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Welcome to the RGS Weekly Newsletter, 7 May 2017.

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## *What's the Time Year 1?*

In Maths last week Year 1 students were busy learning how to tell the time. Linking their learning to their topic, they created a beautiful Fairytale clock collaboratively as a class, which can be seen in their classroom. Each student also made individual sundials which were placed outside and then visited at hour intervals so they could experience the shadow moving around the face.

## *Dates for the Diary*

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May: Early Years Assembly**

Students in Nursery and Reception will join together to perform an assembly. The assembly will start at 7.55am in the Shared Area and all parents of children in these classes are invited to attend. If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Pheby or Mrs Cload.

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May: Last day of Term 3.1**

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday**

### **29<sup>th</sup> May: Half Term**

School will be closed for these two days.

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May: First Day of Term 3.2**

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### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Ramadan School Hours**

During this time the school hours will be 7.45am – 12.15pm for all students. Students can still be dropped off at school from 7.15am each day. Please note that ECAs will not run from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Arts Week**

Throughout the week students in all year groups will complete individual and collaborative pieces of work. There will also be music, dance and drama taking place throughout the week.



## *Poetry in Reception*

Students in Reception worked together in small groups last week to write some fantastic animal poems. There were some fabulous rhyming words in the poems which will be read out in the Early Years assembly on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

In Maths the students explored length and height; measuring each other and recording the results to find out how tall they all are. They also measured animals by height as they linked their maths work to their current topic, and explored how to measure objects around the classroom using rulers.

The theme of animals continued in computing as students worked together to programme 'Bee Bots' to move towards animals located around the classroom.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Last day of Term 3.2**

Parents are invited into school for our end of year assembly. More information will be sent out after May half term. School will close at 12 o'clock on this day to mark the end of the school year.



## *Council of British International Schools*

I am delighted to announce that our school has recently been awarded Membership of the Council of British International Schools (COBIS). COBIS is a membership association of British International Schools, providing quality assurance to ensure that all schools within COBIS are of the highest standard. We are delighted to have achieved membership within our first year and believe it highlights the quality of education we are providing to students at RGSGQ.

Next academic year we will receive an inspection visit from COBIS which will focus on the quality of the curriculum; the quality of teaching and learning; the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils; and their welfare, health and safety.



## *RGS Governor Visit*



Last week we were visited by Mrs. Sarah Creedy, Chair of the Governors of RGS, and Mr. Bob Ukiah, Chief Operating Officer of RGS. They toured the school to view the progress that has been made over the past few months and met with our sponsor Al Qamra to discuss plans for the senior school.

We will welcome Mrs Creedy and Mr Ukiah, together with Dr. Jon Cox, Headmaster of RGS Guildford, back to Qatar in June, as we finalise plans for the next academic year.



## *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

Reception: Jasmine and Wali



Year 1: Rhiley

Year 2: Zein



## *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 retain the Class of the Week trophy for the highest weekly attendance, while Nursery and Reception 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 Stuart enjoyed eating lunch on Thursday with Saleh (Nursery), Wali (Reception), Fatma (Year 1), and Mahmoud (Year 2).



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