

THE NGBS VOICE

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EYFS OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA OPENS

We celebrated the opening of Little Souq and The outdoor learning area. It was just pure joy to see children actively learning and engaging with each other.

All classes will now spend time daily in these areas.

ASSESSMENT WEEK

This will continue in core subjects next week. We encourage you to support your children with ensuring they have a good breakfast and get to sleep on time.

We look forward to sharing the targets and results with you via parent consultations or end of year reports.

ODD SOCK DAY

It was great to see so many students and staff step up to start the conversations linked to Anti-bullying week with our odd sock day.

We are working hard to ensure we improve our procedures and protocols linked with our behaviour policy. Respecting all is critical and we would ask you to reinforce this at home.

SCHOOL FARM

With our school farm we are always thinking about further ways to offer opportunities for enrichment.

This week it was all about the sweetcorn harvest. We are keen to extend this sustainability and farming projects in all year groups.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This week has been a wonderful week of joy at NGBS as we officially opened our FS Little Souq and our new outdoor learning areas. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for this special occasion, and a huge thank you to our fantastic FS team for creating such an engaging and vibrant space for our youngest learners.

We were also delighted to welcome Mr Michael Lynch, our newly appointed Head of Primary, who met with parents and shared a little about himself and his vision. We look forward to having him join us formally in Term 2 and becoming an active part of our community. In the interim as Ms Jo leaves today we have a temporary team supporting including Ms Dani and Ms Samantha.

Next week we will be releasing the booking link for our parent consultations. It is essential that all parents book an appointment either face-to-face or online, as we will only be able to meet with those who have secured a slot. These consultations are an important opportunity to review progress and set clear targets as we prepare for Term 2.

Our assessment week will continue next week. Please note that ECAs will not run during this period to ensure that students are able to get home to study or have some rest. Before the end of term, we will share our sign-up system for Term 2 ECAs. These will begin immediately in Week 1 so that we can maximise the schedule before reduced Ramadan hours begin.

As mentioned before we continue to increase our team at NGBS and have appointed Year Group Leaders. This vital middle leadership role will support consistency and communication.

We will send out a YGL email next week updating you on the organisational structure and how this middle leader can support you in communication and clarity.

This week we had anti-bullying week and a number of activities, assemblies focussed on reiterating the need to include and respect each other.

Have a wonderful weekend and I would encourage you all to get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful weather.



EYFS UPDATES

Eyfs News



What a buzzing week of learning and play it has been in our EYFS department!

Assessments have been running so smoothly, and I cannot express how proud I am of our Year One children for their focus and positive attitude. They have shown great confidence and independence, and we are all geared up for the upcoming assessments next week. In FS1 and FS2, continuous observations have been taking place, allowing teachers to capture each child's learning journey in a natural and engaging way. This week has also been filled with excitement and curiosity as the children begin to notice that something special is happening in the background – the much-anticipated opening of our Little Souq and Outdoor Learning Area! The buzz around the department has been wonderful to see.

We are incredibly thankful to you, our parents, for your generous contributions and enthusiasm in helping bring the Little Souq to life. Your involvement has made this experience even more meaningful for the children, and we hope you enjoyed being a part of this creative process as much as we have enjoyed preparing it.

The Little Souq and outdoor spaces will provide our young children with rich opportunities to explore, imagine, and collaborate. Through play, they will develop their language skills, strengthen physical coordination, and engage in critical thinking; all while having fun and connecting with their peers. This marks the beginning of many exciting NGBS experiences ahead, and we cannot wait to see where their curiosity and creativity take them next!

HAPPENINGS IN EYFS

Assessment Schedule for the week ahead:

Year One

Monday, 17th November: Maths

Tuesday, 18th November: Science

Wednesday, 19th November: English

Thursday, 20th November: Music

Friday/Monday: 21st & 24th November: Make Up Assessment

FS 1 & FS2

Continuous Observation

Upcoming Events:

24th & 25th November: Parent Teacher Conferences

Further information on how to book your slots will be shared next week.

27th November: National Day Celebration

Girls to come dressed in UAE flag colours and boys in Kandora.



Primary News



LEARNING IN PRIMARY

This week has been an intense and productive revision week. Our teachers have been working hard to plan and deliver lessons that meet the individual needs and learning styles of each child, helping them achieve their best possible outcomes in the upcoming assessments.

As we move into next week, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that:

Children come to school fully equipped with their stationery (pencil case, pencils, ruler, etc.).

They have a good night's sleep and are well rested each day.

We will continue with our fun and focused revision sessions in preparation for the next day's subject assessment. We truly appreciate your cooperation and encouragement at home, together we can help the children feel confident and ready to do their best.

Thank you for your ongoing support

HAPPENINGS IN PRIMARY

Assessment Schedule for the week ahead:

- 17 November: English
- 18 November: Maths
- 19 November: Science
- 20 November Humanities

Best of luck to all our wonderful students.

Upcoming:

- 24&25 November: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 27 November: National Day Celebrations



Secondary News



KS3 UPDATES

Assessment schedule for the week ahead:

17 November

Humanities & Computing

18 November

English & DT

19 November

Maths & Music

20 November

Science

21 November

Make – Up Assessments

(Only for absent students with a medical excuse)

Please be reminded that we have revision & National Day projects scheduled during lessons when the students are not in assessments.

Attendance is crucial and grades will also be awarded for the National Day projects.

LEARNING IN KS3

Despite it being a very busy time of year, the vast majority of KS3 students have shown maturity in the way they have prepared for assessments:

- It was a week full of MOE assessments last week and it was interesting watching the students work to support one another through the week.
- There were a few situations where sick children were sent to school to complete an assessment, then taken home straight after. We request that this does not become a pattern – if a child is genuinely unwell, they will not perform their best and risk spreading illness to others in our community. Please keep sick children at home, particularly if they have a fever. We have built some time for make-up assessments if needed, just let form tutors know and share the medical certificates with them.
- The Yr 7, 8 & 9 girls started swimming this week. We manipulated timetables to ensure they all had their swimming baseline around assessment schedules. In the interests of safety, the staff had to assess swimming competencies in order to know how to best support each individual student. Feedback from the girls has been quite positive!
- Finally, a little reminder that the KS3 students are working in small groups to prepare carnival style activities for the primary students on National Day. They are very excited to do this and I am sure they would love to share their ideas and experiences with you at home so please, do support and ask them how things are progressing.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH A WATER BOTTLE EACH DAY.



MFL & MoE

MFL & MOE HAPPENINGS

It's been an exciting week for our students! Our learners have been busy completing their MoE assessments, showing great focus and enthusiasm throughout the week.

The Year 1 students were especially thrilled to wrap up their Family Tree Project-Based Learning – a wonderful way to explore their roots and celebrate family connections. With their assessments now behind them, they're eagerly preparing for the UAE National Day (Eid Al Etihad) celebrations!

We're incredibly proud of their hard work, creativity, and excitement as they showcase their projects in the UAE PBL Corner and celebrate the successful opening of the Little Souq.



Our Primary and KS3 students have been working incredibly hard this week as they successfully completed their Ministry of Education assessments. Their commitment, focus, and determination have truly shone through, and we are proud of the outstanding effort they have demonstrated across all subjects.

Alongside their academic achievements, our creative and compassionate students have also been busy spreading an important message. A group of talented learners collaborated to produce a powerful anti-bullying video presented in Arabic, French, and English – reflecting both their multilingual skills and their dedication to promoting a positive school culture.

Through this project, they highlighted the importance of kindness, respect, and standing up for one another. Their message resonates with everyone in our school community and serves as a reminder that every voice matters and every act of kindness counts.

We are incredibly proud of our students for excelling both academically and creatively, and for using their talents to inspire others.



Classroom Updates

In Pictures

