Maths Week

This week we held a fantastic Maths Week at the RGS! Pupils across the School took part in a wide variety of engaging activities aimed at raising the profile of this important subject and understanding how it forms part of everyday life.

Sunday was ‘Maths at the Movies’ and involved pupils watching short clips from different videos before completing Maths related activities. Year 1 Meerkats watched the breakfast scene from Wallace and Gromit and then made their own breakfast by weighing out ingredients, while Year 4 measured and designed shoes for Melman from Madagascar. It was great fun!

Pupils focused on data collection on Monday as they used smarties to complete activities which included tally charts, bar graphs, algebra and patterns. We were visited by Kings College and Sherborne International Schools on Tuesday, who worked with our Key Stage 2 pupils to crack a series of clues and escape from ‘Emoji Island!’
Throughout the week there really were so many great activities taking place linked to all aspects of Maths. We also held a Careers Fair for Key Stage 2 and 3 pupils which helped them understand the importance of Maths in different professions. I would like to thank parents for volunteering for this beneficial event which the pupils thoroughly enjoyed.

Thursday was Rockstar Day, as pupils and staff came to school dressed as Rockstars! We held the final of the Timetables Rockstars Challenge which saw Christine (Year 2), Kareem (Year 4), Khalifa (Year 5) and Khalid (Year 7) emerge victorious.
Exploring Science

This week Year 4 pupils visited the Science Lab to work alongside Mr Phillips and the Year 8 pupils. Both year groups have been learning about the human body and so they worked together to dissect a chicken wing to find the muscles and bones. This was an opportunity for our younger pupils to experience higher level, Scientific activities and for our Senior pupils to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. It was great to see such fantastic collaboration and engagement with learning.
Qatar National Day Celebration

As you will probably be aware, Tuesday 18th December is Qatar National Day. On Monday 17th December we will be holding a whole school event to celebrate this important day, and we would be delighted if parents could join us.

We ask that pupils come to school on this day wearing either traditional Qatari dress or items of clothing that represent Qatar, such as a T-shirt with the Qatar flag on it. Staff members will be dressed up as well, and we invite parents to do the same if they wish to.

Parents are welcome to attend our whole school assembly which will take place from 7.55am – 8.30am. For the rest of the morning, pupils will take part in a series of activities with their teachers aimed at increasing their understanding of the country we live in, its customs and traditions. Parents are welcome to return to school for our family picnic which will take place from 11am – 12pm outside in the school grounds. Parents are asked to bring their own chairs and blankets that they might use for picnics or trips to the beach and items of food to eat and/or share with others. All pupils should bring a morning snack to school on this day and if parents are unable to attend the picnic then their child should also bring their usual lunchbox.

School will close on this day at 12pm for the end of Term 1.

I look forward to celebrating Qatar National Day with you all.

Have a great weekend.

Mr. Downs
Weekly Awards

RGS Superstars

Each week RGS Superstar certificates are awarded to pupils from each class in the Primary School 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! These pupils each receive 25 additional House points.

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

Nursery Starfish: Shaheen
Nursery Seahorses: Archie
Reception Dolphins: Abdulrahman
Reception Sharks: Bilal
Reception Turtles: Ali
Year 1 Giraffes: Romeya
Year 1 Meerkats: Hassan
Year 2 Lions: Mazen
Year 2 Tigers: Reemas
Year 3M: Rashid
Year 4H: Arnav
Year 5K: Khalifa
Year 6W: Muhammad
Year 7T: Khalid
Year 8P: Tameem
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 in Early Years, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two who achieve the highest weekly attendance, and who achieve the highest percentage of punctual pupils arriving by 7.45am. Pupils in these classes are also rewarded with an additional two House points each.

The winners this week can be seen below:

Early Years
Attendance: **Nursery Starfish**
Punctuality: **Reception Turtles**

Key Stage 1
Attendance: **Year 2 Tigers**
Punctuality: **Year 1 Giraffes**

Key Stage 2
Attendance: **Year 5 K**
Punctuality: **Year 3 M**

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 snack on the ‘Top Table’ at the end of the week. These pupils also receive 25 additional House points each.

On Thursday I enjoyed eating snack with the following pupils from Key Stage 1 and 2:

Reception Dolphins:      Syrine
Reception Sharks:         Dexter
Reception Turtles:        India
Year 1 Meerkats:          Maryam
Year 1 Giraffes:          Asiriana
Year 2 Lions:             Jana
Year 2 Tigers:            Meyran
Year 3M:                  Rahma
Year 4H:                  Sara A
Year 5K:                  Zainab
Year 6W                   Moza
Community Events

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

Street Food Festival: 15th – 24th November at Sheraton Hotel Park

Syria Matters Exhibition: 18th November – 30th April at the Museum of Islamic Art

Katara 8th Traditional Dhow Festival: 20th – 24th November at Katara Cultural Village

Cinderella with Suzhou Ballet of China: 29th and 30th November at Qatar National Convention Centre

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

RGS Diary Dates

24th November: Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament

25th – 27th November: RGS Guildford UK visit

26th November: Year 2 Trip to Bounce

29th November: Nettles Charity Day

1st December: Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament

5th December: Parents’ Monthly Coffee Morning

5th December: Year 3 and 4 Trip to Kidzmondo

6th December: Year 3M Class Assembly

6th December: RGS Talent Show
11th December: Reception Sharks Trip to Kidzmondo

13th December: Year 2 Lions Class Assembly

13th December: Valpy Charity Day

13th December: Year 5-8 French Trip

17th December: Qatar National Day Celebration

17th December: School will close at 12pm for the end of Term 1.