



Welcome

We are back again to present to you a massive Term 2 Edition. Please enjoy our third edition of Nadeen News!

The New School at Dilmunia- Sitting down with Miss Shanee and Mr Paul.



We are on the verge of an exciting new phase for Nadeen School- moving to Dilmunia! We are moving into a brand new building with all facilities for students to use on site. We are really looking forward to the move and cannot wait for all of the opportunities this move will present to us- the biggest being a new Secondary School!

There have been many tours and presentations held for the community to attend to find out more. In order to get the very latest update on the new building, we spoke to Miss Shanee and Mr Paul directly to hear what their thoughts are of the move...

Q: What excites you the most about the new school?

Miss Shanee: I think I am most excited for all of the wonderful learning and experience opportunities our students will have, and our families and our team and our community will have. We will have a lot more facilities and things that we can do there that will just give us more opportunities to learn, and more opportunities to experience different things.

Mr Paul: New facilities and opportunities for everybody. So, when you go there, whatever you are interested in, there should be something there for you to enjoy. So, what excites me the most is the sports, the music, arts, the makerspaces, science labs, outdoor play- all those opportunities that we don't have here, that excites me the most. And swimming! I should always mention swimming.



Q: How long have you been planning the new campus?

Miss Shanee: I have been planning the new campus since 2017. That was 6 years ago!

Mr Paul: I've been planning it since I have been in touch with Nadeen School- so now for about a year and a half. So when I got the job to join, immediately we started talking about the new school and getting excited about moving from the current site to the new school and that involved planning the rooms, the IT, the curriculum, the staff, the use of the building, everything. So very very very exciting- for about a year and a half now.

Q: What are your hopes for the first school year at the new site?

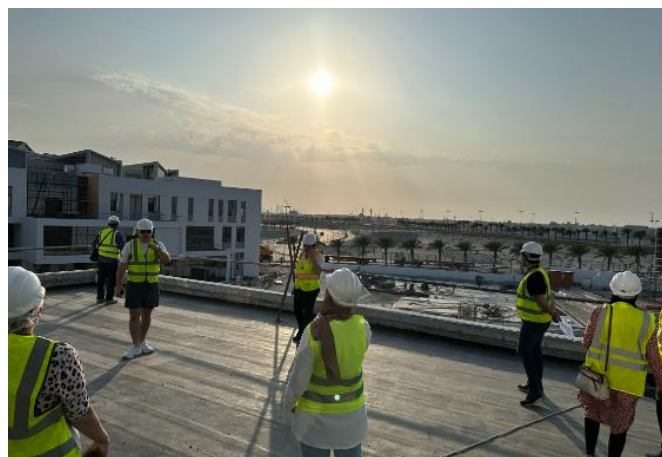
Miss Shanee: That's a really good question... I hope for so many things. I hope that everybody embraces the journey- and what I mean by that is that: I hope that everybody enjoys the journey that we will take to get there, and then once we're there everybody enjoys the new experience and that they enjoy all of the new things that we can do and that people have fun being in a new place learning new things in new and different ways. I hope that everybody enjoys this next chapter of our story.

Mr Paul: I hope that everyone feels a part of the campus. I hope that everyone feels excited and that they all have a role to play and a part to play in making everyone feel welcome. I hope that everyone enjoys it and is happy and can take lots of opportunities and make the most of what's there on the campus. So that is what I hope; that everyone is happy, everyone is safe, and everyone really makes the most of the first year and the opportunities that we don't have here.

Q: Outside of the major changes in facilities, what experiences do you believe that the new campus will give Nadeen students that they have never previously had?

Miss Shanee: Ok, I think that where we are located in Dilmunia, we will be right in the centre of it, as in the geography of the land. Right in the middle. And, we have always been a community school, meaning that we like to do things for our community and like to be in service to others in our community. We like to do things like beach clean ups and go on school trips and we do that already, but what we have never been able to do very well is, be an active member of our community. So, what I mean is that because we are in the middle of Dilmunia, we will be able to walk to the beach, we will be able to walk over to the mall to do things there, we can walk and cycle, and swim and everything within our community. We can do service projects there. This will be our big neighbourhood without having to go somewhere as our community will be right there. It will be different because we will be very active in our own community and know the names of people right there.

Mr Paul: That's an excellent question. I think that outside of the facilities it will give us to give our students the opportunities to work with and be around older students. So rather than leaving at the end of Year 6, Year 7 will then have Year 8, then Year 9 and Year 10. So, students will benefit from being able to have projects and competitions, group work, adventures everything with students from all ages. So away from the facilities, I can't wait to see what do Nadeen students look like in Year 8, Year 9? How do they act in Year 10? What are they like in Year 11, 12 and 13? That really excites me how we can then take students in the older year groups.



Q: Are we planning to take the current cats to the new school?

Miss Shanee: So, when it comes to cats, we have a bit of a tricky situation and I'll tell you why. Cats are very territorial. That means they like where they live, they know where they live, they like the smell of where they live and that's where they want to live. So, what we're trying to figure out is how would they react if we pick them up from Um Al Hassam and put them into Dilmunia, where they don't know the smell, they don't know the place, they are not used to it, it might upset them a bit. So, we are trying to figure out what would be best for them. I'd love to take them with us, but it might not be the best thing for them, and they need to be comfortable and happy whatever we decide to do.





Q: What animals are being planned for the farm?

Miss Shanee: So, we are taking our chickens, we are taking our ducks, and Mr Paul will be very happy that we will also be taking Roger the rooster because he loves him so much. Oddly enough we received a request today about having rabbits, now we can't confirm this yet, but we could have other visiting animals because we will have more space to do it. Someone asked about having birds in a cage, but we would not like to have birds that can fly in a cage, so we won't be having that but definitely our chickens, rooster and ducks will be coming with the opportunity to have other visiting animals.

Mr Paul: I like the ducks; they are inquisitive and interesting. Every time I have a Coffee Morning with the parents, the rooster always makes noise. I saw a picture on the website that Nadeen once had a goat, I liked his floppy ears.



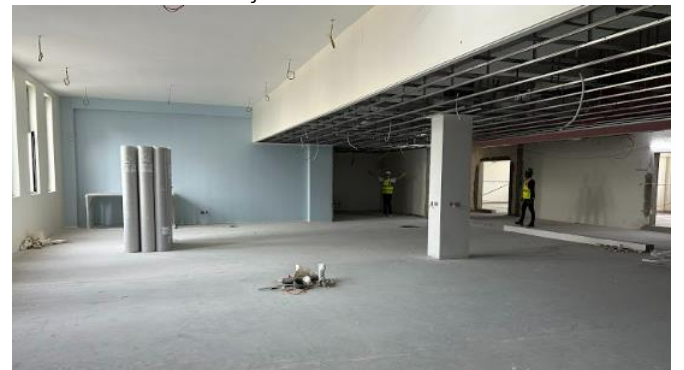
Q: Will there be a coach for the swimming pool lessons/if yes will there be an extra curricular club for swimming?

Mr Paul: Yes, there will be a coach and yes, there will be extra curricular activities. We really want to encourage everybody who is interested to get involved in water safety and swimming. I believe it's going to be a big part of not only the school, but the new community in Dilmunia. So, I think that for the whole community, I think that's going to be a wonderful thing for us to offer as Nadeen School.

Q: How long will it take for Nadeen to go up to Year 13?

Mr Paul: I think it'll happen quickly. Normally, it would be one year group at a time, but we've already seen [four] weeks ago we confirmed Year 9 for the summer, so I think in the next three to four years we will be having students start Year 13. I think in four years.

A very big thank you to Mr Paul and Ms Shanee for giving us their time and such detailed information about our new school. We are just so excited!



By Dana, Haya, Nikky and Lila

Languages and English Themes



Block 3 was a celebration of all things Languages and the Languages team did a brilliant job.

We had weekly songs in different languages, translations on the boards outside and celebrated in lessons.

We also took some time to interview Miss Amita who was one of the members of staff who helped to celebrate languages at Nadeen. Please see her responses below.

Q: What languages do you know, and which ones can you speak fluently?

Miss Amita: Ok, so, I know four languages, which I can speak fluently- or I would say three very fluently and the fourth one is intermediate. So, the first language I can speak fluently is English of course. The second language I speak fluently is Hindi, that's an Indian language. I speak Sindhi which is also an Indian language and then there is a fourth language which I speak at an intermediate level which is French.

Q: How do you know the language and what does it mean to you?

Miss Amita: I know Sindhi and Hindi because these are my mother tongue, so I've been listening to this ever since I was born. It was spoken in my family and wherever I was brought up. I learnt English from the very beginning as I went to an English school. While I was at school, I also learnt French as a second language and then it went on by doing my further education. I worked in a French company and when there I was sent on training to France and that's where I continued speaking French and I picked up the language very well.

Q: How do you say 'good morning' in your language?

We usually say "Namaste" which is a greeting as hello. We usually greet each other like this in the morning.

Q: What was the most successful part of the Languages theme?

Miss Amita: I think what was very exciting was having students in the whole school get so involved in all of the activities we were running, such as writing on the white boards outside. Students were very happy to get involved to translate the word on those boards in their own languages. They were very happy to share their languages on those white boards. Secondly, I think the whole school really enjoyed learning songs in the different languages. I also had a lot of students come up to me who were very encouraged to go ahead and learn a new language thanks to this languages theme block that we had. So that was very exciting and that was very fulfilling.

Block 4 was the English languages theme and this team also worked very hard with many activities to celebrate all things English such as hosting the Book Fair, words of the day and week, reading and writing activities.

A big thank you to Miss Amita for her time in the interview and also to all of the Languages and English staff for hosting these themes for us!



By Dana, Haya, Nikky and Lila

EcoVenture!

After a few years of EcoVenture being cancelled, much to everyone's excitement, it was back this term! Students from Years 5 to 7 had the opportunity to be in Dubai on the 5th-9th March. The students who went to EcoVenture participated in workshops, outdoor activities, and camping skills, with a lot of fun included like roasting marshmallows at a campfire, playing Marco Polo at a pool in the evenings, and making a home with your friends in the cabins.

They had a wonderful experience, and here is what our very own Chiara, Lila and Nikky had to say:

Chiara: Eco-venture was very fun! I enjoyed spending time with my friends outside and even in my dorm. This was an epic memory that I will never forget.

Lila: Eco-Venture was extremely exciting and fun! What I enjoyed the most was getting to spend time in a dorm with 7 other girls and getting to participate in different activities every day.

Nikky: Eco-venture was the experience of a lifetime! We had a great and memorable time in Dubai. We did different activities such as the leap of faith where we jumped off a 40ft ladder and had to hit a little red balloon. Something I really enjoyed is spending time with my friend in our dorms and out.

A big thank you to Mr Kyle, Mr Gerry, Mr Phil, Miss Karlien, Miss Agnes and Mr Jack for supporting us on this trip!



A Day in the Life of Early Years

Nursery and Reception have a great time at school-but who knows exactly what they do? Come with us to find out how cute kids shape their minds, develop their skills, and on the whole grow up!

Toddlers are surprisingly fast learners, if they find it interesting and worth their time. Our Nadeen School EYFS teachers are very skilled at turning educational subjects like Mathematics, or Science into concepts toddlers can understand and learn, like sensory play or counting with different objects. The toddlers have so much fun that some kids don't want to go home!

Toddlers learn naturally and they can be very committed to things that they want to do. It is important to teach them the key points to life; like manners and habits including the 8 C's, because as they are little, these traits will stick in their mind and will become their future personality. You have to be very careful when handling infants, because we want to ensure that they grow and develop into fully well rounded children.

We nurture our students as much as possible, so they will grow up to be calm and responsible people the world can lean on, because toddlers reflect the world around them. So, whenever you see a toddler, just Mistake a minute to be kind and set an example! A big thank you to the EYFS staff who work tirelessly to ensure that the EYFS provision is well balanced and challenging for our youngest students. This development provides the foundation for their learning as they get older.



By Laya

By Laya, Nikky, Chiara, Lila

Events Celebrated this Block...

Thank You Day

On 11th January, the school paid tribute to World Thank You Day. Ms Diane invited the students to write on the boards around the school when they were thankful for. It is about spreading kindness and gratitude with one another.



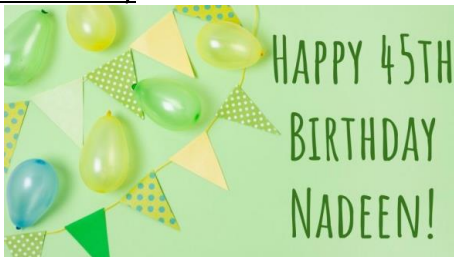
International Day of Education

On Tuesday the 24th of January was International Day of Education. It was wonderful to see this day highlighted in the calendar to raise awareness of all of the wonderful experiences students get to take part in every day.

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Nadeen's Birthday



On Thursday 12th January, the Nadeen School community celebrated the 45th birthday of Nadeen School! The school council along with Miss Kate led a wonderful assembly paying tribute to Nadeen's past. Did you know that Nadeen's uniform used to be brown and white?

All classes were also involved in forming a letter to create the words HAPPY BIRTHDAY NADEEN and have a look at the result below! It is only fitting to see the school graduate to a brand new campus in the 45th year!



Beach clean up



On Saturday 21st January, the school community met at Nurana Beach from 9:30am-11am to assist in cleaning up the beach! The School Council had mentioned this initiative in a previous issue, and it was wonderful to see the support from the community for this event.

Around 100 staff, students and parents turned up for the morning, and there were 90 bags of rubbish picked up off the beach. Thank you to everyone for attending and to the Student Council for organising this event.



Drama club assembly

The drama club has worked tirelessly this term and are performing for us on assembly. We just want to appreciate their hard work. Well done!

Praise point shop



This term a group of Year 7 students helped by the year 6 students have coordinated the 'sale' items to children who have demonstrated the 8 C's and the fundamental values of Nadeen, going above and beyond! Well done everyone and keep it up!

Parent Appreciation Day

Parent Appreciation Day was celebrated at Nadeen on the 19th January. All the classes thanked their parents by doing many lovely activities for them. Some made cards for their parents and took them home; some wrote letters, and some wrote poetry. Thank you to all parents for the support of your children!

Book Fair

From 26th – 2nd March, Nadeen hosted a book fair for all families to purchase books. It was great to see so many students buying and most importantly enjoying their reading. Thank you, Ms Khadija, for organising this event for our school.

International Week

International Week was held from the 19th February, and was amazing! We had dress down days and a parade, we sang songs in different languages and fully embraced the many cultures we are so fortunate to have here at Nadeen. Year 7 held a brilliant assembly and the week finished with a wonderful food fair!



By Haya, Dana and Lila

Nadeen Cubs

This term the Nadeen News team jumped at the chance to collaborate with some budding reporters from Year 4. They were so passionate about the Newspaper they couldn't help but want to get involved. They are called the Nadeen Cubs. Our team collaborated with these Year 4 students to assist them in getting this article together and we really enjoyed working with them and spending some time finding out more about life in Year 4 and especially what they are studying in CCS.

From the students:

Chelsea: We are learning about ancient Egypt and yesterday we had to label the Nile River flowing through Egypt.

Francesca: We have a book called 'A River' and we wrote and read the book as well.

Alex: I know they built the pyramid. I know the old capital city was Memphis. There were also pharaohs back in the day.



Q: *Are you excited your students are involved in the Nadeen Cubs Miss Hannah?*

Miss Hannah: Yes, it is a fantastic opportunity. They could not put down the newspaper last term and would have loved to be in Newspaper Club. I think this would be good practise for them to join when their older.

Q: *What do you like about teaching your class Mr Stew?*

Mr Stewart: Everyday there is always a new challenge and something different every day. Me class and I have a good relationship together and there are lots of different cultures in this class that I'm learning about.

By Dana, Nikky, Laya, Haya

All About Sports...

There have been many fixtures and competitions that were arranged with some of the other schools on the island this term. Mr Matt and Mr Kyle worked tirelessly for these opportunities and the students really loved getting involved.

Athletics Meet

We met up with some competitors of this year's athletics meet to hear what they had to say.



Q: *How did you feel about being chosen to attend the athletics competition?*

Mia: I was really nervous and also excited.

Q: *What events have you been picked for?*

Jano: Shot put and triple jump.

Q: *Why are you excited to represent the school?*

Lila: Because whatever sport we did we represented the school well and earned us points.



Q: *How many medals did you win?*

Jano: 1

Q: *How many records did Nadeen break?*

Mia: I broke a record that hasn't been broken for the past 20 years, I feel really happy and I feel good that I broke it because it will be there for the next 20 years.

Well done to everyone who got involved!

By Chiara and Nikky

Basketball PSL Tournaments



The boys played on Monday 20th February and were placed in group B alongside ASB, RVIS, Beacon and ARKIS. In the first round, they won against Beacon. In the second game they went against ARKIS they won but they felt like they could have done better.

The girls played on Monday 27th February and put in a great effort also!
By Lila and Dana

House Shirts

We are so excited to have house shirts now available for purchase. These are on the online uniform shop alongside the PE kit. They come in all of the colours from all of the houses!



Clubs at Nadeen

It is that time at the end of the term that the clubs will be revisited and offered out again. Please see the extracurricular activities and sign up when emailed out.

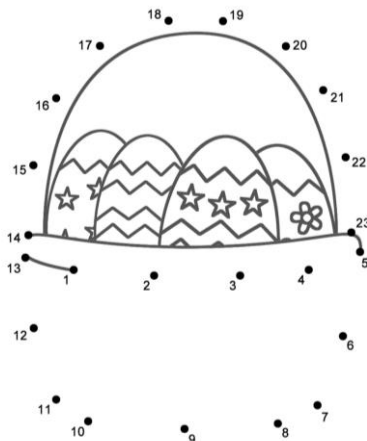
Upcoming Events

For further upcoming events, please see the '[Upcoming Events](#)' section on the website. Ramadan Kareem.

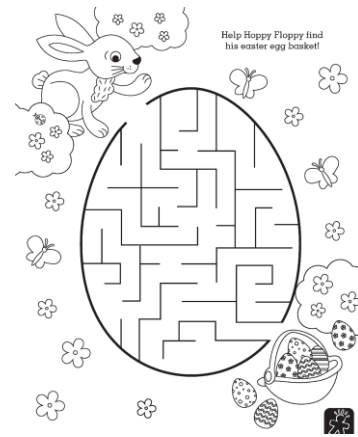
Puzzles!

Have some fun and have a go at these.

Dot to Dot



Maze



Spot the Differences



By Lila and Dana

About Us

Lila, Dana, Laya and Chiara Year 6, together with Nikky and Haya Year 7, have been working together with Miss Stephanie in the Newspaper Club each week.



Front row L to R: Haya, Dana, Laya

Back row L to R: Miss Stephanie, Chiara, Nikky, Lila