

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dates For Your Diary

28th October – 1st
November: Half Term

5th November: Online
Safety Parents'
Workshop

7th November: Parents'
Monthly Coffee Morning

International Day

On Thursday our whole school community came together to celebrate International Day. It was a wonderful event as we helped our pupils gain an understanding of the many different countries that make up the world in which we live. It was also an opportunity for pupils to learn about, and appreciate the cultures of families who make up the multicultural community at the RGS.

The day started with pupils, staff members and some parents arriving at school in national costume. We enjoyed a colourful assembly which was led by Ahmed and Salma and included wonderful performances from pupils in Reception, Year 6 and our Piano and Ukulele ECA. Pupils from all year groups, including some very brave Nursery children, told us about their home countries and what they enjoy doing when they visit. At the end of assembly, our whole school joined together to sing 'Colours.' Thank you to all the pupils who performed in assembly, and to Miss Martindale and Mr. Woodhouse for supporting the pupils to prepare.

In the week prior to International Day, pupils had spent time learning about the countries that their friends and teachers come from, as well as the country that their teacher had chosen to represent this year. During International Day they had the opportunity to explore even more countries as they visited far flung destinations such as Japan, Australia, India, Germany, Argentina, Jordan and many more. At each country the pupils took part in some great activities and collected passport stamps in their RGS passports!

One of the highlights of International Day is always the International Day Lunch which is organised by parent volunteers. This year didn't disappoint as parents made a fantastic effort providing food from different countries for our pupils to share, and also decorating their tables with flags, maps, signs and souvenirs from their chosen country. The food was delicious and I am looking forward to next year already!

I am sure everyone will agree that the day was a great success and one that was not only enjoyable for our whole school community, but also hugely beneficial for our pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who got so involved with the festivities. I look forward to future celebrations at the RGS later in the year.





International Schools Quality Mark

This week we welcomed Mrs Deborah Wring from The Education Development Trust (EDT) to our school. The EDT is a leading authority on school improvement and school inspection. It is approved by the UK Government for the purpose of inspecting schools in England and overseas and is quality assured by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted).

Mrs Wring is our assigned consultant from the EDT and visited us last academic year to speak to parents, pupils and staff members; and observe lessons and scrutinise policies, curriculum documents and planning. During this visit Mrs Wring worked with myself, Mrs Stuart and subject leaders to review the progress we have made as we continually strive to improve the service we provide to our pupils and parents.

In April 2019 we will be completing British Schools Overseas Accreditation (BSO) and then next academic year we look forward to being awarded the International Schools Quality Mark (ISQM).

The EDT designed and delivers ISQM which is a respected school accreditation for international schools. ISQM accreditation provides an objective assurance to pupils, parents, staff and proprietors that a school has been judged by independent evaluators to meet rigorous quality standards.



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Catering Service

As many of you will know by now, we will be commencing our full catering service from Sunday 4th November onwards.

This week parents pre-ordered items for their children which will be served during the first week back after half term. Parents were able to select a snack, side dish and a main course from an extensive menu of both hot and cold items. The menu has been created using the feedback provided by parents and staff members following the tasting sessions held over the past few weeks. One meal consisting of a snack, side dish and cold main will cost 15 QAR. One meal consisting of a snack, side dish and hot main will cost 20 QAR.

Ordering is now closed for the week beginning Sunday 4th November, however, during the first week back after half term parents will be able to order for the following week (week beginning Sunday 11th November). The same process will then continue from then onwards, with orders required to be submitted by the Thursday of each week, for pupils to receive their food the following Sunday.

Order forms are available from the canteen. These should be submitted, along with payment, to the canteen staff. You will receive a receipt for payment, however, at this time we are unable to provide you with a copy of the items you have ordered. Until we rectify this matter, might I suggest parents take a photograph of their order form before submitting it, so they are aware of what they have ordered.

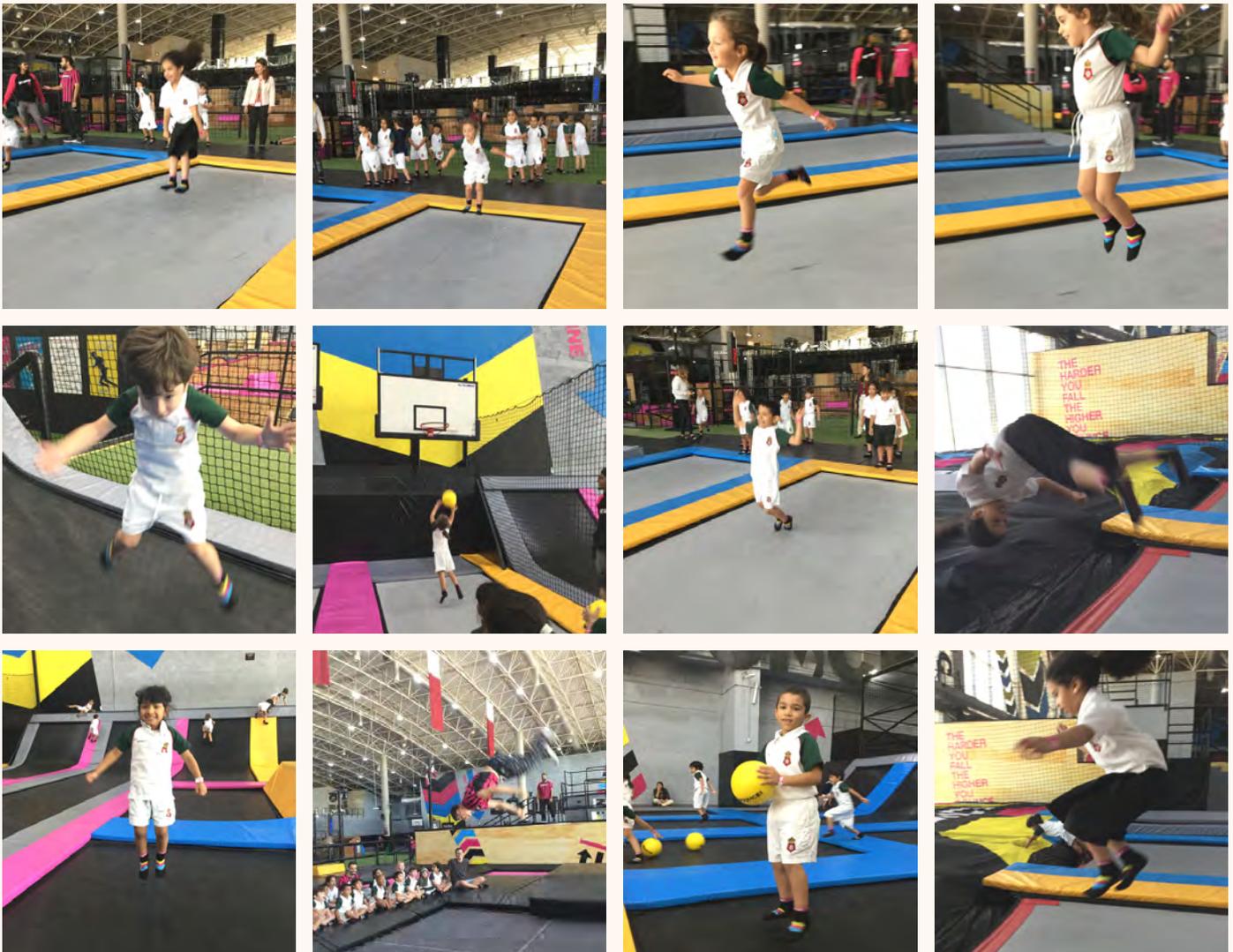
Have a great half term and I look forward to seeing you back at the RGS on Sunday 4th November.

Mr. Downs

Year 1 Trip to Bounce

To celebrate Year 1's gymnastics topic this term, the pupils went on a trip to BOUNCE! While ready and waiting for their trip there was a buzz of excitement on the bus trip there. Year 1 had the opportunity to access different areas of BOUNCE to practice their gymnastics skills. They were able to practice front flips onto the safety bags, a variety of jumps within the trampoline park, they played dodgeball to check their reaction skills and even practiced slam dunking the ball into the hoop. Our pupils were treated to VIP access to a fantastic gymnastics and trampolining demonstration by the instructors at BOUNCE, showing us front flips, back flips and even walking up walls. Our pupils couldn't quite believe their eyes! Year 1 had a great time and it was a fantastic way to demonstrate their gymnastics learning!

Miss Wheeler



Author Visit

After the half term break, we are proud to host the author and story teller, Cat Weatherill at the RGS.

Cat was born and raised in Liverpool, England, before moving to University in Hull. She has had many different jobs over the years including acting and singing before finally settling on writing, which is something she has always loved.

Cat has written many novels starting with Barkbelly. This was followed by Snowbone and then Wild Magic. She also has a book for younger readers, called Jaco the Leek, and a beautiful picture book called By Lantern Light which has a lantern that actually lights up! Cat's books have been translated into eleven languages, and Wild Magic is also a BBC audiobook, read by Cat herself. Her latest book is Breathe. Many of these books will be on offer when she visits. Look out for the letter on the first week back!

We are very fortunate to have her visit on Thursday 8th November. During her time at RGS she will perform a story to the whole school before working specifically with Key Stage 2 and 3 on creating and telling stories. This is part of our ongoing commitment to help children continue to grow in confidence when performing and speaking in public. Look out for the fantastic results!

Mr. Trace



Class of the Half Term

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 One and Key Stage Two 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 two House points each. As it was the end of the first half term, we announced the Classes of the Half Term on Thursday.

The winners can be seen below:

Early Years

Attendance: **Starfish**

Punctuality: **Turtles**

Key Stage 1

Attendance: **Tigers**

Punctuality: **Meerkats**

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.

Community Events

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

- **48th Artistic Gymnastics World Championships Doha 2018:** 25th October – 3rd November at the Aspire Dome.
- **Qatar Classic: Squash PSA World Tour:** 27th October – 2nd November at Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex.
- **Longines Global Equestrian Champions Tour Doha:** 8th November – 10th November at Al Shaqab.
- **The Torch Staircase Run:** 10th November at the Torch, Doha.

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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5th November: Online Safety Parents' Workshop

7th November: Parents' Monthly Coffee Morning

8th November: Author Visit to the RGS

13th November: Year 5 and 6 Science Day at Sherborne International School

14th November: Anti Bullying Awareness Day

18th – 22nd November: Maths Week

19th November: Early Years Phonics and Early Writing Parents Workshop

20th November: Key Stage 1 Writing Parents Workshop

21st November: Key Stage 2 Reading Comprehension Parents Workshop

24th November: Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament

25th – 27th November: RGS Guildford UK visit

29th November: Nettles Charity Day

1st December: Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament

5th December: Parents' Monthly Coffee Morning

6th December: Year 3M Class Assembly

6th December: RGS Talent Show

13th December: Year 2 Lions Class Assembly

13th December: Valpy Charity Day

17th December: Qatar National Day Celebration