration, the children learned about different festivals around the world and the beautiful lights that make each one unique. To end the day on a joyful note, everyone sang and danced along to the Celebration Song, heading home with bright smiles and festive hearts!

FS2 continued their *Gruffalo* adventures! The children loved retelling the story, using exciting adjectives and creating their own story maps.

In Maths, we explored numbers 1–5, finding fun ways to make 4 and 5 using cubes and objects.

We also learned about animals and their habitats, building our own mini forests with natural materials. Our Phonics sounds were m, a, s, and d, which we practised through games, sound hunts, and writing.

To end the week, the children went outside to paint and decorate our very own Gruffalo!

It has been an adventurous week, here in the Year 1 corridors. The children had a fantastic week of creativity and discovery! In English, they explored *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, acting out scenes, making predictions, creating story maps while focusing on nouns and new vocabularies. In Maths, they practised addition and subtraction through hands-on activities to build confidence in number knowledge. Science saw them investigating materials to see which float, sink, or are waterproof. In ICT, they used the Freeform app to create digital art, and in DT, they designed and built bird nests from craft and natural materials. A week full of imagination, teamwork, and fun! Don't forget to watch us in action via the Seesaw app.

Primary News

LEARNING IN PRIMARY

What an amazing week it has been. Our children have been buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Project-Based Learning Week. They showed great enthusiasm and confidence while presenting their creative projects to parents – it was wonderful to see how proud they were of their hard work and teamwork.

As we move into our new units of learning, the excitement continues. The students have been busy exploring electrical circuits, investigating how they work and even creating some of their own. They've also started learning about materials, discovering their different properties and uses, as well as exploring different energy sources and discussing how we can use energy responsibly to protect our planet.

It's been a fantastic start to the new half-term, filled with curiosity, creativity and collaboration!



HAPPENINGS IN PRIMARY

1. External Make up:

Any external make-up assessment will be done during next week to ensure teachers have the data will allow us to plan ahead for Term 2.

2. Revision Booklets – 31 October 2025

Revision PowerPoints, booklets, and required materials will be shared to support students as they prepare for their assessments. These resources will also be reviewed and completed in class with teachers, ensuring that key concepts are discussed, reinforced, and clarified. Answer keys will be provided for guided revision at home.

3. Primary Assessment Calendar

The Primary Assessment Calendar is now available on Seesaw. Please note that regular school hours will remain unchanged during the assessment period. Special permission to travel will need to be approved by Ms. Jo and Principal to ensure marks and report cards can be released

4. Parent-Teacher Conferences – 24 & 25 November 2025

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for 24 and 25 November. More details, including appointment bookings and logistics, will be shared closer to the date.

5. I pads

I pads will be taken in for a thorough software, firewall and security check from Y2-6. Revision booklets will go out via paper. Your children is our number one priority in terms of safety and we want to ensure they are also digitally secured and protected.

6. Uniform

We have recently noticed an increasing number of students not adhering to the school's uniform expectations. The school uniform is an important part of our identity and pride—it reflects our shared values of respect, unity, and excellence.

Secondary News

KS3 UPDATES

We have a busy few weeks coming up for our KS3 students:

- As mentioned last week, we have assessments starting on 10th November and concluding on 21st November. As with everything we do here at NGBS, the schedule has been carefully allocated to ensure our students have time to focus on each subject as fully as they feel necessary. The first week will focus on MOE subjects whilst the second week will focus more on British curriculum subjects.
- Students will remain in school, on regular timings, and will be focused on revision whilst not in assessments. We will also add some time for them to work on Eid Al Etihad (UAE National Day) projects which will allow for some mental well-being each day as well. More information will be shared regarding Eid Al Etihad closer to the date.
- The last thing I want to be very clear on regarding assessments is that we will only assess the teaching and learning that has taken place in lessons this term. The British curriculum is very clear on this. It would never be expected for students to 'self-teach' for assessments - only revise. We will be revising in school and expect our secondary students to use revision materials shared on SeeSaw to also follow-up at home.



LEARNING IN KS3

I do not think I have ever been as proud of a group of students (and staff) as I was this week!

Allow me to explain:

- The Secondary School Senior Leadership Team (**SLT**) have been conducting **lesson observations** across the department. This usually involves a member of SLT sitting in a lesson to gauge the quality of teaching & learning taking place. As we are a new department both Mr Akin & I have been attending lessons together for moderation. I am **very happy to report** we have witnessed lots of super lessons this week where your children have been fully engaged, participating in lessons and learning well.
- What has struck me the most is the **level of maturity** almost all our students are now exhibiting. WOW!
- When lessons do not run as smoothly as they should (due to student behaviour, lateness or not being prepared) we are now asking teachers to contact parents on SeeSaw to let you know. School and home working together for the betterment of our students, your children. We have also had some positive feedback from parents in this regard. **Thank you everyone.**
- One final update from me: the hard copy **textbooks** are in school being catalogued and will be in classrooms from Monday. English & science will also be on SeeSaw from Monday too allowing for students to revise school work at home easily. **New stationery** will also be shared at the same time with more to follow at the start of each term. We do request that you speak to your children about being responsible with their stationery, as we will do in school.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH A WATER BOTTLE!

MFL & MoE

MFL & MOE HAPPENINGS

This week, we proudly celebrated our students' amazing projects in Primary and KS3! Their creativity and hard work were showcased beautifully during our **Project-Based Learning Exhibition**.

We also had a heartwarming moment as our support staff received thoughtful gifts from our Year 2 students through their **Social Studies campaign, "The Gift Trolley."** The team truly appreciated the delicious treats — juice, chocolates, and other goodies — as a token of gratitude for their dedication and hard work.

Four groups of our enthusiastic Primary and KS3 students proudly took part in **the Chevron Readers' Cup**, part of the **Emirates Airline Festival of Literature**. They had a wonderful time collaborating in teams and showcasing their knowledge of the stories they read. We wish all our students the very best of luck in the next round of the competition!

Our **FS and Year 1** students are joyfully engaged in their collaborative activities, eagerly exploring letters and words through fun and playful learning experiences.








Upcoming Events

DUBAI 30X30 FITNESS CHALLENGE

We're excited to announce that NGBS has officially accepted the Dubai Fitness Challenge!

The PE Department is challenging our entire NGBS community – students, parents, and staff – to get active and take part in this city-wide event. The challenge runs from November 1st to November 30th, with the goal of completing 10,000 steps or a 30-minute workout every day for 30 days!

Here's how to join:

1.  Download the STEPPI App
2.  Register
3.  Tap CHALLENGES at the bottom of your screen
4.  Scroll to DFC Education Leaderboard and click Join
5.  Enter our school code: 2220

Special Event: DFC Dress-Up Day – 7 November!

Come to school dressed in your favorite fitness outfit and show your DFC spirit! Let's make the day full of energy, color, and fun as we celebrate being active together.

Let's move, stay active, and show Dubai what the NGBS community can achieve together!



FLAG DAY MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

We will also be celebrating UAE Flag Day on Monday, 3rd November. This special occasion is an important moment for our school community to come together in unity and pride as we raise the UAE flag and honour the nation's values and heritage.

Students are encouraged to wear the colours of the UAE flag for the day, and we look forward to marking this patriotic event together.

We will raise the flag at 11am as a school community. (Internal only, with staff and children)

Reminder: School Bus Behaviour

We would like to remind all parents and students about the importance of positive and safe behaviour on the school bus. Please note that the behaviour poster has already been displayed inside all buses as a guide for expected conduct. We kindly ask you to discuss these rules with your children and encourage them to follow them to ensure a safe and respectful journey for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



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 تلتق 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
Speaking loudly or disturbing others.	Verbal warning	التحدث بصوت مرتفع أو إزعاج الآخرين	تنبيه شفوي من المشرف
Standing while the bus is moving	Written warning and parent notification	الوقوف أثناء سير الحافلة	إنذار خطي وإبلاغ ولي الأمر
Disrespecting the driver or supervisor.	Suspension from the bus for one day	عدم احترام السائق أو المشرف	الحرمان 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 الامن	الحرمان من ركوب الحافلة لعدة أيام وإبلاغ 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.

Activity Calendar

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 UAE Flag Day Students to dress in the colours of the UAE flag. FS1, FS2 & Yr1 Class teachers will discuss details with you directly	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Anti Bully Week End of Term Assessment (Year 1- KS3)	11 Anti Bully Week End of Term Assessment (Year 1- KS3)	12 Anti Bully Week End of Term Assessment (Year 1- KS3)	13 Anti Bully Week End of Term Assessment (Year 1- KS3)	14 Anti Bully Week End of Term Assessment (Year 1- KS3) Official Launch of FS Outdoor Area and Little Souq FS 1/FS 2/ YEAR 1	15
16	17 End of Term Assessment (Year 1- KS3)	18 End of Term Assessment (Year 1- KS3)	19 End of Term Assessment (Year 1- KS3)	20 End of Term Assessment (Year 1- KS3)	21 End of Term Assessment (Year 1- KS3)	22
23	24 Parent Teacher Conference	25 Parent Teacher Conference	26	27 Eid Al Etihad Celebration	28	29

Classroom Updates

In Pictures

