

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from the RGSGQ
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RGS

Dates For Your Diary

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

13th October:
EYS - KS1
Coffee morning
presentation
on Speech, Language
and Communication
Needs (SLCN) –
8am - First floor,
History/Geography
room

Parents' Association Quiz Night

Last week we held the Parents' Association Quiz night at the RGS. Almost 200 people came along to the event which was great fun as families battled it out to be crowned RGS Quiz Champions!

There were four rounds of questions, focused on Qatar, Geography, The RGS, and General Knowledge. The scores were incredibly high and a few teams even knew the answers to some of the more challenging questions, such as the national vegetable of India, and the total cost of building the Pearl in Qatar!

There was a three-way tie for second place, but our winning team scored 35/40 and walked away with the RGS Quiz trophy and 50 House points each.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and to the Parents' Association for organising the event.

If you have any suggestions for future events, please speak to a member of the Parents' Association or email them at parentsassociation@rgsgq.com



Year 5K Class Assembly

On Thursday Year 5K took to the stage for their class assembly. Many of the pupils in this class are new to our school, however, their confidence on stage was wonderful to witness as they highlighted many of the excellent learning activities they completed since August.

The audience was treated to an all singing, dancing, storytelling performance by the pupils to represent a 'Day in the Life of Year 5K', which is, by all accounts a busy day indeed!

Problem solving was a subject that Year 5 focused on this half term and engaged the help of an enthusiastic audience to work out answers to some Maths and Science questions. We learned some interesting facts about animals and countries that were the first to travel to space from the topic. 'A Race to Space'; and for Year 5's Literacy topic, pupils demonstrated the art of storytelling, by delivering a passage from the book 'Christophe's Story' which they've been enjoying reading this half term. The Ukulele was the centre of attention for their assembly finale, as Year 5 filled the atrium with a lively performance that showcased their musical skills.

Well done Year 5K for a fantastic assembly and thank you to Mr Kuzbyt and Ms Barbosa for their continued support.

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

Mr. Downs





Open Mic Night

On Wednesday, pupils from Year 1 to 9 took to the stage to perform at RGSGQ's first ever 'Open Mic Night' event. It was fantastic to see such a variety of performances; from Samira in 5N playing the violin, to beat boxing by the talented Sanad; plus, a whole band performance by the 'Cheese Weasels'. A massive well done to all the pupils who performed, we are already excited for the next 'Open Mic Night' event which will take place next month. If you are interested in performing at our next event, please sign up outside Mr. Woodhouse's room. The event is open for all RGS pupils and parents to come along and watch for free!

Miss Martindale, Music Teacher



News from Early Years

Fee Fi Fo Fum! The Sharks can smell some super learning!

This week, following their interest in castles, the super Sharks have been looking at the well-loved story Jack and the Beanstalk. The children were given clues in the form of large footprints, green material and a golden egg and were invited to discuss and guess which story we were going to look at. They did a super job and soon worked out the tale! The children were then encouraged to speak about what they already knew of the story before we worked together to put it into sequence. Later in the week, we added actions to the story and practiced retelling it in this talk for writing style. The Sharks also enjoyed describing the Giant character before finding a letter from him that explained that he was not really a scary giant, but was misunderstood and feeling very sad that Jack had taken his belongings. The Sharks set about writing letters to Jack and his mother asking for them to return the Giant's belongings. Many of the children have taken a keen interest in castles and we have been designing a fabulous, new, castle reading corner. The children have also been designing crowns and enjoyed planting their own seeds and beans.

The Sharks have settled into Reception fantastically over the past few weeks. Miss Ash and I are very proud of all that the children have achieved in such a short space of time; we very much look forward to supporting each child on their continuing learning journey.

Miss Matthews. Reception Sharks Teacher





News from Key Stage 1

Key Stage One have had yet another busy week working and learning at RGSGQ.

Year One have been continuing their work around the 'Gruffalo', creating character descriptions and story settings using their knowledge of adjectives. In Maths, the children have been learning how to represent numbers in different ways, including using digits, tallies and words. In Science we have been investigating the growth of humans and animals and looking at the different stages of life. We also looked at animals and their young, matching the correct mothers to their offspring. In Topic, Year One are continuing their learning about the Seven Continents. This week we looked at the Antarctic; we built igloos out of marshmallows and cotton wool and we compared Arctic and Antarctic animals.

Year Two have also had a busy week; in English we have been continuing our learning around the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff', linking to conjunctions and simple sentences. In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplication, looking at vocabulary surrounding multiplication and different methods we can use to solve multiplication sums such as arrays. In Computing, we have been creating news reports about severe weather types and in Science we were investigating mini beasts in their micro habitats.

What a fantastic week Key Stage One have had! Well done and keep up the hard work.

Miss Fryett, Year One Zebras.





News from Key Stage 2

Year 3 Update: This half-term, the topic for Year 3 has been 'Explorers'. The topic has been enjoyable for all learners and it has allowed for a lot of content to be covered in a variety of lessons. In Computing lessons, the topic has allowed the Year 3 learners to research Neil Armstrong, Ernest Shackleton and Amelia Earhart, using child-friendly search engines such as 'Kidzsearch' and 'SafeSearch'. In topic lessons, children have learned about the different continents and seas in the world and how plants and animals are different in each of these continents.

On Wednesday, Year 3 pupils attended an educational visit to Novo Cinema in Qatar Mall. Throughout the visit, the behaviour of the pupils was second to none and each child was a credit to the School. The pupils viewed a 3-D documentary which was enjoyed by all. The documentary was called 'Born to be Wild' and was about animals which are cared for by humans before being freed into the wild when they are ready to return to nature, in the continents of Asia and Africa. The documentary linked closely with previous topic lessons and developed the children's understanding of animals from different continents.

On behalf of myself, Miss Nixon and Mr. Quigley, I would like to say thank you for your continuing support.

Mr Jones. Year 3J Teacher



News from Key Stage 3

This week KS3 have been taking part in summative assessments in different subjects, so that we can provide personalised feedback to the pupils to help direct their future learning.

We will have our International Day assembly next Thursday, 17th October, where we have planned rotation activities to take place across the phase. Pupils in each year group have voted to present a country to the other years, so that each year group can move between different rooms on a rotation and learn about the other countries. Students can bring in cakes and food relating to that country to eat during the assembly, or at break times! The countries represented are: Year 7 – Spain; Year 8 - France and Year 9 – Brazil.

Thank you for your support KS3 Teachers

RGS QPPSSA Fixture

RGS took part in the second instalment of the Qatar Private Primary Schools Sport Association (QPPSSA) event on Tuesday. The event was an indoor athletics competition for our Year 3 and 4 pupils: Aamir, Faris, Yahia, Dexter, Saif, Nada, Rahma, Carmen, Eva and Alexandra 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 5th position out of 13 schools. Considering this is our first year participating in the QPPSSA tournaments, it really was a fantastic achievement for our school. Some students who represented us have only joined us this year. I was incredibly pleased and proud of the boys and girls who participated. A fantastic effort from our 10 pupils, who represented the School with pride and distinction and showed great sportsmanship throughout the competition.

Well done RGS!

Mr McCullagh. PE Teacher

Term 1.2 ECA Sign Up

The sign-up for Term 1.2 ECAs will start on Sunday 13th October at The RGSGQ. Parents need to refer to the ECA booklet, sign the ECA form and give to Mr Temple, or a member of the PE department, in the atrium between 7:15am-8:00am or 1:45pm-2:30pm every day next week. **The deadline for sign-ups will be 2:30pm on Thursday 17th October 2019.** You will not be able to sign up your child to an ECA after Thursday 17th October.

Term 1.2 ECAs will start on the week beginning Sunday 27th October 2019 and payments should be made to the school reception or to the outside providers during this week.

Mr Temple

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 Seahorse, Reception Dolphins, Reception Stingrays**

Key Stage 1

Attendance: **Year 2 Cheetahs**

Punctuality: **Year 1 Zebras, Year 2 Lions, Year 2 Tigers**

Key Stage 2

Attendance: **Year 4 W**

Punctuality: **Year 3 Q, Year 6 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 receive 25 additional House points each.

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

Nursery Seahorses: **Alia**

Nursery Starfish: **Ji Ah**

Reception Dolphins: **Luke**

Reception Turtles: **Aljohara**

Reception Sharks: **Shaheen**

Reception Stingrays: **Abdulla**

Year 1 Meerkats: **India**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Subomi**

Year 1 Zebras: **Rayana**

Year 1 Elephants: **Ethan**

Year 2 Lions: **Hannah**

Year 2 Tigers: **Quinishaa**

Year 2 Cheetahs: **Hassan**

Year 3J: **Meyran**

Year 3N: **Nicholas**

Year 3Q: **Reemas**

Year 4H: **Julie**

Year 4W: **Suhaib**

Year 5K: **Karl**

Year 5N: **Sara**

Year 6W: **Khalifa**

Year 6J: **Bobby**

Year 7A: **Zaynab**

Year 8S: **Kenda**

Year 9P: **Hasan**

PE: **Nada** - Year 4 W

Music: **Alwaleed** - Year 3 Q



Community Events

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

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>

Angry Birds World Carnival – Join the flock celebration at Angry Birds World for a colourful carnival and enjoy an array of live entertainment, thrilling rides, retail booths and F&B outlets.

- Location: Angry Birds World, Doha Festival City
- Date: 17th October 2019 – 16th November 2019. Time: 04.00 pm – 11.00 pm
- Free entry
- Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/564419954120861/>

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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13th October: EYS - KS1 Coffee morning presentation on Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) – 8am - First floor, History/Geography room.

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)