

Compass International School Doha

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Dear All,

I am sure that many families enjoyed the opportunity to be active on Tuesday for the National Sports Day. We will be celebrating our own Sports Days later this month on 23 February for Primary and 26 February for Secondary. We are really pleased that our Secondary students will have the opportunity to go to the Aspire Dome for their Sports Day and our Primary students will go to Sheikh Faisal Museum. We hope that parents will join us at these important annual events.

This week, I was pleased to attend a presentation on Cyber Safety. This is a very important topic for every parent and child because it is easy to fall into the trap of giving away information that can lead to unwelcome consequences such as identify theft or cyber bullying. Whilst we have systems in place to secure the school site and protect students through a high quality filtering service, the best defence against the misuse of the Internet is to know how to avoid accessing unsafe sites and to be aware of ways to protect your identity. The new programme to support schools in helping students and parents be aware of safe internet use will be used at Madinat Khalifa alongside the training programmes already on offer. To supplement the work we do with students in school, we will be running a special Internet Safety Parent Seminar later this year. Full details will be announced next week. For those wishing to see the website supported by the Supreme Education Council (SEC) and the Ministry for Information and Communications Technology, you may like to visit "safe space" (available in English and Arabic):
<http://www.safespace.qa/en>

Plans are moving forwards in preparation for the Great Spring Fete to be held on Saturday 7 March 2015 at Madinat Khalifa. This event is being organized during the British Festival month so we will have a bit of a British theme to many of the activities as well as showcasing the Madinat Khalifa Flower Show. Make a note in your diary now so that you do not miss out on the excitement.

There are a number of ways parents can help to make this a day to remember. One of our active parents, Rhonda Normore Howard is spearheading this event but she cannot do it alone. She really needs you to volunteer a little time to help on the day or be involved before the date to support the planning of the various activities. We are holding a cake competition on the day but we need your baking skills before this to make scones for the cream teas, cakes and cookies for the bake sale.

We need donations of Tombola Jars and prizes for winners, old toys and unwanted but useful items for the bric-a-brac, second hand goods table. We are planning for this to be a day of fun for our families so we will have games for children of all ages as well as the chance to enjoy each others' company in a relaxing and pleasant atmosphere. Let's make this a really exciting event for the whole school community.

Kind regards,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE MBA MA FCIM FRSA
Principal

COFFEE MORNING AT MADINAT KHALIFA: SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2015: 07.30AM

IB INFORMATION EVENING: SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY: 17.00- 19.00

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Primary News



READING HELP REQUIRED

Evidence shows that listening to a child read, assisting them through correction and questioning them about the text, has a significant impact on developing their reading ability. To this end, we are calling for parents to sign up to become a Parent Reading Buddy. This would involve listening to children read between 08.00 and 10.00 on a Thursday morning. Tea and coffee will be available from 07.30am, so you can catch up with friends before the reading commences. If you feel you are able to offer your time to assist with this initiative, please email me for further information: david.burt@nais.qa

Natural Disasters in Year 4 Hobday

As part of their IPC Unit entitled 'The Active Planet', Year 4 Hobday were set a half-term construction task of building a model of a Volcano or another natural disaster. The children really took the task seriously, producing some super models which are proudly on display in the Primary Library. Well done to all who have completed the task already and I look forward to seeing those that are still being developed.

ECA Showcase- 'Solve It' Club

This is what the club's leader, Mr Wheldon, has to say: "This club loves to challenge itself. This week we were trying to work out logic puzzles on the Internet. Some of them were really difficult but it felt great when we finally got it right. Yassine (Year 4) was heard to describe the club as 'awesome with some great mind games.' Next week, we will be solving a murder mystery using mathematical knowledge to help us. It should be great!"



French Year 1 and 2



In Year 1 and Year 2 French, we made puppets and weather wheels to celebrate what we have been learning.



Year 1 "Body" and Year 2 "Calendar, seasons and weather".

News and Dates

Sunday 15 February

Parent Coffee Morning: 07:30 - 08:30

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Year 5 Trip to MIA Park - Al Riwaq Gallery

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IB Options Information Evening 17:00-19:00

Wednesday 25 February

Primary Production - 17:00-18:30

'The Rocky Monster Show' (Tickets available soon)

Wednesday 18 February

Year 5 French 'Big Bus Ride'

Monday 23 February

Primary Sports Day: Sheikh Faisal Museum

Friday 26 February

Secondary Sports Day: Aspire Dome

Saturday 7 March

The Great Spring Fete: 10:00 - 13:00



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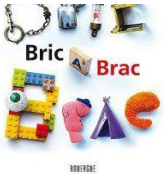
School Fete

10:00-13:00

WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKE OUR FETE A SUCCESS !



TOMBOLA JAR - Please donate a glass jar filled with sweets, craft supplies or toys. Please bring the jars in to the Madinat Khalifa Reception between Sunday 15 and Wednesday 25 February.



BRIC A BRAC - We need your previously loved toys, books and other items for the bric a brac stall, where money raised will go to charity. Duke of Edinburgh International Award students will be working towards their community service by serving you at this table.



CAKES AND SCONES - we would like donations of cakes and scones for the Cream Tea. The cakes will be judged by slice. All cakes and scones will be on sale in the refreshment area.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 1 Hour shifts at the games and crafts tables.
Please contact Rhonda Howard on 3030 2122