



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Primary Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MRS. LYNETTE GRANT

This week, Doha British School Ain Khaled was honoured to be invited to the Ministry of Education to receive a Clear Flag award. This prestigious recognition is a testament to our school's commitment to providing a high-quality education and fostering a positive learning environment.

We are incredibly grateful to the Ministry of Education for their continued support and partnership. Their guidance and encouragement have been instrumental in our success.

This award is also a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our staff, the unwavering support of our parents, and the exemplary behaviour of our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to DBS. Together, we will continue to raise expectations and standards, ensuring that our school remains a beacon of quality education in the community.



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Welcome to Doha British Schools

Doha British Schools are one of the world's leading British International Schools in Qatar, with a reputation for outstanding academic excellence since 1997

HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

MRS. MARIE SIBLEY

This week I was honoured to be on the interview panel for our Head Students. Ten students were selected from an initial application process to present to myself, Mr. Ali (Assistant Head KS2) and Miss F. Mohammed (Teacher in Charge of the Junior Leadership Team). They each had prepared excellent slides explaining what they thought they could bring to the role, ideas to improve the school and who they were inspired by. The standard was extremely high. In addition to their presentations, which they had obviously had time to prepare and rehearse, the candidates were asked further questions that they had not prepared for and all of them showed confidence under pressure and gave very reflective answers. I even commented to the panel at the end that, if these children are going to be running the world at some point, I feel confident for our future. They were incredible. However, we did have to narrow it down to the final four who are introducing themselves later in this letter. Congratulations to Rivan Nath, Maya Younis, Daniyah Ahmed and Nadar Sarin.

Following on from our Coding Week last week, next week we will be celebrating Sustainability Week. Miss Eubank is taking a lead on this and students will participate in a number of activities aimed to raise their awareness of sustainability, including lessons specifically looking at sustainability within Qatar. It would be wonderful if you could ask your children about what they have been learning and talk as a family about small changes that you could perhaps make that will help our planet.

Finally, I would like to share communication protocols with you. Your first point of contact with anything other than finance and admissions etc. should always be your child's class teacher and this is best done via Class Dojo. Even if you feel that you need to have a face-to-face conversation with the teacher, it is best to arrange this via Dojo as it can be tricky for them to stop and talk when they are supervising the class. If you feel that you need to speak to somebody else after speaking to the teacher, each Year Group has a Progress Leader who would be able to help you in most things and can also be contacted via Dojo.

The Progress Leaders are as follows: Pre-School Emily Byars, Reception Lynsey McHugh, Year 1 Rachel Chong, Year 2 Hannah Walton, Year 3 Estelle Du Toit, Year 4 Amal Jama, Year 5 Kayleigh Richards and Year 6 Ariana Emini. If you feel that you have already spoken to the class teacher and the Progress Leader, we then have Assistant Heads in charge of each Key Stage who can be contacted via email. The Assistant Head of EYFS (Pre-School and Reception) is Miss Byars - emily.byars@dohabritishschool.com. The Assistant Head of Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) is Miss Clarke - rachel.clarke@dohabritishschool.com. The Assistant Head of Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) is Mr Ali - hassan.ali@dohabritishschool.com. We also have Mrs Longmore who is our Assistant Head Pastoral and is in charge of the wellbeing of students across the school. Her email address is diane.longmore@dohabritishschool.com. The Deputy Head of Primary is Mrs Khan and her email address is saima.khan@dohabritishschool.com and I can be contacted on marie.sibley@dohabritishschool.com.

Please can I ask that you do not use Class Dojo to contact Assistant Heads, Deputy Head or myself, simply because we do not use Dojo as frequently as teachers so may miss a message and it is also much easier for us to manage an email trail than messages.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.





UPCOMING KEY DATES

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

FRIENDS OF DBS

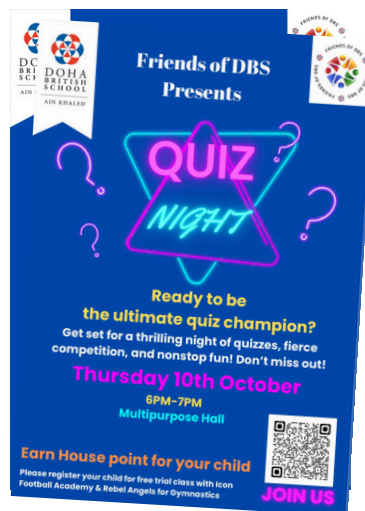
Friends of DBS Quiz Night

Date: Thursday, 10th October

Time: 6PM - 7PM

Location: DBS AK Multipurpose Hall

Join us for an exciting night of quizzes, competition, and fun! Don't miss the chance to earn House points and enjoy free trial classes with Icon Football Academy & Rebel Angels for Gymnastics.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance/ Drop Off/ Pick Up

- In Primary and throughout the school we expect full attendance. It is essential that your child arrives at school before 7am every day.
- If your child can not come to school then please email: attendance@dohabritishschool.com
- Where possible please schedule appointments outside of school hours.
- Children are to be collected at the end of the school day from their allocated assembly points at 2.00pm.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (ECA)

MESSAGE FROM...

Miss Rachel Clarke/ Assistant Head of KS1

- **ECAs begin** this week from Sunday 29th September.
- **ECAs will run until** Wednesday 27th November 2024.
- **Please be reminded** that arrangements should be made for siblings who are not in ECAs to be collected, they should not be left waiting in school.
- **Parents and guardians should wait in the canteen area** for collection at 3:00 pm, whereby staff will bring students to the area in front of the MPH at the end of ECAs.





PRIMARY HEAD STUDENTS

TAKING THE LEAD!



Head Boy
Rivan Nath (6E)

Hola! My name is Rivan. I am in Year 6 and have been at DBS since Pre-school. I am your Head Boy! I want to continue making our school a dazzling and great place, full of responsibility, cleanliness and add some humour! I look forward to working alongside fantastic teachers and empowering my peers.



Head Girl
Maya Younis (6C)

Hi my name is Maya. I have been at DBS since Pre-School and I am looking forward to making this school a better place and turning any frowns I see upside down. Being Head Girl makes me feel so proud and full of excitement.



Deputy Head Boy
Nadar Sarin (6E)

My name is Nadar and I am your new Deputy Head Boy. I have been at DBS since Pre-School (this is my seventh year here!). I feel proud to represent my school and I am ready to dedicate my time towards our amazing school. I am looking forward to collaboratively work with my peers and my teachers. I am very thankful for this opportunity.



Deputy Head Girl
Daniyah Ahmed (6D)

Hey there my name is Daniyah and I am the new Deputy Head Girl. I joined the DBS family last year in year 5. This year as head girl, I look forward to giving fresh ideas that impact the school and representing DBS and its positive change to my peers. I am very grateful for this opportunity that Mrs Sibley and the Primary team have given me.





Welcome to Friends of DBS Community



FODBS MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Dear DBS Community,

We hope this message finds you well. As part of our ongoing efforts to build a stronger and more connected community, we kindly invite you to join the Friends of DBS (FoDBS) by completing our online membership form. If you are already a member, we encourage you to fill out the form as well, so we can streamline communication and ensure that you receive all updates and information in a timely manner.

By becoming part of the FoDBS community, you'll have the opportunity to engage in school events, support our initiatives, and contribute to enriching the DBS experience for our students. Whether you're new to the group or an existing member, your participation is greatly valued.

Please take a moment to fill out the form using the link below:

[Friends of DBS Membership Registration Form](#)

We look forward to working together and staying throughout the school year. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support!

Warm Regards

FoDBS Committee Members





PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE



In Maths

We've been practising sorting objects by size, shape, and colour, which helps children develop early problem-solving skills and an understanding of classification.

Summary of the Week

This week at Preschool, we've been exploring exciting new activities to support your child's learning and development. The children have enjoyed sharing stories about their families, helping them to build connections and develop language skills through discussion.

To support fine motor development, we've been using pegs and elastic bands, a fun and engaging activity that strengthens the muscles needed for writing and other everyday tasks.

We're excited to continue building these important skills together!

Teacher's Message

There will be a **Tapestry Workshop on Tuesday 8th October at 4:30pm in the Multi Purpose Hall (MPH)**. This workshop aims to inform you of how Tapestry is used to track your child's progress, inform you of their learning and share all the wonderful things they are doing in class.

Next week, the children will be learning all about emotions. Please take a photograph of your child making a sad, angry, happy or excited face and send it in to the class teacher on dojo. In class the children will look at the photographs and guess how they are feeling.





RECEPTION HIGHLIGHTS

THIS WEEK IN RECEPTION



THIS WEEK

This week in Reception, we've been diving into the story "**Oliver's Vegetables**" as part of our learning.

The children have had great fun exploring different types of vegetables, discussing their names, colours, and textures, and talking about which ones they recognise or enjoy eating at home. To develop our fine motor skills, we've been practising chopping vegetables, which helps strengthen the muscles needed for writing and other daily tasks.



It's been a wonderful week of learning, and we're excited to see the children continue to grow!

IN MATHS

The children have been independently choosing how to sort objects, using their own methods to groups, helping them develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

In one activity, the children looked at pictures of aliens and chose to sort them in lots of different ways including which ones had legs or no legs and which ones had triangle teeth or square teeth!





PRIMARY HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS: MEET THE TEACHER EVENING



Our Primary Head Students

Introducing the inspirational leaders of our school – Rivan, Maya, Daniyah, and Nadar – who are ready to make a positive impact and bring fresh ideas to the DBS community!

IN LITERACY

Year 1: This week, we are going to be writing Super Sentences with the help of the Wise Old Owl, encouraging them to re-read and check their work.

Year 3: This week, we will focus on adverbs, refining our independent writing, and creating Haiku poems.

Year 5: This week, we will be using fronted adverbials and relative clauses to describe a dangerous scenario.

Year 6: Children will be exploring different structural features of a magazine article.

IN NUMERACY

Year 1: This week we are continuing to explore place value by counting forwards and backwards, and learning how to find one more and one less.

Year 3: This week in math, we're diving into how to find 1, 10, or 100 more than a given number, and we're also working with number lines up to 1,000.

Year 5: This week, we will be exploring negative numbers and counting through 0.

Year 6: Children will be finishing off their learning on Number and Place Value and starting Four Operations with addition and subtraction using formal methods.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Tranquil



Please refer to your children's weekly plan that is always shared on class dojo or google classroom to see what they are going to do every day.

IN ARABIC





Thank You