



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AL WAKRA



Primary Weekly Brief

Week Commencing the 25th February 2024



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

PRESCHOOL

The adventure time continued this week and the children all enjoyed exploring their imagination by drawing different items and things related to the story. Our Phonics was focused on the 'm' sound and all the words we can form using the beginning 'm' sound. During math the children looked at number 6, they loved Six Dinner Sid. Please be reminded of World Book day Thursday, our theme is Little Red Riding Hood!

Reception

Tigers and Koalas had a fantastic week! In Maths, we have learned about doubling and about odd and even. In Literacy we used our senses to describe a savannah setting. What would we hear? What would we see? How would we feel?

The highlight of our week has been the start of our drawing club, where we can let imagination flow through drawing and storytelling. Please remember about World Book Day Thursday, our theme is Animals.

Year 1

Our brilliant Bats and Butterflies have had another super busy yet fun filled week! In English, we have focused on verbs and embodied how the wild things moved! In maths, we have explored and represented many concepts including finding the difference and related fact families! In geography, we began on Safari to Kenya, independently using atlas' to locate this country! The high of our week was our Spring day in which we immersed ourselves into this new season through sensory tuff trays on life cycles, cherry blossom paintings, kitchen roll caterpillars and veggie-beast snacks!

YEAR 2

Bears and Camels have had a fun and productive week of learning this week. We thoroughly enjoyed our educational trip to Qatar National Museum. We learnt lots about Qatari life in the past and present. In English, we enjoyed reading our new text, 'The King Who Banned The Dark,' and we used the torches to explore the darkness of our classrooms. In Maths, we have excelled our number knowledge to calculate multiplication and subtraction word problems.

Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard and enjoying environmental week! They have created salads, made their own earth seeds as well as using Art to paint their own Earth! In Maths, we have continued to learn about fractions in creative ways and in reading we have been using our senses to imagine what Willy Wonka's invention would taste or smell like! Furthermore, we have started our new Non-fiction text in English, exploring all the natural wonders in the world! Finally, in Science, we have been learning all about Sun safety and light sources!

Year 4

This week in Year 4 was full of fun! We learned about mixed numbers and improper fractions in math, and wrote emotional diary entries about moving away from home in English. In Foundation, we explored "Extreme Earth," from erupting volcanoes to powerful hurricanes, delving deep into the effects these phenomena have on our planet. It's been an exciting week, and we're proud of the progress the children are making in all areas.



Year 5

Year 5 have had another fantastic week! In maths, we have been finding fractions of amounts. In English, we have been exploring the vocabulary of our new text and thinking about the impact of it on the reader. On Monday, Year 5 went on their trip to Baladna Park, where they got to learn about how we get milk in the shops and also got to see animals in the zoo.

YEAR 6

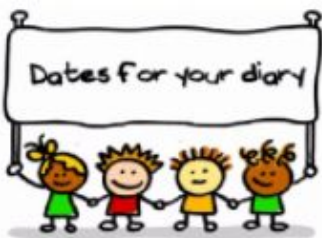
Year 6 have worked hard at another busy week! In Foundation, we performed drama pieces outlining the key events of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In Science, we explored the formation of fossils and matched these to the animal. We created our own animal descriptions in English, as well as a short dialogue piece between Darwin and Fitzroy to prepare for our discovery narratives.

Español

Year 1: Has been learning the days of the week.
Year 2: Has been learning the parts of the body.
Year 3: Has been learning about the character.
Year 4: Has been learning to talk about meals in Spanish.
Year 5: Has been learning about the school facilities.
Year 6: Has been learning to order in the restaurant.

Music

This week Primary students have been playing body percussion beats, percussion instruments, chime bars and ukulele. We were learning musical notation, and musical elements. We are learning about instruments of the orchestra (brass, percussion and string families), listening to the sound of the instruments and trying to understand the difference. We have also sung a variety of songs such as 'Hello Song', ' Good morning song', 'Do Re Mi', 'Three little birds', 'Happy'.



Friday 1st March- DEAP Beach Clean Up.

Sunday 3rd March- Stop and Share. Parents of pupils in Y1-6 are invited to see their child's books.

Sunday 10th March- Ramadan Hours begin (more information to follow)-

Star of the Week

	Zohaán Mathews Palakunnathu		Doga Yenilmez
	Aiyn Farooq		Zaynab Rizwan
	Najla Al-Sahal		Masira Fatima
	Avena Lawrence		Shaikha Al-Boinin
	Sesara Kotalawala		Mohammed Al-Obaidli
	Ayesha Sohail		Jassim Al Sarraç
	Zeinab Abdallah		Sedem Agbanu
	Fayrouz Gaber		Khizr Khurram
	Omar Al-Obaidli		

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



MVP

This Week

3D Giraffe	Nevan Lawrence
3B Panda	Aysha Rana
4D Otter	Maryam Al-Qubaisi
4B Jaguar	Musa Ammar
5D Owl	Mohammed Haj Issa
5B Polar Bear	Sagr AlAli
6D Starfish	Youssef Mohamed Youssef
6S Elephant	Syed Ahmad



Congratulations to Fairouz in 2B Camel Class.

Fairouz is an exceptional student, working hard in all her lessons and showing great Community Spirit, particularly during Environment Week, and by trying to make sure everyone is happy, following the rules and being kind.



These children
have had their
birthday this
week

Ivanka Das
Shaden Saadallah
Kim Khetbunjong
Inara Aamir
Musa Ali
Mohammed Al-Obaidli



Tomorrow is our beach clean-up. It would be great to see as many DBS Wakra parents as possible at the event, the details of which are copied below:

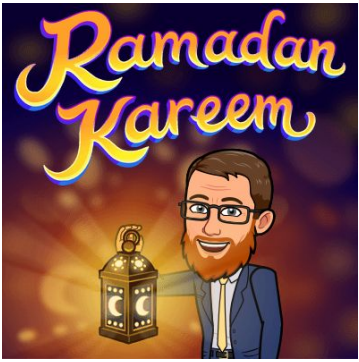
Where: Singing sand dunes, Al-Wakra

Location: [click here](#)

If any members of our DBS Wakra community would like to join us for this event, then they are very welcome indeed to do so. Copied below is some further guidance provided to all schools by DEAP ahead of such events:

- *Volunteers must have their own transportation.*
- *Sedans can reach. SUV preferred.*
- *Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.*
- *Gloves and bags will be provided.*
- *Please dress PROPERLY: Let's be respectful of the local culture. Shoulders and knees covered, no small shorts. Long shorts or pants are ok.*
- *Don't forget sun protection.*
- *Bring your own food and drinks. We encourage people to bring reusable water bottles and a refill station. Feel free to bring something to share (not mandatory), but please make sure it is something that's not too heavily packaged so we produce less waste (practice what we preach).*
- *Bring some chairs, toys and whatever your family to enjoy the place.*
- *There are NOT any toilets or facilities at the rawda. There's always a petrol station along the way.*
- *AGENDA: 3:00pm Arrival to the cleanup*
- *Location https://maps.app.goo.gl/SdyVbHKMF6G2BWsc7?q_st=ic_3pm-4:00pm Cleanup activities. 4:00-5:00pm Social time, enjoy the dunes and a beautiful sunset. ***Every participant/volunteer acknowledges that not DeapQatar, nor any of its volunteers is responsible for the actions, the consequences of these actions, and the wellbeing of participants en route, during, and after the cleanup. All volunteers acknowledge the risks associated with the cleanup and being outdoors in nature and the wilderness. All responsibility relies on each volunteer attending.*





Information

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

Timings of the school day will be released when we have received the information 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.

[Fasting during Ramadan](#)





KS2 Outdoor Athletics Competition

This week, some of our Y3/4/5/6 pupils were involved in the Outdoor Athletics event at Qatar Academy Wakra. The pupils were up against the best pupils from Doha schools in the South region and did tremendously well in a number of the events. A huge congratulations to the following pupils who gained medals in their event. A big thank you to our staff members who helped in the running of the event and to parents for their unwavering support.



Name	Event	Position
Thomas Jackson (3D)	High Jump	2nd place- silver medalist
Daviq Muhammad (3B)	High Jump	3rd place- Bronze medalist
Khadija Atta (3D)	300m race	3rd place- Bronze medalist
Abdulrahman Al-Mannai	Ball Throw	3rd place- Bronze medalist
Mahra Al Jabir (3D)	600m race	3rd place- Bronze medalist
Saoud Al-Sayed (3D)	60m race	2nd place- Silver medalist
Al Mayassa Banihaidra (3D)	Triple Jump	3rd place- Bronze medalist
Lama Abdenraouf (3B)	High Jump	3rd place- Bronze medalist
Sara Al Khalaf (4B)	High Jump	1st place- Gold medalist
Maryam Al Mansoori (4D)	Ball Throw	3rd place- Bronze medalist
Fay Dosari (5B)	100m race	3rd place- Bronze medalist
Lemar Elzarad (6S)	High Jump	1st place- Gold medalist
Deema Islam (6D)	Ball Throw	3rd place- Bronze medalist
Fay Al-Dosari, Aseel Hassanin, Al Dana Mohammed, Yara Ali (5B)	Relay Team Race	2nd place- Silver medalists



HEAD LICES

RISK FACTORS, SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT

LIFE CYCLE

RISK FACTORS

- TOUCHING INFECTED HEAD
- SHARING THE PERSONAL ITEMS

SYMPTOMS

- SORES AND SCABS
- SCALP ITCHINESS

TREATMENT

- SYNTHETIC PESTICIDES
- WASH CLOTHES AND BEDDING
- SEAL CLOTHES, BEDDING, AND PLUSH TOYS IN A PLASTIC BAG FOR TWO WEEKS
- SOAK HAIR BRUSHES (90°)

We have had two cases of head lice over the last few weeks, so we ask parents to be vigilant and check their children's hair.

When we are made aware of cases, our nursing team will conduct thorough checks of all the pupils in the same class, and parents will be informed if the head lice are spreading- thankfully, the cases have been isolated.

You can do things to prevent the spread of head lice, such as tying up long hair and talking to your children about not sharing hats, brushes, bobbles or headbands. This includes you as a family.

Head lice are not a sign of dirty hair and can only be spread by head-to-head contact or sharing hair products, which is why it is important to follow the advice on the poster above and check the whole family.





WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday, 7th March

THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH, 2024 IS WORLD BOOK DAY. PLANS ARE IN FULL-SWING TO CELEBRATE ALL THINGS BOOKS.

BELOW ARE THE THEMES FOR EACH YEAR GROUP FOR DRESSING UP.

<u>Year group themes</u>	
Pre-School	Red Riding Hood (Any character from this traditional tale)
Reception	Animals - Rumble in the Jungle
Year 1	Wild Things - Where the Wild Things Are
Year 2	Prince and Princess - The King who banned the dark
Year 3	Mischievous or cruel book characters
Year 4	Traditional Fairy-tales
Year 5	Roald Dahl
Year 6	Villains





Thank You