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RGS Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 13th
February: Qatar
National Sports Day
School Event

Thursday 15th
February: Year 1
Giraffes Class
Assembly & Year 2
Lions Trip

Tuesday 20th
February: Coffee
Morning and Senior
School Presentation

Road Safety

You might remember that last term Mr. Walsh held a Road Safety House competition aimed at raising awareness. The winning entry from each phase of the school (Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2) were to be made into signs for our car park and I am delighted that we have now taken delivery of the first sign. Reem's poster which was the winning entry for Key Stage 1 is now on display in the car park area.

It is quite alarming how many children I see traveling around Doha not wearing seatbelts and I have also seen some children arriving at the RGS without seatbelts. The figures for those injured or killed on the roads in Qatar are quite staggering and I urge all parents to ensure their children are safe and secure when traveling in cars. As a school we are working to educate our pupils about the importance of this, however, I would appreciate the support of our parent community to reinforce this when outside of school.



Fun Sports Morning

On Tuesday 13th February we will be holding a Fun Sports Morning as part of Qatar National Sports Day. The school will be closed on this day, however from 8 am – 9.30am families are invited into school to take part in sports together.

Families can bring a light breakfast to enjoy together as a picnic on the field and there will be different sports set up such as football and basketball for children to participate in alongside their friends and parents. There will also be bouncy castles for children of all ages to enjoy.

At 8.45am Mr. McCullagh will be organising an orienteering activity for parent and child teams to take part in. Then from 9.15am onwards there will be a series of running races for pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2. The morning will come to an end at 9.30am when awards are presented.

I do hope you can join us.



Learning Logs

Over the past few weeks, we have been reviewing the RGS Homework policy. We feel that homework can play an important part in children's learning by reinforcing and developing areas that have been taught in school or providing a focus to explore a new area of learning. Homework also provides an opportunity for parents to be actively involved in their children's learning.

From today onwards children in Key Stage 1 and 2 will be set homework via their own Learning Log. This form of project-based learning will support pupils to consolidate and reinforce learning that has taken place in school and deepen their understanding. We encourage parents to support their children with ideas if required, but the work completed should be your children's own work.

We have high expectations of pupils who attend the RGS and during school time pupils are expected to give 100% both academically and in the numerous opportunities provided to them outside the classroom and in specialist subjects. However, we also believe that an all-round education is far more than school work and feel that pupils should have time to follow their own interests and rest outside of school. I am sure we can all agree that there has to be a work/life balance, however hard it is for us to achieve it sometimes.

Pupil Enrolment for 2018/19

Earlier this week I visited a number of nurseries and businesses to speak to parents about the RGS and all the school has to offer. Assessment of pupils wishing to join our school is ongoing and we aim to open 15 classes across the school from September, including classes in Year 7 and Year 8.

Disco Dance Party!

Don't forget the Parents' Association are hosting a Disco Dance Party on Thursday 22nd February. It will take place from 5 pm – 6.30 pm in the Shared Area and will involve dancing, games and lots of fun. Tickets can be purchased from the school office and cost 20 QAR each which includes a slice of pizza and a drink. Entry for parents is free and tea and coffee will be available. I look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mr. Downs



RGS Parents Association
Presents

DISCO DANCE PARTY

22 March
5:00 – 06:30 pm

QR 20 per child
Includes a slice of pizza
and a drink

*Tickets to be purchased in advance
from the school office
Parents entry is free with tea & coffee*

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Community Events

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

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

Souq Waqif Spring Festival: December 25th 2017 - April 25th 2018
(<http://souqwaqiffestival.qa/>)

HH The Emir's Sword Festival: February 22nd, 23rd and 24th at Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club, Al Rayyan Racecourse (www.qrec.gov.qa)

Souq Al Wakra Spring Festival: 21st January 21st – 25th April

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!

This week the following pupils received one of these special awards:

Nursery Seahorses: **Abdulaziz**

Nursery Starfish: **Bilal**

Reception Dolphins: **Ameera**

Reception Turtles: **Al Dana**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Alexandra**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Meyran**

Year 2 Lions: **Tameem**

Year 3/4: **Umair**

Year 5/6: **Almaha**



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 7.45 am. This week saw **Nursery Seahorses** and **Year 2 Lions** claim the trophy for the highest weekly attendance, while **Nursery Seahorses**, **Nursery Starfish**, **Year 1 Giraffes**, **Year 2 Lions** and **Year 5/6** all shared the trophy for on-time arrival by scoring an impressive 100%.

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 lunchtime 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 **Moza** (Reception Dolphins), **Romeya** (Reception Turtles), **Jasmin** (Year 1 Meerkats), **Ayah** (Year 1 Giraffes), **Fatma** (Year 2 Lions), **Muhammad** (Year 3/4) and **Zaynab** (Year 5/6).



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Tuesday 13th February: Qatar National Sports Day (School Closed)

Tuesday 13th February: Fun Sports Morning

Thursday 15th February: Year 1 Giraffes Class Assembly

Thursday 15th February: Year 2 Lions Trip

Tuesday 20th February: Royal Grammar School Guildford Coffee Morning and Senior School Presentation

Wednesday 21st February: International Mother Language Day

Wednesday 21st February: Year 3-6 Boys Friendly Football Tournament at Perling International School

Thursday 22nd February: Parents' Association Disco Dance Party

Thursday 22nd February: Year 3-6 Girls Friendly Football Tournament at Perling International School

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 12 pm)

