



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 7th March 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



Dear Parents



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

Dates for you Diary

Upcoming events	
Date	Event
Monday 11th March to Thursday 4th April	Ramadan School Days
Monday 25th March	Community Iftar

Further ahead	
Date	Event
Sunday 7th April - Thursday 18th April	Spring Term Break
Thursday 21st April	Dealing with exams stress workshop
Thursday 21st April	Boys Table Tennis

Ramadan

I am delighted to inform you of the school schedule during Ramadan, as confirmed by the MOEHE. We anticipate that the first day of Ramadan will be on Monday, 11th March. The school day will be as follows:

EYFS – 8:30AM to 1:15PM

Year 1- Year 11 - 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM,

Students will be permitted to enter the school starting at 8:15 AM with lessons commencing from 8:30AM.

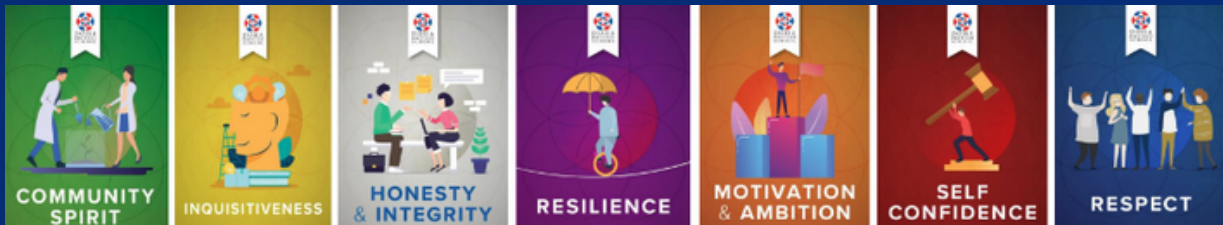
Wishing Everybody in our community Ramadan Mubarak.



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 instill the following values:



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: Lee, Minjoo		Green Scorpions: Alganad, Lyan Ammar		Purple Camels: Alkubaisi, Almayasa
		Yellow Falcons: Malochka, Margarita			Red Oryxes: Paul, Olivia Nicole

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

Physical Education

QUESS U14 Basketball Champions

Congratulations! to our QUESS U14 Basketball Champions.





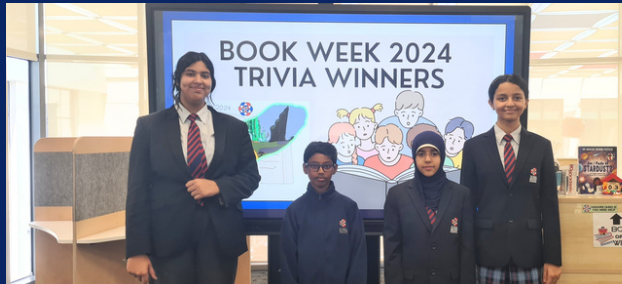
Secondary Library

Book Week 2024

Trivia Winners:

We would like to express our gratitude to the secondary students for their enthusiastic participation in the various lunchtime activities organised for Book Week 2024. They demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm in completing the book trivia challenges that were arranged by the secondary library each day. As a reward, they were given a book of their choice from the Book Week Fair.

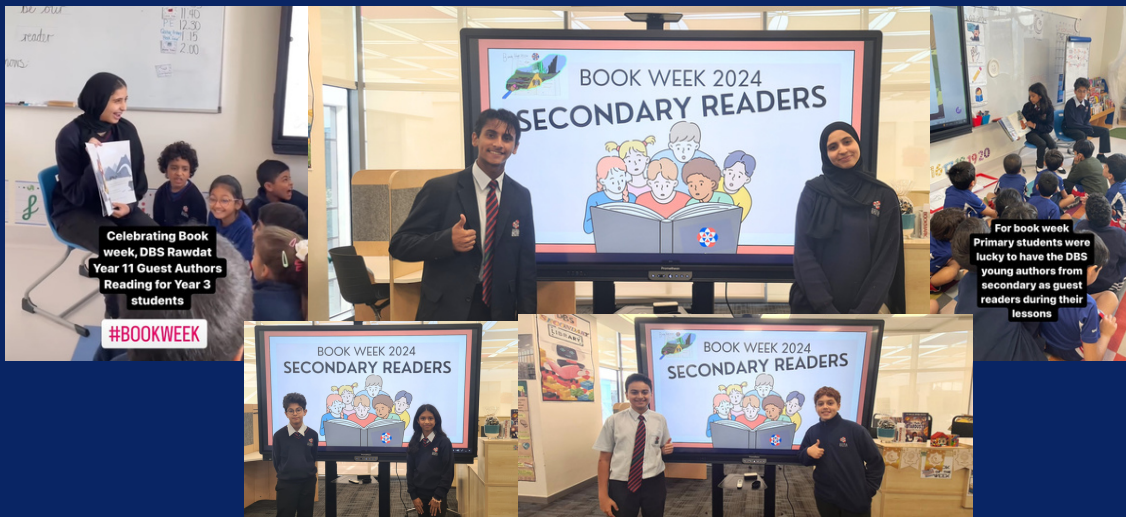
Well done, everyone!



Secondary Guest Readers:

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to a group of our secondary students who selflessly volunteered to read to our primary students in Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 during Book Week. We are deeply grateful to you for sharing your passion for reading and for reading with great enthusiasm to our young ones. Your dedication and hard work have certainly inspired them to become better readers and learners.

Well done, Super Readers 2024!



Bookmarks Design Competition:

As part of Book Week, our library held a Bookmark Competition which was open to several secondary students. Participants were asked to create bookmarks based on the main themes of "Ramadan Kareem" and "Reading is Magic". Ms. Melissa, our librarian, reviewed all the entries and chose the best bookmarks. The winners were then allowed to choose a book from the Book Fair collection.





Book/Art Workshop: Ramadan Kareem Theme.

In Book Week 2024, we organised a Book/Art Workshop with the special theme of "Ramadan Kareem." Several secondary students enthusiastically participated in this activity, which was designed to celebrate the love of reading. The students gathered in the library where they listened to a captivating tale of Ramadan.

After the story ended, they moved to the art classroom where Ms. Sabir and Ms. Melissa helped them form groups and use various art supplies to illustrate key characters and elements from the short story. The results of this collaborative effort will be showcased at the library next week. We would like to express our gratitude to all the teachers and students who actively participated in this enriching experience.



Book Fair 2024:

We recently hosted Crescent, a local bookshop, as part of our Book Fair 2024. During this event, the entire school community was welcome to explore and purchase their favourite books. The purpose of this event was to celebrate Book Week 2024. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported the Crescent Bookshop by making book purchases. It is because of your participation that our Book Fair was a great success.



Book Character Day:

We concluded Book Week 2024 by observing Book Character Day. The students and staff of our school community actively participated in the event and dressed up as their favourite book characters to demonstrate their love for reading. We were astonished by the numerous creative and impressive costumes that we saw. We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who shared their love for books with us!





Community Iftar

We will be holding a community Iftar at school on Monday, March 25th. Tickets will be available for purchase soon, so please save the date!

ECAs

We regret to inform you that all Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) have been suspended until further notice. Please ensure your child is aware of this announcement.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with our ECAs program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

MOE - Circular on Traffic Safety

We have been requested by the MOEHE to remind all parents of the importance of ensuring the safety and well-being of our children during pick-up and drop-off times.

Therefore, we kindly ask all parents to observe the following guidelines:

Adhere to Traffic Safety Laws: It is imperative to closely follow all traffic regulations. This not only ensures the safety of our children but also sets a strong example for them to follow in the future. Compliance with traffic laws reduces the risk of accidents and promotes a safer community for everyone.

Avoid Parking in Restricted Areas: Please refrain from parking your vehicles in front of entrances, exits, and the pavement. Doing so can create unnecessary hazards and impede the flow of traffic.

Do Not Block Traffic: Ensure that your vehicle does not stop in the middle of the road or in a place where it obstructs the flow of traffic.

Use Designated Parking Zones for Drop-off and Pick-up: This ensures that children can enter and exit vehicles safely.

By adhering to these guidelines, we can collectively contribute to a safer, more orderly, and efficient environment during school activities.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to our community's safety.

Campus Access

For the continued safety and security of our entire school community, all parents, drivers, nannies, and guardians who need to enter the campus for child drop-off or pick-up must visibly wear the red parent lanyard.



Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this policy and ensuring the safety of our staff and students.



Complaints Policy

Did you know that your child spends approximately 180 days annually in school? This translates to 1350 hours or 81,000 minutes. During the same period, they spend about 86400 minutes sleeping (averaging 8 hours per night) and have around 91800 minutes for everything else, including homework, leisure, eating, showering, family time, and perhaps even tidying their rooms! We hope that, regardless of whether they are in school, sleeping, or engaging in other activities, they are primarily happy and content. Based on our interactions with students, it appears that this is the case for most of our students most of the time.

However, on rare occasions, something might occur that prompts you to seek further clarification from the school, request additional information, or even lodge a complaint. Often, the incident that causes concern occurs in just one minute out of the 81,000 they spend at school. Although it represents a tiny fraction of their total school time, the impact of the incident can lead to extended periods of discomfort.

Our goal as a school, once we are informed or become aware, is to support your child and you in finding a resolution to whatever issue arises. To help channel your concern to the right person to help expedite a resolution we have a complaints policy, that we ask all parents to make themselves aware of. The purpose of the policy is to try and resolve the problems closest to the roots of the cause and if it can't be resolved, you have a clear pathway for escalating your concern.

Please find a copy of the policy, through the following link [DBS Rawdat's Complaints policy](#).

School Uniform

A reminder of the importance of adhering to our school's uniform policy for shoes and coats. Your child must wear black polishable shoes that meet our uniform policy and refrain from wearing Nike Air Force or trainers.

Please note that students can only wear the school jumper, fleece, or blazer while in school or wear a plain white or black long-sleeve t-shirt under their school shirts as the temperature drops.

We truly appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child follows the uniform policy, as it helps create a sense of unity among students and promotes a focused atmosphere in the learning environment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update, please contact Ms. Lorente at: paula.lorente@dbsrawdat.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!





Ongoing Reminders – Useful to Know (New Parents)

- [Access to E-library for Students – Information on how our students can access the free e-book 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/Teacher contact details](#)

- [Google Classroom](#)

Kind regards,

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