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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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Primary Newsletter

Week Commencing the 28th September 2023

Message from Head of Primary



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you've had a great week. We have some exciting updates and achievements to share from our Primary School.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the talented students who have made it into the DBS football and athletics squads. Your dedication and hard work have paid off, and we are immensely proud of your achievements. I would also like to thank all the students who participated in the trials; your enthusiasm and sportsmanship were truly commendable. Please remember that further opportunities will arise throughout the year, so keep pursuing your passions on the field and track!

In other news, I am delighted to see our students embracing the joy of reading. It's heartwarming to walk around the school and witness so many of them engrossed in books or visiting our fantastic library. Developing strong reading skills is a cornerstone of education, and your encouragement at home makes a significant difference in nurturing lifelong readers.

Additionally, our Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) program has had a fantastic start. It's a delight to see our students participating in a wide range of activities. As for me, one of the highlights of this week was running a Y3-Y6 rugby club with Mr. Hardy. Seeing the enthusiasm and teamwork of our young athletes was truly inspiring.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we make a difference in the lives of our students.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

DR. LUKE CHEATER
HEAD OF PRIMARY





Word of the Week

Year 1:
Reach

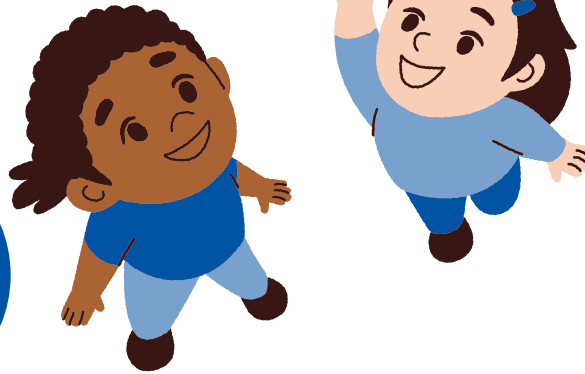
Year 2:
Within

Year 3:
Contemplate

Year 4:
Occasionally

Year 5:
Meandering

Year 6:
Hindrance



Maths

Message

This message is for KS2 Parents only:
We have an exciting opportunity for our students to win house points and certificates!
Each week in assembly, we will be singing one of our times table songs. Next week (05/10/23) we will focus on the 3 times table song. Children will practice this in school each day.

Practice your song at home and then send a video to Miss Jones before the 5th of October on the following Google Classrooms:

Year 3: flbh3ii
Year 4: rue4tcd
Year 5: brghkly
Year 6: onvpabs

Make sure you send your video to the correct Google Classroom. The best video in each year group will win a certificate and house points!

More information on the KS1 competition will follow.

Arabic

Message

Please refer to your children weekly plan that is always shared on class dojo every Sunday to see what they are going to do every day.





To Do List

Year 1:

This week, we will be looking for features (capital letters for names, full stops and repetition) in our story 'Finding Old Bear.'

Example text

Year 4:

This week, we will be writing a myth narrative, as a class.

Year 2:

This week we will be working together to plan and write our own finding narrative.

Year 5:

This week in Writing we are going to plan paragraphs for our Survival narrative.

Year 3:

This week, we will be writing a class shared write using illustrations from our vehicle text "The Rhythm of the Rain"

Year 6:

We will be planning our Endurance Narrative as a class and creating a shared write together.

Literacy



Numeracy

Year 1:

This week, we will be learning how to count and find one more/less on a number line. We will continue to practise our 10x tables song.

Year 4:

This week, children will be learning Roman Numerals and revisiting everything we've learnt over our Place Value topic.

Year 2:

This week we will be working with fact families within 20 as well as adding and subtracting ones.

Year 5:

Children will use the column method to work out addition and subtraction calculations.

Year 3:

This week we will be starting to explore addition and subtraction.

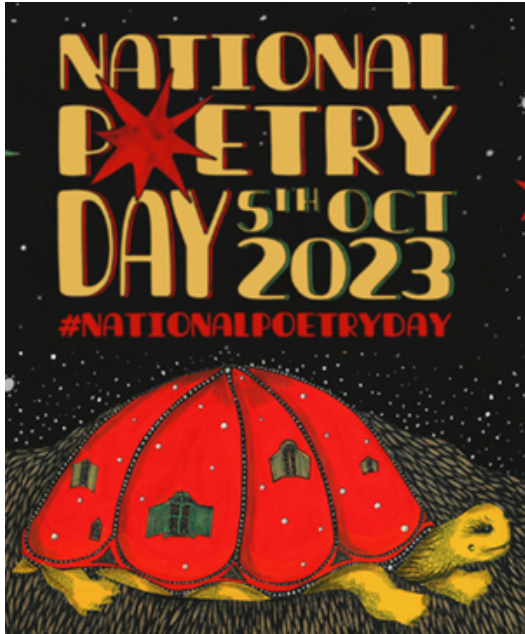
Year 6:

We will be looking at multiplication and division.





Whole School Message



We will be celebrating National Poetry Day on 5th October.

Children in KS1 and KS2 have been given an optional home learning task to take part in. They need to write their very own poem. Please see below for the themes:

KS1 - Home
KS2: Refuge

Submissions must be entered by Wednesday 4th October

Please see Class Dojo School Story for further information. Winners will be announced on Poetry Day in assembly on Thursday 5th October.

Spanish Language Message

- Reception - Students in Reception are adding a few more colors to the ones they currently recognise. They are putting a lot of effort into mastering the ability to describe their environment using a total of 10 colours.
- Y1 - The opportunity to explore some challenging sounds while also solidifying their knowledge of colors was given to year one children.
- Y2 - Students in year 2 are diligently honing their speaking abilities. The focus of this week is on Spanish vowel sounds.
- Y3 - Students in Year 3 can read a lengthy comprehension piece and respond to it.
- Y4 - Students in year 4 are acquiring the grammatical abilities necessary to construct sentences based on sports.
- Y5 - Students in year 5 grade can speak Spanish at any time. As we transition into a new topic that involves knowing the time, this is a key ability.
- Y6 - Students in year 6 can now construct whole Spanish sentences using the present simple tenses pattern. This has a significant impact since they are able to utilize the language effectively on their own.





Message



The very best of luck to the Year 5 and Year 6 Indoor Athletics teams who will be competing in the first QPPSSA (Qatar Primary Private Schools Sports Association) competition of the year at English Modern School Doha next week.

Boys and Girls Indoor Athletics trials for Years 3 & 4 will take place at lunchtime next week and from this trial the Squad will be chosen.

Year 4 Girls	Lunchtime Sunday 1st October
Year 3 Girls	Lunchtime Monday 2nd October
Year 4 Boys	Lunchtime Tuesday 3rd October
Year 3 boys	Lunchtime Wednesday 4th October

A letter will be sent home to those successful children selected for the Indoor Athletics squads by the end of school Thursday. A printed copy of the squad selection will also go up on the notice board outside Dr Cheater's office.

Library Message

We have been discussing the benefits of reading for pleasure and how to develop a good reading habit. Children have been recommending books and talking about the books that they enjoy. All students are allowed to borrow two books during their Library lesson and we ask that books are returned on their designated library day.

Any children wishing to borrow more than two books per week are able to visit the Library at lunchtime (12-12.30pm) to read and exchange books.

Many thanks
Diana and Linda





Music

Year 1s and 2s - A letter will be coming home with the children this coming week with the Username and Password for the Charanga website we use in their music lessons. This will enable them to access the music we do in class at home. Could you please all keep the letter in a safe place. They will only be consolidating work done in class.

I hope you will encourage them to sing and listen to music at home on a regular basis as this will improve their confidence and learning. They only have one music lesson a week and regular practise is needed for reinforcement and progress.

Year 4 - The children have been learning the song 'It's All Greek to Me!' as part of their topic on the Ancient Greeks. A Year group assembly is coming up in the middle of October. The children need to learn and memorise the song 'It's All Greek to Me!'. The song is posted on their Google Classroom to practise at home.

Extra-Curricular Activities

It has been a great week with the return of our ECA program. Reminders that to ensure our students have the energy they need, we kindly request that you provide them with an extra afternoon snack.

At the end of the ECA sessions, you can collect your children at 3 pm from the shaded area outside the canteen. Look out for signs displayed by the class teachers. Please ensure that your children are signed off by their teachers before they leave. Note that only the back gate and main entrance will be open from 3 pm for child pick-up and they will close at 3:10pm.

KS1 Yoga ECA message:

Children attending Yoga ECA should wear their PE kit on Sundays and must bring a yoga mat. Thank you, Miss Clarke

Yr 2 Choir and KS2 Choir message:

Yr 2 Choir - Mondays (2.00 - 3.00pm)- Could parents please provide their child/children a folder with clear pockets to store their song sheets and music and bring to school on choir day. These can be purchased from Park 'n' Shop. Could you ensure the children practise the songs and try to memorise the words.

KS2 Choir - Wednesdays (2.00-3.00pm) Parents, could you please ensure your child/children brings their choir folders and a pencil every Wednesday. A letter and form will be sent out electronically and in hard copy to be completed and returned to me (not the class teacher) by Wednesday 4th October. Can you ensure that this is completed on time.





We would like to take a moment to discuss a crucial aspect of our school community, something that is paramount to the safety and well-being of every child at Doha British School (DBS) – Safeguarding.

What is **Safeguarding**?

Safeguarding is a comprehensive term that encompasses all actions we take to ensure the safety, protection, and well-being of our students. It means creating an environment where children can thrive, learn, and grow without fear or harm. At DBS, safeguarding is not just a policy; it's a commitment to keeping your children safe, happy, and healthy.

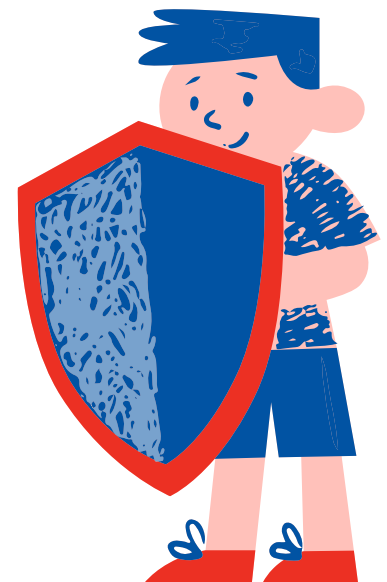
Why is **safeguarding important** ?

The safety of your child is our top priority, and safeguarding is fundamental to achieving this. We want every student to feel secure and protected within our school community. By maintaining a strong safeguarding culture, we can provide a nurturing environment that allows your child to flourish academically, emotionally, and socially.

Our Commitment to Safeguarding

Every member of staff at DBS is dedicated to upholding the highest standards when it comes to safeguarding. Our teachers, support staff, and administrators undergo rigorous training to ensure they understand their roles and responsibilities in keeping your child safe.

We continuously review and update our policies and procedures to align with best practices in safeguarding.





The Importance of Lanyards

Now, let's talk about lanyards. You may have noticed that we have a strict "No Lanyard, No Entry" policy in place. This policy is not meant to inconvenience anyone but is an essential component of our safeguarding measures.



Why Lanyards Matter

- **Identification:** Lanyards help us quickly identify anyone on our school premises. This includes parents, visitors, and contractors. Knowing who is on campus at all times is vital for security.
- **Access Control:** The use of lanyards helps us maintain control over who has access to various areas of the school. This ensures that only authorised individuals enter certain spaces.
- **Emergency Response:** In case of an emergency, lanyards make it easier for us to account for everyone on-site and ensure their safety.
- **Child Protection:** Having visible lanyards helps us ensure that every person interacting with our students has been vetted and approved.



Parents Lanyard



DBS Staff Lanyard

Challenges Regarding Lanyards

Our staff is diligent in enforcing the "**No Lanyard, No Entry**" policy. They may challenge anyone without a lanyard for the safety and well-being of all members of our school community. Please understand that they are doing their job to protect your child and their peers. Kindness and cooperation go a long way in ensuring the smooth operation of this policy.





How Parents Can Help



Wear Your Lanyard: As parents, please remember to wear your DBS-issued lanyard when on school grounds. This sets an excellent example for your child and helps us maintain a secure environment. If you do not have your lanyard, you must enter via the main gate, provide ID, sign in and out and wear a yellow visitors lanyard. Your support and understanding in adhering to these safeguarding measures are greatly appreciated. Together, we can create a safe and nurturing environment where your child can thrive academically and personally. If you ever have questions or concerns regarding safeguarding at DBS, please do not hesitate to reach out. Your child's safety is our utmost priority.



Thank You for entrusting us
with your child's education and well-being.



BEACH CLEAN UP SINGING SAND DUNES

**Friday 1st December
4pm**

SEE YOU THERE!



We are excited to announce our Annual DBS Beach Clean Up. This year it will be taking place at the Singing Sand Dunes on 1st December at 4pm.

If you would like to join, please click here:
[\[Beach Clean Up Sign Up Form\]](#)

See you there!





Reminder

**THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE**



**PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY NUTS
OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS
TO OUR SCHOOL**



Thank You