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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RGS Dates For Your Diary

Monday 23rd October:
EY & KS 1 Phonics
Parents' Workshop
(7.45am – 8.45am)

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The History of the RGS
Guildford in Qatar
presentation
(7:30am - 8:30am)

Thursday 26th October:
International Day

Exploring the Amazon

This week the Year 3/4 pupils embarked on an exciting expedition to the Amazon Rainforest! Pupils came prepared wearing appropriate clothing and throughout the day used the knowledge they have gained during their topic on Rainforests to complete a range of activities.

The day started with the pupils deciding on their names for the expedition and then Professor Jones (Mr. Trace) and Professor Chan (Mrs Castro) made sure everyone was on the plane. It was a rather bumpy landing as they touched down on a tiny strip of grass in the heart of the Amazon, but armed with recording sheets, binoculars and torches, the children all disembarked safely and then set about exploring the environment and spotting animals. In the afternoon the pupils visited a local tribe and enjoyed tasting a variety of food that the family had prepared for them.

It was a great day of learning and concluded a very enjoyable topic.

RGS Superheroes visit to Barzan Park

On Wednesday, Reception children became Superheroes and went to visit Barzan Park. The children had the opportunity to practice their Superhero skills whilst climbing and jumping off the equipment. We played hide and seek and went hunting around the park for more Superheroes. The children also enjoyed eating lunch together at the park. It was lovely to see both classes making friends and playing together all day. When we got back to school, we continued our day by playing "pin the mask on the Superhero" and musical statues, which they all loved! I am sure all the children had a good night's sleep that night - I know the teachers certainly did!

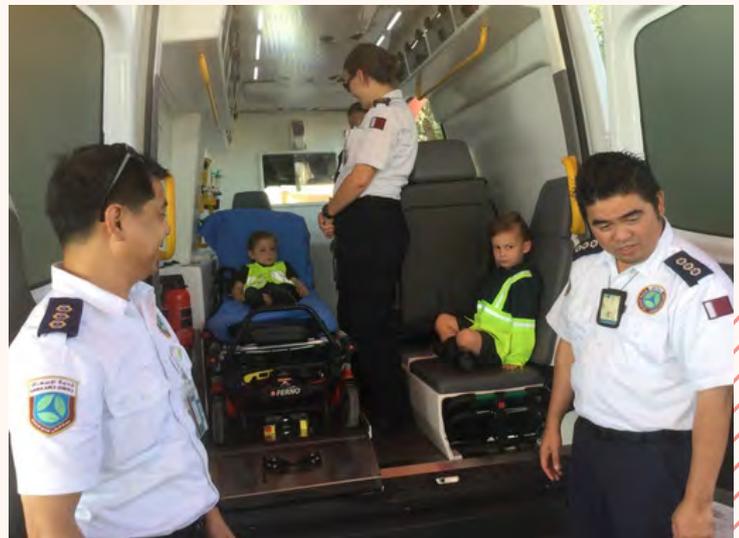
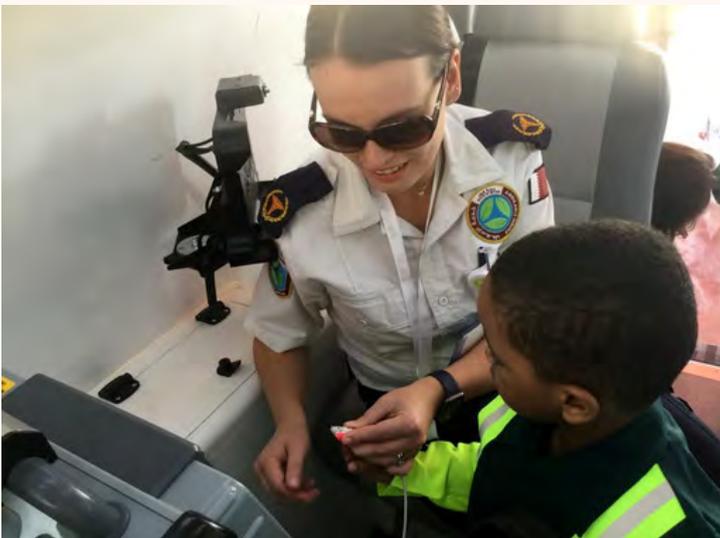
Miss. Morris



Nursery Ambulance Visit

As part of our topic, 'Ourselves' Nursery have been learning about how to be safe and healthy. We have had two visits from Nurse Odessa to help us learn how to wash our hands and how to brush our teeth. Today we were really excited to have an ambulance visit us. Wouter and Dexter's mums both came, dressed in their uniforms and brought Jayson and Joel with them, two paramedics. We were really lucky to be allowed into the ambulance. We saw the flashing lights and all the machines we have been learning about in school. A really big thank you to Kirstin and Beverley, two of our very supportive parents, for organising the visit and giving up their own time to give the children a thoroughly enjoyable and valuable experience.

Mrs. Stuart



Park Run

Well done to our young athletes who took part in the 3km running race at Oxygen Park in Education City last weekend.

We had 3 runners racing in the Junior race alongside 14 other schools in Qatar. It was a great evening, watching and supporting the young enthusiastic athletes. Well done to Noah (Year 3/4), Bilal (Year 3/4) and Khaled (Year 5/6) for their excellent effort as they completed the course.

The event itself was well organized and welcomed runners of all abilities. The atmosphere was fun and welcoming, and all athletes received a wonderful medal to commemorate their achievement.

The next series has now been confirmed for the following dates:
October 27th, November 3rd, November 10th and December 8th.

I am very keen to have as many pupils as possible take part in these excellent events, so if you are interested please contact me. Please note that these races are only open to pupils who are seven years of age and older.

Mr. McCulloch



Year 5/6 Class Assembly

On Thursday Year 5/6 pupils presented our first class assembly of the school year. Class assemblies provide an opportunity for pupils to perform on stage and practice speaking to an audience as they share with the whole school what they have been learning about throughout the term.

The pupils spoke confidently and clearly throughout and should be very proud of themselves, not only for how they presented their assembly, but also for the progress they have made since the start of the school year, their attitude to learning, and the way they have been conducting themselves around school. Together they are setting a very good example to the younger year groups.

The next class assembly will be presented by Year 3/4 and will take place on Thursday 30th November. Mr. Trace will send out more information to the parents of this class after half term.



International Day

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up for our special International Day lunch which will take place from 11.15am in the main school atrium on the 26th October. All parents who have volunteered should now have received an email from me with further details and the contact email addresses of any parents who have also selected the same country. If you have not received this email, or are having trouble contacting other parents please let me know.

Please note that parents can set up their tables from 7.15am – 9am and/or from 10.30am – 11.15am. All set up of food and decoration will need to be completed by 11.15am.

If you have any questions, then please contact me.

Phonics Workshop

On Monday 23rd October we will be holding an Early Years and Key Stage 1 Parents' Workshop focused on phonics. This will be led by Mr Trace, our English Coordinator. The workshop will explain how phonics is taught at the RGS and also provide parents with some ideas for how to support their children at home.

The Phonics Workshop will start at 7.45am in Room C7 which is located behind the stage in the Early Years Shared Area. Tea and coffee will be available in this room from 7.30am. Please speak to any member of staff for directions.

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: Abdulaziz

Nursery Starfish: Kinza

Reception Dolphins: Omar

Reception Turtles: Yusra

Year 1 Meerkats: Ethan

Year 1 Giraffes: Andrew

Year 2 Lions: Mohammed

Year 3/4: Sultan

Year 5/6: Khaled



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, Reception Dolphins, Year 1 Meerkats and Year 2 Lions share the trophy for on time arrival, while Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 shared the trophy for the highest weekly attendance.

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 Rhiane (Reception Dolphins), Essa (Reception Turtles), Lamar (Year 1 Meerkats), Reem (Year 1 Giraffes), Tameem (Year 2 Lions), Karl (Year 3/4) and Haneen (Year 5/6).



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Friday 3rd November: Park Run (Series 2).

Monday 6th November: UK Curriculum Presentation (7.45am – 8.30am).

Monday 6th November: Under 11 Dodge Ball vs. Sherborne International School.

Friday 10th November: Park Run (Series 3).

Saturday 18th November: RGS Family Picnic (9am – 1am at Barzan Park).

Sunday 19th November – Thursday 23rd November: IT Week.

Thursday 30th November: Year 3/4 Class Assembly (7.55am – 8.30am).