

Nada International School Newsletter

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MESSAGES FROM EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Students,

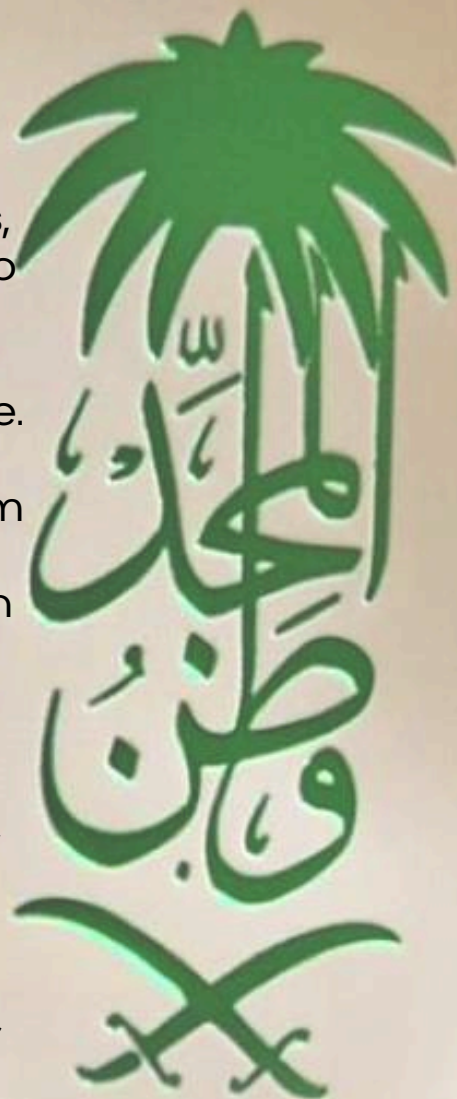
September has been a month filled with exciting learning opportunities, fun activities, and memorable experiences. I am delighted to see our students embracing new challenges, exploring their passions, and growing as individuals. As we move forward, let us continue to foster a supportive and inspiring learning environment where everyone can thrive. Welcome to the September edition of our newsletter!

NIS Celebrates Saudi National Day

NIS marked the 94th Saudi National Day with a vibrant celebration filled with fun activities and patriotic spirit. Students from all grades participated in singing, dancing, poetry recitations, Jeopardy competitions, and drawing contests. To showcase their creativity, students decorated their classrooms with the Saudi flag and green decorations and dressed in traditional Saudi attire. To ensure that all students could join the festivities, the celebration was live-streamed from various locations around the school. This allowed students to watch and participate from their own classrooms.

Saudi delicacies and sweets were distributed to add to the celebratory atmosphere. The event was a resounding success, and NIS is proud to have fostered a sense of national pride and unity among its students.

For more photos and highlights of the Saudi National Day celebration, visit our school's social media platforms and check out this edition of our newsletter.



NIS Volleyball Competition:

The NIS Volleyball Competition for boys in grades 8-12 was a thrilling event filled with intense matches and incredible teamwork. The players showcased their skills and sportsmanship, leaving spectators on the edge of their seats. The competition was a highlight of the school year, fostering camaraderie and a love for the sport.

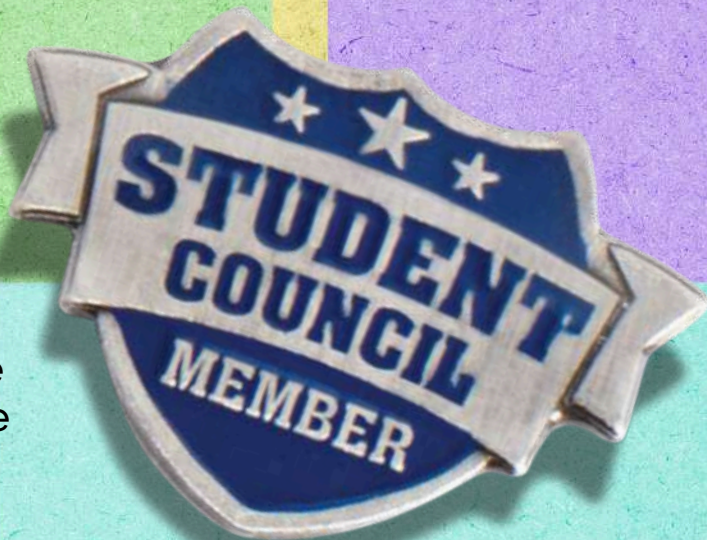


NIS: Cultivating Compassionate Citizens

NIS fosters a culture of giving back through its community service program. This initiative empowers students to develop a caring and well-rounded character by actively contributing to the school community. During their non-contact time, students engage in various tasks such as tutoring younger students, organizing school resources, assisting with break duties, and supporting school events. These experiences help students develop essential skills and become responsible and productive citizens.

NIS Houses and Student Council Elections

The NIS Houses and Student Council elections have officially concluded, and we are excited to announce that the elected students have already begun their roles! These dedicated representatives are eager to make a positive impact, showcasing their House Colors with pride and contributing to the Student Council Committees. Stay tuned for more updates and details in the October edition!



STEAM Fieldtrip to Riyadh

Our Intermediate school students embarked on a thrilling fieldtrip to the Saudi STEAM Education Summit in Riyadh. The trip, while tiring, was undoubtedly an enriching experience. Students had the opportunity to explore cutting-edge technologies, engage with industry experts, and gain valuable insights into the world of STEM.



NAFIS Success: Girls Shine Bright

Our girls' primary school has achieved outstanding results in the NAFIS assessment, scoring an impressive 91%. This top-tier performance places our school at the forefront of education in its category. We commend our dedicated students and teachers for their hard work and commitment. While the boys' results were less favorable, we are committed to implementing strategies to improve their performance and ensure that all our students receive a high-quality education.



Microsoft Showcase School Status

NIS is committed to providing students with a world-class education and is actively working to become a Microsoft Showcase School. Our dedicated teachers have been diligently improving their digital teaching skills through professional development courses, including those offered by ChatGPT. By obtaining CPD certificates, they are enhancing their abilities to effectively utilize digital learning applications and platforms, ensuring our students receive the best possible support in their academic journey.



University Exhibition Trip

NIS students recently embarked on a thrilling university exhibition trip, exploring various higher education options and career paths. The trip provided invaluable insights into the diverse fields of study available, helping students make informed decisions about their future.

Sustainability in Education

NIS is committed to fostering a sustainable learning environment. Through initiatives such as eco-friendly practices, energy conservation, and environmental education programs, the school is empowering students to become responsible global citizens and protect our planet.



Digital Citizenship Awareness

In today's digital age, it is crucial to educate students about responsible online behavior. NIS is dedicated to promoting digital citizenship awareness, teaching students about online safety, cyberbullying prevention, and ethical use of technology.

Digital learning has become an important component of our students' learning experience at NIS. Through the use of digital tools and platforms, students can communicate and collaborate effectively, as well as develop essential research skills. By fostering a positive and responsible digital environment, NIS is preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.



New Basketball Court for the Girls' School

NIS is proud to announce the completion of a brand-new basketball court at the girls' school. This state-of-the-art facility will provide students with ample opportunities to engage in physical activity, develop their athletic skills, and promote a healthy lifestyle.



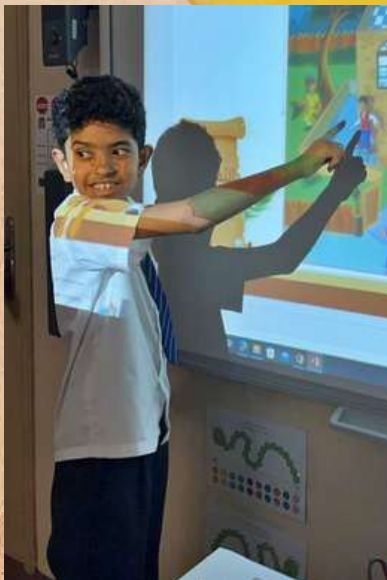
A Balancing Act of Learning

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Snapsshots



End-of-Term (EOT) Revision Week Exams Schedule

Students take normal "Revision" lessons during this week. They follow the same timetable. Some EoT Examinations are planned to be take as per the schedule below:

	GRADE 4		GRADE 5		GRADE 6		GRADE 7		GRADE 8		GRADE 9		GRADE 10	
	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS
SUN	REVISION WEEK ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE										E. Listening		ICT	ICT
20.Oct											P6	P7	P1&2	P6&7
MON	E. Listening		E. Listening		ICT	ICT					ICT	E. Listening		
21.Oct	P5	P6	P3	P2	P3	P3					P1&2	P5	P4	
TUE			ICT	ICT			ICT	ICT	E. Listening					
22.Oct			P4	P6			P5	P7	P7	P7				
WED	ICT	ICT			E. Listening		E. Listening				ICT			
23.Oct	P4	P7			P1	P1	P6	P6			P1&2			
THU									ICT	ICT	History/Arabic/Urdu			
24.Oct									P6	P6	P2+3		P6+7	

The rest of EoT Examinations take place between 27, October and 7, November
School Day starts at 7:10 AM and end at 11:15 AM. Students only attend during the scheduled days to sit for their exams

2024-2025 End of Term 1 Examinations Schedule													
DAY-GRADE		G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7	G8	G9	G10	G11	G12
SUN	27.Oct	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Biology	Math	Math	Math
MON	28.Oct	AT HOME - STUDY DAY											
TUE	29.Oct	English	English	Islamic	English	English	English	English	English	English	English	Chemistry	Chemistry
WED	30.Oct	AT HOME - STUDY DAY											
THU	31.Oct	Arabic AFL Urdu	Science	English	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	H	Business Env. Mng	BS	IT	IT
WEEKEND													
SUN	03.Nov	ICT	Islamic	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Physics	Physics	Physics	Physics
MON	04.Nov	AT HOME - STUDY DAY											
TUE	05.Nov	Islamic	ICT	Arabic AFL Urdu	Islamic	Islamic	Islamic	Islamic	Islamic	Chemistry	Chemistry	Biology	Biology
WED	06.Nov	AT HOME - STUDY DAY											
THU	07.Nov	Science	Arabic AFL Urdu	ICT	Arabic AFL Urdu	Arabic AFL Urdu	Arabic AFL Urdu	Arabic AFL Urdu	Arabic AFL Urdu	Math	Biology	Check your MS Teams & ClassDojo	

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT: A SNAPSHOT OF LEARNING

Mrs. Shereen Demonstrates Effective Strategy

In a recent classroom, NIS teacher Mrs. Shereen showcased a powerful formative assessment technique: the 'Student Whiteboards'.

After covering a learning objective, Mrs. Shereen would pause and give students a moment to reflect on their understanding. Students would then answer a couple of questions on their small whiteboards and raise them to display their responses. This quick and efficient method allowed Mrs. Shereen to gauge students' comprehension and adjust her teaching accordingly.



The 'Student Whiteboards' strategy not only provides valuable insights into student learning but also fosters a competitive and engaging classroom environment. By using positive reinforcement and celebrating students' successes, Mrs. Shereen encourages active participation and a growth mindset. This approach ensures that every student has the opportunity to learn and succeed.



CULTIVATING SUSTAINABLE MINDS: NIS AND THE SDGs

NIS is committed to fostering a generation of students who are aware of and passionate about sustainable development. By integrating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into our curriculum and school culture, we aim to empower our students to become responsible global citizens.

To achieve this, we will implement the SDGs throughout the school, incorporating them into our daily form tutor time, weekly pastoral and character development instruction, and Global Perspectives lessons. With 17 goals to explore, we can dedicate one goal per week during form tutor time to raise awareness and understanding.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Furthermore, our subjects like Global Perspectives, Sciences, and Humanities offer excellent opportunities to connect learning content to the SDGs. By highlighting the relevance of these goals in various disciplines, we can help students see the interconnectedness of different issues and their impact on our world.

To reinforce the SDGs, we will also print and display posters in classrooms, serving as visual reminders and prompts for discussions related to these goals. By immersing our students in a sustainable learning environment, we hope to inspire them to take action and contribute to a more sustainable future.

HANDS-ON SORTING FUN IN GRADES 1 AND 2!

Mr. Tanzil's Grade 2 boys had an exciting lesson on sorting objects. They discovered that some items, like leaves, can be easily separated by hand into categories like green, brown, and yellow. However, Mr. Tanzil also demonstrated that some mixtures require special equipment to be sorted properly. The boys showed great responsibility by tidying up and putting all the leaves into a bin bag when they finished.



Meanwhile, Mrs. Sherren's Grade 1 students engaged in a similar hands-on activity, collecting rocks from the fields around the school. They studied their collections and sorted the rocks based on different characteristics, applying their learning in a real-world context. These activities provided the students with a fun, practical way to explore sorting and classify objects—true real-life learning in action!











NIS: A COMMITMENT TO SAFETY AND SECURITY

At Nada International School (NIS), the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors are our top priorities. We are committed to maintaining a secure and well-kept environment through a comprehensive range of safety measures and maintenance practices.

Our active and well-trained custodian team works diligently alongside our daily electrician checks and AC maintenance routines to keep our facilities in top condition. We have partnered with Nada Safety Team for expert guidance and support, while our School Security team monitors the campus 24/7 with CCTV coverage. Regular fire drills are conducted, and our Health and Safety Professional Committee ensures we adhere to high safety standards.



Health services are equally prioritized, with a dedicated nurse and an active health education calendar that includes regular health checks for students. Our strong student safeguarding and pastoral programs build a safe and nurturing environment for students to thrive emotionally and socially.

We've also implemented practical measures like parent parking and traffic control, weekly pest control checks, bi-monthly water fountain inspections, and staff first-aid training sessions. At NIS, we are committed to providing a safe, secure, and supportive learning environment for our entire school community.



NIS ELC, A World of Wonder and Exploration



Our KG students had an exciting art session filled with drawing and coloring activities. Little artists explored their creativity using vibrant colors and imaginative designs. The joy on their faces says it all—learning is always fun at NIS!



PASTORAL AND CHARACTER BUILDING PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER

September was an exciting and enriching month for our students at NIS as they participated in a variety of activities as part of our Pastoral and Character Building Program. The program, designed to foster holistic development, focused on topics such as healthy eating, making positive life choices, anti-bullying, online safety and practicing good manners. These activities encouraged students to engage in meaningful discussions, reflect on their behaviors, and adopt healthy and positive habits.

HIGHLIGHTS

In addition, our students explored environmental topics, including the advantages and disadvantages of 3D printing and renewable energy resources. These engaging sessions allowed students to research and critically analyze the impact of technology and sustainable practices on our environment. Primary school students took their learning a step further by conducting interviews with staff and their peers. They worked collaboratively in groups to research these topics, ask insightful questions, and present their findings through small projects.



This hands-on, student-led approach showcases the numerous learning activities happening every day at NIS. It not only helps students gain a deeper understanding of the world around them but also nurtures their development as creative thinkers and proactive individuals. By participating in these activities, our students are learning to take effective roles in positively influencing society and growing into well-rounded citizens prepared to make a difference. We are proud of their enthusiasm and the progress they are making!

Promoting a Love of Reading

New Library Lessons and Reading Initiatives

We're excited to share that one of the significant improvements we've introduced this year is the addition of library lessons to the primary school timetable. This initiative aims to increase students' access to books and foster a love of reading.

As part of our broader program to enhance student learning experiences, we've also implemented strategies to encourage students to summarize and write book reports after reading. This helps deepen their comprehension and understanding.



To further enrich students' reading experiences, we've begun using the "Reading Progress" platform. This innovative tool is designed to increase students' enthusiasm for reading and expand their vocabulary, ultimately improving their language skills.

We encourage you to support your child's reading journey by providing them with books and other reading materials. Consider replacing screen time with actual book reading time. By creating a reading-friendly environment at home, you can help your child develop a lifelong love of books and learning.

Thank you Very Much
For Your Continued Support

Mohammad Wajeeh
Executive Principal



I ♥ books