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Secondary Newsletter

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Staff Spotlight – Meet our SLT

My Name is Shehata Abdalla Mohamed, I am the Assistant Headteacher at DBS for Islamic Studies and Arabic. My role is to present an overview of all aspects of the Arabic and Islamic Curriculum across both Primary and Secondary. I monitor and evaluate the provision of Arabic Studies across DBS, as well as informing the SLT of any Arabic Curriculum developments.

I have 23 years of experience in teaching Arabic and Islamic Studies and I have been in DBS for 17 years. In the 17 years of teaching here at DBS, I have tried to promote a positive ethos of Arabic culture within the school and we have managed to achieve incredible results.

I look forward to keeping the high standards of our world-class school and working closely with the community our school has built. As well as keeping parents involved more in our school community. If you would like to contact me, my address email is:

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Home language – Mother language

February 21 marks the home language or sometimes called Mother language day in Qatar.

In the library we believe in promoting and encouraging our students to read and maintain their home language. We have a small section in the library for home languages consisting of books in Arabic French and Spanish.

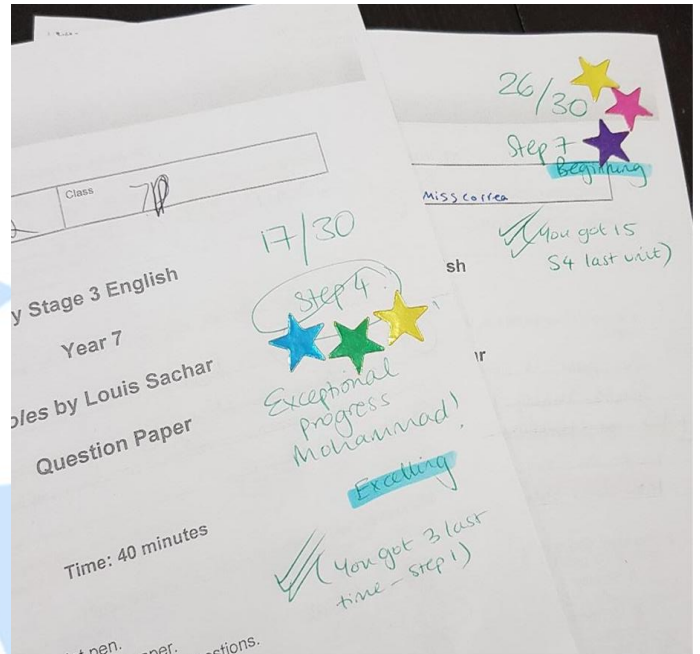
We understand the important of maintaining home languages therefore, we ask for your support in developing our collection by donating your home language books to our libraries. We would welcome good quality books in terms of contents, papers and suitability for primary and secondary students. Also, we ask you to encourage your children to read in both languages, home and English.

We look forward to receiving your support and help!



Year 7 Reading Stars

This week in 7D English, we would like to praise the staggering progress made by Mohammad Ibrahim and Yara El Ghonim in their recent 'Holes' Reading Assessments. Both students joined Mrs Khan's **THREE STARS CLUB** for making a leap of 3 steps from Unit 1 to Unit 2! They contributed to their success by asking questions in class, engaging in thoughtful discussion and offering to present their ideas as speeches and essays. Mrs Khan is so proud of your achievement! A further 8 students earned **TWO STARS HONOUR** whilst the remainder of the class earned **ONE STAR BORN**. Well done 7D! Superb work.



مكتبة قطر الوطنية
QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY

Y12 IB Virtual Trip to Qatar National Library

On Tuesday 2nd February our Year 12 IB Cohort went on a virtual school trip to Qatar National Library. (QNL) The purpose of the visit - which took place in our common room - was to show students how to access academic research journals in preparation for their 4000 word extended essay. During the session, students were shown how to search for journals, access them, and reference them. All of this will support them in writing their extended essay as part of the IB diploma.



Shoe Box Appeal

A group of DBS sixth form students organised the “Shoe Box Appeal” project to be able to help the workers in Qatar with a few products that would ease up their lives. The involvement of the school really helped, as students were encouraged to bring in donations varying from hygiene products, such as toothbrushes or deodorants, to canned food or clothes. The products were sorted out into shoe boxes that were wrapped up, so that the workers received beautiful gifts at the end of this unfortunate year. We are so grateful to everyone who donated and contributed to helping the less fortunate people in Qatar. All the donations were delivered by the team of sixth form students to the camp and Maria C said “ nothing can explain the joy we felt when their eyes lit up when their gazes stumbled upon the pile of boxes in our car”.

“Working as a team on a project that me and my friends initiated was an enriching experience. Creating the boxes depending on the house colour, going around the classes to encourage students to donate, sorting out products in shoe boxes and gifting the boxes to the workers in the camp, they all introduced us to how it feels to have responsibilities. All of us are looking forward to having more projects with the purpose of offering help to the people around us because it gives a sense of fulfillment. These little acts of kindness are what should define a society, we need to be aware that not everyone has the same opportunities as us and our job is to ensure that we can create a kinder environment for them”.

A huge thank you to Maria and the sixth form team and to everyone who donated to such a worthwhile cause.



Sports Day 2021

Sports day 2021 saw a number of different activities taking place due to Covid 19 restrictions. Guidelines from the Ministry of Education including social distancing and no team games meant that the PE department had to think a little differently for this years event.

Activities included a burpee challenge, orienteering, a sports quiz, target throw challenges and everyone's favourite, the relay. Students dressed in their house colours and competed throughout the day to earn points for their house.

The efforts from pupils and staff were fantastic and the atmosphere in and around school was great to see.

A huge well done to everyone who took part and a massive well done to our overall winners the YELLOW FALCONS!



How to enter:

-Print the circle out, edit the circle on your computer using whatever software you like, if you don't have a printer, you can simply draw a circle onto an A4 piece of paper instead and use the digital template as a guide.

-All artwork must fit within the circle and include the colour green. Apart from that, **we want you to get creative.**

-Use the template to create your vision of our future planet filled with what you want and free from what you don't want.

CREATIVE EARTH COMPETITION

THE FUTURE BELONGS TO YOU

WHAT DO YOU WANT IT TO LOOK LIKE?
Enter the Creative Earth competition to have your say

The future belongs to you. What do you want it to look like?

What is the competition?

-Creative Earth is an art competition for people aged 16 and under, run by the UN COP26 Climate Change Conference in collaboration with WWF.

-As part of the Together for Our Planet campaign, they are inviting young people to get creative and show global leaders the world they want to live in.

-Whether it's green forests and garden cities, clear skies and wind turbines or oceans teeming with life – we want you to paint, draw or design a piece of art that shows how you'd like our planet to look in the future.

[Template is here](#)



Deadline: Sunday 28th February

Submit to: Mrs Walles-Butler in W33 or emily.butler@dohabritishschool.com

There will be prizes for top 3 entries and house points for every entry! I look forward to seeing your ideas.

Qatar Debate

On Saturday 13th February, 3 DBS students took part in the girls Qatar debate competition. All schools, both private and government schools from across Qatar were invited to take part.

Malak Z, (Y8) Malak E and Wateen (Y9) all did a fantastic job winning 2 rounds and finishing 4th overall. Congratulations on a great job girls and a huge thank you to the Arabic department for supporting the students through the virtual event.

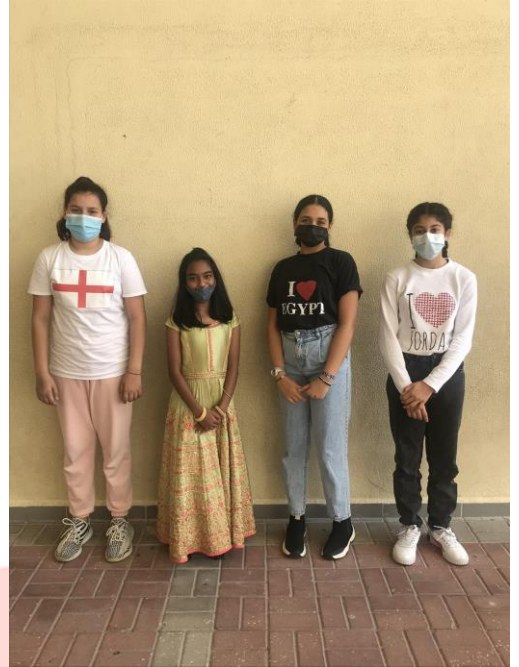


International Day 2021

On the 27th & 28th January despite Covid 19 putting a stop to our annual International Day parade we still managed to celebrate the diversity and Internationalism of our school community.

Students were encouraged to come dressed in traditional dress of their country or the colours of their country. It is always amazing to see students showing such pride in the country they come from and with over 90 nationalities represented in school, it was an extremely colourful couple of days.

Students took part in quizzes during form time and other activities during lessons. A huge well done to Mr Ali and 12D who were the only form to score full marks in both quizzes.



Upcoming Events

World Book Day 3 & 4th March

Creative Earth Competition deadline 28th February

