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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Primary Newsletter

24th October 2024



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MRS. LYNETTE GRANT

As we approach the half-term break, it's the perfect moment to reflect on all that has been achieved thus far. Our DBS Ain Khaled community continues to grow in vibrancy and diversity, and we are incredibly fortunate to be part of such a dynamic environment. Your unwavering support and engagement have been instrumental in fostering the strong partnership between home and school, allowing us to ensure that all our students are not only safe and supported but also thriving academically and pastorally.

This term has been full of activity, with highlights including the appointment of our new Student Leadership Team. These young leaders are already making a positive impact, setting a wonderful example for their peers. Our students have also excelled in various sporting events—most notably our successes in football and volleyball, where they have shown tremendous teamwork and dedication.

We've also had the privilege of welcoming parents to a series of engaging workshops and information evenings. Thank you to those who participated—you play a key role in your child's education, and your input helps shape the future of our school.

Our Mystery Reader initiative has been a particular hit with our younger students, sparking their love for reading and building excitement around storytelling. It's wonderful to see the joy on their faces as parents and family members take turns to surprise them during their reading time.

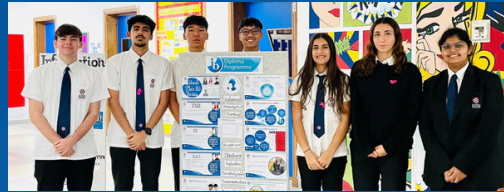
In assemblies, our students have continued to shine. From celebrating academic achievements to performing in creative showcases, their confidence and enthusiasm are clear for all to see.

As we head into the break, we hope you find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy special moments with your families.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Sunday, 3rd November, for the next phase of what promises to be another exciting term.

Before then, however, we invite you to join us for our Movie Under the Stars event on Friday, 1st November. It's a fantastic opportunity to come together as a community, relax, and enjoy a family-friendly film under the night sky.

Wishing you all a peaceful and enjoyable break!

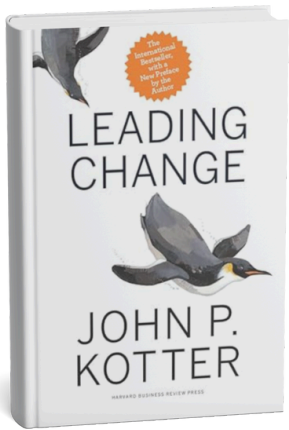




LEADING CHANGE

AT DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL AIN KHALED

“THE POWER OF A VISION TO MOTIVATE ACTION.”



I am delighted to share an exciting development in our ongoing commitment to educational excellence. The Secondary Senior Leadership Team (soon to be followed by the Primary Leadership Team) is about to embark on a comprehensive book study of John Kotter's seminal work, "Leading Change"—a cornerstone text in organisational leadership and transformation.

As an organisation that takes pride in its intentional approach to ensuring every student thrives, we recognise that developing robust leadership capabilities is fundamental to achieving our goals.

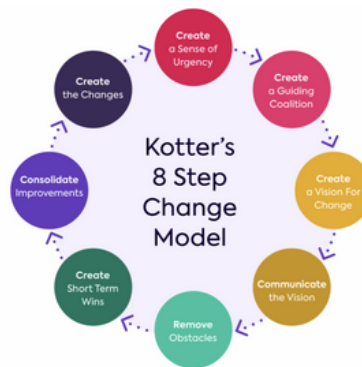
The analysis and development of key leadership characteristics play a vital role in uniting our team towards driving sustainable improvement—an essential attribute of any leading international school.

Kotter's renowned eight-step approach to successful leadership has garnered universal recognition across sectors, from business to education. Through this structured study, will:

- Delve deep into each step of Kotter's framework
- Engage in thorough discussions about its practical applications
- Contextualise these principles within our unique school environment
- Develop strategies for implementing positive change initiatives

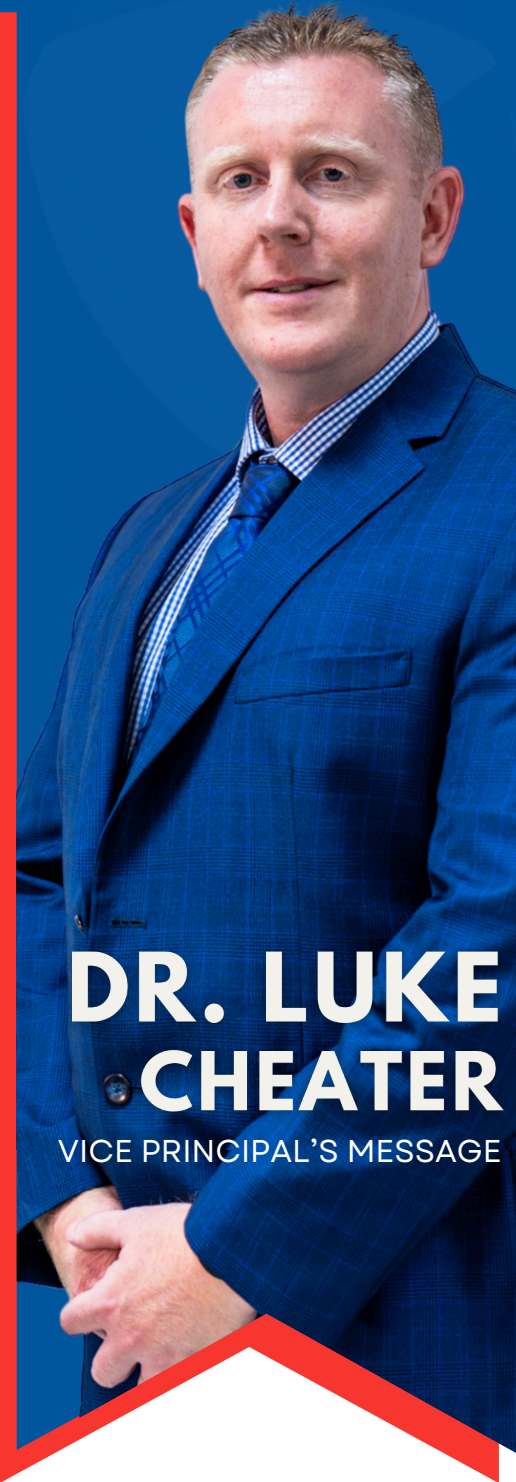
This endeavour represents more than just professional development; it demonstrates our commitment to fostering a culture of continuous improvement and excellence.

By investing time in understanding and interpreting these proven leadership principles, we aim to enhance our capacity to guide DBS towards even greater heights of educational achievement.



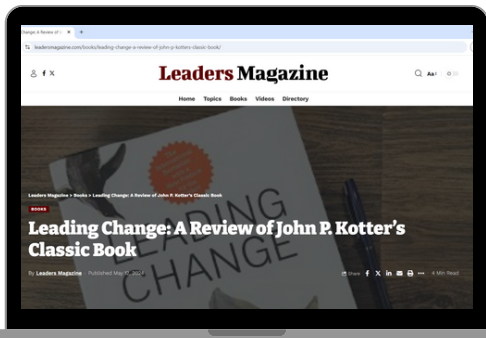
The insights gained from this study will undoubtedly influence our approach to leadership, decision-making, and change management, ultimately benefiting our entire school community.

I look forward to sharing our learning journey with you and implementing the valuable insights gained!



DR. LUKE CHEATER

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE





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

I am writing this letter having just come from the KS1 quad and my heart really is filled with joy! A class full of Year 1 children was sitting enjoying a Teddy Bear's picnic clutching their beloved bears tightly with one hand whilst happily eating with the other, all to the tune of 'Teddy Bear's Picnic'. Behind them was a sea of smiling Pre-School parents who had just come out from their 'Learning Together sessions which they had thoroughly enjoyed. This sense of joy has been something that has struck me over my first half term at DBS. When I am at the front gates in the morning, I notice how many of the children are not only smiling but running and skipping into class, eager for the day ahead. The staff in school also love what they do and the corridors are filled with warmth and laughter. DBS really does feel like a family and I am very grateful to be a part of it.

We are very proud to announce that both our U10 and our Under 11 Mixed Indoor Athletics team were bronze medal winners this week. Congratulations to all involved.

We will be making some minor changes to our communication after the half term break, following on from feedback from parents. Messages about what the children will be learning the next week from Progress Leaders, Arabic teachers and Spanish teachers will now be shared on Dojo on a Thursday.

This is because many parents find the Dojo messages easier to access and there is a facility to translate messages on Dojo. We feel that these curriculum messages can sometimes get lost in the newsletter.

The Pre-School and Reception pages will remain as they are in the newsletter and we are introducing a new 'Spotlight' feature where we will provide information about a different aspect of school life each week, starting with a focus on assessment the first week after the break. We hope that these features will give you a valuable overview of the school.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful half term, whether you are travelling or enjoying the beautiful Qatar weather and I look forward to seeing you all again on 3rd November.





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KEY DATES & REMINDERS



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

SAVE THE DATE

"MOVIE UNDER THE STARS" AT DBS AIN KHALED!

Date: Friday, 01 November

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Doha British School - Ain Khaled Campus

A special thank you to our sponsors for their generous gift vouchers from Flik Cinemas and AME - Al Mana Entertainment.



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ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

EXPLORE, DISCOVER AND IGNITE YOUR LOVE FOR READING!



Library Mascot Competition

We invite all children to participate in our **"Create a Library Mascot"** competition during the half-term break.

Entry forms can be collected from the Primary Library and must be submitted during the first two weeks of November.



Holiday Book Lending

We are lending books to children over the holiday. Please ensure that they know their library day and return books in their yellow folders.





PRIMARY INCLUSION

SUPPORTING EVERY CHILD'S UNIQUE LEARNING JOURNEY AT DBS AK

Meet the PRIMARY INCLUSION TEAM



Making reading into an interactive experience for your child.

Reading with your child is one of the most important things you can do to support early language and literacy skills. Shared reading is a collaborative activity in which a child and an adult share the reading of a book in order to model strategies that proficient readers use.

Shared reading can take different forms depending on the stage of reading. Generally, it combines both seeing and hearing the words in order to understand the role that text plays in reading, as well as discussing the story together.



Rachel Almaliki
Primary Inclusion Link



Saima Kouser
Primary SENCo



Ramandeep Sarin
Learning Support Assistant



Shared Reading



Benefits

- Provides shared time to communicate between you and your child.
- Encourages your child to read and form good habits.
- Helps you to better understand the way your child communicates and understands.

Strategies

- Say something about the cover of the book and what you think the story might be about.
- As you read through the book, share what you are thinking out loud and provide opportunities for your child to take turns reading.
- Turn book reading into a conversation by commenting on what your child is interested in on each page in the book.
- Ask open ended questions to give your child a chance to engage.
- Help your child make connections to what you are reading with their own experiences.





SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 3, 4 AND 6

OUR YOUNG ATHLETES



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QPPSSA Girls & Boys U11 Football League – Match Report

The U11 girls demonstrated fantastic resilience in their match, coming back from 1-0 down to secure a well-deserved 1-1 draw. Their performance was a testament to their teamwork and determination, and they played some brilliant football throughout. Well done, girls!

Year 3 and 4 Shine at Indoor Athletics Competition

**THIS
WEEK**

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils showcased their athletic talents at the Indoor Athletics Competition. The event was filled with excitement as our students took part in various indoor athletics events, including shuttle runs, indoor javelin, balance tests, and both standing triple and long jumps.

The U11 boys kicked off their league season with two outstanding victories. In the first match, they were trailing 2-1, but with great character and fighting spirit, they managed to score two late goals, securing a thrilling win. A last-minute strike from Imtiaz sealed all 3 points in an exciting finish.

In their second match, the boys delivered a dominant performance, winning 6-0. The team showed excellent cohesion and played some wonderful football, feeling more confident as the game progressed. A brilliant start to the season for the boys!

Celebrating Our Young Athletes

A huge well done to all our pupils who participated – your hard work and sportsmanship were truly commendable!



Year 4 Athletes

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 4 athletes performed exceptionally well, earning silver medals for their outstanding efforts.

The students did incredibly well and the year 4's finished as silver medalists.





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on 30th October 2024 from 3 PM to 6 PM and explore your opportunities for success.

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GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS. PARKOUR. YOGA. ECA / ASA



Rebel Angels Autumn Break Camp at Doha British School Ain Khaled!

Give your child a week filled with fun, adventure, and new experiences this autumn break. Join Us for the Rebel Angels Autumn Break Camp at Doha British School Ain Khaled!

Dates: October 27th to 31st, 2024

Days: Sunday to Thursday

Time: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Ages: 4-12 years old

Our Autumn Break Camp offers a wide range of exciting activities designed to keep your child active and engaged, including:

- **Gymnastics & Parkour:** Develop agility and strength while having fun!
- **Team-Building Games:** Foster teamwork and friendships through collaborative challenges.
- **Arts and Crafts:** Unleash creativity with hands-on projects.
- **Lego Building:** Encourage imagination and engineering skills.
- **Ball Games:** Enjoy classic sports and improve coordination.
- **Zumba & Yoga:** Promote fitness and relaxation through movement.
- **Tag Games & Fun Experiments:** Engage in thrilling games and explore science through playful experiments!

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity! Register now at www.rebelangels.qa/autumn-camp to secure your child's spot for an unforgettable week!

For inquiries, please send your registration at contact us at 33559983 or 33552290.

We look forward to a week of adventure and joy with your child!

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