



Letter from the Principal

“True intuitive expertise is learned from prolonged experience with good feedback on mistakes.”

Daniel Kahneman



Dear All,

At this time of year, you will have just received reports about the progress of your children in school. Our teachers have worked hard to raise the standards of attainment across the board. Having read every report for the students at Madinat Khalifa, there is a real indication that our staff know the children well and are able to paint a realistic picture of their strengths as well as their areas for improvement. We hope that you find this feedback useful and that you too feel it is a fair reflection of their work in school.

A while ago, parents completed the annual school survey. I am very pleased to report that significant progress has been made in all areas and whilst this is encouraging, like our students, we know that we still have some areas that require further improvement. We will be analysing the results in depth over the summer break and developing an action plan to share with staff and with members of our newly formed Strategic Advisory Board. Once this is complete, we will share this plan with parents early in the new academic year. We are determined to move forwards to make our school better, year on year, and never to be complacent about prior achievements.

In this week's Newsletter, you can read about the Year 11 students who, after completing their examinations, held their Graduation Ceremony and Prom Dance last Thursday. The ceremony was attended by parents and secondary staff who were proud to see the students receiving their certificates. The evening continued with the annual prom, where they could let their hair down and enjoy themselves after all the hard work during the year.

On Sunday, the Year 6 students who graduated from their Primary School, started the process

of moving from Primary to Secondary with our Transition Day. We invited all of the Year 6 students from across schools in Qatar who are joining us in September, to come to Madinat Khalifa and solve the mystery set before them on the day. They appeared to enjoy the experience of working in teams in a range of subjects, linked by a common theme. Later in the week, our own Madinat Khalifa Year 6 students presented a magnificent assembly to celebrate their achievements. They followed this with a wonderful evening at “Paper Moon” where they enjoyed singing karaoke songs with some memorable guest performances by Ms Elvin and Miss Lovett. This was followed by a formal dinner, together for the final time as our senior students in Primary School.

Meanwhile, some of our more senior students are in the UK, learning about British Theatre. Having spent time in London, they have now moved their attention to Stratford upon Avon, the home of William Shakespeare. In the early hours of this morning, a group of Year 11 and 12 students boarded their flight to Paris for a week of language and culture.

The Holy Month of Ramadan has been announced and I should like to thank staff and parents for their cooperation as we fall in line with the requirements for different timings of the school day. We look forward to a positive final 10 days of term and wish you all “Ramadan Kareem”.

Regards,

Terry Creissen

Dr Terry Creissen OBE MA MBA FRSA
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Eco Warriors Turtle Trip

On 11 June, the Primary “Eco Warriors” and selected students travelled to the Environmental Research Centre at Fuwarait public beach. The Environmental scientists are studying and helping the endangered Hawksbill turtles in Qatar. We took a long walk on the beach to see where the nests were, hoping to see hatchlings hatch at night. We discussed and learnt more about the life of the Hawksbill turtles and the many dangers they face. Even though we did not see any hatchlings/turtles, it was still a very interesting and worthwhile trip.

By Maia Abbott and Fatimah Moors, Year 6B.



Year 6 Transition Day

Transition Day was themed around a mystery. Dr Creissen’s prized trophy had been stolen and we used lessons in Science, Art and Maths to figure out who the thief was and what tool was used to open the safe. Doing the flame tests in science was really exciting. Each lesson taught us new things and we enjoyed them all, finishing with writing a news report in English. Then we watched film clips of all the suspects and found out the identity of the true thief (not Mr Burt, as Dr Creissen thought).

By Zaman Abbasi and Gbemi Olaleye, Year 6B.



Year 6 Graduation Assembly

On Tuesday, we held our Year 6 Graduation Assembly. This was a great occasion with Year 6 demonstrating their talents through a variety of acts, ranging from singing through to gymnastics. As well as being dazzled by the performances, the assembly highlighted just how far our Year 6 students had come in their learning journey. The assembly concluded with the presentation of graduation certificates, which I am sure the students will treasure for years to come. Our Year 6 students have been a pleasure to educate and I know that they will succeed when they go up to Year 7.

The best show that the students have put on this year. We practised every day for two weeks and it is true what they say: Practice Makes Perfect! Thank you to our teachers for all their hard work this year. I enjoyed every moment of our assembly.

By Soukaina Bouhali, Year 6A



Year 6 Graduation Party

On the evening of the 16th, all Year 6 students attended their graduation party at Paper Moon restaurant. We had so much fun, all dressed in our party clothes and adding graduation props to have crazy photos taken. We also danced and sang karaoke – even Ms Elvin sang a song. All the restaurant staff were very kind to us, serving us delicious food and a huge rainbow cake. At the end of the evening, we had two lovely surprises: an inflatable globe each so we could collect signatures of our friends, and a film of all the primary classes and staff wishing us good luck.

By Isabel Seesarun and Ines Charvet, Year 6B.



Harp Building ECA

This ECA was so much fun as we got to build and paint our own harp. I love nature, so I painted trees on mine. There was one covered in rainbows, some with layered colours and one like a galaxy, which I liked the most. The building stage was the hardest because we had to put all the pieces in the right places before screwing the harp together. We also had to glue, fill, smooth, paint and varnish our harps before adding the pegs and strings. In September, we will be tuning our new instruments and learning how to play them with Mrs Watts.

By Jasmin Okholm, Year 6B



Year 11 Graduation and Prom

Our Student Graduation and Prom Celebration held on 11 June saw all our Year 11 students receiving their Graduation Certificates. The students then had a chance to let their hair down and have some much deserved fun after their examinations.



Musical Mondays At Compass

Composing is a talent that can be developed but what was special about this first performances was that all our composers performed their own original music compositions. It is a requirement as part of IGCSE music to compose music of contrasting styles and today we heard piano, flute and vocal/guitar compositions.

An enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the wonderful music. Congratulations to all who participated.

Our premiere performers were:

Xin Di Kwong Yr 10A – Piano Composition

Aman Basalamah Yr 10B – Flute and Piano Composition

Kateryna Kokotenko Yr10A – Piano Composition

Jessica Butterworth Yr12 – Voice & Guitar Composition



Mystery solved

On Sunday, we welcomed 91 Year 6 students who will be joining our Secondary School in September. The day started with the disturbing news that Dr Creissen's safe had been broken into and a precious trophy taken. Students were then challenged with working out which tool was used to break into the safe in Science, deciphering a code left by the thief in Maths, writing a newspaper article about the story in English and sketching the thief using clues in Art. Students were gathered at the end of the day to watch interviews with four suspects and correctly identified that Reginald the Banker (alias the Pirate) was the culprit. The students had a taste of secondary life and we hope that they are excited for the new school year.





Ramadan Hours

The school hours during the Holy Month of Ramadan will be from 09:00 to 13:30. Students who have handed in permission forms will be allowed to leave at 12:00. These students will be issued with an Early Leaver Pass Card, which must be presented at security before they will be allowed to leave the premises. Please ensure that you have filled in the necessary forms at our Reception to be issued with one of these cards.

Harp Building Course Starts September

Open to all: students and parents.

The course will run on the following dates:

12 September, 3 October and 10 October from 09:00 -13:00

ONLY 4 SPACES REMAINING

Build your own harp and join our Harp Orchestra on Sundays



Instrumental/Voice lessons September 2015

Are you interested in taking music lessons after school? Would you like to play the piano, violin, guitar, drums, flute, saxophone or clarinet? Spaces are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.

For more information contact: *Gail Nicholson - Head of Music* Gail.nicholson@nais.qa

2015 Year Book

Please remember to order your copy of the 2015 Year Book. You can do so via the form sent out or visit our Reception area; the cost is only QR80 per copy. The Year Books are due to be delivered by Thursday 25 June in time for the end of the school year. Order your copy today to avoid disappointment.

Sport at Madinat Khalifa

We have had a superb year with our school sports. All students have had an opportunity to go on a variety of fixtures to represent their school. We have had many improved performances from the students and had a number of successes this year, with over 100 sporting fixtures and 300+ hours commitment from our teams. This has all been possible due to the support of the exceptional staff at Madinat Khalifa, who have taken sporting fixtures in the 2014/2015 school year and created opportunities for our students.

A special thanks must be extended to the outstanding support from parents at all of our sporting fixtures. We are amongst a small group of schools to have the best support crowds. In the VW football tournament in Dubai, we had nearly as many parent supporters as we had players.

Last Sunday, the U13 basketball team played in their final fixture for the year where they had a superb performance, winning by 1 basket against the Mesaieed team. Well done to all the boys. We are all looking forward to sport next year and cannot wait to see the great performances and improvements from everyone.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday, 14 - Tuesday, 23 June	Trip to London - Key Stage 3 Drama students return this week
Thursday, 18 - Wednesday, 24 June	Secondary French Students Trip to Paris
Sunday, 21 June	Parent Teacher Consultation Evening
Wednesday, 24 June	Non-School Uniform Day for Year 8 MD as winners of The Battle of Year 8 Competition
Sunday, 28 June	Year 1 to 5 Presentation Assembly - 9:00 Sports Hall Year 7 - 11 Achievement Assembly - 12:30 Sports Hall
Wednesday, 1 July	Last day of school: All finish at 12:00

*Wishing all our
Parents, Students,
Staff and the Community*



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