Welcome back! It is the beginning of another amazing year at NIS. We are evermore committed to providing the best education possible for our pupils. As we embark upon another successful school year, all of us here at NIS are very eager to continue to grow and learn as educators and to help our children develop the skills necessary to be a successful student and a world citizen.

The staff look forward to sharing more information with you about the work we are doing over the course of the school year. This newsletter will be giving you weekly updates on our students’ activities, news bulletins, announcements and much more.

We are looking forward to the start of a great school year and the NIS staff are excited about working with you and your children again in helping to make your dreams come true.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday 28th September:** Activity forms given to students

**Thursday 29th September:** G8 IGCSE Info Evening (7pm - 9pm)

**Monday 3rd / Tuesday 4th October:** ICAS Practice Sessions (All Subjects)

**Wednesday 5th October:** New parent Information Evening

Welcome back to a new academic year, the IT department wish all our students a wonderful year. I would like to remind our students to have their memory stick ready for their IT lessons and their notebooks as well. It is very important to back up your important data frequently and keep another copy at home to reduce the chance of losing your work. All students should be ready with their full equipment before going to the computer lab. We wish you all the best this year.

Mrs. Hana Shashaa (IT and Commerce coordinator)

**School Motto** - Exemplary education for all

**School Vision**

To provide an exemplary, holistic and international education for all our students

**School Mission**

The mission of Nada International School is to provide exemplary international education so that students may acquire the necessary academic, personal and social knowledge, skills and qualities to move on to other schools, establishments of higher education, or into a career with a high degree of justifiable confidence.
SCIENCE: FuN WiTh MaGnEts

The boys of grade 3A had fun with magnets this week. We looked at what materials are magnetic, the poles and what are the different uses of magnets. The group completed an investigation into which materials in the classroom are magnetic. This was a fun hands-on experience which the boys thoroughly enjoyed.

HOT WEATHER

To avoid sun stroke, we recommend that all students bring a hat and a water bottle as a precautionary measure.

This week Grade 8 students did some research about the novels they will study in English. The students were thrilled by all three books on the curriculum: Animal Farm, Silas Marner and War Horse.

We had to select the most favoured book to do in term one and the result was Silas Marner. This is a great book which will be studied in depth this term. We will do a comparative book-movie study of the novel. This will expose students to the different perspectives of the same novel.
A note to all KG parents and all those who enjoy doing stimulating activities with their children. Below is a really easy recipe for making non-toxic play dough for your children. It can be kept in the fridge in a Tupperware container to reuse at any time. You can also make ornaments and bake them at 100 degrees for an hour for them to harden. Once cooled the ornaments can be painted and decorated.

Instructions:
1. In a large bowl mix salt and flour together.
2. Gradually stir in water. Mix well until it forms a doughy consistency.
3. Turn the dough onto the bench and knead with your hands until smooth and combined.
4. Make your creations using the salt dough.
5. Place the salt dough creations into the oven at 180 degrees.

www.learning4kids.net/how-to-make-salt-dough-recipe

School Uniform
All NIS students must come to school in full uniform. Please fill in the forms with the required information and send them to the accountant’s office. Staff-in-charge will be distributing the requested uniform items to the students during this coming week. Students with no uniform will be removed from their classes and sent to the principal’s office.

It’s school time again! You’re probably feeling excited and maybe a little sad that summer is over. Some kids feel nervous or scared on the first day of school because of all new things: new teachers, new friends, and maybe even a new school.

Here we have some pictures for grade 5 girls taking their National Language books. Then each student told us about how she spent the summer vacation.

Please Note:

LATENESS......

PRIVATE TRANSPORT: - PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL BEFORE 7.20 am EACH DAY. CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE LATE MAY HAVE TO WAIT IN ADMINISTRATION UNTIL THE START OF THE NEXT PERIOD. CHILDREN WHO REPEATEDLY ARRIVE TO SCHOOL LATE WILL REMAIN IN ADMINISTRATION UNTIL THE PERIOD THEY INTERRUPT IS OVER.
The science department has been very busy during the last couple of weeks getting ready for the students for the academic year 2016/17. In the science department all students follow the CIE curriculum, information regarding the curriculum content is readily available from the CIE website. Students and Parents can access the syllabus distribution from the school website www.nadaschool.edu.sa

During the first week all students from Grades 4-9 have been sitting diagnostic tests in their classes. Diagnostic tests are designed to provide teachers a good idea of your child’s strengths and weaknesses in scientific skills and analysis. This will allow teachers to individualise and cater for the needs of your children.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that your support as parents is vital to the success of your child. We would be happy to assist if you have any issues regarding your child’s progress.

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**SCHOOL BUSES**

In order to use the school buses, parents are requested to register formally at the school. We need written details about each child that travels on the school bus. All written requests must be submitted to Mr. Khattab (only) and he has the final decision about whether children can or cannot be accommodated on the school buses. Enrollment for buses is a totally separate issue from being accepted for a place in school.

All children travelling on school organised buses are expected to behave properly and are subject to school authority.

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**Click on the event, to read more details**

- **1620** Mayflower departed England
- **1792** Monarchy abolished in France
- **1810** Mexican War of Independence began
- **1812** Napoleon entered Moscow
- **1862** Lincoln issued Emancipation Proclamation
- **1893** New Zealand first in women’s vote
- **1914** Irish nationalist sought German support
- **1932** Gandhi began fast in protest of caste separation
- **1939** Soviet Union invaded Poland
- **1940** Italy invaded Egypt
- **1946** First Cannes Film Festival
- **1955** Little Richard recorded “Tutti Frutti” ([Listen to it here](#))
- **1982** Massacres at Sabra and Shatila
- **1983** Vanessa Williams became first black Miss America
TEXT BOOKS

All students will be issued with their respective text books by their class / subject teachers during the first week of school. Please ensure that your child takes good care of these items and that they make every effort to avoid mislaying books.

IF YOU ARRIVE LATE, SEE YOUR TEACHER OR GO TO THE BOOK STORE.

The NIS school day is structured to allow children of all ages to have structured learning and supervised socialization time. The school day is as follows.

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This is a planned programme to help children and young people develop fully as individuals and as members of families and social and economic communities. ‘Children with higher levels of emotional, behavioural, social and school well-being on average have higher levels of academic achievement and are more engaged in school, both concurrently and in later years.’

SUPER EXAMINATION RESULTS

Once again, this year has seen an outstanding set of results for IGCSE students and good results for A Level examinations at Nada International School. It has been a remarkable achievement by all concerned and is a testament to the effort put in by all pupils and staff as well as the support given by NIS parents.

There has been a marked increase in A* and A grades with students at IGCSE achieving outstanding grades. These results have significantly exceeded the global average score in all IGCSE subjects.

Mr Mark’s Maths Challenge

Can you find four consecutive prime numbers that add up to 220?