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# Primary Newsletter

17th October 2024



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE MRS. LYNETTE GRANT

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Quiz Night! It was a fantastic evening, and I'm delighted to see so many of you showing your competitive spirit - I think we all witnessed a few hidden talents emerging! It was certainly a close contest, and I'm already looking forward to another event soon to "right the wrong" and make sure the real winners have their crown restored.

I'd also like to extend our gratitude to Icon and Rebel Angels for keeping our younger attendees entertained with fantastic activities. Our sincere thanks go out to the generous sponsors of the evening and, of course, to the Friends of DBS, whose relentless support and passion for our school community never cease to amaze us. Their dedication to making these events such a success is truly appreciated. Thanks also goes to Mr. Wheelhouse and Ms. Emini who excelled as the quiz masters.

Events such as these provide a valuable opportunity for parents and staff to come together and see each other in a different light. The huge turnout is testament to just how much the DBS Ain Khaled community cares.

**We had an amazing time at the quiz night!**



While parents competed in a lively quiz, the children enjoyed a Free Trial Class courtesy of Rebel Angels Gymnastics and Icon Sports Centre Qatar.

The kids had a fantastic time with fun activities while parents put their knowledge to the test.

Congratulations to all the winners who walked away with gift vouchers from:







## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE **DR. LUKE CHEATER**



**EMPOWERING**  
Our  
Teachers  
**ENRICHING**  
Our  
Students



Coaching and Leadership Development

**"GREAT TEACHING, BETTER LEARNING"**



## **EMPOWERING EDUCATORS**

### Enriching our Students

We are thrilled to share an exciting update on a transformative initiative currently underway at Doha British School, Ain Khaled. As part of our unwavering commitment to ensuring that all students thrive, we recognise the crucial role our teachers play in this mission. We are proud to announce our investment in high-quality professional development through our Year Long 4C's Coaching Program.

#### **A Journey of Growth and Excellence**

With the generous support of our Friends of DBS, fourteen dedicated members of the DBS team have embarked on an intensive coaching program led by 4C's Coaching, an internationally accredited organisation. This program is designed to foster professional growth and create an environment that is both supportive and challenging, promoting high levels of accountability to ensure our students receive the best education possible.

#### **Developing Future Leaders**

Our participants are at the beginning of an exciting journey, developing crucial skills such as:

- Active listening
- Emotionally intelligent leadership
- Navigating 'sticking points' with a solution-focused approach



These skills are instrumental in creating an ethos of challenge and growth within our teaching community, ultimately leading to high-quality pedagogy in all learning environments.

#### **The Power of Coach-Like Conversations**

Through this program, we are fostering an environment where coach-like conversations become the norm.

This approach not only supports our current educational goals but also demonstrates DBS Ain Khaled's commitment to 'growing our own' leadership capacity.



The ripple effect of this initiative will undoubtedly have a beneficial impact on our most important stakeholders - our students.

#### **A Heartfelt Thank You**

We extend our deepest gratitude to Friends of DBS for making this transformative program possible. Your support is invaluable in our mission to ensure that every student thrives.

#### **Looking Ahead**

While we are still at the beginning of this journey, the enthusiasm and dedication shown by our participants are truly inspiring. We look forward to seeing the positive changes this program will bring to our school community.

Together, we are creating an environment where both teachers and students can flourish, pushing the boundaries of educational excellence at DBS Ain Khaled.

**Stay tuned for more updates as we continue on this exciting path of growth and development!**





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## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE MRS. MARIE SIBLEY

It has been another busy week here at DBS Ain Khaled. We hosted the first event in a new cross Qatar football league and we are very proud of our students. You can read more in the match reports below. Our Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics teams also did very well and you can read more about that later too! We have lots of students practising for further upcoming Indoor Athletics and Dance competitions.

Our Maths Leaders visited the Wakra campus this week to see some of the excellent practice there. This was the final visit across the school and it has been really beneficial. These Maths Leaders will meet throughout the year to ensure that Maths continues to flourish at DBS.

Our Year 1 children all had a wonderful time this week visiting Build a Bear at Mall of Qatar as part of their current 'Toys' theme. It was wonderful to witness how excited they were as they headed off to the buses and how delighted they were when they returned clutching their beloved bears that they had made.

Thank you to our Friends of DBS, Miss Emini and Mr Wheelhouse for organising such a fun Quiz Night on Thursday. It was wonderful to meet parents in a less formal environment and the quiz was highly entertaining. The children also had a great time so we really hope to repeat this event. FoDBS are now busy preparing for the 'Movie Under the Stars' event on 1st November. Tickets are on sale every morning and at the end of every day in Reception. They will also be selling tickets at the Parent Consultation afternoon on Wednesday.

You should have received the details about Parent Consultations via ClassDojo. Please ensure that you sign up for an appointment via the Google Sheet link shared by class teachers. Appointments with class teachers will take place in their classrooms whilst specialist teachers will be based in the Multi Purpose Hall (MPH).

I would like to remind you that there will be **no ECAs next week** due to Parent Consultations. ECAs will resume after the mid-term break.

We will be hosting a book fair in school next week. All classes will have an opportunity to look at the books within their Library lesson. Parents can pop in to buy books when you are dropping off or picking up your children or when you come for your Parent Consultation. There will be no sales during the school day so please do not send children in with money. We really want to encourage a love of reading and there will be a wide range of texts available to excite and inspire the children.







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## KEY DATES & REMINDERS




IMPORTANT EVENTS AND REMINDERS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!


### SAVE THE DATE

#### Save the Date - "Movie Under the Stars" at DBS Ain Khaled!

We are excited to invite you to a magical evening of family fun under the stars!

Join us for our "Movie Under the Stars" event, hosted by Friends of DBS.

 **Date:** Friday, 01 November

 **Time:** 5:30 PM

 **Location:** Doha British School - Ain Khaled Campus

Come and enjoy a cozy outdoor movie experience with your loved ones. Bring your blankets and snacks, and relax under the night sky as we watch a family-friendly movie. Popcorn and refreshments will be available!

We look forward to seeing you there for an evening full of fun and laughter!



Dear Parents,

Please be reminded that there will be no Primary Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) next week due to Parent Consultations. We kindly ask that you ensure children are collected promptly at 2 PM.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Best regards,  
Rachel Clarke

### ECA PROGRAMME




### NEXT WEEK

Next week we will have our annual Crescent Book Fair.

## DBS AK BOOK FAIR

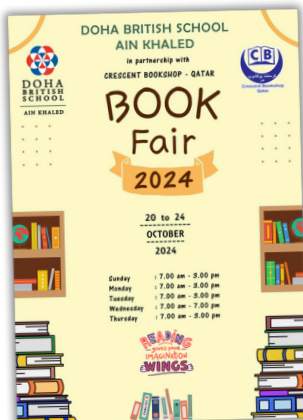
Join us for an exciting Book Fair in collaboration with Crescent Bookshop Qatar!

 **Date:** Sunday, 20th - Thursday, 24th October 2024

 **Time:** The fair will run from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with extended hours until 7:00 PM on Wednesday.

 **Location:** Doha British School - Ain Khaled Campus

We look forward to seeing you there!





# PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

## EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE



We've had an exciting and fun-filled week at preschool!

### Summary of the Week

Our fine motor skills were put to the test as the children practised cutting and chopping vegetables. It was a wonderful hands-on activity that not only helped improve coordination but also encouraged teamwork and patience. We also had a special guest this week—our very first Mystery Reader! The children were thrilled to meet our surprise reader and listen to a captivating story. Thank you to our Mystery Readers for making the session so magical!

We look forward to more mystery readers in the future.

### Teacher's Message

Next week the children will have the opportunity to try new fruits. Please look out for a dojo message that will communicate this and inform the class teacher of any allergies.

Thank you to everyone who has activated their Tapestry account. If you have not received an email or activated your account please send me an email at [emily.byars@dohabritishschool.com](mailto:emily.byars@dohabritishschool.com) and I can assist you further.



### This Week..

This week, we explored healthy eating by introducing the children to new vegetables. It was so much fun watching them try a variety of colourful veggies like bell peppers, cucumbers, and carrots.

Many of them were excited to discover new favourites!







# RECEPTION HIGHLIGHTS

## THIS WEEK IN RECEPTION



**THIS WEEK** We have been talking about things we are good at and things we would like to get better at. We are all very talented in Reception.

**NEXT WEEK** Next week, our class story is Peace at Last. We will be drawing our own bedrooms and labelling the items in our pictures.



## Library

During the past weeks children have been invited to explore the books and complete a reading/review challenge. The deadline for this challenge is next week, we've had some great entries so far and are looking forward to reading more.

During library lessons children will have an opportunity to browse the book selection, but will not be able to purchase books. We ask, as last year, that parents purchase books after pick-up.

Happy Reading!

## Home Activities



## Teacher's Message

We are excited to welcome you all to the Reception Learning Together Time in your child's classroom on Monday 21st October from 12:15pm-1pm. By joining classroom activities, you will be able to observe your child's development, better understand the learning process, and strengthen the home-school connection.

Please note that only 1 adult can come per child. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

## In Spanish

Students are focussing on mastering numbers 1 to 5. The goal is for students to confidently count in order from 1 to 5, recognising each number and its place in the sequence.







# PRIMARY HIGHLIGHT

## KEY STAGE 1 AND 2



## In Spanish

**Year 1:** Students are starting an exciting new topic this week: "Can I Follow Instructions?" or "¿Puedo seguir las instrucciones?" Over the past few weeks, students have been introduced to common classroom instructions in Spanish. This week, the focus is on practising these instructions to build understanding and confidence.

**Year 2:** Students are starting a new topic this week: "Can you recognise the vowels?" or "¿Conoces las vocales?" The focus is on familiarising students with the sounds of the Spanish **vowels (a, e, i, o, u)**.

**Year 3:** Students are diving into a new topic: "Can you recognise the shapes?" or "¿Conoces las formas?" The focus is on learning new vocabulary, including names of shapes and the adjectives used to describe them.

**Year 4:** Students are finalising their topic, "Do you like football?" or "¿Te gusta el fútbol?" This week, the focus is on translating paragraphs that become progressively more challenging as they work through them.

**Year 4:** Students are starting a new topic this week: "What do you do in the morning?" or "¿Qué haces por la mañana?" This topic builds on their previous learning about telling time. Students will now focus on describing their daily morning routines while specifying the time they carry out each activity.

**Year 6:** Students are beginning a new topic this week: "What is your personality like?" or "¿Cómo eres?" This topic focuses on helping students describe themselves and others using a variety of adjectives. They will learn to talk about their personality traits.



## English

**Year 1:** This week, children will be planning and writing their own superhero stories based on our example text.

**Year 2:** This week, children will be planning and writing their own finding narrative, based on their example text, 'Discovering the Bog Baby'.

**Year 3:** This week in writing, the children will embark on planning their descriptive narratives! Exciting creativity is ahead.

**Year 4:** This week, we are completing a shared write for our myth narrative.

**Year 5:** This week, we are working on developing our writing with a class shared write for our survival narrative.

**Year 6:** The children will share writing a magazine article as a class.

## Maths

**Year 1:** Children will be learning about finding two parts and putting them together to make a whole.

**Year 2:** This week, children will be adding 3 1-digit numbers as well as adding across a 10.

**Year 3:** This week, continuing with addition and subtraction the children will be adding and subtracting 10s across 100s. They will also be adding and subtracting 100s within 1000.

**Year 4:** This week we are subtracting 4-digit numbers with and with no exchange.

**Year 5:** This week, children will be solving multi-step addition and subtraction worded problems.

**Year 6:** Year 6 will be working on using formal methods for multiplication and division.







Thank You