

NEW MADINAH TIMES



ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE MS RAJWAN BARGHACHOUN

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

It is hard to believe how quickly the term is progressing! The past few weeks have been filled with learning, activities and wonderful opportunities for our students. It has been lovely to see them engaged, enthusiastic and enjoying all that school has to offer.

Our students have enjoyed participating in **Science Week**, taking part in activities that encouraged curiosity, creativity and a love of learning. They have also had a fantastic time with **GECKO Sports**, which provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to be active, develop their sporting skills and enjoy working together.

We are looking forward to our **Book Parade** next week, which unfortunately had to be rescheduled due to the weather. We are also very excited about our Spelling Bee Competition next Thursday and look forward to welcoming parents to come along and support our students.

A very special thank you to **Aisha Al-Kaddoue** for joining us during Book Week to share her book, *My Horse Junaid*, with our students. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet an author, hear her story and further develop their love of reading.

I would also like to sincerely thank all of our staff for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment to our students. The effort that goes into our classrooms, activities and events does not go unnoticed, and we are very fortunate to have such a caring and dedicated team.

Finally, thank you to all our families for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Your encouragement makes a real difference to our students.

Jazakum Allahu Khayran to everyone for your ongoing support. We look forward to the exciting weeks ahead and to seeing our students continue to learn, grow and thrive.



IMPORTANT DATES

01 Sep 2026: Book Parade

03 Sep 2026: Spelling Bee

18 Sep 2026: Movie Night

22 Sep 2026: Parent Teacher Interview



KINDERGARTEN WITH MS NAFIESA

The first two Kindergarten learners have completed their sticker charts! ★🏆

Well done to Asiya Abbas and Celine Alhasan on earning your well-deserved rewards. Keep up the amazing work! 🌟



Our little scientists had a blast making a DIY bubble machine and exploring bubble painting! Learning through fun and creativity! 🧪🎨🌟

YEAR 1 WITH MS ZANAB

1 Pearl has had a busy and productive few weeks of learning! In Mathematics, students have been developing their understanding of equal groups, arrays, repeated addition and efficient counting strategies.

In English, our InitialLit learning has focused on long vowel sounds, including igh as in night, _y as in cry, ue as in blue and ew as in new. We have also been learning about adjectives, plurals and suffixes through reading, spelling and sentence activities.



In Science, students explored how germs spread by using green glitter to represent germs and high-fiving one another. This helped demonstrate how easily germs can transfer from person to person.

Islamic Studies / Qur'an / Arabic K-4 Update WITH MS HAMMOUD

I would like to take a moment to recognise and celebrate a few of our wonderful students who have demonstrated outstanding effort, achievement, and commitment in Arabic and Islamic Studies. 🌟

These students have consistently shown a positive attitude towards their learning and have put great effort into completing their work to a high standard. They have participated enthusiastically in class, listened carefully, followed instructions, and demonstrated a strong understanding of the concepts and skills we have been learning.

In **Arabic**, they have shown excellent progress in their reading, writing, spelling, and understanding of the Arabic language. They have also demonstrated care and pride in presenting their work neatly and accurately. In **Islamic Studies**, they have shown a wonderful understanding of the topics we have covered and have participated thoughtfully in class discussions and activities. Their enthusiasm and willingness to learn are truly commendable. We are so proud of these students for their dedication and hard work. Their efforts are a wonderful example to their classmates, and we hope they continue to approach their learning with the same enthusiasm, confidence, and determination. ❤️

🌟 Well done to our outstanding students! You should all be very proud of your achievements. May Allah bless your efforts and continue to increase you in knowledge and understanding. Ameen. 🌸



Year 2 Walking Water – Science in Colour! WITH MS PRINCE

Year 2 recently had a wonderful time exploring capillary action through our colourful Walking Water experiment.

Using cups of coloured water, empty cups and paper towel, students observed how water could “walk” from one cup to another. The coloured water travelled up and through the paper towel and gradually filled the empty cups, with colours mixing to create a new solid colour in each cup.

Although our experiment took a little longer than we had hoped, this actually gave us a great opportunity to observe the changes each day over the course of the week.

There was plenty of excitement as the water slowly travelled through the paper towel and the once-empty cups began to fill. Students (and their teacher!) enjoyed checking on the experiment each day to see what had changed and watching our colourful display develop.

Through this hands-on investigation, students learnt about capillary action—how water can move through tiny spaces, just as water travels through the tiny tubes inside plants to move from the roots towards the stems and leaves. What better way to explore this fascinating process than with a little patience, curiosity and a whole lot of colour! 🌈🧪



Islamic Studies / Qur'an / Arabic 5-10 Update WITH SHEIKH AYAD

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents,

Alhamdulillah, we are now in Week 6. The students are doing very well, mashaAllah, tabarakAllah. May Allah reward everyone who is putting in the effort.

Here is an update on where each stage is up to this week:

Stage 5 – Years 9 & 10:

Alhamdulillah, they are continuing with Surah Al-Hadid and have memorised up to verse 23, mashaAllah. They will have a test on Monday, inshaAllah.

Stage 4 – Years 7 & 8:

Alhamdulillah, they are studying Surah Al-Hashr and have reached verse 10. They are doing very well, mashaAllah, tabarakAllah.

Stage 3 – Years 5 & 6:

Alhamdulillah, they are studying Surah Al-Jinn and have reached verse 10, mashaAllah, tabarakAllah. They are also doing very well.

Please make sure the students practise their Qur'an every day for 15–20 minutes, inshaAllah. Consistent daily practice will help them strengthen their memorisation and recitation.

May Allah reward all the students, parents and teachers for their efforts, and may Allah bless their Qur'an journey and make the Qur'an a source of guidance and blessing for them.

Jazakum Allahu khairan.

Year 3 and 4 : Fun memories so far By Ms Maysah

"When Ms Maysah was acting like a peacock and a frilled neck lizard in a funny way" - Rose

"Naming our fish " - Serena

"Watching the flowers bloom with colour for our science experiment" - Aarohi

"Tickling my friends every day" - Abeeha

"When Ms Reid was acting like a coward (to explain the meaning) and she dived onto the ground. Ms Maysah thought she fell down. It was funny." - Zaara

"When we learn things and act it out" - Aliyah

"We got two fish and named them Lemon and Strawberry" - Hayat

"Every Friday when there is a canteen" - Aiysha

"When Ms Maysah was acting like a peacock" - Eman

"Hi, Khoder speaking. My favourite time of the year is science week. We get to do lots of science experiments" - Khoder

"I love learning science" - Sumayah

"Learning multiplication" - Layla



Youth Unlocked 2026

New Madinah College encourages students to participate in Youth Unlocked 2026, a free community event celebrating young people through fun, engaging, and interactive activities.

The event will be held on Saturday, 12 September 2026, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at PCYC Young NSW. Students can enjoy a range of exciting activities including a VR experience, gaming zone, rock climbing, mechanical bull, giant inflatables, laser tag, games and challenges, plus a free sausage sizzle.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to connect with others, build confidence, try new activities, and enjoy a fun day out in a safe and supportive environment. We encourage all eligible students and their families to consider attending this exciting community event.

Year 6 Excursion Term 3 WITH MS NIKKI

Our excursion to watch Toy Story 5 was a fantastic day filled with fun and excitement. We were lucky enough to have our own private screening, which was definitely one of the highlights of the day. The students were exceptionally well behaved and represented our school proudly.

After the movie, we headed to Timezone, where students enjoyed a variety of games. Everyone had the opportunity to participate in two games of laser tag, which was a lot of fun and brought out some healthy competition.

We then spent some time exploring the shops. One of the funniest moments of the day happened when most of the Year 5/6 students discovered the squishy shop and immediately swarmed inside! Before long, a huge checkout line had formed, made up almost entirely of our students. Meanwhile, Sheikh Ayad stood in the doorway supervising with a smile plastered across his face. We all know how much Sheikh "loves" squishies in his lessons! 😊

Overall, it was a wonderful day that gave students the opportunity to have fun, make memories with their friends, and represent our school in a positive way.



High School Update

WITH MS ALBAF

Tired Teens? The Power of 8 to 10 Hours

Teenagers aged 12 to 15 need 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. During puberty, a teen's natural body clock shifts, making them feel alert later at night. Combined with early school mornings, this shift often leads to chronic sleep deprivation, which impacts mood, grades, and focus.

Parents can help by encouraging a few simple habits:

- Screen curfew: Turn off phones and gaming consoles one hour before bed.
- Consistency: Keep similar wake-up times on weekdays and weekends.
- Cool environment: Ensure bedrooms are dark, quiet, and cool.
- No afternoon caffeine: Avoid energy drinks and sodas past midday.

Small changes to nightly routines can make a massive difference in your teen's daily energy and wellbeing.

I'm tired...



WITH MS NOOR

Last week our high school students rolled up their sleeves for an exciting range of hands-on experiments during Science Week.

They investigated the unique properties of oobleck, created erupting baking soda volcanoes, produced dazzling coloured flames, and explored the fascinating effects of forces.

A week of discovery, curiosity, and real scientific thinking — science at its most engaging! ✨

