

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RGS Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 20th
February: Coffee
Morning and Senior
School Presentation

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

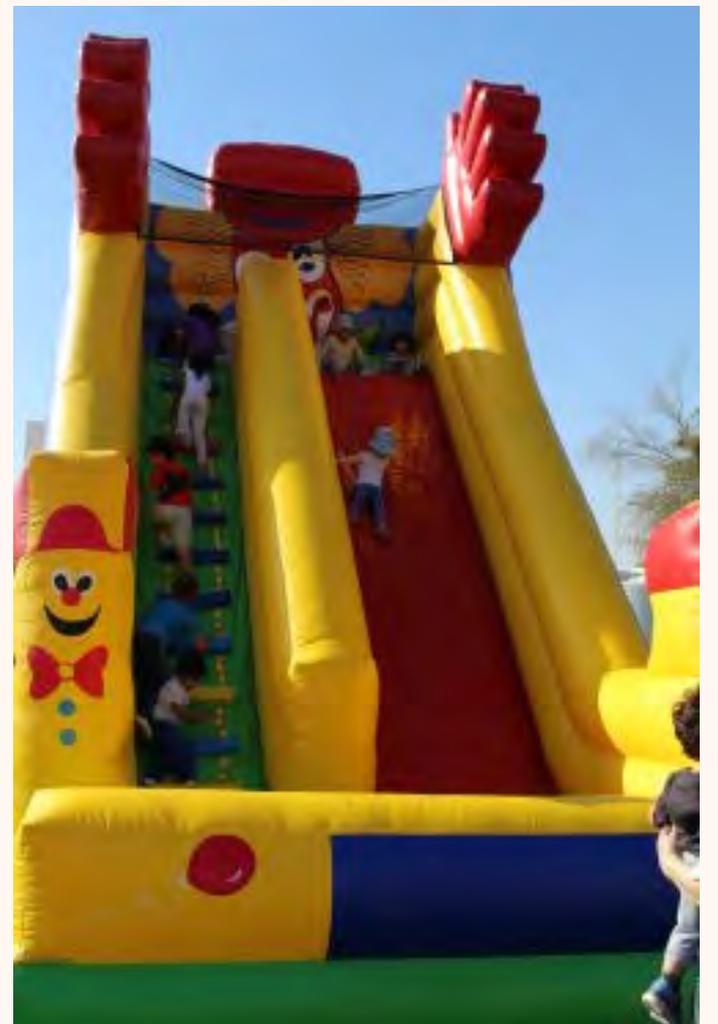
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February:
International Mother
Language Day

Fun Sports

On Tuesday we held a Fun Sports Morning at the RGS. Families arrived with picnic blankets and there were lots of activities for children to enjoy alongside their parents and friends.

The bouncy castles proved very popular and it was great to see so many pupils (and parents!) getting involved throughout the morning. Mr McCullagh organised an orienteering challenge which involved children working together with their parents to locate and answer questions around the school grounds. Later in the morning the action moved over to the running track for a series of races. Well done to everyone who took part and to the speedy winners who received medals for their efforts.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support this event. There will be many more opportunities for our pupils to enjoy taking part in sports during our annual Health Week which will take place from the 4th - 8th March. More details to follow next week!



Year 1 Giraffes Class Assembly

On Thursday we enjoyed a wonderful assembly performed by Year 1 Giraffes. Pupils acted out the well-known story 'The Rainbow Fish' which highlights the importance of sharing and being a good friend. The costumes were fantastic and it was very impressive how many words the pupils had remembered. To see such confident performers on stage speaking in front of pupils, parents and staff members was fantastic. Well done Giraffes and thank you to the Year 1 teaching team for all their hard work supporting the pupils this year.



RGS Governors Visit Qatar

Next week members of the RGS Governing Board from the UK will be visiting our school. Mr. Bob Ukiah, director of RGS Guildford, will also be in attendance and I am looking forward to welcoming the whole team from the UK. As you will be aware, Mr Ukiah regularly visits our school to ensure that standards remain high and that the ethos and values of RGS Guildford in Qatar continues to align with that of the UK School.

Since Mr Ukiah was last here in January there have been a number of significant changes at the RGS. Our playground equipment has been installed and the second floor of the School is now nearing completion ready for our expansion of Key Stage 2 and the opening of Senior School next year. I am looking forward to showing Mr Ukiah the latest developments and working with him on our ongoing plans.

On Tuesday 20th February a coffee morning will be held in the atrium area. Parents are invited to come along and talk to Mr. Ukiah and the governors about the school, links with RGS Guildford and future plans. Mr. Ukiah will make a short presentation to parents about plans for the Senior School, including subjects taught and examinations at Key Stage 4 and 5.

Disco Dance Party!

Don't forget the Parents' Association are hosting a Disco Dance Party on Thursday, 22nd February. It will take place from 5pm – 6.30pm 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 dancefloor!

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

Mr. Downs

Teddy Bears Picnic

To conclude our theme of Toys, Reception children held a Teddy Bears' picnic. Children enjoyed some tasty treats together with their parents and Teddy Bears in the Early Years outside area. Over the past few weeks, the children have been learning a song about their Teddy Bear and they also practiced a dance routine as well. Some children have even been practicing at home and were very excited to perform this to their parents at the picnic.





During the term children have linked lots of their learning to the Teddy Bears' picnic by writing their invitations, creating and decorating patterned picnic blankets, and making cone shaped party hats and picnic baskets.

The children have worked so hard during this topic and parents should be really proud of the efforts they have put in. Thank you all so much for coming, we really appreciate your continued support.

Miss McGartland

Year 2 Trip to the Theatre

On Thursday we had the wonderful opportunity to take a trip to the 'The Underwater Bubble Theatre' at QNCC Al Mayassa Theatre. This linked wonderfully to our topic of 'Under The Sea' and it was a perfect way to finish our learning within this topic.





The show invited us to join Mr. B on the unexpected journey in the colourful, underwater world of Bubbleandia. The show had a fantastic blend of drama, mime, dance, juggling, sand art and also soap bubbles!

It was great to see the children's faces light up as they watched the show with excitement. They were all amazingly well behaved from start to finish of the whole trip out and were brilliant representatives of the RGS. I am very proud of them all!

Miss Keay

Book Week

Get ready, because the 25th February is the start of Book Week at the RGS! Starting on Sunday and continuing until Thursday we will spend a whole week celebrating our love of books and the enjoyment and importance of reading.

On Thursday 1st March we will be holding a Book Character Parade during assembly. This is a very special event and one that is sure to be a highlight of the school year. Pupils are asked to come to school dressed as a famous book character. Teachers will be dressed up as well and we will have a chance to look at each other's costumes at the Book Character Parade during our full school assembly.

Pupils can come dressed as any book or film character they can think of – use your imagination and be creative! If you need any suggestions, please contact your class teacher and they would be happy to help. Parents are invited to join us for assembly at 7.55am when we will also reveal the winners of the various competitions held throughout the week and give out certificates for our 100 book challenge!

The assembly will finish at approximately 8.45am when children will head off to complete various activities around the School with their teachers.

Mr Trace

Community Events

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

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

2018 Moto Grand Prix: 15th to 18th March at Losail International Circuit (www.qatar-moto-gp.com)

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

The Aspire International Kite Festival 2018: 6th March to 9th March at Aspire Park (<https://iloveqatar.net/events/entertainment/the-aspire-international-kite-festival-2018>)

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: **Adina**

Nursery Starfish: **Hanadi**

Reception Dolphins: **Elias**

Reception Turtles: **Taym**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Musnad**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Andrew**

Year 2 Lions: **Rhiley**

Year 3/4: **Sarah**

Year 5/6: **Haneen**



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 **Nursery Seahorses** and **Year 3/4** claim the trophy for the highest weekly attendance, while **Year 2 Lions** retained 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 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 **Rhiane** (Reception Dolphins), **Ssanyu** (Reception Turtles), **Guna** (Year 1 Meerkats), **Mazen** (Year 1 Giraffes), **Zainab** (Year 3/4) and **Saif** (Year 5/6).



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

Sunday 4th March – Thursday 8th March: Health Week

Thursday 8th March: Sports Day

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

Thursday 22nd March: Term 2 Reports sent home

Sunday 25th March – Thursday 29th March: Parents' Meetings

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

