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# Primary Newsletter

Week Commencing the 16th November 2023



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I trust this week's newsletter finds you well! As we reflect on the week that has passed, it brings me immense joy to share the outstanding accomplishments of our students.

## **Y3 Students Shine in Comparative Judgement**

Our Year 3 students have recently completed the first Comparative Judgement window, evaluating the quality of their writing against 48,000 students from over 3,000 schools. After an extensive moderation process, I am thrilled to announce that Doha British School Y3 students are currently placed in the top 10% of attaining students. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our students, parents and teachers.

## **Sports Success and Musical Excellence**

Our Primary students have been showcasing their talents not only in academics but also in sports and music. Competing against other international schools in Qatar, our students demonstrated exceptional skills and sportsmanship. Mr. Johnston has some exciting news to share, and I won't spoil the surprise, but let's just say we did incredibly well!

Furthermore, our Primary Choir participated in the ASD Sing Out Festival, where they captivated the audience with their beautiful performances. Not only was this an opportunity to further nourish our students' thirst for singing, this was a great collaborative event where children could meet others through the medium of song! Our children continue to excel in all areas, and their success is a reflection of the commitment and guidance provided by our talented teachers.

## **Parent Community Engagement and Re-accreditation with CIS**

This week, we welcomed members of our parent community into the school.

Your feedback is invaluable as we prepare for re-accreditation with CIS. We are committed to our vision of ensuring that all our students thrive, and your input plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our school.

## **Outstanding Y1 Assembly and Community Support**

I had the privilege of attending an outstanding Year 1 Assembly, attended by over 300 parents. The performance, centered around the theme of seasons, showcased the creativity and enthusiasm of our young learners. Each class focused on a specific season, and the weather report was also incredibly enjoyable. I still have vivid memories of the snowball fight which occurred at the beginning of this learning journey!

Finally, as we approach the weekend, I would like to extend my best wishes for a restful and rejuvenating break. We look forward to welcoming all our students back to school on Sunday, ready for another week of learning, growth, and success.

***Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our vibrant school community,***

Best wishes,



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





# This week's update!

## RECEPTION

## PRESCHOOL

### Weekly Phonics

This week in Phonics we will be learning the sounds 'y', 'w' and 'z'. Please practice at home to help your child grow with accuracy and confidence in Phonics. Use the link below to access the 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. The children are doing very well in phonics and know most of the sounds however they are struggling with blending. Please continue to practise reading green words with your child at home. Encourage them to say the sounds and then to blend them to say the word. This week's red word is 'he'.

This week the children have been learning all about different types of weather and have enjoyed reciting the nursery rhyme "Incy Wincy Spider".

In class, the children have been looking at different weather forecasts from around the world including hurricanes in the Caribbean and snow storms in Russia. In maths, we are focussing on encouraging the children to use their 1-1 correspondence when counting. Next week, the children will be learning the nursery rhyme "Row, row, row your boat" and will focus on floating and sinking.

[RWI Set 1 Sounds](#) [Red Words Set 1](#) [Green Words](#)

## Home Activities

### Reception

*This weeks focus should be on blending the RWI green words at home. Get your child to sound out the words and blend them together.*

### Preschool

*Please practise counting out objects at home to help with your child's 1-1 correspondence when counting. Here is a video with some fun activiites that you could do at home: [1-1 Counting Activities](#)*





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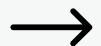
## Policies

As partners in your child's education, we want to keep you informed and engaged in the various aspects that contribute to our vibrant school community. Today, we'd like to highlight the importance of our school policies.

Our school policies are not just a set of rules; they are a reflection of our shared values, vision, and mission. They play a crucial role in shaping the unique culture and community that we all chose to be a part of, contribute to, and uphold. These policies serve as the guiding principles that help create a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment for all our students.

To ensure accessibility and transparency, we want to remind you that our school policies are readily available on our [school website](#). We encourage you to take a moment to familiarise yourself with these policies, as they are designed to support the well-being and success of every student within our community.

Your commitment to understanding and adhering to these policies strengthens the foundation of our school community. By aligning with these guidelines, we collectively contribute to the positive and enriching experience that defines our school. We appreciate your ongoing partnership in creating an environment where each student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community.





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.





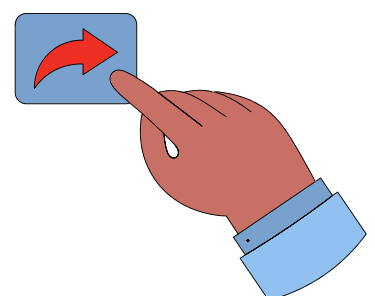
## Next Steps:

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](#)

**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**





## WEEKLY MATHS

### RECEPTION

This week in Maths we are focusing on the number 6.

We are finding different ways to make the number 6, representing the number 6 using different math manipulatives and ordering numbers to 6.

### Reminder!

Year 6 Open Evening

We look forward to parents joining us for our first-ever **Year 6 Transition Open Evening Event on Wednesday 29th November**. This is a fantastic opportunity for both parents and students to begin gaining valuable insight into the transition ahead.

Please register using this [link](#)



## WORD OF THE WEEK

YEAR

**1** Heavy

YEAR

**2** Mesmerising

YEAR

**3** Immaculate



YEAR

**4** Dehydrate

YEAR

**5** Interaction

YEAR

**6** Benevolence





## Star OF THE WEEK



1. Purple : Mariam
2. Red : Zakariya
3. Blue : Hassan
4. Yellow : Mohammed
5. Green : Syeda

Preschool



1. Rec A : Aljazi
2. Rec B : Burhan
3. Rec C : Aljouri
4. Rec D : Shiqi
5. Red E : Zain

Reception



## Message FROM THE TEACHER

### RECEPTION

We are delighted to announce that we have organised a trip to **Snow Dunes on Tuesday 21st November** and **Wednesday 22nd November 2023** as part of Reception's Hot & Cold topic.

Please return your child's permission slip to their class teacher by Sunday 19th November.

Thank you.



### PRESCHOOL

Next week, will be the first week of "**Learning Together Time**" in pre-school from 7-7:45am.

**The dates are as follows:**

- Sunday 19th - PS Blue
- Monday 20th - PS Red
- Tuesday 21st - PS Yellow
- Wednesday 22nd - PS Green
- Thursday 23rd - PS Purple

Please also sign up to the PS Mystery Readers- sign up form ([link here](#)). Please also remember to send in 2 plastic bottles with your child to school next week.







# 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.





## LITERACY

### Year 1:

This week, we will be finding out about **imperative verbs**. We will then come up with actions and a story map for a set of instructions on 'How to Trap a Troll'.

### Year 2:

We will be using actions and story map to **summarise** our example text.

### Year 3:

Children will be **analysing the writing features** of a fable narrative.

### Year 4:

Children will plan, **write** and **edit** their own paragraph based on an arctic animal.

### Year 5:

Children will be **writing a recount** of the training and journey of an astronaut and analysing our example text.

### Year 6:

Children will be **finding all the key features** in our example text.

## To Do List

### Year 1:

This week, we will begin to learn about subtraction through number stories, using the language: **first, then** and **now**. Example: First, there were 5 birds in the tree. Then, 2 birds flew away. Now, there are 3 birds.

### Year 2:

This week we will begin to learn about **shape**. The focus will be on counting sides and vertices on a 2-D shape.

### Year 3:

Children will be consolidating their place value learning for this term, and creating their own knowledge organisers for **addition** and **subtraction**.

### Year 4:

Children will be consolidating their learning from the beginning of the term as well as focusing more on **reasoning** and **problem solving** questions throughout the week.

### Year 5:

Children will be consolidating their **learning** and working on **problem solving** questions throughout the week.

### Year 6:

Children will be consolidating and applying **adding** and **subtracting** mixed numbers to solving problems.



## NUMERACY





# HAMILTON AQUATICS

Dear Parents,

Delighted to inform you that Hamilton Aquatics is back within the campus of Doha British School! Assessments are available after school hours and on Saturdays.

Please use this [link](#) to book your free assessment appointment easier and faster.

Please refer to our flyer below for any additional information.





**ECA SPOTLIGHT**

**DBS LIONS  
NETBALL**



Netball is a non-contact game and is great for improving fitness. It is also a great way to develop hand-eye co-ordination, spatial awareness, reaction time, team work and a great way to make friends.





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# BEACH CLEAN UP

## SINGING SAND DUNES

Friday 1st December

4pm

**SEE YOU THERE!**



**For those parents and students attending the beach clean up:**

**Date:** Friday 1st December

**Time:** 2:45pm

**Meeting Place:** Singing Sand Dunes

**Note:** Own transportation required. Limited spaces.

This is the general area for the cleanup. Please note that the exact location may change up to 2-3 kilometers. (Location Link [here](#))





## PE UPDATE

# DBS LIONS

**Year 4 boys** played fantastically well in the QPPSSA Football tournament to win Gold in the final. They came back from 1 nil down in the semi final and won the final on penalties.

**Year 3 boys** also won their 3rd place final on penalties to take the bronze. It went all the way to the 8th penalty taker so a huge well done.

The Girls teams are up next with Year 5 & 6 playing in their tournament at Qatar Academy Doha on Tuesday.

*Good Luck!*



Thank you to all the Year 5 & 6 Girls who came to trial this week, over 80 girls came over the course of the 2 days. The squads have now been chosen and both children and parents have been contacted.

**Mr. Elliot Johnston- Head of Primary PE**





## CHOIR

I would like to say huge congratulations to the KS2 Choir for their exemplary behaviour and performance at the Choir Festival at ASD on Tuesday. They had a wonderful and enjoyable day singing and team building with four other schools. Also a big thank you to the staff that helped make the day possible and to all the parents that came and watched and supported their children in the concert. A great day was had by all!

I look forward to the next festival of singing. Choir will continue after all the other ECAs end.





# Winter Fair



This will be a tremendous event, an amazing opportunity to welcome the community to our school whilst feasting on fabulous food and enjoying the wonderful games and planned activities.

Finally, the Friends of DBS have been working hard behind the scenes and have secured some exciting prizes and sponsorship (also on the briefing). A raffle will take place each half hour, plus competitions!







## Spanish

### Reception

Students are increasingly greeting their teachers in a variety of ways. They can also provide an introduction in the target language.

### Year 1

They are working on descriptions so that they can identify the contents in their pencil case.

### Year 2

Students continue to learn different ways to transmit personal information. They can now have casual conversations with their peers.

### Year 3

Students continue exploring the Spanish artist Okuda, creating geometric designs inspired by him and writing a description of their art in Spanish

### Year 4

Students are learning about vocabulary to say what they do with their friends and being able to add this vocabulary to expand their knowledge on talking about what they do in their free time.

### Year 5

Students have just completed the routine topic and a summary of the entire day's routine. This necessitates prior knowledge of previous study themes such as numbers, time, morning routine, and afternoon routine so that they can accurately describe their daily routine day.

### Year 6

Students have recently completed the family topics. Their last assignment is to describe their family to someone. This necessitates the employment of a large number of adjectives and verbs.

## 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.

## Library

We have been reading stories and poetry. Early Years children have been exploring "**Kindness**" in the book **Three Cheers for Ostrich**.





**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!

## 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

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### Great Art



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**BRITISH  
COUNCIL**



YEAR 6 PRESENTS:

# PANTASTIC

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



# PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Reception



Preschool





Thank You