

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RGS Dates For Your Diary

16th May: Nursery
Seahorses Class
Assembly

20th May:
Year 6 Transition
Meeting

22nd May: Year 7
and Year 8 Options
Meeting

RGS Values

At the RGS we are committed to supporting our pupils to become responsible, confident and compassionate global citizens who respect and value themselves and others. At the heart of what we do are our ten core values which you will see around the main atrium and in classrooms.

Respect and Courtesy
Perspective
Happiness
Confidence
Ambition and Enthusiasm
Balance, Rest and Serenity
Fairness and Loyalty
Teamwork
Independence
Perseverance

The RGS Values are very much the principles that guide our behaviour and are the focus of both the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) curriculum and assembly themes. All of the values are equally important and we strive to ensure our pupils understand this.

This week the focus for our phase assemblies was the value of 'Confidence.' Pupils were split into Early Years, Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 and spent their assembly time discussing the importance of this value and how it can be developed.



House News

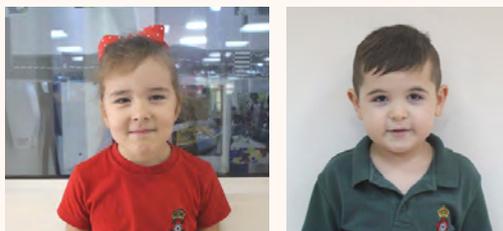
With only a few weeks left until the 2018/19 House Champions are crowned, it is starting to get very exciting. This week Miss Tomes announced the winners of her recycling competition which was held to consolidate the learning that has taken place across the School recently focused on the importance of recycling and protecting our environment.

There were lots of fantastic entries and I know Miss Tomes found it difficult to decide on the overall winners who are listed below. A special thank you goes to all entries – they were really amazing! Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to the winners.

1st prize: **Noah** – Reception Dolphins and **Maya** – Nursery Seahorses



2nd prize: **Maisie** – Reception Turtles and **Luke** - Nursery Starfish



3rd prize: **Jack** - Reception Sharks



Ramadan Hours

As you will be aware, Ramadan school hours have now started at the RGS. Please note that the school gates will not open before **7.45am** and the school day finishes at **12pm**.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

End of Year Assessments and Reports

Throughout the school year pupils are continually assessed, both formally through summative exams and informally through ongoing observations and formative assessments. Towards the end of each school year final assessments take place in the Primary and Senior School. This year Primary assessments will take place during the week of the 19th May with Senior assessments being held the following week from 26th May.

End of Year reports will be sent home, as either hard copy or electronically, on the 13th June. Optional parents' meetings will then take place during the week beginning 16th June.

Senior School Developments

As I am sure you have noticed, the Senior School building is going up at quite a pace ready to be opened in August 2020. Planning and preparation is also continuing for the next academic year which will see the Senior School expand to accommodate Year 9 pupils in addition to Year 7 and Year 8.

Mr Phillips and I are pleased to invite parents of pupils **currently in Year 6** to a meeting on Monday 20th May. This meeting will start at 7.45am and last for approximately one hour. The focus will be on transition into the Senior School and will cover areas such as behavioural expectations, curriculum coverage and timetables, and supporting pupils with the transition from Primary to Senior.

Later in the week on Wednesday 22nd May, Mr Phillips and I will be holding another meeting, this time for parents of pupils **currently in Year 7 and Year 8**. This meeting will also start at 7.45am and last for approximately 30 minutes.

I will be out of school for part of next week as I attend the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) annual conference where I will be speaking about the success and continued development of the RGS Guildford in Qatar. Have a good weekend and I look forward to seeing you towards the middle of next week.

Mr. Downs

Qatar National Schools Accreditation

As you will be aware, the RGS recently completed the Qatar National Schools Accreditation (QNSA).

This week I received confirmation that the School has been judged to meet and surpass the standards expected by the Ministry of Education in Qatar, and is therefore formally accredited by the QNSA.

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.

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

Nursery Seahorses: **Ashton James**

Nursery Starfish: **Maryam**

Reception Dolphins: **Wouter**

Reception Turtles: **India**

Reception Sharks: **Ishaac**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Heba**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Yousif**

Year 2 Lions: **Summer**

Year 2 Tigers: **Aisha**

Year 3M: **Aasiyah Azem**

Year 4H: **Kareem**

Year 5K: **Sumaya**

Year 6W: **Zaynab Ali**

Year 7T: **Alia**

Year 8P: **Tameem**

Swimming: **Nawaf** - Year 1 Giraffes



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 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.

The winners this week can be seen below:

Early Years

Attendance: **Reception Turtles**

Punctuality: **Nursery Starfish**

Key Stage 1

Attendance: **Year 2 Tigers**

Punctuality: **Year 1 Giraffes**

Key Stage 2

Attendance: **Year 5**

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:

Katara Ramadan Chess Open 2019: 13th to 21st May at Katara Cultural Village

Doha Rugby Football Centre Ramadan Night Market: 23rd May at Doha Rugby Club

Ramadan Decoration Workshop: 25th May at Qatar National Library

If you know of any events planned for the future, please let us know so we can pass this information to our school community.

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22nd May: Year 7 and Year 8 Options Meeting

13th June: End of Year Reports sent home

16th -19th June: End of Year Parents Meetings

19th June: End of Year Prize Giving Assembly

19th June: Last day of Term 3 (School finishes at 12pm)