



# Secondary Newsletter

27th May 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



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## MEET OUR STAFF

**ANNA JOHNSON**

**SUBJECT LEADER - ENGLISH**

I am delighted to introduce myself as Subject Leader of Secondary English.

I have been teaching for two years at DBS; the welcoming atmosphere in the school and the students make it a fantastic place to relish my teaching profession. Before moving to Qatar, I worked for several years in the U.K where I was fortunate enough to lead Literacy projects and KS2 transition links with partner schools to build on students' skills in order to flourish in Secondary English.

The most rewarding part of my day is seeing how students possess resilience, teamwork and motivation to secure best outcomes across the school.

Inspiring a student to the love of English and reading is a rewarding challenge and through creative and innovative teaching strategies alongside working with our team and Librarian Ikhlas Osman, I am certain students will become inquisitive to reach their goals and have a successful future career. One of my favourite hobbies is travelling and to see a range of different nationalities across the school is inspiring for me in my teaching profession.

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### STARS OF THE WEEK!

#### Well done to this weeks stars

**Year 7** – Luciana Kidd

**Year 8** – Stefano Rios

**Year 9** – Juan De La Fuente

Shamma Al Sulaiti

Olivia Hughes

Paul Angelo Tungol

**A huge congratulations to everyone who has been nominated for star of the week. Keep up the great work everyone.**

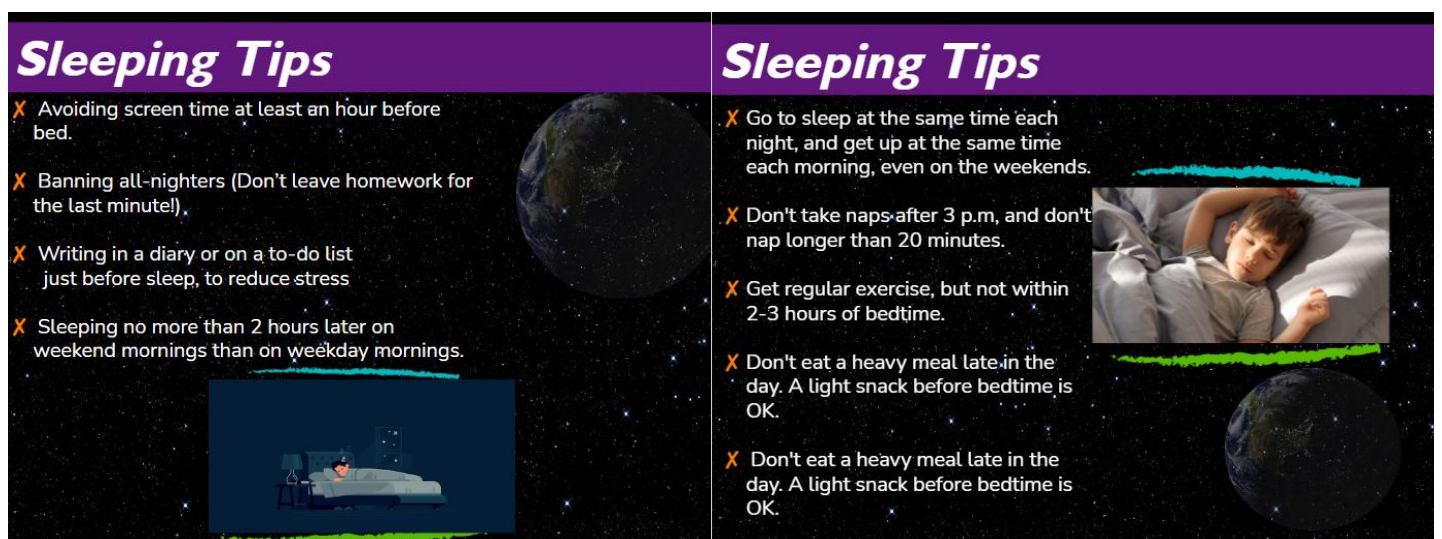
**Year 10** – Aleena Ijaz

**Year 11** – Alia Bekri

**Year 12** – Rayah Qaddumi

# PE - HEALTH & WELL BEING

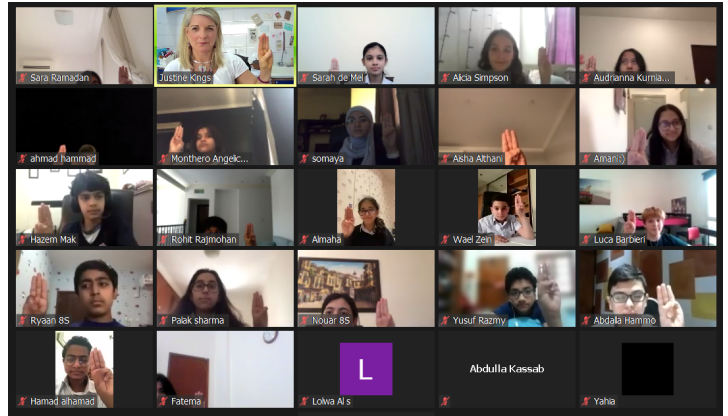
During Ramadan, KS3 PE students were studying a module all about health and well being. Activities were based around the themes of reducing screen time, the importance of getting enough sleep, a balanced diet and exercise. Students put together their own Yoga sessions, kept a diary looking at their physical, mental and social health and spent time socialising with friends and family away from a screen. Martha, Wateen, Zainab and Omar have produced some excellent posters giving their top tips on how to get a better night's sleep. The PE department have been extremely impressed with how students have engaged with the online module and look forward to students returning to school next week.





# MRS KINGS & THE HUNGER GAMES

As part of their Dystopian fiction topic in English, 8S & Mrs Kings start every lesson saluting each other in the style of Katniss from The Hunger Games. Both students and Mrs Kings are enjoying a unique way of registering at the start of the lesson.



## AMAZING ART



Working from home has not stopped our amazing Year 12 Visual Arts students from producing some fantastic pieces of work. Keep up the great work everyone! We look forward to having you all back in school soon.



# HOUSE COMPETITIONS



## DBS House Points and Competitions



7B 8B 9B 10B 11B  
12B 13B



7D 8D 9D 10D 11D  
12D 13D



7M 8M 9M 10M 11M  
12M 13M



7Q 8Q 9Q 10Q 11A 11Q  
12Q 13Q



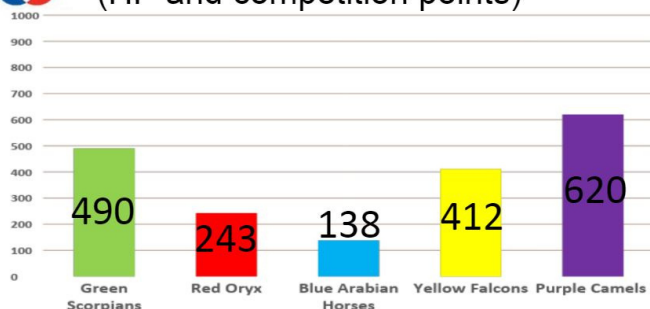
7S 8S 9S 10S 11S  
12S 13S

It has been a great week for the Purple Camels who were clear winners with 620 house points. With 5 weeks remaining it's extremely close between Green Scorpions, Yellow Falcons and Red Oryx's and there is everything still to play for. Keep working hard and adding to your house totals, it's going to be an exciting end to the year!

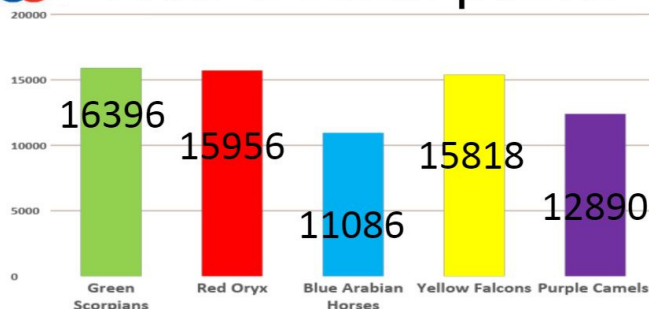
Good Luck and may the best house win!



Total points last week  
(HP and competition points)



Total Overall points



Well done Purple  
Camels!

On track to win  
Green Scorpions!

# ECOSCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Over the past two weeks members of the Ecoschools committee have been participating in #MyActionMatters. Three weeks of challenges have been put together by the Ecoschool's organisation with the Sustainable development goals.

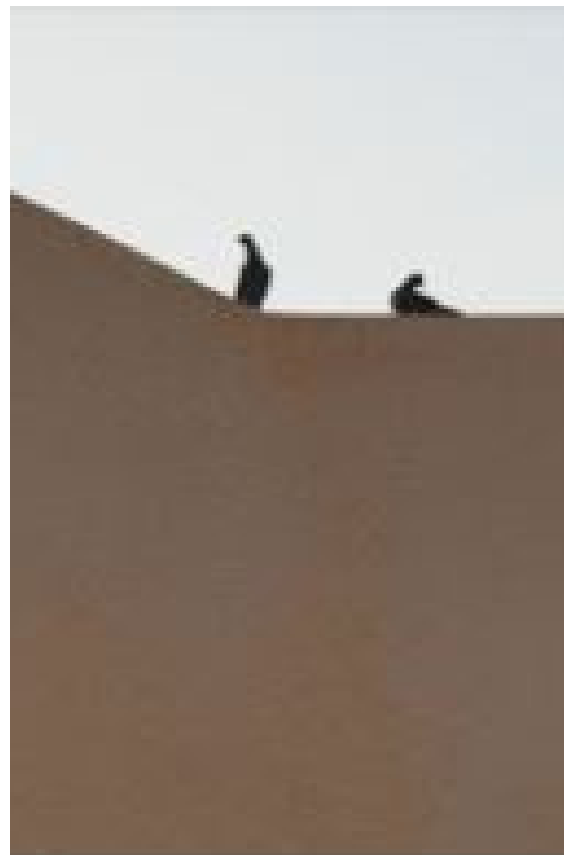
## Week 1 - Protecting Global Biodiversity

### Challenge 1: Nature Dipping



This photo was taken by Drishika Girdhar in Year 11, this is something that inspired her on her "nature dipping" walk.

Rohit Vimal Year 12 reflected whilst doing his "nature dipping" - "For me, these pictures are quite telling of the way the lives of birds have changed. Above is the sky which they have ruled for many years and continue to rule (for now), and yet they perch atop a man-made structure in a world - that on the surface - has swiftly been stolen away from them; a visual that looks unlikely to disappear anytime soon."



### Challenge 2: Recording Nature



Abdur Rahman Mohammed in Year 10 recorded a video about birds in Qatar and reflected:

"I learnt how nature is one the most beautiful features of the world yet we take it for granted. We don't realise something as small as a flower has a life, and it has rights to be protected therefore we should protect all species that do not look like us or do things like us."

## ECOSCHOOLS COMMITTEE CONTINUED

## Week 2 - Reducing Environmental Pollution

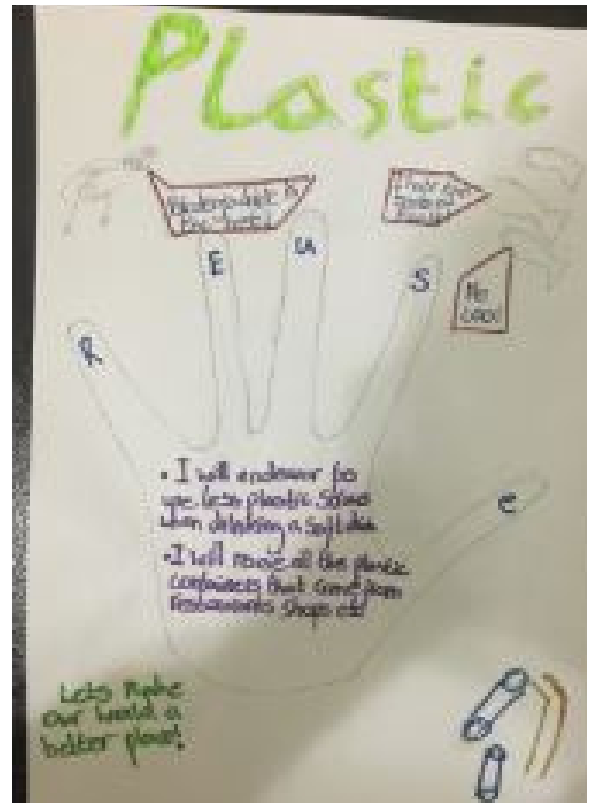
## Challenge 1: Litter Picking



This week, Drishika went out and did some litter picking around her local area. She commented that "I enjoyed picking up litter because it made me proud of myself for contributing to this planet in some way, but I hope we continue doing projects like this as a community in order to make a difference in the country we live in. When things get better, I think it would be quite fun to do a beach clean up with everyone from the eco-committee!"

## Challenge 2: Plastic pledge

Abdur Rahman  
completed his plastic  
pledges!



### Challenge 3: Reflecting on waste



Rohith contacted his grandfather who lives in Kerala, India to discuss how they view and consider waste. Below you can see an image of the main foods available. Rohith commented that “He [grandfather] would take care of these items to the best of his ability due to the difficulty with which he had to purchase them. I feel as though he maintains this habit today, despite now having far greater access to goods and services. He regularly re-purposes many of his old items in order to increase the usage he gets out of them. For example, he uses large barrels to collect rainwater.” This was a wonderful reflection and hopefully it will inspire people to cut down their waste!



# SUPER CYCLING

## PRILL YEAR 8

This Month, Prillanam Year 8 set himself a goal of cycling over 800km on his mountain bike, calculating his times and distances using a mobile application called Strava. He also challenged himself to complete a 100km cycle in one sitting. Given the summer heat during the month of May, Prillanam exceeded all his expectations. Prillanam smashed his previous target of 400km which he completed during the holy month of Ramadan and he also smashed his attempt at a 100km cycle and actually completed 121km in one sitting. Both of these accomplishments are of the highest level and show a great drive and determination to not only set out on a personal challenge but to go well beyond and complete it. An unbelievable effort Prillanam. Well Done!



## MR FEWSTER

Meanwhile Mr Fewster has also been busy on his bike. He has been cycling both indoors and outdoors and has also been using Strava to log how far he has cycled.

During April he accumulated a huge 1083kms and did a virtual cycle around London. His longest single cycle was 60km which is a fantastic achievement. Well done Mr Fewster!



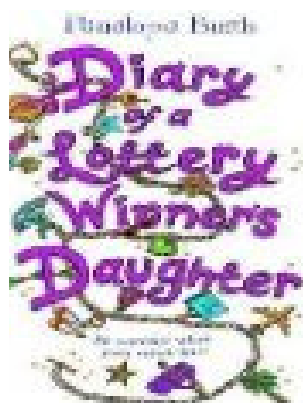
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34	1083	41	35
Hours	kilometers	Personal Records	Activities

# LIBRARY CORNER

**Recommended online reading for 12 – 16 - Years of age**

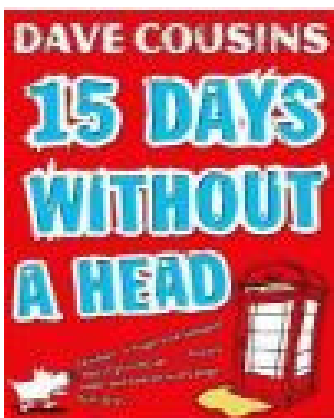


## **Diary of a Lottery Winner's Daughter by Penelope Bush**

This is a delightful and easily readable book written in the first person singular. Charlotte itemises her daily routine and family relationships with humour and frequent understatement. The winning of the lottery is not a wish – fulfilment event in her life. In fact, all she wants is a room of her own. But she finds that the reactions of people around her.

## **Always Mackenzie by Kate Constable**

Jem, a self- confessed nerd, is dreading the Year 10 Summer Camp. The entire year group is sent away to take part in challenging outdoor activities intended to strengthen their leadership potential and build character. Mobile phones, TV and internet are not permitted and the girls are kept busy with communal duties. At an early sharing session Jem is paired with the socially successful and beautiful Mackenzie.

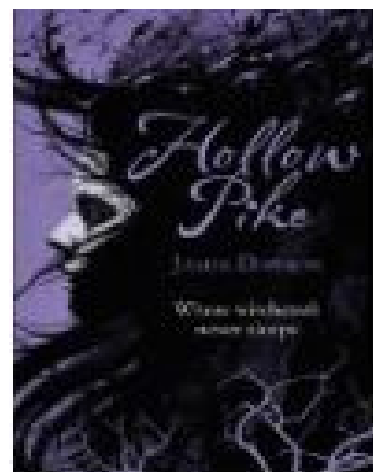


## **15 Days Without a Head by Dave Cousins**

Laurence is fifteen and trying to keep his family together. His mother has a drink problem and can't cope with her life and then there is Jay, who is six and thinks he is a dog. Life is always on the edge and then Mum goes missing. This is the story of how Laurence tries to hide the fact and look after his brother until she hopefully returns. We also have the contrasting theme of him.

## **Hollow Pike by James Dawson**

Lis was sent to live with her elder sister in the village of Hollow Pike after being bullied at her school in Wales. However, Lis discovers that bullying takes all forms and that even in North Yorkshire you can be a target if you don't fit in with the 'in crowd'. Luckily Lis makes friends with a small group of outsiders and this helps her cope with school. Then Laura. (Available in the library)



# LIBRARY CORNER CONTINUED

All of the fantastic stories can be read via Z -library, the free ebook site: <https://b-ok.asia/>

Thanks to our enthusiastic reader, Yara El-Ghonim (7D) for recommending the site. If you join the site free of charge you can convert book downloads to PDF, otherwise you can read as 'Epub' If your machine allows it.



**Attention - Finalists  
and leavers!**



**Please make sure to return your library books before leaving  
DBS. With best wishes and safe journey wherever you go!!**





# SIXTH FORM

Our wonderful Year 12 IB students have been busy away from their studies, using their time to update the paint work in our Primary play areas. They have repainted the floor activities for our students to use when they return to school next week. We are sure our Primary students will be extremely happy when they see the finished results. A huge thank you to all of the Year 12's who were involved, we all really appreciate your hard work.



This week filming took place for our Sixth Form graduation. Due to Covid restrictions this year's event will once again take place online. Mrs Walton, Mr Taylor and the Sixth form team have been busy ensuring that despite the restrictions our students will still be part of their graduation and will be able to celebrate their achievements and their time at DBS. Graduation will take place on Thursday 10th June and we look forward to you joining us.

