



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT CAMPUS

Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 16th February 2023

Dear Parents,

Please find below, key dates and information pertinent to the Secondary section of DBS Rawdat Al Hamama

| Date | Event |
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| Thursday 2 nd March | World Book day |
| Sunday 12 th – Thursday 16 th March | Mid-Term Break (School Closed) |
| Sunday 19 th March | Science Week |
| Monday 20 th March – Wednesday 22 nd March | DBS Rawdat Book Fair |
| Tuesday 21 st March | World Poetry Day |
| Thursday 23 rd March | 1 st day of Ramadan (TBC) |

Schools Olympic Programme

On the 14th of February, a group of 17 of our students chose to spend their day off differently by taking part in the Schools Olympic Programme's road race. This exciting event, which includes a range of individual and team sports competitions, attracted around 1000 students of all ages and genders who came to participate in the 1km, 2km, and 3km races.

The day began with the students collecting their numbers and being organized into the appropriate age and gender groups. The boys 1km race kicked off the event, followed by the girls' 1km race and then the boys' 2km race. All the participants successfully completed the routes and had a great time. Although the event was called a "race," the primary focus was to encourage the students to adopt healthy exercise habits, set fitness goals, and promote a sense of personal accomplishment and healthy competition, as well as teamwork and sportsmanship.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Thomas for coordinating with the Schools Olympic programme to register our students and support them on the day. We congratulate all the participants who took part in the road race, demonstrating their passion for sports and physical activity.



Students: Lara Mohamed, Ahmed Manaal, Fakhouri Abdul Rahim, Adham El Shami, Hammad Al Mutlaq, Myar Alganad, Muhammad Khawaja, Anya Garcia, Shahad Al Mutlaq, Kenzy Mohamed, Thalia El Shami, Aliah Maisery, Sayali Pore, Karim Hatahet, muna Fakhouri, Jasraj Bhatia and Fawaz Allam.

World Book day – Story Writing Competition

I wanted to remind you that World Book Day is coming up on Thursday 2nd March 2023. This year's theme is "You Are a Reader," with a special emphasis on promoting reading among disadvantaged children.

As we previously mentioned, we are fortunate to live in Qatar where disadvantage is not as common, but we still recognize the power of education and the benefits of reading. To celebrate World Book Day, students can dress up as a character from a book who has overcome adversity or faced challenging obstacles to succeed, and there will be prizes for the best costumes.

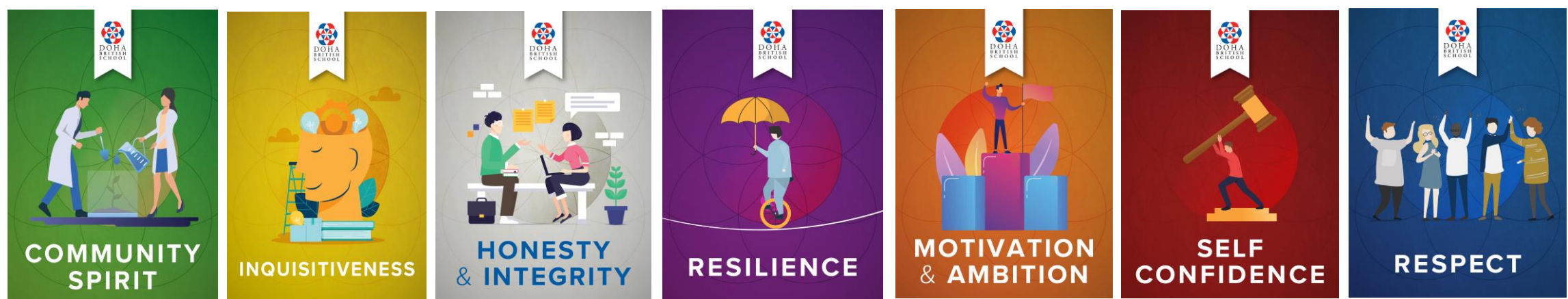
In addition to the costume contest, there is also a book review competition for students to participate in. The details have already been shared with students on Google Classroom. To enter, students can choose any book they like and submit their review as a Google document with the file name "MyName_BookReview" before the deadline of midnight on Thursday 23rd February 2023. Mr. Dearden, our English teacher, and Ms Hussain, our librarian, will be the judges.

I hope this reminder is helpful, and I look forward to seeing the creative costumes and reading the thoughtful book reviews from our students.

Star of the Week

As a school and in line with the 'DBS way' our core purpose is to ensure that every child or young adult, who comes through our doors, gains as much from the experience of being here as possible. We base this on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve. We will, therefore, provide the highest standards of teaching and learning together with substantive support for character development. We want our students to complete their education here as well-rounded individuals.

Whilst students are at DBS, we aim to develop and instil the following values:



Character development does not happen in isolation, for it to be effective, it needs to permeate all layers of your child's education at DBS. Within the classroom we aim to develop and recognise many of the facets of character development. One of the ways we recognise this is through our 'Star of the week'. Each week teachers nominate a student in their class that they feel has exhibited one or more of the character traits we aim to develop. The student(s) who receive the most nominations are awarded our star of the week. Although we normally only have one or two students in each year group who are awarded the Star of the week, many other students are nominated. To celebrate all our students' success, we will share with you through the newsletter all the nominations. If your child has been nominated or has been awarded the Star of the week, then please recognise their success with them.

★ [Star of the Week](#)

★ Y7: Ghazal Mowafi,

★ Y8: : Bader Al-Sada,

★ Y9: Ammar Abdelfattah

★ Y10: Nour Swiase

The full list of nominations can be accessed through the following [link](#)

The Hustle and The Tussle

I am sure you have heard of the rumble in the jungle or the thriller in Manila. Well, the DBS staff and student body were not going to be outdone by these previous epic battles. At midday, the two parties in the Rawdat Hustle and Tussle faced each other. There were a few snarls and puffing up of chests, but those were put away quickly when the whistle went for the kick off, it was game on. Yes, you guessed it, it was staff versus student's football match.

The match was a key event in the school's sports week, and everyone was looking forward to it. The atmosphere was electric, with both sides determined to emerge victorious. As the game began, it was clear that the students were hungry for a win. They displayed impressive skills and tactics, taking the game to the teachers from the outset. However, the teachers were not going to let the students have it easy.

It was an intense and competitive match, with both teams putting up a great fight. In the end, it was the teachers who emerged as the winners, with a 4-0 victory over the students. The teachers' experience, and superior teamwork proved to be the difference in the game.

Despite the ribbing that the students will get all year from their teachers, the match was a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved. It brought the school community together and highlighted the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship.



Google Classroom - Calendar

With technology playing an increasingly important role in education, many teachers are turning to Google Classroom as a tool for assigning and managing student work. Google Classroom is an online platform that allows teachers to create assignments, organize them, communicate with students, and track their progress.

One of the main benefits of using Google Classroom is that it provides a central location where students can easily access and submit their work. However, as a parent, it can be challenging to keep track of your child's assignments and deadlines on the platform.

To help parents stay up-to-date with their child's school work, it is recommended that they encourage their child to share their Google Classroom calendar with them. By doing so, parents can easily view all upcoming assignments and deadlines without having to log in to the platform each time.

To share the Google Classroom calendar, students simply need to follow these steps:

- Open the Google Calendar app on their device.
- Click on the three horizontal lines in the top left corner to access the menu.
- Scroll down and click on "Settings".
- Scroll down to "Settings for my calendars" and click on the calendar associated with their Google Classroom.
- Click on "Access permissions".
- Scroll down and click on "Add people".
- Enter the email address of the parent they wish to share the calendar with.
- Select the level of access they wish to grant (i.e. view only, make changes, etc.).

Once the calendar has been shared, parents can view all upcoming assignments and deadlines in their own calendar app. It's important to note that while students are expected to record their homework tasks in their planner, sharing the Google Classroom calendar with parents can provide an additional layer of support.

As the school continues to expand its use of Google Classroom, students may be asked to submit work and receive feedback online. However, the school recognizes the importance of developing traditional skills such as writing, art, and music. Therefore, many assignments may still need to be submitted physically, and teachers will inform students of the required format for each assignment.

[Ongoing reminders from previous weeks and for New Parents](#)
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Please find below links to previous articles, that are useful for our parents particularly useful for new parents

- [Access to E-library for Students – Information on how our students can access the free e-books library from home](#)
- [Home School Agreement – An outline of key expectations of students, parents and teachers](#)
- [Ties for Phones – Policy for students who do not have their ties](#)
- [Absence Procedures – Overview of what to do if your child is absent from School](#)
- [Welcome to Secondary Handbook – General information for parents who are new to DBS Rawdat](#)

Kind Regards



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