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Welcome to the RGS Weekly Newsletter 4 June, 2017

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Arts Week

Last week was very exciting as we held Arts Week at the RGS. Students across the School took part in a range of activities using a variety of skills and techniques.

In Early Years the students continued to focus on the topic of animals, linking this to the impact humans can have on habitats. Using layering and dot painting techniques, the students created individual canvases in the style of aboriginal art from Australia.

The students also spent some time discussing what they can do to look after and protect our environment. They created a fantastic totem pole with a sea theme using recycled materials, and worked together collaboratively to design and make a giant sea turtle.

In Key Stage 1 the focus was 'Art from around the world' as the students learnt about well-known art from different cultures and countries. They studied Africa and created some Maasai tribe necklaces and some safari animal silhouettes, before learning about Indian art and creating some Rangoli patterns with chalk. Later in the week the students looked at the Venice carnival and created some beautiful venetian masks. On Thursday in assembly the students presented their work and explained how they created them. It was an excellent week of fun learning and one which I'm sure the students will look forward to repeating again next academic year.



Garangao

During our assembly on Thursday we talked about the Holy Month of Ramadan and its importance. Students discussed Garangao, a traditional children's party which is celebrated after the breaking of the fast on the 14th night of Ramadan, when half of the fasting month is over.

During the festival, children get dressed up in special clothes and carry bags as they collect sweets and nuts from their family and friends. The students were each presented with a bag of treats that they could take home to share with family and friends.



*Dates for the
Diary*



Tuesday 30th May –

**Thursday 22nd 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 25th May – Thursday 22nd June.

Thursday 15th June: End of Year Reports

All students will receive their End of Year Report on this day. Parents who would like to discuss their child's report are asked to speak to their class teacher and arrange a time during the final week of the school year.

**Thursday 22nd June:
Last day of Term 3.2**

Parents are invited into school for our end of year assembly starting at 7.55am. School will close at 12 o'clock on this day to mark the end of the school year.



Summer Camp

For those families who are looking for a Summer Camp during July and August please contact the school office to find out more about Garvey's European Family Club which will run from 2nd July – 7th September.



End of Year Assembly

Don't forget that we will be holding our special end of year assembly on Thursday 22nd June. Parents are invited to attend from 7.55am as we celebrate the past academic year and the many achievements of our students. Year 2 have already been busy completing some top secret work ready for this assembly; discussing what they have loved learning about and doing some writing and artwork to share.

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: Jassim and Omar

Reception: Reem



Year 1: Fatma

Year 2: Ayana



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 it was all girls on Top Table as Romeya (Nursery), Reemas (Reception), Arabella (Year 1), and Alya (Year 2) were invited to join me.



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 Reception were awarded the trophy for on time arrival while Nursery achieved the highest weekly attendance and punctuality. Thank you very much for ensuring your children arrive at school on time each day.



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