

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

7th – 9th October:
School Photographs

8th October: Key Stage
2 Parents' Maths
Workshop

9th October: Year 6
Oman Residential
Parents Presentation

RGS Guildford UK Visit

This week I was delighted to welcome Mr. Ukiah and Mr. Woodman from the RGS Guildford to our school. 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, was joined by Mr Woodman, Deputy Head at the RGS Guildford.

During their visit they viewed the facilities and held a series of meetings to discuss our ongoing development plans. There was an opportunity for parents to meet informally over coffee and Saif and Ssuubi, Primary School Head Boy and Head Girl, also spoke with Mr Ukiah and Mr Woodman about their whole school initiatives for the year and pupil leadership roles at the RGS Guildford UK.

Mr Woodman spent the majority of his visit in the Senior School department. He formally observed a series of lessons as part of our quality assurance practices, and spoke to all Senior staff about curriculum development as we work towards GCSE and Level examinations.



Year 6 Class Assembly

On Thursday we enjoyed our first class assembly of the school year. Year 6 pupils took to the stage in front of the whole school to showcase what they have been learning about during the first part of Term 1. It was an excellent assembly with pupils confidently speaking to a large audience. We were also treated to a wonderful musical performance which highlighted work they have been completing with Mr. Woodhouse in their music lessons.

A huge well done to the Year 6 pupils and thank you to Mr White and Miss Galigao for their continued hard work.



House Update

We are six weeks into the school year and Nettles have taken an early lead in the House Championship. There is still a very long way to go, but it has been a great start for a number of the Houses. The latest points are shown below:

Powell: 390
 Austin: 848
 Nettles: 882
 Beckingham: 494
 Hamonde: 599
 Valpy: 619



Superstar Writer

At the RGS we believe in positive praise and reward pupils for effort, attainment, behaviour and attitude to learning. There are a series of rewards pupils receive from teachers, ranging from individual House points to the weekly superstar certificate. Teachers might also ask pupils to visit me to share their work. On these occasions, pupils receive 25 additional House points and either an achievement wristband (Early Years) or a gold star badge which can be worn on their uniform (Key Stage 1, 2 and 3).

If a child has completed exceptional work, then he/she might be nominated for a Head of School Award. Pupils who receive one of these certificates are also presented with a Head of School Shield badge which can be worn on their uniform and 50 additional House points.

This week I enjoyed a visit from Christine in Year 2 Tigers who came to my office to share a piece of writing with me. Mr. Walsh had been so impressed that he asked her to share it with me. It really was an excellent piece of writing which used fantastic descriptive language. As Christine read the story to me her expression brought the writing to life and it was a joy to hear.

The pupils are the most important people at the RGS and the interactions I have with them around the school are always the best parts of my day. I am fortunate in my role that I have the opportunity to visit classrooms across the school to see the variety of learning taking place. I look forward to welcoming more pupils to my office over the school year to celebrate their success and progress.



Monthly Parents' Coffee Morning

It was lovely to welcome a number of parents to our monthly coffee morning earlier this week. These events take place on the first Wednesday of every month during term time and provide parents with a great opportunity to meet other members of our community and learn more about the School.

Thank you to the Parents' Association who held their first 'Second-Hand Uniform Sale' at the coffee morning. The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 7th November so please put it in your diary!



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. Your class teacher will inform you which day your child will have his/her photograph taken, however if you are unsure, please speak to the school office.

Outdoor Play

As you might have read earlier in the week, from Sunday 7th October pupils will start to play outside. All Early Years and Primary pupils are required to wear an RGS School Cap to play outside. They must also have access to their water bottle outside and so please ensure they bring a water bottle to school each day. Please note the procedure below for arriving at school between 7.15am and 7.45am.

Nursery: Pupils should be escorted to the classroom where they will be met by teaching staff. Pupils will then be able to play in their classroom and the Nursery outdoor area.

Reception: Pupils should place their belongings in their individual cupboard and then be escorted outside to the Early Years entrance gate. A member of staff will be on duty to sign children in as they arrive at the Early Years gate.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2): Pupils should place their belongings in their individual cupboard and then walk to the Primary playground where staff will be on duty to supervise.

Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – 6): Pupils should proceed directly outside to the Primary playground with their belongings and should not go upstairs to drop off their belongings. Once outside, pupils should place their belongings on the basketball court next to their class sign. Staff will be on duty to supervise.

Key Stage 3 (Year 7 and 8): Upon arriving at school, pupils are permitted in the atrium, library, senior school area or outside. All belongings must be in lockers and pupils should be lined up outside their tutor room for 7.45am.

If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher.

International Day

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up to support the International Day lunch on the 25th October. I will contact all the volunteers over the coming days to explain the next steps, however if you do have any questions please contact me. Have a great weekend and I will see you next week.

Mr. Downs

Key Stage 2

We have welcomed lots of new children into Key Stage Two over the past few weeks, here at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford in Qatar. With our total reaching 75 children across Years 3 to 6. As KS2 coordinator it has been fantastic getting to meet all of the new and old faces. I feel I'm very lucky that not only do I get to interact with my Year 5 class, but also every child in KS2, and it's been a privilege being able to see everyone hard at work and getting back into the swing of things. I really believe there are going to be some amazing achievements this academic year.

We have certainly hit the ground running and I can't quite believe how fast the weeks are flying by. It will soon be the International Day celebrations and the half term holiday before we know it. The first few weeks of term are always exciting for both pupils and teachers. Speaking on behalf of all the KS2 teachers, we have loved getting to know our new classes and learning all about what makes each pupil here at RGSGQ special. New friendships have been made and old ones reunited.

Our first focus for the term was on one of the School's key values, 'Teamwork'. There were some amazing activities happening in all of the classrooms; from tower building with spaghetti, to blindfold assault courses, all of which were incredible fun, but most importantly, they helped develop vital teamwork skills, to help us apply these throughout the year. Mr White and I have booked a trip to Adventure Rooms, where Year 5 and 6 pupils will partake in a series of fun and challenging activities, against the clock, which will really put the pupil's teamwork skills to the test.

Each class has been working extremely hard and has started their own new topics. In Year 3, Miss Moore's children have been exploring and researching plants from around the world. They have been dissecting them and studying each individual part, to gain an understanding of what plants need to survive and grow.

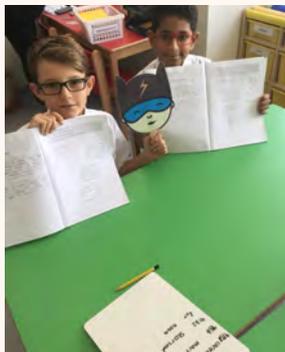
Howdy partners! Year 4's topic on the Wild West has been a real blast. The children have been discovering what it was like for a day in the life of a native American; how they travelled, and the effects of a European invasion. They have also been brushing up their cowboy skills, comparing and contrasting their lives then, to ours now.

Year 5's topic on Earth and Space has been out of this world! The children have been making 3D planets and building their own solar systems. Not only that, but they've learnt some mind-blowing facts about outer space; for example, did you know it takes nine months to travel to the planet Mars?

Lights, Camera, Action! No you're not at the movies: Year 6's topic has been all about how light travels and how we are able to see objects and different colours. To help understand that light travels in straight lines, the children have been busy making periscopes and conducting a range of experiments to help learn these theories in a practical and engaging manner.

I have been overwhelmed by all of the support and kindness the parents of RGSGQ have demonstrated so far this term. I want to say a huge thank you from all of the KS2 teachers and teaching assistants. We are all really looking forward to the year ahead!

Mr. Kuzbyt



Weekly Awards

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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.

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

Nursery Seahorses: **Samuel**

Nursery Starfish: **Maya**

Reception Dolphins: **Saad**

Reception Turtles: **Ahmed**

Reception Sharks: **Ibrahim**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Heba**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Benjamin**

Year 2 Lions: **Layla**

Year 2 Tigers: **MK**

Year 3M: **Nada Osman**

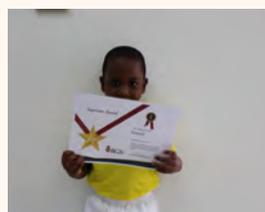
Year 4H: **Ally Raouf**

Year 5K: **Ramin**

Year 6W: **Sajeda Zureid**

Year 7T: **Haneen**

Year 8P: **Ahmed**



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: **Turtles**

Key Stage 1

Attendance: **Tigers**

Punctuality: **Lions**

Key Stage 2

Attendance: **Year 6**

Punctuality: **Year 3**

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: **Yusra**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Aly**

Year 2 Lions: **Summer**

Year 2 Tigers: **Alexandra**

Year 3M: **Freddie Lovering**

Year 4H: **Noah Crew**

Year 5K: **Khaled**

Year 6W: **Aljazi Alkaabi**



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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7th – 9th October: School Photographs

8th October: Key Stage 2 Parents' Maths Workshop

9th October: Year 6 Oman Residential Parents Presentation

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: Online Safety Parents Workshop

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