We would like to thank all of our parents who came to the third parent-teacher conference on Saturday 14th May. Most parents thought that the day was a great opportunity to speak to the teachers and find out how well their children are doing. We as educators relish the chance to meet parents and communicate how NIS is helping all of our students to fulfil their true potential. Although we strive to regularly correspond with parents, it is always great to see them face to face.

We would also like to thank the house captains from the student council who have worked hard this year by volunteering for all three parent teacher conferences. They did a fantastic job helping parents with any questions that they had on the day.

TERM 3 EXAMINATION SESSION

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French, HRF, Islamic Studies and Urdu will have no end of term exams (continuous assessment).

English, Elective 1, Elective 2 exams (for Grade 9 only) will be done during red week (Wednesday first three periods). ICT exams will be conducted in red week. English Listening exams will be done during red week (English language periods.)

Buses leave at 11:15 p.m.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GRADES 10 & 11 ARE NOW ON STUDY LEAVE. IF STUDENTS WISH TO ATTEND DROP-IN SESSIONS, THEY MUST BE IN FULL UNIFORM.

Sunday 29th May: Term 3 Examination session

Thursday 2nd June: Last day for all students
~ Mr Werner’s Science Facts ~

“Did you know?”

- Breathing the air of Beijing has the same health risks as smoking 21 cigarettes a day.

- It takes the Solar System about 240 million years to complete one orbit of the Galaxy.

- Neptune has the strongest winds in the Solar System: 2,100 km/hour (1,304 mph).

- Charles Darwin ate every animal he discovered.

- Between 10 and 20 volcanoes are erupting somewhere on Earth every day.

- A group of owls is called a Parliament.

- The mortality rate of a Black Mamba snake bite is almost 100%.

- Women blink 19 times per minute, compared to 11 for men.

- The human eye can distinguish about 10 million different colours.

- An average person in the U.S. eats 35 tons of food in a lifetime.

- Coconut water can be used (in emergencies) as a substitute for blood plasma.

Mrs Yvonne’s Idioms.

The theme for today’s idioms is locations. See how many you can use this week!

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<td>To be completely confused</td>
<td>I’m all at sea with this summary.</td>
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<td>To be over the hill</td>
<td>To be too old for something</td>
<td>Mr Kevin is a little over the hill to be playing football.</td>
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<td>To go to town on something</td>
<td>Do something efficiently and as completely as possible</td>
<td>Grade 4 boys really went to town on their English projects.</td>
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<td>To go round the houses</td>
<td>To say or do something in a very complicated way when it could be very simple</td>
<td>Don’t go all round the houses. Just tell me my marks!</td>
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<td>To lead someone up the garden path</td>
<td>To deceive someone</td>
<td>Don’t lead me up the garden path. Just tell me the truth!</td>
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The Nada Book Fair was a great success. It was wonderful to see students, parents and Nada staff supporting and enjoying the wide range of books on sale. Thank you all who attended and we look forward to the next Book Fair.

Here are some of the students’ comments about the event:

I underestimated this - Sara Taha 7G

I never imagined it would be this amazing; can we have more book fairs? - Fayrouz Maged 7G

It has great books - Khaled Fadi 7BB

Well displayed - Zainab Hashem 7G

We liked that they kept getting more books everyday - Alghaliah 7G

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.
Ms. Amani’s

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Click on the event, to read more details

1498 Vasco da Gama reached India
1568 Mary Queen of Scots was defeated
1588 Spanish Armada set sail
1717 Voltaire was imprisoned in the Bastille
1770 Louis married Marie Antoinette
1860 Lincoln was nominated for presidency
1873 Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis received patent for blue jeans
1929 First Academy Awards ceremony
1935 Lawrence of Arabia died
1940 Churchill announced: “I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat.”
1943 Churchill and FDR plotted D-Day
1955 The Warsaw Pact was formed
1956 United States dropped hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll
1970 Operations continued in Cambodia
1973 Televised Watergate hearings began
1988 Soviets began withdrawal from Afghanistan
1998 Frank Sinatra died
2001 Shrek was released
2012 Donna Summer, queen of disco, died

Mrs Yvonne’s Book Review

River Boy by Tim Bowler

Fifteen-year-old Jess’s grandfather has just had a major heart attack, but he insists he finish his painting, River Boy. At first, Jess cannot understand why this painting is so important to her grandfather, especially since there doesn’t seem to be any boy in it at all. But while swimming in the river herself, Jess begins to feel the presence of a strange boy. Could this be the same one her ailing grandfather struggles to paint? And if so, why has he returned?

This is a book about love, loss, hope, and coming to terms with bereavement. Although it seems to be a gloomy subject this book is in fact full of hope and promise. The writing is poetic and often has a dream-like quality which makes it different from a lot of children’s books. The book won the Carnegie Medal in 1997 (the year it was published) and the Angus Book Award in 1999.

Amazon rating 4.6 out of 5

Goodreads.com rating 3.7 out of 5

Grade 4 girls were very excited to present their 3D cell models. Many creative ideas were done to show the different parts of a cell. The Grade 4 students learned the different functions of each part. Well done girls!