



NADEEN NEWS

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Happy New Year, everyone! We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable winter break full of family, friendship, and fun! We’ve come back to school this term excited for all of our upcoming events and also looking forward to a few sporting challenges and house competitions. Join us on Friday 18th January at the Bahrain National Stadium to cheer on our Spartan Warrior teams! Check our Instagram account during the morning to see where we are and what we’re up to. Even if you’re not actively participating in the race we’d love to see you there for support. We’re celebrating our birthday this month on January 17th so come to school in green and white to show your school spirit. One of our biggest events of the school year is coming up in early February...see under and over for more!

New Nadeen School Update

A few inquisitive parents have been asking for updates on our new school plan. We’ve also heard rumours going around, so hopefully this will clear up any mystery! As of January we have completed a feasibility study and are in a good position to continue our search for a suitable plot of land. We are looking in areas which were highlighted as being preferred by parents during our feedback groups last year. We are also talking with industry experts and other international schools about design, eco-builds, and curriculum/learning. Although the process is going a little slower than we originally anticipated we are confident in our progress and very encouraged by the interest and support we have received. Please be assured that when there any positive developments to report you’ll hear them from us directly and not via the rumor mill! As always, our focus remains on what is best for the children.

International Day

Our International Day is a grand celebration of all the nationalities and cultures within the Nadeen family! On this day we ask everyone to come in wearing their own national dress and bring a sample of traditional food to share. We would like to ask parents to join us in the build-up to this important event by coming in to the classrooms to share stories, music, song, traditions, and experiences from their own home country. The children really do love it when you come in! We are also preparing a playlist for the parade in the morning so please send through any (family friendly) music requests to Mr. Neri on: music@nadeenschool.com



We invite you all to attend this wonderful event!

9 TIPS FOR LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC



1 Bring your own shopping bag



2 Carry a reusable water bottle



3 Bring your own cup



4 Pack your lunch in reusable containers



5 Say no to disposable straws & cutlery



6 Skip the plastic produce bags



7 Slow down and dine in



8 Store leftovers in glass jars



9 Share these tips with your friends

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We’re doing a plastic count on lunchboxes soon...do you think the PPH (piece per head) in school has come down since last term? We hope so! How are you reducing your use of plastic at home? When you go to get take-out coffee in the morning do you take your own cup? Do you refuse plastic cutlery when you get take out? Bring your own reusable bags to the supermarket? Every effort to lessen use of plastic helps...so keep going. Your children, *their* children, and *their* children will thank you for it.



- 17 Jan: Nadeen School Birthday party
- 18 Jan: Spartan Race
- 24 Jan: Science Fair
- 28 Jan: INSET DAY— EYFS+KS1 children finish at 11am; KS2 children finish at 11.15am
- 31 Jan : Art Spot Theater
- 7 Feb: International Day
- 14 Feb: Bahrain Day Celebrations
- 19 Feb: EYFS Sports Day
- 21 Feb: KS1+2 Sports Day
- 24-28 Feb: Half Term

News from the Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



Happy New Year from the PTA. We are so excited that our first event of the year is International Day on February 7th. International Day is when our Small School - Big Family celebrates our multicultural school with costumes, food, music and sometimes even dance from around the world. We will have tables set up in the playground representing the 50+ countries that make up the Nadeen Family. On the day we ask that children come to school wearing their national costume or flag colours and that you the parents contribute a national food dish sweet or savoury from your country. Please speak to your child's teacher if you can contribute to events in the class during this special week such as reading a story from your country, and/or telling the children about the indigenous animals, sport, music or anything that you wish to share about your country. A member of the PTA will be in touch to give you further information and coordinate donations on the day. We look forward to seeing you on February 7th!

...HOUSE POINTS NEWS...

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News from the school council

We have increased the number of times we meet this term in order to be even more effective. We will be focusing on our new business venture so please stay tuned! We will also be planning the postponed KS2 disco as well as our biggest event, the Talent Show! Exciting times ahead!

...SPORTS DESK...

Happy new year to everyone from the PE team! We have a busy month ahead of us in PE. We have just started our next topics: basketball and rounders. On January 18th it is the annual Spartan race down at the National Stadium. The Spartan race is a fun-filled obstacle course which is open to both children and adults.



Following that, we have the athletics meet at St Christopher's on January 21st where some of our students will be competing in numerous track and field events against other schools on the island. To finish off the month, we'll be moving our thoughts towards Sports Day preparation as the children will be getting prepared for their events. Sports Day for KS1 and KS2 is on February 21st and we hope to see you there in your house colours!



News from the Key Stages

EYFS

Early Years Foundation Stage is a wonderful time when children can develop learning dispositions that are so important to their future learning. When they are engaged in their own chosen play and when they try to achieve their goals, they show highest levels of involvement, and thus commitment. Children are committed to achieve their goals and often they work with deepest interest and focus. Sometimes it requires adult support and involvement to make the task achievable so children can experience success. Children in early years are incredibly committed, whether it is trying to build a perfect sand castle, paint a flower, or build a garage with friends! Keep it up, committed little people!

KS1

Making a commitment involves dedicating yourself to something, like a person or an activity. Commitment within children is important to their learning as it enables them to persevere. By being committed to learning, children will naturally want and seek out ways in which to better themselves and improve. We develop commitment in KS1 by handing over the responsibility of learning through continuous provision where the children are encouraged to learn independently.

KS2

Commitment. The Oxford English dictionary defines commitment as the willingness to work hard and give your energy and time to a job or an activity. We can take a few important ideas from this. Firstly, willingness. This implies that the child wants to do the work, wants to commit and wants to succeed before they are made aware of the learning. We can achieve this by creating a fun and exciting working environment both at home and at school and introducing learning in a way which catches their attention: a 'hook' so to speak. Secondly, energy. This is the same as the amount of effort which is put in. This again comes from a comfortable working environment, confidence and understanding. Lastly, time. Time is extremely important. Giving children the time to commit will again further their confidence in learning. A confident learner is a committed learner. What can we take from this? In order to commit, first, we have to build a solid foundation of learning which incorporates all the other Cs. Commitment comes from the willingness of the child, we as teachers and you as parents can help prepare them for this by creating a fun, safe, consistent and achievable working environment. If you have any questions, thoughts or ideas on this topic, I'd love to hear from you.