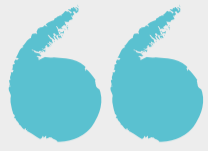




## Weekly Newsletter

### News from the Executive Principal



**“The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”**  
Malcolm Forbes



Dear All,

At the heart of all good schools is a relentless focus on learning. At the heart of the very best schools is a group of dedicated teachers who relentlessly focus on their own learning. Our teachers have the determination to go beyond, each and every day to push learning to the very limits for each child. That requires us to recognise our impact on students and how we must inspire children to find out much more than we know. It is not about having all the answers, it is about knowing the questions to ask.

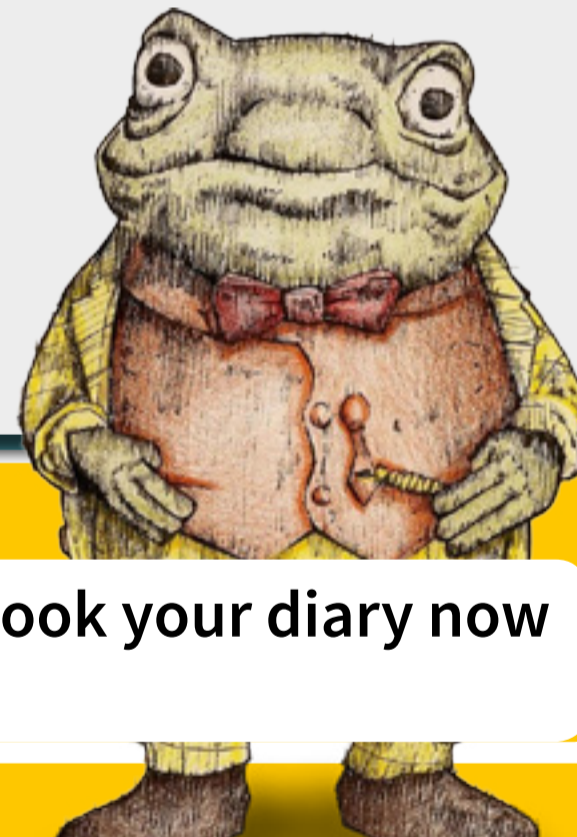
In order for us to do this at Compass International School, everyone needs to be an effective learner. If we want our children to commit to asking the right questions and having an open mind, we must do this too. This is why our schools offer a programme of continuous professional development for our staff. This comes in a range of formats from on-the-job training, coaching for improvement, external training programmes and in-house opportunities to engage with others to share best practice.

This week, the teaching and support staff across our schools in Doha were delighted to take time to work with Sir John Jones, an exceptional school leader and a passionate advocate for learning. He led focused training session with middle leaders and senior staff from Rayyan, Gharaffa and Madinat Khalifa campuses. After school on Monday, we were all delighted to hear him speak to the staff from our three sites. He reminded us why we do what we do and how we can always be better, going beyond each and every day. It was a great opportunity to be in the company of like-minded people who wanted to be the magic weavers of learning.

We frequently remind our students and staff to be ambitious and set ourselves challenging targets. This was evidenced in the determination of students at the Primary Sports Days and the amazing displays of dancing at the Arabian Night at our Gharaffa campus. The determination of our students to succeed was seen in the sparkle in their eyes. We witness the commitment of those who want to embrace additional opportunities through the ECA programme of after school activities or those who engage with our expeditions programme. We see the commitment of those posting ideas and comments on the Global Classroom discussion pages or signing up to be part of the group attending the Cambridge Science Fair at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Whatever strikes the imagination, we need to find a way to harness the enthusiasm and work out how to nurture that ambition. At the heart of Compass International School is the desire to see everyone thrive and develop a passion for learning that will stay with them throughout their lives. Be the dream that you want to be and be ambitious to achieve it.

Kind regards,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE  
Executive Principal



### Who is this likeable rather vain character called Toad?

**“Gobble, gobble. Quack, quack.” ..... Coming soon ..... Book your diary now**  
**2 and 3 March**

### Have your signed up to be part of our British School Fête?

**Sign up today to help out at the School Fête - 12 March**

Book your diary for another brilliant **British Spring Fête on 12 March** this year! We are asking Primary Class Parents to organise your class to lead a game booth by signing up for 1/2 hour shifts. Thanks to those already on our Fete List. You will be contacted to contribute along with anyone who would like to help out, any assistance will be greatly appreciated. If you have any ideas for or would like to host a stall please contact us to organise at [rhondanormorehoward@me.com](mailto:rhondanormorehoward@me.com)

For all our PTA news, events and services, please go [here](#)

Select the stories below to read more...

[Sir John Jones - Happy Schools](#)

[Primary Sports Day](#)

[Arabian Nights](#)

[Book Week](#)

[PE Lock-In Weekend](#)

[PE Results and Fixtures](#)

[PTA Update](#)

### Dates for your Diary

**24 February**  
[Primary and Secondary Parent Teacher Meetings](#)

**29 February**  
[Coffee Morning](#)

**28 February - 3 March**  
[Whole School Book Week](#)

**2 - 3 March**  
[Secondary School Production](#)

**3 March**  
[Secondary Sports Day - Qatar Sports Club](#)

**2 - 6 March**  
[COBIS MUN Team travel to Bucharest](#)

**12 March - BOOK YOUR DIARY**  
[British Spring Fete](#)

**16 March - BOOK YOUR DIARY**  
[Year 5 overnight trip to Sealine](#)  
[Year 6 to 7 Transition Evening](#)

Go [here](#) for our full calendar

### 2016 - 2017 School Dates

We will inform parents immediately of the 2016 - 2017 Academic Year Dates once we have been advised by the SEC.

### Primary School Production

**CALLING ALL PARENTS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH THE PRODUCTION THIS YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT MRS LEONARD.**

We are still in desperate need of a team of expert sewing specialists to help to make costumes for the production. Come and join us, meet other parents and have some fun.

Please email to find out more:  
[alana.leonard@nais.qa](mailto:alana.leonard@nais.qa)

### Book Week Quote:

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”- Dr Suess

Don't miss out, join us on Facebook, Twitter, Google+ or YouTube. Follow us now:



Date: 2 - 3 March 2016  
Location: Madinat Khalifa  
Time: 6 pm  
Price: QR20



Compass International School Doha is proud to present  
The Secondary Production of..

# Toad of Toad Hall

Follow the journey of Mole, Rat, Badger and Toad



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# Spring Fête



Please help by donating any of these items



Volunteer: An hour on a game, craft, cream tea or BBQ.

Bake: Cakes or scones

Make: Tombola jars. Donate small jars filled with sweets, toys or craft supplies

Donate: Used books, toys or DVDs

Compete: Cake competition for adults and kids

Sell: Book a stall for your quality craft products

Sign up for a shift on a traditional game booth, field game, cream tea or BBQ. For your own stall, call Rhonda on 3030 2122 or check with your Class

Parent!

(Booth costs QR100 and a donation of a gift for the raffle)