



April 2018

## NADEEN NEWS

“SMALL SCHOOL—BIG FAMILY” IN OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR!

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Wow! Here we are in the third and final term of the school year! We have a busy term ahead of us and a lot of events and activities to complement our teaching and learning. Our Recycled Fashion Day, coinciding with Earth Day, is a wonderfully creative way to design (excuse the pun!) a load of rubbish! We will also be focusing on how we can reduce our use of plastic as well as other ways to help protect our environment. We are also looking forward to our annual inter-house Math competition, Talent Show, and our end of year concerts. The PTA are in full swing preparing the very special 40th edition of the school yearbook so please send your photos through to us!

### New library hours!

Calling all bookworms! From April 15th 2018 the library will 'officially' be open to parents / families on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, both before school (7.40am - 8am) and after school (1.45pm-2.15pm), for those who would like to come and browse, read, borrow or return. This will give parents and children the time to look at books together and to foster an even stronger love for reading at home.

### Recycled Fashion Day!



As part of our annual Earth Day celebration on April 22nd, we will be having a Recycled Fashion Day. Children from Year 1-6 will be talking about how to design clothes and accessories out of recycled + upcycled items and take this project home for the whole family to enjoy creating. In the past we've had gowns made from newspaper and necklaces made from rolled up magazines...haute couture at its best! We will showcase the most creative outfits at our assembly on Thursday 26th April so make sure your design is cat-walk ready!

Miss Abigail went to **Nayamba School in Zambia** over the spring holidays. Here is a message from her: “It is always so fantastic to see the progress that has happened in the school between my visits. The school is really growing and developing. Over the next week or so, I will be sending out a full report about my trip, including how the money that Nadeen School raised this year will be spent. I have lots of nice photos too!” Mr. Alex is going to **Sri Lanka** at the end of this month with the Bahrain Rugby Football Club (BRFC) to help disadvantaged schools, orphanages, and local rugby clubs. They are raising money, donating playing kit/equipment, and providing rugby coaching sessions to children while they are there. Thank you for helping us help others!



### Nadeen's Got Talent for Key Stage 1 and 2—19th April to 3rd May

Our annual talent show is back on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Auditions will be held in houses on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April and 5 entries will be selected to represent each house. The format will be slightly different this year as we will be choosing a whole house to win, as opposed to individual winners. We will also be extending the time limit per act from 90 seconds to 2 minutes due to feedback from last year. **Dates for your diaries!** Auditions: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April; Selected entries informed: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April; Music needed due in on USB for selected participants: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April; Talent Show: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

### Sponsored Walk—21st April

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at Arad Bay by the Movenpick Hotel, Nadeen School will be putting on a family event! In order to raise money for the Mother and Child Welfare Society we are going to be organizing a sponsored walk. You can arrive from 8 am and we will begin the 3km walk at 8:30 in order to beat the heat! Sponsorship forms will be sent home with your children for them to start collecting. There will be staff members present during the walk but you must stay with your children during the walk. Make a day of it and bring along a picnic!

### BSPCA Animal Day—24th May

We are continuing our support of the BSPCA this term by having an animal day at school. We'll be talking about our pets, how to take care of our furry, fluffy, and feathery friends, and also how to support the animals in our community. Bring an optional cash donation or can/packet of dry dog or cat food...and you can dress up or accessorize as your favourite animal, too!



Dates for your diary!

- 16 April—**INSET DAY—** all children finish at 11am
- 17 April—PTA Bus Trip
- 19 April—Maths House competition
- 21 April—Sponsored Walk
- 22 April—Earth Day and recycled Fashion Show
- 1 May—Labour Day
- 3 May—Talent Show
- 24 May—BSPCA Animal Day

## News from the Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Hello and a big "thank you!" from the PTA to everyone who supported our final Bake Sale of the year either by donating or buying some yummy treats, or both! We raised BD187. Now we are very busy preparing this year's Nadeen School Yearbook. We are looking for Advertisers so if you or your company would like to sponsor the **very special 40th Anniversary edition yearbook** by placing an advert please email [hilary.lantzos@nadeenschool.com](mailto:hilary.lantzos@nadeenschool.com).



Our final **bus trip** of the year will be on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Led by one of our own PTA mums, Aysha, we will be exploring Muharraq Souq, the Bin Mattar House, and a local eatery for good food! The cost will be BD6 so please sign up in the office with Hilary. We are also organising another **family day at the Art Rotana** before Ramadan so watch out for the posters at school and on our PTA Facebook page.

## ...HOUSE NEWS...

### ARADOUS

#### House Points

1956

### AWAL

#### House Points

1889

### TYLOS

#### House Points

1844

### DILMUN

#### House Points

1772

## ...SPORTS DESK...

April sees the conclusion of the first school house sports competitions. Having competed in football, basketball, hockey, rounders and handball, the final competition will see all of Key Stage 2 competing for the big prize in year group volleyball tournaments. The collaboration and teamwork in past competitions has been excellent and will need to be once more to see who will clinch the coveted inaugural House Sports Trophy. An exciting term ahead!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

A message from our Chair and Vice-Chair: We have two exciting upcoming events! The Sponsored Walk will take place at Arad Bay on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, arriving from 8 am to begin the 3km walk at 8:30am. Sponsorship forms will be sent home this week to start collecting money for the Mother and Child Welfare. A fun event for all the family! Our annual Nadeen's Got Talent will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Auditions will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April to select 5 entries per house.

Summer is here! We have had an assembly with the children to discuss summer safety and here are a few reminders!



- Please remember to drink lots of water
- Avoid direct sunlight as much as possible during peak hours
- Apply sun cream
- Wear sunglasses, a hat, and loose, light clothing
- Eat lots of fresh fruit and vegetables

## News from the Key Stages

### **EYFS**

Collaboration in EYFS is all about parents and early years' professionals' partnership and working together towards better outcomes for children. Parents are experts on their own child while educators are experts on children's learning and development. The child benefits when both experts work together. We recognize that parents are our partners in the children's learning and that they can help us to understand their child's learning. Parents can also, during a particular time or situation, provide that "missing piece of the puzzle." Communication and information sharing between parents and early years' professionals is the key to make every child's time in the EYFS a happy and fulfilling experience!

### **KS1**

In order to promote collaboration within younger children it is important to expose them to opportunities for talking and sharing ideas. We need to instill the skills needed for this to happen and this can be done well through our creative curriculum approach as well as play-based learning. Encouraging discussion and collaboration go hand in hand in reinforcing the social skills we work on. The ability to collaborate will set children up for their journey towards KS2 and later life.

### **KS2**

What's ideal when it comes to collaboration in our classrooms? Here's one coveted scenario: several children gathered at a table engaged in a high-level task, discussing, possibly debating an issue, making shared decisions, and designing a product that demonstrates all this deeper learning. As teachers, we'd love to see this right out of the gate, but this sort of sophisticated teamwork takes scaffolding. It won't just happen by placing students together with a piece of provocative text or an engaging task. So how do we begin this scaffolded journey? We teach them how to listen, ask good questions and teach them how to negotiate. Collaboration is key to building on greater depth thinking and creating a passionate, lifelong learner with their drive to explore.