

# **Primary Newsletter- Number 10** **Week 7th - 11th November 2021**



## **WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?**

### **PRESCHOOL**

This week in Preschool, we went on a listening walk around the school. We used our super-duper listening ears. We could hear animal and transportation sounds. In Maths, we learned a new term, "Making Comparisons". We are beginning to compare amounts in a set using mathematical vocabulary like more, fewer or the same.

### **Reception**

This week in Reception we read the story 'Elmer' and spoke about how to be kind to our friends and to celebrate differences. In phonics we continued to read simple sentences and in Maths we continued learning 1 more than and 1 less than a given number.

### **Year 1**

Year 1 have been exploring new vocabulary and grammar rules in English this week. They have applied them to sentences like 'The witch has three foxes. In Maths, Year 1 have been making number bonds and have been trying to do this systematically. They have painted, used counters and solved problems! We have rounded off the week with some savannah sunset pictures that look fabulous!

### **YEAR 2**

Year 2 have been looking at addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers. In English, we are reading a new story called 'The Night Gardener'. We have been exploring some of the images within the story and using descriptive vocabulary to describe the setting. In Science, we started our new topic of Materials by identifying what different objects are made from.

### **Year 3**

Year 3 have been working on 3 digit addition and subtraction this week, they are getting very good at column method! In English we have been working on conjunctions, contractions and fronted adverbials and we started a new topic in Science where we are learning all about forces. During Foundation, we learned what fairtrade means and why it is so important.

### **Year 4**

Year 4 have had a special polar bear visit our classrooms this week in English to help us explore a new text called Leaf! Maths has found our pupils showing off their brilliant addition skills, uplevelling themselves to add two 4-digit numbers. In Foundation, we explored volcanoes and found out people actually live near them! We debated the advantages and disadvantages of this.

# Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been planning and writing our diary entries from the perspective of Henry 'Box' Brown, using powerful, emotive language. In maths, we have completed our topic on statistics (line graphs and tables) and in science we have been investigating forces such as air resistance and water resistance.

# YEAR 6

In Year 6 this week, we have been looking at the structure of an example flashback narrative. In Maths, we started our new topic on fractions and have identified equivalent fractions. In Science, we looked at how light is reflected and in Foundation, we wrote a biography on Nelson Mandela.

# Español

Year 1: Has been learning the members of the family linked to colors and gender.

Year 2: Has been learning to describe their pencil case using (Un, una, unos, unas)

Year 3: Has been learning to create simple sentences saying what they can see in a painting.

Year 4: Has been learning to write affirmative and negative sentences to describe their classroom.

Year 5: Has been learning to make descriptions using colour, shapes, adjectives and connectives according to the gender and numbers.

Year 6: Has been learning and practicing the numbers.

# Music

This week Primary students have been playing body percussion, chime bars (resonator bells) and percussion instruments. We are still learning about musical notation and instruments of the orchestra (woodwind, and string families), listening to the sound of the instruments and trying to understand the difference. Also practiced singing different melodies with SolFa hand signs. Pupils practiced "Good morning", "Bounce high", "Faded", "Apple tree" and "Count on me" songs. All pupils have been practising how to sing with proper singing technique.



These children  
have had their  
birthday this  
week

**Muhammad Ashaz Bin Umer**  
**Thomas Jackson**  
**Zayyan Shan**  
**Salem Al-Sahli**



Monday 15th November- One Kind Word Day- Children to wear odd socks.

Parent Consultations- TBA

Qatar National Day- TBC

Winter Break Starts- 16th December

# STAR OF THE WEEK

Lion Class- Michael George Saibu

Llama Class- Talia Youssef

Zebra Class- Saoud Al-Abbasi

Bat Class- Ashvika Surana

Giraffe Class- Majd Belal Mohamad

Camel Class- Advait Singh

Otter Class- Elliot Yap

Panda Class- Eshaal Marufi

Hippo Class- Zayan Marufi

Penguin Class- Mokshita Padhan

Bear Class- Jafla Al-Thani

Turtle Class- Dmitri Jayden Gunewardena

Kangaroo Class- Ishaal Khan

Lobster Class- Fayrouz Lofty

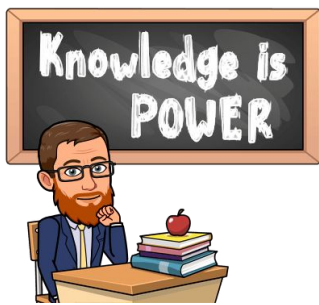
Falcon Class- Almayasa Al Boinin

Flamingo Class- Fawzy Abdelrazeka

El-Shamy







# Information



On Monday, children and teachers will be wearing odd socks and a mask with 'one kind word' written on it to raise awareness of the importance of being kind, respectful, and tolerant. It is not by luck that we have children who demonstrate this daily, but we will join the global effort to help children who aren't as lucky as those who attend DBS Wakra, where your child's happiness and wellbeing is at the heart of what we do. Examples of one kind word Beautiful, kind, awesome, funny, intelligent, happy, lovely, caring, respectful, hard-working, cool.



Recently, Glasgow, UK, played host to many world leaders to make promises to tackle the climate crisis. At DBS Wakra, being environmentally friendly is not something new we have been addressing this issue for many years. So, what small things can we all do to help?



- Changing to energy-efficient light bulbs.
- Turning the AC off if you have windows and doors open.
- Unplug computers, televisions, laptops and other electronic devices when not in use.
- Washing clothes at lower temperatures.
- Hang-drying clothes
- Using less single-use plastic



While we do not have any cases of COVID-19 in school, thanks to our commitment to high standards of hygiene, mask-wearing and social distancing, numbers in Qatar are once again on the rise-please, remember to follow all ministerial guidelines. Together we can stop the spread of Coronavirus.