

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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– Thursday 1st March:
Book Week

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Health Week

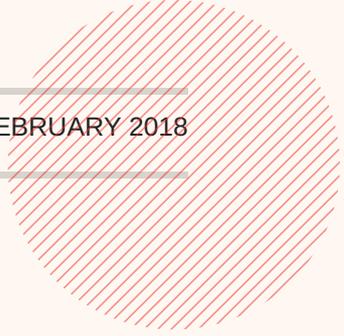
Thursday 8th March:
Sports Day

Celebrating Languages

On Thursday we celebrated International Mother Language Day at the RGS. This day aims to promote all languages that are spoken by our school community and highlight the importance of developing strong home/mother language skills.

The day started with a fantastic whole school assembly during which the well-known story 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' was read to the pupils. They had to listen very carefully though as different parts of the story was read in English, Arabic, French, Spanish, Japanese and Tagalog. The listening pupils (and teachers) then had great fun trying to work out what had actually been said using picture clues to help them. Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils also gathered together in their House teams to complete a competition based around learning different languages.

Throughout the day a number of parents kindly popped into school to read a story to their child's class in their home language. The pupils really enjoyed this activity and I would like to thank parents for giving up their time to support the pupils' learning.



Book Week

Book Week starts on Sunday as we spend a whole week celebrating our love of books and the enjoyment and importance of reading. We are delighted that the UK Ambassador to Qatar has agreed to come to school to open our Book Week on Sunday and spend some time with the pupils

On Thursday 1st March we will be holding a Book Character assembly. Pupils are asked to come to school dressed as a famous book character 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 8.45 AM when children will head off to complete various activities around the School with their teachers.

RGS Guildford UK Visit

This week Mr. Bob Ukiah, director of RGS Guildford, visited our school along with two of the School Governors from the UK. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit, especially spending time in classrooms with pupils and meeting parents at the Tuesday Coffee Morning.

Each time they visit us here in Qatar they see huge progress and I know that they are rightfully proud of all that has been achieved so far. I look forward to welcoming them back again in June, by which time I am sure the School will have moved on yet again.



10% Sibling Discount

We are pleased to be introducing a 10% sibling discount from the start of next academic year. All current and newly enrolled parents will be entitled to this discount which will be applied to families of two or more children who attend the RGS.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



The banner features the RGS crest and logo at the top left. A red diagonal ribbon on the right side reads "WINNER Qatar British Business Forum Start Up Business of the Year 2016". The main text in the center reads "Join 500 years of traditional British academic excellence" followed by "10% DISCOUNT ON SCHOOL FEES" in large, bold letters. Below this, it says "For families with siblings enrolled at RGS for September 2018/19". The bottom section of the banner shows a group of five children in school uniforms. At the very bottom, contact information is provided: "Admissions Office +974 4036 0450 • www.rgsgq.com • Um Salal Mohammad, Doha" and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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Health Week

From the 4th – 8th March we will be holding 'Health Week' at the RGS. The aim of this week is to help our pupils understand the importance of a healthy balanced diet and regular exercise, and to have lots of fun!

Throughout the week there will be exciting activities taking place with each day focused on a different theme. Our Sports Day will take place on Thursday, 8th March from 8am until approximately 9.45am. Parents are invited to watch (and take part in!) this special event which will involve the pupils completing a number of different sporting activities to collect points for their House Teams. There will be some parents' races as well so bring your trainers along! As Sports Day is a House event we ask that parents wear an item of clothing the same colour as their child's House. For example, this might be a blue t-shirt for those parents whose children are in Hamad House, or a red scarf for parents whose children are in Beckingham House.

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

Mr. Downs

Wild West Topic Day

This week we held a Wild West Topic Day in Year 5/6. The day started with the children presenting their Wild West projects which they had been given for homework at the start of topic.





The pupils then worked together in teams to build teepees, however, the buffalos then went on the move so we had to relocate! The pupils also made their own news reports on the European settlers moving in and taking over the land from the natives, and enjoyed practicing their lassoing skills!

Miss Kelly

Key Stage 2 Football Tournaments

Well done to the RGS Year 3 to 6 students who took part in a football tournament on Wednesday and Thursday at PSI school, with Oryx, PSI and King's College competing.

On Wednesday the boys were involved in two competitions simultaneously, with Year 3 & 4 taking part in one team and Year 5 and 6 in another. There were some great performances by all, but particularly strong displays with top goal scores in Year 3 and 4 from Mohammed Sultan K, Khalifa and Sultan A.

Year 5 and 6 played consistently strong, winning 4 games in total, with top goal scores from Khaled A, and Turki, Our boys ended up in second place overall.





On Thursday the RGS Year 3 to 6 girls took part in the PSI tournament; with our Year 3 and 4 girls winning their tournament, with the Year 5 and 6 team progressing to the final.

Aljazzy, Sureya, and Zainab scored throughout the tournament, unfortunately, the RGS narrowly lost in a close match with PSI in the final, ending in a 1-0 to hosts PSI.

We would like to thank PSI for hosting the event, and thank you to Mr.Trace and Miss Kelly for helping out.

We are already looking forward to more fixtures in the future.

Mr. McCullagh

Community Events

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

Qatar Masters: 22nd - 25th February at Doha Golf Club (www.qatar-masters.com)

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

Edutainment Festival: 28th February - 3rd March at Hotel Park (www.fourandonegroup.com/kids-festival/index.php)

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

Souq Waqif Spring Festival: Until 25th April (www.souqwaqiffestival.qa/)

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: **Nader**

Nursery Starfish: **Rayana**

Reception Dolphins: **Abdulaziz**

Reception Turtles: **Yusra**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Reem**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Jasmin**

Year 2 Lions: **Mohammed**

Year 3/4: **Karl**

Year 5/6: **Hessah**

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** share the trophy for the highest weekly attendance, while **Reception Turtles** and **Year 2 Lions** 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 **Yasser** (Reception Dolphins), **Al Dana** (Reception Turtles), **Mariam** (Year 1 Meerkats), **Seba** (Year 1 Giraffes), **Rayyan** (Year 2 Lions), **Bilal** (Year 3/4) and **Saif** (Year 5/6).



RGS Diary Dates

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

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

Wednesday 7th March: Parents' Monthly Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7th March: Year 1 Trip to Al Khor Park

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

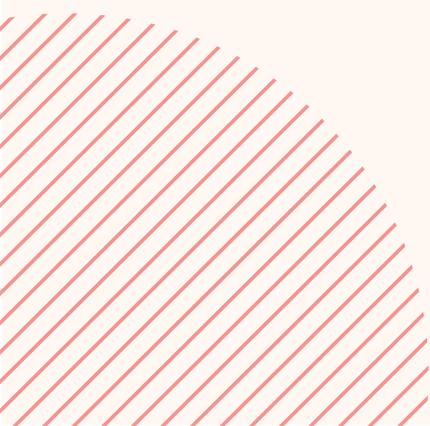
Thursday 22nd March: Reception Turtles Class Assembly

Thursday 22nd March: Term 2 Reports sent home

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

Tuesday 27th March: Nursery Trip to Al Khor Park

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

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