**Science Week**

This week pupils at the RGS have benefitted from one of our regular theme weeks, as learning has focused on Science. Pupils in the Primary School explored a wide range of scientific topics through hands-on investigations and experiments.

Science week got off to a bang on Sunday as the pupils focused on explosions, including exploding eggs, volcanoes, rockets and liquid fireworks. Edible Science was the theme for Monday before pupils became investigators on Tuesday, as they carried out experiments about different crime scenes set up around school. We also had a giant inflatable human body in school for pupils to explore and learn about how each body part works.

Throughout the week, pupils in Reception and Year 1 had the opportunity to visit CURIO City and on Thursday staff and pupils arrived at school looking weird and wonderful for our Science Dress Up Day!

A huge thank you to Miss Mc Conville, Science Coordinator, for planning and organising this beneficial week of learning.
Year 5N Class Assembly

Well done to Year 5N who performed a fantastic assembly to pupils, parents and staff on Thursday. It was ‘Science Galore’ during 5N’s thoroughly entertaining and science fact-packed performance to coincide with RGS’s Science Week theme.

After a week full of scientific experiments and activities, pupils and teachers filed into the atrium in their colourful and creative scientist outfits to watch Year 5N’s informative showcase on the topic of Recycling; with pupils acting out parts as plastic water bottles, metal cans, newspapers and other forms of ‘waste’ that can be put to good use if we all take responsibility to recycle! Mother Nature was there too to remind us of the effect our rubbish has on our plants, creatures and our planet.

“What shall we do with our rubbish”? was the question and Year 5N provided the solution with dramatic scenes and a poem to remind us that “We live in a beautiful world and we must look after it”. “No Time to Waste!” they told the audience.

Ms Mc Conville and her Stem club members handed out Science superstar certificates to the winners of the science project 3D models, which are on display in the atrium. They all agreed it was difficult choosing the winners due to the high standard of work entered by our pupils across the year groups.

During Science Week, while the pupils learned about forensics, some crime had taken place at RGS! The culprit who had allegedly stolen Ms Nixon’s pencil case was still at large . . . fortunately, our pupils had investigated thoroughly all the clues and policemen McCullagh and Temple were called upon during assembly to arrest the suspect, who was revealed to be the mad scientist Miss Hollick.! Following a chase through the audience the suspect was caught and removed for further questioning!

A huge thank you to the pupils for sharing their learning with us and to the teaching staff for their hard work since the start of the academic year.
Parents' Association's Beach Clean-Up and Family picnic

On Saturday 30th November the RGS will be taking to the beach to participate in a Beach Clean-Up at Simaisma Beach. The Beach Clean-Up will start at 8.30am and is a hugely worthwhile initiative for our school to participate in. Following an hour of team work to clean the beach we hope families will stay to enjoy a picnic with the RGS community. There is a sign up sheet at the front of the school, if you have any questions, please contact the Parents' Association at parentsassociation@rgsgq.com

Qatar National Day Celebration

As you will probably be aware, Wednesday 18th December is Qatar National Day. On Tuesday 17th December we will be holding a 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 8am – 8.45am. 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 10.45am – 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. More details about the family picnic will be sent out in the coming weeks.

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 and I will see you next week.

Mr. Downs
News from Early Years

As part of Science Week activities, Reception children enjoyed a trip to the Science Centre CurioCity, on The Pearl. As ever, the children were super excited to be travelling on the school bus and entertained one another by singing songs and spotting landmarks along the way. Once at CurioCity, the children were treated to a variety of science-based activities; they painted salt pictures, explored force through active games and even made their own ‘aliens in a bottle’! Once all of the children had completed the activities, they were treated to an awesome science show, about dry ice. The children were amazed as the presenter created clouds and soapy bubbles from the dry ice. The trip ended with an exploration of the science area and sensory room. The Reception children were a pleasure to take on this trip and they represented the Royal Grammar School with good manners and enthusiasm. A special thanks to all of the parent volunteers who came along to support the children.

Ms Mc Conville. Reception Stingrays
News from Key Stage 1

This has been an amazing week at RGS because it has been Science Week! That means our pupils have been doing science based activities and experiments all day, every day this week. Ask your child what their favourite part of Science Week was.

Key Stage 1 shared the same activities this week. On Sunday, the theme was explosions and so the pupils spent time making colour bombs, an erupting Volcano and they enjoyed a bubble show put on by Ms McConville. On Monday, the theme was ‘Edible Science’: the pupils had lots of fun learning about how science can be used in the kitchen as well as in the science lab. The pupils made marshmallow slime, looked at the effect fresh pineapple and tinned pineapple had on whether jelly would set, and they also did an investigation on trying to guess what was in an unlabelled tin, without opening it. On Tuesday, disaster struck the School! There was a wave of crime that affected teachers in Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 . . . Ms Keay suffered the worse crime, as someone broke her car window! Thankfully, the pupils were excellent crime scene investigators and helped to solve the mystery as to what object was used, but apparently the criminal is still at large!

On Tuesday and Wednesday, a huge inflatable ‘human’ body visited the School and the pupils explored inside the body and learned all about their own bodies. Also pupils had the chance to put their noses to the test as they observed and learned what effect smell has on the taste of food. They also enjoyed building a skeleton of the human body and learnt about the various bones in the body.

For our Science Week finale on Thursday, pupils dressed up as ‘mad scientists’ and saw just how mad their teachers can be with science experiments!

Year 1 enjoyed a school trip to Curiocity on Tuesday and Wednesday and whilst there, experienced a wide range of science! All the children had a great time and made long lasting memories.

We hope the pupils thoroughly enjoyed an excellent Science Week and have developed a true love for the subject!

The Key Stage 1 team.
News from Key Stage 2

What an action packed science week in Key Stage 2! Pupils have been immensely excited and have greatly benefitted from practical based learning and experiments, to broaden their scientific views and learn more about science phenomena.

Year 3: Rocket Launch: Pupils in Year 3 designed streamlined rockets in anticipation that they could make it into space! Combing citric acid with water, pressure built and the rockets blasted off!

Year 4: Solar Powered Panels: Designing solar panelled ovens, Year 4 made predictions, recorded and evaluated the impact that increasing temperatures had on their s’mores (marshmallow, cracker and chocolate) that were placed inside their uniquely designed ovens. Pupils used oral explanations for the outcome of their enquiry and suggested they undertake this learning task every week!

Year 5: Crime Scene Investigation: Who stole Miss Nixon’s pencil case? Playing the role of detectives and forensic scientists, Year 5 examined a crime scene which featured blue footprints left behind by a burglar. Sticky fingerprints were found on several items at the crime scene by pupils performing the role of forensics and a jury was formed to find the culprit who stole Miss Nixon’s pencil case. After careful consideration of the suspects and the compilation of secure data from children’s investigations, a unanimous decision was made to arrest Miss Hollick! 4H continue to protest her innocence . . .

Year 6: Black Fire Snake: In an explosive start to Wednesday, Year 6 started their day off with the black fire snake experiment. Each member of Year 6 carefully measured out the stated quantities using careful judgement and a steady hand. Sugar and baking soda were combined in a 4:1 ratio and mixed. Sand was added, but not to assist the reaction; instead, this acted as a method of evenly distributing the heat. Following adding fuel and lighting said ingredients, a black snake appeared to rise from the bed of sand!

Thank you for strengthening our science!

On behalf of Key Stage 2, a huge thank you to Miss Mc Conville for a well-organised, highly engaging, science week and thank you to the parents of the children in Key Stage 2 for sending supporting resources.

Mr Quigley. 3Q
News from Key Stage 3

Dear Parents,

This week students from KS3 took part in the Open Mic Night organised by Miss. Martindale and Mr. Woodhouse. The event was a big success and highlighted the talents of the children, whilst also demonstrating their confidence in performing in a public setting. Well done for taking part and thanks to the music department for organising the event.

Again Miss. Abbas has helped the pupils continue their Manga High Math competition, and we are steadily making progress. The competition takes place across the month and the winners will be announced in the Newsletter.

Pupils will be taking their assessments over the coming week, which will help to feed into reports. Following on from the reports, there will be a parents’ afternoon to discuss progress and attainment. More information will be sent out in the coming week.

Thank you for all your support and enjoy your weekend.

KS3 Teachers

Football

On Wednesday this week, Year 3 and Year 4 boys took part in their first QPPSSA football tournament at Dukhan. The Year 3 team got off to a fantastic start in their group by winning the first match 1-0 against AKIS, with player Wrd scoring the only goal. Their next match was against DCWB and they drew 0-0; the final match in the group stage was against QAAK and RGS won 2-0 with Essa and Alwaleed scoring the goals. These results in the group stage meant that the RGS Year 3 team finished top of the group and qualified for the semi-finals!

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It was a win for RGS in their third game, as the Year 4 team scored 2-1 against QIS, with Imran and MK scoring the goals for RGS, to get them a well-deserved first victory in the tournament. The next game saw Year 4 subsequently draw 0-0 against NAISAK which meant they needed to win their last match by three goals in order to qualify for the semi-finals. Year 4 attacked the NAISAK goal as soon as the game started, knowing they needed to score plenty of goals and win. MK scored two quick goals and then with only a few minutes remaining, Aamir scored the third goal for RGS which saw the Year 4 team win 3-0 against QAAK, allowing RGS to qualify for the semi-finals!

The Year 3 semi-final was against QFIN and the boys started very well. Farris and Yazaan made some good last-minute tackles and Saif nearly scored, before QFIN scored the first goal. RGS then scored an equaliser straight away to bring the scores level. Excitement grew as both teams were trying really hard to score the winner - QFIN scored to make it 2-1 and unfortunately, RGS just couldn’t score again so lost the semi-final. A fantastic effort by the Year 3 boys to make it to the semi-finals and to finish fourth overall.

In the Year 4 semi-final, the boys played against a very good team and despite their great efforts, unfortunately, lost the match 4-0 to DCWB. RGS Year 4 then played the losing side of the other semi-final, QFIN, and managed to beat them 1-0 which meant RGS Year 4 finished in a commendable third place in the tournament, taking home the bronze medal.

RGS saw a great effort by all our boys who thoroughly enjoyed the tournament.

Mr Temple.
QPPSSA Girls

Congratulations to all the girls chosen to represent the RGS at the QPPSSA girls’ football competition this week. The girls travelled to International School London Qatar (ISLQ) and displayed fantastic teamwork and resilience to not concede a goal in all three matches played!

RGS girls have worked very hard each week during ECAs to develop as a team.

Well done to all involved.

Mrs Blenman
Open Mic Night

Once again students took to the stage to entertain our enthusiastic audience during our November Open Mic Night event. It was a brilliant afternoon celebrating the Arts, with solo instrumental performances, a band performance from the ‘Cheese Weasels’, comedian act Ally Raouf and our first performance from Singing Club. A massive well done to all our performers and a thank you to all the parents and teachers who supported the event. Open Mic will return for a December event, watch out for the date announcement to sign-up!

Miss Martindale
Weekly Awards

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 1 and Key Stage 2 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: **Dolphins**
Punctuality: **Starfish & Dolphins**

Key Stage 1
Attendance: **Year 2 Cheetahs**
Punctuality: **Year 1 Meerkats & Year 2 Tigers**

Key Stage 2
Attendance: **Year 4W**
Punctuality: **Year 3J**

Thank you very much for ensuring your children arrive at school on time each day and do not miss school unnecessarily.
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 receive 25 additional House points each.

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

- Nursery Starfish: Mona
- Reception Dolphins: Amal
- Reception Turtles: Michael
- Reception Sharks: Maya
- Reception Stingrays: Dimitri
- Year 1 Zebras: Abdualrahman
- Year 1 Elephants: Rashid Almusalmani
- Year 2 Tigers: Samavia
- Year 2 Cheetahs: Skylar
- Year 3J: Alexandra
- Year 3N: Ibaad
- Year 3Q: Hasnain
- Year 4W: Salem
- Year 5K: Syed
- Year 7A: Muhammad Abbasi
- Year 8S: Hadi
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.

Top Table is located in the School Council garden and pupils receive invitations during Thursday morning registration. Those who are invited also receive 25 additional House points each.

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

Reception Turtles: Adam
Reception Sharks: Archie
Reception Dolphins: Bhadiya
Reception Stingrays: Aida
Year 1 Zebras: Rayana
Community Events

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

Christmas Fayre
Location: Parkview Pet Center - Veterinary Clinic
Date: 22 November 2019
Time: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Ticket Purchase: No tickets needed
Price: 20QR Children under 12 - It’s free!
Enjoy an afternoon of shopping surrounded by lots of cheer. Santa Claus arrives at around 3.30pm; face painting; crafts; jewellery; toiletries; decorations; pet products; a henna artist and lots more Christmas gift ideas. At 5pm the story of ‘Twas the Night before Christmas’ will be read followed by Christmas Carols – all welcome to join in the singing for a great cause!
All proceeds go to support 2nd Chance Rescue who are presently looking after at least 200 dogs and cats and they could really do with your love and support.

Qatar Balloon Festival
Location: Aspire Park
Date: 7 December 2019 - 18 December 2019
Free Entry
Email: info@qatarballoonfestival.com
The Qatar Balloon Festival is the country’s first 12-day festival of Hot Air Balloons: 30 balloons will gather from around the world. The sight of hot air balloons will fill the skies and there will be food trucks, fairground rides and lots of entertainment.

Kyokushin Karate Camp - conducted by 2 international coaches - organised by QSports.
Location: Qatar Womens Sport Committee, Doha, Qatar
Date: 8 December 2019 - 12 December 2019
Time: 04:00 pm - 08:00 pm
- Price: Children 500QR - Sibling Discount - 20%
  Website: http://www.qsports.qa
RGS Diary Dates

24th November: Live Cooking Show (8am in the atrium)

24th – 27th November: RGS UK visit to Qatar

25th November: Year 4 Trip

28th November: Year 3Q Class Assembly

30th November: Parents’ Association Beach Clean and Family Picnic

4th December: Parents’ Monthly Coffee Morning (7.15 – 9am in the atrium)

5th December: Year 2 Lions Class Assembly

5th December: Valpy Charity Day

9th December: Year 4 Roman Day

12th December: Year 1 Giraffes Class Assembly

17th December: Qatar National Day Celebration

17th December: Last day of Term 1 (School closes at 12pm)