

“If music be the food of love, play on”

William Shakespeare



Dear All,

In my view, there is no greater achievement than developing a skill that can entertain others. Whether you be a great athlete or footballer or whether you be a great actor, comedian or musician, the ability to use your skills to please others is a wonderful gift. This is why I was delighted to hear the sound of our new Yamaha Grand Piano being played by so many on its first day in the main foyer of the school. Some schools lock up their pianos and restrict access to all but the best students. Our view is different. We believe that, provided students show care and respect for this fine instrument, it should be there for all to enjoy. Whether you are starting out on your journey into music as a complete novice or you have the skills of a seasoned performer, student or parent, this piano has been placed in a very public area of the school and welcomes being played.

We have also purchased a number of woodwind instruments including flutes, clarinets and saxophones that can be loaned to students who wish to learn to play a music instrument. If you would like to find out more, please contact us at school via email info.mk@nais.qa

Alongside these new resources, we have also purchased two high quality Yamaha Clavinova pianos for our new practice rooms at the back of the secondary music room. These were created by our own team of maintenance staff over the spring break and are of great benefit to the musical development of our school.



Continuing with the music theme, we are delighted to announce that three students from Madinat Khalifa have been selected to perform with the inaugural Nord Anglia Global Orchestra and Global Choir. Our students are fortunate to have won the scholarships to be part of this exciting new initiative, exclusive to our 35 Nord Anglia Education family of international schools. They will have the chance to play alongside other musicians from across the globe and participate in workshops led by some of the foremost music practitioners in the world. Our commiserations to those who were brave enough to go through the rigorous audition process but were unsuccessful this year. Congratulations to our scholarship winners: Jessica Butterworth (Y12, IB), Amanda Lim (Y12, IB) and Mira Glorus (Y8). We look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return after the summer break from their New York City expedition.

Finally, our senior Year 11 students are now in full swing with their examinations. The practical and oral examinations have begun and the written papers start in 2 weeks. If any parent has experience of being an exam invigilator and would like to support the school over this period, working alongside our teaching staff, please contact Lisa Cowe our Examinations Officer at lisa.cowe@nais.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE MA MBA FRSA
Principal, Compass International School
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PRIMARY NEWS

Year 4 Hobday Class Assembly

Today we were treated to a fantastic assembly by Year 4 Hobday, based on "What make me special and unique". As well as performing a lovely song, students showcased their individual talents ranging from sporting skills and wiggling ears to playing the piano. The children spoke clearly and demonstrated high level of confidence and it is clear that Mrs Hobday certainly has a class of talented individuals. Well done to all who took part and thank you to those parents who took time out from their busy schedules to attend the assembly.



Earth Day in our Primary School

Many classes participated in environmental discussions during the week, Year 5 discussed endangered and extinct species and Year 6 were exposed to Crude Oil with some exciting experiments in the pool. The Year 5 class discussed Endangered and Extinct animals and plants for Earth Day on Wednesday. The different reasons as to why animals and plants become endangered or extinct was discussed and a decision was made by the class that it is down to us as humans to do something. Other activities included sorting different animal cards under the reasons for endangerment or extinction into groups and creating information posters about endangered animals / species.



Primary Date Changes

Please note that Miss Aslam's Year 3 class assembly will now take place on 28 May, not the 7 May as previously advertised.

Primary Dates for your diary

Miss Lovett's Year 6 class assembly will take place on 30 April

SECONDARY NEWS

The IB Diploma at Madinat Khalifa



Compass International School, Madinat Khalifa is an accredited International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) World School. We teach a wide range of courses to allow students to complete the Full IB Diploma Programme or the alternative, condensed IB Course. Students with an IB Diploma are accepted into the best universities worldwide. The IB Diploma offers students aged over 16 years old both depth and breadth over the two-year course. It is an international qualification for international students, free of the limitations of a qualification serving the needs of one country.

Our teachers are able to draw upon the expertise of colleagues from within the 35 international schools that make up the Nord Anglia family. Our Nord Anglia IB students are within the top 7% of the world and our schools achieved a 92% pass rate last year. The average score for a Nord Anglia educated student is 13% higher than the global average.

If you would like to learn more about the IB Diploma programme at Madinat Khalifa, please contact our IB Coordinator, Mr Lee Banfield who will be pleased to answer your questions. Lee can be contacted by email lee.banfield@nais.qa

Year 11 Saturday English Revision

Our dedicated Year 11 students attended a three-hour English revision session on Saturday morning, demonstrating their commitment to their studies. The IGCSE English exam kicks off the start of the exam period on 5 May and students are putting in as much revision as they can to ensure they achieve the best grades possible. One more Saturday revision session remains, along with an exciting English Residential at the Millennium Hotel on 30 April. We are sure that all this hard work will pay dividends when the exam results are published.



MORE NEWS



Science Department Earth Day Challenge

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were given a challenge to complete in support of Earth Day 2015. The judges were all very impressed by the entries and found it hard to select the winners. All entrants were awarded house points with special certificates and prizes going to the winners in each year group.

Year 7 Winners were Angelo (1st place); Connor (2nd place); and George (3rd place)

Year 8 Winners were Thijs (1st place); Janelle (2nd place); and Hannah (3rd place)

Year 9 Winners were India (1st place); Rizwaan (2nd place); and Andrea (3rd place)



Safety First

Our students experienced a real life emergency when a small problem occurred at the back of the school on Wednesday. Every student was accounted for within minutes of the alarm going off. Dr Creissen thanked everyone for evacuating the school building quickly and quietly.



Mrs Paratian Maternity Leave

The Year 8C class bid farewell to Mrs Anjalee Paratian with a lovely baby shower as she goes on Maternity Leave from 23 April. We wish her the best of luck with her soon to be new bundle of joy.





Year 12 Recycling Project

In recognition of the school's commitment to an improved and more sustainable environment, paper recycling is back up and running again. The programme is coordinated and run by Year 12 students as part of their IBDP Community Action and Service (CAS). They are responsible for making sure that the black recycling bins in each classroom are emptied daily into a large wooden box provided by Al-Suwaidi Paper Factory, who collect the boxes. They have enlisted the help of student representatives in each form room and the primary Eco-Warriors making sure that as many of our students are involved in the initiative as possible.

"The recycling project has been a roaring success. We have had our first collection by Al-Suweidi and if we follow the guidelines, it will remain a success." –**Alex Kassab Y12**

"I think this project was a fantastic idea and it shows that we are, as a community, concerned about the environment and wish to do our best to make sure our small contribution makes a difference." –**Amanda Sim Y12**



Key Recycling Team members



"In it goes"



Checking no contamination



End Result: Al-Suwaidi Paper Factory

Global Orchestra

Congratulations to our IB Students Amanda Sim and Jessica Butterworth and our and our Year 8 student Mira Grolus who were selected to represent the school from hundreds of students who auditioned throughout our family of schools.

Nord Anglia recognises the importance of the performing arts and has offered this opportunity for them to participate in a music summer school and perform in a prestigious New York venue with other outstanding young musicians from around the world. They will learn from musicians, teachers and peers to build their confidence, creativity and collaboration skills. They are also responsible for taking what they have learnt and bringing it back to Madinat Khalifa, to continue to enthuse and engage other students with what they have achieved.



We are very proud of our students who have shown real dedication and wish them all the best in New York this summer!

ACTIVITIES and SPORT at MADINAT

Sport Calendar for the Summer Term

	Primary	Secondary
Sunday	Y5-6 Netball (13.45-14.30) Y6 Boys' Swimming Squad (13.45-14.30)	Y7--11 Martial Arts (13.45-14.30) Y7-Y11 Boys' Swimming Squad (13.45-14.30) Y7-Y11 Boys' Swimming Lessons (13.45-14.30) Y7- 11 Table Tennis (13.45-14.30)
Monday	Y1-5 Developing Swimmers' Club (13.45-14.30) Y2 – 6 Fencing (13.45-14.30) Y2 – 6 Fitness Club (13.45-14.30)	Y7-12 Fencing (2.30 – 3.30)
Tuesday	Y1-3 Martial Arts (13.45-14.30) Y4-6 Martial Arts (14.30-15.15) Y3-6 Table Tennis (13.45-14.30) Y6 Girls Swimming Squad (13.45-14.30)	Y9-11 Boys Football (13.45-14.30) Y7-11 Cricket (13.45-14.30) Y7-11 Girls Swimming Squad (13.45-14.30) Y7-11 Girls Swimming Lessons (13.45-14.30)

The Duke of Edinburgh International Award – Practice Journey at Zekreet

Last weekend, 19 of our students took part in their practice expedition at Zekreet, Qatar. Preparations started during our weekly ECA with navigation and map reading skills, which then allowed them to plan their route across the desert to our beach side campsite. Students walked in groups of 4--6 and had to carry all of their equipment including tents, stoves, pans, clothes and food. After successfully navigating their way past two checkpoints and travelling a distance of around 10km in the afternoon sun, the weary groups finally reached their destination. We woke to a rather windy morning, which meant teamwork was essential to take the tents down before setting off on the days trek. Many valuable lessons were learned.

“It was adventurous and I had a great experience with my friends and teachers. It has made me look forward to the qualifying expedition in Oman and it has prepared me a lot” (Muzzamil Year 9).

“I had a lot of fun walking and talking with my friends on the way to the camp site. It was really fun because we had to cook our own food and slept under the stars” (Mohammed, Year 9)

