

THE NGBS VOICE

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CELEBRATIONS

Year One End of Year Celebration

19th June 2026

Year Five Celebration

25th June 2026

Year Six Celebration

25th June 2026

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.

MOVING UP DAY

EYFS and Primary will be having Moving Up Day on the 26th of June.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

It has been another fantastic week at North Gate British School, with learning, creativity and community spirit continuing to shine across the school.

We were delighted to officially launch our new Beach Reading Area in Primary this week – a wonderful space designed to promote a love of reading, imagination and student wellbeing in a calm and engaging environment. It has been fantastic to see so many students already enjoying the space and developing their passion for books.

Across the school, students also enjoyed our vibrant International Day celebrations, themed around the World Cup. The event provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate cultures, diversity and global connections, whilst showcasing the strong sense of community that makes NGBS so special. A huge thank you to all families and staff who supported the day and helped make it such a success.

We are also incredibly excited by the continued development of student entrepreneurship opportunities across the school. Students have been working hard on a range of creative ideas and projects, with another exciting student-led pop-up experience coming very soon. It is fantastic to see our learners developing confidence, leadership, innovation and real-world skills through these opportunities.

This week also marked an exciting milestone for the future of learning at NGBS, as we officially confirmed our partnership with 8 Billion Ideas for the new Global Skills GCSE programme.

We are incredibly proud to be the first school in the UAE to partner in delivering this innovative qualification, which places a strong focus on creativity, entrepreneurship, communication, problem-solving and future-ready skills.



This partnership reflects our commitment to preparing students not only for examinations, but for the rapidly changing world beyond the classroom. This partnership reflects our commitment to preparing students not only for examinations, but for the rapidly changing world beyond the classroom.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all parents who attended the Principal Sessions this week. Your ongoing support, feedback and partnership are hugely valued and play an important role in the continued growth and development of our school community.

As we approach the Eid break, we would like to wish all members of our community a joyful, peaceful and relaxing Eid with family and friends. Thank you once again for your continued support of North Gate British School.

Exciting Partnerships

From September 2026, North Gate British School will officially become a Champion School for the new International GCSE Global Skills Projects qualification, developed in partnership with OxfordAQA and 8billionideas.

This innovative qualification has been created to offer students something beyond a traditional GCSE experience. Alongside strong academic foundations, students will also develop key future-focused skills including creativity, leadership, collaboration, communication and problem-solving through engaging, real-world projects.

The qualification will encourage students to explore important global issues linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, helping them apply their learning in meaningful and practical ways while building confidence and independence.

OxfordAQA Chief Examiner Emily Cheffins explains: "Alongside strong academic foundations, students increasingly require the ability to think critically, collaborate effectively and apply their learning in meaningful ways."

International GCSE Global Skills Projects brings these capabilities into a rigorous, accessible framework, representing an important evolution in how education prepares students for the future."

At North Gate British School, we are passionate about preparing students not only for examinations, but also for the opportunities and challenges of the modern world. We believe this qualification will provide our students with valuable experiences that support both their academic and personal development.

It offers future-focused learning experiences that develop creativity, entrepreneurship, communication and real-world problem-solving skills that are essential for success in tomorrow's world.

We believe skills-based learning is a vital part of education, helping students become adaptable, resilient and confident learners who are fully prepared for the rapidly changing world beyond the classroom.

This GCSE marks the beginning of something truly exciting at NGBS, with all Key Stage 3 students completing the qualification over a three-year period. This journey will equip them with exceptional skills and a strong foundation as they progress to their next stage of qualifications.'



EYFS News

CELEBRATING EID, FRIENDSHIP & FOOTBALL

Dear Parents,

What a lovely and exciting week it has been in EYFS! The school has been full of laughter, happy chatter and so many special moments shared together.

This week we had our EYFS Photo Day, and we were so proud of how well the children came together for their photographs. Everyone looked amazing and the children did such a great job listening and smiling for the camera. We even had a special helper joining us – Jamal the Camel – who helped the children focus on the camera and brought lots of excitement and giggles throughout the day! On Wednesday, the children dressed beautifully and took part in a special walk around the Kaabah as part of our learning and preparation for Eid Al Adha. It was such a lovely experience to watch the children take part so respectfully and thoughtfully, and they truly looked wonderful.

The whole week was also filled with our Football Fiesta celebrations, with footballs being kicked everywhere, games being played with friends and so much excitement across the school.

On Friday, it was so lovely seeing the children come dressed in their football shirts and costumes representing different countries and teams. It was such a wonderful reminder of how sport brings everyone together, and it was beautiful seeing so much international love, teamwork and happiness shared between the children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout the term so far. We hope all our families have a wonderful and restful Eid break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday, 1st June.

Eid Mubarak to all our families!

FS1

This week, the children enjoyed exciting activities to celebrate EYFS International World Cup Day! We learned about different countries, decorated jerseys of our favourite teams, created World Cup posters in English, and practised our Maths skills by kicking and counting football goals. It was a fun-filled week of learning, teamwork, and discovering how sports can bring nations together while developing our understanding of the world!

FS2

This week, we continued exploring the story of Superworm. In Literacy, the children have been learning about rhyming words. They enjoyed spotting rhyming words in the story and had a go at matching simple rhyming words independently. The children also used their imagination to innovate the villain from the story and share their own creative ideas.

In Maths, the children explored composing shapes to make new shapes and enjoyed creating pictures using different 2D shapes. In Understanding the World, the children took part in an exciting gummy worm experiment where they observed and discussed the changes that happened during the investigation. In Art and Design, the children had lots of fun creating their own worms using pipe cleaners and cereal, showing great creativity and fine motor skills.

Year One

In Phonics, the children continued practising Set 2 and Set 3 sounds and used Fred Talk to help with blending and reading words more confidently.

In English, the children explored prefixes and suffixes, learning how words can change meaning by adding un-, -ing and -est. They enjoyed using these in their reading and writing activities.

In Maths, we focused on quarters and finding one quarter of shapes and groups. The children worked hard using practical resources and mathematical vocabulary such as equal parts and whole.

In Science, we continued learning about the seasons by exploring winter and comparing it to autumn. The children shared wonderful ideas about weather changes and how animals and the environment change during different seasons.

Well done, Year 1, for another brilliant week of learning!



Primary News

FIFA FRENZY

Today, we were delighted to celebrate our Football Day across the school. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to come together, represent different countries, celebrate teamwork, and enjoy a shared sense of school spirit. The children looked wonderful in their country colours, and it was lovely to see so much enthusiasm, pride, and positivity throughout the day. Events like this are an important part of school life, helping children develop respect for different cultures, appreciation for our international community, and a strong sense of belonging at North Gate British School.



As we move further into the term, we are also beginning to prepare children carefully for the important transitions ahead. Whether pupils are moving into a new year group, preparing to meet new teachers, or taking on new responsibilities, we know that transition is an important part of every child's school journey. Our staff will continue to support children through this process in a calm and thoughtful way, helping them feel confident, reassured, and excited about the next stage of their learning.

Alongside this, teachers continue to carry out ongoing continuous assessment across all areas of learning. This takes place every day through classwork, discussions, questioning, observations, and the work children complete in lessons. These assessments help teachers build a clear picture of each child's progress, celebrate strengths, and identify the next steps needed to support further development. At North Gate British School, assessment is never based on one single moment; it is built from the full picture of each child's learning over time.



After Eid, during the week beginning 8th June, children in Years 3 to 6 will also complete their GL assessments. These assessments provide us with an additional snapshot of where children are in English, Mathematics, and Science, alongside the continuous assessment already taking place in school. They also help us reflect carefully on our curriculum, teaching, and areas for future development. The children have been gently prepared through sample-style questions in class, and we will continue to ensure these assessments are approached in a calm, supportive, and purposeful way.

Finally, I would like to remind all families of the importance of strong attendance as we move through the final part of the academic year. Every school day matters. Consistent attendance helps children stay connected to their learning, maintain positive routines, build confidence, and make the strongest possible progress. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We are proud of the way our pupils continue to grow, learn, and live out our values each day.

Secondary News

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

This half-term has been filled with memorable moments across Secondary, with students showing enthusiasm, creativity, teamwork, and school spirit in so many different ways.



Our Year 9 students enjoyed a special opportunity to take part in a cooking session with the Principal. It was wonderful to see students stepping outside the classroom, developing practical skills, and building positive relationships in such a relaxed and enjoyable setting.



Students also took part in a vibrant French celebration, where they explored French culture, language, and traditions through a range of engaging activities. The event helped bring language learning to life and encouraged students to appreciate different cultures and experiences.



One of the highlights of the term was our exciting FIFA Day celebrations. Students proudly represented countries from around the world by decorating their classrooms in national colours and coming to school dressed in their favourite football shirts. The atmosphere across the school was incredible, and the football tournament brought students together through friendly competition, teamwork, and plenty of laughter and excitement.



Alongside these celebrations, students have remained focused in lessons as they prepare for their upcoming assessments. Teachers have been supporting students through revision activities, retrieval practice, and exam preparation strategies to help build confidence and readiness.

We would also like to remind families that assessments will begin immediately after the Eid break. The assessment timetable has already been shared with parents via Seesaw and email, and we encourage students to continue revising over the holiday to ensure they feel confident and prepared.

This term also marked an important milestone for our Year 8 and Year 9 students as they explored future career pathways following their GCSE option choices. Students took part in meaningful discussions about future aspirations, subject pathways, and the opportunities available to them beyond secondary school.

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half-term, we would like to thank our students, staff, and families for their continued support in helping build such a positive and welcoming Secondary community. We wish all of our families a joyful Eid Mubarak and a restful half-term break.

MFL & MCE

MEDALS OF EXCELLENCE FOR QURAN WINNERS

This week, our Quran Competition winners proudly received their medals and certificates in a joyful and heartwarming celebration. The event was filled with happiness, pride, and excitement as we recognised the students' dedication and achievements.

Well done to all our winners for their hard work in memorising and reciting the Quran, and for their eagerness to learn the Holy Quran – the blessed book containing the words of Allah. Your effort, commitment, and love for the Quran are truly inspiring. We are very proud of you all and pray for your continued success and blessings.



BACK IN TIME: EXPLORING THE HEALING POWER OF HERBS AND SPICES

From the heritage of our ancestors, the students carried out a project analysing the importance of using spices and seasonings, how our ancestors used them, and how they benefited from them in food and medicine. The students enjoyed acting, riding the "time ship," traveling back in time to meet their ancestors, and speaking with the grandparents.

They also performed the role of traditional doctors, showing how people in the past advised the use of spices and herbs for treatment and healing. The project highlighted how life was in earlier times and how the harsh desert environment encouraged people to rely on the herbs and natural resources provided by the desert and the sea.



MANASEK AL-HAJJ: A MEANINGFUL JOURNEY FOR OUR STUDENTS

Eid Adha Mubarak and Hajj Mubarak to all the families who will perform the pilgrimage!

Our students greatly enjoyed performing the steps of Hajj (Manasek Al-Hajj) through a meaningful and interactive learning experience. They enthusiastically participated in each stage, from wearing the Ihram to performing Tawaf and Sa'i, while learning about the spiritual importance of these sacred rituals.

The activity helped the students deepen their understanding of Islamic values and traditions in a fun and memorable way. It was wonderful to see their excitement, teamwork, and eagerness as they practiced the rituals with respect and joy.



Safeguarding

SAFEGUARDING, WELLBEING & POSITIVE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

At North Gate British School, we believe that safeguarding is not only about protection and responding to concerns it is also about creating a positive, supportive, and emotionally safe environment where students feel connected, confident, and valued.

This week, students participated in a range of wellbeing and team building activities designed to strengthen positive peer relationships, communication skills, and social interaction. Through fun group challenges, movement activities, and collaborative games, students were encouraged to work together, support one another, and build healthy social connections in a safe and supervised environment.



WHAT WE FOCUSED ON THIS WEEK

These activities form an important part of our wider safeguarding and wellbeing approach by:

- Promoting positive friendships and respectful interaction
- Supporting emotional wellbeing and reducing social isolation
- Encouraging teamwork, communication, and inclusion
- Providing students with safe opportunities to express themselves
- Strengthening students' sense of belonging within the school community

Creating opportunities for positive engagement helps students feel emotionally secure and supported, which is a key element of effective safeguarding practice in schools. Research highlights that students who feel connected to their school community are more likely to demonstrate positive wellbeing, resilience, and academic engagement

As we now approach the Eid holiday and students prepare for a week-long break, we encourage all families to continue promoting safe, balanced, and positive routines during the holiday period. Spending quality family time, maintaining healthy habits, and supporting children emotionally all contribute to student wellbeing and safeguarding.

We would like to thank our students for their enthusiasm and positive participation throughout the activities, and we wish all families a safe, peaceful, and joyful Eid holiday.

WORKING TOGETHER

Strong partnerships between school and families play an important role in supporting student wellbeing and safeguarding. We truly appreciate the ongoing support from parents in helping us maintain a positive, safe, and supportive environment for all students.

Together, we continue building a school community where every child feels safe, respected, and supported.

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Inclusion Spotlight: WORLD CUP



As we head into the long Eid holiday break, we would like to wish all our students, families, and staff a joyful and peaceful Eid filled with happiness, laughter, and valuable family time.

This holiday is a wonderful opportunity for our children to rest, recharge, and create beautiful memories with their loved ones. We encourage everyone to take a break from assessment stress and enjoy the celebrations together.

Today, our school was filled with excitement and positive energy as students enjoyed the FIFA world Cup spirit through fun activities, teamwork, and interactive games. It was wonderful to see our children participating with enthusiasm, confidence, and joy.

We are proud of the inclusive spirit shown throughout the day, where every child had the opportunity to participate, connect, and celebrate together.

From all of us in the Inclusion Department,

Eid Mubarak!

We wish you a safe, relaxing, and joyful holiday.



Primary Classroom Updates

In Pictures



Term 3 Key Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Term 3 Begins	23rd March	7.30am	NGBS
Autism Acceptance Day	2 nd April	NA	Online
World Book Day Dress Up -	Friday 1 st May	All Day	In School
Term 3 ECAs begin	Monday 4 th May	ECA Times	In School
PTM Meetings	19 th - 21 st May	TBC	Online
Assessment Weeks Begin	WB 1 st June - 19 th June	More details to follow	In School
Moving up date	26th June 2026	TBC	In School
Student Voice / Enrichment Morning	26 th June	TBC	In School