

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RGS Dates For Your Diary

20th May: Year 6
Transition Meeting

20th May: Qatar
Marine presentation
to Early Years

22nd May: Year 7
and Year 8 Options
Meeting

Transition

Next week class lists for academic year 2019/20 will be issued. We anticipate approximately 500 pupils at the RGS when we return to school in August, split across 25 classes from Nursery to Year 9:

Nursery: 2 classes
Reception: 4 classes

Year 1: 4 classes
Year 2: 3 classes

Year 3: 3 classes
Year 4: 2 classes
Year 5: 2 classes
Year 6: 2 classes

Year 7: 1 class
Year 8: 1 class
Year 9: 1 class

Where there is more than one class in a year group teachers have worked together to ensure that classes are balanced in terms of academic ability, personality, gender, nationality, and social and emotional development.

To support our pupils to make the transition from their current year group to their new one, we will be holding a transition morning on Thursday 30th May. Transition Mornings are an important part of the transition process as they support pupils to move to a new class with the least amount of stress and worry. They provide pupils with the opportunity to meet their new teacher and future classmates and become familiar with their new classroom environment.

Teachers who are unable to be in school for the Transition Day, due mainly because they are currently living in the UK, will prepare slides and videos to introduce themselves to the pupils.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Nursery Seahorses Class Assembly

On Thursday we enjoyed our final class assembly of the current academic year as Nursery Seahorses took to the stage. Class assemblies started all the way back in September with our Year 6 pupils and have gradually worked down the School to Nursery.

The Seahorses performed a number of great songs and retold the well-known story, 'Dear Zoo.' It was a fitting way to end the year as the pupils demonstrated how much they have progressed, and their growth in confidence.

Well done to the pupils and thank you to Miss Mc Conville and Mrs Gois for their continued hard work.





Thank you John!

As you will already be aware, our Head of Security, Mr. John Muthiani, will be leaving the RGS later this month.

John is an exceptional individual and without doubt the best security guard I have worked with during my ten years in headship. He is the model of professionalism and executes his duties to the highest of standards. John sets the tone for our school; he is the first person that current and prospective parents and visitors meet when they arrive and he provides an outstanding first impression. Seeing his daily interactions with pupils and parents always makes me smile and I am sure he will be missed greatly by all.



Thank you to parents who have already contributed to the collection for John, whose final day at the RGS will be Tuesday 21st May. If you would still like to contribute, please speak to the school office.

Academic Year 2019/20 School Places

As you might recall, a number of months ago parents were requested to pay a deposit of 2500 QAR per child to secure places at the RGS for academic year 2019/20. This amount will be deducted from the Term 1 tuition fees next academic year. The deadline for this payment is Thursday 30th May.

Due to significant interest in attending the RGS, we are approaching capacity in many year groups and now have waiting lists for some classes. Unfortunately, if payment is not received by Thursday 30th May 2019, your child will automatically be removed from the school database and their place will be given to a child wishing to attend our school.

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 the 16th June.

Have a good weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mr. Downs

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: **Seahorse Class**

Nursery Starfish: **Luke**

Reception Dolphins: **Luisa**

Reception Turtles: **Hannah**

Reception Sharks: **Dareen**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Emma**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Elias**

Year 2 Lions: **Abdulla**

Year 2 Tigers: **Alwaleed**

Year 3M: **Rashid**

Year 4H: **Ali Alsuwaidi**

Year 5K: **Fatima**

Year 6W: **Saif Kareeb**

Year 7T: **Suereya**

Year 8P: **Ibrahim**

Music: **Basheera** - Year 2 Lions

Swimming: **Khushi Laxhman** - Year 2 Tiger



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 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:

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

Doha Rugby Football Centre Ramadan Night Market: May 23rd 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.

RGS Diary Dates

20th May: Year 6 Transition Meeting

20th May: Qatar Marine presentation to Early Years

22nd May: Year 7 and Year 8 Options Meeting

30th May: Transition Day

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)