

26TH APRIL 2018

# THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

Tuesday 1st May: Key  
Stage 2 trip to the  
Circus

Wednesday 2nd May:  
Parents Monthly Coffee  
Morning

Thursday 3rd May: Art  
Exhibition

## **Arts Week**

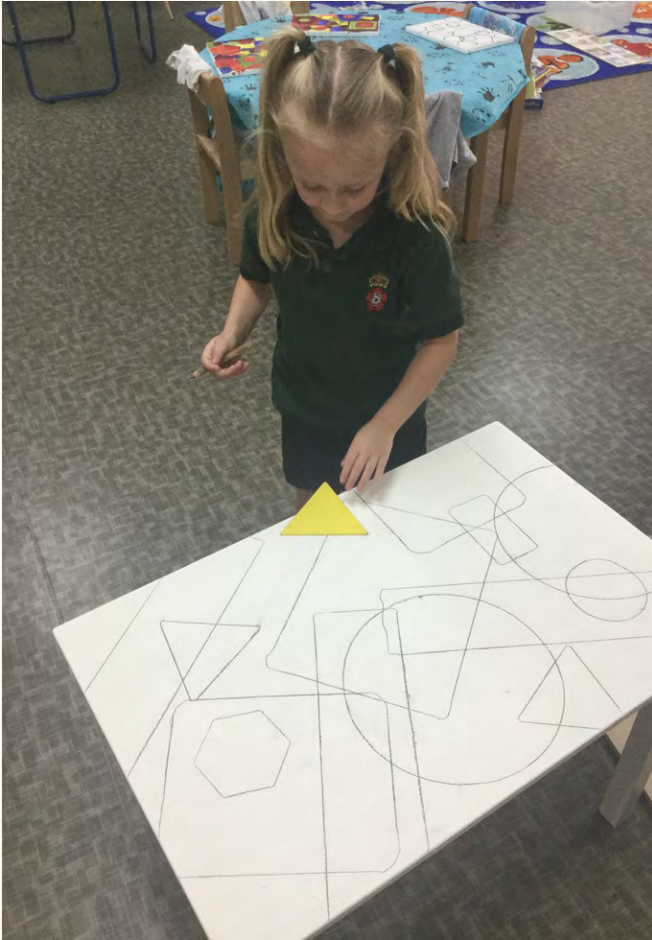
This week we held a fantastic Arts Week at the RGS! Throughout the week pupils in all year groups completed individual and collaborative pieces of work linked to the theme of 'Famous Artists.' Pupils explored the works of Jackson Pollock, Vincent Van Gogh, Sonia Delaunay, Andy Warhol and many more.

Pupils also enjoyed a larger number of music lessons than normal as they learnt new skills and songs with Mr. Woodhouse.

Next week on Thursday 3rd May, there will be an opportunity to view the art work at our Art Exhibition in the main school atrium.

Parents are invited into school to view the art work alongside their children and then stay for a short assembly at 7.55am which will highlight what the pupils have been learning about and showcase some musical pieces.





## House Championship Update

In the race for the House Championship it is Beckingham who are currently in first place. They lead the way ahead of defending champions Nettles, Hamad and Austen. With only a few weeks to go until the 2018 Champions are crowned it really is tight and every single House point is important!

Beckingham **2333**

Nettles **2299**

Hamad **2207**

Austin **2205**

Powell **1983**

Valpy **1669**



## Award Winning Author to visit the RGS

We are delighted that on Sunday 6th May, award winning author Ruth Eastham will be visiting our school. As you might be aware, promoting reading has been a whole school focus this year and we are sure that Ruth's visit will support our pupils to develop a love for reading, inspire writing and fire their imaginations.

Ruth's books have won many awards. Her debut, *The Memory Cage*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and nominated for the Carnegie Medal. She is Patron of Reading at schools in both the Midlands and Cheshire in the UK, and has been a speaker at many literature events, including the Edinburgh Book Festival.

Ruth will spend time with all year groups and have extended sessions with Key Stage 2 pupils to support them with their writing. At the end of the day Ruth will be delighted to sign copies of her books so that pupils can treasure the memory of meeting a real life author!

Have a great weekend and I will see you all on Sunday.

**Mr. Downs**



## Parents' Association Update

Thank you for your nominations for the Parents Association Committee. For several of the positions up for nomination, the nomination that we received was seconded. However, for the position of Vice Chair we have 2 different nominees and require a vote from the parent body in order to finalise the committee. As such, we would like to ask all parents to complete a voting slip before Tuesday 1st May. Voting slips will be available from the front desk at school from Sunday 29th May.

### RGS Parents' Association

## Community Events

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

**Bollywood Dance Performance:** April 16th to 28th at 6:30pm at the Mall of Qatar

**Second Edition GS Roller Skating Championship:** April 27th at 2.30pm at Aspire Academy

**Al Bidda Park Spring Bazaar:** April 25th - May 8th at 4:00pm at Al Bidda Park

**Laundromat by Ai Wei Wei:** April 25th - June 1st at Firestation Gallery

**IAAF Diamond League Athletics:** May 4th at 6.00pm at Qatar Sports Club

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.

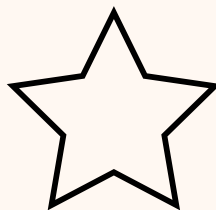
## Weekly Awards

### 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: **Wouter**  
Nursery Starfish: **Aayah**  
Reception Dolphins: **Rhiane**  
Reception Turtles: **Abraham**



Year 1 Meerkats: **Layla**  
Year 1 Giraffes: **Abdulla**  
Year 2 Lions: **Mohammed**  
Year 3/4: **Khalifa Almossalam**  
Year 5/6: **Ssuubi**

## 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 Starfish** win the trophies for the highest weekly attendance and 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 **Leo** (Reception Dolphins), **Anmar** (Reception Turtles), **Jasmin** (Year 1 Meerkats), **Essa** (Year 1 Giraffes), **Rhiley** (Year 2), **Zainab** (Year 3/4) and **Ahmed** (Year 5/6).

## RGS Diary Dates

**Tuesday 1st May:** Key Stage 2 trip to the Circus

**Wednesday 2nd May:** Parents Monthly Coffee Morning

**Thursday 3rd May:** Arts Week Exhibition

**Sunday 6th May:** Ruth Eastham visit to the RGS

**Thursday 10th May:** Nursery Starfish Class Assembly

**Monday 14th May:** Reception Pirates trip to the Beach

**Monday 14th May:** Key Stage 2 Lion King Performance

**Sunday 20th May – Wednesday 23rd May:** Science and Technology Week

**Thursday 24th May – Sunday 27th May:** Half Term (School Closed)

**Monday 28th May:** First Day of Term 3.2

**Monday 28th May:** Year 1 trip to the National Library

**Monday 4th June:** 2018/19 Transition Morning

**Wednesday 6th June:** Parents Monthly Coffee Morning