



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية

DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

AL WAKRA



Secondary Newsletter

29th February 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,

Tomorrow is our beach clean-up. As noted in last week's secondary newsletter, it would be great to see as many DBS Wakra parents as possible at the event, the details of which are once again copied below:

When: Friday March 1st from 15.00 – 16.00

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.*





We are also, of course, approaching the Holy Month of Ramadan. During this period, we will reduce our daily hours in accordance with directives from the MOEHE. At this present moment, we are awaiting confirmation of exactly what the prescribed timings are, and we will communicate what this looks like for our DBS Wakra community as soon as we are able to.

Earlier this week we also celebrated Qatar Environment Day, with a number of activities taking place not only in our secondary phase but also within primary. Thank you to all secondary students who participated in these important events; as a school, we are committed to both sustainability and highly ethical and impactful environmental actions - as highlighted, of course, by the beach clean-up which we have organised for this weekend!

Next week, World Book Day takes place across the DBS campuses. If they wish to, secondary students are welcome to dress as a character from a well-known book, or they can simply wear their normal complete and correct school uniform, if they prefer. This is, however, not simply a non-uniform day and the options above are the only two available. There will, of course, be a range of activities taking place throughout the day which link with the principles of World Book Day itself.

Finally this week, I would like to remind parents that secondary students are able to award their teachers with our Golden Apple postcards. Sometimes, secondary-aged students can be a little more reluctant than their primary-aged counterparts when it comes to heaping praise upon their teachers, so if parents feel that maybe one or two of our teachers deserve a Golden Apple postcard then I would be very grateful indeed if they could encourage their children to write one for their teachers! From my own experience, I know that - no matter how long I have been in this wonderful profession - the simple act of receiving a few words of kindness can really make a difference to your day.



Yours sincerely,

Steven Miles.



★ Stars of the week ★

Y 7	Essa Al-Sayed
Y 8	Fabio Santana
Y 9	Ana Onimus
Y 10	Wajeeh Khurram
Y 11	Saleh Al-Hor
Y 12	Abdulaziz Almahmoud
Overall SOTW	Halima Nagy





Parental Subject Updates

Mathematics	What happened this week	What is coming up
7	Fractions Decimals and Percentages	Multiplying and Dividing by Decimals
8	Compound Interest	Constructing Shapes
9	Factorising	Trigonometry
10	Frequency Tables and averages	Circle Theorems 1
11	Personalised revision	Ratio (F)
12	Correlation and Regression	Correlation and Regression
English	What happened this week	
8	Analysis of film scenes- comparing and contrasting scenes.	Speaking assessment- Role Play
9	Conflict Poetry - The Right Word - context and understanding	Conflict Poetry - Poetry Analysis - The Right Word
10 Lang/Lit	IGCSE Language: Anthology part 2 - Disabled // IGCSE Literature: An Inspector Calls Act 2 Introduction	IGCSE Language: Anthology part 2 Completion // IGCSE Literature: An Inspector Calls Exam Question Building
10 Second Language	Second language IGCSE reading and writing practice	
11	Coursework 1- Imaginative writing	
Science	What happened this week	
7	Earth's Resources	Earth's Resources
8	8B Forces and Motion 8D Forces and Motion/ Variation for survival	8B Forces and Motion 8D Forces and Motion/ Variation for survival
9	IGCSE Principles of Chemistry 1a-d	IGCSE Principles of Chemistry 1a-d
10 Biology	AAB Nutrition Chapter (Photosynthesis and Digestive System) SB Transport	AAB Nutrition Chapter (Photosynthesis and Digestive System) SB Transport
10 Chemistry	Group 1 and Group 7	Group 7 Elements & Gases in the atmosphere
10 Physics	SB -Waves MS Energy	SB -Waves MS Energy
11 Biology	AAB inheritance SB Ecology Assessment 26th February	AA inheritance
11 Chemistry	IGCSE Revision: Topic 1e) Quantitative chemistry	IGCSE Revision: Bonding
11 Physics	IGCSE Revision	IGCSE Revision
12 Biology	3C Development of Organisms	3C Development of Organisms
12 Chemistry	8A Redox Chemistry	8B Redox Chemistry Progress Task - Topic 8



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Spanish	What happened this week	
7	-To recall vocabulary to describe future plans - To use the whole paradigm of the future tense (I, you, he, we, you all, they)	Talking about break time and revise present tense and near future
8	To identify demonstrative adjectives, to use the verb quedar with the correct demonstrative adjective	To identify key vocabulary to buy clothes in a shop. To use direct object pronoun correctly
9	To write text about holidays in past and holidays in present	To write about holidays in future and study verbs in future and conditional
10	-To talk about actions in the past. -To conjugate regular and irregular verbs in past simple. -To use a range of tenses	Listening test and writing test
11	Revision	Papers, revision and speaking test
Geography	What happened this week	What is coming up?
7	Presentations on best holiday destination	Why did people go on holiday? Why is tourism increasing?
8	How do we measure weather?/ Weather field investigation	Weather field investigation results analysis/ What are climate graphs
9	What are TNC's?/ Impact of TNC's	Is globalisation a good thing?/ Globalisation debate
10	Resit of past paper economic activity and energy/ feedback. Intro to new topic Urban Environments	Why has urbanisation increased at a rapid pace?/ Data analysis on Urban population change/ Why is suburbanisation popular?
11	Past paper practise with time management	Past paper practise with time management
History	What happened this week	What is coming up?
7	How William defended his Castles during his reign	End of Topic Test
8	Who is Napoleon Bonaparte?	End of Topic Test
9	End of Topic Test	The Islamic Golden Age
10	Topic 2 - Medicine Chapter 2	Topic 2 - Medicine Chapter 3
11	Topic 4 - Medicine Chapter 3	Topic 4 - Medicine Chapter 4



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Arabic	What happened this week	What is coming up?
7	الوحدة الرابعة	تابع الوحدة الرابعة
8	الوحدة الرابعة	تابع الوحدة الرابعة
9	الوحدة الرابعة	تابع الوحدة الرابعة
10	التدريب على إعادة صياغة الجمل	أوراق عمل
11	مراجعة مجموعة من القواعد	إجابة أسئلة القواعد من ورقة الاختبار
12	مراجعة مجموعة من القواعد	إجابة أسئلة القواعد من ورقة الاختبار
DT/ART	What happened this week	What is coming up?
7	Straight line stitching	Straight line stitching
8	Clock- Final design	Start in workshop drawing outline of clock
9	Mug- Final design	start making mug
10	Challenges that influence the process of a design	Materials
11	Evaluation of product	Submitting for NEA 3rd march
Computer Science/IT	What happened this week	What is coming up?
7	Assessment - Programming a game in Kodu	New Topic - Data Representation
8	Assessment - Programming a game in Kodu	New Topic - Data Representation
9	Photoshop Skills - Adjustment Layers	Photoshop Skills - Removing items from images
10	Flowcharts	Pseudocode
11	Unit 3 - Risks to Data	Unit 3 - Protecting Data
Business	What happened this week	What is coming up?
10	Legal controls over Employment	Organisational Structure
11	Legal controls over Employment Revision	Financial Ratios Revision
12	Financial Ratios	Financial Ratios
PE	What happened this week	What is coming up?
7	Roles of a blocker in Dodgeball and throwing and catching in Rounders	Applying skills learnt in Dodgeball to game situations and stopping the ball and batting in rounders
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The image features a solid blue background with several overlapping, semi-transparent circles of varying shades of blue. In the center-right area, there is a white graphic element resembling a stylized leaf or a speech bubble tail, pointing towards the text. The text "Thank You" is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and partially overlaid by the white graphic.

Thank You