

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dates For Your Diary

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

27th October:
First day of Term 1.2

28th October: Year 6
Sri Lanka Residential
Parents Presentation
(7.45am – 8.30am in
the atrium)

International Day

On Thursday our whole school community came together to celebrate International Day. It was a wonderful event as we helped our pupils gain an understanding of the many different countries that make up the world in which we live. It was also an opportunity for pupils to learn about, and appreciate the cultures of families who make up the multicultural community at the RGS.

The day started with pupils, staff members and some parents arriving at school in national costume. We enjoyed a colourful assembly which was led by Farris and Sondos, our Head Boy and Girl respectively, and included wonderful performances from pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 and our music ECAs. A number of pupils took to the stage to tell us about their home countries and we heard a wonderful poem about the UK read by pupils in Year 2 and 3. Thank you to all the pupils who performed in assembly, and to Miss Martindale and Mr. Woodhouse for supporting the pupils to prepare the musical pieces.

In the week prior to International Day, pupils had spent time learning about the countries that their friends and teachers come from, as well as the country that their teacher had chosen to represent this year. During International Day they had the opportunity to explore even more countries as they visited far flung destinations such as China, Brazil, India and many more. At each country the pupils took part in some great activities and collected passport stamps in their RGS passports!

One of the highlights of International Day is always the International Day Lunch which is organised by parent volunteers. This year was the best so far as parents made a fantastic effort providing food from different countries for our pupils to share, and also decorating their tables with flags, maps, signs and souvenirs from their chosen country. The food was delicious and I am looking forward to next year already!

I am sure everyone will agree that the day was a great success and one that was not only enjoyable for our whole school community, but also hugely beneficial for our pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who got so involved with the festivities.



CIS Membership

I am delighted to announce that following the Membership Evaluation visit by the Council of International Schools (CIS) in September, the RGS has been granted membership of CIS.

CIS is a membership community of over 700 schools, all of whom have proved to be committed to high quality, international education. During her visit, Mrs Leggate, International Advisor for CIS, spent time observing lessons and meeting with pupils, parents and staff members.

Some of the strengths identified include:

- an accessible and relevant blended curriculum;
- a clear focus on pupil progress and relevant support; and
- a clear focus on pupil well-being and respectful behaviour;
- a firm commitment to meeting the needs of individual pupils, with a strong emphasis on effective differentiation;
- strong and effective management.

During the report the CIS wished to congratulate the entire school community for both their extensive efforts to develop a strong and effective home-school partnership, and for supporting and promoting a pervasive culture of care and respect for pupil needs and views.

Have a great half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you again on the 27th October.

Mr. Downs

News from Early Years

Reception Turtles: This week, Reception Turtles have been learning all about the seven continents. They have become very fond of the continents song which they love to sing together.

First, we stopped off in North and South America. We learnt lots of interesting facts about North America and that even some members of our class have family there. The children learnt that sloths live in South America and enjoyed listening to the story 'Slowly, Slowly Went the Sloth' by Eric Carle. One of their learning challenges was to move like a sloth, as well as making a crafty sloth hand print picture.

Next, we stopped off in Africa where we read 'Tinga Tinga Tales – Why Elephant Has a Trunk'. The children enjoyed the colourful story and were inspired to paint an elephant in the style of Tinga Tinga.

After that, we visited Europe where we watched an educational video about a little girl called Katie, who visits London. The children showed an interest in the Queen. They made king and queen crowns and decorated them with lots of jewels and shapes.

We then went to Australia. We re-read a well-loved Turtles Class story called 'Wombat Stew'. We wrote a class list of ingredients of what we would need to make the perfect wombat stew. We then, of course, made our own wombat stew. In went: chocolate mud, raisin flies, grape gum nuts, apple worms, blueberry bugs and coconut feathers. Some children reacted in the same way as the dingo, where others thought it was delicious. The children were also excited to make their very own clay echidna.

Next, the children enjoyed learning about the Antarctica through sensory play. We used small world animals, ice-cubes and shaving foam to recreate the Antarctica.

On international day the children visited Asia where they learnt about the traditions of the Philippines and even made their own traditional Philippines lantern.

The children in Turtles Class have already made lots of progress and have settled into Reception wonderfully this half term. Miss Yap 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 Tomes. Reception Turtles Teacher



News from Key Stage 1

In Year One we have had a fun packed week. This week we had a visit from Stem xplorers, where the children got involved in lots of different experiments based on pour learning around the senses. The children had the chance to make and taste their own ice cream and even create their very own pot of slime. This experience was thoroughly enjoyed across the whole of Year One and has supported our learning in a fun and exciting way.

In Year Two English, the children have been looking at statement, commands, exclamations and questions. In maths the children have been further developing their knowledge of multiplication, through our new learning game of times tables rockstars. Alongside this the children have been gearing up for International Day by creating flags from their home country and decorations for their classroom.

What a fantastic week Key stage one have had! Well done, keep up the hard work!

Miss Hindley, Year One Elephants



News from Key Stage 2

Adventure was the name, escaping was the aim! On Sunday, Year 5 went on an exhilarating trip to Adventure Rooms, where each class battled head to head to find clues, codes and keys in an attempt to find their way out first.

The rooms were specifically set up to really challenge the pupils; the only way to be successful was to work as a team and use their problem-solving skills. In a race against the clock, the pupils had 30 minutes to manoeuvre their way out of hand cuffs, through cells, open mystery doors and even find hidden, infer red and 3D messages.

The air was filled with excitement and nerves, as the dramatic music added to the tension, it all came down to who could hold their nerve and keep calm under pressure. Luckily all of Year 5 escaped and made it back to school safely. They all demonstrated real teamwork and excellent communication and listening skills whilst on the trip, which are some of RGSGQ's key values.

A brilliant day out, one I'm sure the Year 5's will be talking about for some time.



News from Key Stage 3

Thank you to the pupils for all their hard work this half term. It has been a pleasure to watch the new students settle into their new school and also back into the routines of learning for those who have been at RGS from last year. After half term, we will be introducing subject interventions for some pupils whom we have identified as needing additional support, and those parents will have been contacted. These are free to attend and are for Year 9 specifically; and will take place during the ECA slot from 2.00pm to 3.00pm on the following days:

Sunday: English
Tuesday: Science
Wednesday: Maths

We will be introducing a number of different teaching and learning activities following the half term break which we are excited, as a phase, to introduce.

Thank you for all the support this half term.

KS3 Teachers

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**

Key Stage 1

Attendance: **Year 2 Cheetahs, Year 2 Tigers**

Punctuality: **Year 1 Giraffes, Year 2 Tigers**

Key Stage 2

Attendance: **Year 3 N, Year 4 W**

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.

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: **Joey**

Nursery Starfish: **Jasper & Fatima**

Reception Dolphins: **All of Dolphins**

Reception Turtles: **Nada**

Reception Sharks: **Krina**

Reception Stingrays: **Aida**

Year 1 Meerkats: **Hannah**

Year 1 Giraffes: **Aisha**

Year 1 Zebras: **Henri**

Year 1 Elephants: **Rania**

Year 2 Lions: **Fadah**

Year 2 Tigers: **Youssef**

Year 2 Cheetahs: **Eid**

Year 3J: **Ayah**

Year 3N: **Yousef**

Year 3Q: **Ethan**

Year 4H: **Raehan**

Year 4W: **Taline**

Year 5K: **Adam**

Year 5N: **Thamir**

Year 6W: **Ali**

Year 6J: **Afrani**

Year 7A: **Aldana**

Year 8S: **Talya**

Year 9P: **Hasan**

Music: **Hannah** - Year 1 Meerkats



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

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/>

Scavenger Hunt – Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum - Visit & Explore Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani's Museum by joining in a fun Scavenger Hunt for all ages.

- Location: Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum
- Date: 25 October 2019 Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm
- Tickets required: 1 Ticket - 90QR / 3 Tickets - 250QR / 5 Tickets - 400QR
- Website: <http://www.365adventures.me>

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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28th October: Year 6 Sri Lanka Residential Parents Presentation (7.45am – 8.30am in the atrium)

28th October: Year 2 Snow Dunes at Festival City Trip

6th November: Parents' Monthly Coffee Morning (7.15 – 9.00am in the atrium)

7th November: Year 6J Class Assembly

11th November: Year 8 Trip to Mshreib

14th November: Year 4H Class Assembly

17th – 21st November: Science Week

21st November: Year 5N Class Assembly

28th November: Year 3Q Class Assembly

4th December: Parents' Monthly Coffee Morning (7.15 – 9.00am in the atrium)

5th December: Year 2 Lions Class Assembly

7th December: Parents' Association Picnic

12th December: Year 1 Giraffes Class Assembly

17th December: Qatar National Day Celebration

17th December: Last day of Term 1 (School closes at 12.00pm)