

Nada International School Newsletter



APRIL 2024

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Welcome back, Nada International School community! As we embark on Term 3, we extend a warm welcome to all parents, students, and staff. April has been an exhilarating month filled with a myriad of student events and activities that have enriched our learning environment. Alongside our commitment to productive and effective teaching and learning, we are thrilled to share the highlights of the past month with you.

Cambridge Exams:

We extend our best wishes to all our students as they undertake their Cambridge Exams. The examinations are progressing smoothly, and we are eagerly anticipating new achievements from our students. Let's support them as they showcase their knowledge and skills on this international platform.



Term 2 Awarding Ceremonies:

Our Term 2 Awarding Ceremony was a splendid occasion where we celebrated the remarkable achievements of our students. They were honored with certificates for their dedication and efforts. Additionally, we celebrated their success in various competitions, including the UKMT International Maths Competition, the NIS Best Azan Voice Competition, Annual Houses Awards, and the Golden Ticket Raffle Draw. Congratulations to all the winners!





**FIELDTRIP
CANCELED**

Fieldtrips Update:

Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions and flooding, our planned field trips had to be canceled. However, rest assured that we are diligently working to reschedule new field trips for our students in Grades 6-9 immediately after the assessment week. Safety remains our top priority, and we appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Table Tennis Tournament:

Let's give a round of applause to Yasmine of the Yellow team for claiming first place, showcasing remarkable skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Equally deserving of praise is Daline from the Red House, securing second place with her impressive performance and unwavering dedication. Congratulations to both of them!

We also extend our appreciation to all participants for their valuable contributions, fostering a memorable tournament brimming with competitive spirit and camaraderie. Your passion for the game has undeniably enriched the experience for everyone involved.

Next week, it's the boys' turn to shine in their own Table Tennis Tournament. Stay tuned for the thrilling results and captivating photos in our upcoming May Edition!



Day Spotlight: Shining a Light on Sustainability!

At NIS, we believe in the power of collective action to create positive change in our community and beyond. That's why, on 22nd April, students and teachers came together to participate in Earth Hour, a global movement to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote sustainability.



During Earth Hour, which takes place annually, millions of people around the world switch off non-essential lights and electronic devices as a symbolic gesture of their commitment to protecting the planet. This year, our school joined the movement by turning off lights in classrooms, hallways, and common areas. As the lights & electronics were switched off, the excitement and anticipation among students and teachers grew.



Earth Hour at NIS was not only a moment to pause and reflect on the importance of environmental conservation but also a powerful reminder of the collective power we hold to create positive change. By coming together as a school community, we demonstrated our

commitment to sustainability and inspired others to join us in making a difference. As we look ahead, let us continue to find ways to incorporate sustainability into our daily lives and work together to protect our planet for future generations. Together, we can make a world of difference.

Student Council Appreciation:

We applaud our student council for their dedicated leadership this academic year, organizing diverse events enriching our school community. Gratitude extends to our esteemed mentors Mrs. Hana, Mrs. Khaoula, Mr. Zuko, Mrs. Sara, Mrs. Marwa, Mrs. Muneera, Mr. Yushin, and Mr. Joash, whose guidance nurtured student growth. A special acknowledgment goes to Mr. Shabbir for his exemplary leadership and organizational skills. Thank you all for your unwavering support and mentorship, which has fostered a vibrant learning environment.



Fire Drill Success:

Our third fire drill of the academic year was executed flawlessly, thanks to the cooperation and diligence of our students and staff. We completed the evacuation procedure in under 4 minutes and 40 seconds, showcasing our commitment to safety protocols.





New Computer Lab and Upgrades:

Exciting news! We are thrilled to announce the opening of a new computer lab in Block 5, adding to our technological resources. Furthermore, computers in Block 4 and students' classrooms have been upgraded, enhancing the learning experience for our students.

Arabic Story Writing Competition:

We are proud of our students' exceptional storytelling skills displayed in the Arabic Story Writing Competition. Their creativity and talent continue to inspire us all. We encourage all Arabic speaking students from G4 to G9 to take part. Check the NIS Students MS Teams Channel for details.

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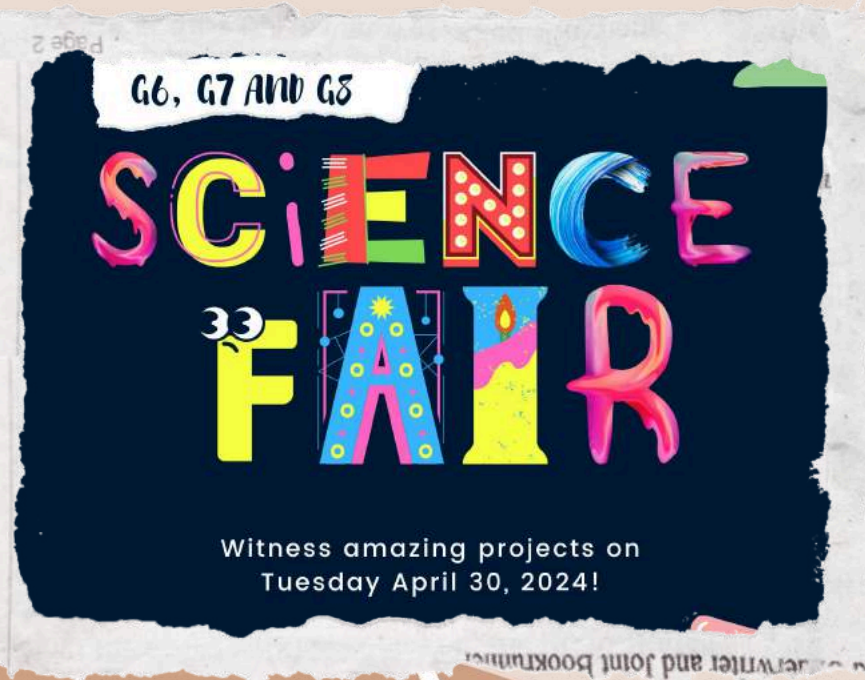
الفئة الثانية من (الصف السادس إلى السابع) : (200-350 كلمة)

الفئة الثالثة من (الصف الثامن إلى التاسع) : (350-500 كلمة)

3. كتابة القصة بلغة عربية فصيحة تتناسب مع الفئة العمرية المستهدفة.
4. كتابة القصة بخط اليد و في حالة الوصول للمرحلة النهائية عليك كتابتها باستخدام برنامج ال Microsoft Word وبخط Times New Roman حجم 14 وترسل على البريد الإلكتروني لمعلم اللغة العربية أو من خلال رابط Microsoft Form.
5. يكتب الطالب بياناته الخاصة في الإستمارة المخصصة للمسابقة ، و يمنع كتابتها على القصة المقدمة.
6. ألا تكون القصة المقدمة قد سبق نشرها ورقياً أو إلكترونياً.
7. أن تعتنى القصة بإبراز القيم الأخلاقية و العادات و التقاليد الاجتماعية التي يعتز بها مجتمع الذي نعيش فيه .
8. يُفضل أن تبرز الأعمال المشاركة تسليط الضوء على قضايا اجتماعية مثل المساواة، التمييز ، أم العدالة، وكيف يؤثر ذلك على حياة الشخصيات.

Maths Week and Science Fair:

KG and Primary School students immersed themselves in Maths Week, enjoying interactive learning activities. Additionally, our annual Science Fair was a resounding success, with students showcasing their scientific research skills to the entire school community. Look inside this newsletter edition for details.



Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the Nada International School community. Together, we strive to nurture academic excellence, creativity, and holistic development in our students.

Mr. Mohammad Wajeeh
Executive Principal



الأرنب والسلحفاة



طالبات الصف الأول والثاني تمرنّ على فن كتابة الرواية وتأليف القصص باستخدام مهارات التفكير العالي، وشملت التدريبات:

1. بناء الشخصيات والكتابة.
2. إثارة الفضول وخلق عوالم مختلفة.
3. التركيز على الوضوح والتبسيط.
4. تنمية الخيال والإبداع في السرد القصصي.
5. بناء الأحداث وتطوير الشخصيات.

وبعد إجراء سباق حقيقي بين الأرنب والسلحفاة، قامت الطالبات بكتابة قصة مثيرة حول هذا السباق، وقد تميّز تطبيقهنّ لجزء مهم في القصة وهو السباق بين الأرنب والسلحفاة.



التربية الإسلامية

في رحلة تعليمية مميزة لفهم أركان الإسلام، قدّم طلاب الصف الأول لوحات فنية جماعية تجسد هذه الأركان الخمسة. بعد شرح كل ركن وتطبيق بعضها عملياً، أظهر الطلاب مهاراتهم وتعاونهم بطريقة ممتعة وجذابة. الأنشطة تعزز فهم الأركان وتطبيقها عملياً، وتعزز مهارات التعاون والإبداع. تم تأكيد احترام جميع الأديان وتشجيع الطلاب على ممارسة أركان الإسلام في حياتهم اليومية. النتائج كانت رائعة، حيث أظهرت تفاعل الطلاب مع الموضوع وتعزيز القيم الإسلامية في نفوسهم. نحن متحمسون لمواصلة رحلتنا التعليمية والإيمانية مع طلابنا.



Early Leave Procedure for Students

At Nada International School, we strive to minimize disruptions to your child's education. While we encourage you to schedule appointments and events outside of school hours whenever possible, we understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise.



To ensure a smooth process and proper communication, please remember that all requests for early leave must be submitted via email or message to your child's form tutor, registration office, or directly to the school principal. Permission for early leave will only be granted for documented appointments or emergencies. Please be sure to attach any relevant documentation (such as an appointment letter) to your request.

The school principal will be the sole authority on approving early leave requests. Following this procedure will help us maintain a safe and organized learning environment for all our students.

Re-enrollment Reminder

Parents, kindly remember to submit the re-enrollment forms expressing your intentions for the next academic year. To reserve seats for your children, please ensure the deposit payment is made before Thursday, 23rd May. Your timely cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Introducing a New Assessment Scheme

NIS is committed to providing a well-rounded education for all students, and that includes a fair and balanced assessment system. This year, we're excited to unveil some important changes to our assessment scheme!

Previously, End of Term Examinations (EOTs) were the primary method of assessing student learning. While exams are valuable, relying solely on them limited opportunities for early feedback. This could be challenging for both students, who faced pressure without ongoing guidance, and teachers, who had less data to personalize instruction.

To address these concerns, we're reintroducing a variety of assessments throughout the term. This includes quizzes, tests, and subject projects conducted in classrooms. This approach offers several benefits:

- **More Comprehensive Feedback:** Regular assessments allow teachers to identify student strengths and weaknesses earlier, leading to more targeted support.
- **Reduced Pressure:** Students can track their progress throughout the term, reducing the "last-minute cram" stress often associated with EOTs.
- **Dynamic Learning Environment:** Ongoing assessments enable teachers to tailor their approach based on student performance, fostering a more active learning experience.

We believe this new scheme will not only enhance fairness but also create a richer learning environment for all NIS students. We will be providing more detailed information about the specific assessments used in each subject area to both students and parents.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive for excellence at NIS! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or school administration.



Book Week

Term 3

Week 5



Sunday 12th May 2024

Dress as your favorite Book character

Character Discussion

Book marks

Jeopardy



Monday 13th May 2024

Silent Reading

Bring a Book to school

Book review

Tuesday 14th May 2024

Writing workshop

Crafting original stories with prompts

or

pictures

Wednesday 15th May 2024

Story telling competition

Venue: Block 6 (ICT)

Thursday 16th May 2024

Photos, Awards and recognition



WORLD HEALTH DAY

In honor of World Health Day on April 7th, Nada International School joined the global movement to focus on global health issues. Throughout the week, students participated in educational activities that promoted healthy habits and well-being.



From classroom discussions about nutrition and exercise to school-wide initiatives encouraging handwashing and hygiene, Nada International School fostered a culture of health awareness among its students. This commitment to promoting healthy habits will empower our students to make positive choices throughout their lives.



What's On in Grade 2

In the G2G classroom, our NIS students were deeply engrossed in a reading comprehension activity.

With books open before them, they leaned in attentively, expressing a mixture of concentration and intrigue.

Some students animatedly discussed the text with their peers, while others diligently jotted down notes or underlined key points.



Reading comprehension promotes critical thinking skills by requiring students to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information from texts. It helps them develop the ability to make connections, draw inferences, and identify main ideas and supporting details.



Reading comprehension is not only essential for academic achievement but also for fostering critical thinking, communication skills, empathy, and lifelong learning, all of which are vital for success in school and beyond.

Pastoral Care

At NIS, nurturing students' emotional and psychological well-being is integral to our mission. We are committed to developing resilient individuals capable of facing life's challenges with strength and positivity. As part of our comprehensive Pastoral and Character Development Programme, April's focus centered on gratitude and appreciation.



Throughout the month, students engaged in activities and discussions during form tutor time, delving into the importance of cultivating thankfulness for what they have. This essential skill not only fosters a sense of contentment and happiness but also instills resilience in navigating life's ups and downs. By fostering an environment where gratitude is valued and practiced, we empower our students to develop a mindset of abundance and resilience, equipping them with valuable tools for their personal and academic journeys.



MATH WEEK FUN

We hope you had a blast during our thrilling Math Week adventure! From April 29th to May 2nd, NIS students delved deep into the captivating realm of numbers, shapes, and patterns, making Math Week a resounding success.

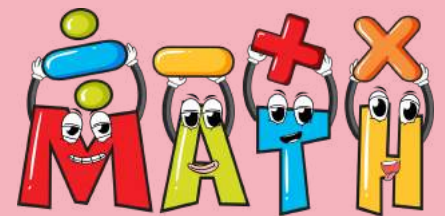
Throughout Math Week, students engaged in a plethora of fun and interactive math activities, both in and out of the classroom. From exhilarating math games to hands-on practical challenges, there was something for everyone to enjoy and learn from.

Maths has also been present in the school projects. The grade 4 Boys used their mathematical skills to work on “budgets” and design for their own parks.

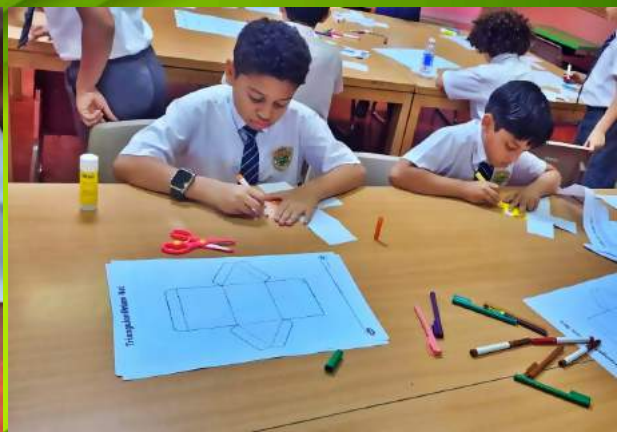
KG students played creative math games and learned about shapes and the numbers in our daily lives.



Math Week wasn't just about solving equations or memorizing formulas; it was about igniting a passion for mathematics and demonstrating how math permeates our everyday lives.



Thank you for joining us in celebrating Math Week, where excitement, exploration, and endless possibilities were at the forefront of our mathematical journey!



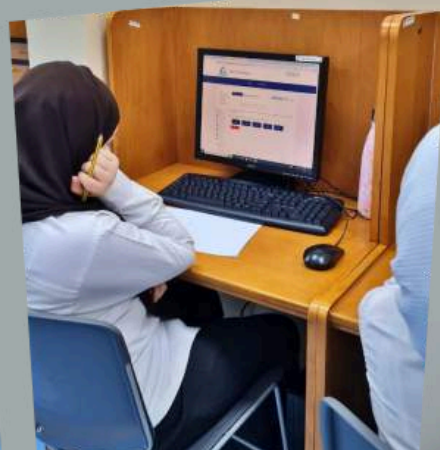
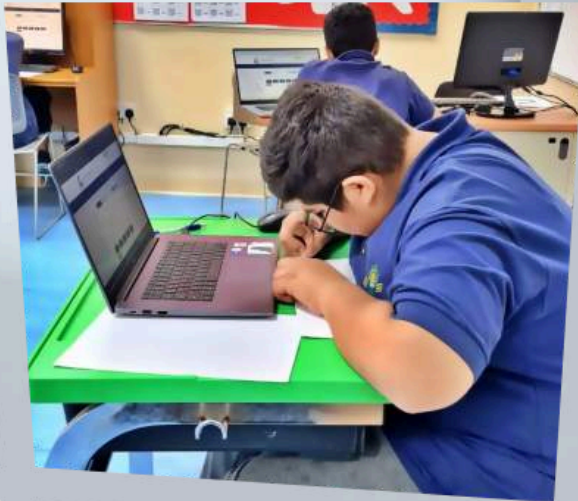
NIS Students' Council Assembly

The Students' Council Assembly and Award ceremony is a yearly highlight, uniting the school community to applaud students' leadership and achievements. It showcases diverse talents and contributions, highlighting students' dedication to serving their peers and implementing impactful projects at the school. The event serves as a platform to honor student leaders' hard work and dedication, fostering values of teamwork, empathy, and excellence. With pride, encouragement, and applause, recipients are celebrated, promoting a sense of unity and pride throughout the school. Congratulations to our young leaders—keep up the excellent work.



JUNIOR UKMT

Our school recently hosted the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge, engaging the bright minds of our Grade 6 and 7 students. Under the guidance of Mrs. Sarah, our enthusiastic participants eagerly tackled a range of mathematical problems, showcasing their problem-solving skills and mathematical prowess. The atmosphere was electric as students collaborated, competed, and celebrated their love for mathematics. It was a fantastic opportunity for our young mathematicians to challenge themselves and showcase their talents on a national platform. We look forward to more mathematical adventures and achievements in the future!



End of Term 2 Awarding Ceremony

The End of Term 2 Awarding Ceremony at NIS was a joyous occasion celebrating the outstanding achievements and efforts of students from Grades 1-12. It was a heartwarming event filled with pride and applause, recognizing students' academic excellence, leadership, and contributions to the school community. Congratulations to all the award recipients for their remarkable achievements. We extend our gratitude to teachers, staff, and parents for their unwavering support. Your guidance and encouragement are instrumental in our students' success. As we look back on the past term, let's continue to strive for excellence, embrace new challenges, and foster a positive learning environment together.



Primary Awards





welcome to kindergarten



Show and Tell in early education fosters speaking skills and social interaction as children share items with classmates. It boosts language proficiency through describing, storytelling, and Q&A. This interactive activity builds community and celebrates individuality, enhancing listening skills. It's a joyous opportunity for children to express themselves and learn from peers. Enjoy glimpses of our enthusiastic students in action!



CREATIVE WRITING THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITY



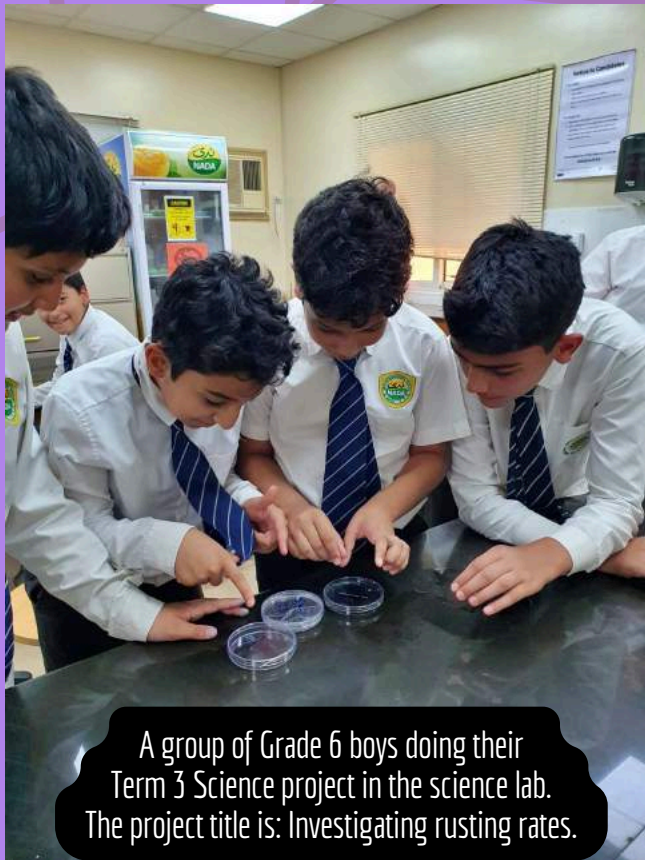
We are excited to share with you the wonderful learning experiences your children have been engaging in with Jolly Phonics! Recently, KG2 students had the opportunity to not only learn about the letter 'j' but also to explore its sound and shape through a hands-on activity - making jelly in the classroom.

Through this interactive experience, children not only practiced their fine motor skills but also developed their language abilities by describing the process and ingredients involved in making jelly. Additionally, following the activity, our budding writers had the chance to express their creativity through a writing exercise inspired by their jelly-making adventure.

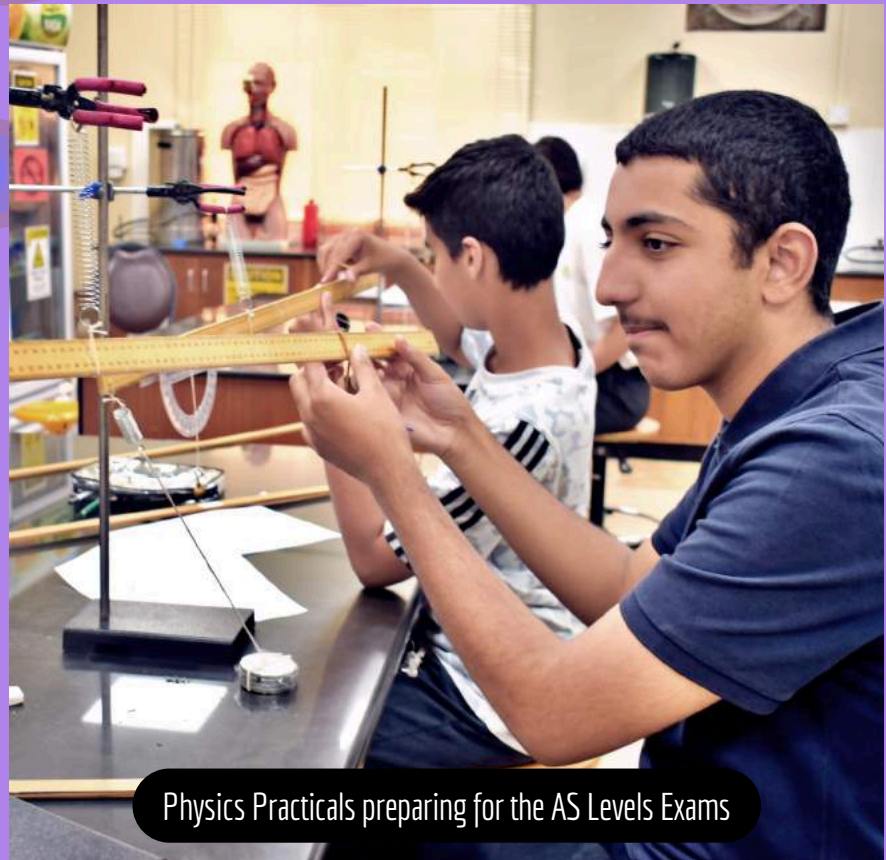
This activity not only fostered a love for learning but also reinforced the connection between phonics instruction and real-world applications. We are thrilled to witness our students' enthusiasm for learning and are eager to continue providing engaging and meaningful experiences to support their literacy development.

SCIENCE CORNER

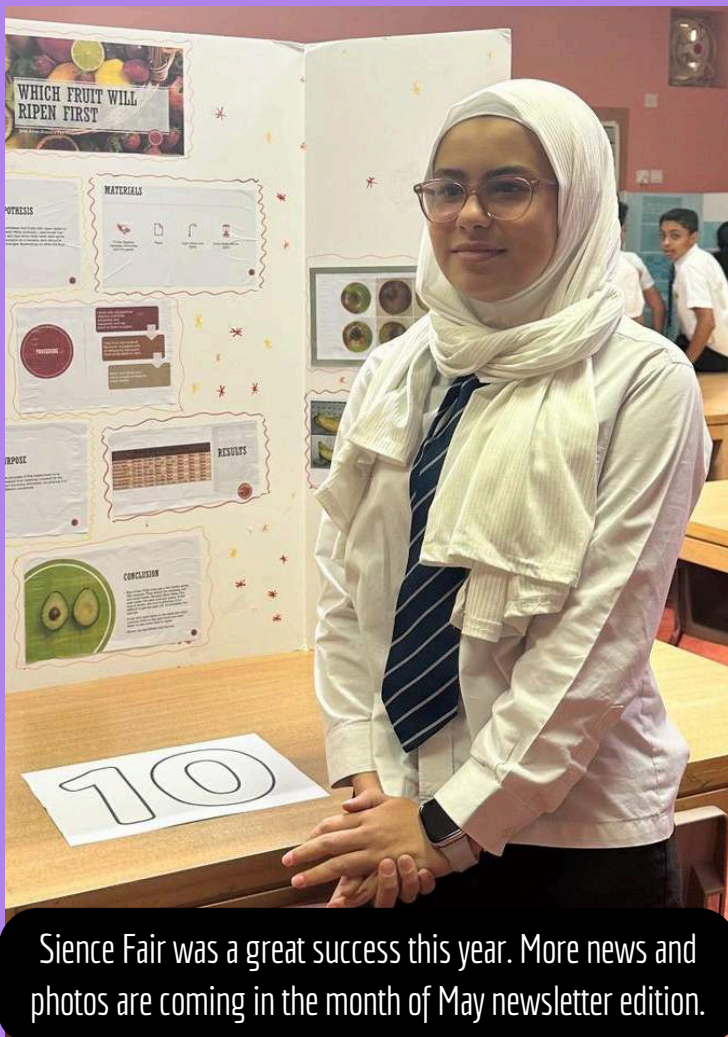
As usual, science education is one of the major highlights you can see every day at NIS.



A group of Grade 6 boys doing their Term 3 Science project in the science lab. The project title is: Investigating rusting rates.



Physics Practicals preparing for the AS Levels Exams



Science Fair was a great success this year. More news and photos are coming in the month of May newsletter edition.



Another group is experimenting the sound waves travelling through solids using a "cup telephone"