



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 14th 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 | |
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| Date | Event |
| Monday 11th March to Thursday 4th April | Ramadan School Days |
| Monday 25th March | Community Iftar |

| Further ahead | |
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| 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.



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.

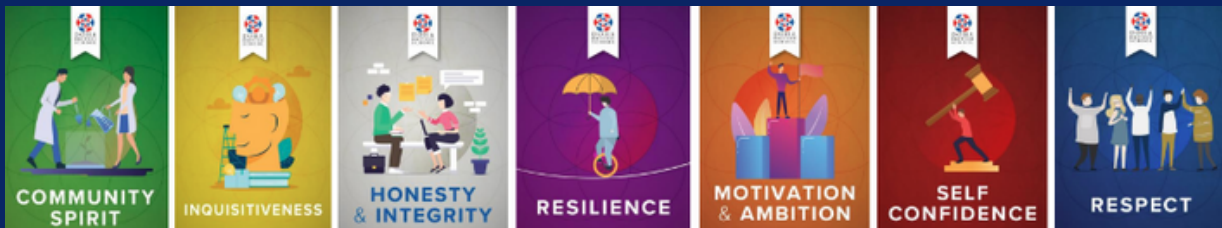
Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

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

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 awarded the Star of the week, please recognise their success with them.

This week's Stars of the Week are:

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| | Blue Horses: Altarawneh, Yahya Ibrahim | | Green Scorpions: Lee, Seungjoo | | Purple Camels: Ochoa, Ana Belen |
| | Yellow Falcons: Allam, Fawaz | | Red Oryxes: Alkaabi, Mohammed Khalid | | |

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



Arabic Department

In the spirit of reinforcing the students' Arab and Islamic national identity, Arabic and Islamic students visited Al Zurbara fort which is Qatar's largest heritage site where they enjoyed watching the magnificent historical building. The fort overlooks the ruins of what used to be a pearling site and has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List for its preservation. Students went around the inside of the building looking into all the rooms and how they were kept cool due to its architectural design. Students then went to see the old town of Zubara which was once the heart of trading and pearl fishing in the 18th and 19th centuries.



DT

The Year 7 students have put in a lot of effort into a project where they used various tools and techniques, such as tenon saws and hand drills, in the DT workshop to create a wooden block robot intended for children. They conducted thorough research, analysis, design, and planning to create their final prototype from wood. We have attached some pictures of their fantastic final product. Congratulations, Year 7!





Physical Education

The Physical Education (PE) department is excited to announce that our students have been and will continue to participate in purposeful activities during the holy month of Ramadan. These activities focus on teamwork, social connection, confidence-building, and cognitive development. In line with the spirit of the month, we have placed less emphasis on physical intensity and are fostering a more holistic approach to the students' well-rounded growth.

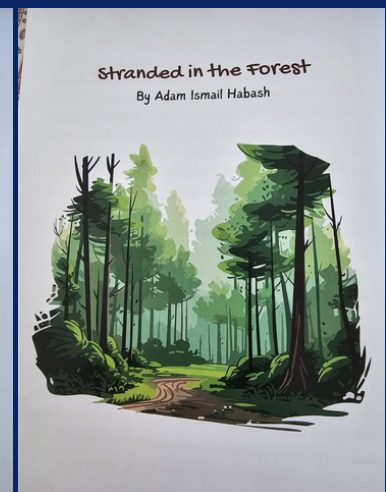
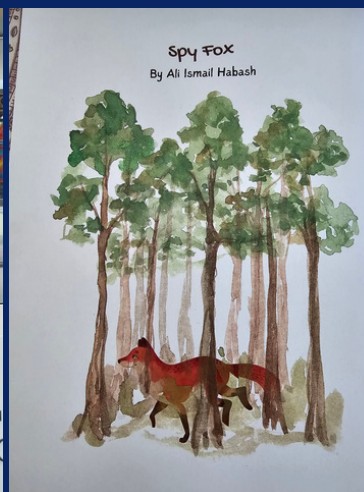


DBS Writers

We had the pleasure of inviting two of our DBS student authors, the Habash brothers, to share their experience of publishing their book with the Qatar National Library. The brothers talked about their stories titled "Spy Fox" by Ali and "Stranded in the Forest" by Adam, which have been published in both Arabic and English versions. We are incredibly proud of our DBS Secondary Rawdat students for their efforts in becoming young authors and publishing their stories in two languages. We encourage them to continue moving forward and overcoming any challenges they may encounter on their student journey.


We hope that the Habash brothers' example will inspire all DBS students to become authors and explore the world of literature. Writing is an essential part of our daily decision-making process, allowing us to analyse more clearly, concisely, and precisely.

Congratulations to the Habash brothers once again! One of the copies of their books will soon be available for reading in our DBS Secondary Library.






Library News



Book of the Week



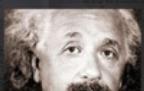
Borrow today!



LIBRARY NEWS

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Today in History

- March 11th, 2020. The World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak was a pandemic. 
- March 11, 2024. Ramadan 2024 start on March 11 in Qatar. Tradition mandates that the exact date of the holy month's beginning must be determined by a moon-sighting committee. 
- March 14th, 1879. German American physicist Albert Einstein, one of the most creative intellects in human history, known for his groundbreaking theories of relativity, was born in Ulm, Germany. 

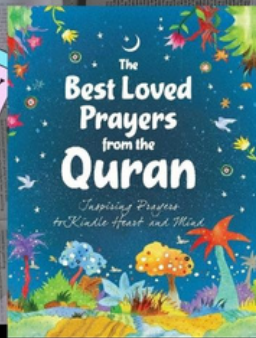
Source: Britannica.com

THE BEST LOVED PRAYERS FROM THE QURAN

BY: SANIYASNAIN KHAN

This selection of prayer expresses the variety and richness of prayer and is designed to be used at home, or at school.

With bright and colourful illustrations, this book will encourage you to explore your own ways of praying. The best prayers are often the ones we say naturally when we are happy, excited or sad about something. But at that time, we don't always find the right words to express our inner feelings. Reading these prayers from the Quran, you will find the best words and phrases to pray with, at any time and in any situation.










DBS Rawdat Al Hamama Community Iftar

Dear parents,

As we welcome the holy month of Ramadan, we are delighted to extend a warm invitation to join us for our community Iftar on Monday 25th March. This event promises to be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community and celebrate the spirit of Ramadan.

Event Details:

-  Date: **Monday, March 25th**
-  Time: 5:45 pm
-  Venue: School Courtyard
-  Ticket Prices:
-  Adults: 120 QR
-  Secondary Students: 100 QR
-  Primary Students: 50 QR

Important Note: All primary students must be accompanied by a family member.

Tickets are on sale from Tuesday 12th March at the start and the end of the day, and also from the admissions office throughout the day.

As Garangao will be the night before our Iftar, we invite families to celebrate this occasion with us too.

Ramadan Kareem.



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!





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.

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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