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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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Primary Newsletter

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OUR PURPOSE

Every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, grounded in our belief that all learners can, need, and want to achieve.

OUR VISION

To be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first-class education, empowering pupils to excel and innovate within a dynamic, global environment.

OUR MISSION

To prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum, well-resourced facilities, and a focus on wellbeing, to become lifelong learners who are equipped to contribute positively to a global community.



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 we have had our first school trips of the year. As part of their Geography and Qatar History topics, our Year 4 students took a 'Doha Bus' tour around the city. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and told me that a highlight was the actual bus itself as it was a 'double decker'; with an open top! They stopped at The Pearl and Katara amongst other places and enjoyed getting out at Souq Waqif and learning facts that they had previously not known. Next week our Year One students head off to Build-a-Bear as part of their topic which has been all about 'Toys'.

Thank you very much to the students and their families who came along to help with the beach clean-up. I know, like me, some of you struggled to find the exact location so thank you for your patience and resilience in this, but I am sure you will agree that it was worthwhile. We really made a difference and you can read all about it elsewhere in this letter.

On Wednesday, a group of our KS2 students took part in a Dance Festival at Park House where they performed to the song 'Don't Start Now' by Dua Lipa. They have been working really hard on their routine for the last few weeks and on the day showed real talent and enthusiasm. Their hard work really paid off as they won 'best overall performance'! Well done to all those who danced and thank you to Miss Fletcher, Miss Jackson and Miss Lesbirel for training them.

We enjoyed seeing the children in their odd socks today at the end of a week of activities around how we can all help to stop bullying, aligned to the theme 'Power for Good'.

Our JLT students did a wonderful job producing a video about this which I hope you have seen on our social media.

This has also been a busy week for our staff in terms of their professional development. On Tuesday all Primary teachers and Learning Assistants participated in a training session about supporting students who have English as an Additional language across the whole curriculum. Our Heads of Maths (KS1 and KS2) attended training in Mesaieed about best practice in Maths teaching which they will disseminate. Yesterday our Heads of English attended a meeting of Primary English leaders from British schools across Qatar to share good practice. We have also started a Teaching and Learning Community in which teachers are conducting action research around areas identified through pupil surveys. I am very proud of the commitment that our Primary teachers have to their own professional development and the way in which they strive to improve.

Next week we are joining in with UK Road Safety Week and will be talking to our students about how to keep safe on the roads. [Here](#) is some useful information for parents about how to keep your children safe. It is UK based but is still useful and relevant.

Next week will be the last week of Block 1 swimming. Teachers will let you know if your child's class are swimming in Block 2 which starts on 23rd November.





PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

THIS WEEK IN PRESCHOOL



SUMMARY OF THE WEEK



It's been a fantastic week in Pre-School—one of our most fun yet! *I'm a Little Teapot* has been a huge hit, with the children singing, preparing for their own tea party, and exploring how to make warm and cold tea.

They've loved watching sugar dissolve, seeing tea bags change the water's colour, and carefully pouring into their little teapots.

The children have also enjoyed the cooler weather, riding bikes and scooters in the Adventure Playground and exploring the Outdoor Area with friends from other classes.

They even joined their first EYFS Assembly with Reception, singing, dancing, and learning about our Trait of the Week.

Tea Party

Thank you so much for your support in sending in plates of food for the children to share and for dressing them in their beautiful party clothes.

The children had a wonderful time and said they wish they could have a party every week!

NEXT WEEK



We'll be focusing on being **inquisitive**—asking questions, exploring new ideas, and discovering the world through play!

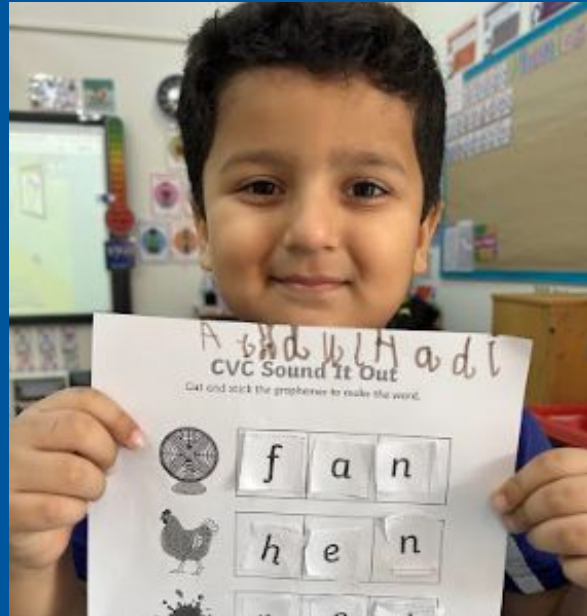
It is **Road Safety Week**, and in Pre-School we'll be focusing on **how to stay safe in the car**. Please send in a photograph of your child sitting in a car and wearing their seatbelt, so we can use it to discuss and promote safe travel habits.





RECEPTION HIGHLIGHTS

THIS WEEK IN RECEPTION

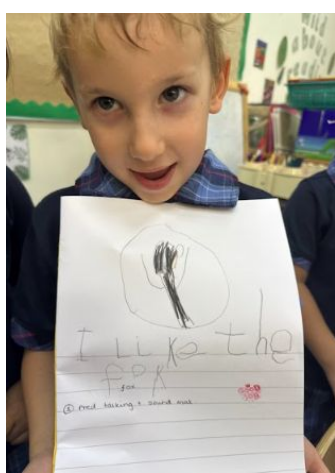


SUMMARY OF THE WEEK

It is Road Safety Week and in Reception we will be focussing on being safe in a car. Please send in a photograph of your child in a car wearing a seatbelt so we can discuss and promote this in class.

Thank you!

Children can wear a winter jumper to school on Sunday.



NEXT WEEK

Next week, we will be reading the story *The Big Freeze*.

The children will be talking about what it's like to visit cold countries and discussing the types of clothing and items they might need to keep warm.

As part of our writing activities, the children will be making a **list of items they would take to a cold country**, using their phonics knowledge to help them write the words independently.



Thank You

