

# THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## RGS Dates For Your Diary

13th June: End of  
Year Reports sent  
home.

16th – 19th June:  
End of Year Parents'  
Meetings

19th June: End of  
Year Prize Giving  
Assembly

## Academic Year 2018/19

As academic year 2018/19 draws to a close we have the opportunity to look back and reflect on all that has been achieved by our pupils.

It is a privilege to be part of the lives of our pupils; to see their hard work, to share their successes and to support them to grow from failure. We have created a climate of trust at the RGSGQ where pupils are known as individuals and feel safe, secure, are prepared to take risks, and know who to turn to if they do need support, advice or guidance. Witnessing their kindness and support for each other, their behaviour and conduct, and their attitude towards learning, confirms that when our pupils depart the RGSGQ they will do so as the type of young people who will make a positive difference to society.

This year we enjoyed successful British Schools Overseas (BSO) and Qatar National School Association (QNSA) accreditations, confirming the high standards at the RGSGQ. On both occasions the outstanding levels of teamwork, togetherness and sense of community were highlighted as key strengths of the School.

On Wednesday 19th June our annual Yearbook will be available for families, which will provide a wonderful reminder of academic year 2018/19. It illustrates the positive contributions that are made every day throughout the academic year from across our school community. The vibrancy, success and development of the RGSGQ would not be possible without the commitment of our whole community, a community which is exceptionally strong and one which I am incredibly proud to be part of.

## Say NO to plastic!

You might remember that a few weeks ago, pupils in Nursery and Reception had the opportunity to meet a real-life marine expert. Khaled Zaki, a PADI Ambassador from Qatar Marine, who kindly came into school to speak with the pupils about their Animal and Under the Sea topics. A great deal of Khaled's work focuses on keeping the seas and oceans clean and reducing the use of plastic. Khaled introduced the children to Project A.W.A.R.E: a campaign which takes action to create both local and global change for the ocean and the communities who depend on it.

Following on from this, Reception Sharks have been discussing the impact of plastic on our oceans and sea creatures. I was invited to their classroom where the pupils shared a series of letters they had written to me about the need to reduce the amount of plastic used at the RGS. They suggested we ban the use of plastic straws in the canteen and had even completed a great investigation into alternatives. Well done Sharks!



## **Prize Giving Assembly**

On Wednesday 19th June we will be holding our end of year prize giving assembly. This is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our pupils and the effort shown throughout academic year 2018/19.

There will be a series of musical performances as well as speeches by our Head Boy and Head Girl, and our Year 6 pupils who are completing their primary school education. The 2019 House Champions will also be announced!

The assembly will start at 8am in the main atrium and finish at approximately 9am. I hope you can join us to celebrate academic year 2018/19.

## **Attendance**

It was great to welcome back so many pupils to the RGS this week. Over the three days our attendance averaged 69% which is broadly in line with the attendance last year following Eid al-Fitr.

Having spoken to many Head Teachers across Doha this is certainly a higher attendance than many schools. Thank you for your support in ensuring your children attend school.

Next week in our prize giving assembly, we will celebrate our pupils and classes with the highest attendance and punctuality over the year.

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

**Mr. Downs**

## Cisco CSR 2019

On Wednesday morning, KS3 students were visited by Anthony, an IT expert from CISCO. He gave a talk as part of Cisco's CSR 2019 campaign for schools in Qatar. The talk focused on students using smart phones, tablets and laptops to explain more about cyber security and how they can protect themselves from hackers online and other threats on the world wide web.

This is very important given the increased use of IT by children and the access they have to computers. They showed a good understanding of the risks they could face online. It was interesting to learn more about the daily risks of hacking; how it can occur, the importance of data protection and some steps students can take to reduce their risk and increase their safety online.

Thanks to our IT staff, Mr. Joy for arranging the talk for the students.

### Mr. Phillips



## 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: **Rosa**

Nursery Starfish: **Nora K**

Reception Dolphins: **Sara**

Reception Turtles: **Zynah**

Reception Sharks: **Zena**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Yasser**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Yusra**

Year 2 Lions: **Ceylin**

Year 2 Tigers: **Christine**

Year 3M: **Areasha**

Year 4H: **Karl**

Year 5K: **Atanu**

Year 6W: **Nadeen Ahmed**

Year 7T: **Talya**

Year 8P: **Hanifa**

Music: **Noah Muller** - Year 4

French: **Zein** - Year 4



## 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 Seahorse, Nursery Starfish, Reception Dolphins, Reception Turtles**

Key Stage 1

Attendance: **Year 1 Giraffes**

Punctuality: **Year 1 Giraffes**

Key Stage 2

Attendance: **Year 6**

Punctuality: **Year 3, Year 5, Year 6**

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:

**Mersad Berber Exhibition:** 11th – 28th June at Katara Cultural Village

**Chamber Music at Museum of Islamic Art:** 13th June at the Museum of Islamic Art

**Nights of Rhythm and Poetry:** 15th June 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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