

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from the RGSGQ
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Inspiring Our Young Athletes

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome UK Pole Vault Champion Holly Bradshaw and her coach Scott Simpson to the RGS. Holly is the current UK record holder and competed in the Pole Vault final on Sunday at the World Athletics Championships. She finished fourth, narrowly missing out on adding to her impressive medal collection, which consists of multiple, European indoor and outdoor titles.

Holly and Scott held a question and answer session with our Key Stage 2 Athletics Squad, before signing autographs. They explained how they got into athletics from an early age and the training they do. Holly also spoke about the importance of hard work, a healthy diet, and above all enjoying yourself! Many of the children were pleased to hear that even a world-class athlete like Holly likes chocolate, and her favourite food is cheesecake! However, she only allows herself to have a small amount every two weeks!

It was a fantastic experience for the pupils and an amazing opportunity to get so close to one of the best athletes in the world. A huge thank you to Holly and Scott for giving up their time and to the PE department for organising this opportunity.

RGS Dates For Your Diary

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

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Key Stage 3 Trip to Qatar National Museum

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Year 3 and 4 QPPSSA Athletics Competition



Year 6W Class Assembly

On Thursday we held our first class assembly of the academic year. Year 6W had the honour of performing our first class assembly and they certainly didn't disappoint!

During the assembly the pupils highlighted lots of the fantastic learning they have completed so far this term, including some excellent poetry and art work. The pupils demonstrated science experiments they have been working on and took us back in time to Doha 50 years ago. In music lessons the Year 6 pupils have started to learn the guitar and so to end the assembly they treated us to a rendition of 'Rockin' Robin.'

Well done Year 6W for a fantastic assembly and thank you to Mr White and Mrs Galligao for their continued support.

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

Mr. Downs



News from Early Years

Reception Dolphins have had a very busy and energetic start to their reception journey. All of the children have already made so much progress, as they learn to become more independent and settle into the routines of the school day.

Ms Abuda and I feel extremely fortunate to have such enthusiastic, friendly and caring learners in our class. Each day the children enter the classroom ready for the day and excited to continue their reception learning journey. The children love to listen to music and have a little wiggle to break from activities. As we are currently embracing The Lion King theme, the children are very fond of the song 'Hakuna Matata', as we have now discussed the meaning for such songs, the children take opportunities to sing this when a friend of theirs is upset.

Dolphins class are also extremely fond of craft, not a day goes by without scissors, glue, glitter and coloured pencils! The children love the themes we set in class and use these themes to create their own handmade decorations; they take such pride when their decorations are hung to celebrate the end of a theme week. This often leaves any visitor covered in glitter, especially when we had unicorn week!

Some children display an extreme passion towards baking - with playdough. The children love to get into role, put on a costume and give themselves a new identity. Each day Ms Abuda and I are presented with several 'cakes' and the children take great delight when we embrace their act and pretend to thoroughly enjoy the children's culinary delights.

Thank you for your continued support with our transition to morning outdoor play, the children are starting to become familiar with the change of routine and are settling really well.

Miss Moore, Reception Dolphins Teacher



News from Key Stage 1

Key Stage One have been busy working and enjoying learning at RGSGQ

Year One have been learning to describe the setting of a story. The classrooms were transformed into a deep, dark wood to create the setting from the Gruffalo. The children used their senses to think of interesting, descriptive words about the wood and included these in their sentences. In mathematics, Year One have been learning to compare numbers. They can use the mathematical language 'more than', 'less than' and 'equal to'. Year One progressed to using the correct symbols to represent the words. In Science, this week, Year One have been learning about living and non-living things. The children recorded and categorised living and non-living things that they identified from around the school. Year One continued to learn about the continents this week by exploring Africa. They read the story 'Handa's Surprise' and participated in practical activities based upon African life and culture.

In Year Two this week, the children have written their own innovated version of the 'Billy Goat's Gruff' story. In mathematics, they have been solving addition and subtraction word problems. Year Two have been learning about European countries and they sampled some delicious French cuisine, during their topic lesson. In Science, Year Two have been learning about food chains and can now distinguish between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

This week, Key Stage One have completed fantastic learning log projects. The creativity and content demonstrated has been exceptional. All staff feel it has greatly enhanced the children's learning!

Well done Key Stage One, keep up your great work!

Miss Hennessey, Giraffe Class Teacher



News from Key Stage 2

This term, the children have been learning all about life on the western frontier of the USA in the 19th century. They have been taken back in time over 150 years ago to a different continent, which has really given them a feel for what life was like for a Native American, a cowboy, a soldier or a white farmer. This week, the children have been following in the footsteps of the Native Americans of the Mid-West in building their own colourful tepees in Art. Additionally, the children have been imitating and innovating diary writing, so that they can write their own diary entries as a Native American or a cowboy. Year 4 have been particularly focusing on emotive language to describe how those people would have felt and why. Furthermore, the children have completed their first learning log linked to a topic when they researched all about the Native Americans. We fully believe that the learning log is a fantastic opportunity for the children to discover the power of self-learning.



News from Key Stage 3

This week we have introduced competitions to take place in morning registrations, to promote inclusivity across the phase, and develop a friendly but competitive spirit to the children. These will be a mixture of literacy and numeracy activities, and the winners will be announced on the Seniors' display board during Thursday break-time. Leading up to half-term, assessments will be taking place, designed to highlight individual strengths and weaknesses of the pupils, so that we can adjust the lesson content to best support, stretch and challenge the pupils. As a result of the assessments, we are intending on offering subject interventions in English, Science and Maths in Term 1.2, to take place in the ECA slots. Further information to follow.

Next week we will announce the Key Stage 3 plans for the International Day Assembly, taking place on the 17th October. We want to give the children as much of an opportunity to develop their understanding and knowledge of different countries and cultures, and we will have a joint assembly taking place across Years 7, 8 and 9 in recognition of this.

Thank you for your support

KS3 Teachers

RGS trip to World Athletics Championships

On Tuesday, Mr Temple, Mr Jones and Mr Lyle were accompanied by approximately 30 parents and pupils to watch the IAAF World Athletics Championships at Khalifa International Stadium.

Students, parents and staff managed to see some fantastic events on the night, ranging from the Women's, Javelin Final, Men's Pole Vault Final, Women's 200m Semi-Final and the Men's 800m Final. Students also got to see local Qatari favourite, Mutaz Essa Barshim in the qualifying round for the Men's High Jump and gave him a big cheer when he waved to our School, in the crowd.

The RGS was also mentioned over the tannoy in the stadium, our school having competed in an indoor athletics competition earlier in the day. Hopefully this trip will inspire the RGS pupils to even greater heights in athletics.

Mr Temple. PE



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: **Nursery Seahorses, Reception Dolphins**

Key Stage 1

Attendance: **Year 2 Cheetahs**

Punctuality: **Year 2 Lions, Year 2 Tigers**

Key Stage 2

Attendance: **Year 5 N**

Punctuality: **Year 6 W**

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

RGS QPPSSA Fixture

RGS took part in its first ever Qatar Private Primary Schools Sport Association (QPPSSA) event on Tuesday. The event was indoor athletics and our Year 5 and 6 pupils (Essa, Bilal, Ramin, Aaron, Tameem, Sondos, Afrani, Jana, Jana and Lucia) had to compete as a team against 13 other schools.

The RGS students had to jump, run, throw and balance in 10 events and get as many points for the School as possible. The total scores were counted and RGS finished in sixth position out of 13 schools. Considering that this was our first competition in QPPSSA, I was incredibly pleased and proud of the boys and girls who participated. A fantastic effort from our 10 pupils, who were a credit to the School. We're looking forward to the Year 3 and 4 QPPSSA competition on Monday.



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: **Alreem**

Reception Dolphins: **Saoud**

Reception Turtles: **Ali**

Reception Sharks: **Maxwell**

Reception Stingrays: **Maryam**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Shaikha**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Saad**

Year 1 Zebras: **Haya**

Year 1 Elephants: **Bronte**

Year 2 Lions: **Darwish**

Year 2 Tigers: **Ghanim**

Year 2 Cheetahs: **Isabelle**

Year 3J: **Saif**

Year 3N: **Adaam**

Year 3Q: **Lamar**

Year 4H: **Freddie**

Year 4W: **Nada**

Year 5K: **Jana**

Year 5N: **Umair**

Year 6W: **Hamad**

Year 6J: **Abdulrahman**

Year 7A: **Ismail**

Year 8S: **Omar**

Year 9P: **Ahmed**

PE: **Riley** - Year 1 Giraffes

Music: **Ghanim** - Year 4 W



Community Events

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

Ocean Mysteries Show at The Pearl - A playful and family friendly tale which explores the mysteries of the ocean, the magic of friendship, the power of teamwork and the joys of self-discovery.

- Location: Pearl, Regency Pearl 2 (Tower 20), Entertainment Room, Floor A
- Date: 5 October 2019 Time: 04:30 pm - 05:30 pm
- Price: Adults-150QR / Kids -150QR - Ticket Purchase: Online
- Website: <http://babytheaterpeekaboo.com>

Artistic Dimensions to a Healthier World - The exhibition at the Fire Station Gallery features artworks by Giles Duley, an award-winning humanitarian photographer. Also on display will be drawings created by Rohingya children who are currently living in refugee camps.

- Location: Doha Fire Station
- Date: 2 October 2019 - 27 October 2019 Time: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Free entry – no tickets needed
- Email: wishcommunity@qf.org.qa

PAWSOME charity Book Swap Event - the purrfect chance to swap books and support local charity – the Cat Assistance Team of Qatar. Just bring along any books you wish to donate; and for any books you want to take home, you'll pay a small fee – just 5QR – towards vet bills.

- Location: Conference Centre at City Centre Rotana Doha
- Date: 11 October 2019 Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Free entry – no tickets needed.
- Website: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cat-charity-book-swap-tickets-73716230229?aff=ebdssbeac>

As Salwa Beach Cleanup at Doha Environmental Actions Project - This is a kid and family friendly event. Help to clean-up at the beautiful 'As Salwa' beach. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

- Location: As Salwa Beach
- Date: 18 October 2019 Time: 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
- Free entry – no tickets needed
- Website: <https://www.facebook.com/deapqatar/>

Qatar International Art Festival (QIAF) 2019 - One of the largest & Mega Art festivals in Qatar from More than 200 international Artists from over 100 Countries join together to show off their talent and creativity; and open up a world of Art Opportunities with Exhibitions, Live Painting, Cultural Tour, Master Art Classes, Fashion Show, Awards & Certificates.

- Location: Katara Cultural Village
- Date: 31st October 2019 – 5th November 2019. Time: 10.00 am – 6.00 pm
- Website: <https://www.qiaf.net>

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

10th, 13th and 14th October: Whole School Photographs

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

15th October: Year 1 STEM Explorers Visit

17th October: International Day

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