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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RGS Dates For Your Diary

Friday 8th December:
Park Run (Series 4)

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

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Science Trip

Hands on learning in French

At the RGS we believe that the style of learning should be consistent across the whole school. In Early Years classrooms, the teaching and learning focuses on learning through play and providing children with the opportunity to explore different activities linked to a particular area of learning, topic or focus.

Ms Kepple continues this approach in her French lessons and this week I was fortunate enough to be in the French classroom during a Reception lesson to see this first hand. Pupils have been learning about colours and animals this term and during the lesson they were able to explore a range of hands on activities linked to these topics.

The children thoroughly enjoyed creating Lego structures using the colours they have been learning, creating colourful crafts and pinning different coloured tails on animals, all while at the same time practicing their speaking and listening skills in French.



Developing scientific skills

To support pupils in developing their scientific enquiry skills, all classes in Key Stage 1 and 2 complete a series of scientific investigations throughout the year linked to their science topics. This week pupils in Year 1 discussed the results of their investigation into how plants grow which confirmed their initial predictions that plants grow best when they have access to water, sunlight and air.

From Term 2 pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 will have access to our new science lab which will further support their learning in this core subject. Our new science lab has been designed to ensure maximum engagement and collaboration during lessons with pupils sitting at 'islands' located around the lab. Each island is fitted with its own sink and gas taps. We have also installed a fume cupboard in preparation for experiments in upper Key Stage 2 and our Senior School classes next year.

FOOTBALL: RGS vs KING'S COLLEGE

RGS vs Kings College Soccer Match

The second installment in our series of friendly sporting fixtures took place on Wednesday. We hosted King's College school to play our Year 3 and 4 soccer team.

There was a buzz of excitement with the students who have been working hard on their soccer skills in PE and who were thrilled to put their skills to the test.

RGS were victorious in this friendly fixture, but most importantly, all of the students showcased excellent sporting attitudes throughout the game and represented the School with pride.

Notable performances were from both Bilal and Noah who demonstrated excellent football skills and team work.

We will have more fixtures next year with the following schools;

Oryx International School, Kings College,
Pearling British School and Sherborne.

Mr Mc Cullagh



Year 2 assembly

On Thursday we were treated to a fabulous assembly by Year 2. The pupils performed on stage in front of parents, staff and pupils from other classes. They acted out a series of fables they have been learning in their English lessons and linked this to their topic on transport as they travelled from one fable to the next.

It can sometimes be quite nerve-wracking speaking to an audience, but it is important pupils are provided the opportunity to do so which supports the development of speaking skills and increases confidence. Well done to Year 2 for their excellent assembly and the confidence they showed.

I wish our whole school community a great weekend and I will see you next week.

Mr. Downs



Parents' Meetings

Term 1 reports were sent home today which provide a summary of the progress your child has made during the first term at the RGS across all subjects and areas of learning. Next week Parents Meetings will take place which 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.

If you have not yet signed up for a meeting, please contact your class teacher or the school office.

Qatar National Day

On Thursday 14th December we will be holding a whole school event to celebrate Qatar National 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:

Busy Builders Lego Workshops: Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7th December – 19th December at Doha Festival City

Torba Farmers Market: Every Thursday and Friday from 7th December – 2nd February at the Ceremonial Court, Qatar Foundation

Gingerbread Fun Day: 9th December at the Westin Doha Hotel and Spa

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: Hannah	Year 1 Meerkats: Lamar
Nursery Starfish: Hanadi	Year 1 Giraffes: Ayah
Reception Dolphins: Leonidas	Year 2 Lions: Rashid
Reception Turtles: Ssanyu	Year 3/4: Bilal
	Year 5/6: Khalid

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 1 Meerkats** claim the trophy for the highest weekly attendance, while **Year 2 Lions** received 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 **Jassim** (Reception Dolphins), **Anmar** (Reception Turtles), **Layla** (Year 1 Meerkats), **Wali** (Year 1 Giraffes), **Rhiley** (Year 2 Lions), **Zein** (Year 3/4) and **Ssuubi** (Year 5/6).



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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