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#### **NOYA NEWS**



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#### **Admissions for the Academic Year 2025/2026**

As Noya British School continues to grow and expand, we are experiencing increased interest in places for the upcoming year. To ensure that your child secures their place and benefits from first priority before we open admissions more widely, we kindly urge all families who have not yet reenrolled to do so by the deadline.

Your continued partnership and commitment to our school community mean a great deal to us. We look forward to another successful year of learning and growth together.

If you have not yet received your invoice, please contact <a href="mailto:finance@noya.sch.ae">finance@noya.sch.ae</a> for assistance.

It is important to note that we strictly adhere to regulations set forth by the Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) when placing children in specific years or grades within our schools. Please refer to the following guidelines:

Students will be assigned to year groups or grades in accordance with their age from FS1 to Year 2 and Pre-KG to Grade 1, as follows:

Age	Year/ Grade	DOB from	DOB To
3-4	FS1/Pre-KG	01 September 2021	31 August 2022
4-5	FS2/KG1	01 September 2020	31 August 2021
5-6	Year 1/KG2	01 September 2019	31 August 2020
6-7	Year 2/Grade1	01 September 2018	31 August 2019

For more information, please contact our admissions team on admissions@noya.sch.ae





NOYA
BRITISH SCHOOL
Presents

12TH JUNE, 2025 • 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM • MPH STAGE, NOYA BRITISH SCHOOL

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: DANITA BRENNAN
DIRECTED BY & MUSICAL DIRECTOR AMINA ELHALAWANI



Brought to you by the Parents Councils

# FOR SALE!



We want to sincerely thank all the students and families who supported our first ice lolly sale—your enthusiasm and participation far exceeded our expectations! It was wonderful to see so many students enjoying the treat. A huge thank you also to our Parents Councils who organised this sale what a wonderful end to the week.

Due to the high demand, the ice lollies sold out quickly, we're excited to let you know that we'll be increasing the supply for future sales to ensure more students can take part including bus students. We're happy to announce that the Parents Councils will be holding another sale before Eid break on Wednesday, June 4th.







If you would like to volunteer and help us cater to more students, please email Ms Zeina at **pre@noya.sch.ae** and she will arrange with the councils

Thank you again for your continued support and community spirit.

#### Message from the Principal - Ms. Sarah Isberg

Dear Parents,

It's been another fantastic week at Noya British School and I want to start by congratulating all our students on the brilliant start they've made to their GL Assessments. Their focus, determination and resilience have been outstanding — we are so proud of the way they have approached this important week of learning and reflection. Another exciting initiative underway is our Noya Family Recipe Book! A big thank you to the parents who have already contributed their delicious recipes. It's been wonderful to see the range of cultures, traditions and flavours that make our community so special. If you haven't yet sent in your favourite family dish, there's still time — we'd love to include your recipes.

Looking ahead, we're pleased to invite all parents of our current Year 6 students to our upcoming Transition to Year 7 Meeting on Tuesday 3rd June. This important session will help you and your child prepare for the exciting move into secondary school. The meeting will be led by our Secondary Head and offered at two times to suit all families — 8:30am in person at school and 12:00pm online. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

We'd also like to remind you to keep your eyes peeled for more information about our exciting upcoming events, including:

- Graduation dates for FS2 and Year 6 (always a special moment in the year),
- Our Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Evening, led by our passionate Year 6 students,
- The much-anticipated production of Annie,
- Our whole school celebration "Sheikh Zayed's Legacy: A Vision for the Future", which will showcase student work
  across the school and be open to our entire community.

Finally, thank you for your overwhelmingly positive feedback in the recent parent survey. We are thrilled that so many of you rated us a 9 or 10, indicating that you are true promoters of our school. As a reminder, anything less than a 9 means you're considered neutral or a detractor — so we really appreciate your support in helping us grow and improve.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

أولياء الأمور الأعزاء،

لقد كانت أسبوعًا رائعًا آخر في مدرسة نويا البريطانية، وأود أن أبدأ بتهنئة جميع طلابنا على البداية المذهلة التي قدموها في اختبارات .GL لقد كانت تركيزهم وإصرارهم ومرونتهم استثنائية — ونحن فخورون جدًا بالطريقة التي تعاملوا بها مع هذا الأسبوع المهم من التعلم والتأمل.

ومن المبادرات الرائعة الأخرى التي بدأنا بها هو "كتاب وصفات عائلة نويا"! شكراً جزيلاً لأولياء الأمور الذين أرسلوا وصفاتهم اللذيذة. كان من الرائع أن نرى هذا التنوع في الثقافات والتقاليد والنكهات التي تجعل من مجتمعنا مكانًا مميزًا. وإذا لم تكونوا قد أرسلتم وصفتكم العائلية المفضلة بعد، لا يزال هناك وقت — يسعدنا أن ندرج وصفاتكم.

وبالنظر إلى الفترة القادمة، يسعدنا دعوة جميع أولياء أمور طلاب الصف السادس الحاليين لحضور اجتماع الانتقال إلى الصف السابع، وذلك يوم الثلاثاء 3 يونيو. سيساعدكم هذا اللقاء المهم، أنتم وأطفالكم، على الاستعداد للانتقال المثير إلى المرحلة الثانوية. وسيُقدَّم في موعدَين لتناسب جميع العائلات — الساعة 8:30 صباحًا في المدرسة حضوريًا، والساعة 12:00 ظهرًا عبر الإنترنت. نأمل أن نراكم جميعًا.

كما نود تذكيركم بمتابعة الرسائل القادمة حول فعالياتنا الشيقة المقبلة، ومنها:

حفلات التخرج للـ FS2 والصف السادس (دائمًا ما تكون لحظة مميزة في العام)،

أمسية أهداف التنمية المستدامة (SDG) بقيادة طلاب الصف السادس المبدعين،

عرض المسرحية المنتظرة "آني"،

احتفال المدرسة الكامل بعنوان "إرث الشيخ زايد: رؤية للمستقبل"، والذي سيعرض أعمال الطلاب من جميع الصفوف ويُفتح أمام جميع أفراد المجتمع.

وأخيرًا، نشكركم على تعليقاتكم الإيجابية في استبيان أولياء الأمور الأخير. نحن سعداء جدًا بأن العديد منكم قيّمنا بتقييم 9 أو 10، مما يدل على أنكم من الداعمين الحقيقيين لمدرستنا. ونذكّر بأن أي تقييم أقل من 9 يُعدّ تقييمًا محايدًا أو سلبيًا — لذا فنحن نُقدّر دعمكم الكبير في مساعدتنا على النمو والتطور.

نتمنى لكم عطلة نهاية أسبوع مريحة وممتعة.

#### Message from the Assistant Principal - Mr. Michael Hughes



#### **Dear Parents**

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to all families who have already donated Mother Tongue books as part of our new initiative to celebrate inclusivity and a strong sense of belonging here at Noya British School. Your support is helping us build a truly diverse and welcoming environment for all our learners.

We are also pleased to share that our learners are progressing brilliantly through their GL assessments. Their focus, effort and positive attitude have been outstanding. Next week, we will continue with the final set of assessments, which will include Maths and Science.

Please be aware that the assessment schedule may be adjusted slightly due to upcoming trips and the Eid holidays. However, we can assure you that all learners will have completed their GL assessments by Friday 13th June.

Thank you for your continued support.	

أولياء الأمور الأعزاء،

نود أولاً أن نتوجه بخالص الشكر والتقدير لجميع العائلات التي تبرعت بكتب بلغاتها الأم ضمن مبادرتنا الجديدة للاحتفاء بالتنوع وتعزيز الشعور بالانتماء في مدرسة نويا البريطانية. دعمكم يساهم في بناء بيئة شاملة وغنية ترحب بجميع المتعلمين.

كما يسعدنا أن نشارككم أن طلابنا يحرزون تقدمًا رائعًا في اختبارات GL، حيث أظهروا تركيزًا عاليًا وجهدًا كبيرًا وموقفًا إيجابيًا ملحوظًا. وسنواصل الأسبوع المقبل أداء المجموعة الأخيرة من التقييمات، والتي ستشمل مادتي الرياضيات والعلوم.

يرجى ملاحظة أن جدول التقييمات قد يخضع لبعض التعديلات البسيطة بسبب الرحلات المدرسية القادمة وعطلة عيد الأضحى. ومع ذلك، نؤكد لكم أن جميع الطلاب سينتهون من اختبارات GL بحلول يوم الجمعة 13 يونيو.

شكرًا لدعمكم المستمر.



# Sheikh Zayed Award Certificates









#### Principal Award Certificate















The Principal's Award is given to learners who exemplify outstanding effort, achievement and character. This award celebrates those who demonstrate a commitment to their personal growth, academic excellence and a positive impact on the school community.

#### - Ms Sarah Isberg

### SMARTIE OF THE WEEK





















# **Attendance Certificates**















#### Mark Your Calendar

02-June	Police Academy Visit - Cultural Identity	8:00 - 12PM
03-June	Year 6 Transition to Year 7	8:30 AM
10-June	Year 3 trip - Louvre	
10June	Parent Workshop - Transition Year Groups/Preparing your child - General	8:30 AM
11-June	NECC visit	8:00 AM
12-June	Year 5 trip - Louvre	
11-June	Coffee morning with New England Center	8:00 AM
18-June	Year 6 trip - Madcap and City Challenge	



- services-including ABA, speech and language, and occupational therapy help children build skills, independence, and confidence.
- · Understand the different service delivery models available-clinicbased, school-based, and home consults-and how they can be tailored to meet your child's unique needs.
- · Get practical guidance on what to look for in a therapy provider, how individualized treatment plans work, and how NECC ensures ethical, evidence-based care every step of the

Presented by



Tiffany Howley MS BCBA

The New England Center for Children Clinic Abu Dhabi





To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students during outdoor activities, we will soon be implementing a 'No Hat, No Play' policy. This means that children without a hat will be required to remain indoors during break and lunch time.

All students are encouraged to wear their school hats, if that's not possible, a plain black hat as an alternative.

#### Sickness:

If the reason for a student's absence is that they are unwell, parents should message the student's class teacher on E-Praise and the school reception before 7:30 AM, explaining illness/reason for absence.

A medical/doctor's is required for all illness absences.

#### **EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!**





5 minutes late to lessons

19 missed school days every year

Missing just 2 school days per month means you miss 10% of the school year



Students who are frequently late or absent are 7 times more likely to struggle with reading and math

100% attendance and 0% lates = SUMBS

Parents, pupils and teachers - achieving together!





At Noya British School, we are committed to promoting healthy lifestyles and supporting our learners in making positive food choices. As part of this, we kindly remind all parents that unhealthy and sugary treats such as cupcakes with frosting, sweets, lollipops and fizzy drinks are not permitted in school.

This also includes birthday celebrations. While we truly appreciate that many children enjoy marking their special day with classmates, we ask that any birthday treats brought into school follow our healthy eating guidelines. Healthier alternatives like fruit skewers, plain popcorn or oat bars are encouraged. Even better, non-edible options such as birthday books, stickers or fun classroom activities are fantastic ways to celebrate!

Please note that if any unhealthy items are brought in, we will not be able to distribute them to the class and will return them to you at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school a happy and healthy place for all learners.

# HEALTHY) EATING GUIDELINES

#### OVERVIEW

Our school environment supports the growth, health and well-being of learners. A healthy diet is linked to improved academic achievement.

#### WATER

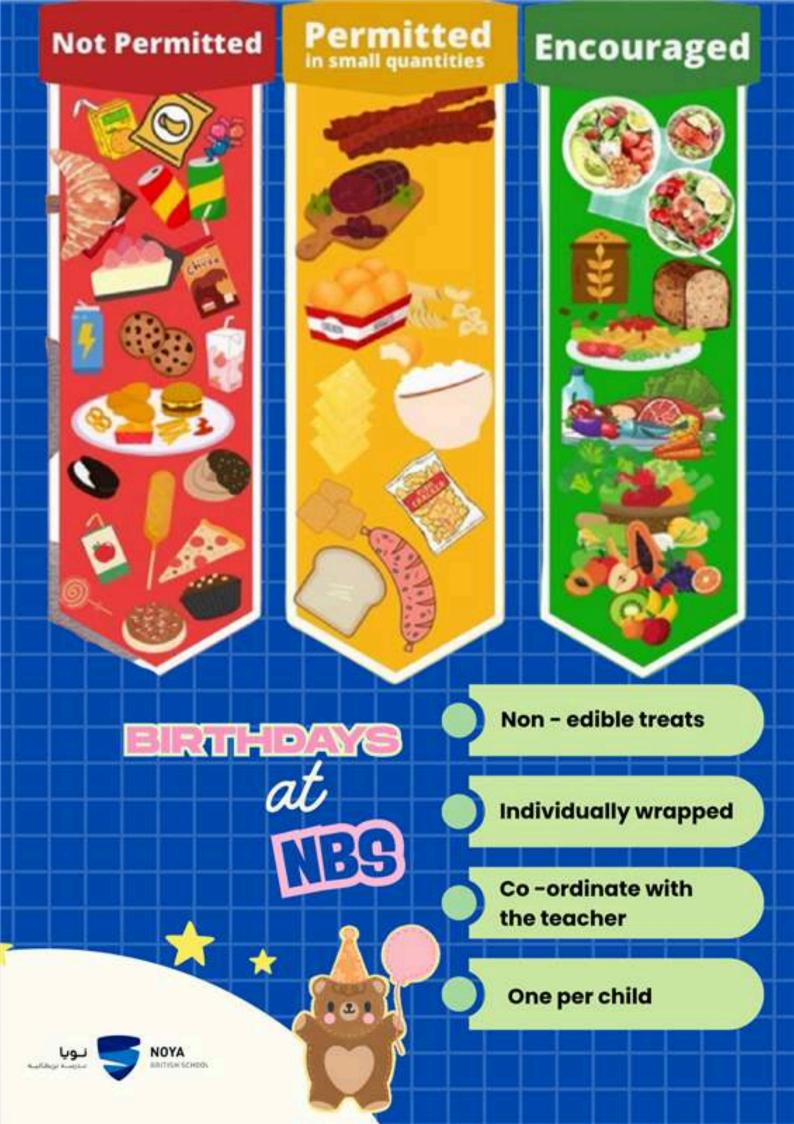
Each child must have a refillable water bottle with their name printed on it.

#### LUNCHES & SNACKS

Children may purchase their lunch in school or bring lunch from home. Your child should bring healthy snacks from home to eat during their scheduled break. Our traffic light system (see below) indicates the foods that children should and should not bring to school. This is in line with the Ministry of Education's regulations and the Department of Health in Abu Dhabi's recommendations.

Our food service provider offers a wide range of healthy, hot and cold snacks, beverages and lunch items. Menus are available on the Spare application. Learners may pay via a top up card or pre pay on the app. For health and safety purposes, microwaves are not available in the cafeteria or classrooms. Learners bringing lunch from home must bring food items that do not require heating.





#### **EYFS Updates**

This week has been full of exciting learning opportunities!

The children were delighted to observe the growth of their plants and engaged in thoughtful discussions about the changes they noticed. Their curiosity and enthusiasm have been blooming right along with their plants and it's been a joy to witness.

Next week promises more hands-on exploration as we dive into the life cycle of a frog as part of our ongoing 'Growing' topic. Children will have the opportunity to express their learning through mark making and rich conversations. They are also expanding their vocabulary and beginning to use new words confidently in their play and discussions.

In addition, we will be celebrating Eid al-Adha by making special Eid cards, allowing the children to engage in the festive spirit and share warm wishes with their friends and families.

لقد كان هذا الأسبوع حافلًا بفرص التعلم المشوقة.

لقد أبدى الأطفال سعادة كبيرة أثناء ملاحظتهم لنمو نباتاتهم، وشاركوا في مناقشات غنية حول التغيرات التي لاحظوها. لقد كانت فضولهم وحماستهم تنمو جنبًا إلى جنب مع نباتاتهم، وكان من الرائع مشاهدتهم وهم بكتشفون وبتعلّمون.

ويعد الأسبوع القادم بمزيد من الاستكشاف العملي المثير، حيث سنبدأ في التعرّف على دورة حياة الضفدع ضمن موضوعنا المستمر "النمو". وسيتمكّن الأطفال من التعبير عن تعلّمهم من خلال الرسم الحر والمحادثات الغنية. كما أنهم يوسّعون مفرداتهم ويبدؤون في استخدام كلمات جديدة بثقة أثناء اللعب والنقاشات.

بالإضافة إلى ذلك، سنحتفل بعيد الأضحى المبارك من خلال صنع بطاقات تهنئة خاصة، ما يتيح للأطفال الفرصة للمشاركة في الأجواء الاحتفالية ومشاركة الأمنيات الطيبة مع أصدقائهم وعائلاتهم.











#### **KS1 Updates**



We are incredibly proud of our Key Stage 1 children for the sensible and mature way they approached their assessments this week. Their hard work and focus truly impressed us and it has been wonderful to see just how much progress they have made this year. A big thank you to all our parents for your continued support — it really does make a big difference. Please do keep up the revision at home as we head into the final weeks of term. Have a lovely and restful weekend!

نشعر بفخر كبير بأطفال المرحلة الأساسية الأولى (Key Stage 1) للطريقة الناضجة والواعية التي تعاملوا بها مع تقييماتهم هذا الأسبوع. لقد أذهلنا اجتهادهم وتركيزهم، وكان من الرائع أن نرى مدى التقدم الكبير الذي أحرزوه خلال هذا العام.

شكرًا جزيلًا لجميع أولياء الأمور على دعمكم المستمر — فله تأثير كبير بالفعل. نرجو منكم الاستمرار في المراجعة المنزلية خلال الأسابيع الأخيرة من الفصل الدراسي.



#### **KS2 Updates**



Dear parents,

This week, our students have made a strong and successful start to their GL assessments. In preparation, they have been completing some focused revision activities in class to help consolidate their learning and build confidence. We will continue with our GL assessment schedule next week and we kindly encourage parents to support with the following:

- · children are well-rested
- enjoy a healthy breakfast
- arrive at school on time each morning.

These small steps make a big difference in helping our learners feel calm, focused and ready to do their best.

أولياء الأمور الأعزاء،

لقد بدأ طلابنا هذا الأسبوع بداية قوية وناجحة في اختبارات GL. وكجزء من الاستعداد، قاموا بتنفيذ أنشطة مراجعة مركزة داخل الصف، مما ساعدهم على ترسيخ تعلمهم وتعزيز ثقتهم بأنفسهم.

سنواصل جدول اختبارات GL خلال الأسبوع المقبل، ونرجو منكم دعم أبنائكم من خلال الأمور التالية:

التأكد من حصولهم على قسط كافٍ من النوم،

تناول فطور صحي في الصباح،

والوصول إلى المدرسة في الوقت المحدد يوميًا.

هذه الخطوات البسيطة تُحدث فرقًا كبيرًا في مساعدة أطفالنا على الشعور بالهدوء والتركيز والاستعداد لتقديم أفضل ما لديهم.

شكرًا لدعمكم المستمر.









## Week Beginning 26 May 2025 PE Updates



#### Winning ways - Two trophies is better than one!

Huge congratulations to our Year 3&4 and 5&6 students who worked hard to compete in the Aldar Pulse Athletics event this week!

After tests of speed, endurance, power and teamwork, Noya British School stamped their mark and walked away with two trophies this week! Year 3&4 winning on Wednesday, followed up on Thursday by year 5&6. We're really proud of the effort and teamwork of all students this week, a brilliant performance!

طرق الفوز – كأس واحد جيد، لكن كأسين أفضل!

تهانينا الحارة لطلاب الصفين 3 و4، وطلاب الصفين 5 و6، الذين بذلوا جهدًا كبيرًا للمنافسة في فعالية "الدار بولس لألعاب القوى" هذا الأسبوع!

بعد اختبارات في السرعة، والقدرة على التحمل، والقوة، والعمل الجماعي، أثبتت مدرسة نويا البريطانية تميزها بجدارة، حيث حصلت على كأسين هذا الأسبوع! فاز طلاب الصفين 3 و4 يوم الأربعاء، وتبعهم طلاب الصفين 5 و6 يوم الخميس. نحن فخورون جدًا بما أظهره طلابنا من جهد وتعاون هذا الأسبوع — أداء رائع بكل المقاييس!













### Week Beginning 26 May 2025 MOE Updates



سعدنا كثيرًا هذا الأسبوع بتحقيق إنجاز رائع يبعث على الفخر، حيث فاز 9 من طلابنا في مسابقة القرآن الكريم على مستوى مدارس الدار في أبوظبي، وتوزعت إنجازاتهم بين المراكز الأولى والثانية والثالثة.

نهنئ طلابنا المبدعين على هذا التفوق، ونشكر أولياء الأمور والمعلمين على دعمهم المتواصل، ونسأل الله أن يجعل القرآن الكريم ربيع قلوبهم ونور صدورهم.

We were absolutely delighted this week to celebrate a remarkable achievement — 9 of our students won top places in the Qur'an Recitation Competition across Aldar schools in Abu Dhabi, securing first, second and third places.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our outstanding students on this success and we thank all parents and teachers for their continued support.

May the Holy Qur'an remain a source of light and guidance in their hearts and lives.







#### **ECAs updates**



Next Tuesday, 3rd June, marks the final day of ECAs for this academic year. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all parents and guardians for their continued support and of course, a huge thank you to the children for their incredible enthusiasm, energy and engagement throughout the term. As we begin planning for next year's programme, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please take a moment to scan the QR code below and share your suggestions for ECAs from FS1 to Year 9—what opportunities you would like to see offered and what your children would love to do, achieve, or learn. Thank you once again for being such a supportive community. If you have any questions or would like to share feedback directly, please don't hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:nmeeker@noya.sch.ae">nmeeker@noya.sch.ae</a>

يصادف يوم الثلاثاء المقبل، 3 يونيو، آخر يوم للأنشطة اللامنهجية (ECAs) لهذا العام الدراسي. ونود في هذه المناسبة أن نتوجّه بجزيل الشكر والتقدير لأولياء الأمور والأوصياء على دعمهم المستمر، وبالطبع، شكراً كبيراً لأطفالنا الرائعين على حماسهم وطاقتهم وتفاعلهم المذهل طوال الفصل الدراسي.

ونحن نبدأ في التخطيط لبرنامج الأنشطة للعام المقبل، يسعدنا أن نسمع آراءكم واقتراحاتكم. يُرجى تخصيص لحظة لمسح رمز الاستجابة السريعة (QR) أدناه ومشاركة أفكاركم حول الأنشطة اللامنهجية من FS1 وحتى الصف التاسع — ما الفرص التي تودون أن يتم تقديمها، وما الذي يرغب أطفالكم في فعله أو تحقيقه أو تعلمه.

شكرًا لكم مرة أخرى لكونكم جزءًا من هذا المجتمع الداعم. إذا كان لديكم أي استفسار أو رغبة في تقديم ملاحظات مباشرة، فلا تترددوا في التواصل معي عبر البريد الإلكتروني:

nmeeker@noya.sch.ae

#### **Pickup Locations:**

- Swimming, Indoor Cricket, Netball and Badminton collection will be in the Primary Sports Hall.
- Every other ECA will be from the classroom listed on EPraise.



















#### CREATIVE PERFORMING ARTS



🐾 Annie Production Update - Thank You & R<mark>ehearsal Schedule 🎶</mark>

Dear Parents,

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the amazing parent volunteers who helped enhance the orphans' costumes for our Annie production. The added patches have truly brought authenticity and charm to the characters – they look fantastic and we appreciate your time, effort and creativity!

As we enter our final phase of rehearsals, please note that we will be holding extra rehearsals next week on the following days:

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- ( 2:00 PM 4:00 PM

These extended sessions are necessary due to the Eid Al Adha holiday coming up and we need this extra time to ensure everything is polished and performance ready.

To support your child during this busy rehearsal period, please:

- Provide a larger lunch box and refillable water bottle
- W Send their costume in a separate, clearly labeled external bag so they can change easily backstage

All cast members are expected to attend - **no exceptions** - as we are working within a very tight and critical timeline.

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait for you to see the amazing work your children have been doing!

🛂 تحديث حول مسرحية Annie – شكر وجدول البروفات 🋂

أولياء الأمور الأعزاء،

نتقدم بخالص الشكر والامتنان لجميع أولياء الأمور المتطوعين الرائعين الذين ساعدوا في تحسين أزياء الأطفال الأيتام في مسرحية Annie. لقد أضفت الرقع المضافة لمسة من الأصالة والجمال على الشخصيات – ويبدو الأطفال رائعين! نحن نُقدّر وقتكم وجهودكم وإبداعكم كثيرًا.

ومع اقترابنا من المرحلة النهائية من البروفات، نود إعلامكم بأنه ستكون هناك بروفات إضافية الأسبوع المقبل في <mark>ال</mark>أيام التالية:

- 🗂 الاثنين، الثلاثاء، والأربعاء
- 🕒 من الساعة 2:00 ظهرًا حتى 4:00 عصرًا

تُعد هذه الحصص الممتدة ضرورية نظرًا لقرب عطلة عيد الأضحى، ونحن بحاجة إلى هذا الوقت الإضافي لضمان أن يكون كل شيء جاهزًا ومتكاملاً للعرض.

لدعم أبنائكم خلال هذه الفترة المكثفة من التدريبات، نرجو منكم:

- 🥪 تزويدهم بصندوق غداء أكبر وزجاجة ماء قابلة لإعادة التعبئة
- 🙀 إرسال زي المسرحية في حقيبة خارجية منفصلة ومُعلمة بوضوح ليسـهل عليهم تبديل ا<mark>ل</mark>ملابس خلف الكواليس جميع أعضاء الفريق المسـرحـي ملزمون بالحضور دون اسـتثناء، نظرًا لضيق الوقت وأهمية هذه <mark>المرحلة من التحضيرات.</mark>

شكرًا لكم على دعمكم المستمر. نحن متحمسون للغاية لتريكم العمل المذهل الذي أنجزه أطفالكم!

# WELLBEING TIPS

#### **Kindness Starts at Home...**

Kindness is more than good manners; it's a skill children practise, absorb and carry into the world. The best place for this to start is home.

When children experience kindness through tone, touch and example, they learn how to show it to others. Everyday kindness builds confidence, connection and emotional safety.



Make kindness a daily habit:

- Praise kind actions ("That was thoughtful of you!")
- Let your child help with a kind gesture (like writing a card or donating toys/old clothes)
- Model kindness towards yourself too. Speak gently about your own mistakes.

#### Reflect Together:

Ask your child: "What's one kind thing someone did for you today?" Or, "What kind thing did you do for someone else?"

These simple questions help children notice, name and value kindness in action.







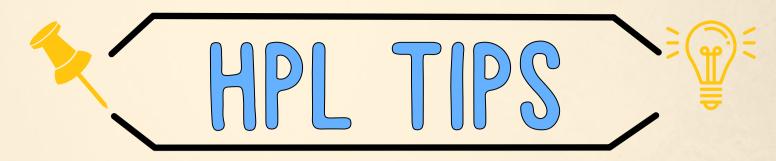
# ECO TIPS

EcoTip 18
SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and
Production

Recycle E-Waste Responsibly
Dispose of old phones, batteries and
electronics at designated recycling centres
across the UAE to prevent harmful chemicals
from entering landfills.



Fact: The UAE generates over 100,000 tonnes of e-waste every year. Recycling helps recover valuable materials and prevents soil and water contamination.



#### **Parent Tips for Developing Meta-Thinking at Home**

#### Talk About the Learning Process

Don't just ask "What did you learn?" — also ask "How did you learn it?" Help your child become aware of the strategies they used to understand or solve something.

#### Normalise Self-Talk

Encourage your child to verbalise their thinking. Say, "Talk me through how you're solving that," to make invisible thinking visible.

#### Reflect Before, During and After Tasks

Prompt reflection at all stages:

- Before: "What's your plan?"
- During: "Is this going the way you expected?"
- After: "What worked well and what would you do differently?"

#### Encourage Mistake Analysis

When something goes wrong, use it as a learning tool. Ask, "What can this mistake teach us?" rather than "Why did this happen?"

#### Model Your Own Thinking

Narrate your thinking when solving problems or making decisions. E.g., "I'm going to list the pros and cons before I decide..."

Home Activity: 'Learning Detective Notebook'

**Focus: Strengthening Meta-Thinking and Self-Awareness** 

#### What You'll Need:

- A notebook
- · Pen/pencil
- 10 minutes after a learning task (homework, reading, project etc.)

#### **How It Works:**

- 1. After completing a learning task, your child becomes a Learning Detective.
- 2. They write a short reflective entry answering key questions (or discuss them aloud with you).
- 3. Over time, this builds a record of how they learn, make decisions and adapt.

#### **Suggested Detective Prompts:**

- What was the goal of the task?
- What strategy did I use to get started?
- Where did I get stuck—and how did I get unstuck?
- Did I learn anything about myself as a learner?
- If I had to do it again, what would I try differently?

# INCLUSION DEPARTMENT UPDATES MS REBECCA BRISTOW



At Noya, inclusion means every child feeling safe, supported and seen — not just those with a diagnosis or identified need. We are committed to nurturing all learners by offering tailored support, flexible approaches and opportunities for every child to thrive.

#### This Week's Inclusion Recap

As part of our inclusive assessment policy, we've been working closely with staff to ensure all students can access the GL assessments in a way that reflects their true abilities. For students who require it, accommodations such as extra time, a quiet room, or a reader have been put in place.

In addition, for a small number of students who are exempt from formal assessments, we are offering alternative provision during this time — such as targeted interventions, enrichment tasks, or therapeutic support — to ensure their time is meaningful and well supported.

#### **Support Resource of the Week**

We know that supporting children emotionally is just as important as academic growth. This week, we recommend the Smiling Mind app — a free mindfulness resource for children and families, full of age-appropriate guided meditations and activities to support focus, calm and emotional regulation. It's available on iOS and Android.

#### Let's Keep Talking

Inclusion is a whole-school journey — and your voice matters. If you ever have questions about how we support your child's needs, or ideas you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Inclusion Team. We're here to support every child, every step of the way.

My calming choices



في نويا، "الدمج" يعني أن يشعر كل طفل بالأمان والدعم والتقدير — وليس فقط الأطفال الذين لديهم تشخيص أو احتياج محدد. نحن ملتزمون برعا<mark>ية جميع المتعل</mark>مين من خلا<mark>ل</mark> توفير الدعم المناسب، والنهج المرن، والفرص التي تمكّن كل طفل من التألق.

ملخص الدمج لهذا الأسبوع

ضمن سياسة ال<mark>تقييم الدامج لدينا،</mark> عملنا عن قرب مع أعضاء الهيئة التدريسية لضمان تمكّن جميع الطلاب من أداء اختبارات GL بطريقة تعكس قدراته<mark>م الحقيقية. وبالنس</mark>بة للطلاب الذين يحتاجون إلى ذلك، تم توفير تسهيلات مثل وقت إضافي، أو غرفة هادئة، أو قارئ مساعد.

بالإضافة إلى ذلك، بالن<mark>سبة لعدد قليل م</mark>ن الطلاب المعفيين من التقييمات الرسمية، فقد قمنا بتوفير بدائل تعليمية خلال هذه الفترة — مثل التدخلات المستهدفة، أو مهام إثرائية، أو دعم علاجي — لضمان أن يكون وقتهم هادفًا ومُدعّمًا بشكل مناسب.

مورد الدعم لهذا الأسبوع

ندرك أن دعم الأطفال عاطفيًا لا يقل أهمية عن نموهم الأكاديمي. لهذا الأسبوع، نوصي بتطبيق Smiling Mind — وهو مورد مجاني لممارسة اليقظة الذهنية (Mindfulness) مخصص للأطفال والعائلات، يحتوي على تأملات موجهة وأنشطة مناسبة لأعمار مختلفة لدعم التركيز والهدوء والتنظيم العاطفي. التطبيق متاح على iOS وAndroid.

♦ لنبقَ على تواصل

الدمج هو رحلة يشترك فيها جميع أفراد المدرسة — وصوتكم مهم. إذا كان لديكم أي أسئلة حول كيفية دعم احتياجات طفلكم، أو أفكار ترغبون بمشاركتها، لا تترددوا في التواصل مع فريق الدمج. نحن هنا لدعم كل طفل، في كل خطوة من الطريق.

# SCHOOL COUNSELLOR UPDATES MS LAUREN PIT



This week at Noya British School we've had the absolute pleasure of cheering on some of our Key Stage 2 learners as they took part in the athletics competitions. It was a joy to see our students display such incredible determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. Events like these are about so much more than physical strength—they help develop resilience, confidence and a positive mindset. I was so proud to watch our students give their best, support one another and represent our school with pride.

Alongside these sporting achievements, we've continued our work in supporting students' social and emotional development. In recent sessions, we've been exploring what healthy friendships look like—how to navigate disagreements, express emotions constructively and build trust with others. These are not always easy skills to master, but they are vital for wellbeing and success both in and out of the classroom.

Through group discussions, role play and real-life reflection, students have been learning how to face friendship challenges with empathy and understanding. We're so proud of the progress they're making and how they are beginning to apply these skills in their daily lives.

As always, thank you for your continued support in helping our children grow into kind, confident and resilient young people.

لقد كان هذا الأسبوع في مدرسة نويا البريطانية مليئًا بالفخر والفرح، حيث استمتعنا بتشجيع عدد من طلاب المرحلة الثانية (Key Stage 2) أثناء مشاركتهم في مسابقات ألعاب القوى. لقد كان من الرائع مشاهدة طلابنا وهم يظهرون عزيمة مذهلة وروحًا عالية من العمل الجماعي واللعب النظيف. فمثل هذه الفعاليات لا تُعنى فقط بالقوة الجسدية، بل تسهم أيضًا في تنمية المرونة النفسية، والثقة بالنفس، والتفكير الإيجابي.

وبالتزامن مع هذه الإنجازات الرياضية، واصلنا عملنا في دعم النمو الاجتماعي والعاطفي للطلاب. وخلال الجلسات الأخيرة، تناولنا موضوع "الصداقة الصحية" — وتعلّم الطلاب كيفية التعامل مع الخلافات، والتعبير عن المشاعر بطريقة بنّاءة، وبناء الثقة مع الآخرين. ورغم أن إتقان هذه المهارات ليس بالأمر السهل دائمًا، إلا أنها ضرورية لتحقيق الرفاه والنجاح داخل الصف وخارجه.

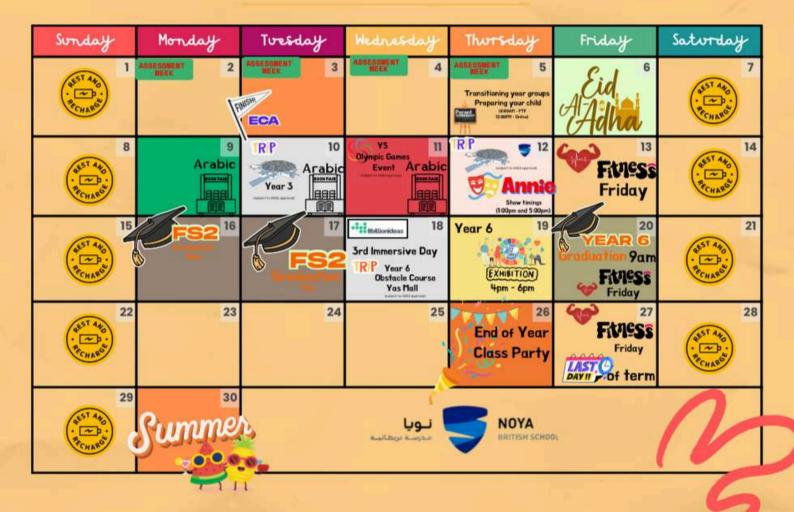
من خلال النقاشات الجماعية، ولعب الأدوار، والتأمل في مواقف من الحياة الواقعية، بدأ طلابنا يطوّرون القدرة على مواجهة تحديات الصداقة بتعاطف ووعي. نحن فخورون جدًا بالتقدم الذي يُحرزونه، وبالطريقة التي بدأوا بها تطبيق هذه المهارات في حياتهم اليومية.

وكما هو الحال دائمًا، نشكركم على دعمكم المستمر في مساعدة أطفالنا على النمو ليصبحوا أفرادًا طيبين، واثقين، ومرنين.

# JUNE CALENDAR



2025





### SCHOOL BAG WEIGHT

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Grade/ Year	Max backpack weight/ KG
FS	2.2
Year 1	2.4
Year 2	2.6
Year 3	3.0
Year 4	3.4
Year 5	3.8
Year 6	4.1
Year 7	4.5
Year 8	5.0
Year 9	5.8

#### **Term 3 Dates for the Diary**

Arafat and Eid Al Adha*	05th - 08th June 2025
Islamic New Year	26th June 2025
Last day for students for the academic year (All Students)	27th June 2025
Summer Break Students (Students)	30th June - 22th August 2025

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