

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear All,

It was wonderful to hold our Primary Sports Day at Sheikh Faisal Museum and Farm and the staff were amazing. Alongside our own team of specialist PE and Sport staff, we were joined by a great team from Legacy Sport who helped to make this a memorable and most enjoyable occasion. A similarly high standard was achieved at the Secondary Sports Day courtesy of the team at the Aspire Dome Sports Stadium. We are blessed with such amazing facilities in Qatar and equally blessed with people willing to support our Compass, Madinat Khalifa students. Two great days of sport for all.

The Primary Production on Wednesday evening welcomed an audience of over 130 parents and friends of the school. The students prepared for this work in their ECA time and also gave up several break times for rehearsals. No curriculum time was taken for this production and it is a credit to all involved that they were able to entertain us so well. Sitting in the audience were two visitors from Nord Anglia Education; Jayne Benion, the Assistant Director for Education and Richard Davies, our Regional Commercial Manager. They thought it was a wonderful opportunity to share in the work of our school and applauded our students for an excellent performance. Jayne Benion is visiting our school to review progress over the last year and has spent time in classrooms, seeing different aspects of school life and talking with staff and students about our school. She has already told us that she is very pleased with the direction in which the school is moving and congratulated us on the significant improvements that have been made over the past year. She has also shared her views on our next steps for improvement. We were pleased that we agreed with her on the areas that we now need to develop.

Next week, it is a chance for our parents to take part in an event that we hope will be an annual feature of our community provision at Madinat Khalifa. The Great Spring Fete has been organised in British Festival month and is a day out for all the family. There will be games, competitions, presentations, many vendors, performances, demonstrations, second-hand sales and refreshments, including the opportunity to sample one of our special British Cream Teas. It is a fantastic opportunity to have some fun and a great way to meet new people who are living and enjoying life in Doha. Do come and join us and invite your friends too. We look forward to seeing you there between 10.00 and 13.00 on Saturday 7 March 2015.

Kind regards,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE
Principal



International Week

This commenced on Sunday with our Food Fair and culminated today with a superb International Parade, where students came together with others from their home country and paraded through our playground in clothes from, or representing, their home country. It was an amazing sight to see our students from 53 nationalities coming together in such a way and epitomized the unique international nature of our school.

Following the parade, children and parents entered our school hall where every class shared some of the learning they have undertaken during this International Week. From providing us with facts about countries to songs and dances, the assembly was a true celebration of great international learning. A collage of photos from this event can be seen later in this Newsletter (photography by Monica Bommer-Neuner). Further photos and class videos showcasing their learning will be available on our school website shortly (www.cisdoha.com and click on 'Madinat Khalifa').



Primary Sports Day

On Monday 23 February, Madinat Khalifa Primary students took part in their annual Sports Day, held this year at the Sheikh Faisal Museum. All students, from Year 1 through to Year 6 took part in a range of sporting and fun activities at this amazing venue, competing for their school House Team.

Indoor athletics took place in the sports hall, involving a number of track and field events, with students pushing themselves to their limits. However, outside on the sports field and overlooking the magnificent Oryx Farm, students took part in a range of fun, yet just as energetic activities involving inflatables and fun costumes.

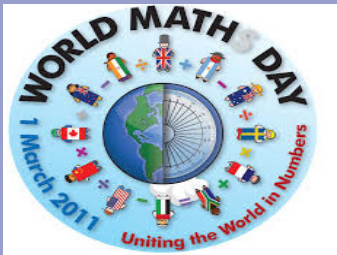
A fantastic day of activity was experienced by all and it was great to have a number of parents travel to to the venue to cheer on their children. A special note of thanks must go to Mr Martin and his team of dedicated P.E. staff who ensured that the events ran smoothly and also to Legacy Sports for supplying the inflatables and assisting greatly with the venue. For further photos, visit our school website www.cisdoha.com and click on 'Madinat Khalifa.'



The Rocky Monster Show

Last night our Primary Drama Club and voluntary production choir performed The Rocky Monster Show to a full audience. The students excelled themselves and put on a great show. Well done to all those involved and thank you to the parents of the cast and choir for producing such fantastic outfits for your children. A special note of thanks must also go to Mrs Elvin and Mr Martin (pictured) for leading the production from start to finish. A collage from the production can be seen later in this newsletter, with further photos being available on our school website www.cisdoha.com (Madinat Khalifa).





World Maths Day

On Thursday March we will be having a Maths Problem Solving Day in the Primary School. Children will be carrying out a variety of fun and exciting investigations throughout the day. They will have the opportunity to use the numerical skills they learn and practise every day in class to enable them to solve mathematical mysteries.



Moodle

Moodle is a virtual learning environment that allows students and teachers to access a world of learning opportunities. Students need to access Moodle to receive their homework, connect to the Global Classroom and participate in extended learning opportunities. The Compass Madinat Khalifa web address is : <https://learning.dohamadinat.nordanglia.com/login/index.php> . Students log in using their school email address (firstName_lastname@nais.qa) and the password they have been given. If students have any problems logging on they need to contact the school's technical support team.

World Book Week 1-5 March 2015

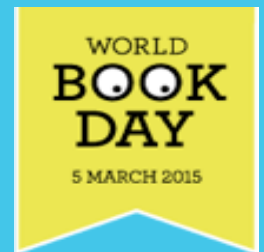
The English Department is devoting this week to work related to reading in every shape or form, because we believe reading is important.

VISIT AND PRESENTATION: 5 March 2015, Patrick Hulbert, editor of Time Out Doha magazine

COSTUME COMPETITION: Thursday 5 March 2015 will be an opportunity for students and staff to dress up as their favourite book character. Prizes for the best dressed character.

READATHON: In addition to our 'Book in a Bag' campaign, we really want students to read. Here is an opportunity to have fun with reading and gain points for your house.

TO PARENTS – WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED



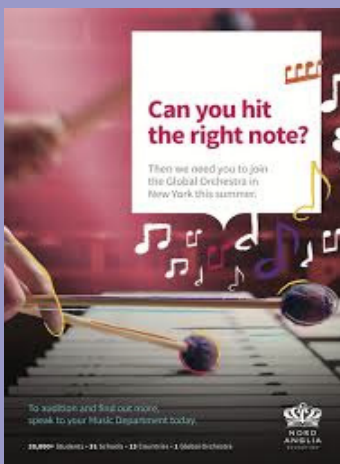
Global Orchestra

Can you hit the right note?
Nord Anglia Education is excited to announce the Global Orchestra

20,000+ students. 31 schools. 13 countries. 1 Global Orchestra
Are you ready to play your part?

Nord Anglia Education is thrilled to announce that we are bringing together our finest young musicians and singers in our first ever Global Orchestra performing in New York this summer!

Find out more about this from our music department or visit the website.







The Rocky Monster Show
 7pm
 Wednesday
 25th February
 School Hall
 A Primary School Production
 Tickets available from school reception

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