

# BEACONNET



## BACK TO SCHOOL

The beginning of the school year is one of our favourite times of the year at Newlands. Our school corridors and classrooms came alive with energy and enthusiasm as students saw their friends again and considered all the great possibilities for the year to come. They were happy and well engaged in learning across the school.



## DUBAI FITNESS CHALLENGE

From the 29th of October to the 27th of November Newlands School took part in the 30x30 Dubai Fitness Challenge. There were in-class activities organised each day, such as a fitness video created by our very own PE Department as well as the 100x challenge which involved completing 100 repetitions of a different challenge every day. Break time and lunch time activities and physical challenges were also organised everyday to ensure students were taking part in at least 30 minutes of exercise while in school. These activities and challenges included organised football and basketball matches, kettle bells, the hanging bar, step aerobics and core challenges. At the end of each week we had our "Fitness Fridays" where students from FS1 to Year 11, teachers and staff were brought outside and took part in either a dance session or an aerobics/HIIT session. Finally, it was time for parents to get involved. A football match between teachers and parents was organised in the football field. The parents were victorious and the game capped off a great month of exercise, activity and fun in the school.



## Charity Event

Community Support and charity fundraising are a central feature of our school. On Friday 25th of November, our Primary Student Leadership Team organised a fundraising event for House Day. Our school's chosen charity for this academic year was Red Crescent, a very worthy cause which helps those who are facing disaster, conflict and health and social problems.



## Entrepreneurs day

Newlands students (Year 5 to Year 11) got an opportunity to run their own businesses and celebrate "Young Entrepreneur's Days" at Newlands. They learned how to start, own and operate their very own businesses. They implemented managerial and interpersonal skills to make this event a huge success! Congratulations to all our Young Entrepreneurs. We are so proud of you.

## Governor's Visit

We welcomed our Governors to the school on Friday, 30th September to look at the new outdoor spaces and resources in the Early Years Foundation Stage. They enjoyed meeting our wonderful students.



## Newlands Investiture Ceremony

Here are some highlights of the Investiture Ceremony we had on 28th November to celebrate the 'Student Leadership' at Newlands. Working together in teamwork and collaboration, the Student Leadership Team will develop and promote the greatness of Newlands School.



## Poetry for All

Our students from Year 7-10 performed passionately in a poetry competition arranged by Secondary English Department. Students were able to express their feelings and creativity through classical poems by famous poets like William Blake, Shakespeare and Robert Frost. All our students at Newlands School, are provided with opportunities to showcase their talent and express their imagination.



## Pink Day & Global Dignity Day

Newlands had a double celebration on Friday, 14th October. We brought together Cancer Awareness through Pink Day as well as what it means to "Live with Dignity" for Global Dignity Day.

Assemblies were held where we discussed how to 'hold our head up high and live with dignity' regardless of what we are going through in life. Discussions about how people have successful lives and fight through tough times was the main focus! The Student Leadership Team stepped up to become a key part of our Pink Day's bake sale. Students helped staff to sell the fresh bakes and donate money to raise awareness for Breast Cancer.



## STEAM Fair

Students from Year 3 to Year 9 had an

opportunity to showcase their ideas and creative innovation in the field of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and mathematics). Their invention was based on one of the following themes:

- Rejuvenating Mother Earth
- Ecosystems
- Sustainable future development (In any field of study)
- Sustainable Agricultural practices suitable for UAE
- Future transport
- Future communication
- Conservation of resources

A well-rounded STEAM education can help children succeed in both school and real life by combining the scientific method with the creative process.



## Story Telling - Author's visit

Year 1 students enjoyed exclusive storytelling sessions at Newlands. Performed by Sule Kocoglu, the author of Mina's Cherry Tale & Soley's Dreamland. She came all the way from Turkey to conduct these interactive storytelling sessions filled with rhythmic stories and songs to engage children.



## UAE National Day

Newlands School celebrated the 51st UAE National Day

on Tuesday, 29th November, 2022. It was a day packed with fun-filled activities and some amazing performances by students from all year groups. It was a wonderful

opportunity for children to learn, explore and appreciate the country which is home away from home for so many of us. A special thanks to our parent community and staff members for their endless support. Thank you for making this day an incredible one for all of us at Newlands.







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