

# THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## RGS

### Dates For Your Diary

23rd September: Year 5  
Sri Lanka Residential  
Parents Meeting

1st and 2nd October:  
RGS Guildford UK visit

3rd October: Parents  
Monthly Coffee Morning

## RGS Head Boy and Girl

In assembly on Thursday, I was delighted to announce our Primary School Head Boy and Head Girl for academic year 2018/19. At the start of term pupils in Year 6 were asked to nominate themselves for these roles. They were then required to make a speech outlining their qualities and what they would bring to the position.

Head Boy and Head Girl are positions of great responsibility and Mr White and I were looking for pupils who display the following qualities:

- Leadership
- Ability to work well as a team
- Time-management
- Ability to talk confidently and appropriately to parents, staff and pupils across the school
- Willingness to get to know the pupils in the lower years
- Politeness
- Maturity
- Reliability
- Honesty

Head Boy and Head Girl will be ambassadors for the RGS and responsible for representing the school at events. They will be role models for other pupils and it is expected that behavior, punctuality, attendance, dress and effort in studies will all be exemplary.

Following a series of speeches and lengthy discussions about the qualities of each candidate, I can confirm that the Primary School Head Boy and Head Girl for 2018/19 are:

Head Boy: Saif Kareeb

Head Girl: Ssuubi Lwanga

I would like to thank all the pupils who nominated themselves and took part in the process. It was an incredibly difficult decision which highlights the calibre of pupil we have here at the RGS.

Congratulations Saif and Ssuubi, I look forward to working with you over the coming year.



## **RGS Guildford UK Visit**

I am looking forward to welcoming visitors from RGS Guildford to Qatar on the 1st and 2nd October. We benefit from regular visits by members of the academic team and governors who work alongside myself and the team 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**

Our first whole school event of the year will be 'International Day' which will take place 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. We have scheduled International Day to coincide with United Nations Day which is held on Wednesday 24th October, and so throughout the week 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.

On International Day itself, all of the teachers will be representing a different country and will come to school wearing clothing from their chosen country. We ask that all pupils also 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 will contact you with details of their chosen country by the end of next week.

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. We would appreciate it if parents could choose a country to represent and bring in food from that country for pupils to share. Parents are welcome to choose a country on their own, or team up with another parent to represent a specific country. Parents might also wish to create displays for the pupils to look at and learn from and wear national dress from their chosen country. Next week I will send out more information about the International Day Lunch and details about how to sign up.

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

## Mr. Downs



## Early Years

When I first came to interview at the RGS, it soon became clear just how much emphasis is placed on learning in the Early Years and I am excited to have joined such a forward-thinking school. As Mrs Stuart outlined last week, the RGS places great importance on encouraging a love of learning, facilitating curiosity and independence and the lifelong learning that we promote, starts with our youngest learners.

In Nursery and Reception classes, the first few weeks of the school year are all about getting to know the children, their interests and styles of learning. This year, our Early Years team emphasise the role of the child in designing learning opportunities. We spend a great deal of time observing how the children learn and how they use the provision we provide. We use these observations not only to continually assess the children's academic needs but also their interests. We know that even our youngest learners bring a great deal of knowledge and experience to school and we as teachers, aim to facilitate building upon this knowledge and utilise it in teaching the whole class. Our classrooms reflect this child-led learning, the children are given access to a wealth of resources and the spaces are constantly adapting to enhance the children's learning opportunities.

Amongst lots of mark making and number provision and activities in Early Years classrooms, our RGS Early Years team believe in the importance of role play and each Early Years classroom has a dedicated role play area. Within my own Reception class, Sharks, the children were able to decide upon their role play area for our current topic. We looked at different working environments and vehicles of People Who Help Us and the children voted on their favourite. They were invited to think about the things that we would need to bring the area to life and to design the space.

At the RGS, we are dedicated to bringing learning to life and aim to provide your children with real-life learning experiences. Last week, Early Years were visited by the ambulance service. The children enjoyed exploring the ambulance, seeing the flashing lights and hearing the sirens, an opportunity that really brought to life our People Who Help Us topic and provided the children with context.

We are pleased to share observations of the children using the Early Years system 2 Simple and equally our Early Years team would be thrilled to hear of experiences and learning at home and this helps us to better understand your child and how we can best build on their learning. You could drop us an email, pop into your child's class or send photographs to school. We look forward to hearing from you and to building some great home school connections.

### Miss Matthews



## 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: **Ashton**

Nursery Starfish: **Ibrahim**

Reception Dolphins: **Khalifa**

Reception Turtles: **Fahad**

Reception Sharks: **Maryam**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Zahra**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Ameera**

Year 2 Lions: **Abdulla**

Year 2 Tigers: **Hana**

Year 3M: **Julie Fakhreddine**

Year 4H: **Aisha**

Year 5K: **Adam Mlika**

Year 6W: **Banna Alnuaimi**



## **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: **Nursery Seahorses**

Punctuality: **Nursery Seahorses**

### **Key Stage 1**

Attendance: **Year 1 Giraffes**

Punctuality: **Year 2 Tigers**

### **Key Stage 2**

Attendance: **Year 6W**

Punctuality: **Year 3M and Year 5K**

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: **Anmar**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Ssanyu**

Year 2 Lions: **Malek**

Year 2 Tigers: **Turki**

Year 3M: **Kais**

Year 4H: **Adam Haris**

Year 5K: **Jana shukri**

Year 6W: **Moza**



## Community Events

**Philharmonic at the Library:** 20th September at Qatar National Library

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.

## RGS Diary Dates

**23rd September:** Year 5 Sri Lanka Residential Parents Meeting

**1st and 2nd October:** RGS Guildford UK visit

**3rd October:** Parents Monthly Coffee Morning

**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 1 Parents Maths Workshop

**10th October:** Reception Parents Maths Workshop

**11th October:** Year 5K Class Assembly

**18th October:** Year 4H Class Assembly

**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