



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AL WAKRA



Primary Weekly Brief

Week Commencing the 19th of March 2023



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

PRESCHOOL

Ramadan Mubarak to all celebrating families! The children in Preschool took a deep dive into the dirt looking for little minibeasts. They found quite a few; spiders, ants, flies, ladybirds, and caterpillars...not to worry, the insects were all pretend-play.

Our focus of the week is sound 'g', comparing numbers 0-5 and practicing our cutting skills. They really stunned us and we could not be happier. The children have all developed so beautifully and we cannot wait to see what next week will bring!

Reception

Ramadan Mubarak to everyone celebrating this month!

Children in Reception have been learning about animals on the farm and in the wild as we start our new topic on Animals and their young.

They have been practising writing a simple sentence about their holiday.

In maths, they have been comparing mass and learning about heavy and light objects. They were so inquisitive as they investigated different objects in the classroom.

Year 1

Ramadan Kareem to everyone celebrating this Holy month! It has been busy first week back in Year 1. We have completed our place value topic by comparing and ordering numbers to 20. In English, we found lots of clues about a Wild Thing called Sharp Teeth Sid! We used these clues to help us write our own facts about Wild Things using exciting sentence openers. In Science, we learned about how some plants grow from seeds and others from bulbs.

YEAR 2

What a truly special first week back we have had in Year 2! Firstly, I'd like to say Ramadan Kareem to everyone who is observing this holy month! From going on first school trip to Baladna to learning new concepts in all subjects it has been amazing. In Maths we have explored a new unit of mass known as grams and kilograms. In English we have been learning about expanded noun phrases. In Science we have explored the 6 different animal groups.

Year 3

Ramadan Kareem to everyone observing this blessed month!

This week the children have been settling back in after half term. They have enjoyed reading our new book Tilly and the Time Machine in reading lessons and wrote their own diary entries.

In foundation they have been learning about Rainforests and they enjoyed a practical session on plants!

Year 4

What a fantastic first week back in Year 4! We started off with a bang by visiting Bounce on the first day back! This was an incredible experience and we all had so much fun. This led the path to a fantastic week of learning with children developing their perimeter skills and producing a wonderful character description. We have to mention, Year 4 showed such excitement and buzz for Ramadan this week. Ramadan Mubarak to you all!



Year 5

Year 5 have started strong after the break! We began a new unit of English looking at survival guides for the wilderness. In Maths, we looked at numbers with three decimal places. In Reading, we began a new mystery class book Malamander. In Science, we conducted an experiment on water residence. We began a new African Art unit replication the patterns of African animal prints.

YEAR 6

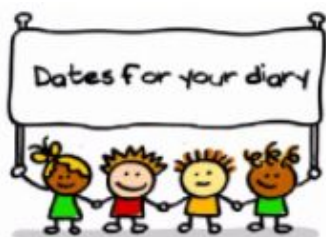
We have had an excellent first week back in Year 6! In English, we have been building a toolkit for a discovery narrative. In Maths, we were introduced to ratio language and the ratio symbol. In Science, we learned about Mary Anning and her fossil discoveries. In Foundation, we listened to Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream...' speech. However, the highlight of our week was our trip to Doha Quest!

Español

Year 1: Has been learning the Month of the Year.
Year 2: Has been learning about sports and hobbies.
Year 3: Has been learning to say school subjects.
Year 4: Has been learning to identify derived words.
Year 5: Has been learning to say the school facilities.
Year 6: Has been learning to use the verb "Estar" to learn ailments.

Music

This week Primary students have been playing rhythm games, body percussion beats, percussion instruments and ukulele. We were learning musical notation. Students have been practising singing different melodies with SolFa hand signs. Watched musical stories, discussed characters and instruments, and listened to character themes individually. Students practised "Rhythm in the way we walk" "Dreamers", "Waving flag", "Good morning song". All pupils have been practising how to sing with proper singing technique.














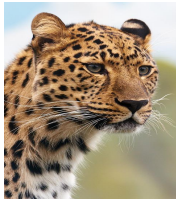


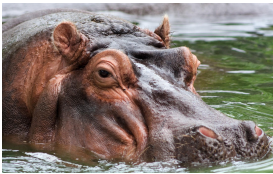


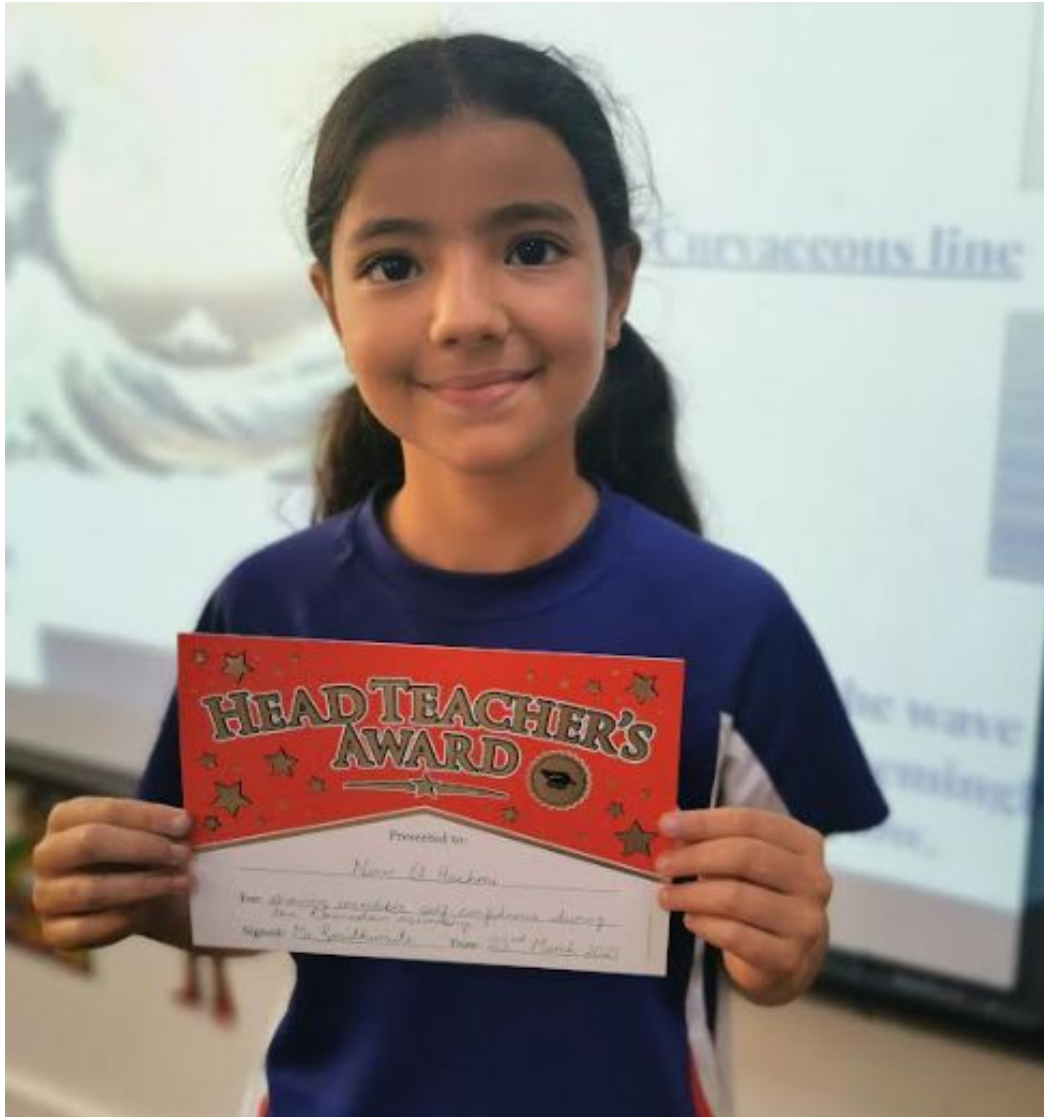
Thursday 23rd March- Ramadan Hours Begin

Thursday 20th April- Finish for Eid/Half Term Holiday

Sunday 30th April- School reopens with usual school hours.

Star of the Week

	Zayd Ahmed Mohammed		AlDana Alzobair
	Abdulla Al-Bordaini		Hala Bitar
	Ehtesham Hoque		Maryam Ali
	Sesara Kotalawala		Youssef Mohamed
	Mohamad Busneina		Tyler Arozoo
	Maryam Al-Shaikhly		Sarah Gharaibeh
	Mayumi Muthuthantri		AlJori Al-Ali
	Aarthee Sreekaanthan		Luka Lourenco
	Elliot Yap		



Congratulations to Nour in 4B Penguin Class. Nour receives this week's headteacher's award for demonstrating brilliant self-confidence during our Ramadan Assembly. She spoke with clarity, confidence and enthusiasm.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS CHAMPION OF THE WEEK



Year 2



Year 5

Tyler Arozoo



Year 3



Year 6

Yusuf Mahmoud



Year 4

Saqr Al Ali



UNDER 5 SECS



UNDER 4 SECS



UNDER 3 SECS



UNDER 2 SECS



UNDER 1 SEC



These children
have had their
birthday this
week

Arham Akthar
Moustafa Lotfy
Sarah Ahmad



From all the staff at DBS Wakra to all the school community, we wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous Ramadan. Following guidance from the MOE the school gates will open at 8:10 and close at 8.30 ready for lessons to begin. Children should be collected at the usual time of 1.30 pm.

Here is the attendance data from January until our most recent break. Unfortunately, we do not have any year group reaching the 95% level, but there are some that are close!

It remains essential that children continue to have good attendance during Ramadan and be on time.. However, if children are ill, they should be kept at home to prevent the illness from spreading.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

95% or above is expected

Between 95%- 90%
Below expected

Below 90%
Poor attendance

Preschool = **84.7%** Reception = **87.4%**

Year 1 = **90.1%**

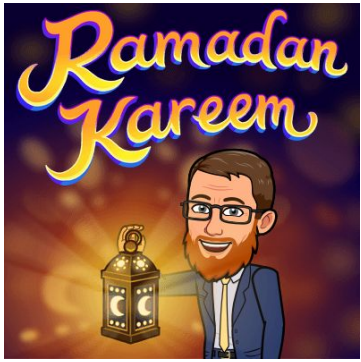
Year 2 = **93.7%**

Year 3 = **94.8%**

Year 4 = **94.5%**

Year 5 = **92.8%**

Year 6 = **93.6%**



Information

As we celebrate the first day of the Holy Month of Ramadan,, let me take this opportunity to wish all our school community a happy, healthy and successful Ramadan.

Mr Miles' has written to you explaining the timings of the school day which were recently adjusted following a circular from our colleagues at the MOE.

Fasting

The guidance states that children are not required to fast until they reach the age of between 13-15 years old.

We do not expect children in EYFS or Key Stage 1 to be fasting and should continue to bring food and drink for the busy school day.

In Key Stage 2, we recognise that some children will be beginning their fasting journey, be trying to fast part-time or be intrigued by how the fasting process works. I would encourage these children to have water and a light snack available should they feel they need it. The children must continue to be on top form during this term, as every moment of school counts especially as towards the end of the year there will be exams and assessments.

I want to clarify that there is no pressure for children to fast, and there will be no stigma attached if children try to fast but cannot manage it. Please note that fasting children will not be excused from taking part in PE lessons.

Children who are fasting are allowed to bring activities (colouring, puzzles, books, board games) to during break times- although no electronic devices are allowed.

If your child is fasting, please inform the class teacher to avoid any confusion and allow us to make proper arrangements.

If you would like to learn more about teaching children to fast during Ramadan, please click the link below.

Thank You

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