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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

I hope that you all enjoyed the mid-term break. I have been hearing about lots of lovely things that the children have been up to and the number one thing that comes out is that they enjoyed doing things with their families, even if that was just watching a movie together at home on the sofa! The children have come back refreshed and have made an excellent start to the second half of term.

Thank you for your support and patience with us over the fact that we were closed on Tuesday. As you are aware, we were given very little notice of this and staff were all on holiday when we were notified. I am grateful to my team for putting together meaningful activities for the children to do along with videos to explain these and to ensure the children felt connected to school. We were really impressed with the way in which the vast majority of students engaged with these activities.

This week we have had a focus on environmental issues as part of Qatar's Sustainability Week and it was great to see so many 'splashes of green' this morning. Teachers have chosen students who show a passion for helping to save the planet in small ways as their Stars of the Week and Secondary students spoke to our students in assemblies about how we can all help.

I would like to thank all of you who have also been making use of our recycling machine in the canteen; hopefully this is also a useful service for our families as well as earning the children house points!

Next week we will be holding an 'anti-bullying' week which aligns with the same event in the UK. The theme this year is 'The Power of Good' and is intended to empower children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. We will also be having our annual 'Odd Socks Day' on Thursday where children are encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks. This is in order to celebrate our differences and will be a lovely way to wrap up the week.





SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

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TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS- YEAR 3

WHEN THE ROMANS TOOK OVER!



This term, Year 3 truly went back in time all the way to Ancient Rome!

October saw our much-anticipated Roman Assembly, where the children arrived in their usual school uniforms but quickly transformed into Roman citizens, soldiers, and emperors before the big performance.

Each class brought a slice of Roman life to our hall:

3B impressed us with their display of Roman weapons — thankfully, safely demonstrated!

3E explored the fascinating (and occasionally questionable) Roman food palette — we're still debating whether *flamingo tongue* counts as "finger food."

3C showed us how Roman art continues to inspire us today — our creative centurions in action!

3A took us back to the moment when the Romans invaded Britain, reminding us that history isn't just about dates, but about adventure.

3D explored the wide range of jobs Romans had — showing us just how busy life in Ancient Rome could be!



One of our favourite moments was when the whole of Year 3 joined together to sing the Roman Numeral Song, complete with dramatic gestures for each number — who knew maths could look so musical?

And, of course, we ended the half term with our Roman Day.

The school was filled with mini-gladiators, emperors, for a day of fun and learning. We feasted at a banquet fit for Caesar himself (and certainly one that could give a five-star hotel a run for its money!). The children spent the afternoon creating stunning mosaics — works of art that Michelangelo would have been proud of.



Looking back, it was wonderful to see every child immerse themselves in the spirit of Ancient Rome. Our DBS Romans made us all proud — and perhaps just a little grateful that togas and sandals aren't part of our regular school uniform!





PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

THIS WEEK IN PRESCHOOL



SUMMARY OF THE WEEK



This week in Pre-School, the children have had a wonderful time learning all about *Humpty Dumpty*! They've been busy exploring the idea of balancing — building their own walls and experimenting to see what can stay on top and what will tumble down.

Through singing the *Humpty Dumpty* nursery rhyme and retelling the story, the children have been developing their communication and language skills while having lots of fun.

Thank you for supporting the children with their home learning on Tuesday- your involvement really helps them extend their learning beyond the classroom.

NEXT WEEK

Our science focus will be *hot and cold*.

The children will explore this concept through the nursery rhyme *I'm a Little Teapot* — we can't wait to see their curiosity and creativity as they learn through play!

On Thursday 13th November, the children will have a fabulous Tea Party in school. They are invited to come dressed in their finest party clothes and bring a tray of sandwiches, party food, fruit, or small cakes to share with their friends at this special celebration.

Show and Tell:

On Sunday, please send in a teapot with your child so we can talk about what they look like and explore the similarities and differences between them.





RECEPTION HIGHLIGHTS

THIS WEEK IN RECEPTION



SUMMARY OF THE WEEK



This week, the children had a wonderful time during our *Hot and Cold* topic day! They loved dressing up in different clothing for all kinds of weather and especially enjoyed making (and drinking!) their own delicious hot chocolate.

It was fantastic to see so many smiles and enthusiastic conversations about how we stay warm or cool in different climates.

Thank you for supporting the children with their home learning on Tuesday- your involvement really helps them extend their learning beyond the classroom.

In Maths

We will be learning about 2D shapes — squares, triangles, circles, and rectangles.

The children will be exploring the sides and vertices of each shape and going on an exciting shape hunt around the school to see what shapes they can find in the world around them!



NEXT WEEK

Our class story will be *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. The children will be learning about Arctic animals, choosing their favourite one, and drawing and writing about why they like it.

We can't wait to see their creative ideas and beautiful artwork!





PRIMARY HIGHLIGHTS

Palestinian Solidarity Home Competition



Home Competition Details

Design a patchwork square (15x15cm) using fabric that reflects the culture and colours of Palestine.

This could be:

- Weaving
- Tatreez (traditional embroidery)
- Beading
- Printing
- Stitching
- Crochet
- Applique



Let's get creative!

Deadline for entries:

Thursday 20th November 2025 (submit to KS1 and KS2 offices)

The squares will be stitched together to form a patchwork art piece to be displayed in the foyer.

HOME COMPETITION DETAILS

Students are encouraged to **design a patchwork square (15x15 cm)** using fabric that reflects the culture and colours of Palestine. This can be created through a variety of textile techniques such as:

- Weaving
- Tatreez (traditional embroidery)
- Beading
- Printing
- Stitching
- Crochet
- Appliqué

ALL PATCH SQUARES

All patchwork squares will be stitched together to form a collective art piece, proudly displayed in the school foyer as a symbol of unity, creativity, and cultural appreciation.

Please note:

Only fabric entries received by Thursday 20th November will be included in the final display.

Deadline for entries:

Thursday 20th November 2025

Where to submit:

KS1 and KS2 offices (don't forget to label it with your name and class)

Prizes will be given for the top three entries.

KEY DATE

Odd Socks Day

Thursday 13th November

As part of our anti bullying week activities Doha British School is celebrating Odd Socks Day next week. This a fun opportunity to encourage the whole school community to express themselves and celebrate their individuality!



Thank You

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