



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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Primary Newsletter

7th November 2024

Our Purpose

Is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve

Our Vision

Is to be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first class education enabling pupils to thrive within a dynamic, global environment

Our Mission

Is to prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum and well-resourced facilities, to become lifelong learners contributing to a global community



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MRS. LYNETTE GRANT

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a restful break, even if it turned into a slightly longer holiday than expected! We're delighted to welcome everyone back to school and are looking forward to a productive term ahead.

Upcoming Events Rescheduled

Please note that the trips originally planned for this week will be rescheduled, and further details will be shared soon. Additionally, the Year 12 Parent-Teacher Conference will now take place on **Wednesday, 13th November**, with the timing remaining unchanged.

Lost Property

We kindly ask that if an item belonging to another student is brought home by mistake, please return it to school, either via the Lost and Found or directly to the class teacher or form tutor. Items like ties can often be picked up inadvertently after PE or other activities. Labelling uniforms, lunchboxes, and other belongings can be a big help in ensuring that lost items are returned to their owners promptly.

Thank You for a Wonderful Event

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Movie Under the Stars event. It was a delightful way to wrap up the holiday. We are incredibly grateful to the Friends of DBS for their hard work and dedication to making this event—and so many others—special for our community. Their commitment is invaluable, and we appreciate everything they do to support the school.

At DBS Ain Khaled, it is the strong partnership between our school and families that truly makes our community special. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us.





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

It was lovely to welcome back the students on Sunday and to see so many of them skipping in with beaming smiles, happy to be back in school. Little did we know then that they would only be back for two days this week. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter and I hope that you enjoyed some extra family time.

I would like to thank our Friends of DBS for arranging the Movie Under the Stars on 1st November. I was unable to attend as I was travelling but I gather it was a great success and enjoyed by many families. There will be another similar event in February and we also have the Winter Fair to look forward to.

Next week we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week. Through our PSHE lessons, we regularly teach our children about how to develop positive relationships and what to do if they do find themselves in difficult situations etc. However, every November we have a particular focus which will include our Odd Socks Day. Further information regarding this from Mrs. Longmore can be found later in the letter.

Now that the weather is (slightly) cooler, we are intending for the children in Y3-6 to start using the sports pitches at break times when they are available. Children will only be allowed to play on these if they are wearing a cap/hat so please ensure that your child brings one to school if they wish to play on the pitch / court. Please also write your child's name inside the hat as they often get misplaced. Thank you. You may also wish to send your child in with sunscreen but this should be kept in their school bag and they should be able to apply it themselves. Thank you.

As I mentioned prior to the break, there will be some changes to the newsletter moving forward. The EYFS section will remain unchanged. Years 1 to 6, Arabic and Spanish will now post their messages about upcoming learning and any other reminders directly to Dojo. This is following feedback from parents.

However, we also appreciate that many of you like to know what is going on in the school beyond your own child's class. We are introducing a 'spotlight' page where we will focus on a different aspect of school life each week. We will also be keeping you up to date with the Ministry of Education Tarbeya project which is aimed at enhancing Qatar National Identity and supporting the Qatar National Vision 2030. Next week we will start the second part of the project which is about 'Safe Surfing', meaning online safety. We will be sending parent information from the project via the newsletters over the next few weeks.

Finally, as part of our commitment to Safeguarding and Well-being, we will be including some articles about how you can support your child's well-being at home. Please bear in mind that these may be more relevant to parents of children in the older year groups but they may be of interest.

I really hope that you enjoy the new format and that you find the Dojo communication helpful. As always, we welcome any feedback.





MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

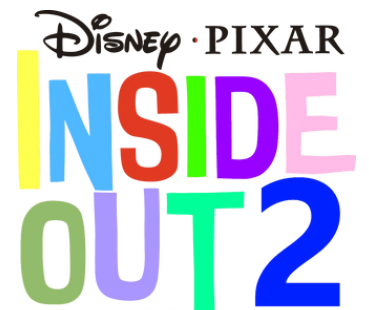
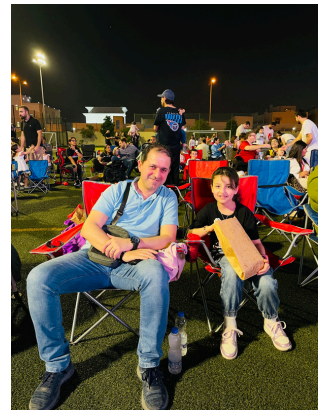
AN EVENING OF FAMILY FUN!



We are delighted to share that our "Movie Under the Stars" event, hosted by Friends of DBS, was a resounding success! On 1 November, families gathered for a magical evening filled with laughter and joy as we watched the enchanting film Inside Out 2 under the stars.

A heartfelt thank you to our parents, volunteers, and staff for their unwavering support and dedication. Your hard work ensured a memorable experience for all who attended. We also extend our gratitude to our wonderful sponsors, Flik Cinemas and AME – Al Mana Entertainment, for their generous gift vouchers, which added an extra touch of excitement to the evening.

We look forward to more community gatherings that foster connections and joyful memories!



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!





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REMINDER

IMPORTANT REMINDER: LANYARDS FOR SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

A quick reminder to all parents: Please ensure you wear your lanyards when entering the school grounds. Wearing your lanyard helps us maintain a safe and secure environment for our students and staff.

We appreciate your cooperation in supporting the safeguarding and wellbeing of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support!

**LANYARD
REQUIRED
FOR ENTRY**

ALL PARENTS AND VISITORS
ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR LANYARDS AT
ALL TIMES WHILST ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES.

**الدخول
بالبطاقة
التعريفية فقط**

على جميع أولياء الأمور والزوار ارتداء البطاقة التعريفية
الخاصة بمدرسة الدوحة البريطانية في جميع الأوقات
وذلك أثناء تواجدهم داخل الحرم المدرسي





SAFE SURFING INITIATIVE

NOTICE FROM MOEHE

Managing Your Children's Online Activities

We understand the importance of ensuring our children's safety in the digital world. To assist you, we are sharing an informative infographic on managing your children's online activities. This resource highlights essential tips and strategies for keeping your children safe while they explore the internet.

For further details and to view the infographic, please click the link below:

[Safe Space - Managing Online Activities](#)

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a safe online environment for our children.

HOW YOU CAN MANAGE YOUR CHILDREN'S ONLINE ACTIVITIES

Research
Search online. "How to set up parental control on a DEVICE BRAND + MODEL"

Monitor
Check if the settings and apps you have set are working in practice.

Set the stage
Manage parental control and privacy settings to plan what your children should and shouldn't be able to do.

Review
Check what your children are up to by looking at the device, platform, app and browser history and their social media accounts in an indicative way, so that they feel that you are protecting them rather than controlling their lives.

Where You Can Find Parental Controls

Device settings
phone, computer, tablet, game console, smart TV

Third party apps and programs for parental controls

Web browser settings

Router interface

User settings of the platforms and the apps you are using

What You Can Do

Prevent Unauthorized Use

- Password-protect**
Use unfamiliar passwords to limit access to devices that should not be used by your children.
- Give selective access**
Lock certain apps while lending your devices to your children using device settings.
- Restrict access**
Block certain websites using the parental control settings of the browser or the device.
- Ask to buy**
Restrict the installation of apps to your devices and make the purchase requests go through you.

Moderate Screen Time

- Put time limits**
Monitor the total amount of time spent online or on a specific website or an app from device settings.
- Establish internet free zones**
Make some parts of home and times of the day free of internet by setting up your router, there might be a copy paste error from the restrict access part.

Block Inappropriate Content

- Filter unwanted content**
Block content that includes certain words and phrases using the settings of the streaming websites and social media platforms.
- Child proof**
Use child-safe browsers.
- Children's view**
Create a separate children account on websites your children can access to block adult content.
- Turn off auto-play**
Limit viewing of random content that could bypass inappropriate content filters.

Protect Privacy

- Use private accounts**
Set all of the accounts your children use as private profiles.
- Disable location sharing**
Block location access from the device's privacy settings.

Eliminate Stranger Danger

- Block strangers**
Only allow people you know to reach your children's accounts.
- Block interaction**
Disable chat functions of gaming console and the games your children play.

Always review the parental control settings of a new device you bring home to see what functionalities it has for you to ensure your children's safety.





SAFEGUARDING & WELL BEING

PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfettered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

1 KNOW THE TYPES

While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. TikTok, for example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.

2 COVER ALL DEVICES

Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of 'blind spots' in the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child's on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.

3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH

While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that unprotected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.

4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS

Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.

5 BLOCK APP SPENDING

Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions: purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds if a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.

6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT

Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.

7 MIND THE GAPS

There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-level parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover WiFi outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpalatable aspects of social media and the web.

8 KEEP THINGS SECURE

Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.

9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY

Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.

10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP

The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 16 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble wrapping the internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older, so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

Meet Our Expert

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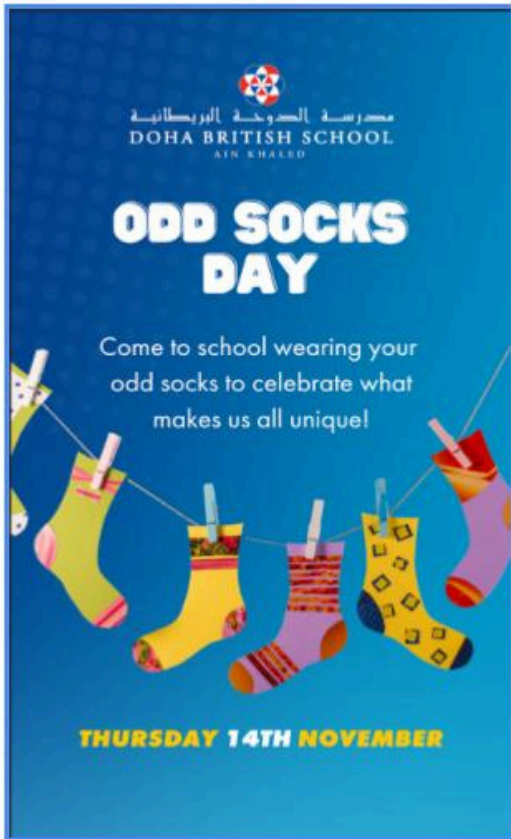
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The National College



SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

ANTIBULLYING WEEK



Doha British School will be supporting Anti-Bullying Week from Sunday 10th - Thursday 14th November 2024.

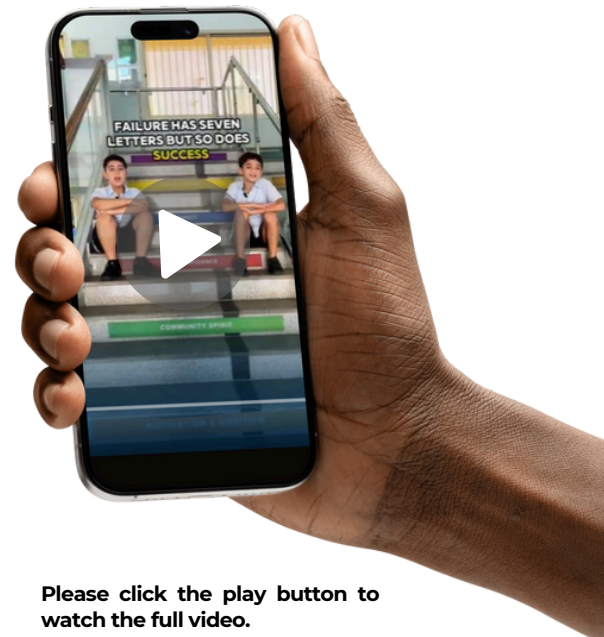
This Anti-Bullying Week we urge adults and children alike to come together to have discussions about what it means to disagree respectfully, how to avoid resorting to bullying, and how we can all choose to lead by example.

The whole school community is encouraged to come to school wearing your odd socks on Thursday 14th November to celebrate what makes us all unique. This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to **'Choose Respect'**.

Our Junior Leadership Team has created an amazing video for us. Script written by Maya, and directed by Rivan.

Well done JLT for getting this important message across.



Please click the play button to watch the full video.





SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



Year 5 and 6 Financial Literacy

We are excited that Squirrel Education has been launched in Year 5 and Year 6 at DBS, Ain Khaled.

Squirrel Education is a digital learning platform that teaches young students financial literacy in a fun and interactive way. The program focuses on self-directed learning, allowing students to develop money management skills at their own pace.

Through engaging simulations, students can experience real-world financial situations, such as earning, saving, and managing expenses in a safe, controlled environment. This approach makes financial concepts easy to understand and relevant, helping students gain confidence and build smart financial habits that will benefit them for life.

"Share in our excitement as we shape a brighter financial future for our children—because the habits they build today will set them up for success tomorrow!"



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PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

THIS WEEK IN PRESCHOOL



Summary of the Week

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have settled back into school wonderfully and have been excited to continue their learning.

This week, we've kicked off a new science focus, exploring themes inspired by nursery rhymes. We've been having lots of fun with "Humpty Dumpty" and learning about balancing and stability. The children have enjoyed experimenting with different ways to balance objects and themselves, engaging their curiosity through hands-on activities.

Due to the unexpected National Holiday, we'll be continuing these topics next week, giving the children even more time to explore and experiment.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another exciting week of learning!

Teacher's Message

This half-term we will be focusing on Nursery Rhymes with a focus on science. Please read the Topic Overview which details the learning that will be taking place.

Nursery Rhymes Topic Overview.

When entering and leaving the school grounds, please do not walk through the carpark and use the pavement instead. It is important that we support the children in keeping safe in car parks and use pavements whenever possible.



Home Activities

Can you build a tall tower at home? You can use lego, bricks or even household objects! What can you balance on the top?

Practise the Nursery Rhyme **Humpty Dumpty.**





RECEPTION HIGHLIGHTS

THIS WEEK IN RECEPTION



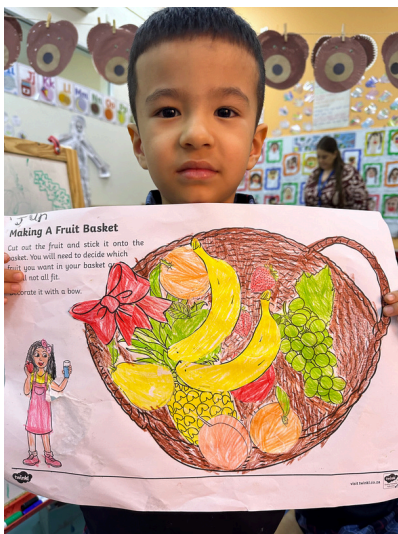
Summary of the Week

This term our new topic in Reception is 'Hot and Cold'. The children enjoyed our class story '**Handa's Surprise**'. We discussed how the story is set in Africa which is a hot country. Next week we are looking forward to reading 'Lost and Found' and discussing what it is like in the Arctic where it is very cold. We will be looking at different Arctic animals.

In Maths we will be finding 1 more and 1 less with numbers up to 5, including some word problems.

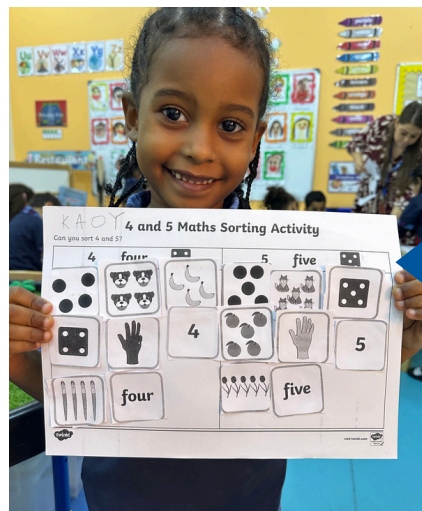
In Spanish, Reception students are starting an exciting new topic this week called **Los Saludos—"Greetings!"**

They're learning two friendly ways to greet their amigos in Spanish: Buenos días ("Good morning") and Hola ("Hello").



Teacher's Message

Thank you to the parent helpers who attended the Freestylers trip with Reception this week. The children had so much fun, as did the adults. It was lovely to see the children being independent, supporting each other and having fun with their friends.



Home Activities

Can your child count their toys?

Can they tell you how many when they add 1 more or make 1 less?





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سيبي يونيفيرسستي قطر بالشراكة مع جامعة أستر،
الحرم الجامعي لوسيل

من 22 ديسمبر 2024 إلى 2 يناير 2025

من 9:00 صباحاً إلى 12:00 ظهراً

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للتسجيل قبل تاريخ:
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إدارة ACES



Doha British School invites young innovators aged 14-18 to a two-week journey into the exciting worlds of AI and Robotics! This immersive camp at City University Qatar's Lusail Campus is led by Harvard and MIT graduates, offering hands-on experience in Python programming, Arduino projects, and advanced AI concepts like machine learning and computer vision.

Dates: 22nd December 2024 - 2nd January 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: City University Qatar (Ulster University) - Lusail Campus

Language Options: English & Arabic

WHY JOIN?

- Master cutting-edge skills in AI & Robotics
- Engage in project-based learning with real-world applications
- Develop leadership, ethics, and teamwork skills
- Explore advanced AI concepts and build career-ready expertise

Final Registration Deadline: November 24, 2024

Limited seats available!

To learn more about the event, please click the link [here](#).





Thank You