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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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Primary Newsletter

12th September 2024



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE MRS. LYNETTE GRANT

It's been a wonderful week here at DBS Primary, filled with community spirit and engaging events. Here are some highlights:

Breakfast with the Friends of DBS Committee We had a delightful breakfast meeting with the Friends of DBS committee, where we discussed our exciting plans for the year ahead. We're looking forward to organising more enjoyable events that will bring our community closer together. Keep an eye out for announcements about upcoming activities and how you can get involved!

Meet the Teacher Event This week, we hosted our much-anticipated Meet the Teacher event. It was fantastic to welcome parents into the school to spend time with their child's teachers and our Senior Leadership Team. These events are crucial for building strong relationships and strengthening our school community. We appreciate your participation and look forward to continuing these important connections throughout the year.

Important Reminder: Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safety A gentle reminder to all parents and guardians: please be considerate and patient during drop-off and pick-up times. Parking in front of the gates or driving up the wrong side of the road can pose significant risks to our students, parents, and staff. Let's work together to ensure a safe and smooth environment for everyone. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.





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HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE **MRS. MARIE SIBLEY**

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' event. I received very positive feedback from parents about how useful it was to learn about the curriculum etc. as well as to have an opportunity to meet specialist teachers and to socialise with other parents. There was a real buzz in the KS1 quad after the formal meetings and I know the Friends of DBS recruited a few new members and took some orders for our beautiful DBS bears. I would like to thank the FoDBS for supporting this event and all of you for attending. For those of you who were unable to attend or could not attend the presentations for all your children, class teachers have shared the information via Dojo. If you have not been able to access this, please contact the teacher on Dojo.

The children are now all settled and enjoying their new themes. It was great to see Y1 students in their 'Superhero' area of the quad as part of their learning and I know that teachers in other year groups have also come up with exciting 'hooks' to their topics to really engage the children in their learning. I have been popping into classes and have been struck by the calm, purposeful atmosphere that all teachers have created and by how any child I have asked has been able to tell me exactly what they are learning.

Next week is UK National Coding Week and many of our students will be participating in coding activities in their Computing lessons.

We will also be sharing some activities to try at home. We are also excited that we are holding trials for our Y3-6 Indoor Athletics squads. Information regarding this has already gone out to parents in those year groups.

Those of you who collect children from the KS1 area will have noticed that we have implemented a one way system at pick-up time. This is as part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding. It was becoming very congested around the doors as people were trying to get in and out at the same time.

We thank you for your patience with this!





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A WARM WELCOME FROM YOUR NEW PRIMARY TEAM!

We are thrilled to introduce our new and newly appointed team members who have joined the primary school this year. They bring a wealth of experience, passion, and dedication to our community.



Marie Sibley
Head of Primary



Saima Khan
Deputy Head



Diane Longmore
**Assistant Head of
Pastoral & Safeguarding**



Emily Byars
Assistant Head of EYFS



Rachel Clarke
Assistant Head of KS1



Hassan Ali
Assistant Head of KS2



RECEPTION HIGHLIGHTS

THIS WEEK IN RECEPTION



PHONICS

This week we are starting our Phonics lessons. We will be recapping the initial sounds the children learned in Preschool then moving on to new sounds in Set 1.

Resources will be sent home in a few weeks for children to practise the sounds once they have been taught in class.

Teacher's message

We had a fantastic week having all the children back in class together. It has been lovely seeing old friends and making new ones.

Thank you for attending the Meet the Teacher on Tuesday.

It was brilliant meeting you all!



HOME ACTIVITIES

In Maths we will be learning how to match, sort and compare objects.

Can your child do this at home with their toys or socks?

Can they sort them by size or colour, can they match socks?

Reception

Reception students have completed their very first full Spanish lesson!

They are already getting to grips with key classroom instructions and beginning to explore the world of colors in Spanish. We couldn't be prouder of their enthusiasm and progress as they embark on this new language adventure!

IN SPANISH



PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE



Next Week

We will begin our new topic, **"Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes,"** which will be start of by learning about our bodies.

This week has been all about settling in!

The children are adjusting beautifully, making new friends, and enjoying their time at the playground. They had their first PE session, which was full of fun, and met Ms. Diana, the librarian, where each child got to choose a book to take home—our first library adventure!

We're so proud of how well the children are adapting.

Have a great weekend!

Home Activities

Thank you for attending the Meet the Teacher presentation on Tuesday.

Here are some links to some support materials including guidance about healthy eating and packed lunches, supporting your child with separation anxiety, the Topic Overview for Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and the Continuous Provision that is within class.

[Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes Topic Overview](#)

[Healthy Eating](#)

[Snack and Lunch Idea List](#)

[Supporting children with Separation Anxiety](#)

[Continuous Provision for Parents](#)



PRIMARY HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS: MEET THE TEACHER EVENING



**FoDBS
Committee**

Primary ECAs for Term 1

will take place from
Sunday 29th
September until
Wednesday 27th
November.

More details will be
shared soon.

IN LITERACY

This week, we have been writing superhero sentences and thinking about what super powers we would like to have. The children have impressed us with their amazing writing and creative ideas.

IN NUMERACY

This week we have learnt all about place value to 10. We have been sorting objects into groups and discussing the patterns that we can see.

IN SPANISH



Primary students are diving into new content with great enthusiasm. Among various topics, they are focusing on practicing classroom instructions. The goal is to follow these instructions consistently in Spanish, and they're making fantastic progress.

We're proud of their dedication and eagerness to master this new challenge!



PROF. DR. GER GRAUS OBE

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: RETHINKING EDUCATION WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

It is a human need to be told stories. The more we are governed by idiots and have no control over our destinies, the more we need to tell stories to each other about who we are, why we are, where we come from, and what might be possible




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WORKSHOP

Sunday 15th September at 2:15pm

Venue: DBS Ain Khaled - MPH

Staff, parents, students and guests
are welcome!

by Prof. Dr. Ger Graus OBE


REGISTER



Managed by ACES

Join us for an inspiring workshop
with Prof. Dr. Ger Graus OBE!

“Beyond the Classroom: Rethinking Education Without Boundaries”

 **Date:** Sunday, 15th September

 **Time:** 2:15 PM

 **Venue:** DBS Ain Khaled - MPH

This exciting and inspirational workshop is open to parents, students, guests, and staff. Don't miss out on this exclusive opportunity to join us on the journey of exploration in how we can all shape the future of education.

 Register now to secure your place:
<https://forms.gle/2ZLsNHc9DAkawpeA6>

We look forward to seeing you there!



GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS. PARKOUR. YOGA. ECA / ASA



Rebel Angels proudly welcomes new registrants for TERM 1!

Get ready for an electrifying new chapter as Rebel Angels Gymnastics Academy kicks off with the new term from September 1, 2024!

Join us for another term of learning the nature and beauty of Artistic Gymnastics!

Your continued support is truly invaluable to us, and we are thrilled to welcome your child to Rebel Angels Gymnastics Academy!

We offer FREE TRIAL CLASS for new registrants!

If your child isn't currently training with us but wants to join the excitement, sign up at www.rebelangels.qa/join-us.

Our support team is here to assist you. Please don't hesitate to email us or reach out via phone or WhatsApp at 3355 2290 or 3355 9983.

We're always here to help!

Together, let's embark on this exhilarating gymnastics journey and unlock their full potential!

-Rebel Angels Gymnastics Academy



ANNA ROSSA-ZALEWSKI

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Rebel Angels Sports Academy Qatar
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