



DOHA
BRITISH
SCHOOL

Secondary Newsletter

Week Commencing
7th March 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 SLT

KATY LEIGHTON

ASSISTANT HEAD OF STUDENT WELFARE AND PROGRESS

My Name is Katy Leighton and I am an Assistant Headteacher at DBS. I am responsible for Student Progress and Welfare; this means that my job is to make sure that students are happy in school and feel supported in their studies. I lead the fantastic team of Progress Leaders, who work incredibly hard to look after the students within their year groups.

I have been at DBS for the last 4 years after teaching in the UK for 6 years. I love being part of the community here and feel very fortunate to work with the amazing students. My favourite thing about DBS is the diverse range of cultures and backgrounds that our students have, yet they all share the same positive values.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns;
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Well done to this weeks stars

Year 7 – Shu Hui Seah

Year 8 – Somaya El-Haggan

Year 9 – Nora Karmi

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

Year 10 – Zinyat Dhruv
Gadirli Margabandhu

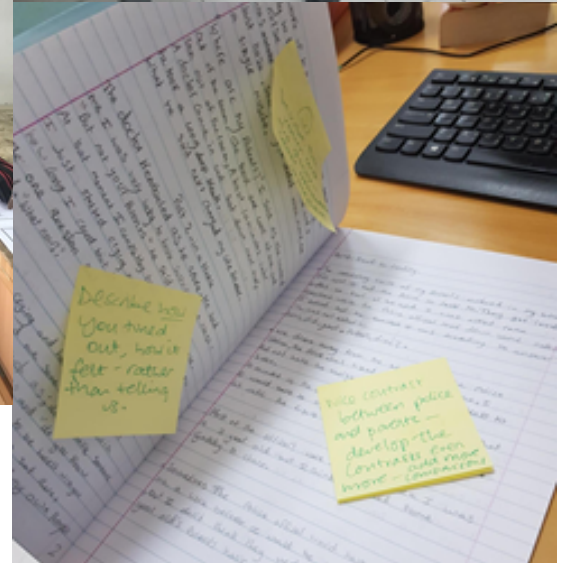
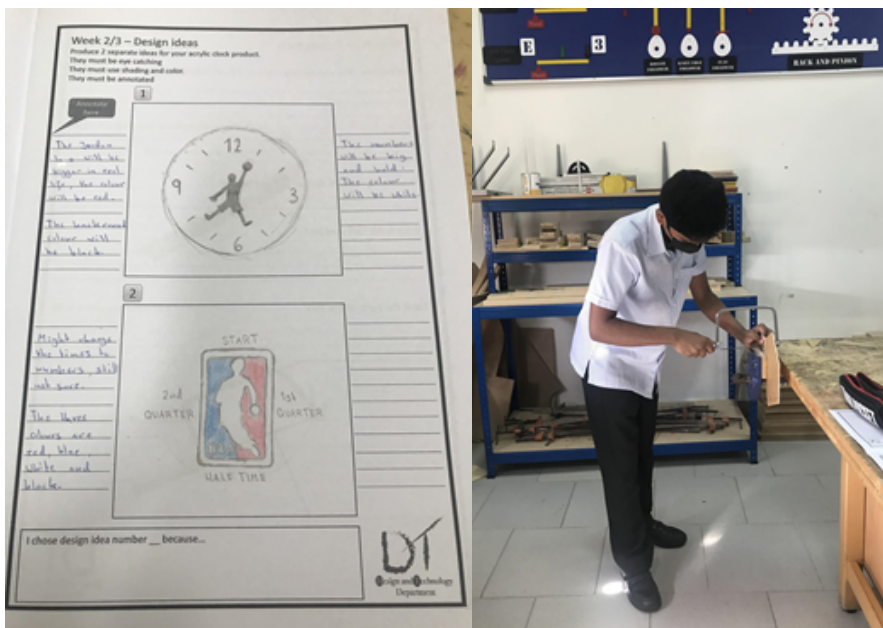
Year 11 – Omar Krimly

Year 12 – Kanzah Maktoum

YEAR 8 CLOCK MAKING IN DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This week in Design Technology, Year 8 students began to make their own clocks. They have already been busy with the design process ensuring that their piece is unique and one of a kind. Students have learnt how to use coping saws to create the shape of their clocks.

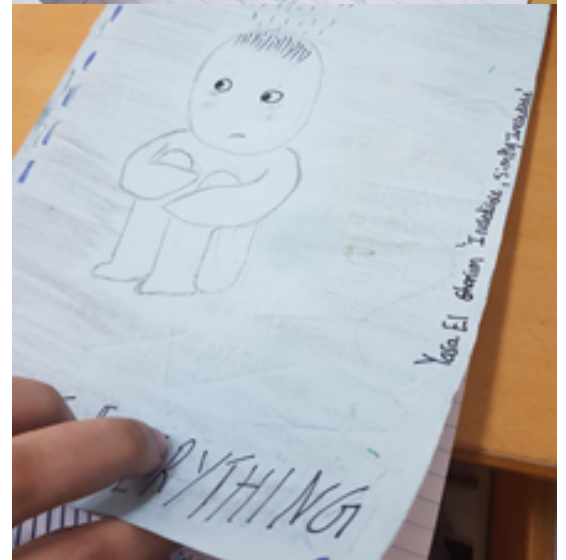
We look forward to seeing their finished products towards the end of the year.



YARA'S FIRST NOVEL

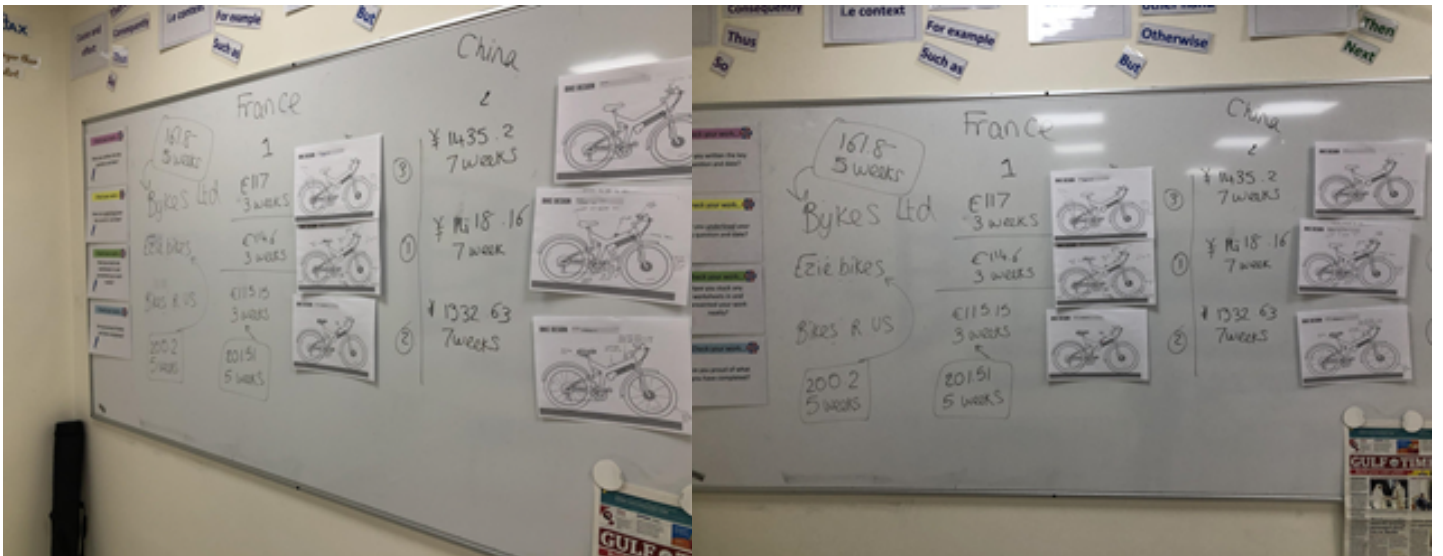
This week in 7D, I have had the pleasure of reading and editing Yara El Ghomin's first novel. That's right – you heard that here first. A magical journey has begun here at Doha British School. I don't want to give the title away but it is about the adventures of a boy named Inigodelambra. This is particularly apt given World Book Day takes place this week – well done Yara! You are taking your Creative Writing skills to the next level and we are rooting for you!

- Mrs Khan English



YEAR 13 BIKE BUSINESS

This week, Mrs Walton's Y13 Business Studies class were doing a simulation to analyse countries as a market and production location. Students were allocated a pretend bike business and had to persuade a customer (Mrs Walton) to buy their bikes. They imported from one country and exported to another, they had to use exchange rate fluctuations to calculate what would be most cost effective for them. The winning business was the one who had the cheapest price, quickest delivery and best bike drawing.



DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

This week, as part of the build up to World Book Day, all staff and students at DBS have been taking part in "Drop Everything And Read".

From 7:10 - 7:25 each morning all members of the school community have stopped what they are doing and have spent their time reading. There are many benefits of regular reading and we hope this week has formed some new reading habits.

A huge thank you to our library staff for their support with this initiative.



AROUND THE SCHOOL IN 14 DAYS

This week's assembly addressed staying safe online. People realised the heavy reliance we have on the internet when we went into lock down but staying safe and understanding the negatives and positives of the internet is important. The assembly, delivered to all year groups examines the difference between online and real friends, whether you have control over your posts and messages once sent and the benefits of being online. Students watched a video considering effects of mean messages and what to do in those situations. We discussed thinking before you message or post. Students were asked to consider if they would tell everyone they were leaving on holiday, making many realise that posting something, was not always kept private. Students were asked to consider the reliability of websites using a comparison of Wikipedia to the BBC's website. Lastly, we talked about how during lock down, lessons didn't stop, conversations with friends still happened and catching up with family was still possible, showing how valuable the internet can be, as long as you use it in a SMART way.

Staying safe, think before you post!

- It's easy to get caught up in the moment thinking that something will be funny at the time
- But remember, what you say can really hurt someone or come back to haunt you

Think before you post or send a message, do you really want to say it or show it?

SMART internet rules

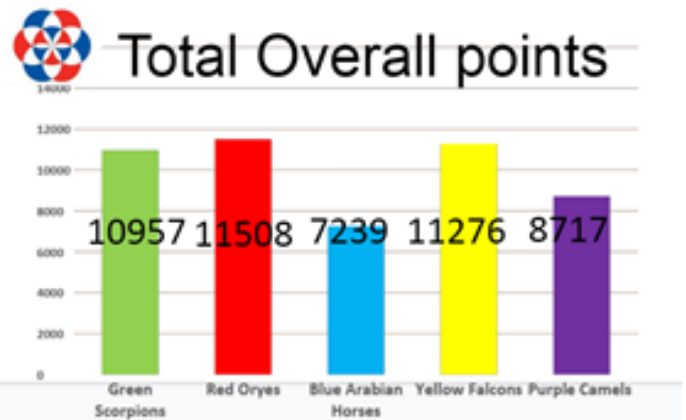
Be SMART!

- Safe** - Be careful about what you post and what you share
- Meeting** - It is dangerous to meet someone you have met online
- Accepting** - emails, photos, friend requests from people you don't know should not be trusted
- Reliable** - Information you find might not be true
- Tell** - If something makes you feel uncomfortable, TELL someone!

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

It's all change at the top in the race for this year's DBS House Cup. The Red Oryx's have had a consistent start to the year taking first place. Despite winning the overall title on National Sports Day, the Yellow Falcons move up one position into 2nd whilst the Green Scorpions are heading in the wrong direction slipping back into 3rd. The Purple Camels and Blue Horses still have time to catch up, but they are slipping further behind. As always, watch out for a range of house competitions coming up to win all important House Points for your tutor and house.

Top 3 Tutor Groups of the week

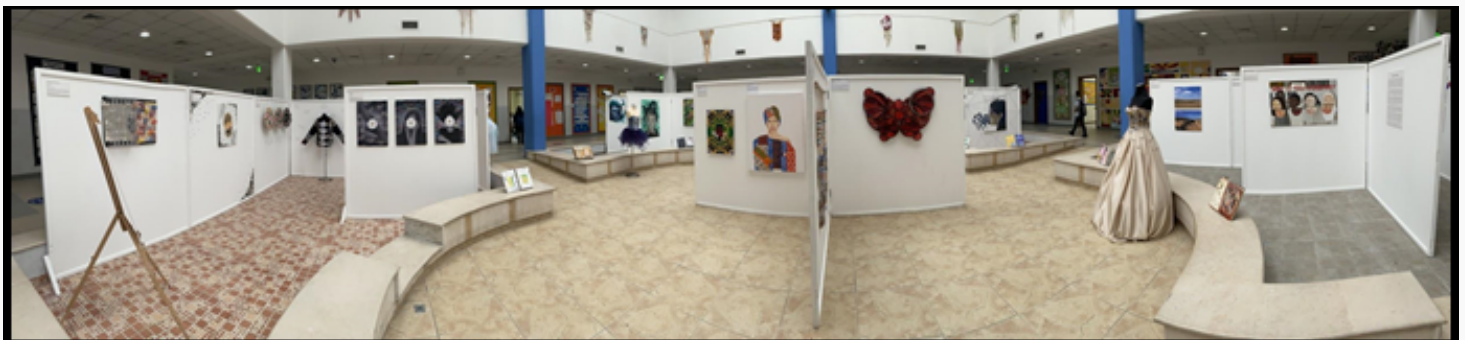


QBBF ART COMPETITION



Congratulations to Aaron Moonsamy who came in 2nd place for the Qatar British Business Forum competition. Students were asked to Design the front cover for the QBBF business directory 2021. The design had to reflect Qatar and the UK. Aaron was invited to attend the British Embassy for a formal awards ceremony and afternoon tea.

IB VISUAL ART EXHIBITION



Thank You
Mrs. Dearden

A 360 Virtual Tour of our
IB Exhibition is coming soon!!!
Watch this space!

CREATIVE EARTH COMPETITION

The past two weeks in Geography we have been running the Creative Earth 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. Students designed an Earth that they felt they wanted to live in by painting, drawing or designing a piece of art that shows how they'd like our planet to look in the future.

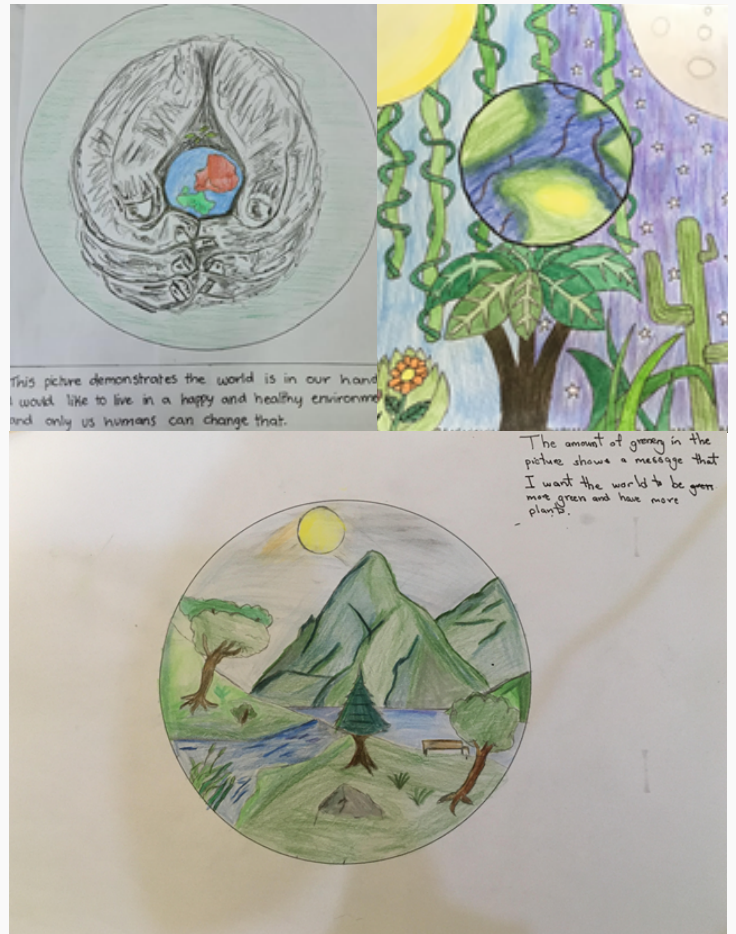
The Geography department were hugely impressed with the entries and would like to thank everyone who took part.

Congratulations to our winners and runners up:

1st - Connie 7M

2nd - Syed 7B & Sami 7M

3rd - Fiona 7Q



QATAR DEBATE

This week saw the boys have their turn to compete in Qatar Debate against the rest of the schools across Qatar.



Congratulations to the boys who finished 5th overall. We are extremely proud of all of them for taking part and representing the school at such a high standard.

Thank you again to the Arabic department for their support with this event.

WORLD BOOK DAY IN THE LIBRARY

World Book Day was celebrated in the Library through activities designed to engage students in sharing their favourite books or talking about stories that have resonated with them for sometime. The sharing was gripping and really inspiring. This activity was a great opportunity for students to show their passion for reading and for us to know and listen to our students better. Another activity enjoyed by students was listening to some of their favourite books read to them in a relaxed setting by great readers.

WORLD
BOOK
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Year 7 students enjoyed a hilarious story being read to them followed by activities about the story and the vocabulary in the story. There was much laughter to be heard and students enjoyed searching for words.

UNIVERSITY FAIRS

Global Virtual University Fair

9th of March 5:00pm to 8:00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/139408070291/>

Hanze University - Netherlands

4th of March 8:00pm

https://fd7.formdesk.com/hanzehogeschoolgroningen/netherlands?def_fn=Sara&def_rn=32462576

Virtual Art Universities University Fair

27th and 28th March 4:00pm to 7:00pm

<https://www.inartsfair.com/>

Virtual UK Education Fair

10th of March 5:00pm to 9:00pm

<http://events.gescoedu.com/>

