



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Secondary Newsletter

1st February 2024

Our Purpose

Is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve

Our Vision

Is to be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first class education enabling pupils to thrive within a dynamic, global environment

Our Mission

Is to prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum and well-resourced facilities, to become lifelong learners contributing to a global community



This week in Secondary

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and thriving. It is with great pride and as Head of Secondary that I share with you the remarkable achievements of our Model United Nations (MUN) students who represented Doha British School (DBS) at the recent THIMUN Conference held in Qatar. Our students exhibited exceptional qualities of erudition, articulation, and coherence, truly embodying the essence of global citizenship as they engaged in diplomatic interactions. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for being outstanding ambassadors for our school. We applaud their hard work and the time and energy they invested in this prestigious event.

Moving on to another crucial aspect of our students & development, I would like to emphasize the importance of daily reading. Research consistently demonstrates that regular reading significantly contributes to academic progress and achievement across all subjects in Secondary education. We encourage parents to actively support this at home by modelling a love for reading. Your engagement in reading for pleasure not only sets a positive example but also nurtures a culture of learning within our school community.

As we navigate the academic year, it is essential to acknowledge the approaching vista of external exams for our Year 11, 12, and 13 students. The significance of early preparation cannot be overstated.

I urge all parents and students to proactively seek any support they may require, ensuring a smooth and successful examination period. Our teachers are here to assist, so please do not hesitate to reach out as early as possible.

Best regards,


MARK HEALY



HEAD OF SECONDARY





ECA Reminder

Dear DBS Parents,

As we strive to maintain a safe and secure environment for all members of our school community, we would like to take a moment to remind you of the expectations regarding the waiting on the school site during pick-up and Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs). It has come to our attention that some parents, including siblings, have been waiting on the school premises in between pick-ups or for various activities.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding and health and safety measures, we cannot permit adults or students to be on site unsupervised.



Your child's wellbeing is important to us!



Therefore, we kindly request your cooperation in refraining from waiting on the school premises, particularly during pick-up and ECA times. This policy applies to all families within our school community, including nannies or other individuals responsible for pick-up and drop-off. **We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in upholding the standards of the DBS community.**

Additionally, if requested to leave the site by any member of staff, we kindly ask for your prompt cooperation. This collaborative effort is crucial in ensuring the well-being and safety of every student. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for consistently demonstrating your commitment to the welfare of our students. By working together, we can maintain a secure and nurturing environment for all.

Kind regards,

The DBS Safeguarding Team





DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED

CAREERS PLATFORM

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS!

As we prepare to launch our career's platform, a final plea for content submissions.

Currently we have no content for Finance, Medicine, Health Care or Legal. Still welcoming submissions from all other industries also! Please sign up [here](#).





We are excited to announce the launch of **Google Guardians**, a new initiative aimed at enhancing communication between our school and your families to ensure that you are well-informed about your child's learning journey.

As part of our commitment to keeping you updated and involved in your child's education, we have implemented Google Guardians, a feature that provides you with email summaries regarding your child's assignments, due dates, and classroom announcements via Google Classroom.

Look out for an email invitation in the coming days, inviting you to activate Google Guardians. Upon activation, you will have the option to receive updates on a daily or weekly basis, or opt out of updates altogether, based on your preference.



By opting in to Google Guardians, you will gain insight into the work assigned to your child on Google Classroom, stay informed about upcoming assignment due dates, and receive timely announcements from teachers regarding classroom activities and events.

We believe that Google Guardians will significantly improve communication between home and school, enabling you to stay actively involved in your child's learning process and support their academic journey effectively.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Should you have any questions or require assistance with Google Guardians, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.





ECA

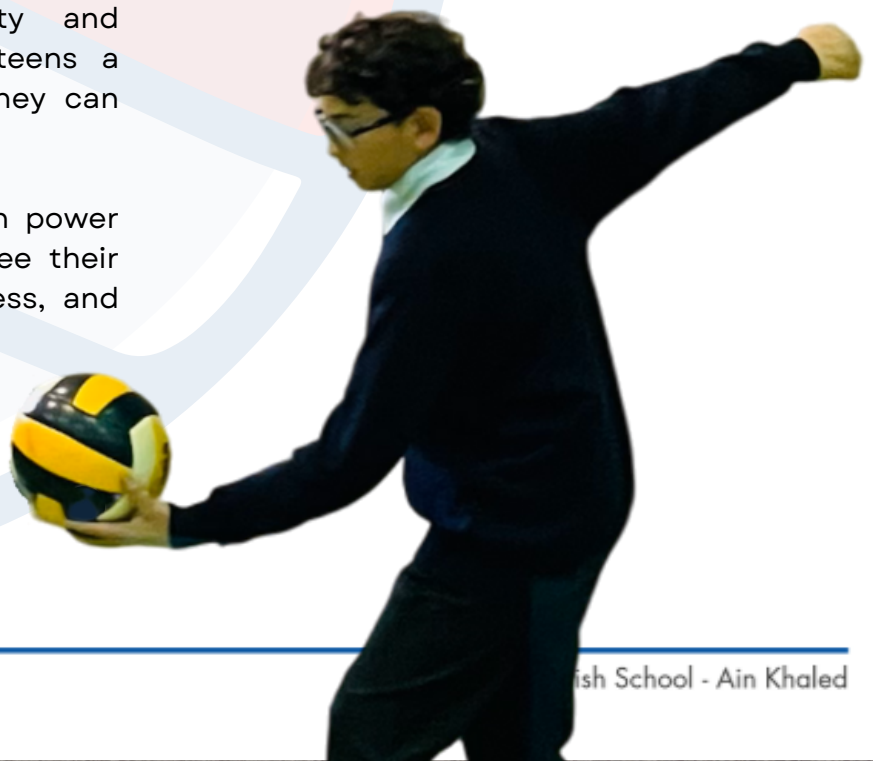
VOLLEYBALL



Volleyball is good for physical fitness as well as mental health. Volleyball is good for aerobic fitness of course but it can also help with strength, control, reflexes, hand-eye coordination, and agility.

Sport helps to shape a young person's identity, builds confidence, independence, and pride. As a team sport, it teaches teens about sportsmanship and fair play promotes a greater understanding of diversity and inclusion. Volleyball can also give teens a broader friendship circle in which they can confide and share life experiences.

Sport is also good for boosting brain power and what parents wouldn't like to see their teens focus, manage their time, stress, and improve their grades.





Commencing on the 14th January, Listen to a story/watch a movie while snuggling down and drinking hot chocolate with marshmallow!
(Ever Sunday, Monday and Thursday during Lunchbreak)

Sundays & Mondays- English Stories **Thursdays- Arabic Stories**

- Sign up in the Library prior to event
- Bring your own favourite mug (optional)
- Hot Chocolate and Marshmallows will be provided



Classic Literature Month

THIS WEEK'S PICK

SNUGGLE & READ

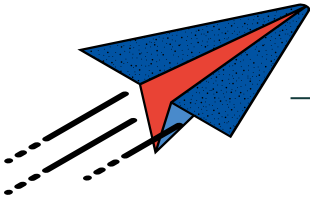
In the Secondary Library





Year 6 Transition IDL Lessons

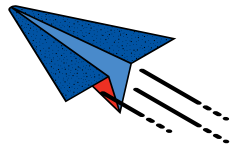
ENGLISH NEWSLETTER



This week Year 6 took part in an English session integrating ecosystems and their flair for poetry!

Following a collective rendition of the famous poem titled 'On the Ning Nang Nong', students were inspired to create their own poems centred around this premise and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their fantastic literature ability.

What great poems you produced Year 6 – **well done!**





CARE TO REPAIR

Parent Coaching

CaretoRepair parent coach – expert came to work with a group of 18 parents (across the school)

On Wednesday 24th January, we had the pleasure of a coaching session with Loyal Aoudi, specialist parenting coach, expert in ABA therapy and mother of two boys.

Loyal's discussion with a group of parents and staff allowed insights into collective experiences, young minds and how to connect in healthy ways to foster happy long-term relationships. Lots of tips shared and hopefully more to come in the future!



Guest Speaker:

Loyal Aoudi
from Arizona





STARS OF THE WEEK

Another great week!



BLUE HORSE HOUSE

- Batrawi
- Bana Mahendra
- Arni Yahya
- Mohammed Gaith

RED ORYXES HOUSE

- Abdalla
- Ahmad Fahim
- Khadija Musa
- Rawan Musa Basheer

PURPLE CAMEL HOUSE

- Fahoum
- Talal Naidoo
- Caleb Sosson
- Owen

GREEN SCORPION HOUSE

- Gherzeddin
- Keanan Hawi
- Mohamad Zorkot
- Taline

YELLOW FALCONS HOUSE

- Laidlaw
- Leighton Malliou
- Micheala Mohamed
- Noon Abdelkarim





Thank You