



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
AIN KHALED



# Primary Newsletter

Week Commencing the 9th November 2023

# Message from Head of Primary



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I trust this newsletter finds you well. It has been an incredibly busy week here at Doha British School, with students fully immersed in diverse and enriching learning experiences.

## **Mathematical Marvels in Year 2:**

I am delighted to share the impressive mathematical skills displayed by our Year 2 students. They have been tackling complex calculations involving both addition and subtraction of large numbers, showcasing their growing proficiency in this foundational skill. I have been particularly impressed by how the children are confident in correcting many of my mis-calculations and telling me how and why I am going wrong!

## **Showcasing Student Learning:**

If you haven't already, I encourage you to take a moment to notice the display outside my office. It proudly exhibits the diverse and high-quality learning that transpires throughout our primary school. Displaying student work not only instills a sense of pride but also highlights the rich tapestry of learning experiences taking place in our school community. This is the first of many examples of work which will be displayed - we truly have talented and engaged students at DBS!

## **Sustainability in Action:**

This week marked a significant focus on sustainability across the Primary School. Our collective efforts aimed at reducing energy consumption have been commendable. Moreover, the recycled art and craft projects created by our students have been nothing short of thrilling. Sustainability and global citizenship are integral aspects of our **school mission and vision**. We are committed to equipping today's students to thrive both economically and sustainably in an increasingly challenging **global environment**.

## **Pantastic Countdown:**

In the spirit of creativity and performance, Year 6 students and teachers are working tirelessly to ensure the success of Pantastic. Rehearsals are in full swing, and the countdown has truly begun. Anticipate a tremendous musical and theatrical treat that promises to showcase the incredible talents of our students.

Finally, once again I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in creating a vibrant and dynamic learning environment for our students,

Wishing you a wonderful and restful weekend,



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





# This week's update!

## RECEPTION

### Weekly Phonics

This week in Phonics we will be learning the sounds 'j', 'v' and 'y'. 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.

Please continue to practise reading green words with your child. Encourage them to say the sounds and then to blend them to say the word. This week's red word is said.

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

## PRESCHOOL

The children have had a fantastic week learning all about Hot and Cold through the nursery rhyme "I'm a Little Teapot". The tea party on Thursday was a huge success and lots of fun was had by all. Through the week, the children tasted hot and cold tea and voted on which one was their favourite. In literacy, the children explored mark making and made marks and patterns in the sand and on paper. As the weather has cooled, the outdoor area has opened up and the children have opportunities throughout the week to engage in their learning there.

Next week, they will be learning the nursery rhyme "Incy Wincy Spider" whilst focusing on the weather.

## Home Activities

### Reception

Can you find squares and rectangles in your environment and name them?

Can you find circles and triangles in your environment and name them?

### Preschool

Talk with your child about their home country and what the weather is like there.

You can look at videos, family pictures and talk about your own experiences there.





COUNCIL OF  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOLS

Dear Parents,

At Doha British School, we are committed to fostering a community of global citizens – individuals who are not only intellectually curious and academically prepared, but also compassionate, responsible, and committed to making a positive difference in the world. Global citizenship education lies at the heart of our philosophy, as we believe that it is essential to prepare our students to thrive in an increasingly interconnected and diverse world. We recently conducted a survey to gather your valuable insights on global citizenship education within our school community. Your feedback has been instrumental in shaping our approach to fostering global citizens.

As a CIS school, one of our guiding statements outlines what global citizenship means at Doha British school. “We are an international **community** with a clear understanding of our **shared values and common goals**; we **respect** our unique cultures and different beliefs and backgrounds, and we **work together** to proudly **serve** our local and global communities; we aim to behave ethically and sustainably through our own actions so that we can **set an example for others to follow.**”

Thank you to those parents that took the time to complete the survey on Global citizenship and for your continued support.

Warm regards,

**Doha British School Ain Khaled**





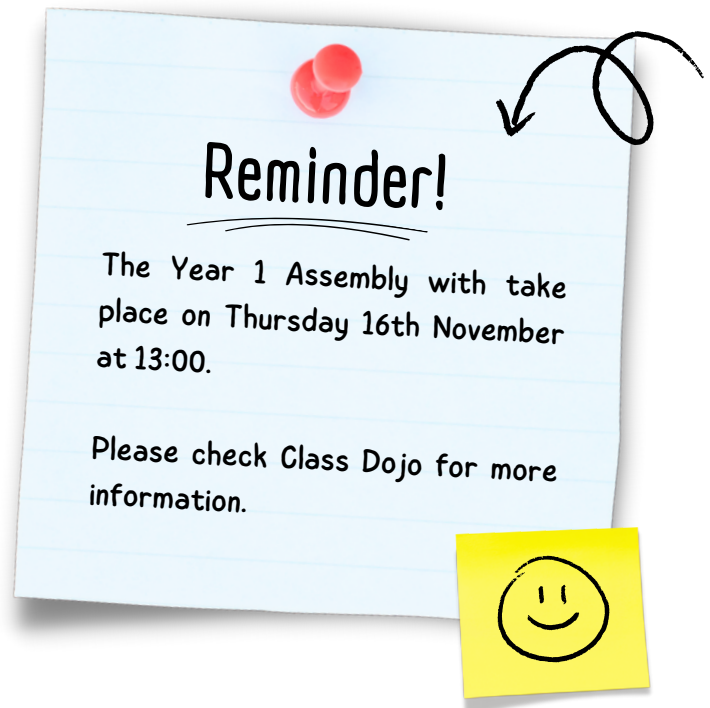
## WEEKLY MATHS

### RECEPTION

Shapes with 4 sides and My Day

This week in Maths we are exploring shapes with 4 sides such as squares and rectangles. We will also be looking at triangles and circles. We will be sequencing events in the school day and ordering our daily routine e.g. First I get out of bed and brush my teeth. Then, I get dressed and go to school.

**Key vocab:** straight, sides, corners, curved, circle, square, rectangle, triangle, first, then, next



## WORD OF THE WEEK



**1** YEAR  
Strike

**2** YEAR  
Rummaged

**3** YEAR  
Havoc

**4** YEAR  
Disclose

**5** YEAR  
Determined

**6** YEAR  
Environment





## DBS LIONS Y5 & 6'S FOOTBALL SUCCESS



**LIONS**  
D O H A  
**BRITISH**  
**SCHOOL**



A very successful tournament for both teams with Year 5 taking the Gold medal and Year 6 winning the Bronze.

Year 5 only conceded 1 goal and scored 20 in their 6 matches! Year 6 showed great resilience to bounce back, after a disappointing semi final loss on penalties, to win their bronze medal match.





## Star OF THE WEEK



1. Purple : David
2. Red : Maryam
3. Blue : Hind
4. Yellow : Thea
5. Green : Chenul

Preschool



1. Rec A : Albandari
2. Rec B : Farrhyal
3. Rec C : Younes A
4. Rec D : Alex
5. Red E : Diora

Reception



## Message FROM THE TEACHER

### PRESCHOOL

Thank you so much for all your support with the Tea Party, the children had an amazing time and we couldn't have done it without your support.

### RECEPTION

Thank you for your support with practising Phonics at home with the children. It is wonderful to see the progress they are making and will continue to make.





## ECA SPOTLIGHT

# TOUGH *Rugby*

Rugby adds so much to a child's development, physically, emotionally, and socially, and like many other sports teaches participants to develop the competitive edge necessary to push themselves to achieve a win. Unlike many other sports, rugby also places a strong emphasis on the values learned through losing, as well.







## LITERACY

### Year 1:

This week, we will be learning how to punctuate shouting sentences with an exclamation mark (!) and exploring how imperative (bossy) verbs are used in instructions. for example: mix, stir, jump, throw etc.

### Year 2:

This week, we will be writing a setting description using our vehicle text.

### Year 3:

This week, children will focus on inverted commas for direct speech to show when individual characters are talking.

### Year 4:

This week, children will plan, write and edit their own paragraph based on the 'physical features' of an animal.

### Year 5:

Children will be researching and writing a report on the geology of the moon using technical vocabulary.

### Year 6:

The children will be gathering information for arguments showing the positive and negative representations of wolves.

## To Do List

### Year 1:

This week, we will focus on adding amounts together to find a total. We will also try to solve addition worded problems and work on finding the missing amount in a part whole model.

### Year 2:

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

### Year 3:

This week, children will be learning how to accurately estimate values of amounts and use the inverse operation to solve word problems. They will also focus on the 8 times tables.

### Year 4:

This week, children will be learning about multiples, factors and factor pairs. They will also look at related facts and how their times table knowledge can help them solve multiplication/division calculations.

### Year 5:

Children will be completing their multiplication and division unit of work.

### Year 6:

We will be looking at mixed numbers and improper fractions



## NUMERACY





# 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.





## CHOIR

The KS2 Choir will be taking part in a Choir Festival at ASD on the 14th November. This event gives the children experience of singing with choirs from other schools and giving a mass choir performance as well as singing 'A Song My Own' by themselves. The day also involves team building experience. The performance will be given to parents at 2.00pm. This is a tickets only event to choir parents. Parents need to enter via Gate 10 at ASD.





**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





## Spanish

### Reception

Students are learning different greetings. This week's goal is to practise using the new terminology with his pals.

### Year 1

Students continue to master classroom directions. They play out the teacher's instructions.

### Year 2

Students are studying a wide range of personal information-related inquiries and answers. They will soon be able to ask and answer each other's questions.

### Year 3

Students keep learning about various Spanish artists. To be able to explain the painting, they are increasing their vocabulary.

### Year 4

Students have just started a new topic to learn about hobbies related to computing. They are learning how to justify their opinion on different activities.

### Year 5

Students continue learning about routines. When asked about their daily routine, they can confidently prolong their responses.

### Year 6

Students continue to study about their family. They can now describe how many siblings they have, as well as their names and ages.

## 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

### NETBALL TRIALS

There will be trials held at lunchtime in the Primary Sports Hall this week for the Year 5 & 6 Girls Netball squads. **Sunday 12th November is Year 6 Girls and Monday 13th November Year 5 Girls.** If selected the girls will need to attend the Netball ECA, starting **Wednesday 15th November**, for the remainder of the term and the tournament will be on the **3rd of December.**





MAKE A  
**NOISE**  
ABOUT  
BULLYING

#ANTIBULLINGWEEK

## SUNDAY – THURSDAY 12–16 NOVEMBER 2023

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 and 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.

## 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!



# PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

## Reception



## Preschool



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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](#))







## 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

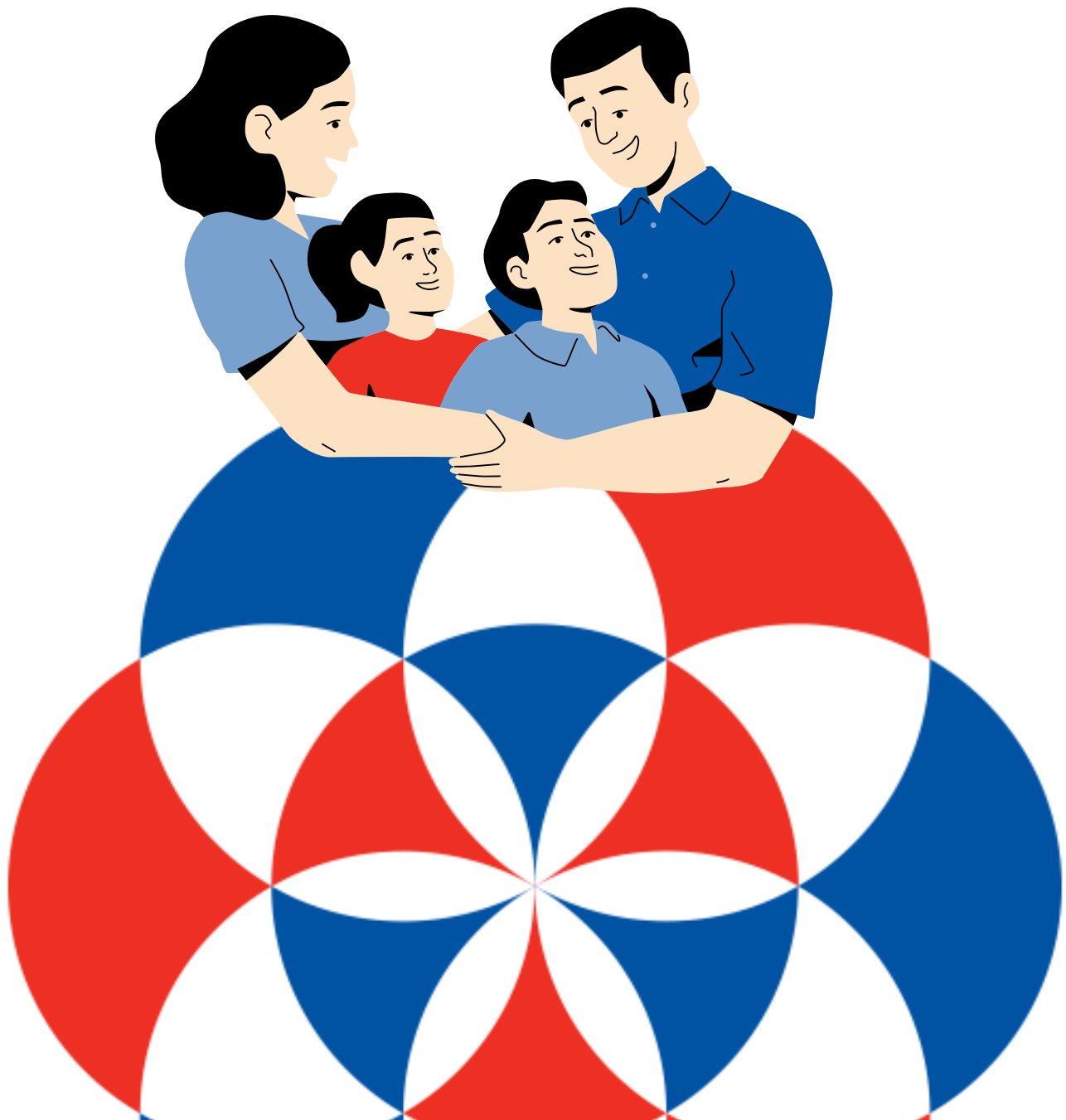
TRAVEL WITH US TO NEVERLAND  
DECEMBER 11TH & 12TH  
TICKETS ON SALE SOON



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