

We are a child-centered, inclusive, and diverse family with a shared love of learning.
Together, we think, explore, and grow

We're delighted to bring back our regular newsletter! In this you'll find out what's been going on, what's coming up, what we're celebrating, and what we're looking forward to. This month we've been busy with Sports Days, INSET days, Entrepreneurship Week, and so much more! We've also gone on our first school trip in over two years and enjoyed our first sports friendly match...go wolves! If you'd like to know more about our sports mascot then keep on reading below - it's a great story! We're also super excited to share what's been going on at the campus site in Dilmunia and introduce our Junior Construction Supervisors!

Our journey to Dilmunia!



Meet the JCS team!

On Saturday, March 12th our Junior Construction Supervisors visited our Dilmunia campus site for the first time. On arrival to the site they were all presented with their very own high-viz safety jacket, green hard hat, and site pass. The team then walked through a safety corridor in to the site and learned all about what piling is and why 266 piles are needed for our new building. After that we all walked deeper in to the site and peeked over the edge of the site to see the piles and felt a great, big RUMBLE through the ground as a pile was installed. We rounded off the visit by presenting Health and Safety awards to members of the construction team and by handing out juice and cookies as an expression of our thanks for all of their hard work.

Above: pictured with Mr. Jean-Claude Bejjani, Ithmaar Development Project Director

Below: the JCS team on the edge of the site



Entrepreneur Week

We had a great block in March and launched our own businesses! We went through the whole process of brainstorming ideas, pitching ideas, designing (and sometime re-designing) products, sourcing materials, production lines, pricing, advertising, marketing, and finally selling to the community. We even had an eco-theme this time and saw wonderful products on sale including pressed flower gift cards, dried leaf bookmarks, dream catchers, and wooden jewellery boxes.

INSET Day

Our INSET Day in March was a great day to regroup as a team and to review, reimagine, and reinvigorate! We spent the whole day revisiting our core values, mission and vision, and the things that make us who we are as a school. We took a big dive deep in to growth mindset, the power of YET!, reconnected with our 8Cs...and even added a new one!



The 9th C

Our 8Cs were inspired by Guy Claxton and Bill Lucas' book 'Educating Ruby' and form the foundation of the educational journey our children make: craftsmanship, confidence, commitment, curiosity, creativity, collaboration, and communication. In 2017 we added our own 8th C to the list, critical thinking. At our recent INSET day we added a new C: **compassion**. Inspired by Ken Robinson and his thinking around the eight core competencies, compassion is defined as the ability to empathize with others and act accordingly. **"Practising compassion is the truest expression of our common humanity and can be a deep source of happiness in ourselves and in others."**



...SPORTS DESK...

Sports days have resumed! We have enjoyed Sports Days all across the school this term, from Nursery all the way to Year 6! We all had such a great time! The younger classes enjoyed sack races, football shooting, obstacle courses, and accuracy games and demonstrated fantastic school spirit and sportsmanship. We're rather shocked to announce that there *may* have been a little bit of loose interpretation of the rules when it came to the teacher races! :)

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children demonstrated their skills in the shot put, tennis ball throw, sprint races and much, much more. The children tried to gain as many points as they could for their house. After a long afternoon in the basking sun, the scores were totaled up and our winners were..... TYLOS!

Our Y5/6 students took part in their first ever competitive sports day. The children signed up for events they wished to take part in. There were heats, semi-finals and finals in the track events and the children had 3 attempts to get their best score in the field events. The children put their all into the day, hoping their times and measurements would earn them and their house a medal. Once the scores were collated, our winners were revealed as..... ARADOUS!

You can see videos of Year 1-Year 6 sports days on our social media...check them out on @nadeenschool

...THE WOLF...

A few years ago we decided that we needed a sports mascot. But what? And why? We went in to the school community and asked the children, team, and parents what they thought best represented our school. We came up with lots of ideas for what our mascot could be: cats, dragons, dolphins, tigers, lion, and lots more!

After lots of discussion, research, deliberating, and voting we chose the wolf to represent us. But why? We chose the wolf for what the wolf pack represents: unity, strength, family, community, and everyone playing a role in that community's success.

In late 2019 Miss Shanee secretly commissioned a local artist, Karima Sharabi, to create our mascot out of a very special quote from The Jungle Book. Written in stunning Arabic calligraphy is: **For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack.** This perfectly embodies our school spirit in that we are stronger together, stronger as one family, stronger as one pack, and that we never leave any one behind!

As we look to the future and a redesign of our uniform we can't wait to add our strong, determined, courageous wolf to our sports kit! We're also regrouping as a pack to decide what our call will be...so if you hear howling, aroo-ing, and yelping around school you'll know why! GO WOLVES!



Save the date!

- Mar. 20: Int'l Day of Happiness
- Mar. 21: Mother's Day
- Apr. 3-7: Autism Awareness
- Apr. 4: PTA book & uniform sale
- Apr. 7: Earth Day assembly
- Apr. 11: School Council PJ day
- Apr. 12-21: Spring Break
- Apr. 24: First day of term
- Apr. 24-28: Environment Week
- May 1-5: Eid and half term break
- May 8-12: Deaf Awareness
- May 9: PTA book & uniform sale
- May 12: Number day
- May 22: Biodiversity Day
- May 29-Jun.2 - STEAM Week
- Jun. 8 - World Ocean Day

Did you know...

At Nadeen School we have the following edible and medicinal plants:

- mangoes and dates
- tomatoes
- chilies
- moringa
- curry leaf
- coriander and parsley
- mint and lemongrass
- banana
- neem and aloe
- ...can you think of any more?



New school campus update!



Take a look at our new campus!

Can you see the:

- football pitch
- running track
- outdoor stage and amphitheater area
- green, outdoor learning terraces
- indoor pool and sports hall area
- outdoor muddy play area
- bus drop-off zone
- farm area (it's a bit hidden!)

What you can't see yet (because it's inside!)

- teaching kitchens and science labs
- DT, STEAM, and maker-space rooms
- music and drama department
- indoor sports hall with basketball, netball, volleyball, cricket, futsal, badminton (and cheering section!)
- Yoga and dance studio (open to parents!)
- Cafe, community rooms, and lots more!



Coming up next time:

Uniform revamp ideas - extra curricular activity ideas - exciting PE department developments

Getting our parents involved - what are we taking with us?

...there's a lot happening and we're SO EXCITED for the amazing opportunities our school family will have!