

# THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*The latest news and updates from the RGSGQ*  
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## **RGS Dates For Your Diary**

Tuesday 2nd January:  
First day of Term 2

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

Tuesday 9th January:  
Year 3/4 Trip to the  
Museum of Islamic  
Art

## **Qatar National Day**

On Thursday 14th December we held a whole school celebration for Qatar National Day which also marked the end of a successful first term at the RGS.

Pupils, staff and parents arrived at school in a range of wonderful clothing which represents the country we live in. There was traditional Qatari dress, colourful clothing linked to the Qatari flag and even military and police uniforms. Thank you so much to everyone for putting in so much effort.

The morning started with a whole school assembly, expertly presented by Haneen and Saif. We enjoyed singing and dancing performances and pupils from Early Years and Year 3/4 told us why they love Qatar. It was wonderful to see pupils having the confidence to stand on stage in front of an audience and I think everyone was impressed at how they performed.





## House Update

Well done to everyone who entered the Qatar National Day competition. The standard of entries was exceptionally high and Mrs Mousa, Mrs Ghabbach and I found it very hard to select the winners who are listed below:

Early Years: Al Dana (Valpy)

Key Stage 1: Basheera (Valpy)

Key Stage 2: Mahmoud (Powell)

At the end of term 1 Beckingham have moved into a commanding lead in the House championship. The current scores are as follows:

Beckingham:	843
Hamad:	738
Powell:	614
Austen:	579
Nettles:	560
Valpy:	340

There will be lots more opportunities to score points for your House team in Term 2, starting with a Maths quiz on the 11th January which was suggested by Sultan in Year 3/4.

## International Schools Quality Mark

Last week we welcomed Mrs Deborah Wring from The Education Development Trust (EDT) to our school. The EDT is a leading authority on school improvement and school inspection. They are approved by the UK Government for the purpose of inspecting schools in England and overseas and is quality assured by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted).

Mrs Wring is our assigned consultant from the EDT. She spent the week speaking to parents, pupils and staff members, observing lessons and scrutinising policies, curriculum documents and planning. Mrs Wring will support us as we continually strive to improve the service we provide to our pupils and parents. This will lead the RGS to formal school accreditation next academic year and the awarding of the International Schools Quality Mark (ISQM).

The EDT designed and delivers ISQM which is a respected school accreditation for international schools. ISQM accreditation provides an objective assurance to pupils, parents, staff and proprietors that a school has been judged by independent evaluators to meet rigorous quality standards.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me.

## Early Years visit Kidzmondo

The Reception and Nursery children enjoyed their trip to Kidzmondo on Monday and Tuesday last week. They had the opportunity to explore different occupations through role play, such as police officers, firefighters, doctors, dentists, pilots and a hotel manager.

Children had the chance to earn Kidzmondo dollars by participating in work and they were able to dress up in costumes and travel inside various emergency vehicles like a fire engine or an ambulance that circled the grounds to help people in need. At lunch, the children sat together and ate their delicious pizza, a choice of margarita or vegetarian with juice.

The children displayed exceptional behaviour throughout the day, holding hands and walking sensibly in their groups, setting a great example for our school. It was a superb day out!

## Miss Morris and Miss Min





## Year 5 and 6 Science Trip

What a fantastic day of scientific enquiry! The children started by making their own terrarium out of recycled material and then continued to make their own recycled paper. They then moved onto the sky dome to watch a video based on Global Warming where they learnt lots of interesting facts and ways that they can help make changes - one of which they have decided to implement in our school in the New Year (very exciting!) The children then finished the day with lots of exciting experiments including making thunder and lightning, tornadoes and even mass clouds.

### Miss Kelly



## Holiday Reading Club

The holidays provide a great opportunity for the children to enjoy a book. However, it would be great to hear more from the children on their opinion of certain books. Therefore, this holiday we are beginning our very first Royal Grammar Holiday Book Club.

For this, I challenge the children to read the book 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. This is on each class blog page as a PowerPoint, or you may be able to find the hard copy of the book in Qatar or during your holiday travels.

After reading the book, it would be great if the children (and parents!) could show what they thought of the book. This could be by taking a photo of yourselves enjoying (or not enjoying!) the book; or writing a report will receive two house points.

I hope you enjoy and have a wonderful holiday!

**Mr. Trace**

## Upcoming Running Events

On Friday 12th January the Ooredoo Half Marathon will take place here in Doha. There will also be two children's events taking place on the same day for children aged 6-8 years old (1km run) and children aged 7-11 years old (3km run).

I am keen for as many RGS pupils as possible to take part and represent the School wearing their RGS kit. If you would like to enter then please click on the following link:

[https://www.premieronline.com/event/Ooredoo\\_Doha\\_Marathon\\_2018\\_3082](https://www.premieronline.com/event/Ooredoo_Doha_Marathon_2018_3082)

If you have any questions, please contact me.

**Mr. McCullagh**



## Parents' Association News

The RGSGQ Parents' Association is organising an indoor event titled 'Movie under the stars' that will take place on Thursday 4th January 2018. We look forward to seeing you all there and ask that you let the team know if you are likely to attend by responding to [parentsassociation@rgsgq.com](mailto:parentsassociation@rgsgq.com) or just let your Class Rep know as soon as possible. In addition to this, we Call to Action all parents who would like to volunteer in helping the event achieve its potential to let the team know via email (above) or through your Class Rep.

Thank you for your support.

**Mr. David Heywood (Parent's Association Vice Chair)**

The poster is set against a dark blue background with white and yellow text and graphics. At the top, it says 'RGSGQ Parents Association Proudly Presents' in green. The main title 'MOVIE NIGHT' is in large, bold, yellow-outlined white letters, flanked by two white stars. Below this, it says 'FEATURING' in white, followed by the movie title '"Dispicable ME"' in yellow. There are two black movie camera icons on either side of the title. Below the title are three white stars. A central text box contains the event details: '4th January Central Atrium Doors open at 4pm' on the left, a red and white striped popcorn bucket in the middle, and 'FREE TO ENTER Popcorn and Soft drinks available for a donation' on the right. The bottom of the poster features a white decorative flourish.

RGSGQ Parents Association Proudly Presents

# MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING

*"Dispicable ME"*

Bring your picnic dinner and join us for a fun filled evening with your family and RGSGQ friends

**4th January**  
Central Atrium  
Doors open at 4pm

**FREE TO ENTER**  
Popcorn and Soft drinks available for a donation

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## 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

**Qatar National Library:** A number of parents have visited the newly opened Qatar National library and have asked us to pass on how fabulous it is to other parents! It is located inside the Qatar Foundation campus and entry to the library is free. They have an extensive collection of books, including a very good children's section at the back, as well as lots of online resources. There are also a couple of cafeterias. Parents have said that parking can be difficult, although valet parking was available when some families visited! Mr. Trace, our English Coordinator, has arranged for our school to visit next Term as part of our Book Week celebrations, but the holiday period could be a great opportunity for families to go explore everything the library has to offer.

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.

## Class of the Term!

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. Last week we announced the Class of the Term which saw **Year 3/4** claim the trophy for the highest attendance over the whole of term 1. A special mention to **Year 2 Lions** who received the trophy for the best on time arrival percentage as they scored 100% for term 1, just edging out Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 who themselves both scored an impressive 99%.

Thank you very much for ensuring your children arrive at school on time each day and do not miss school unnecessarily.

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Friday 12th January: Ooredoo Running Event

Sunday 21st January – Thursday 25th January: Maths Week

Tuesday 13th February: Qatar National Sports Day School Event

Thursday 15th February: Year 1 Giraffes Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st February: International Mother Language Day

Sunday 25th February – Thursday 1st March: Book Week

Friday 9th and Saturday 10th March: BSME Qatar Games

Thursday 15th March: Year 1 Meerkats Class Assembly

Sunday 18th March – Friday 23rd March: Year 5/6 Residential to Sri Lanka

Thursday 22nd March: Reception Turtles Class Assembly

Sunday 25th March – Thursday 29th March: Health Week

Thursday 29th March: Sports Day

Thursday 29th March: Last day of Term 2 (school closes at 12pm)