

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RGS Dates For Your Diary

24th September:
RGS Guildford UK
Coffee Morning and
Presentation (7.15am
onwards in the main
atrium)

26th September:
Diversity Day

1st October: IAAF
World Athletics
Championships Trip

RGS Values

At the RGS, learning is centred around 10 core values which set the standard we expect from our whole school community.

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

These values are a set of collective beliefs which form part of everyday life at the RGS. They are the principles which guide our behaviour, and in assembly this week Farris and Sondos, our Head Boy and Head Girl, introduced pupils to these principles.

Both Farris and Sondos had prepared their assemblies at home and I was incredibly proud of them as they stood in front of the School to present to their peers and teachers.



International Day 2019

Our first whole school event of the year will be 'International Day' which will take place on Thursday 17th October 2019. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the many different nationalities that make up our school community and the wider world. Throughout the day pupils will learn about different cultures and take part in a wide range of activities aimed at increasing their understanding of the world around us.

On International Day all of the teachers will be representing a different country and will come to school wearing clothing from their chosen country. We ask that all pupils also come to school on International Day wearing clothing that represents a country of the world. This might be your child's home country or the country that your child's teacher is representing. Your child's teacher will contact you with details of their chosen country next week.

All parents are invited to our International Day Assembly, which will start at 8am in the main atrium and finish at approximately 8.45am. For the remainder of the morning, pupils will spend time with their teachers learning about different countries and taking part in a variety of activities.

Our special International Day lunch will take place from 11.15am – 12.35pm in the main school atrium and sports hall (Early Years and Key Stage 1: 11.15am –11.55am, Key Stage 2: 12.00pm –12.35pm). We would appreciate it if parents could choose a country to represent and bring in food from that country for pupils to share. Parents are welcome to choose a country on their own, or team up with other parents to represent a specific country. Parents are also encouraged to create displays for the pupils to look at and learn from and to wear national dress from their chosen country. Tables of food and displays will need to be set up by 11.00am and tables will need to be manned by parents until 12.35pm. I am hopeful that many parents will choose to take part in our International Day lunch and I look forward to a fantastic community event.

If parents would like to contribute items of food for pupils to share, then please add your name to the Sign Up Sheet which will be located at the front of school from Sunday 22nd September. There will also be photographs of International Day 2018 on display, which will hopefully help parents who are new to the RGS familiarise themselves with the event.



RGS Guildford UK Visit

I am looking forward to welcoming visitors from RGS Guildford UK to Qatar from the 24th September – 26th September. We benefit from regular visits by members of the academic team and governors who work alongside myself and staff to ensure that standards remain high and our values align to those of RGS Guildford, UK.

Parents are invited to attend a coffee morning on Tuesday, 24th September from 7.15am in the school atrium to meet and chat to our UK visitors, Mrs Sarah Creedy, Mr Peter Peel, Mr Bob Ukiah and Mr Matthew Ford. This will be followed at 8.15am by a presentation outlining the relationship between the two schools and the future of RGS Guildford in Qatar.

Have a great weekend and I will see you next week.

Mr. Downs

News from Early Years

We have had the most wonderful beginning to the year in Nursery Seahorse class! All of the children in our class have settled in amazingly well and I am very much looking forward to all of the fun adventures this year will bring. Mrs Castillo and I have loved getting to know and learning about all of the children in Seahorse class. We have learnt in these few short weeks, that we have extremely kind and considerate children in our class. Our focus has been to ensure that the children feel at home when coming in to our class and that we are nurturing their personal, social and emotional development. It has been lovely to watch the children's confidence grow and develop throughout these weeks. We have been trying really hard to take turns and share in class. We also have really enjoyed singing our name song every morning to get to know everybody's name in our class. The children have begun to form lovely friendships and have enjoyed playing together, particularly in our role play area where we have had doctors, princesses and even some astronauts! I think we may have some little actors and actresses in the making!

In Literacy, we have been focusing on the story 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt'. The children have loved listening to this story during story time and it has been great to listen to them join in with repeated refrains such as 'what a beautiful day, we're not scared' and creating lots of actions as we wander through the long, wavy grass, thick, oozy mud and even the swirling, whirling, snow storm! In Numeracy, we have been practicing some wonderful counting. This week, we have been making decorations for our teddy bears' picnic and using our counting skills to help us do so. The children loved choosing how many buttons they wanted to put on their teddy bears.

I am so proud of all of the children in Seahorse class. We are going to have a fantastic year and I am very much looking forward to watching all of the children continue to grow and develop.

Miss. Toal



News from Key Stage 1

What an exciting week it has been for Key Stage One!

Year 1 have had a burglary occur this week when The Gruffalo broke in to their classrooms and left footprints! The Year 1 children have created wanted posters with the Gruffalo's face on them. Keep your eyes peeled! They have also been learning how to count up in 10s all the way to 100!

In Year 2 we have changed the settings and the characters of the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. All the children have made these changes on to their story maps and have been learning their new stories. We have also enjoyed learning about forms of transport to travel around the world and the children have been making collages of these on the iPads. In addition, we have been learning about the seven continents and have been using the iPads to create fact-files of the continents.

Lastly, we would like to say well done to everyone who has completed a wonderful Learning Log this week. All the Key Stage 1 teachers have been very impressed with the work that the children have put in to them. We have also been impressed with the confidence that the children have shown when speaking in front of their classmates.

Mr Lyle, Tigers Class Teacher



News from Key Stage 2

This week Year Four have really started to get into their new topic 'Wild West'. We have taken a cross curricular approach to this and our English, geography, history and art are all based around the 'Wild West'. This week the children have shown their understanding of how America was found and have debated with each other regarding who should remain on the land and who it rightfully belongs to, there were some very interesting views. The children have taken on the role of a Native American, by learning to sew a patch work quilt. Remarkably all the children can thread a needle, get themselves started and produce at least a row of long stich. Throughout the next few weeks the children will be learning about diaries, the key skills needed to create a successful diary and then write from the view point of a Native American.

We have had a really exciting time in science this week, continuing with our electricity topic. The children got hands on and created their own circuits using a selection of wires, bulbs and cells. Within groups they were able to investigate what would happen if the amount of cells or bulbs were changed. Throughout the lesson all the children had beaming smiles on their faces and were showing a clear love for learning, what a wonderful example of Keep it up Captain!

A big thank you from Miss Hollick and Mr Walsh for your ongoing support, we hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Key Stage 1 and 2 Learning Logs

Key Stage 1 and 2 have now completed their first Learning Log projects, and what a collection we've had! From fact files, information posters and instruction manuals to whole world models and moving solar systems, the pupils have really set a high standard already.

Learning Logs enable pupils to apply the skills they have been developing in school in their own way. It is an opportunity for them to showcase their learning independently, in a way that interests and excites them.

When Learning Logs are handed in, the pupils have an opportunity to view all Learning Logs in the class during a class showcase. The pupils are always very proud to showcase their work to teachers and peers. Teachers were impressed with all Learning Logs submitted this time.

This is just a selection of some of the teachers' favourites.

Mrs Stuart



News from Key Stage 3

This week has been a busy week in the Senior School, with a presentation to parents for the Nepal Residential trip. Parents who were not able to attend the presentation can contact the school reception if they are interested in their child attending.

Additionally, we held the presentation and student voting for the Senior Prefects this week. Prefects will have responsibilities such as acting as a student voice, being a visitors' guide, acting as reading buddies for younger students in the primary school, and meeting parents during coffee mornings. It is an excellent opportunity to develop time-management skills, and was tightly contested. Results will be announced over the next week.

We welcomed an additional teacher to KS3 this week, to enable us to further stretch and challenge activities to take place during the core subjects. In addition, we are introducing initiatives over the coming weeks to help support and challenge each student across each lesson, providing a framework for progression each and every day.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Phillips

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 two House points each.

The winners this week can be seen below:

Early Years

Attendance: **Reception Stingrays**

Punctuality: **Reception Dolphins, Reception Stingrays, Reception Turtles**

Key Stage 1

Attendance: **Year 2 Cheetahs**

Punctuality: **Year 2 Tigers**

Key Stage 2

Attendance: **Year 3 Q**

Punctuality: **Year 4 W & Year 5 N**

Thank you very much for ensuring your children arrive at school on time each day and do not miss school unnecessarily.

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 each.

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

Nursery Seahorses: **Sara**

Nursery Starfish: **Emma**

Reception Dolphins: **Ashton**

Reception Turtles: **Ava**

Reception Sharks: **Khalifa**

Reception Stingrays: **Alishba**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Abdulaziz**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Riley**

Year 1 Zebras: **Rashed**

Year 1 Elephants: **Jabor**

Year 2 Lions: **Emma**

Year 2 Tigers: **Elias**

Year 2 Cheetahs: **Asiriana**

Year 3J: **Andrew**

Year 3N: **Lilush**

Year 3Q: **Khalifa**

Year 4H: **Carmen**

Year 4W: **Aamir**

Year 5K: **Adam**

Year 5N: **Essa**

Year 6W: **Aaron**

Year 6J: **Zainab**

Year 7A: **George**

Year 8S: **Taiyo**

Year 9P: **Ahmed**

PE: **Lucia** - Year 6J

Music: **Ali** - Year 2 Lions



Community Events

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

Photo exhibition on Shanghai's history: Seventy images showcasing pivotal moments in Shanghai's history are on display at a photography exhibition at Katara in line with the 70th founding anniversary of China.

Where: Katara When: Ongoing till October 3 (10am - 10pm)

Morning Paddling Adventure & Explore Mangrove: Location: Purple Island Beach, Al Khor, Qatar

Date: 20th - 21st September 2019 Time: 07:00 am - 09:30 am

Phone: +974 6696 3494 Email: info@aquasportsq.com

The Zakreet Rocks Exhibition by artist Suhila Al Harip: is being showcased at Katara Art Studio Building 19.

Where: Katara When: Ongoing till September 22

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.

RGS Diary Dates

24th September: RGS Guildford UK Coffee Morning and Presentation (7.15am onwards in the main atrium)

26th September: Diversity Day

1st October: IAAF World Athletics Championships Trip

2nd October: Parents' Coffee Morning (7.15am onwards in the main atrium)

3rd October: Year 6W Class Assembly (7.55am - 8.30am in the main atrium)

3rd October: Parents' Association Trivia Quiz event (5pm in the main atrium)

7th October: Key Stage 3 Trip to Qatar National Museum

10th October: Year 5K Class Assembly (7.55am - 8.30am in the main atrium)

13th October: Year 5K/5N Trip to Adventure Rooms

17th October: International Day

20th - 24th October: Half Term (School Closed)