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Dear WSD Community,

With the assessment period upon us in Term 3, I wanted to give you further information around GL Progress Tests (PT), NGRT and the Foundation Subject Assessments we will conduct.

GL Progress Tests

As you are aware, every year students have to sit GL Progress Tests in English and Mathematics as a requirement by the KHDA. It is a very valuable assessment tool to measure the progress of your child as well as providing excellent formative information to the student, parents and teachers to help improve in the future and set clear targets. We will be using the result of their Progress Test alongside our internal assessments to determine your child's end of year grade. The tests are completed on laptops and last approximately 1 hour each.

Preparation for the GL Assessments

- Practice assessments using Education City
 - These are very similar in the way the questions are phrased and the use of technology
 - The Education City practice assessments will be part of our curriculum lessons and there is no need to revise specifically for them as they are not part of your child's grade judgement
 - Some of these will be given as Home Learning
 - Your class teacher will let you know the score that your child achieved and the test will be reset so you can review the questions at home
- Revision materials will be shared with you as part of Home Learning
 - These materials will be available through Teams
 - Links to the interactive revision websites will be shared
 - All teaching materials from the year are available on Teams

It is important to remember that the GL Progress Tests are one of the indicators that we use to determine your child's final grade. Preparation is the key to success along with keeping your child calm and free from unnecessary pressure to succeed. Having a positive mental attitude is vital when approaching assessments.

Foundation Subject Assessments

We will also be conducting Foundation Subject assessments along with a Writing assessment and Science. Foundation subjects are those **other** than English, Maths, Arabic or Islamic Education. These assessments take different forms such as practical and/or written tasks. The assessments are completed during lesson times. All revision materials and links will be provided 3 weeks before the Foundation Subject assessments begin and will be sent to you via your class teacher. The timetable for these assessments will be sent separately to you.

New Group reading Test (NGRT)



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As you will recall from the Term 1 and Term 2 NGRT assessment information, all students in Years 2 to 6 will sit the GL New Group Reading Test (NGRT) each term.

The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is a formative assessment that is used to assess a students' level of reading. Formative means that it does not count towards any final grade or result but is used to find out your child's current ability level as compared to the national average. The content is designed to reflect the language of today and the way that reading is taught in schools. It is a short multiple-choice test that can be used to assess Primary students from Years 2 to 6.

Tasks include sentence completion and reading comprehension, and should take 30-50 minutes. This will be completed within our timetable. The NGRT will be taken each term so we can track students' progress throughout the year. For further reading, please click on [this link](#).

The final assessment for NGRT will take place in Term 3.

NGRT Assessment Procedure

The assessments are completed on tablet devices such as iPads. Please ensure that the Google Chrome web browser is installed and a shortcut to the web address <https://www.testwise.com/platform/code> is set. To view the minimum system requirements, please click [here](#).

There is nothing to revise for this assessment and each child's assessment could vary depending on their ability. The students will sit the assessment in smaller groups with a teacher to oversee.

Important: Please remember to send your child's headphones in with your child as there is an audio element to the assessment. Please ensure your headphones are set up and fully charged, if wireless, and that they are familiar with using them. The students are responsible for their headphones in school, therefore a label on them would be helpful.

Absences

If your child is absent for their test, we will arrange an alternative time during the testing window. If your child is absent for the whole testing window for Progress Tests, they will not be able to sit the assessment.

Timetable

NGRT	Monday 1 st May to Tuesday 9 th May 2023
Progress Test English	Wednesday 10 th May to Tuesday 11 th May 2023
Progress Test Maths	Monday 29 th May to Tuesday 30 th May 2023

If you have further questions, please contact your class teacher in the first instance.

Best Regards,

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