

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RGS Dates For Your Diary

1st and 2nd October:
RGS Guildford UK visit

2nd October: Coffee
Morning with Mr.
Woodman and Mr. Ukiah
from RGS Guildford UK

3rd October: Parents'
Monthly Coffee Morning
and Uniform Sale

RGS School Council

At the RGS we are keen to provide leadership opportunities for pupils across the School. You will already be aware of our House Captains and Deputy House Captains, in addition to our Head Boy and Girl, and this week we announced the Primary School Council for 2018/19.

Over the past two weeks, pupils have nominated themselves for a position on the Primary School Council. This week those pupils each gave a speech to their class groups, before fellow classmates voted for their class representative. There were some excellent speeches and I am confident that all those pupils who nominated themselves would have made excellent Council members.

The appointed members are:

Year 1 Meerkats: **Omar**
 Year 1 Giraffes: **Saleh**
 Year 2 Lions: **Basheera**
 Year 2 Tigers: **Hana**

Year 3M: **Rashid**
Year 4H: **Kareem**
Year 5K: **Zainab**
Year 6W: **Zaynab**

These pupils will join Saif and Ssuubi, Head Boy and Head Girl, on the Primary School Council for 2018/19. Mr. Walsh, Pupil Welfare Coordinator, and I look forward to working with them over the coming year..



RGS Value: Respect and Courtesy

As you might be aware, at the RGS we have ten core values which guide our behaviour and set the standard we expect from our whole school community. This week in assembly, pupils were introduced to the values of 'Respect and Courtesy.' They discussed the meaning of these words and why they are important. This will be explored further next week in PSHE lessons.

House Logo

Over the last few weeks, pupils have been busy creating House Logos to enter into the first House competition of the year. Mr. Walsh asked pupils to design a logo for their House which will be made into a Flag and used at House events.

The standard was incredibly high and all pupils who entered should be congratulated for their excellent effort. The winning logos, which will now be made into House flags are shown below:

Austen: **Noah (Year 4)**

Beckingham: **Xavier (Year 1)**

Hamad: **Zainab (Year 5)**

Nettles: **Hanifa (Year 8)**

Powell: **Adam and Sarah (Reception/Nursery)**

Valpy: **Turki (Year 5)**



Head Boy and Head Girl Initiatives

Last week you might have read that Saif and Ssuubi were appointed Primary School Head Boy and Head Girl. This year they will each be leading an initiative to improve the school in some way. On Thursday I spoke to Ssuubi who has decided to develop the Early Years outdoor area this year, including painting murals on the walls.

Punctuality

In order to ensure the safety of all pupils and to help us keep an accurate record of who is in school, please note that the main doors to the atrium will now be closed at 7.55am every morning, 10 minutes after registration begins.

7.45 am - Registration is taken in class.

7.45 - 7.55 am - Pupils arriving now will be marked as 'late' by the class teacher.

7.55 am onwards - Main doors are shut and pupils will be marked as 'absent' by the class teacher. Pupils arriving now will need to report to the front desk where the administrative staff will issue a 'late slip.' This will need to be filled in by an adult, stating the reason for late attendance. The administrative staff will then adjust the register to 'late' and the pupil will hand the late slip to the teacher who will inform them that the register has been amended.

Many thanks for your continued efforts with matters of safety and attendance.

Monthly Parents' Coffee Morning

Please come along to our monthly parents' coffee morning on Wednesday 3rd October. Coffee mornings are held on the first Wednesday of each month and are a great opportunity to meet other parents and learn more about the School. I am always on hand to answer any questions parents might have and I look forward to getting to know our parent community.

The Parents' Association will also be holding their first 'Second-Hand Uniform Sale' at the coffee morning.

RGS Guildford UK Visit

Next week, on the 1st and 2nd October we will welcome Mr. Ukiah and Mr. Woodman from the RGS Guildford UK. We benefit from regular visits by members of the academic team and governors, who work alongside myself and the team here to ensure that standards remain high and our values align to those of RGS Guildford UK. Many parents who were at our school last year will have met Mr. Ukiah who has been a regular visitor to our school over the past two years. On this occasion, Mr Ukiah, director of RGS Guildford International, will be joined by Mr Woodman, deputy head at the RGS Guildford. Mr Woodman will be working alongside our senior teachers over the two days with a focus on curriculum and assessment.

On the morning of Tuesday 2nd October we will hold an informal coffee morning which Mr Ukiah and Mr Woodman will attend. They will be happy to answer any questions about the ongoing plans for RGS Guildford in Qatar and specifically the Senior School expansion.

School Photographs

From Sunday 7th October – Tuesday 9th October 'Pret-a-Portrait' will be in school to take individual and class photographs. There will also be an opportunity for photographs of siblings together. More information will be shared with you nearer the time.

International Day

Earlier this week you should have received a letter from me about International Day, which is due to be held on Thursday 25th October. This event is an opportunity to celebrate the many different nationalities that make up our school community and the wider world. Throughout the day pupils will learn about different cultures and take part in a wide range of activities aimed at increasing their understanding of the world around us.

We ask that all pupils come to school on International Day wearing clothing that represents a country of the world. This might be your child's home country or the country that your child's teacher is representing. Your child's teacher should have already contacted you with details of their chosen country, but if you are unsure, please speak to them.

All parents are invited to our International Day Assembly which will start at 8am in the Atrium. Our special International Day Lunch will also be held in the main school atrium. Parents are encouraged to attend and we look forward to a fantastic community event. Lots of parents have already signed up to participate in this event by choosing a country to represent. If you would still like to sign up, please do so on the sign up board in the main entrance.

Have a great weekend and I will see you next week.

Mr. Downs



Key Stage 1

This year, Key Stage One has expanded and now has 75 pupils within the phase. In addition to our usual Year 1 Meerkats and Giraffes, we also now have two Year 2 classes, Lions and Tigers! With our wonderful children and my amazing team of staff, I am very much looking forward to this new academic year as Key Stage One Coordinator.

Well . . . what a fabulous, busy, first few weeks we have had in Key Stage One! During our very first week, every class focused their learning on the RGS Whole School Rules. Each class discussed each rule and how they can implement these around our school, inside and outside of class. We even played some role modelling with each other to show the perfect examples!

For the first week or so, all classes in Key Stage One were focusing on getting to know each other and their new class mates. This linked superbly with Year One's first topic, 'Me, Myself and Eye'. The children in both classes have been very busy learning about the world around them and looking into the continents of the world. As well as their learning of the world, Year 1 have also started their first science topic of the year; 'Animals, including Humans'. The children have been focusing their five senses and even got the chance to feel and taste some yummy foods!

Both Year 2 classes have also been super busy during the first few weeks. They have started their first topic of 'The World Around Me' and similar to Year 1, they have been learning about the seven continents and the five oceans. They have been using one of RGS' brilliant resources; iPads, to use the internet to research key facts about each continent, and created their own mini booklets. At RGS, we always try our best to link all areas of the curriculum in our lessons, therefore, we have linked Art and Design with this topic while building and creating 3D models of the globe. In addition, Year 2 have also started their science topic, 'Living Things and their Habitats'. Kick starting this topic, the children have looked into what is a living thing and what is not. They have used a Key to find information and they have also looked into what type of animals live in specific habitats, because after all, a fish can't live in the desert can it?

After such a wonderful and positive start to the year in Key Stage One, I am even more excited to work with the children and staff in my phase. I feel very fortunate that my new role as the coordinator will enable me to see all children in Year 1 and 2 grow and develop academically and personally, as their school year progresses.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents of children in Key Stage One for your continued support. Also a huge thank you to Miss Wheeler, Miss Toal, Mr Walsh, Mrs Laroza, Mrs Tindugan, Miss Repato and Mrs Santos for your amazing efforts to ensure the children in Key Stage One are receiving such a wonderful and enjoyable learning experience.

Miss Keay



RGS Twitter

Today, each class has launched their own Twitter account! Each class will update their Twitter feed with pictures and information about what they have been learning that week. There is also a Twitter account for PE, Music, Arabic and French. Look out for an email providing links to your child's Class Twitter account. Please support your child's learning by reading, retweeting and commenting on the class feed.

Mrs Stuart



Weekly Awards

RGS Superstars

Each week RGS Superstar certificates are awarded to pupils from each class in the Primary School 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! These pupils each receive 25 additional House points each.

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

Nursery Seahorses: **Muneera**

Nursery Starfish: **Nora**

Reception Dolphins: **Asma**

Reception Turtles: **Adam Mc.**

Reception Sharks: **Dareen**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Anmar**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Romeya**

Year 2 Lions: **Jana**

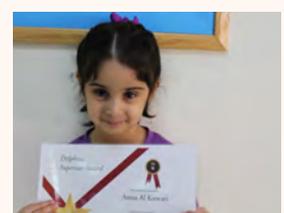
Year 2 Tigers: **Christine**

Year 3M: **Mohammed A.**

Year 4H: **Haya**

Year 5K: **Abdulrahman**

Year 6W: **Khaled A.**



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 in Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 who achieve the highest weekly attendance and who achieve the highest percentage of punctual pupils arriving by 7.45am. Pupils in these classes are also rewarded with an additional 2 House points each.

The winners this week can be seen below:

Early Years

Attendance: **Dolphins**

Punctuality: **Seahorses**

Key Stage 1

Attendance: **Tigers**

Punctuality: **Meerkats**

Key Stage 2

Attendance: **Year 6**

Punctuality: **Year 5**

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 snack on the 'Top Table' at the end of the week. These pupils also receive 25 additional House points each.

On Thursday I enjoyed eating snack with the following pupils from Key Stage 1 and 2:

Year 1 Meerkats: **Roza**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Youssef**

Year 2 Lions: **Andrew**

Year 2 Tigers: **MK**

Year 3M: **Rhiley**

Year 4H: **Noora**

Year 5K: **Poppy**

Year 6W: **Sayeda**



Community Events

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

Chamber Music at the Museum of Islamic Art: 11th October at the MIA

48th Artistic Gymnastics World Championships Doha 2018: 25th October – 3rd November at the Aspire Dome

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.

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2nd October: Coffee Morning with Mr. Woodman and Mr. Ukiah from RGS Guildford UK

3rd October: Parents' Monthly Coffee Morning and Uniform Sale

4th October: Year 6W Class Assembly

7th – 9th October: School Photographs

8th October: Key Stage 2 Parents' Maths Workshop

9th October: Key Stage 3 Parents' Maths Workshop

10th October: Key Stage 3 Nepal Residential Parents Presentation

10th October: Key Stage 1 Parents' Maths Workshop

10th October: Reception Parents' Maths Workshop

11th October: Year 5K Class Assembly

18th October: Year 4H Class Assembly

18th October: Year 5 and 6 Trip to Adventure Rooms

22nd October: Year 2 Trip to Bounce

23rd October: Year 1 Trip to Bounce

24th – 25th October: Educational Development Trust Visit

25th October: International Day

28th October – 1st November: Half Term

7th November: Parents' Monthly Coffee Morning