



EJAAD is a powerful project that pushes for physical change for Afghan women and girls who are impacted by everyday social challenges and expectations. They are leading change in their communities by being involved in the embroidery project however, these women and girls are still being refused an education so at NIS we are fighting to be able to give them a chance to get the education and future they deserve. As a club we have meetings several times a week discussing how we will help and make a positive change and impact. We collaboratively share our interests and hobbies in baking and crafts. From this we together make and bake these goods to sell at events, special occasions and/or during lunch time aiming to raise money for these women.

On 18th September 2024, I set up a table at the NIS annual club fair to spread awareness of my club and the cause it'll support. I was able to talk to many teachers and students who fell in love with the significant contribution that my club would make but also being able to join a free space where they can learn new hobbies and teach others of their own.



~Skyla~

I am Skyla and am the club leader of NIS EJAAD. In July 2024 I moved to Japan by myself to study abroad. Back in my home country I have always been brought up and surrounded by helping and giving back to the not so fortunate. I have also always has a big passion for baking, cooking and doing all sorts of arts and craft, introduced to me by my nan in England. Combining my two passions, ever since I was 6 years old I have made and baked many things for charities as I have always loved giving back and always aspired for positivity and spreading awareness for what's right. After being introduced to EJAAD I felt so attached after knowing what these women were going through. I decided to immediately take action to make a change.



## 28-31/10/24 HALLOWEEN

We spent days planning and baking, preparing for the NIS annual Halloween Carnival. I was able to teach the girls an old family recipe of mine to bake and decorate cupcakes. The girls had so much learning new skills and also being able to taste test the cupcakes. They sold really well at the Carnival and we even received donations!



## 11-15/11/24 PARTNERING

For my club I organised a week where we would go and teach and do crafts to do with Diwali to the Primary and Kindergarten students of NIS. I created a PowerPoint and documents to give to all the students in my club. I was there to supervise, however let all the students in EJAAD lead and take control. It was amazing to see as a leader of this club as the responsibility and commitment each and every girl had was outstanding!

After I received so many emails and comments on how much the students loved the lessons by teachers of the class and even teachers just walking by. Primary and Kindergarten students were so happy with their crafts that they were even running around the school holding them.



## 18/10-8/11/24 DIWALI

We spent weeks preparing for the NIS annual Diwali Festival. We spent most lunch times and after school putting in our time to make handmade Diyas. This was a new craft for all of us but it was so much fun and we all learned new skills. At the NIS Diwali Festival we sold painted Diyas, unpainted Diyas for others to paint/draw on and also offered craft for younger children to make and decorate their own paper plate Diyas. The night was such a success and light and positivity was for sure spread!

