



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
AIN KHALED



# Primary Newsletter

Week Commencing the 2nd November 2023

# Message from Head of Primary



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. It has been a truly wonderful first week back after the half-term break, filled with exciting learning experiences and vibrant activities. Our young learners in Year 1 enjoyed a creative approach to understanding seasons by engaging in a snowball fight – a lively and memorable way to connect with the topic. In Year 3, Saima and I took on the roles of a lion and a mouse, adding a fun and interactive element to the exploration of fables. Meanwhile, the captivating introduction to Space in Year 5 left us all in awe. It is these intentional opportunities to support and engage our students with learning that makes DBS a special place, which is encapsulated within our definition of high quality learning and teaching:

We aim to promote a learning culture so that pupils engender a love of learning and the desire to continue to learn. We aim to give our pupils every opportunity to succeed. Teaching and Learning is underpinned by our belief that our learners learn best when they are supported, challenged, have purpose, make connections, have ways to manage their learning and are engaged.

Outdoor breaktimes and lunchtimes have been a joy to witness, with students skipping, playing football, and engaging in four-square. I even surprised myself with some unexpected skipping agility! On a community level, Miss Weed and I had the privilege of supporting a nationwide initiative for road safety around schools during our visit to the Ministry of Education on Wednesday – a cause of utmost importance.

Today's assembly was another fantastic treat, with Miss Apperley highlighting the significance of reading and introducing our new Library Monitors. There was also a strong emphasis on sustainability and the vital role we all play in looking after our planet. As the week concludes, I want to wish you all a wonderful weekend filled with relaxation and joy. Looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Sunday for another exciting week of learning and growth.

Best wishes



**DR. LUKE CHEATER**  
**HEAD OF PRIMARY**





# This week's update!

## RECEPTION

### Weekly Phonics

This week in Phonics we will be learning the sounds 'h', 'sh' and 'r'. Please practice at home to help your child grow with accuracy and confidence in Phonics. Use the link below to access a PowerPoint to practice phonics with your child at home. All the sounds your child has been taught so far are on the PowerPoint along with a link to videos demonstrating how to write and pronounce the sounds correctly. We have started using 'Green Words' in our phonics lessons. These words have been sent home for you to practise with your child. Please encourage them to say the sounds and then to blend them to say the word. Green Words. We have also begun to introduce 'Red Words'. This week's red word is I.

Here is a link to a song for the children to practise the Red Words.

[Red Words Set 1 Sounds](#)

[Red Words Set 1](#)

[Green Words](#)

## PRESCHOOL

The children have had a wonderful week learning all about "Humpty Dumpty" and balancing. They have been busy using their problem solving activities to put Humpty Dumpty together again and to build him a wall that he can balance on. In literacy, they have been reciting the nursery rhyme and also sequencing the story. In the construction area the children have been using blocks, bricks, tubes and other building materials to build a wall for Humpty Dumpty that he can balance on and not fall off!

Next week, the children will be focussing on the Nursery Rhyme "I'm a Little Teapot" with a science focus of Hot and Cold.

## Home Activities

### Reception

*Shape of the Week:*

*Square. Can your child find objects around the house which are square shape? Please continue to practise segmenting and blending green words and reading red words.*

### Preschool

*Discuss good table manners in preparation for the Tea Party. Sensible sitting at the table, no talking when eating and using a knife and fork.*





## WEEKLY MATHS

### RECEPTION

This week in Maths we are continuing to learn how to find 1 more and 1 less within 10. We will be finding more than one way to make the number 5 for example 2 and 3 make 5, 1 and 4 make 5.

Using your child's toys, can they count an amount then add 1 more or take one away and tell you how many is 1 more or 1 less?



## WORD OF THE WEEK



**1** YEAR  
After

**2** YEAR  
Discovered

**3** YEAR  
Havoc

**4** YEAR  
Immaculate

**5** YEAR  
Consecutive

**6** YEAR  
Advisable





## Star OF THE WEEK



1. Purple : Liliana
2. Red : Kuzey
3. Blue : Safiya
4. Yellow : Leen
5. Green : Nyra

Preschool



1. Rec A : Hanbo
2. Rec B : Elisha
3. Rec C : Yousef A
4. Rec D : Malek
5. Red E : Werne

Reception



## Message FROM THE TEACHER

### PRESCHOOL

On Thursday 9th November we will be having a Tea Party to celebrate our learning about "I'm a Little Teapot" and the children can come in dressed up in their party wear. It is also sustainability week and the children can bring in something blue or green whilst the rest of the school will be wearing blue or green.

Please keep the "Tea Party" a surprise as we will introduce it next week to the children,

Thank you!



### RECEPTION

As some children are beginning to blend more independently, this week we will be sending home some captions for the children to practise reading at home. These will only be sent home with children who can currently blend. If your child does not receive the captions, do not worry. Please continue to practise segmenting and blending the green words. Once your child can blend they will then get captions sent home. Captions – there are pictures to match the captions. Cut the pictures and captions and encourage your child to read the sentence then find the matching picture.

Please remember to send a full change of clothes with your child in their schoolbag.

Thank you.



## LITERACY

### Year 1:

This week we will be creating lists which will include nouns and adjectives.

### Year 2:

We will be working on using expanded noun phrases to describe a setting.

### Year 3:

This week, we will be exploring powerful vocabulary from our vehicle text "The Fox".

### Year 4:

This week, children will be looking at the key vocabulary and phrases from our vehicle text, 'Leaf'.

### Year 5:

We will be beginning our new unit of work on a mission report.

### Year 6:

We will be holding a debate and learning key vocabulary needed for a balanced argument.



## To Do List

### Year 1:

We will be exploring number bonds for various numbers within 10 using different representations (numicon, cubes, tens frames)

### Year 2:

This week we will focus on mixed additions and subtraction problems.

### Year 3:

This week, we will be subtracting 3 digit numbers using the formal column method.



## NUMERACY

### Year 4:

This week, children will be multiplying and dividing by 10/100.

### Year 5:

We will be working on prime numbers, cube numbers and factors of a number.

### Year 6:

This week we will be comparing and ordering fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators





## Spanish

### Reception

Students are progressing from numbers to greetings. This topic instills confidence in them when speaking in another language.

### Year 1

Students are familiar with classroom instructions. After two months of learning, they are able to recognise the daily target classroom instruction words. This has a great positive impact when delivering the lesson in the target language.

### Year 2

Students are accustomed to classroom directions. They can recognise the daily target classroom instruction words after two months of learning. When providing the lesson in the target language, this has a significant positive influence.

### Year 3

Students are learning a wide range of adjectives in order to describe works of art. They must construct sentences to explain what they observe.

### Year 4

Students were paying particular attention to certain phonics while learning about various hobbies.

### Year 5

Students have just transitioned from morning routines to afternoon routines. These two sections include verbs that are commonly used in the target language.

### Year 6

Students have lately begun a new family-related topic. Students will learn how to describe their family during the next two weeks.

## Arabic

Please refer to your children's weekly plan that is always shared on class dojo or google classroom to see what they are going to do every day.

## PE

Congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 team who took part in their Indoor Athletics competitions this week, putting in some excellent performances. I am still awaiting the overall results and will communicate them when I receive them.





## MUSIC

### Year 1:

The children will have a short Composing task to do at home this week. This cannot be done in music class as they don't bring tablets into school. The instructions will be posted on Class Dojo. Please can you ensure your child completes it. I will be introducing a Class Music Star of the Week for each year group and an individual one for one girl and one boy in each year group every week to celebrate good effort, progress or work in music.

*I hope this will inspire classes and individual children to aspire to higher aspirations in music lessons each week.*

## CHOIR

A letter will shortly go out regarding the Choir Festival on the 14th November. This needs to be completed and returned at the latest on the 8th February. Lunchtime rehearsals need to be attended by everyone leading up to the event.







## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

### Reception



### Preschool

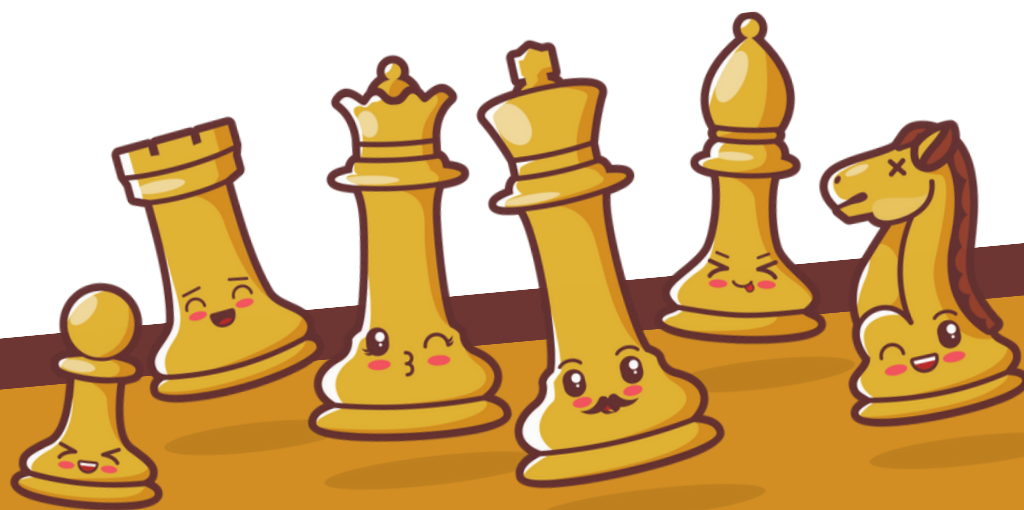




ECA SPOTLIGHT

# CHESS

*Club*



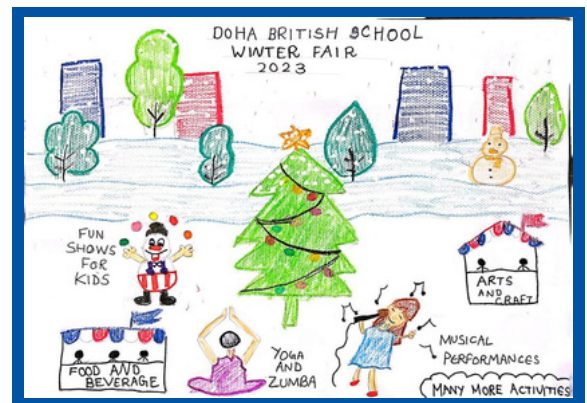


# WINTER FAIR POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

*Congratulations!*



ALVEENA 2E



RIDHIMA SHARMA 6D



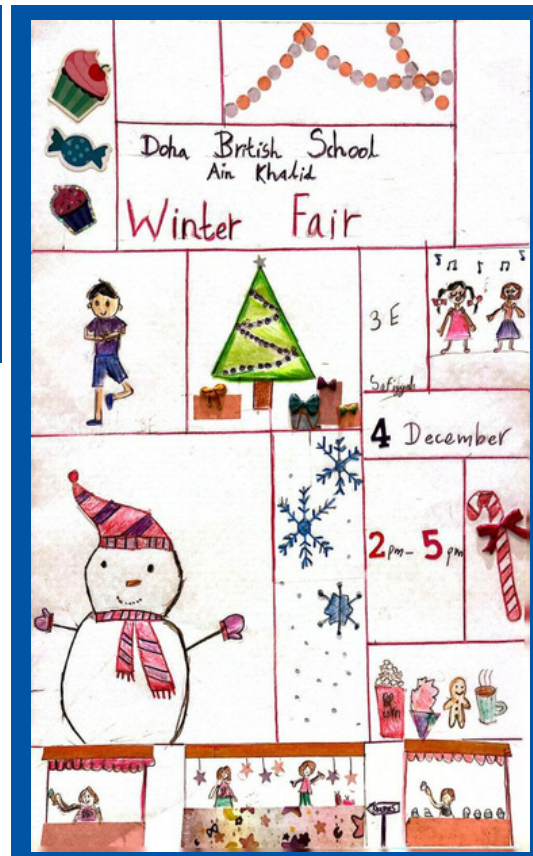
YOUMI 1C



FAYROUZ 4B



ADAM 5E



SAFIYAH 3E





**Great Art**

**See Things Differently**

Comic Art Workshop by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival (LICAF)

**Date:** 24 November 2023  
**Time:** From 01:00 pm to 06:00 pm  
**Where:** EXPO 2023 Doha, Exhibition Hall no 2, Cultural Zone, Near to the Al Bidda Metro Station.

**Great Art**

**See things differently**

Join us at the Family UK Day to enjoy:

- Live Art Workshop
- Comic Art Workshop by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival
- Photography Award

**Date:** 23 November 2023  
**Time:** From 04:30 PM to 07:30 PM  
**Where:** British Council Office, 99 Al Sadd Street

## QATAR UK FESTIVAL 2023

In the run-up to the global event "Horticultural Expo 2023 Doha Qatar" that brings together countries, private sector, civil society and public around interactive activations, conferences, workshops and more. The British Council is delivering the 8th Qatar UK Festival 2023, aiming to foster a positive view of the UK's engagement with Qatar through an integrated British Embassy, British Council partnership and engaging with local stakeholders. Qatar UK Festival 2023 will run between 20 Nov 2023 to 26 November 2023 under the theme of Sustainability and Communities through promoting social inclusion for diverse communities, endorse the devolved nations and supporting diversity through various activities; an installation socially engaged project promoting textile recycling and the power of reinvention, artistic sustainable fashion shows, art workshops and comic workshops, while engaging the youth, women, girls and different communities and schools in Qatar.

Festival activities will spread between different venues; Horticultural EXPO 2023 Doha, M7 and the British Council.

### Comic Art workshop at Expo 2023

An engaging family day where a Comic/Art workshop will be delivered by UK Artists from by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival about Sustainability and Communities. There will be a fashion show around using recycle material. Material used will be environmentally friendly, making it an eco-conscious experience for the young audience.

Venue: Expo 2023 Doha, Exhibition hall no. 2, Cultural Zone, near to Al Bidda Metro station

Time: From 01:00 PM to 06:00 PM

### The Family UK Day

A Family UK day will be organised at the British Council and launched by the UK Ambassador and British Council Country Director attended by British Council customers, families, and staff through a cultural family event featuring revealing a mural conducted by a Qatari Artist and students, Live Art workshop, a Comic Art workshop delivered by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival (LICAF), musical show, and concluded by announcing photography competition winners.

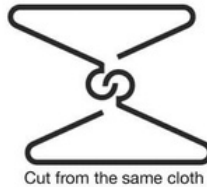
Venue: British Council, 99 Al Sadd Street

Time: From 04:30 PM to 07:00 PM





## QATAR UK FESTIVAL 2023



As part of the Qatar-UK Festival 2023, this project promotes textile recycling as a metaphor for the movement of people and the power of reinvention. If your closet is overflowing with clothes you no longer wear, don't toss them out; instead, transform them into a masterpiece! Together, we'll breathe new life into old garments, turning them into something beautiful and eco-friendly.

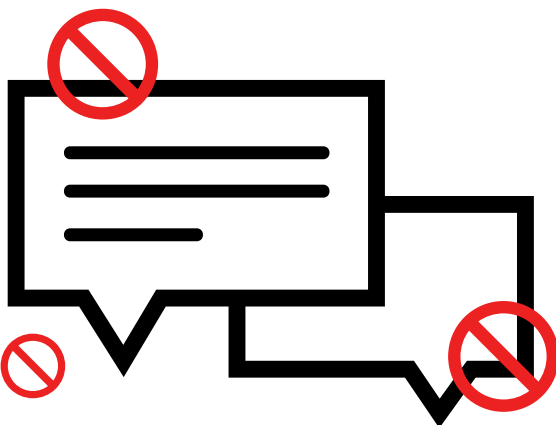
You can drop off your used clothes at this location: Wooden Box, Ground Floor, British Council, 99 Al Sadd Street, Doha, Qatar. We would like to extend an invitation for you to visit M7, which is located in Msheireb Downtown Doha on Abdullah Bin Thani Street in Doha, Qatar.

The exhibition will be held from 20th to 25th November 2023. During the event, you will have the opportunity to see and contribute to the amazing artwork created by the UK artist Teresa Albor, and a group of volunteers using the used clothes. We hope to see you there!

## ODD SOCK DAY

Doha British School will be celebrating Anti Bullying week from Sunday 12th - Thursday 16th November. **The theme this year is "Make a noise About Bullying".**

We want to spread a positive message that if we all come together, celebrate our difference and stick up for each other, we can bring an end to bullying! That's why we need your help to make a noise and spread the message. We will hold our "Odd Socks Day" on **13th November**. The Odd Socks are all about fun and laughter, but more importantly they deliver a message of individuality acceptance and tolerance.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

[Read our report about the impact and reach of Anti- Bullying Week](#)



## Winter Fair

If you are interested in being a vendor at this year's *Winter Fair on Friday 8th December*, please complete the form attached.

[Craft Vendor Information](#)

[Craft Vendor Registration](#)





YEAR 6 PRESENTS:

# PANTASTIC

TRAVEL WITH US TO NEVERLAND  
DECEMBER 11TH & 12TH  
TICKETS ON SALE SOON



# Fog PALESTINE

## Join Us in Supporting HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN GAZA

We are pleased to announce that, for the next two weeks, we will have a cash box available in the foyer of our for donations to aid the Humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza.

Thank you for being a part of our compassionate community, and for helping us make a difference for the people of Gaza.



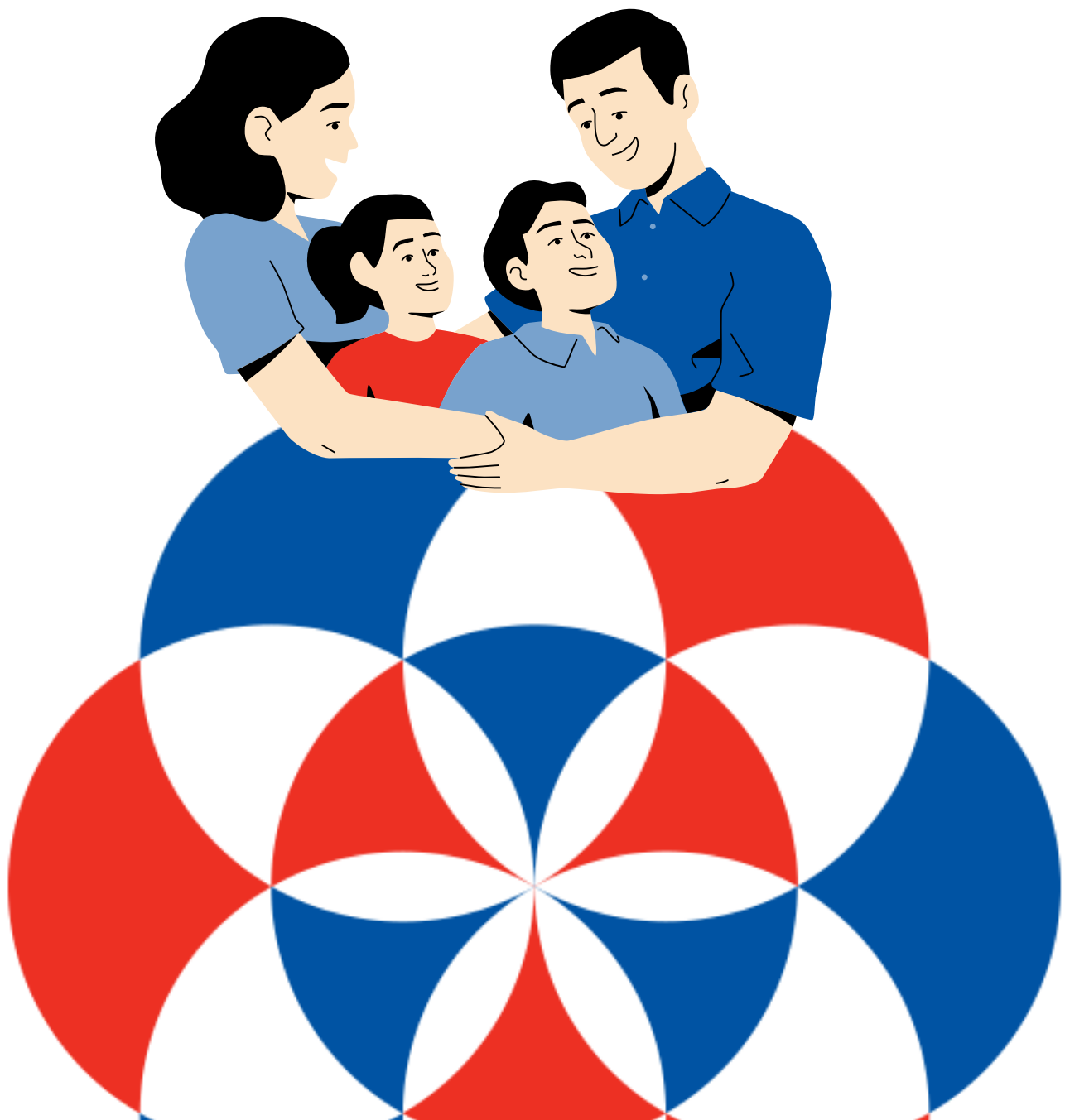




We invite all parents to complete the following survey (link [here](#)).

*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