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Head of Primary Newsletter  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2016

*Dear Parents,*

Yesterday we saw a fabulous turn out for the Healthy Lunchbox Workshop with Kim Wyatt. Kim gave great tips and ideas of how to invigorate the lunchboxes that you make for your children.

Many parents had great questions and ideas and I am planning, as a result of this, to set up a forum for parents, so you can share your ideas and questions. Kim's presentation will be available soon on our website [www.dohabritishschool.com](http://www.dohabritishschool.com). Thank you for your positive feedback – always great to receive.



### *Year 2 Science Trip*

This week Year 2 were scientists at Science Made Fun. They got to wear white laboratory coats and conduct some exciting experiments. Firstly, they changed a liquid into a solid to make slime. Then they learnt about how a liquid can move through paper to make beautiful butterflies. Finally they learnt how to use a pipette to make a candy. The children were very excited to take home their creations to share with their parents.





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## Year 4 Review

This week we have had our first year group review. This is a new initiative I brought into the primary school this academic year. I wanted to have a deeper understanding of the work across all 5 classes, the quality of the marking, thoughts of the pupils towards their learning and to know how well the teachers understood the data that they gather on each child.

This week myself, Mr Latham, Ms Lowe and Miss Wilkinson have observed the teaching and the whole year group looked at the areas noted above. I am confident that we have a secure year group who work very well together. The quality of teaching across the year group is of a high standard and, though there are some areas to improve, I am very happy with the outcome.

The books are marked to a good standard and I believe the pupils are being appropriately challenged in nearly all lessons. The pupils have a sense of pride in their work and this is evident to see. The areas to work on for further improvement include suitably differentiated work so the teachers can meet the needs of all the learners in all the classes.

The pupils were asked to complete a feedback form. This revealed they enjoy the learning in year 4 and feel, on the whole, challenged and valued.

Next term we will be reviewing the teaching and learning in Year 5.



Next week is DBS has got Talent – a highlight in my school calendar. I am lucky enough to be a judge in this competition and see the range of talent we have. If your child is sharing their talent next week I want to wish them good luck.



The term dates for the next academic year (September 2017 – June 2018) have now been emailed out to parents. Please make yourselves aware of such dates, particularly the start of the new school year and the term breaks, remembering that these are subject to change.



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## Reception Workshop

To tie in with the topic of 'Frozen', today parents of children in our reception classes enjoyed a Winter Workshop. They were able to work with their children to create a range of different winter-themed craft. Thank you to all those parents who were able to come.



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Presents  
**Winter Bazaar**  
Featuring local craft & quality second hand items and much more....  
**Saturday 10th of December 2016**  
**10am - 2pm**  
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- Fun Free Activities for kids (with wristbands)
- Food & Refreshment
- Henna Art

Don't miss the special performance by Primary and Secondary choir

Entrance Fee - Adults Free  
Children 10 QR

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## Winter Bazaar

On Saturday we will have the Winter Bazaar. Changes have already taken place in the school foyer in anticipation of this event – if you come into school you will notice the beautiful snowflakes made by the Secondary Design & Technology (D&T) department. They have been complimented by snowflakes made by the primary pupils.

We are still in need of volunteers for the event. Any time you can spare would be gratefully received and it is very easy to sign up. Follow the link here and you can choose a slot to suit you.



[Winter Bazaar Sign Up Sheet](#)

Thank you very much for your continual support – I will see you at the Winter Bazaar!  
Kate Cliffe