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NGS SETS 3 STRATEGIC GOALS IN-LINE WITH NEW VISION & MISSION

Our mission at NGS is to graduate dynamic, compassionate, literate global citizens who are proud of their Islamic identities and ready to contribute, create, share and work to build a better work for all.

Our vision is to lead and inspire transformation in global education shaped by Islamic ideals to creatively solve global issues and promote possibilities for all people.

Strategic Goals 2019-22

Achievement Goal:

Inspire and engage students to become literate, compassionate global citizens by utilizing culturally relevant and responsive inquiry-based learning supported by rich, consistent and explicit assessment practices.

Well-being Goal:

Create the conditions for learning in a culture of love that is assets-based and supports the development of creative, happy, healthy students.

Equity Goal:

Develop educator capacity to support their own learning needs (individually & collectively) and to establish a reflective practice that meets the targets identified through the achievement and wellbeing goals.

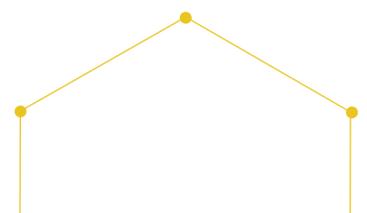
School goals do not identify all the work that is happening in a school.

Instead, they are intended to identify specific areas of focus through which targeted work will lead to measurable changes in outcomes.

For the school years 2019-22 , the three broad areas of focus will be : achievement, well-being and equity.

The goals of a School Improvement Plan are not static and will change/adapt/shift based on the continued work occurring, goals achieved and/or new learning arising based on the work happening.

As such, it is best to think of these strategic goals as a working draft.



NGS HOSTS ANNUAL BOOK FAIR WEEK

Alhamdulillah, our library department, successfully hosted a week long book fair during the International School Library Month and students were very excited to buy new reads. At NGS we believe that reading makes you a better person every day. The first word Allah سبحانه وتعالى sent down for humanity is "read". Reading expands our minds and builds our self-awareness, so we make sure that our students will live by the statement "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader..." **inshaAllah**.



PIKATCHU VISITS KG STUDENTS AND BOOK FAIR VISITORS

We invited **Pikachu** to school and informed students that he is waiting for them in the book fair to motivate them to visit. NGS youngsters enjoyed playing with him and he brought a lot of happiness to **KG students**.



KIDPRENEURS EARN REAL MONEY DURING OPENING DAY

MashaAllah, we had a very successful opening day for our famous **Kidpreneurs program**. Over 100 students with different and unique businesses and services took part and it was an atmosphere filled with excitement, creativity and lots of smiles, **Alhamdulillah!** Students who took part, were able to experience real entrepreneurial tasks such as making a business plan, creating a marketing strategy, designing advertisements and most importantly selling and earning real money!





NGS STUDENTS REPRESENT 11 COUNTRIES IN “YOU ARE SPECIAL” EVENT BY AWQAF



MashaAllah, we were very proud of our ambassadors who represented their countries at the General Authority of the Islamic Affairs & Endowments. Each one of them held their country's flag up high with the words, “You are special” written in their own language. All of them received gifts and certificates from “Awqaf” for their participation.



GRADE 6 GIRLS INVITED STAFF & STUDENTS TO TRY FOOD INSPIRED BY A NOVEL

Grade 6 have been reading "Bud, Not Buddy" to find the food Bud ate from the beginning to the end of the story.

In the beginning, Bud ate food from charity kitchens, food he received from strangers, or what he could find in other people's garbage bins. As the story progresses, he eats with a family who show him how to be happy. Finally, he eats in a fancy restaurant where he realizes he is with the people he has been searching for since his mother died. Students had to research the traditional recipes from the Great Depression and prepare the food. Some of the recipes students made were:

Sweet Potato Pie, Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Okra, Muskrat Stew, Apple Cider.

It was a very delicious experience and fun to see the hands-on learning of the students who were involved.



NGS RAISES AWARENESS ON DYSLEXIA & IRLLEN SYNDROME

In October, our inclusion team raised awareness on Dyslexia and Irlen Syndrome by giving all parents information leaflets. Videos were shown to children by their respective teachers as per the cohort and children's level and all children reflected and wrote on the posters stuck on every floor for dyslexia & Irlen Syndrome awareness which were designed by the Inclusion team. Teachers had small talks with children on how each child is special and unique in their own way and our inclusion department conducted a training for staff on World Dyslexia and Irlen Syndrome Awareness Days.



NGS MEDIA TEAM OPENS AUDITIONS FOR STUDENTS



Our **media department** announced auditions for all students who want to become **presenters, videographers, or story tellers**. MashaAllah, more than 70 students signed up for different roles.

The auditions will start taking place in November inshaAllah and students who are shortlisted will get the chance to compete for a real position with the media team where they will learn hands on how to present like a real news anchors and how to produce professional videos.



NGS TEACHERS SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ON WORLD TEACHERS DAY AND RECEIVE CARDS FROM STUDENTS

On world teachers day, our teachers were asked to tell us something special about themselves, why they do what they do, and the things they like most about NGS.

We captured some really interesting answers.

If you'd like to watch what they said, you can search for the video on YouTube:

"World Teachers Day | Next Generation School."

Many students also made cards for their teachers on the day which put a smile on their faces.

#NGSSTARS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK

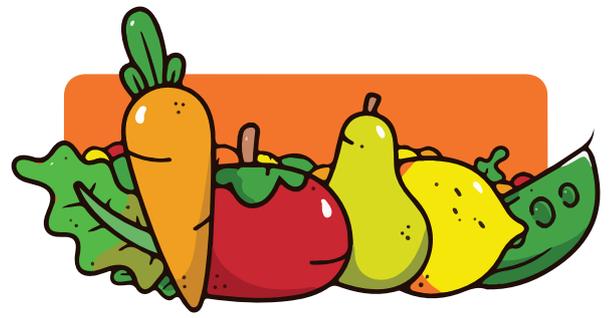
A call out to all our parents who love to see their stars more often on our **social media** pages and want them to participate in videos. Please send us your child's full name and class on media@ngsdubai.ae and we will add him/her to the #NGSStars list. Please keep in mind that we cannot guarantee to cover all children during all events, however, we will try our best to include everybody as much as we can, inshaAllah.

KG 2 STUDENTS ARE MAKING VOLCANOES

MashaAllah our KG2's created baking soda volcanoes to link with their literature fiction book - "My mouth is a volcano" by Julia Cook. It was such a fun experience and they enjoyed it very much.



NGS ENCOURAGES HEALTHY FOOD ON WORLD FOOD DAY



At **Next Generation School** we strive to provide the best learning environment for our students. A 'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind, Happy Child' ethos is extremely important.

Parents are continuously encouraged to be good role models and support the students in understanding how balanced nutrition contributes to a person's health, happiness and general well-being. Chocolates, crisps, soft drinks and chewing gum are not allowed to encourage safe and healthy eating.

We promote healthy food and children are expected to bring snacks and lunch boxes filled with healthy and nutritious food.

Please be reminded of the banned items from the Ministry of Education. **Processed meat, Instant noodles, Chocolate bars, Chocolate spread, Sweets, Peanuts, French fries, Soft drinks, Cream tarts and donuts**



NGS INVITES MOTHERS TO BREAST CANCER AWARENESS EVENT

Our parents were invited to join us on **Thursday 17th of October** to attend a workshop around **Breast Cancer Awareness & the Importance of Breastfeeding** with **Ms. Yasmine Bilal El-Mouallem** who is a Breastfeeding Counselor certified by Breastfeeding Society in the Supreme Council for Family Affairs in Sharjah.



STUDENTS CONTINUE TO LEARN ON THEIR BREAK AT NGS MIDTERM CAMP

MashaAllah, our students were enjoying their off time during our mid-term camp where they had the chance to do many different activities like swimming, football, badminton, robotics and much more.



GRADE 4 LEARN ABOUT MEASUREMENTS BY SOLVING REAL-LIFE PROBLEMS

MashaAllah, grade 4 students were learning about the conversion of different measurements during mathematics by solving real life problems with fun hands on learning. Students were divided into 3 groups and each group had a different scenario in which they were required to use measurement conversions to solve the problem. Some were grocery shoppers and others were secret agents and pilots.



ARABIC DEPARTMENT HOLDS SCHOOL-WIDE POETRY COMPETITION

MashaAllah, we were amazed to see the performances of students from Grades 1 to 7. Every student was given the chance to participate and finalists were asked to perform again in front of parents. The winners were chosen based on the following criteria: Poem Memorization, Correct Pronunciation, Overall Performance, Confidence and Body Language. All participating students were given prizes by the department for participation and the best 2 students were given trophies.



TRIP

GRADE 5 STUDENTS EXPERIENCE THEIR RAINFOREST UNIT WITH A TRIP TO GREEN PLANET

Grade 5 students had a trip to **Green Planet** as a part of their current unit, where they have been investigating the different aspects of rainforests including the layers of the rainforest, the animals and plants that live there as well as its overall impact as "the Earth's lungs" and how it has been affected by humans. They had an opportunity to experience an authentic rainforest habitat including the animals they have been researching. They learned much about relationships within the rainforest and students got to see and touch these animals first-hand!

Alhamdulillah, It was an incredibly exciting and educational experience that students and teachers will remember!



GRADE 1 LEARN ADJECTIVES ON FUNKY SOCKS DAY



Grade 1 students enjoyed "Funky Socks Day" where they came to school wearing fun and colorful socks and used different adjectives to describe the socks. It was a fun way to learn new adjectives during ELA.



NEWS FROM NGS STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

The **Student Support Services department** consisting of the Counselling team, Inclusion team, ELL team and Activities and Events team have been working across the school during the first half of term one, to help support our students of determination, helping our students deal with difficult situations, supporting our students to develop their English skills and working on activities for our students.

They have also completed the interview process for our Student Leadership which also includes members of our Student Council. The students have shared a lot of passion and ideas on how they would like to be involved in and around the school, supporting in different departments such as media, events, library and IT.

The wellbeing of our students is paramount and we will be launching anti-bullying and safety week awareness in November. **Please keep an eye out for these events to help support our students.**

NGS STUDENT LEADERSHIP INCLUDING THE STUDENT COUNCIL

MEET OUR STUDENT LEADERS



We received many applications for the Student Leadership Team, including the Student Council. After the application process, students were invited for an interview and students were informed of their roles in an assembly.

- Student Leaders represents the student body at public and community events
- Student Leaders will advocate for student needs and desires at appropriate meeting events
- Student Leaders will help plan and conduct school assemblies
- Student Leaders will help in school fundraising activities with the PA
- Student Leaders will represent the school at official events

NGS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION 2019- 2020

The Parents' Association is a body of representatives of parents in NGS. It has been created to bring the parents and management together on a platform where they can work closely to build a positive and healthy environment that is conducive to learning and growing competitively and socially responsible citizens.

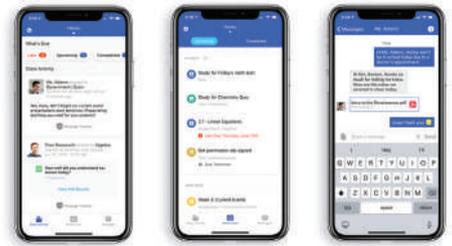
Mission statement

To cultivate a community of parents and professionals who share a commitment to an enriched future, and a dedication to the effective and positive education of our children, ready to support and assist the school in achieving the best learning experience for NGS students. We look forward to working with the PA throughout the year.

Full Name	Position
Mohammad Al Heeti	CHAIR & FATHER LIAISON
Juveria Kiyani	CO CHAIR & TREASURER
Yazmin Huzair	KG CPR COORDINATOR
Toleen Kushha	ELEM CPR COORDINATOR
Asma Kidwai	MIDDLE SCHOOL CPR COORDINATOR
Toleen Kushha	SECRETARY
Asma Kidwai	EVENTS COMMITTEE

Full Name	Position
Rola Abu Setteh	EVENTS COMMITTEE
Aisha Mohdhar	EVENTS COMMITTEE
Niveen Barqawi	CULTURAL LIAISON
Asma Kidwai	STUDENT LIAISON
Yazmin Huzair	EDUCATION LIAISON
Juveria Kiyani	EDUCATION LIAISON

NGS INTRODUCES NEW INTERACTIVE LEARNING PLATFORM FOR GRADES 6 & 7



We are pleased to announce that we will be introducing the Edmodo online platform for our Grade 6 and 7 core classes. This will allow parents and students to interact with teachers directly, allow for class materials to be shared with students and parents and allow students to create their own digital portfolios covering their learning. We have begun this process and will be providing more information and user guides for parents shortly. We think this will be a beneficial move in letting parents have greater insight into their children's learning journey as well as increasing the student responsibility in this digital age.



NGS STUDENTS ACCEPT DUBAI FITNESS CHALLENGE 30X30

Our students have officially accepted the Dubai Fitness Challenge and are looking forward to exciting challenges in November. Stay tuned!



CRAZY HAT DAY 2019!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome November

3rd Nov

Flag Day

3rd- 5th Nov

Grades 6 & 7 KHDA
Dubai Student Wellbeing
Census

4th- 30th Nov

Anti Bullying
& Safety Awareness

7th Nov

Arabic Calligraphy Contest
(Grade 1-7)

13th Nov

- Morning Meets
- PTSC KG - Grade 3

14th Nov

PTSC Grade 4-7

16th Nov

Dubai Fitness Challenge
30/30 ends

21st Nov

Islamic Department
Little Vocalist

28th Nov

UAE National Day
Celebrations

30th Nov

Martyr's Day