



RGS Family Fun Day

Saturday was a lovely day at the RGS as we held our Family Fun Day. There were lots of great activities to enjoy and tasty food available. The bouncy castle proved to be very popular (until the rain came!) and students loved having balloon models made by our balloon artist.

Thank you to everyone who came along to share the day with our whole community and support the School. Despite the unseasonal and rather inclement weather it was an enjoyable day and it was wonderful to see so many parents and students socialising.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the day such a positive experience for all who attended and special thanks to our admin team for their hard work over the past few months.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 26th March onwards: Early Years Parents' Meetings
Throughout this week parents of Early Years students will be invited into school to meet with their child's class teacher. These meetings provide an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher and discuss progress made towards curriculum objectives.

Thursday 30th March: Year 1 Class Assembly
Parents of Year 1 students are invited to join us to watch the Year 1 class assembly performed by students in this year group. For further information, please contact Mrs Stuart.

Thursday 30th March: Term 3 ECAs announced
The schedule for Term 3 ECAs will be sent home to parents on this day. During Term 3 ECAs will be open to all students from Nursery to Year 2 in order to support our youngest students with their transition to Reception next academic year.

Thursday 30th March: Key Stage 1 End of Term Reports sent home
Parents of students in Year 1 and 2 will receive their end of term report for Term 2 on this day. If parents wish to schedule a meeting with their class teacher for the following week then they will be invited to do so.



Tasty Pizza!

As part of their learning about instruction writing, Year 1 students followed instructions to make a pizza and then used the cooked pizzas in maths to learn about halves and quarters. They also created their own instruction booklets on how to make the perfect pizza, including all the features they had learned over the week; imperative verbs, correct order, time connectives, presentation and helpful hints. The students have taken their booklets home so they can make pizzas with their families. Delicious!

Technology to Support Phonics

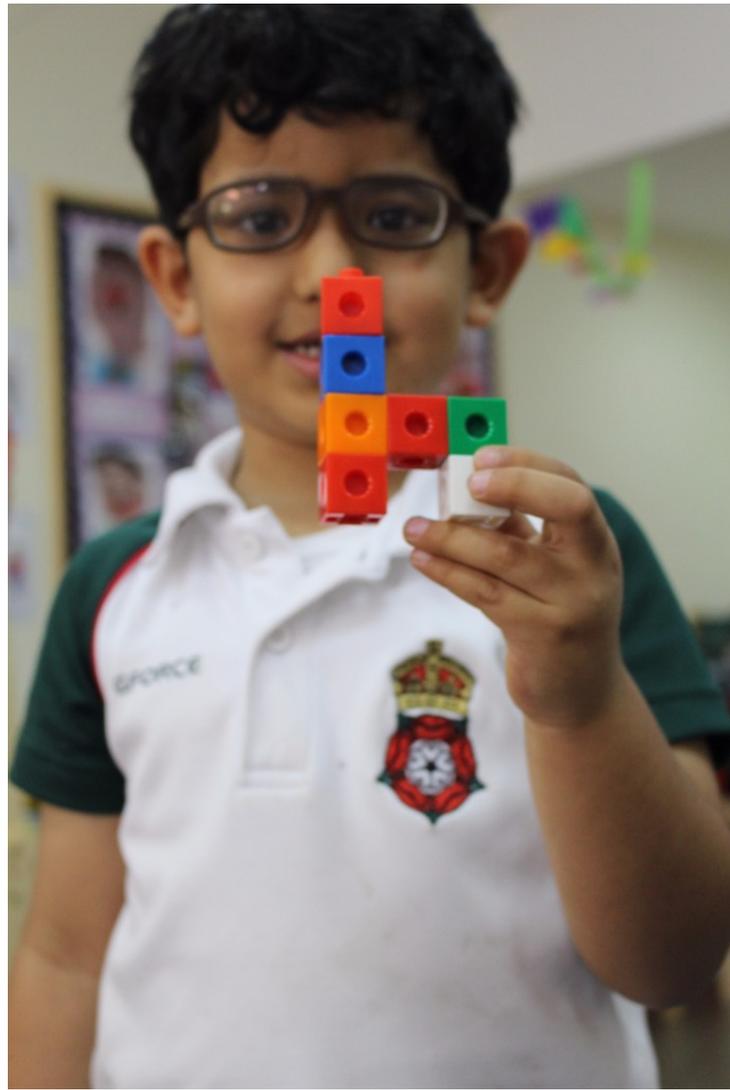
Sunday 2nd April: Term 3
ECA Sign Up
Parents will be able to sign
their students up for Term 3
ECAs from this date.

Thursday 6th April: Last Day
of Term 2
School will close at 12 o'clock
on this day as we finish for the
holidays.



Last week students in Reception used technology to help with their phonics learning. They used wireless 'easi ears' headphones to listen to jolly phonics sounds and related songs while taking part in related activities around the classroom. This was a great way to keep the children moving while also incorporating technology into the more formal English curriculum.

The students also used the interactive whiteboard and iPads to complete phonics related activities which included blending and segmenting games.



Problem Solving in Nursery

Nursery students had lots of fun problem solving last week as they tried to replicate models that the teachers had made using different shapes. It was nice to see some students working together to count the correct number of shapes and cubes and demonstrate different ways of connecting them.



Creative Hands

Over the past two weeks, students who attend Arts and Crafts ECA have been working with clay to make their own pots. The students carefully rolled out sausage shapes using clay and coiled them around a base, shaping them into pots. This was quite tricky and the students had to think about how much water to use to keep the clay soft but not too wet. They left them to dry and then the following week the students painted them their favourite colours.

It was great to see students learning new skills and they were very proud of their finished designs!



Head of School Award

Well done to Musnad (Reception) who received one of these special awards last week. Musnad has shown amazing improvement in his English work since the start of the school year and came to my office last week to show me his latest piece of work. When Musnad first joined our school he found it difficult to recognise and form letters in English, however, he is now writing full sentences and using his phonic knowledge to spell words. Well done Musnad, we are very proud of you!

Head of School Awards are presented to students when teachers feel that they have completed work to an exceptionally high standard or achieved something extra special.

Weekly Awards



RGS Superstars

Each week the RGS Superstar certificates are awarded to students from each class who have excelled in an area of school life during the week. Students will receive these awards for excellent behaviour, effort or attainment in the classroom, or for demonstrating one of the RGS Learning Habits.

Last week the following students received one of these special awards:

Nursery: Nawaf and Shaymaa

Reception: Jasmine and Malek

Year 1: Mohammed

Class of the Week



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

Last week saw Year 1 claim the Class of the Week

trophy for the highest weekly attendance, while Reception and Year 1 shared the trophy for on time arrival. Thank you very much for ensuring your children arrive at school on time each day.

Top Table

To promote good table manners, students 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. Last week Mrs De Waal enjoyed eating lunch on Thursday with Jassim (Nursery), Maryam (Reception), Arabella (Year 1), and Yared (Year 2).



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