



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Primary Newsletter

Week Commencing the 15th October 2023



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am thrilled to share the highlights from another exciting week at our Primary School. The Year 4 assembly, centred around their exploration of the life and times of Ancient Greece, was a remarkable showcase of their learning journey. Witnessing the enthusiasm and creativity of our students as they bring their studies to life is always a joy. This was made extra special as this showcase was performed in front of parents - the first of many opportunities that we have planned for this year!

I had the pleasure of walking through all classes and celebrating the incredible learning and teaching happening throughout our school. It's inspiring to see the dedication of our educators and the engagement of our students in the learning process. Together, we continue to create a vibrant and enriching environment. I was particularly impressed with our Pre-School children who were very eager to share their learning of vegetables and plants. I also spent some time building towers and robots with some incredibly enthusiastic students!

A heartfelt thank you to all parents who attended the Wednesday Night Workshop, focusing on Understanding Childhood and Teenage Behaviour. This collaborative effort, supported by our wonderful Friends of DBS, reflects our commitment to being a learning community that prioritises the well-being and development of every child. Your active participation strengthens the bond between home and school, reinforcing our shared goal of supporting all children to thrive.

Finally, I would like to remind you that this week we have our Parent Teacher Consultations that take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are all looking forward to sharing your children's learning journey.

I hope you have had a fantastic weekend filled with joy and relaxation.

Best wishes,

DR. LUKE CHEATER
HEAD OF PRIMARY





Dear Parents,

Thank you to those parents who have already completed the form. Please could we ask that this is read and completed by Thursday 19th October.

Doha British School – Ain Khaled recognises that the successful development of its students depends on an effective partnership of School, students and parents. All three parties share responsibility for the development and achievement of each student.

To improve our partnership we have introduced a Home School Agreement:

Please find this agreement at the link below

[Primary Home School Agreement 2023](#)

Once you have read it, complete the Response Form. Please note that you will need to complete a response form for each of your primary school children.

[Primary Home School Agreement Response Form](#)

Thank you,

Primary Leadership Team





Word of the Week

Year 1:
Nursery

Year 4:
Havoc

Year 2:
Breathtaking

Year 5:
Information

Year 3:
Anxious

Year 6:
Clamber



PE

Good luck to the Year 3 & 4 Indoor Athletics teams who are competing in the QPPSSA Tournament at English Modern School this week.



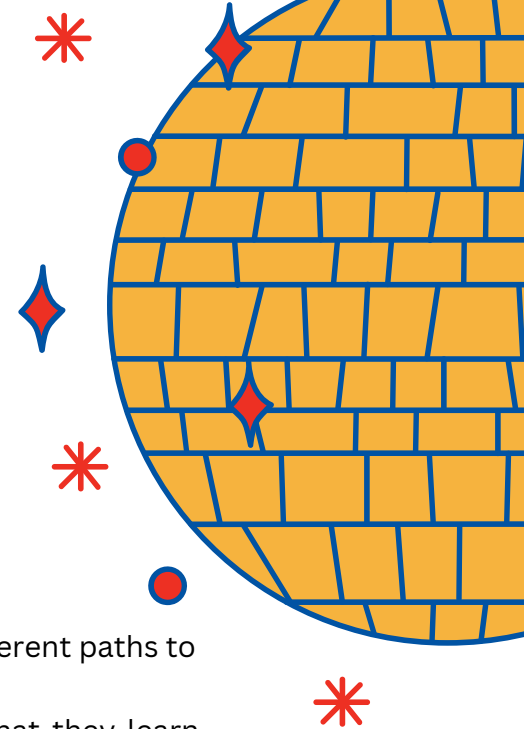


ECA SPOTLIGHT

Dance Club

When young children study dance they learn perseverance and self-motivation.

Dancing encourages children to experiment and find different paths to solving problems. It is vital in a child's personal development that they learn the importance of trial-and-error and that, if at first you don't succeed, try and try again.





To Do List

Literacy

Year 1:

This week, we will be completing our stories about finding an old toy and reading them to the class.

Year 4:

This week, children will plan, write and edit their own myth narrative.

Year 2:

This week, we will be identifying different words classes – nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.

Year 5:

Children will be writing their own survival narrative.

Year 3:

This week, children will independently edit and publish their descriptive narratives, focusing on capital letters, punctuation and higher-level adjectives that are suitable to the narrative.

Year 6:

The children will be writing their own independent Endurance Narrative.



Numeracy



Year 1:

This week, we will be representing numbers using a part-whole model and writing addition number sentences.

Year 4:

This week, children will be looking at using efficient subtraction and learning how to estimate answers.

Year 2:

This week, we will start with subtraction. Our focus will be to subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number (across a 10)

Year 5:

Children will be completing challenges and investigations to consolidate knowledge.

Year 3:

This week, we will be solving addition calculations using the formal column method.

Year 6:

Children will be using their knowledge of all four operations to solve multi step problems.



Message from the Library

The children have been recommending books to family and friends. Our Chess and Drama clubs have been busy and we practised Tai Chi Movements for well-being during World Mental Health Awareness Day.

This week, Crescent Book Fair will be in the foyer with a selection of book titles suitable for children aged 3-17yrs. Parents will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of titles, including books in Arabic, during pick up time, 1-3pm.

Many thanks,

Diana and Linda



Spanish

Reception

Students have just started learning about numbers. To help them recall the numbers from 1 to 5, they have been learning various actions.

Year 1

Students have a strong grasp of numbers 1 through 10. They will begin a new topic based on school supplies and lesson plans the following week.

Year 2

Students have worked very hard to learn all the Spanish alphabet sounds. They are able to type out teacher-spelled Spanish words.

Year 3

Joan Miro and Okuda are two significant artists that the pupils are studying. To describe the works by the two well-known artists, they will draw on their prior knowledge.

Year 4

The topic where students describe activities, they enjoy doing in their free time has just been introduced.

Year 5

Students are currently learning about routines. They are creating a lengthy paragraph with a wide range of routines and the times at which those routines take place. These are all connected by various connectives.

Year 6

Students are able to characterise both their own and others' personalities. They may generate fascinating phrases by utilising a wide range of adjectives.





MUSIC

- **Year 1:** A video explaining how to access Charanga Yumu for which you should have received a letter with your child's Username and Password will be coming out this week. The children should only practise what is covered in class. The main activities are the target song, warm up games, flexible games and listening weekly. I will let the children know if I want them to focus on other activities. If you have any problems accessing the website please let me know on Class Dojo and I will do my best to help you.
- **Year 3:** To practise the song 'Stone Age Rock' posted on their Google Classroom.
- **Year 4:** They need to know the words of 'It's All Greek to Me!' for their assembly and to practise the assignment posted on their Google Classroom in the music folder, namely practise rhythms in $\frac{3}{4}$ time and the Greek plate graphic score.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (ECAS)

KS2 Choir - Choir starts at 2.00pm not 2.15pm. Please remind your child/children to bring their choir folders. Extra lunchtime rehearsals in preparation for the up and coming Choir Festival are held at lunchtimes:

- **Mondays - 12.00pm - Part 1/High voices**
- **Tuesdays - 12.00pm - Part 2/Low voices**





Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to announce Doha British School's first virtual Careers Fair #Sparkthatinterest.

At Doha British School, we believe in providing our students with comprehensive guidance and support as they explore their future pathways. The Virtual Careers Fair is an innovative platform designed to help our students understand the importance of transferable skills, connect their school subjects to real-life applications, and gain valuable insights into various career options.

We understand that parents play a pivotal role in shaping their children's aspirations, and we invite you to actively participate in this event. Your experiences, wisdom, and words of advice can have a profound impact on our students as they embark on their journey towards a fulfilling career. Your involvement will make this initiative even more enriching.



What We're Looking For:

We invite parents who are willing to be involved to create a 3-5 minute video recording in which you share your career journey, your current occupation, and offer words of advice and encouragement to our students. Additionally, we kindly request a short bio and a photograph to accompany your video. To make the process seamless, we will provide a link to a secure Google folder where you can upload your materials. Please rest assured that only you and the school will have access to this link, ensuring your privacy and data security.

Why Your Participation Matters:

This Virtual Careers Fair will serve as a powerful educational resource for our students. We will compile all the submitted materials into an interactive website, which will be accessible exclusively to the Doha British School community through DBS email addresses. This website will provide engaging activities and invaluable insights for our students to explore.





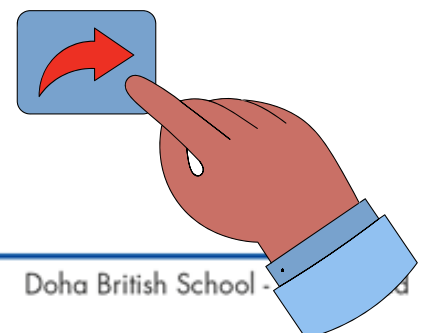
Next Steps:

This letter serves as **an initial expression of interest**. We will follow up with those who express their willingness to participate at a later date with further instructions and details.

Should you wish to be involved, please complete the [Google Form](#) by **Tuesday 31st October**.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation in the Virtual Careers Fair and the positive impact it will have on our students' futures.

**REGISTER
HERE**





Parent Consultation

We are looking forward to the Parent Consultations on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October.

Please note the following:

- As there will be no ECAs for the week, all children are to be fetched promptly at 2pm on both days.
- There is no provision for children and as such any children in the school will need to be accompanied by their parent.
- Books will be displayed for you to look at, please only look at your own child's books.

Crescent Bookshop will be visiting DBS AK 15-20 **October** to sell books. You will find them at the school entrance, where they will have a variety of titles suitable for children aged **3-17 years**.

See you there !

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in partnership with
CRESCENT BOOKSHOP - QATAR
Come to our **BOOK FAIR!**
LET'S RAISE READERS!
2023
READ AND FUEL YOUR IMAGINATION!
Come and get your books of choice.
15 - 19 October 2023
Sunday To Thursday
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
BOOKS SUITABLE - AGE 3 TO AGE 17
Visit Crescent Bookshop Website!
<https://www.crescentbookshop.qa>

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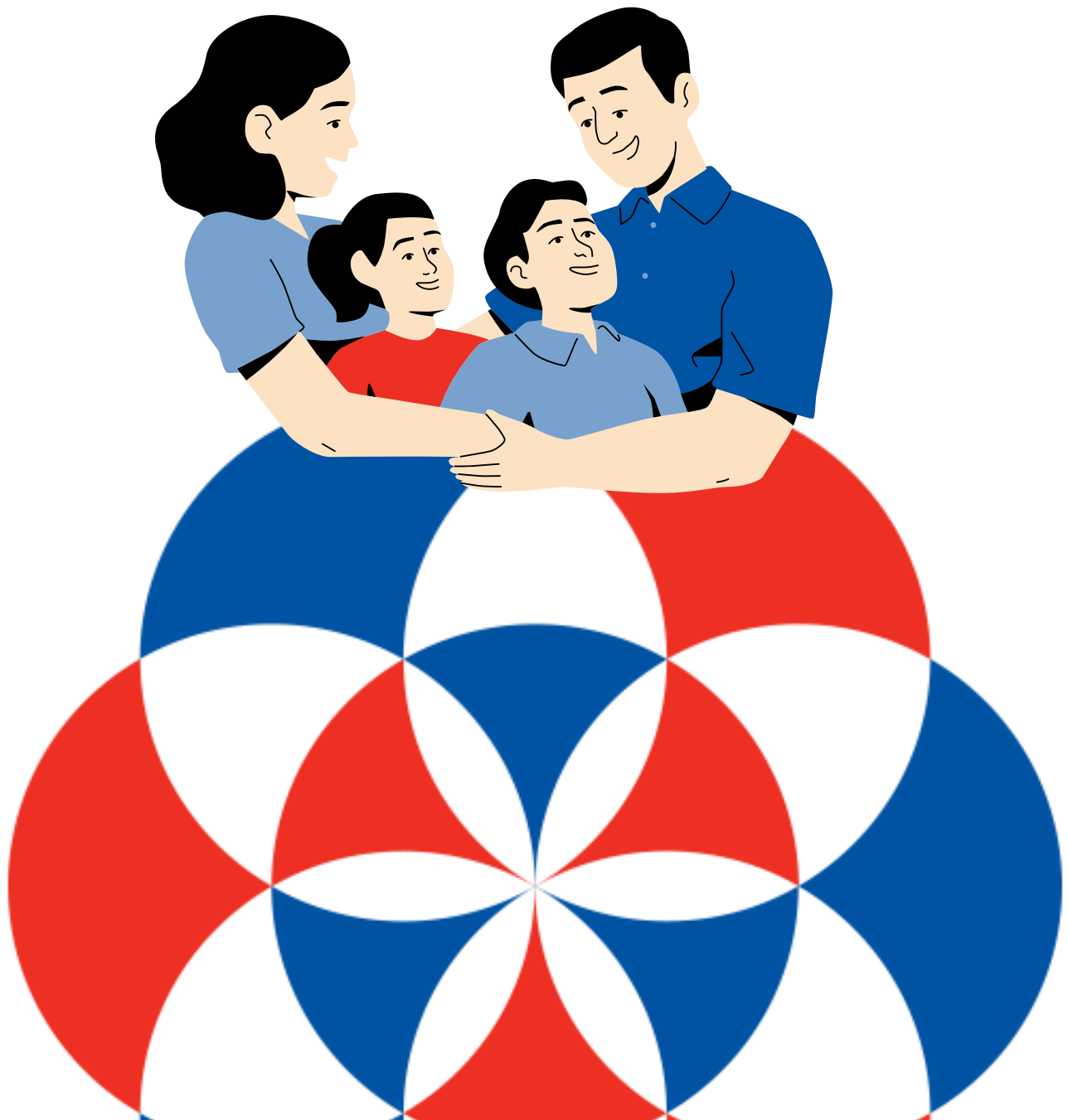




We invite all parents to complete the following survey (link [here](#)).

Parent voice is an important and valued part of our school community.

This survey is designed to capture your insights and feedback on global citizenship and our DBS guiding statements.





TRAFFIC AWARENESS AT DBS AIN KHALED

- **Stop in a safe area:** Do not stop or unload passengers in the middle of the road. This can create dangerous situations.
- **No Overtaking:** Refrain from overtaking into oncoming traffic. Everyone is waiting their turn, and patience is vital for safety.
- **Seatbelts:** Ensure that all children wear their seatbelts correctly in the car. Seatbelts are essential for their safety.
- **Speed Limit:** All drivers should maintain a maximum speed of 30 KPH near the school. Slower speeds greatly enhance safety.
- **Slow Driving:** Drive very slowly around the school, especially during peak drop-off and pick-up hours.
- **Crossing the Road:** Please ensure that children are encouraged to look both left and right for traffic when crossing the road and all Primary students to hold hands with an older sibling, parent, family member, nanny or driver.
- **Supporting Security:** Please cooperate with the security and senior staff as they manage traffic flow. Their guidance is crucial for the safety of everyone.
- **Kindness and Respect:** Please be kind and respectful to fellow drivers and DBS staff. Keeping children safe is of the utmost importance.





Thank You