



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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Secondary Newsletter

14th of October 2021

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



Laura Kurukkam Poyil

Subject Leader Science

My name is Laura KP, and I'm the Subject Leader for Science at DBS AK. This is my 7th year teaching science and my 3rd year in Qatar. I teach all three sciences but my heart lies with chemistry, as all of my pupils would be able to tell you.

My grandma was a head teacher of a special needs Primary School, and from a young age I used to go in to her school and help her Year 6 students with Maths. I think I always knew I would end up in teaching, it comes naturally and I love every minute of it. I actually started off studying medicine, and left because I wanted to teach!



I went to a very traditional school with very traditional teaching methods. It was the couple of teachers who 'broke the mould' who really stuck with me and made me fall in love with my subject.

The best part of our job as teachers is sharing a subject that we love, with the amazing pupils we teach. In science we are building our learning pathway to allow us to foster the enthusiasm and excitement that surrounds our subject. We have the biggest department in school and our Key Stage 5 courses are incredibly popular. It's the most challenging and rewarding job I've had, with a steep learning curve, but I couldn't ask for a better place to be doing it.

Should you ever need to contact me, please do not hesitate to email me at laura.kurukkampoyil@dohabritishshool.com.

Welcome Back to 100% of Students!



After 18 months of disruption to schools around the world, due to Covid 19, this week finally saw the return to schools for 100% of our students. Staff and students alike have been super excited to be in the classroom and although certain restrictions are still in place, there is finally some light at the end of the tunnel. A huge thank you to staff, students and parents for all of your hard work and determination over the past 18 months and for such a positive return to 100%.





House Competitions

It has been a fantastic first half term with students working extremely hard to earn as many house points as possible for their houses and it has been amazing to see house leaders, form tutors and students becoming super competitive in a bid to be top of the leaderboard each week! A massive well done to our top 3 tutors groups especially 9H who are our first winners of the year, and a huge congratulations to **THE GREEN SCORPIONS** who are our first overall winners of the year. Go Scorpions!

1st	Green Scorpions	4493
2nd	Blue Horses	3813
3rd	Yellow Falcons	3661
4th	Red Oryxes	3266
5th	Purple Camels	3217

1st		9H 1635 House Points
2nd		7F 1261 House Points
3rd		7S 1249 House Points



Virtual ECAS

Beat Mr Thomas



Our virtual ECAs have proven to be extremely popular and this week Mr Thomas set his challenge to beat him in a DIY competition. The aim was to build the biggest and best tower out of household objects. Mr Thomas recreated the Empire State Building and was convinced that no one would beat his creation, until a late entry from Naeema in Year 11 knocked him off top spot! We are sure you will agree that Naeema's Statue of Liberty is a very deserving winner! Well Done Naemma.





Football correspondents Alex and Rehan from 7C have kickstarted the Sports Journalism ECA by writing two great articles covering Manchester United's 1-0 loss to Aston Villa.

More from them and the world of sport in the weeks ahead.





Aston Villa Came out **VICTORIOUS**



In the unfortunate beat on Saturday, Aston villa came out Victorious. In a unpredictable game, Manchester United go to Compete against Aston Villa.

As the starting 11 for both teams role out onto the Old Trafford football pitch, before they had realized... The game had commenced. 1:47 Seconds into the game, Man Utd had already got a chance. Bruno Fernades had just skimmed the top of the bar. 3:36 Seconds Into the game, Manchester had just got a freekick, And Bruno Fernandes was up to take it. 10:42 seconds into the game and... RONDALDOOOO..... oohhhh... He had just skimmed the right post.



Sports report created on 28 September at 14:56
By Alexander Kalla

Sports Report Created for the English premier league (EPL)

And the first half Manchester united had chances, They were more on the attacking side then the offence side. Second half commences.

49:23 seconds into the game and Aston villa had a chance, Aston villa are now more on the attacking side then the offence side now.

60:25 Seconds into the game and POGGGGBAAAA..... ohhhh just a little tad too high from the French men.

87:22 Seconds into the game and the Aston villa team take the lead in a late goal winner.. Can the Manchester Team Get an equalizer?? Was on everyone's mind.

92:06 seconds Into the game and Man Utd are awarded a penalty!! Bruno Fernades Takes the shot ANDDDDDD miss. Aston villa win.

Created from BBC sports News Report center (England)



The devils fall at Manchester



Manchester United surprisingly lost 0-1 to Aston Villa on Saturday. Coming into this match, Manchester United had lost 3 of their 4 games in all competitions hoping for 3 points in the clash. However the opposing side had won 2 of their last games and had drawn once. Manchester United played a 4-2-3-1 with David De gea starting in goal instead of Dean Henderson. Sancho was dropped from the squad following his poor performance against Young Boys and Maguire was given the captain's armband again. Aston Villa played a 3-5-2 formation with their new signings: Emi Buendia and Ashley Young starting on the bench giving the captain's armband.

The whistle was blown as the players took the knee to raise awareness of the black lives matter movement. The game was quite even until in the 16th minute, Cash fired the ball into the box where Targett shot the ball over the bar. 13 minutes later the first card was given to Luke Shaw for clipping Cash's legs in the final third. As they were approaching the second half, Luke Shaw had not been able to run off his earlier injury as he went to the ground again. Forced to make a substitution, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

Subbed Diego Dalot on for Luke Shaw. A delivery from Luiz is taken far past for the arriving Konsa, who had sprinted past Wan Bissaka, heads it wide for a goal kick. So close! Fernandes takes a corner which soars off Varane's head but pombal manages to get a head on it but misses the post by millilitres.

The first half had ended and Aston Villa, who should be 1-0 ahead, were the better team. Ronaldo was an isolated figure as fernandes and Pogba could not get the ball to the Portuguese captain. The second half had begun! Pogba gets onto a good ball however he fails to produce a goal. Minutes later Fernandes was clearly kicked by the opposing Mc Ginn which resulted in a yellow card. Just as Mc Ginn was penalised, Maguire had to be Subbed off because of an injury giving Victor Lindlof a chance to prove his place in the squad. What a save! Watkins thunders the ball towards the net but the wary David De gea delivers a beautiful save to deny the goal. Thirsty for a goal, Dean Smith decides to send Buendia onto the pitch to try and bag a goal for the lions. Douglas Luiz sends the ball into the box to Hause who scores a sumptuous header which finds itself into the goal! IT'S LATE DRAMA AT OLD TRAFFORD! Man united's hopes of an equaliser had faded. The ball hits Hause's arm on the way into the box and Mkie Dean points to the spot, it's a penalty! Surprisingly, Fernandes steps up to take the penalty despite Ronaldo's unbeatable shots. Fernandes misses!

A very late shocker at Manchester. The lions break Manchester United's unbeaten spree in the Premier league. What a game!



A Level Chemistry

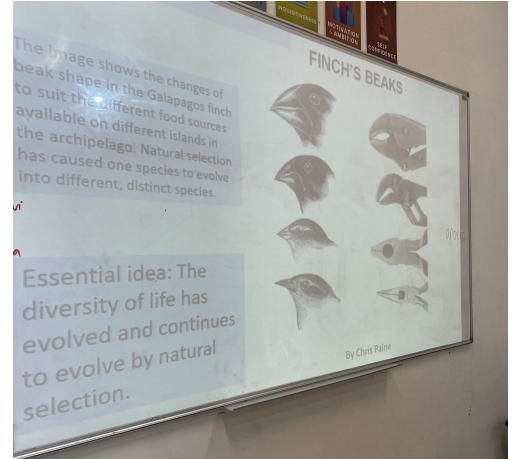


As part of the Chemistry International A-level, students are expected to carry out and understand experimental work linked to the theory they are studying. This is the first experiment of the AS course and involves measuring the amount of gases produced during a chemical reaction, and using that to calculate the amounts of different unknown substances.





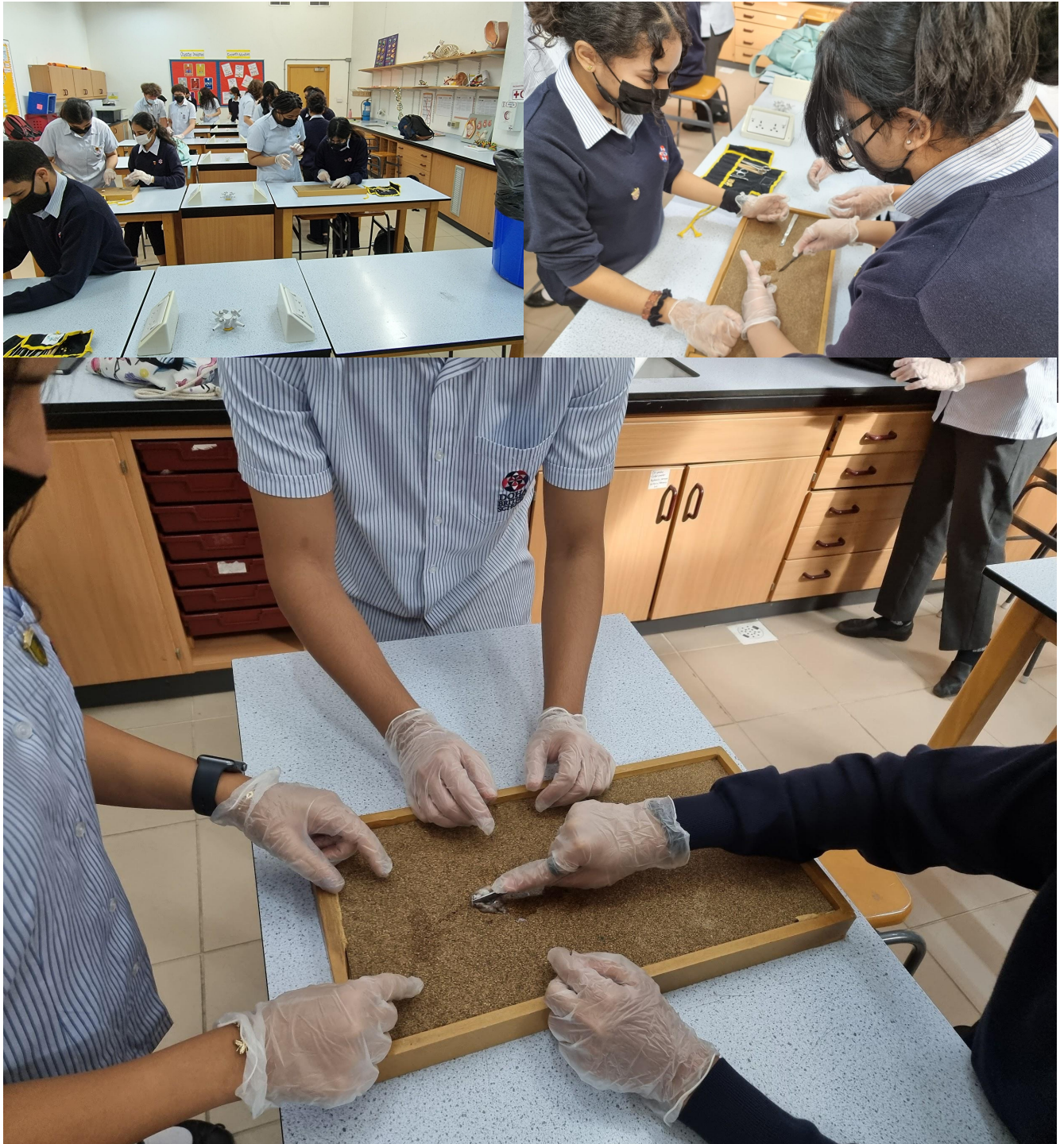
Mrs Goggin's Year 13 IB Biology students have been modelling their knowledge of natural selection through the demonstration of competitive feeding strategies in finches. It was a great way for the students to get hands on experience of the most effective way of feeding. The class was super competitive and it was great to see the Scorpion House coming out as clear winners well done!



Year 11 Biology Eye Dissection



Year 11 triple scientists explored the structure of the eye as part of their I-GCSE Biology module. Students completed a dissection using a range of tools to explore key structures and understand the importance of dissection to further our medical knowledge. #futurescientist #futuredoctors #sciencing.





102,084 likes
History photographer Acrobats at the top of Empire State Building to celebrate its opening. (May 1, 1931). By Dr. Otto Bettmann.

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babur

Babur, born Zahir ud-Din Muhammad, was the founder of the Mughal Empire & first emperor of the Mughal dynasty in the Indian subcontinent. He was a descendant of Timur & Genghis Khan through his father & mother respectively. He was also given the posthumous name of Firdausi Mahan. He won the Battle of Panipat against Ibrahim Lodi, the Lodi King. He also defeated Rana Sangha, who considered Babur as a foreign invader, in the Battle of Khanua.

BORN: February 14, 1483, Andkhoviz, Ferghana

DIED: December 26, 1530, Agra, India

PLACE OF BURIAL: Babur Garden, Kabul, Afghanistan

CHILDREN: Humayun, Kamran, Mirza, Gulbadan Begum

THE BATTLE OF PANIPAT

LODI

15,000 (men)

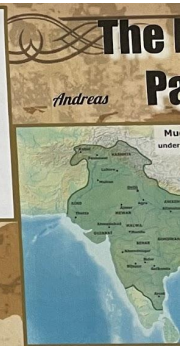
1000 WAR ELEPHANTS

MERCENARY TROOPS

VICTORY
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Miss Porter's Year 8 class have been busy recently exploring the new Year 8 global History topic which focuses on India and how different cultures lived side by side. They are really enjoying the topic and have produced some fantastic work. Well done Year 8!

Battle of Panipat was one of the most important battles relating to the Mughal empire. In the battle, forces opposed each other. Babur's army and Ibrahim Lodi's army. Lodi had outnumbered Babur almost 10x more men than Babur had. Lodi had much more power than Babur who only had 24 pieces of artillery compared to Lodi's 1000 war elephants. In the battle, it was easy to predict who would win but against all odds, Babur came out as the victor due to many reasons.



Babur	Lodi	
100,000 men	100,000 men	The battle of Panipat was fought on the 21st of April 1526, held near a small village named Panipat. The battle took approximately 11 hours to end and was fought between Babur and Lodi.
24 pieces of artillery	1000 war elephants	
Guerrilla tactic	Mercenary troops	

Babur

One of the main reasons Babur has been able to defeat Lodi was because Babur's army used the field artillery. Apart from fighting and defeating men, the artillery was powerful to scare elephants and cause havoc amongst them.

The one and only

BABUR

- Babur ruled a city called Kabul
- He won the battle of Panipat even though he was predicted to lose.
- Henry never defeated all his enemies so Lodi was one of the first people he won against.



Mental Health Awareness Week

Last week was Mental Health Awareness week and our wonderful team of Sixth form students put together a fantastic week of activities to raise awareness of Mental Health. There were a number of activities on offer throughout the week including Yoga, Aromatherapy and compliment post it notes to give students the opportunity to destress and be kind to others. If you are struggling with your mental health please speak to someone.



Mental Health Awareness Week



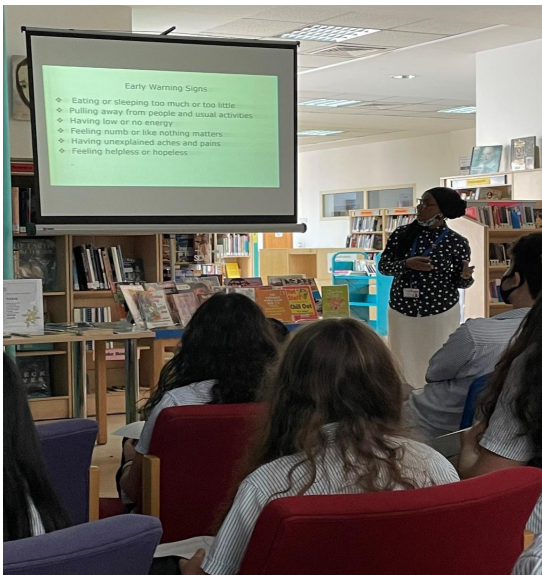
Mental Health Awareness Week in the Library



Last week's library lessons focused on Mental Health Awareness. The main idea was to promote the message of good mental health and to make our students aware of issues related to mental health.



We spoke about two of the common mental health issues among students, anxiety and depression. We defined them and highlighted early warning signs as well as factors that affect students' mental health.



We concluded the lessons by watching a video of some students in a Secondary School who had been subjected to mental health issues. The video prompted a health discussion among the students on how we as students and staff can help those who suffer from mental health issues or being put in conditions that might create mental health problems for them.

It was enjoyable and pleasurable to watch our students challenging each other's ideas and arguing their cases.





Afghan Refugee Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Afghan refugee collection. We were overwhelmed with the amount of extremely generous donations, many of which were brand new items. It was an extremely rewarding experience for a number of our Sixth Form students who went to drop off the donations to the collection point last week.



Animal Welfare Donations

After the half term break our Animal Welfare ECA students will be asking for donations to support the animal shelters here in Qatar. The shelters do an amazing job at looking after and rehoming many of Qatar's homeless dogs, cats and other animals. We will be accepting donations of dog & cat food, bedding, towels and animal toys.

The image features a solid blue background with several overlapping, semi-transparent circles of varying shades of blue. A white, stylized leaf-like graphic with three pointed lobes is positioned to the right of the text. The text "Thank You" is centered in a white, sans-serif font.

Thank You