

# THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## RGS Dates For Your Diary

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

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November: Year 1  
Trip to Aspire Park.

Thursday 7th  
December: End of  
Term Reports sent  
home.

## IT Week

This week has been IT Week at the RGS and what a fantastic week it has been!

Throughout the week pupils in all year groups took part in a wide range of IT related activities aimed at raising the profile of IT across the School, helping pupils to understand the importance of IT and to realise that it is all around us and isn't just computers or tablet devices.

From walking around the classrooms it was clear that pupils were thoroughly enjoying the activities and gaining a huge amount from them. They were busy making movies, creating eBooks, programming robots, using desktops, laptops and tablets, and much more.

Thank you to all the Early Years pupils who took over the RGS Facebook page as part of the RGS Technology Takeover! There were some great photos and videos of pupils taking part in IT related activities at home, such as using digital weighing scales, working on a tablet device and playing an electronic keyboard.

Our next subject week will be Maths Week which will take place from Sunday 21st January. Miss Key, our whole school Maths Coordinator, is already busy planning this event and I am looking forward to another very worthwhile week of learning for our pupils.



## Family Picnic

Last weekend we held a family picnic at Barzan Olympic Park. The weather was absolutely glorious and it was great to see so many families there. Throughout the morning families arrived with rugs, blankets and chairs and set up around the park. There was lots of tasty food being shared and it was great to see parents socialising and having the opportunity to meet other members of our parent community.

Looking around the park pupils were so excited to see each other and were thoroughly enjoying playing together outside of school.

As the year progresses and we all get to know each other better our community will only strengthen. I feel we have the start of something very special at the RGS and I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and enthusiasm towards developing a close knit and thriving school community.



## House News

UN World Day of Remembrance for Road Safety Victims took place on Sunday 19th November. Linked to this Mr. Walsh held a House competition aimed at raising the awareness of road safety amongst our community. There were some excellent entries which highlighted the dangers of using a mobile phone while driving, the importance of wearing seat belts, and much more.

On Thursday Mr Walsh revealed the winners of the competition from the different phases of school: Early Years: Anmar (Hamad); Key Stage 1: Reem (Hamad); Key Stage 2: Zein (Austen)

Also on Thursday pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 took part in the 'Amazing RGS IT Race' as they used QR codes to complete a series of tasks around school for their House teams.



## Reports and Parents' Meetings

Term 1 reports will be sent home to parents on Thursday 7th December. These reports will provide a summary of the progress your child has made during the first term at the RGS across all subjects and areas of learning. The report will also highlight areas of focus for Term 2.

During the following week (Sunday 10th December – Thursday 14th December) Parents Meetings will take place. These meetings provide an opportunity for parents to meet formally with their child's teacher to discuss the report, the progress made, and any areas of concern.

We appreciate that parents are very busy and so in order to provide parents with the most opportunity to attend a meeting, we do not have one set afternoon/evening when all meetings must be scheduled. Instead, parents are invited to contact their class teacher and sign up for a time that is mutually convenient before or after school during the final week of Term 1. Your class teacher will contact you in the coming days with more information.

If parents would like to meet with a specialist teacher (Languages, Islamic Studies, PE/Swimming or Music) please contact the school office to arrange a convenient time. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or speak to your class teacher.

## Al Duhail FC

As you might be aware from last half term, we have formed a link with Al Duhail Football Club which will provide our pupils with numerous opportunities linked to sports over the coming year. Al Duhail's next game is the biggest of the season as they play their big rivals Al Saad. For those of you who follow football, Xavi, who is an ex Barcelona and Spain international currently plays for Al Saad.

The game will be on the 24th November. If you wish to go then please contact our liaison officer, Richard (richard@futurefootballqatar.com) and tell him you are from the RGS. He will provide you with free tickets to this match.

## Community Events

Below is an upcoming event in Doha that our parent community have shared:

If you know of any events planned for the future, please let the School know so we can pass this information to our school community.

## Qatar Book Fair: 29th November – 5th December at the Doha Exhibition and Conference Centre

## 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!

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Nursery Seahorses: <b>Mariam</b>	Year 1 Meerkats: <b>Abdulla</b>
Nursery Starfish: <b>Saad</b>	Year 1 Giraffes: <b>Jana</b>
Reception Dolphins: <b>Sharifa</b>	Year 2 Lions: <b>Nora</b>
Reception Turtles: <b>Romeya</b>	Year 3/4: <b>Sultan</b>
	Year 5/6: <b>Haneen</b>

## 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 **Year 2 Lions**, **Year 3/4** and **Year 5/6** share the trophies for on time arrival and 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 on the 'Top Table' at the end of the week.

On Thursday I enjoyed eating lunch with **Yasser** (Reception Dolphins), **Yusra** (Reception Turtles), **Ceylin** (Year 1 Meerkats), **Mazen** (Year 1 Giraffes), **Tameem** (Year 2 Lions), **Al Jazy** (Year 3/4) and **Hessah** (Year 5/6).



## **RGS Diary Dates**

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

Thursday 30th November: Year 1 Trip to Aspire Park.

Thursday 7th December: End of Term Reports sent home.

Wednesday 6th December: Year 3/4 Friendly Football Match vs. Kings College, Doha.

Friday 8th December: Park Run (Series 4).

Sunday 10th December: Year 5/6 Science Trip.

Sunday 10th December – Wednesday 13th December: Term 1 Parents' Meetings.

Thursday 14th December: Qatar National Day Celebration

Thursday 14th December: Last day of Term 1 (School finishes at 12pm)

Tuesday 2nd January: First day of Term 2

Thursday 4th January: Parents' Association Movie Under the Stars.