

# THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*The latest news and updates from the RGSGQ*  
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## RGS Dates For Your Diary

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)

## Diversity Day

Learning about inclusion is important, to enable children to have an appreciation and acceptance of others who are different from them, and to understand that everyone has different skills and qualities to offer.

On Thursday, 26th September, we held Diversity Day at the RGS, with the aim being to celebrate our differences and to help our pupils understand that we live in a diverse world. Pupils and staff arrived at school wearing different coloured socks and we all joined together for a very colourful, whole school assembly in the atrium.

During assembly Mr Walsh spoke to pupils about the importance of acceptance. He explained that even if one person may not be particularly good at something they are probably much better at doing something else. A number of RGSGQ staff joined Mr Walsh to show off their special talents, whilst admitting they weren't the greatest in another area. Mr Adnan stated to the pupils that he wasn't particularly good at cooking, but was more well versed in the sport of Jiu Jitsu. He and Mr Walsh then proceeded to demonstrate some take downs and submissions. Mr Woodhouse stood up and stated he wasn't great at doing push-ups, but he was particularly talented on the guitar.

The pupils were thoroughly entertained and realised it's certainly good to be different!

For the rest of the morning children took part in a carousel of activities learning about diversity, inclusion and difference. It was a fantastic day of activities and a worthwhile learning experience for all our pupils.



## Prefects

Our first ever RGS prefects, **Ava** (Yr 7), **Zofia** (Yr 9), **Hanifa** (Yr 7), **Marwan** (Yr 8), **Yassin** (Yr 9), **Omar** (Yr 9), **Arwa** (Yr 9), **Haneen** (Yr 8), **Saif** (Yr 7), **Hassan** (Yr 9), were presented with their badges this week by our visiting UK governors Mrs Sarah Creedy and Mr Peter Peel.

The role of our 10 prefects is to use their leadership skills as ambassadors of our school. They have each been chosen for their specific qualities which demonstrate their responsibility, confidence and initiative, to motivate and encourage their fellow pupils in a positive way. They will lead by example to maintain our school rules and the RGS good behavioural standards, which in turn will establish a positive image across the whole school community.



## **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 located at the front of school reception. There are photographs of International Day 2018 on display, which will hopefully help parents who are new to the RGS familiarise themselves with the event.

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

**Mr. Downs**



## **RGS Guildford UK Visit**

This week we welcomed visitors from RGS Guildford UK to Qatar. During Tuesday's coffee morning parents had the opportunity to meet and chat to our UK governors, Mrs Sarah Creedy and Mr Peter Peel and members of the academic team, Mr Bob Ukiah and Mr Matthew Ford. This was followed by a presentation outlining the relationship between the two schools and the future of RGS Guildford in Qatar.

Our UK guests enjoyed chatting to pupils and staff throughout their visit whilst observing lessons and activities across the year groups. Following a tour of our new senior school building, which is due to open for academic year 2020/21, they met with KS3 teaching staff to discuss the planning of the senior school curriculum.

On Tuesday, our newly elected Head Boy, Farris and Head Girl, Sondos, proudly received their badges, presented by Mrs Creedy and Mr Peel who also presented the first RGSGQ prefects with their badges on Wednesday.

Our visitors were absolutely delighted to see how well our whole school community, which has significantly increased in numbers, is settling in to the new academic year; and how the School is thriving and the RGS vision and ethos continues to flourish.

## **News from Early Years**

Reception Stingrays have had a very active, busy and fun start to the academic year. All of the children have been working hard to settle into school routine and have done so in a lovely, polite manner. Mrs Gois and I feel very privileged to share this year with your family. Every day children have been practising kindness, sharing and negotiation skills through play based learning. One of the highlights of the year so far has been observing how the children have made special friendships. They all really care about each other; making cards and gifts to give to friends for birthdays or days off sick! Our favourite song to sing each day is 'When I Look Around' from the Tiny Tweeties, a song that is all about special friendships.

One of the most popular things to be part of in Stingray Class is imaginative and small world play. So far this year, the children have been enjoying the fire station small world, building ramps and bridges for cars and dressing up as chefs in the home corner! Stingrays have also been creative in the art area; painting flowers and even the fence for our newly designed reading garden! I am looking forward to seeing where the children's interests take learning next.

Furthermore, I wish to say a big thank you to all parents this week. Your support in our transition to outdoor play in the morning has been amazing. I am already seeing a big difference in the children, as they are having the opportunity to run around, get some fresh air and stretch their muscles!

### Miss McConville



## News from Key Stage 1

It has been another great week in Key Stage One!

Year 1 have been using their senses to help them to describe the appearance of the Mouse from The Gruffalo. They have also used the drama technique of 'hot seating' to find out about the Mouse's personality. After, they used many wonderful adjectives to say and write descriptive sentences about the character of the Mouse. In Maths, Year 1 have been learning to represent numbers in different ways and they have been adding numbers. During Topic, the children have been exploring the continent of Asia, while in Computing, they have been scanning QR codes to find out information. Their senses learning in Science continued, as they imagined they were different animals with heightened senses tasting, smelling, seeing and hearing different things.

In Year 2, the children have been using verbs and adverbs to write exciting sentences for their Three Billy Goats Gruff stories. They have also learnt how to use contractions in their writing. During maths, the children have learnt all about inverse operations and understand that the opposite of addition is subtraction. Year 2 have also done lots of exciting learning on habitats this week. They have explored how animals are suited to the habitat they live in and they have recorded each other on the iPads in Computing, pretending to be in different habitats around the world.

Keep up all of the hard work Key Stage One!

**Miss Leith**, Year One Meerkats



## News from Key Stage 2

Year 5 have been delving deep into space this half term. The children have covered all different aspects of the Earth, Sun and Moon. The children were quite surprised to find out the relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon and the distances between them. Year 5 particularly enjoyed explaining why we have seasons, through a news bulletin broadcast.

In topic lessons, Year 5 have studied the work of the famous artist Leonardo Di Vinci. Although Di Vinci is famous for his artwork, Year 5 researched his work on inventions, focusing on his flying inventions. Next week, the children will be investigating travelling to space.

Please can I kindly remind parents to practise times tables with children at any given chance. This will support children with their understanding of all areas of the Year 5 curriculum.

Thank you for your continuous support.

**Miss Newsome.** Year 5 N

## News from Key Stage 3

This week was an historic week for the RGSGQ, where we had the presentations take place for the Senior Prefects. This took place by the visiting Governors from the RGS in the UK, as part of their visit. In addition, we had Mr Matthew Ford from RGS International, drop into lessons and observe, to see good practice take place across the phase. His input and feedback will help with the continuing development of the Senior School into the future. The Senior Prefects will be able to offer a student voice in this development and it presents a significant responsibility to them. It will be a challenging position but one that develops responsibility and an opportunity to develop key skills into the future. Good luck and well done!

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 Sharks**

Punctuality: **Nursery Seahorses, Reception Dolphins**

Key Stage 1

Attendance: **Year 1 Meerkats, Year 2 Cheetahs**

Punctuality: **Year 1 Giraffes**

Key Stage 2

Attendance: **Year 5 N**

Punctuality: **Year 3 J, Year 3 Q, Year 4 W**

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: **Zad**

Nursery Starfish: **Sofia**

Reception Dolphins: **Ben Parkinson**

Reception Turtles: **Ben Stewart**

Reception Sharks: **Aurelia**

Reception Stingrays: **Jack**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Tamim**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Shaikha**

Year 1 Zebras: **Abdulaziz**

Year 1 Elephants: **Fahad**

Year 2 Lions: **Hadi**

Year 2 Tigers: **Khalid**

Year 2 Cheetahs: **Maryam**

Year 3J: **Abdulla**

Year 3N: **Basheera**

Year 3Q: **Alwaleed**

Year 4H: **Fatma**

Year 4W: **Taleen**

Year 5K: **Aisha**

Year 5N: **Jana**

Year 6W: **Ryan**

Year 6J: **Meera**

Year 7A: **Ifra**

Year 8S: **Rama**

Year 9P: **Hanifa**

PE: **Joseph** - Nursery Seahorses



## Community Events

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

**Autumn Activities in Qatar Foundation:** Qatar Foundation is hosting a number of Autumn activities for children and adults alike. There is a wide range of activities from language classes to yoga sessions, sports tournaments to workshops.

The activities are all open to public.

Where: Education City When: Ongoing till November 23rd 2019 (3pm - 6pm)

**IAAF World Athletics Championships – Doha 2019:** The who's who of Athletics will be in Doha for the 17th edition of IAAF World Athletics Championships to be held at the Khalifa Stadium, starting this weekend. During the 10 days, 24 different events will be held for male and female athletes. Doha 2019 will feature the IAAF World Championships' first-ever midnight marathon along the Corniche.

**Mini World Athletics Championship Doha 2019:** In partnership with IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha, Doha Festival City is hosting a Mini World Athletics Championship Doha 2019.

4-14 year olds can participate in sprint pit, relay race, hurdles, high jump, long jump, and throw pit every hour. There are more activities for children to enjoy such as Athletic Training and Weekend Championships.

Where: Doha Festival City When: Ongoing till October 3 (2pm - 10pm)

**Classic Cars exhibition at Mirqab Mall:** Mirqab Mall is collaborating with the Mawater Centre to display classic and historic cars as part of the Mall's autumn activities. Visitors will get the opportunity to see and discover award-winning and historic vehicles, the exhibit features six historical vehicles.

Where: Mirqab Mall When: Ongoing till October 15 (10am - 10pm)

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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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)