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Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 19th October 2023

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of this half term and release our final newsletter, I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable break. We eagerly await to welcome you back on Sunday, 29th October, when school resumes.

Please find below, information pertinent to the Secondary section of DBS Rawdat Al Hamama.

Dates for you Diary

Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
Sunday 22 nd October – Thursday 26 th October	Half Term – School Closed
Further ahead	
Date	Event
Sunday 29 th October	School Reopens after half term break.
Thursday 9 th November	FODBS Breakfast
Sunday 12 th November – Thursday 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Sunday 19 th November – Wednesday 22 nd November	Whole School and Individual Photos
Wednesday 22 nd November	Year 10 and 11 parents Evening
Monday 27 th November	Year 7 reports sent home
Wednesday 29 th November	Year 7 Parents Evening
Sunday 3 rd December	Arabic and Islam End of Term examinations

United Nations Day Assembly

The Secondary Library, with the active participation of our Year 7 students, hosted a unique United Nations Day Assembly. While the global observance of United Nations Day is set for the upcoming week on October 24th, we took the initiative to mark the occasion yesterday, due to the half term break.

This gathering gave us an opportunity to unite and honor this pivotal day, emphasizing the essence of worldwide unity and collaboration, the foundational values of the United Nations. It set the perfect tone for our upcoming International Day.



Melissa H., Secondary Librarian.

Friends of DBS – Breakfast Morning



We're thrilled to invite you to a delightful breakfast morning hosted by Doha British School, this event is organized by the FODBS (Friends of DBS), and it promises to be a morning filled with delicious food, pleasant company, and warm conversations. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with our vibrant community!

Here are the key details:

Venue: Waldorf Astoria, Lusail

Date: Thursday, 9th November

Time: From 7:15 am

Ticket Price: 100QR per adult

The breakfast serves as an ideal occasion for our parents to mingle and enjoy some quality time. It's a chance to meet other parents, interact with them, and get to know the senior leadership of the school.

Tickets are available for purchase at the front entrance of the school starting from Sunday, 29th October at 6:45 am. Please note that the payment deadline is Sunday, 5th November.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Celebrating Unity in Diversity and Standing in Solidarity with Palestine

International Day has traditionally been an occasion where we rejoice in both our shared human experiences and the unique facets that set us apart. It's a day of celebration, reflection, and appreciation of our collective heritage and the individual threads that weave the cloth of our global community.

Typically, on International Day, we come together to put a spotlight on the unity inherent in our diversity. It's an opportunity to delve deep into the essence of what makes each culture special, but also to recognize the shared values and aspirations that bind us together, regardless of our backgrounds.

However, this year, with the ongoing conflict in Palestine casting a shadow over global events, it felt only appropriate to tailor our celebrations in a way that not only acknowledges our shared and individual identities but also shows solidarity with those suffering in the Palestinian territories.

Students across various institutions made a poignant statement. While they arrived at school dressed in outfits representing their national heritage, they also incorporated symbols of support for the Palestinian people. Many wore the Keffiyeh – a traditional Palestinian scarf – as a mark of respect and solidarity. Others sported armbands or proudly carried the Palestinian flag, merging the celebration of international cultures with a heartfelt gesture of support for Palestine.

We hope that this fusion of cultural celebration and human solidarity sent a powerful message. It demonstrated that while we cherish our individual roots, we are also capable of coming together as a unified force when it comes to issues of justice, humanity, and peace. By wearing emblems from their native countries alongside symbols of support for Palestine, students highlighted the fact that solidarity knows no borders.

This year's International Day was not just about celebrating our differences but was also a testament to the strength of global unity. It was a reminder that, in the face of adversity and conflict, we could stand together, bridging our cultural divides with the common threads of humanity and compassion.



"Triumphant Return: DBS Rawdat's U13 Volleyball Victory

The U13 girls' volleyball squad displayed their remarkable skills at the tournament hosted by Qatar International School Alwakra (QISW). They dominated the competition, winning all seven of their games. The students who represented the school included Zoi, Mea, Zinneerah, Muna, Yosser, Aisha, Sayali, and Ghazal. This achievement is especially significant given that competitions have only truly resumed this year after the stoppage caused by COVID-19. This is DBS Rawdat's first-ever first-place finish, and as the school continues to expand, we have high hopes for many more triumphs in various sporting events in the future. The bar has been set high by a very talented group of sports women and their coach Mr Hussein Alkhalaf.

Congratulations you all!



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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.

This week's Stars of the Week are:



Blue Horses: Mohamad Garada



Green Scorpions: Ali Hassan Al-Naama



Purple Camels: Mohammed Ali Al-Naimi



Red Oryxes: Natra Al-Naimi



Yellow Falcons: Hayk Arnikhanyan

For the full list of students who were nominated please use the following link: [Star of the Week](#)

Ongoing reminders – Useful to Know (New Parents)

- [Access to E-library for Students – Information on how our students can access the free e-books library from home](#)
- [School Calendar 2023/24 - Calendar 2023/24](#)
- [School Uniform and School Shoes 2023-24](#)
- [Staff email contact list](#)
- [Welcome to Secondary - Handbook](#)
- [Google Classrooms](#)

Kind Regards



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