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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RGS Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 15th March:
Year 1 Meerkats Class
Assembly

Saturday 17th March:
Family Day
(10am – 2pm)

Sunday 18th March –
Friday 23rd March:
Year 5/6 Residential
to Sri Lanka

Health Week

This week has been Health Week at the RGS! It has been a fantastic week which has helped our pupils understand the importance of a healthy balanced diet and regular exercise. It has also been lots of fun!

Each morning started with Morning Exercise in the atrium which was a great way to start the day, and throughout the week there were a wide range of activities for pupils to get involved in. On Soccer Sunday pupils came to school wearing a football shirt and enjoyed football sessions with Future Football Academy. Movement Monday was particularly active as Miss Wheeler led Dance classes, Miss Morris taught yoga, and pupils brought bikes, scooters and skateboards into school to use on the playground.

Tasty Tuesday was all about eating a healthy balanced diet. Mr McCullagh ran workshops with pupils about healthy eating and each class made some delicious healthy snacks to share. On Wednesday we welcomed the Hamad Ambulance service to school to work with our pupils, and Nurse Odessa visited each class to talk about keeping well and looking after our bodies.

Sports Day took place on Thursday which was a fitting end to a great week. Pupils, staff and parents came to school wearing their House colours and pupils of all ages completed a number of different sporting activities to collect points for their House Teams. Later in the morning the action moved to the track for a series of exciting races. Well done to everyone who took part and to our medal winners. Congratulations to Austen and Beckingham who were crowned Early Years and Key Stage 1/2 Sports Day Champions, respectively.



Our pupils showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout and should be praised for their efforts. A huge thank you to everyone for getting so involved in this great week and to Mr McCullagh for organising Health Week and ensuring it was such a success. The pupils (and teachers) will sleep well over the weekend!



Change in Security Staff

Jon, our friendly security supervisor, will be on leave for the next two months. Julius, who is one of our night guards, will replace Jon during this time. Julius has been with us since the school first opened and is familiar with the school and our procedures. We wish Jon safe travels and look forward to his return in May.

Family Day

As you will know by now, the Parents' Association will be holding a Family Day on Saturday 17th March at the RGS. This is sure to be a fantastic day for our community so please put the date in your diary!

Family Day will run from 10am – 2pm and is set to be the largest event on our school calendar, bringing the wider community together and raising money for good causes. There will be games and rides to enjoy, craft stalls, and lots of tasty food. Budding entrepreneurs in Key Stage 2 will also be running their own stalls throughout the day and are in the middle of planning what they will sell.



Money raised from the Family Day will be split between the charitable organization Qatar Red Crescent and the Parents' Association Fund which is used to host further events to strength our community and provide additional opportunities for pupils at the RGS.

The Parents' Association are currently collecting prizes for our Family Day Raffle. If you, your company or friends are able to donate a prize for our raffle this would be greatly appreciated. Prizes can be large or small, but all would be greatly received. We are pleased to honor donors by name and are happy to support companies in promotion at the fair free of charge by providing stalls for them to promote their business. If you are able to make a donation please contact the Parents' Association (parentsassociation@rgsgq.com), or the school office.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week for Health Week!

Mr. Downs

Year 1 Trip to Al Khor Park

On Wednesday, Year 1 went on an exciting school trip to Al Khor Park and Zoo. All of the children were extremely excited for the trip and to see all the animals!

We arrived at the zoo and had a look around, then we went to see the Ampitheater and had our snack, some of the children thought this was where warriors would fight. Once the children were re-fuelled again, we went to the aviary and saw lots of peacocks. The children found out that the male peacocks were the ones with the bright, beautiful feathers and the female peacocks didn't have these.





Next, we went on an animal hunt to see what we could find. There were some goats and their babies (they were very cute!) and some extremely angry ostriches which didn't like us! Then we found the zebras, they looked beautiful in the sunshine with their stripes and some children commented on how the zebras stripes made them look like a piano. We had a Year 1 picnic inside the museum as it was getting very hot outside! It was a very quiet bus journey on the way home as we had such a fun and exciting day!

Miss Wheeler

Community Events

Below is a list of upcoming events in Doha that our parent community have shared:

Qatar International Food Festival: 15th – 15th March at Hotel Park
(www.qifoodfestival.qa)

2018 Moto Grand Prix: 18th March at Lusail International Circuit
(www.qatar-moto-gp.com)

Artistic Gymnastics World Cup: 23rd March Aspire Zone

Souq Waqif Spring Festival: Until 25th April (www.souqwaqiffestival.qa/)

If you know of any events planned for the future, please let the School know so we can pass this information to our school community.

Weekly Awards

RGS Superstars

Each week RGS Superstar certificates are awarded to pupils from each class who have excelled in an area of school life during the week. Pupils receive these awards for demonstrating one of the RGS Learning Habits and becoming a member of our RGS Super Squad!

This week the following pupils received one of these special awards:

Nursery Seahorse: **Mariam**

Nursery Starfish: **Dexter**

Reception Dolphins: **Isabelle**

Reception Turtles: **Maryam**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Mazen**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Ethan**

Year 2 Lions: **Fatma**

Year 3/4 Lions: **Sultan A**

Year 5/6: **Khalid**

Class of the Week

Maintaining high levels of attendance and punctuality at school are essential for pupils to ensure they maximise their learning time in school and reach their full potential; academically, socially and emotionally.

Each week Class of the Week trophies are awarded to the classes who achieve the highest weekly attendance and who achieve the highest percentage of punctual pupils arriving by 7.45am. This week saw **Nursery Starfish, Year 1 Giraffes, Year 2 Lions and Year 5&6** shared the trophy for on time arrival, while **Year 3/4** and **Year 5/6** shared the trophy for the highest weekly attendance.

Thank you very much for ensuring your children arrive at school on time each day and do not miss school unnecessarily.

Top Table

To promote healthy eating and good table manners, pupils who demonstrate excellent behaviour, eating habits and manners during snack time and lunch time throughout the week are invited to eat lunch on the 'Top Table' at the end of the week.

On Thursday I enjoyed eating lunch with **Abdulaziz** (Reception Dolphins), **Hassan** (Reception Turtles), **Christine** (Year 1 Meerkats), **MK** (Year 1 Giraffes), **Tameem** (Year 2), **Umair** (Year 3/4) and **Ahmed** (Year 5/6).

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Thursday 22nd March: Reception Turtles Class Assembly

Thursday 22nd March: Term 2 Reports sent home

Sunday 25th March – Thursday 29th March: Parents Meetings

Tuesday 27th March: Nursery Trip to Al Khor Park

Thursday 29th March: Last day of Term 2 (school closes at 12pm)