

THE NGBS VOICE

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WINTER HOLIDAY

A reminder that next Friday is the last day of term before the winter break.

School will reopen for lessons on Monday 5th January.

Our admin team will be available throughout the holiday.

UNIFORM

Uniform is an essential part of NGBS. We have been relaxed this term due to the delays of uniform.

Next term all children must be in only NGBS uniform. No make up or nail polish. Hair must be tied up.

With the colder weather make sure you have enough jackets as children will not be able to wear other types.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees for Term 1 are overdue, if there is any balance left on your school account for Term 1 please ensure you visit the accounts department this week.

They are available daily from 7:30am - 4pm.

PUPIL REPORTS

End of term reports will be issued on Friday 5th November

These will have progress information and assessment scores from Term 1.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy 54th UAE National Day

It has been a wonderful week, full of communication and community. Starting with our parent consultations and having the opportunity to talk about targets and progress. We will be scheduling more parent meetings before Ramadan.

Yesterday was a fabulous day of community and it was again such a pleasure to have so many of you all onsite for our National Day celebrations. I was very proud of our performing students and acknowledge the MOE team, class teachers and form tutors for their support in the preparation and planning stages. Equally, my gratitude goes to the KS 3 Students who ran their own games and stalls. It really did feel like a fabulous way to celebrate as a community, something we are passionate about continuing to grow.

With just a few days left in the term we will be rounding up topics next week, having some team building and whole school art themes before closing for the winter break on Friday. Next week we will send our sign up for Term 2 ECAs, these will start first week back.

I am delighted to say we are further investing in more library books, and reading books over the winter break and all children will have reading books come home weekly next term. I will update you on all other winter holiday projects next week in the end of term newsletter.

You will see our new year group leaders introduce themselves later in this newsletter, these key middle leadership roles will help with consistency, communication and curriculum in all year groups. Challenge

It is very important to take feedback from you all and we will send out a parent survey and student survey next week. Our team continues to grow and we are excited to introduce further members to you that will support with the teaching and learning, at NGBS. Enjoy the UAE celebrations this weekend.

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EYFS UPDATES

Eyfs News

Over the past week, we have had a wonderful few days together – two days of Parent–Teacher Meetings followed by a joyful UAE National Day celebration. Thank you to all our parents for your time, your feedback, and your continued support. We truly value every conversation, every suggestion, and every reflection you shared with us, and we have taken all your feedback into careful consideration as we continue to grow.

Thank you for believing in the North Gate journey and for showing up with such enthusiasm. Seeing so many families celebrating the UAE National Day with us reminded us of how strong and united our community truly is. We hope you enjoyed watching the performances just as much as our children and teachers' enjoyed preparing and performing them for you.

We are grateful to each and every one of you for being part of one big North Gate British School family.

HAPPENINGS IN EYFS**Monday, 1st Dec & Tues 2nd Dec**

UAE National Holiday

Wednesday, 3rd Dec, Thursday, 4th & Friday, 5th Dec

School as normal

Winter Holidays

8th December– 4th of January

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HAPPY 54TH NATIONAL DAY

Primary News

LEARNING IN PRIMARY

Thank you to all our wonderful parents who took the time to visit your child's class teacher during this term's Parent-Teacher meetings. It was a pleasure meeting with you and discussing your child's progress, achievements, and next steps. Your engagement and thoughtful questions show how committed you are to supporting your child's learning journey, and we truly appreciate the partnership we share.

During the meetings, teachers were able to provide personalised feedback on academic progress, classroom behaviour, and social development. These discussions play an essential role in strengthening home-school collaboration, ensuring that each child continues to grow with confidence throughout the term. We are grateful for your openness and willingness to work together to support your child's success.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your enthusiastic support during the UAE National Day celebrations. From the beautiful traditional outfits to the delicious food contributions and your presence at the event, your participation made the day truly special for our students. Your efforts helped us create a memorable celebration honouring the rich culture and heritage of the UAE.



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Secondary News



KS3 UPDATES

I cannot express how proud I am of the KS3 community this week. You were all AWESOME!

Students, staff and parents coming together for the Parent Teacher Meetings till 6pm two days this week followed by an absolutely amazing National Day Carnival yesterday. The positive comments shared were lovely to receive at the end of a long term.

Children may learn to read, write and count in lessons but the true value of a human being is measured by their personality and behaviours. We have seen some outstanding efforts from our KS3 kids this week, supported by parents and their form tutors.

Yesterday we made memories, together, of students who are maturing in a way that they can only warm our hearts as the adults who guide them each day.

Parents, thank you for supporting us to support your children.

IMPORTANT DATES IN KS3

Many parents and students have been asking about the upcoming holiday dates:

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MFL & MoE

PARENTS MEETING

Thank you to all our amazing parents who attended the MFL and MoE parent meetings. It was a pleasure having the opportunity to connect with you and talk about your child's progress, attainment, and future goals. Your active participation and thoughtful questions reflect your strong commitment to your child's learning, and we truly value the partnership we have with you. During these meetings, teachers were able to share personalised insights regarding academic performance, classroom behaviour, and social development. These conversations are vital in strengthening the relationship between home and school, helping ensure that every child continues to develop with confidence throughout the term. We sincerely appreciate your openness and collaboration as we work together to support your child's success.



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We would also like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued communication, collaboration, and enthusiastic support during the UAE National Day celebrations. Your presence, along with the vibrant traditional outfits and the variety of delicious food you generously shared, truly enriched the event. Your contributions helped create a warm, festive atmosphere and made the celebration especially meaningful for our students. Thank you for coming together with us to honour the rich culture and heritage of the UAE and for making the day so memorable.



DR RANIA GOMAA

Years 6 - 9 Group Leader

As Year Group Leader for Years 6–9 in the Girls' Section at NGBS, I am dedicated to supporting students through this important stage of their academic and personal development. My aim is to help shape confident, capable and compassionate learners who thrive academically, socially and emotionally. I will work to ensure that every girl is known, challenged and inspired within a safe, respectful and inclusive environment.

Collaborating closely with teachers, I will help create engaging and dynamic learning experiences that build critical thinking, collaboration and independence, balancing high expectations with genuine care.

Strengthening relationships with families and maintaining open communication will remain a key priority. For any concerns, please contact me at rania.m@northgatebritishschool.com

IRAM SHAH

Years 2 Group Leader

As the Year 2 Year Group Leader, I am dedicated to ensuring that every child in Year 2 feels happy, supported, and inspired to learn. I will work closely with our teachers and support staff to provide engaging lessons, consistent routines, and a positive learning environment across all classes.

My aim is to support both students and teachers so that every child can make good progress academically, socially, and emotionally. I also value strong communication with parents and look forward to working together to make Year 2 a successful and enjoyable year for all our children.

If you ever have any questions or need support, please feel free to reach out: iram.s@northgatebritishschool.com

**SAMANTHA LEE
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Years 5 Group Leader

Hello everyone,

My name is Samantha, and I'm truly excited to step into the role of Year 5 Lead. I'm originally from South Africa, and over the years I've had the privilege of gaining solid experience working with wonderful students, dedicated teachers, and supportive families.

I'm passionate about creating a warm, joyful, and purposeful learning environment where every child feels seen, encouraged, and motivated to grow. I'm really looking forward to working together as a team and building a strong, positive Year 5 community this year.

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Introduction***SHAAN NAIDOO**

Years 4 Group Leader

As the Year 4 Lead, I am committed to fostering a supportive, nurturing and motivating environment where every child feels confident and ready to learn. I work collaboratively with our dedicated teachers and support staff to ensure high-quality teaching, clear expectations and a consistent, positive atmosphere across all Year 4 classes.

My priority is to guide and assist both students and staff so that each child can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. I strongly believe in open, constructive communication with parents and look forward to partnering with you to make this a purposeful, enriching and enjoyable year for all our students.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at: shaan.n@northgatebritishschool.com.

**BISHARO CABDI
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Years 1 Group Leader

Hello everyone! I am excited to step into the role of Year 1 Lead. Originally from Birmingham, UK. With nearly five years of experience in Year 1 and a strong foundation in the British National curriculum. I'm passionate about turning environments and learning into an adventure; one that inspires children to dream big, think creatively and believe in the impossible. I'm dedicated to making every day meaningful and engaging, and I look forward to working with all of you throughout the year.

CHENE WOOLLS

FS2 Group Leader

Hello everyone! I'm so excited to introduce myself as the FS2 Year Leader. With more than ten years' experience, I look forward to work together, share ideas, and make FS2 a place where children feel happy, safe, and excited to learn. Here's to a year filled with discovery, laughter, and lots of fun!

SHARYLEN BORJA

FS1 Year Group Leader

Hello everyone! I'm Ms. Sha and I'm excited to be the FS1 Year Group Leader! With 14 years of teaching in Singapore and the UAE, a Master's in Special Education, and as a certified Apple Educator, I love integrating STEAM, digital learning, and hands-on exploration into children's learning.

I'm looking forward to a year full of teamwork, growth, and happy little learners!

BARRY MCGRATH

Year 6-9 boys Group Leader

I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Year Group Leader for Boys in Years 6-9. With a solid background in English teaching and pastoral support, I am committed to setting high standards and fostering a positive, supportive environment where every student can thrive. My priority in this role is to ensure that our boys feel secure, valued, and confident in their learning journey. I will be collaborating closely with parents, staff, and the wider school community to track progress, encourage positive behaviour, recognise success, and offer steady guidance during these important school years. I look forward to working with our students and their families, and I am excited for a productive and successful term ahead for all boys across Years 6-9. For any concerns, please contact me at barryj@northgatebritishschool.com

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Introduction***TEHSEEN BHOPAL**

Year 6-9 boys Group Leader

I'm Tehseen, originally from London, and I bring over 25 years of experience working in the UK education sector, particularly in curriculum development and teacher training. I'm excited to take on the role of KS2 Coordinator and Year Group Lead for Year 6. I am looking forward to working closely with the team to continue strengthening teaching and learning across the phase.

CARLIH BEE CAMPANA

Year 3 Group Leader

Hello NGBS family!

I am Ms. Carlih and I am thrilled to be the Year 3 Group Leader. I'm dedicated to promoting our students' academic success, general school experience, and well-being. I'm excited to collaborate closely with our amazing teachers, lovely children, and supportive families to make sure that everyone has a successful, happy, and productive year.

School Updates

In Pictures

