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The Final Edition of 2024



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Admissions for the Academic Year 2025/2026

We are excited to announce that registration for new students at Aldar Academies for the academic year 2025-2026 is now open and we kindly encourage you to complete your application within this week.

To express your interest and begin the application process for the academic year 2025-2026, kindly complete the online application form found in the link below, using your login credentials.

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



Message from the Principal - Mrs. Sarah Isberg



As the term draws to a close, we reflect on what has been an incredibly successful and vibrant term at Noya British School. This final edition of our 2024 newsletter offers us a moment to celebrate the achievements of the past term, acknowledge the wonderful community spirit and look ahead to the exciting plans we have for 2025

This term has been filled with memorable moments and whole-school events that brought our community together. Highlights include:

Sunshine Day, where our students radiated positivity and creativity while embracing the spirit of kindness.

Eid Al Etihad Day, a magnificent celebration of culture and unity, showcasing the talents of our students and the rich heritage of the UAE.

These events truly captured the essence of our school values and reinforced our commitment to fostering a sense of belonging and collaboration.

We are thrilled to announce some exciting new initiatives and enhancements for the next term:

- **High Performance Learning (HPL):** Our journey toward becoming an HPL school will commence, equipping students with the skills and mindset for lifelong success.
- **8Billion Ideas:** This innovative program will inspire creativity and entrepreneurial thinking across the curriculum.
- **Expanded ECAs:** Extracurricular activities will be available every day, offering even more opportunities for students to explore their passions and talents.
- **More Sunshine Days:** Due to the overwhelming success of this term's Sunshine Day, we are excited to bring these joyful events to our calendar every half term.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of you our parents and the wider school community. Your encouragement and involvement make Noya British School a truly special place to learn and grow.

As we bid farewell to 2024, we wish you all a restful and enjoyable Winter Break. **The school will close on Tuesday 17th December at 11.45am** and reopen on Monday, 6th January 2025. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, ready to embark on another term of learning, growth and success.

Thank you once again for a remarkable term. Here's to an exciting year ahead!

Message from The Head of Primary - Ms Tammy Elimlahi



Dear Parents,

As we draw to the end of our very first term at Noya British School, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we have achieved an exceptional opening for our brand-new school. As a community, we have surpassed all expectations and with your continued involvement, we are well on our way to striving for outstanding in every sense.

I couldn't be prouder to be part of such an incredible and united community. This term has been filled with memorable moments that reflect the vibrant and enriching environment we are building for our children. From the joy of our curriculum dress-up days to the pride of celebrating National Day, the fun of Sunshine Day and the invaluable parent workshops, this term has been nothing short of remarkable.

As we look ahead, there is so much more to anticipate in Term 2 and I am excited for all the opportunities that await our students, staff and families.

For now, I wish you all a fantastic winter break. To those travelling, I hope your journeys are safe and filled with wonderful memories. I look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready for another incredible term.

Message from The Assistant Principal - Mr Michael Hughes

Dear Parents,

As Term 1 draws to a close, we want to extend our thanks for your unwavering support in making this term truly remarkable. Together, we've built strong foundations that will propel us forward on our journey to achieving outstanding.

This term has been filled with achievements and joyful moments and we are immensely proud of the progress our learners have made. Term 2 and 3 promise to be even more exciting, with a host of events and initiatives designed to enhance the Noya British School experience for everyone.

One key highlight of Term 2 will be the introduction of High Performance Learning (HPL). This framework will help us develop learners who are confident, resilient and reflective thinkers, equipping them with the skills to thrive in an ever-changing world.

As we head into the winter break, we wish you all a joyful and restful holiday season. Thank you once again for your partnership and we look forward to an inspiring new year together.



This week, we conducted a refresher training session for Emirates Transportation bus supervisors regarding our bus behaviour policy.



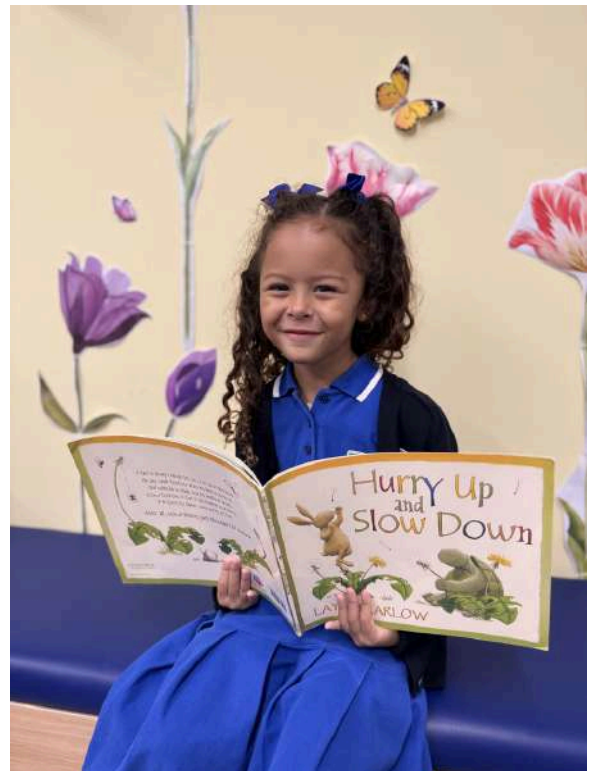
EYFS Updates

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an incredible term we've had! From outstanding teaching and exciting events to fully engaged learners, this term has been a wonderful end to our year.

As we approach the end of the term, we wish our pupils and community a restful and rejuvenating break. When we return for Term 2, we eagerly anticipate exploring new topics, hosting workshops and enjoying more memorable events together.

Warm regards,
Ms. Thompson



KS1 Updates

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of a wonderful first term, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support and dedication. Your continued attendance at school events and the positive feedback we've received mean so much to us. We truly appreciate the partnership we have in supporting your child's learning and development.

We are excited for the start of Term 2 and can't wait to see the children continue their journey of growth and discovery. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable winter break — we look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Warm regards,
Ms. Cronin

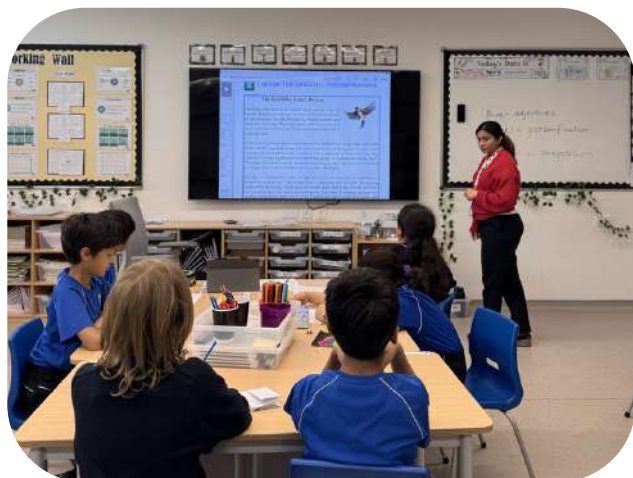


KS2 Updates

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fantastic term we have had! From excellent teaching, exciting events and thoroughly engaged learners, we have had the best start. As we come to the end of the term, we look forward to a restful, rejuvenating break and wish our pupils and community well. When we return in term 2, we look forward to new topics, workshops and events. We look forward to seeing you all next term.

Warm regards,
Ms. Mirza



MOE Updates

طلاب الصف الخامس من العرب قاموا بإنجاز نشاط متكامل يهدف إلى تعزيز مهارات التفكير الناقد لديهم. في البداية، صمموا خرائط ذهنية مرتبطة بالقصة التي درسوها، حيث قاموا بتحديد الأفكار الرئيسية، وتسليط الضوء على تفاصيل القصة مثل الشخصيات، الأحداث، الزمن، والمكان. ساعدت هذه الخرائط الذهنية في تنظيم المعلومات بشكل بصري، مما سهّل على الطلاب استيعاب العلاقات بين عناصر القصة. بعد الانتهاء من تصميم الخرائط، انتقل الطلاب إلى كتابة تحليل شامل للقصة. في هذا الجزء من النشاط، تم التركيز على تفسير أفعال الشخصيات ودوافعها، وتقييم تسلسل الأحداث ومدى تأثيرها على مجريات القصة، بالإضافة إلى استنتاج القيم والعبر التي تحملها.

كما ناقشوا الجوانب الإيجابية والسلبية للقصة، وقاموا بمقارنة بعض الأحداث مع تجارب حياتهم الشخصية، مما عزز من ارتباطهم بالنص المكتوب وزاد من عمق تفكيرهم النقدي. هذا النشاط لم يعزز فقط قدراتهم التحليلية ولكنه أيضًا ساهم في تحسين مهارات الكتابة وتنظيم الأفكار.

Year 5 Arabic-speaking students completed an integrated activity aimed at enhancing their critical thinking skills. Initially, they designed mind maps related to the story they studied, identifying the main ideas and highlighting the story's details such as characters, events, time and place. These mind maps helped organise the information visually, making it easier for the students to understand the relationships between the story's elements. After completing the mind maps, the students moved on to writing a comprehensive analysis of the story. In this part of the activity, they focused on interpreting the characters' actions and motivations, evaluating the sequence of events and their impact on the story's outcome and extracting the values and lessons conveyed. They also discussed the positive and negative aspects of the story and compared some events to their personal experiences. This enhanced their connection to the written text and deepened their critical thinking. The activity not only improved their analytical abilities but also contributed to developing their writing and idea organization skills.



ECAs updates - Ms Kristel

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share some great news with you!

Starting from Term 2, we will be offering a wider variety of Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) for our students. These activities will be provided in partnership with Infinite Sports and they will give your child/children the opportunity to try new and exciting activities outside of their regular school hours.

Today, we had representatives from Infinite Sports visiting our school to inform and engage with students about the new activities such as Swimming, Gymnastics, Football, Robotics and Ballet.

A letter will be shared with you within 24 hours that will include information about both the free ECAs and the ones with an additional cost, as well as the schedule for each activity.

We hope that by offering such a wide range of activities, we can inspire your child's curiosity and encourage them to try something new.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Kind regards,

Ms Kristel Bourgeois
ECA Coordinator



Creative and Performing Arts

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of Term 1, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had together in the Performing Arts at NOYA. From uplifting performances to special events, our students have shown immense talent, creativity and dedication.

We are proud of every student's growth and achievements this term. Whether they sang with joy or danced with enthusiasm, each contribution has made our school community shine brighter.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. We look forward to more inspiring performances, exciting projects and shared moments of celebration in the upcoming term.

Wishing you a restful and joyful holiday season!



🎵 The Music Hub 🎵

We are pleased to be able to offer lessons to all students at Noya British School from Year 2 – Year 6. Lessons will be delivered by The Music Hub. The Music Hub was established in 2014 in Abu Dhabi and has an excellent track record of teaching and exam results.

In Term 2 lessons will be offered for a 12-week block, starting Monday 13th January 2025. Lessons will be 30 minutes long and over the term will be on a rotational basis, ensuring students do not miss the same lesson multiple times.

We are pleased to have confirmed a competitive rate for music lessons that has been significantly reduced from last year. Lessons are 130 AED for an individual 30-minute lesson.

The number of lessons available is limited and so we do encourage you to sign up as soon as possible. Sign up for all students is via the Microsoft form below. Confirmation and payment details will be emailed. Payment is required to secure your music lessons.

<https://forms.office.com/r/P1yDuxcfp6>

The lessons are 30 minutes long and offered during the school day. Music Hub will create a timetable for lessons on a rotation so that students do not miss the same classes at the same time each week.)

For the first 3 lessons instruments will be provided (piano and drum will always be provided). After this point students should have their own instrument to use, not only in lessons but also for individual practice at home. Thomsun Music has agreed to provide direct in-store discounts of up to 7%. Orders can also be completed with Music Hub.



Wellbeing Tips

Take care of yourself
first or you will have nothing
left to give others.
Self-care is not selfishness.
You cannot serve it from
an empty vessel.

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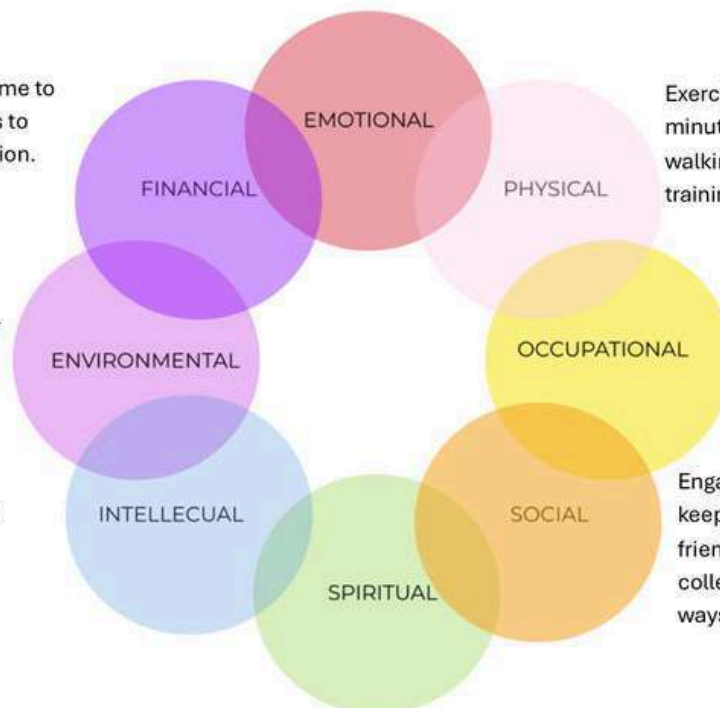
Here are some tips and thought prompts linked to the elements of wellbeing to help you explore and prioritise your own holistic wellbeing:

Practice mindfulness: regular meditation or deep breathing can help us to feel grounded and reduce stress levels.

Create a realistic budget: take time to track your income and expenses to understand your financial situation.

Create a positive and calming environment: organise and declutter your living and working spaces.

Read regularly: read both fiction and non-fiction as well as articles and research papers of topics you are interested in.



Exercise regularly: try to engage in 30 minutes of exercise each day – walking, jogging, yoga or strength training.

Set career goals: think about what success looks like for you and work towards it through small steps.

Engage with people around you: keeping regular contact with your friends and family, engaging with work colleagues and volunteering are all ways to boost social wellbeing.

Practice gratitude: write 2-3 things that you are grateful for each day. This can be as simple as being grateful for your cup of coffee!

Key Updates

Google Review



Scan this QR code to review Noya British School on Google



End of Term



End of Term1:

**Tuesday 17th December
at 11:45 AM**

Smartie of the Week



- **FS1 - E**
- **Year 2 - E**
- **Year 3 - D**



NEXT WEEK EVENTS



COMING SOON 2025

- 07 January - Parent workshop - Attendance and Punctuality
- 08 January - Masdar City Sustainability Trip - Year 6
- 09 January - Parent workshop - Positive Behaviour
- 10 January - Year 1 Dress Day - Royal Tea Party
- 13 to 17 January - School Book Fair
- 16 January - Parent workshop - Phonics, Read & Write Inc.
- 17 January - Eco Warrior Dress Up - Year 5
- 20 to 24 January - Students Official Photoshoot "Headshots"
- 21 January - Parent Workshop- High Performance Learners(HPL)
- 23 January - National Handwriting Day (Arabic & English)
- 24 January - Sunshine Day (National Compliments Day) - Generosity



Parent Governor Vacancy

If you would like to play an important role in your child's education and have some time you are willing to commit, this opportunity may be for you. Schools need enthusiastic and committed people to become governors and we have some vacancies for parent Governors on our new governing body. If you have parental responsibility for a student attending our school, we invite you to put your name forward for consideration.

We are particularly interested in parents who have experience of Finance, Health, Operations or Education, but this is by no means essential. Of greater importance are the desire, interest and time to make a positive contribution. This is likely to involve a couple of evenings a month and on occasion the opportunity to visit the school 'at work' during the school day.

Being a governor is not easy, but it is important, interesting and satisfying. Governors work in partnership with school staff to shape the future of the school, to decide the key issues that will help staff to raise standards and to determine how the school will best spend its money to achieve these aims. They therefore have the opportunity to express their own views, listen to those representing the school and its community and influence students' education for the better.

Please email pre@noya.sch.ae if you would like further information about the governor role.

Parents Council

Earlier this week, we had a meeting with some members of the Parents Council to discuss the school's engagement plan with the community.





Quick Sustainable Food Facts

- **Sustainability Myth: Plant-based food is more expensive than meat**
- **Did You Know: It takes 1,800 gallons of water to produce 1 pound of beef.**

HOW TO BE SUSTAINABLE

Green Plate: Sustainable Catering Practices

Local & Seasonal Sourcing: Use local sourced, seasonal ingredients to reduce your carbon footprint and support local farmers.

Packaging Solutions: Minimize waste, such as using compostable or recyclable packaging, and moving away from single-use plastics.

Energy-Efficient Kitchens: use energy-saving practices in the kitchen operations, like using energy-efficient ovens, LED lighting, and other sustainable kitchen technologies

For any suggestions, feedback or inquiry please contact: noor.zalloom@foodnationme.com



Sustainable recipe of the month: Pumpkin, Feta & Black Bean Enchiladas

INGREDIENTS

- pumpkin cut into wedges
- black beans (soaked overnight and cooked)
- white onion
- garlic
- paprika
- cumin
- coriander
- chili
- diced feta cheese
- FROZEN SPINACH
- Flour tortillas
- Marinara sauce
- Mozzarella cheese

INSTRUCTIONS

- Roast the pumpkin until soft and cut out of skin
- Roast sweet potato until softened
- Saute the onion and garlic in oil
- Add spices and cook out until fragrant
- Add pumpkin and sweet potato and cook until dried out and not too moist
- Stuff into tortillas, cut in half and place on bed of tomato sauce
- Sprinkle with cheese and bake at 180 until golden



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وصفة الاستدامة لهذا الشهر:

إنشيلاداس القرع، الفيتا والفاصوليا السوداء

• المكونات:

قرع مقطع إلى قطع

فاصوليا سوداء (منقوعة طوال الليل ومطبوخة)

بصل أبيض

ثوم

بابريكا

كمون

كزبرة

قلقل حار

جينة فيتا مكعبات

سبانخ مجمدة

خبز تورتيلا

صلصة مارينارا

جينة موتزاريللا

• الطريقة

اشوي القرع حتى يصبح طرياً ثم قشره

اشوي البطاطا الحلوة حتى تصبح طرية

اقلي البصل والثوم في الزيت

أضيفي التوابل واطهيها حتى تصبح رائحتها عطرية

أضيفي القرع والبطاطا الحلوة واطهيها حتى تجف

ولا تكون رطبة

احشي التورتيللا بالمزيج، ثم قطعيها إلى نصفين

وضعيها على طبقة من صلصة الطماطم

رشي الجينة على الوجه واخزيها في الفرن على

حرارة 180 درجة مئوية حتى تصبح ذهبية اللون

حقائق حول الاستدامة

• خرافة الاستدامة: الطعام النباتي أعلى من اللحوم

• هل تعلم: يتطلب الأمر 1,800 جالون من الماء لإنتاج رطل واحد من اللحم البقري

كيف تكون الاستدامة

ممارسات تدعم الاستدامة

الاستيراد المحلي والموسمي: استخدم المكونات المحلية والموسمية لتقليل البصمة الكربونية ودعم المزارعين المحليين.

حلل التعبئة والتغليف: تقليل التغليف، مثل استخدام التعبئة والتغليف القابل للتحلل أو القابل لإعادة التدوير، والتقليل من استخدام البلاستيك ذات الاستخدام الواحد.

المطابخ الموفرة للطاقة: استخدم ممارسات موفرة للطاقة في عمليات المطبخ، مثل استخدام الأفران الموفرة للطاقة، وإضاءة LED، وغيرها من تقنيات المطبخ المستدامة.

للاستفسارات والاقتراحات

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SCHOOL BAG WEIGHT



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

Dates for the Diary

End of Term 1

17th December 2024 - 11:45 AM

Winter Holiday

18th December - 03rd January 2025

Who to Contact?

- Admissions, Ms Hamsa Rakim / Shahzeena at admissions@noya.sch.ae
- Head of Primary / VP, Ms Tammy Elimlahi at telimlahi@noya.sch.ae
- Assistant Principal, Mr Michael Hughes at mhughes@noya.sch.ae
- Head of EYFS, Ms Cherice Thompson at cthompson@noya.sch.ae
- Head of KS1, Ms Michelle Cronin at mcronin@noya.sch.ae
- Head of KS2, Ms Ayesha Mirza at amirza@noya.sch.ae
- School Counsellor - Ms Lauren Pandit at lpandit@noya.sch.ae
- ECA activities - Ms Kristel Bourgeois at kbourgeois@noya.sch.ae
- Parent Relations Executive (PRE), Ms. Zeina Younis at pre@noya.sch.ae
- Reception, Ms. Deala Saqr & Ms. Sarah Al Mashjari at reception@noya.sch.ae

Stay tuned for more information through our Class Dojo Application and social media!



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