NEWTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WEST BAY
Doha, Qatar

Meet the Teachers
Year 5
2019-2020
The Staffing Team

- Ms Jenny Armstrong - Year 5 Bronze and Team Leader
- Ms Robyn Grant - Year 5 Crimson
- Mr Grant Malan - Year 5 Gold
- Mr Charles Staincliffe - Year 5 Silver

- Teaching Assistant - Ms. Karen
- PE - Mr. Dan Edmouds
- Music - Mr. Roukus Sakr
- ICT - Ms Amira
Curriculum Overview

Parents will receive a weekly overview of the topics and objectives that have been covered during the week.

English - Focus on Vocabulary, Grammar, and Punctuation (various punctuation, relative clauses, expanded noun phrases, various written texts (letters, narratives, playscripts, poems), reading various texts (genres)

Maths - Building on Year 4 objectives (Number and Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division Methods; Fractions, Decimals and Percentages; Data Handling), focusing on word problems, times tables and mental Maths.

Science - Plants; Lifecycles; The Earth, Sun and Moon; Forces; Changes in Materials.


Geography - Rivers, Mountains and Volcanoes; Map Work, The Environment
P4C - Philosophy for Children

- One lesson a week - the children will have a P4C
- These lessons are to promote thinking and debating skills.
- Children are asked to think about the themes that a stimulus might present.
- Then come up with ‘Juicy’ Questions.
- And have a discussion.
Trips & Excursions

Trips are an important part of the curriculum. We encourage all children to attend the trips throughout the year.

- Plant Farm
- Bounce
- Other exciting trips
Home Learning

Support from home and revision of materials is important at home.

Homework will be sent home on a Sunday and is due back in on a Thursday. A part of this will be on Collins Connect.

Projects will be given to children to do.

Children are expected to do 10 minutes of reading at night and work on their times tables.

Children are expected to complete the work independently.
We have collaborated with Asafir Educational Technologies to provide a smart digital Arabic library for our students. The library provides many distinctive digital stories that help the student to understand themselves and the world around them, based on the following axes:

- Emotional Intelligence Development (dealing with emotions)
- Universal Moral Values (tolerance & gratitude)
- Life Sciences (space, dinosaurs & ecosystems)
- Basic Concepts (shapes, colours & letters)

• Students will receive a username and password, which will help them access the library. The website also helps to gather information about each student’s interests and readings and share them with parents in a periodic report.

• The app can be downloaded for IOS and Android through the following link: 
  http://3asafeer.com/app

• The library can be accessed from the web at the following link (we recommend using the app if possible, to have a unique experience):
  http://3asafeer.com/login
Reading at home

Research shows that the best way to become a better reader is to spend more time reading. We would encourage you to read daily with your child – your child reading to you and you reading to your child.

- Go to Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to http://world-schools.scholastic.co.uk/newton-international-1 to browse the latest books and order online. For every $1 you spend on this month’s Book Club, our school will earn 20¢ in Scholastic Rewards.
- Please place your order online by October 30th, 2019.
- To browse the latest books and order online. Online orders only. No cash orders please.
- Register as a parent or login if you are already a member
- Choose from thousands of books
- Make sure when you are checking out online that you put your child’s grade and section, for example, 2A. This information will be needed to get the books to your child when the order arrives. If you have more than one child, choose one child for the order.
- After the order is placed, you will receive a confirmation email. Please make sure you keep it for your records. If you do not receive this email, the order did not process fully. Books should arrive 15 November, 2019 and will go home with your child.
Fun activities to work on Mental calculations

- Adding the number on Number Plates of Cars
- Asking them real life scenarios:
  - “I want to buy 3 apples. They cost QR5 each. How much will it cost me?”
  - “You have QR100. You buy a car that costs QR40 and a ball that costs QR50. How much change will I get?”
- Hit the Button online
- Asking them quick mental questions.
Weekly Timetable & Routines

Your child will receive a timetable of what lessons they have on each day.

They are encouraged to only bring in the books that they need for that day (for Arabic, Islamic and History of Qatar).

Being on time and attendance is very important for your child’s education. Please be sure to bring them to school on time.
Our Learning Zones

Teachers will look to catch children in the act of displaying desirable behaviour, giving them every opportunity of moving closer to the Star Zone.

Teachers will remind children of our expectations and issue warnings before moving them to a different zone nearer the Intervention Zone.

Super Star

Highly motivated; independently challenge themselves to reach greater depth in their learning. Parents will be informed if their child reaches the Star Zone.

Star

Engaged and motivated to apply their understanding independently and effectively.

Great

Attentive and cooperative; follows instructions well and displays good effort.

Think about it

Distracted and unproductive. Must reflect on behaviour choices in order to improve their attitude to learning.

! Uncooperative; failing to respond positively to the support and direction offered by the teacher. Parents will be informed if their child reaches the Intervention Zone.

Parents will be informed if their child reaches the Star Zone.
A new house system coming soon to Newton International School, West Bay.
House Points

There will be 4 houses
Children will be allocated on a house randomly.

Children will be awarded points to work across the whole school
Uniform & Appearance

The Newton School Group has introduced a new school uniform.

Please ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform everyday.
Clubs will be starting up soon.

Club sign ups will start tomorrow. You will receive a letter with the link to the clubs. There will be clubs on a Monday and Tuesday.

Sign up will close on Tuesday 10th September.

It works on a First Come First Serve basis - all clubs have a limited number of spaces.

There will be a range of clubs offered by the Year 5 and 6 teachers:

- Booster Clubs
- Board games
- Fun with Fabric
- Art and Craft
- Homework Club
- And more.
Healthy Lunch

A healthy lunch is imperative for learning. Children’s lunch boxes should have healthy food.

Unhealthy food will be taken away and returned at the end of the day.
Fun Lunch Box Ideas

- Creative Sandwiches - Use a cookie cutter to make the sandwiches look fun!
- Sandwich alternatives - Using wraps or Arabic flat bread, you can make some delicious sandwiches.
- A fruit salad - Add in some fun fruits and then add some chocolate chips to make it more exciting.
- Energy balls
- Egg Muffins
Communication & Partnership

Communication and Partnership between the school and parents is very important.

Email addresses should be correct and up-to-date. We will be working with school email addresses.

ClassDojo: Teachers will be using ClassDojo for communication. Please note that teacher can be reached between 6:40am and 2:30pm.

We aim to work together as best we can to Support the children in our classes.

Should you have concerns
1. Speak to the class teacher
2. Speak to Team Leader
3. Speak to our Parent Officer
4. Speak to Senior Management
Home & School Agreement

To provide the highest quality of education possible for students of all abilities. In doing so, we aim to positively encourage each student to achieve academic excellence, enjoy creative diversity, develop critical thinking skills and become lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

We will do everything to ensure that:

- Positive relationships are promoted at all levels to reduce any barriers to learning;
- Teaching is of the quality that leads to outstanding progress for all children;
- The curriculum will be inspiring, meaningful, and relevant helping all children to develop aspiration, achieve their potential and prepare them for later life.

We will:

- Care for your child’s well-being, learning and enjoyment;
- Contact you if we have any concerns with your child’s attendance and punctuality;
- Inform you of any concerns we have related to your child’s well-being, learning or behaviour;
- Have the highest expectations of your child.
Home & School Agreement

Parents will do everything to ensure that:

- Their child attends this school every day and on time;
- Their child wears their NIS West Bay uniform correctly every day;
- Their child is prepared and attends NIS West Bay with the correct equipment e.g. pencils, rulers etc.;
- Their child is provided with a nutritionally balanced and appropriate amount of food each day which will not include chocolate, cakes, biscuits, chips, fizzy drinks and flavoured milk;
- Their children are well-rested and ready to learn;
- Their child completes all home-learning tasks within the timeframes given;
- Their children only bring with them the books that they need each day;
- Their children attend educational field trips and excursions organised by the school;
- They attend the NIS West Bay Parents’ Meetings and will accept the advice and guidance offered by teachers;
- They support the NIS West Bay’s Behaviour for Learning policy and approach;
- They will use the correct procedures to raise any concerns regarding their child’s education;
- They will ensure that the school is provided with current emergency contact numbers and email address.
Home & School Agreement

Children will:

- Consistently give their best and help others to do the same;
- Read regularly and practice their spellings and tables;
- Politely, ask for help when they need it;
- Wear their uniform correctly, with pride;
- Adhere to their NIS West Bay’s Behaviour for Learning expectations;
- Complete all home-learning to the best of their ability and on time;
- Work with NIS West Bay to eradicate all forms of bullying.
Thank You

- Thank you for your time!

- Please contact your class teacher if you have any questions.

- Please sign the Home-School Agreement and write your child’s name.