

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



We are really excited about our upcoming events! At the end of May we'll be celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee. We'll be kicking off the celebrations by participating in the Queen's Green Canopy initiative and planting a tree for the jubilee! We'll be planting two trees at our new campus in Dilmunia on May 21st at 11am and you're welcome to come along. In early June our school will be undergoing a British Schools Overseas (BSO) inspection. A team of three inspectors will be reviewing every facet of the school and we're thrilled to be able to showcase our amazing students, team, families, and school. Coming up at the end of June we'll have our annual Talent Show so get ready for the show of the year!

Growth Mindset and the power of YET!

We regularly mention the power of "YET", as in, "we don't know how to do something YET!" It's incredibly important to us! Here are 10 easy ways you can support your child develop a growth mindset:

1. Acknowledge that mistakes are great to make as long as we learn from them.
2. View new challenges as opportunities for self-improvement
3. Remember there never is a one size fits all when you're learning something new.
4. Replace negatives words such as "failing" with empowering words such as "learning."
5. Encourage your child to take risks and not seek approval.
6. Value the process and progress rather than the end result.
7. Keep the big picture in mind and don't worry so much about the small stuff.
8. Recognise that learning fast isn't the same as learning well, and learning well sometimes requires allowing time for mistakes.
9. Tell your child when they're doing something smart, not just being smart.
10. And most importantly, model all of the above yourselves!

Writing at Nadeen

At Nadeen School, we focus on a variety of writing skills that allow all of our students to develop the skills needed to be competent writers. The skills we focus on to master these skills are:

- Spelling/phonics
- Understanding of what a sentence is
- Varied vocabulary
- Ability to sequence
- Basic punctuation / syntax



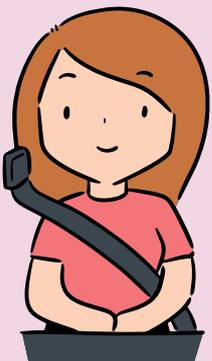
In writing, we use the 'Talk for Writing' approach which was developed by the educational writer, Pie Corbett. It has a proven record of accelerating children's learning of writing and comprehending stories. Talk for Writing is used to enable children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally before reading and analysing it and then writing their own version. It is built on three stages of teaching:

- 1) Imitation - the children learn a text and the language they need
- 2) Innovation - the children adapt the model text with ideas of their own
- 3) Invention - the children create their own text using the language and skills that the model taught them.

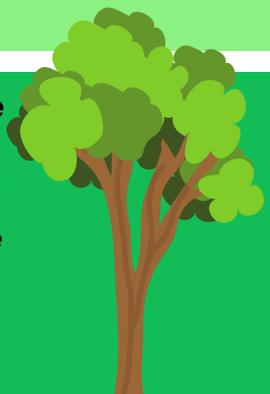
Handwriting and presentation are a focus as part of the writing process and we aim for all students to achieve a neat, legible style with correctly formed letters in a semi-cursive font, eventually producing a fluent joined handwriting style. It is vital that children can write quickly, comfortably and legibly, as it is a skill needed in all curriculum areas. Children's self-esteem is also heightened when they are able to take pride in their handwriting.

Seat belt awareness

Our Year 6 children have spearheaded a school-wide campaign to stress the importance of wearing seatbelts. They are visiting the classes to talk to the children and will also be on active carpark duty, checking for booster seats, car seats, and seatbelt use. Once the campaign has run for a while they will assess the impact of the awareness messages. Parents, we need YOUR support to make this campaign a success!



As part of Her Majesty's Jubilee celebrations and the Queen's Green Canopy "plant a tree for the jubilee" initiative, we will be planting trees at our new campus on May 21st with our student construction club



Rules you can use at home!

We have recently aligned our school rules across the school. Having whole school rules provides a sense of consistency and security for the children. Our rules emphasise the positive and are simple to follow. They encompass all that we expect of our children. They are

- Be kind, respectful and responsible
- Be ready to learn
- Keep myself and others safe
- Always try my best

The children are being reminded of these rules and what they mean in their classes every day. We feel they would work well at home too!

School Council Update

Our final day of the Spring term was celebrated in our pajamas! What a comfy day we had! Thank you to the School Council for organizing this wonderful day! With thanks to everyone who donated their BD1.000 we managed to raise nearly BD250.000 for the BSPCA. We know the animals will be very thankful for everyone's generosity.

Our Council are also feeding in to our 2022/23 school year school development plan and sitting alongside our leadership team to further develop and enhance our school. It is a special role of responsibility.

Healthy Food Policy

We would like to remind you of our Healthy Food Policy here at Nadeen School.

Some key points to note:

- NO NUTS (including nut butters and Nutella spread)
- No crisps/chips or chocolate
- No candy or sweets
- No processed/packaged or fast foods

We do note that all children have likes and dislikes, however, as a school community we are promoting healthier lunch boxes to include fresh fruits and vegetables daily. We are encouraging children to try new foods and explore different tastes as part of their growth. Class teachers will be monitoring lunch boxes and helping you with suggestions too! Try adding colours of the rainbow to your child's snack and see if they can help you to research healthy options. Having the conversation at home and looking in recipe books can be really fun!

Global Warming

Year 5&6 have been focussing on Global Warming. We have learnt about many of the causes and effects on our planet. We researched different points of view about the issue and what can be done to help. We then debated the topic in our classes. Year 4 are reading 'Rainforest Rough Guide'. We are also creating Eco-Awareness Posters. In Computing, we are editing digital images with an Earth Week focus.

C - Collaboration

In life, we often have to be able get on with other people, even people who aren't our best friends, to get the job done. This requires a set of social and communication skills that aren't always easy to master. We also need to be respectful of the fact that different people might like to work in different ways. It is important to know that by working effectively together we can achieve more than the sum of those individuals working separately. We are like bees in a hive or ants in a colony. Together we are stronger!

C - Craftsmanship

We encourage and support our children to take care and pride in everything. This can be in what they do and the way they behave in school. Craftsmanship means producing the very best that they are capable of. This is true whether this is when they interact with others or if they are producing a piece of work. This work could be a piece of writing, a painting, a javelin throw or a speech. For us, craftsmanship is taking care to make sure that the quality of what is produced has been practised and is truly the best job the children can do.

Save the date!

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- May 19 - Original Character Day
 - May 21 - Jubilee tree planting
 - May 22 - Jubilee Week
 - Jun 1 - Jubilee Parade
 - June 2 - 1/2 term holiday
 - June 5 - PTA ice cream day
 - June 7, 8, 9 - BSO inspection
 - June 16 - Talent Show
 - June 30th - last day of term
 - August 25 - Orientation Day
 - August 28 - First day of term

What other events would you like to see on our calendar?

New school campus update!



What we're working on right now!

Learning space design

We've completed the design on EYFS, KS1, KS2, and KS3 classes and shared spaces. Moving on to playground and external shared space next!

New uniform design

We're revamping our uniform and looking at different design options. Top considerations: comfort, ease of wearing, ease of washing, eco-fabric, and longevity of fabric

School Cafe development

We're reaching out to like-minded F&B professionals to collaborate with our new school Cafe!

Collaboration

We're setting up collaborative relationships with activity and service providers to further enhance our offering. It's REALLY EXCITING!!! Our first collaboration will be with Back on the Move and BeRehab for a fully integrated approach to physical development and wellness



Coming up next time:

Getting our parents involved - what are we taking with us? - transition activities
...there's a lot happening and we're SO EXCITED for the amazing opportunities our school family will have!