

# THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## **RGS** **Dates For Your** **Diary**

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

Thursday 7th  
 December: End of Term  
 Reports sent home

Friday 8th December:  
 Park Run (Series 4)

## **Shapes Everywhere**

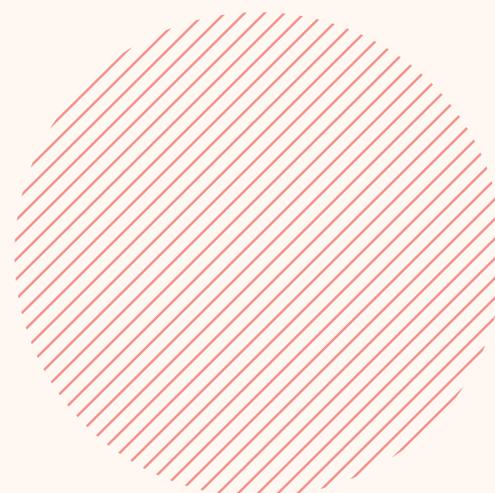
Reception have continued their work on shapes this week, exploring different 2D shapes and their characteristics. Now the weather is so pleasant a lot of the learning is taking place outside in the shaded outdoor area where children have been busy painting, drawing shapes with chalk and digging for shapes in sand. There have been lots of great activities taking place inside as well, including junk modelling, sorting, art and craft activities and even an exciting Ambulance Shape Hunt!





## Disgusting Sandwiches!

During IT Week Year 1 pupils learnt about instructions in their Maths and Computing lessons. They started by directing their friends around school and then programmed Bee Bots with sets of instructions to move to desired locations. This week they have transferred their instruction skills to English and written a series of instructions to create some rather strange looking sandwiches. I'm not sure I would want to eat them, but the children assured me they were delicious!



## Year 1 Trip to Aspire Park

Year 1 had a fantastic day out at Aspire Park on Thursday. Our topic this term is 'The Great Outdoors' and we used this learning to explore Aspire Park, especially when noticing the different types of trees and flowers. We loved sketching the landscape and made sure we included lots of detail in our drawings.

As we also went to the play area we were quite tired by the end of the day and lots of us fell asleep on the way back! The children were incredibly well behaved and were excellent ambassadors for the RGS.

Miss Mitchell



## Year 3 and 4 Assembly

On Thursday Year 3 and 4 pupils performed an excellent assembly based on the work they have been completing this half term. The pupils have been focusing on the story 'The Iron Man' in their English lessons and have enjoyed learning about robots and machines across the curriculum.

During the assembly the pupils retold their own version of the story which they have created with Mr. Trace. It was fantastic to see such confident pupils on stage speaking to an audience and a great opportunity for the pupils to have the chance to share some of their learning with parents, staff and pupils from other schools.

Well done to Year 3 and 4, we are very proud of you.

Have a great weekend everyone and I will see you next week.

### Mr. Downs



## 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. If you have not done so, but wish to schedule a meeting, please contact your class teacher.

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.

## Qatar National Day

As you will probably be aware, Monday 18th December is Qatar National Day. On Thursday 14th December we will be holding a whole school event to celebrate this important day, and we would be delighted if parents could join us.

We ask that pupils come to school on this day wearing either traditional Qatari dress or items of clothing that represent Qatar, such as a T-shirt with the Qatar flag on it. Staff members will be dressed up as well, and we invite parents to do the same if they wish to. Parents are welcome to attend our whole school assembly which will take place from 7.55am – 8.30am.

For the rest of the morning pupils will take part in a series of activities with their teachers aimed at increasing their understanding of the country we live in, its customs and traditions. Parents are welcome to return to school for our family picnic which will take place from 11am – 12pm outside in the school grounds. Parents are asked to bring their own chairs and blankets that they might use for picnics or trips to the beach and items of food to eat and/or share with others. All pupils should bring a morning snack to school on this day and if parents are unable to attend the picnic then their child should also bring their usual lunchbox.

School will close on this day at 12pm for the end of Term 1.

I look forward to celebrating Qatar National Day with you all.

## Community Events

Below is a list of upcoming events in Doha that our parent community have shared:

**DFI Ajyal Youth Film Festival:** 29th November – 4th December at Katara Cultural Village

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

**2017 FIA World Touring Car Championship:** 30th November – 1st December at Lusail International Circuit

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.

## 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: **Wouter**

Year 1 Meerkats: **MK**

Nursery Starfish: **Ayan**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Mariam**

Reception Dolphins: **Isabelle**

Year 2 Lions: **Rayyan**

Reception Turtles: **Quinishaa**

Year 3/4: **Adam**

Year 5/6: **Suereya**

## 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** and **Year 3/4** claim the trophy for the highest weekly attendance, while **Year 2 Lions** and **Year 5/6** shared 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 on the 'Top Table' at the end of the week.

On Thursday I enjoyed eating lunch with **Emma** (Reception Dolphins), **Al Dana** (Reception Turtles), **Mohammed** (Year 2 Lions), **Mahmoud** (Year 3/4) and **Suereya** (Year 5/6).

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Sunday 10th December – Thursday 14th December: Term 1 Parents Meetings

Sunday 10th December: Year 5/6 Science Trip

Monday 11th December: Reception Trip to Kidzmondo

Tuesday 12th December: Nursery Trip to Kidzmondo

Wednesday 13th December: Year 2 and Year 5/6 Trip to Sheikh Faisal Museum

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