



**DOHA
BRITISH
SCHOOL**

Dear Parents,

The start of the school year has been smoother than I could have imagined. The combined efforts of all the staff and the time we have invested in transition activities is beginning to pay off. I am continually delighted and amazed by our youngest pupils. Preschool children have the greatest adjustment to make and the staff work hard to make the start of school a really positive time. They are all now firmly part of our community.



AUTHOR VISIT

There are many highlights to recall from this term such as the recent author visit that the children loved! It was wonderful to see them so inspired and engaging in the process of creative writing. Some of our children took part in a writing workshop with the author and they all commented on how fun this was.



TRIPS AND VISITS

Enriching the curriculum with trips and visits is an important part of what we do at DBS and there have been a number of trips this half term. Year 3's annual visit to the Wholesale Market is a fantastic example of how we link the 21st century learning theme of Financial Literacy with the curriculum. The children barter with the traders using the money they have, requiring them to use their mental maths skills to get the 'best' price. Once back in the classroom the fruit is used as part of their topic 'Food glorious food'. Similarly Year 5 have visited the Qatar Scientific Club as part of their curriculum enrichment and raising the profile of science in the school. They took part in hands-on science activities and answered questions of scientific enquiry.



KEEPING UP WITH THE KIDS WORKSHOPS



Offering opportunities for parents to understand how we teach your children is essential to us. As a result of this we have made a significant increase in the amount of parent workshops. Thank you to all those that have so far attended the maths, 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle', continuous provision, reading and phonics workshops.



After the break, we will be having Growth Mindset, e-safety, maths mastery and Pre-School phonics Workshops. Dates have been provisionally set as:
13th and 14th November: Pre-School phonics
20th November: Growth Mindset Workshop
Dates, times and sign-up sheets for these and the other workshops will be sent in due course.

Dates to Remember



View 17/18 pdf
calendar [here](#)

Fri 20th to Tues 24th Oct Half Term Break

Wed 25th to Thurs 26th No ECAs after school

Thurs 26th Oct Y6 Ancient Greeks Dress-up Day
Parents invited to classrooms 7.15am-7.45am; 4E
Class Assembly (12.45pm in the MPH)

Tue 31st Oct Parents meetings 2-5pm (**invite only**)

Wed 1st Nov 2C Class Assembly (12.45pm in the
MPH); Assessment Evening in the MPH (time tbc)

Thur 2nd Nov 6B Class Assembly (12.45pm); Movie
Afternoon in MPH 2pm-4pm

Wed 8th Nov 2A Class Assembly (12.45pm in MPH)

Thur 9th Nov 5A Class Assembly (12.45pm in MPH)

Mon 13th & Tues 14th Nov Pre-School Phonics

Thur 16th Nov 4C Class Assembly (12.45pm in MPH)

Mon 20th Nov Growth Mindset KUWTK Workshop

PE UPDATE FROM PRIMARY PE LEADER MISS LEIGHTON

Another great week in Primary PE, where students have really become used to the routines and expectations of their new PE teachers and are showing their talent and hard work.

In curriculum time, we have been learning about throwing in sports hall athletics and how we can throw further and more accurately. We have also been learning about circuit training and why it is beneficial in health related fitness.

ECA's are thriving with all sporting activities showing high numbers and students are able to channel their energy and enthusiasm for sport and PE. Indoor athletics teams are going to be selected next week for the upcoming QPPSSA competitions.



LANGUAGES DAY

Languages Day was a great success! Celebrating the huge number of different languages spoken by our international school community was fantastic. The enthusiasm of our specialist languages teachers was infectious and the whole school singing 'Wave your Flag' was a highlight of the term so far. It was great to hear all the children speaking in their native languages and teaching each other some key vocabulary. The day serves as a good reminder than many DBS children are continually, throughout the day, translating from their native language into English. I think our children are amazing.

As I write this, Maths Day is in full swing at the school. Teachers have spent time planning a host of brilliant activities for the children. As mentioned earlier, this term we are focussing on the 21st Century learning theme of Financial Literacy therefore each year group has planned a financial based day. Amongst other activities, Year 3 students participated in a Table Top Sale.



I am as ever proud of the community we have here and this is due to the time and commitment everyone puts into making the school a wonderful place to work and learn. We have many areas for development to work on next term and the maths curriculum is a large part of this as well as the work being done behind the scenes on our assessment processes. Please come to the assessment meeting with Deputy Head, Mr Latham on Wednesday 1st November. A letter will be circulated soon about this.

Thank you all for your continued support. Have a lovely few days off!

Kate Cliffe