

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RGS Dates For Your Diary

Monday 9th October:
 Parents' Association
 Meeting (7.30am – 8.30am
 meet in the main school
 reception)

Wednesday 18th and
 Thursday 19th October:
 School Photographs

Thursday 19th October:
 Year 5/6 Class
 Assembly (7.55am –
 8.30am in the Early
 Years Shared Area)

Our Senses

There have been some great learning opportunities taking place this week across the school focused on our senses. In previous weeks' children in Nursery had already completed activities on seeing and hearing and so this week moved onto exploring their sense of smell. They enjoyed going on a smell walk outside and created smelling pots that had a wide variety of different smells such as coffee, lemon and herbs. Back inside the classroom the children created some rather interesting smelling playdough with a whole host of different smells. Some smells proved to be more popular than others! In Year 2 the children have also been completing work on their senses as part of the Key Stage1 Science curriculum. Year 1 Meerkats combined their senses of touch, sight, smell, taste and hearing as they worked together to listen to instructions and make delicious bread.



Healthy Eating

At the RGS we are committed to encouraging and developing positive attitudes towards food and a healthy diet. As a school we know that food is fundamental to the quality of a child's life, not just in providing essential nutrition but in communicating and sharing positive values, attitudes and experiences with each other.

We believe that adults (staff, parents and carers) should be good role models and should support the pupils in understanding how balanced nutrition contributes to a person's health, happiness and general well-being. It is our responsibility to ensure pupils are well nourished at school and that every pupil has access to safe, tasty and nutritious food and a safe, easily available water supply during the school day.

On Thursday in our weekly Achievement Assembly Mr Walsh, our Pupil Welfare Coordinator, spoke to the children about the importance of a healthy balanced diet and taking part in regular exercise. Thank you to all those parents who have been sending in healthy snacks and lunches for their children to enjoy each day.

IPSEF Middle East

Last week I was delighted to represent the RGS at the International and Private Schools Education Forum in Dubai. As one of the invited speakers I highlight the journey our school has been on since the project was first conceived, through the design and construction stages and to the start of the current academic year.

We are very proud of all that has been achieved to date and the learning environment we have created for our pupils. I am personally looking forward to an exciting year ahead and more success in the future.





Quality Assurance

Next week Mrs Clare Turnbull, Headmistress of Lanesborough Prep School in Guildford, will be visiting our school as part of our quality assurance and internal inspection programme. Lanesborough Prep School has had a strong link with RGS Guildford for many years and many of the children who attend Lanesborough move to RGS Guildford for senior school.

One of our core aims at the RGS in Qatar is to ensure that we transfer the ethos, values and high standards from the RGS Guildford to our school here in Doha. Mrs Turnbull will visit all year groups and specialists across the school which will support us as we continue to align the schools. Mrs Turnbull will also be working alongside the teachers after school hours to introduce the Lanesborough Values Policy, which will form part of our assembly programme and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum.

Mr Downs

Music at the RGS

This week has been a very exciting one for year 5/6 students, who have just started learning their first chords on the Ukulele – we are already getting some fantastic sounds and looking forward to learning some full songs!

In year 3/4 we have been continuing to learn the recorder and students are currently mastering three pieces 'Gently Sleeps', 'Merrily We Roll Along' and 'Hot Cross Buns'. Practice at home is paying off and in the space of 3 weeks we've seen some great progress.

In year 2 we have been looking at pitch and creating graphic scores to represent pitch, which we have used to perform. Year 1 have been working on their sense of rhythm and pulse by learning a song and adding the beat of a drum.

Reception and Nursey have begun learning a song for International Day which will be held at the end of the current half term, and which we are excited to share with you all!

I look forward to sharing the progress of students with you over the coming year.

Mr. Woodhouse

Parents' Association

We will be holding our first Parents Association Meeting on Monday 9th October at 7.30am. We will meet at the front of school in the reception area and then proceed to either the Board Room or library, depending on numbers. If you are interested in becoming a member of the RGS Parents Association, or volunteering to support the school in any way then please come along.

International Day

Thank you to all those parents who have already signed up for our special International Day lunch which will take place from 11.20am in the main school atrium on the 26th October. We would appreciate it if parents could choose a country to represent and bring in food from that country for pupils to share. Parents are welcome to choose a country on their own, or team up with another parent to represent a specific country. Parents might also wish to create displays for the pupils to look at and learn from and wear national dress from their chosen country. If parents would like to contribute items of food for pupils to share, then please add your name to the Sign Up Sheet which is located in the main reception area.

If you have any questions, please speak to the school office or come and see me.

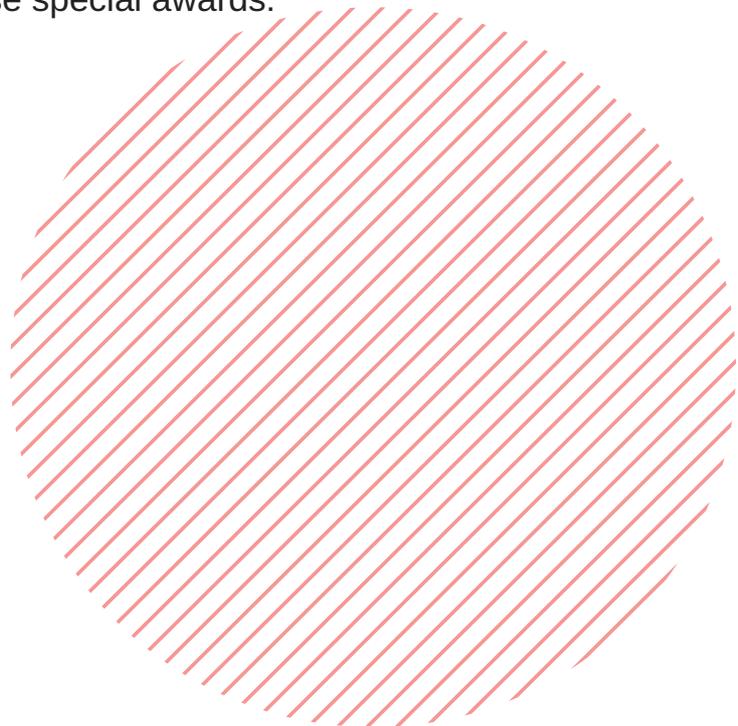
Weekly Awards

RGS Superstars

Each week RGS Superstar certificates are awarded to pupils from each class 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!

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

Nursery Seahorses: India
Nursery Starfish: Aayah
Reception Dolphins: Ahmad
Reception Turtles: Al Dana
Year 1 Meerkats: Ceylin
Year 1 Giraffes: Andrew
Year 2 Lions: Rayyan
Year 3/4: Mahmoud
Year 5/6: Khaled Aabed



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 who achieve the highest weekly attendance and who achieve the highest percentage of punctual pupils arriving by 7.45am. This week saw Nursery Starfish, Year 2 Lions and Year 5/6 share the trophy for the highest attendance, while Year 5/6 claimed the trophy for on time arrival.

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 lunch with me on the 'Top Table' at the end of the week.

On Thursday I enjoyed eating lunch with Elias (Reception Dolphins), Abraham (Reception Turtles), Lamar (Year 1 Meerkats), Fareeda (Year 1 Giraffes), Tameem (Year 2 Lions), Sarah (Year 3/4) and Suereya (Year 5/6).

