



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
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# Secondary Newsletter

31st of March 2022

## **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

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## **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

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## **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



I am Mrs Walles-Butler and I am the House Leader for the mighty Yellow Falcons!

This is my 5th year of teaching and 3rd year at Doha British School. Previously I taught at a grammar school in Canterbury, Kent in England. As well as my House leader role, I am also a Geography teacher, Ecoschools Coordinator and involved with MUN.

I really enjoy working internationally, Qatar is one of the most friendly and welcoming countries I have been to. Everyone is so willing to share their culture and traditions which is something I really appreciate.



Geography is a huge passion of mine. I was inspired to complete my geography degree by my own geography teacher who had a real interest in the environment and climate change. This has brushed off on me, I am a massive advocate of sustainability, we cannot continue on at the rate we are using resources. My role therefore is to use my geography lessons as a tool to inspire and encourage the students of today to be global citizens for the future. I am really proud of the Ecoschools Committee, this is something I put together last academic year and we have made some great progress towards improving the environmental impact of our school.

Recently my Falcons won Sports Week, something I am very proud of them for. The students at DBS never cease to amaze me with their drive, determination and ambition. They are without a doubt one of the main reasons I love my job! I am grateful for all of the conversations and things they teach me on a daily basis.

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# Sports Week



The final week before the Spring break was an action packed week of sport for students in Year 7-13.

After 2 years of Covid it was amazing for all students to be back participating in competitive sport and representing their houses.

Students participated in Football, Netball, Basketball, Volleyball and Burnball to earn points for their house total.

It was an exciting week and our students performed exceptionally well.

Congratulations to everyone involved!











# Sports Week





## Most valuable players

### Year 7

Football – Diego Jordan  
 Dodgeball – Noor Malhas  
 Netball – Tala Batrawi  
 Burnball – Zayan Malik  
 Volleyball – Kaltham Al  
 sowaidi  
 Basketball - Zac Alhawari

### Year 8

Football – Yousef Anani  
 Dodgeball – Andreas Al  
 Dabain  
 Netball – Caoimhe Kelly  
 Burnball – Omar Yassin  
 Volleyball – Mohamed El  
 Shafei  
 Basketball - Kayaan  
 Amani

### Year 9

Football – Bruno Dietzold  
 Dodgeball – Garv Karlera  
 Netball – Stephanie  
 Marita  
 Burnball – Prillanam  
 Alinier  
 Volleyball – Darya  
 Vatankhater  
 Basketball – Red Garella

### Year 10

Football – William  
 Rodriguez  
 Dodgeball – Jad  
 Bshennaty  
 Netball – Sofia Bekri  
 Burnball – William  
 Rodriguez  
 Volleyball – Saoud Al  
 Abdulla  
 Basketball - Tomas  
 Duarte

## The final standings ..

|                 | Y7 | Year 7<br>races | Y8 | Year 8<br>races | Y9 | Year 9<br>races | Y10 | Year 10<br>races | Y11 | Year 11<br>races | Overall | Rank |
|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|-----|------------------|-----|------------------|---------|------|
| Blue Horses     | 36 | 13              | 38 | 9               | 36 | 13              | 36  | 7                | 12  | 11               | 211     | 3    |
| Red Oryxes      | 36 | 13              | 38 | 8               | 34 | 4               | 52  | 10               | 10  | 10               | 215     | 2    |
| Yellow Falcons  | 36 | 4               | 50 | 13              | 46 | 12              | 28  | 12               | 24  | 12               | 237     | 1    |
| Purple Camels   | 42 | 8               | 22 | 8               | 34 | 11              | 26  | 7                | 24  | 6                | 188     | 4    |
| Green Scorpions | 30 | 7               | 32 | 8               | 30 | 5               | 38  | 10               | 18  | 6                | 184     | 5    |

## Overall Winners



Yellow Falcons!!!



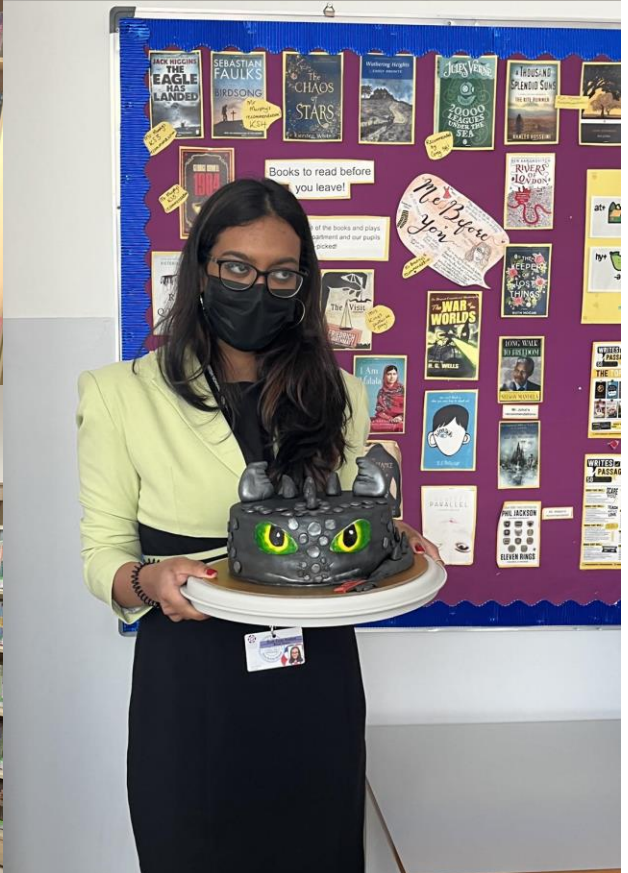
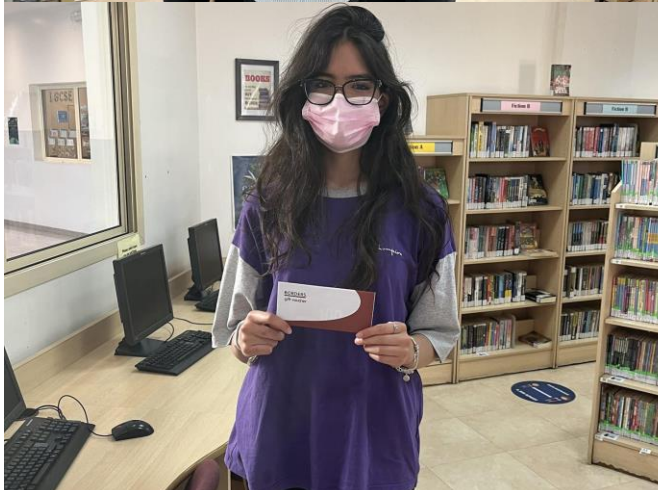


# World Book Day Competitions

A huge congratulations to the following students who won the World Book Day competitions. Miss Johnson and the English department were extremely impressed and it was amazing to see so many students take part in the competition:

- Eyad Sherif
- Ayten Sherif
- Darian Pillay
- Mariam Hissa
- Sidhanth Erath

A huge thank you to Renae Gomes for baking the fantastic cake too.







# House Competitions

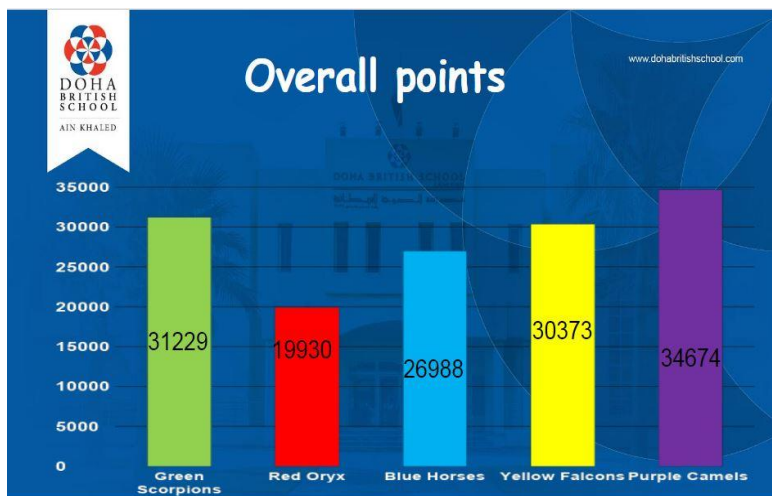
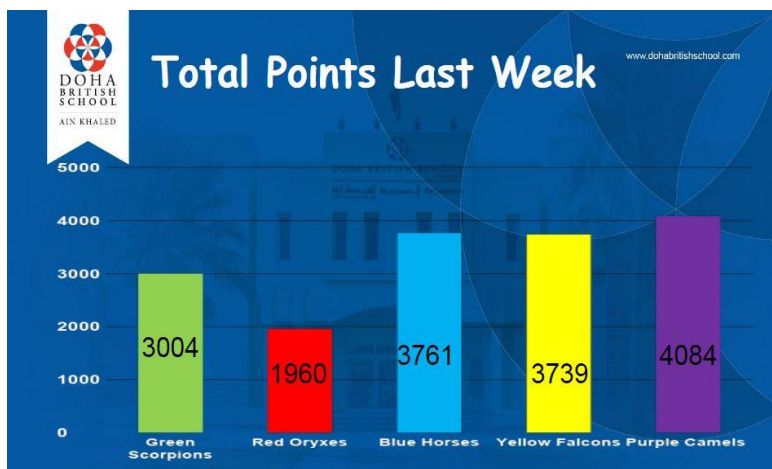
The first week back after the spring break sees the Purple Camels still holding on to their lead with a massive 4084 house points earned in one week!

The overall standings saw the Green Scorpions reclaim second spot, taking over the Yellow Falcons.

There is still a long way to go until the end of term and anything can happen but with the Purple Camels being over 3000 points clear at the top is the race already over??

Keep earning those house points, anything can happen.

Good Luck and may the best house win!



## STARS OF THE WEEK!

| Green Scorpions   | Blue Horses            | Red Oryx's      | Yellow Falcons            | Purple Camels   |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Sofia Bekri       | Arshad Ahmed Choudhury | Karim Bshennaty | Rian Fox                  | Bruno Dietzold  |
| William Rodriguez | Hareem Sami Khan       | Marco Camargo   | Michaela Malliou          | Rebecca Magness |
| Divneet Sarin     | Caitlyne Steel         |                 | Christian Siena      John | Allan Rios      |

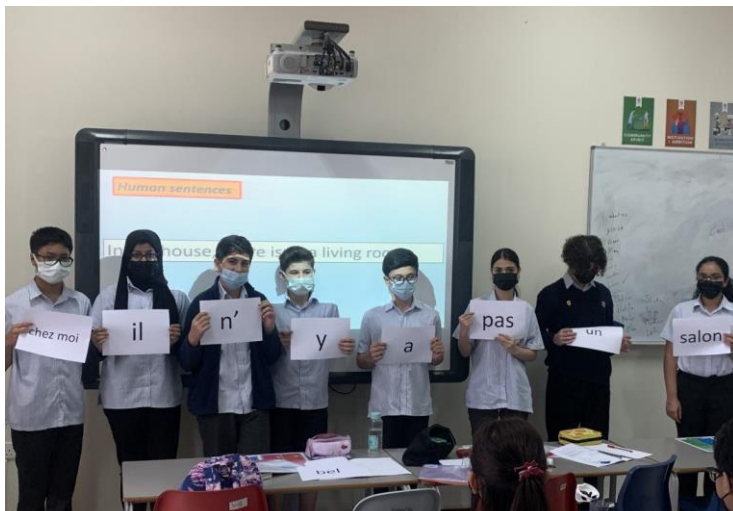
# Key Stage 3 French



Mr Kenwright's Key Stage 3 French students have been busy this week making Human Sentences, where students form sentences in French using the words they have been given. This allows students to focus on the syntax of the sentence and grammar that needs to be applied.



Tres Bien Key Stage 3!



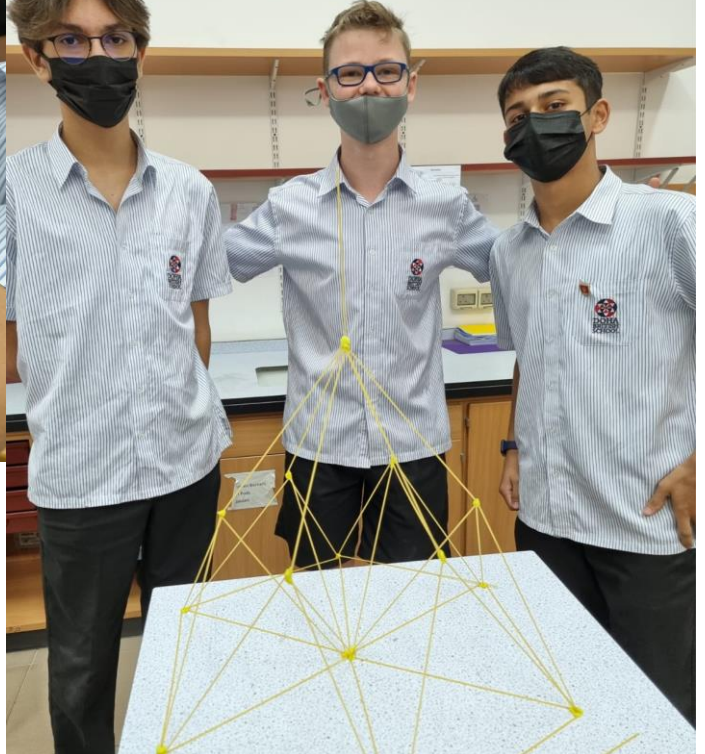




# Science Week

As part of Science Week, Mr Karim's Year 9 students have been gaining a basic understanding of engineering by designing and then building towers out of spaghetti.

They had a lot of fun trying something new and we are extremely impressed with the work they have produced. We definitely have some future engineers in Year 9!





# Science Week



Mr Graham's Year 10 class used skills from Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to plan and construct a skyscraper out of pasta and PlayDough, the students worked well in teams to beat Mr Graham's Tower.





# Qatar Debates



A huge well done to our Arabic department and students who recently competed in the Qatar Debates competition. DBS had 2 teams entered and we are incredibly proud of everyone who took part.





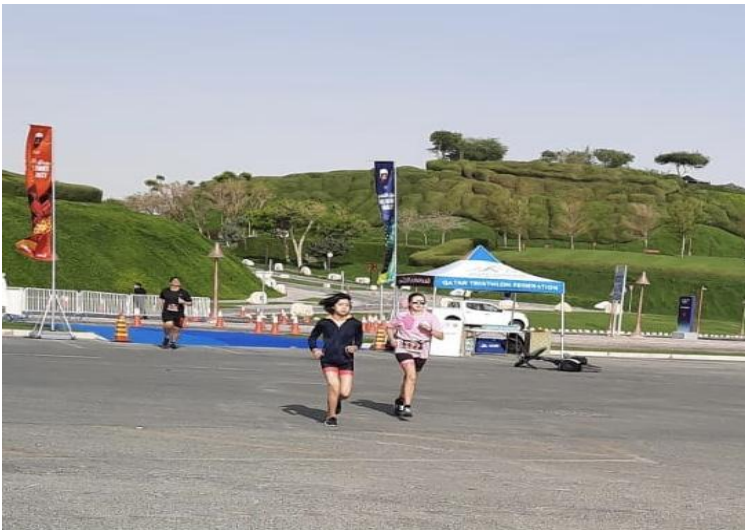
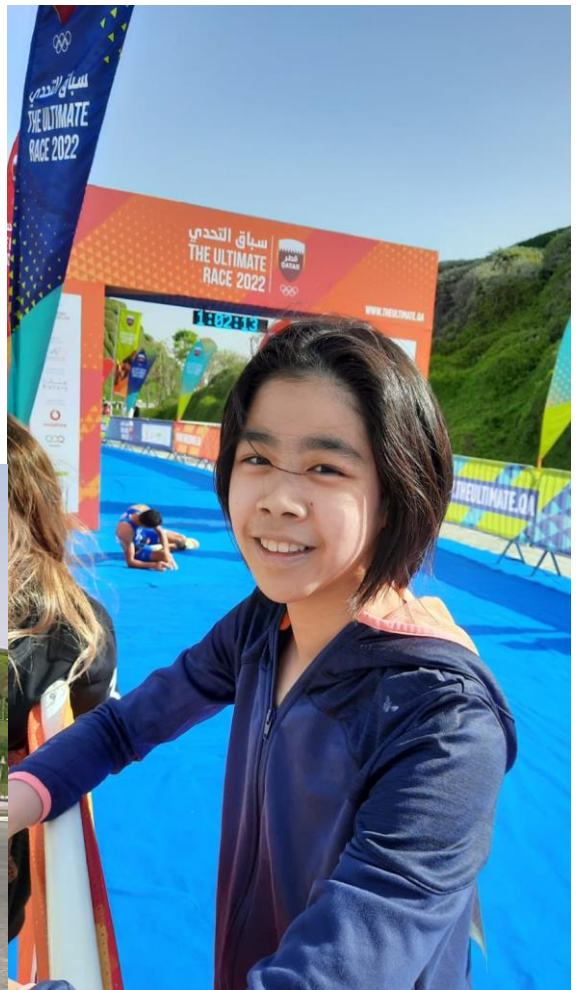


# Katara Triathlon

A huge congratulations to Shu Hui in 8S who recently competed in The Ultimate race 2022, which was held in Katara on 19th March.

The race was made up of 1km run - 6.5km bike - 3km run.

She came second in the Youth 12-13 (female) category. Well done Shu Hui, everyone at DBS is extremely proud of you.





# Library

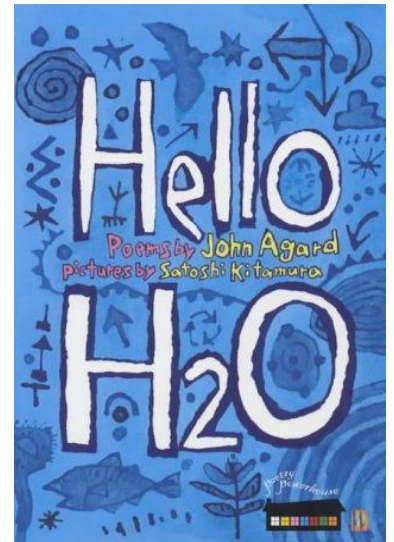
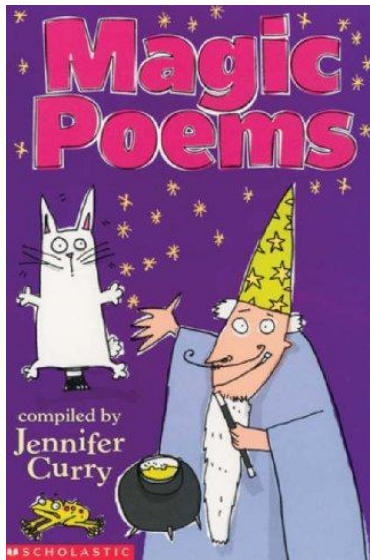
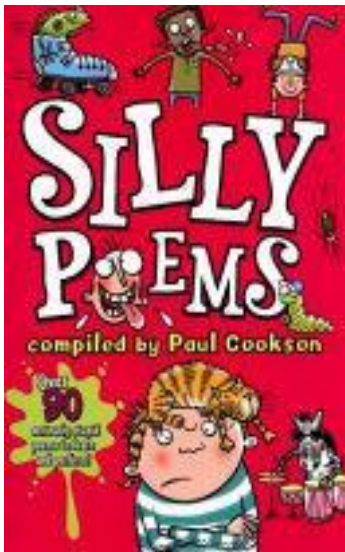
## Poetry Corner



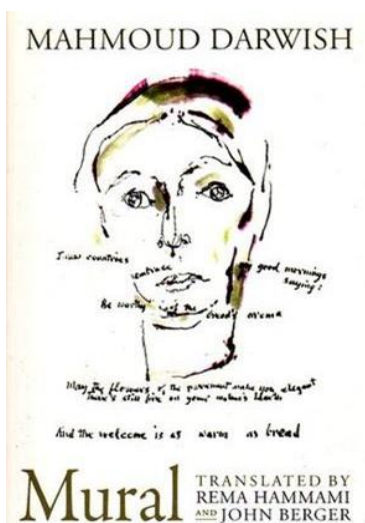
For those of you who love reading poems or those who have been made to study poems, we are pleased to let you know that we have created a poetry corner in the library. Our section of poems is diverse in terms of poems, poets and destinations.



For younger lovers of poems and who like funny poems we have lots for you to choose from including:

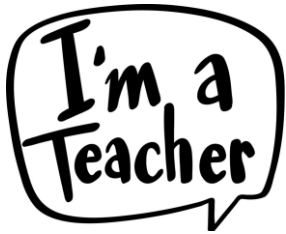


From the Middle East we have the famous poet, Mahmoud Darwish, his work translated into English by Rema Hammadi.



We also have the classics and poems by the famous poet Rumi.

Come along to the library and check out our poetry corner.



**...and the brother of someone with Autism Spectrum (ASD) needs...**

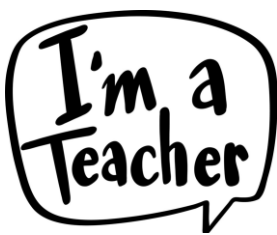


*She's two years older than me and I realised when I had to go to [mainstream] school and she didn't. She did well in Special School, but the provision really goes up to 18 in the UK and then what's next? It's worth talking about how adults with ASD can be supported to integrate into wider society.*

*My sister is terrified of dogs, I mean really terrified. My parents dealt with [the challenges of her condition] by saying that I must include her in my friendship groups - which didn't go down too well as a teenager. It's hard to see, even now as an adult, how debilitating the condition can be as my sister wants to be able to do the things I do, but can't: having a friendship group, a family, etc. I must add, though, that not loving her was not an option. She is my sister and that's that.*

*Growing up we had some funny moments: the fact that she can make up 20 different storylines when only one is on the telly and the fact that Fairy liquid will never fully rinse off our glasses as long as she is cleaning up [is hilarious] but that's just her.*

*My advice to anyone with a sibling who has ASD, is... it's not a big deal. Are they still the same person you always knew? Yes. Then it's just a label and really no problem at all. I always say to others who ask, no matter how hard it must be for you, it's harder for them.*



**...and the aunt of someone with Autism Spectrum (ASD) needs...**



*He is my sister's third child, so cute and as an infant, he loved watching commercials. We realised quickly that he wasn't paying attention and was in his 'own little world'. My sister was always very patient, taking him for hearing tests and Speech and Language therapy to help him speak. Eventually, he was diagnosed.*

*He is 20 now and the best thing my sister did was to make the entire family aware of his needs so we could be involved in supporting him with learning social cues or playing the guitar for his school performances. In the past, he has flooded the bathroom with bubbles! Because he follows structures so well, though, my sister even says "I can depend on him more than the others!" I've noticed progress over the years; he used to be at a distance, and now comes over for sleepovers.*





Thank You