



***“Mistakes are always forgivable,
if one has the courage to admit them.”***

Bruce Lee

Dear All,

How do children learn? This is the big question posed all around the world by researchers, educators and parents. The problem is that the question suggests there should be one clear answer. In reality, children like all of us learn in different ways, at different times and sometimes when they are not aware of it. We learn by practicing, we learn from others and we learn from our mistakes. That is what makes the human race so different from others.

At the heart of our schools are the teachers who focus on encouraging learners to learn without simply telling them what, how, where or when to think. Our task as teachers and parents is to open these young minds, to guide them carefully and encourage them to be critical thinkers through dialogue, debate and actions.

As a Principal, I want our teachers at Compass International School, Madinat Khalifa to develop a relationship with their students that encourages a passion for learning so that they can be the best that they can be. I see some of these sparks of innovation and enthusiasm in the eyes of our students' developing minds, which makes me optimistic for the future. Unleashing the creativity of staff allows our students to benefit from a broader range of educational experiences within and outside of the classroom.

Naturally, this needs to take place in an environment that encourages cooperation, support and care of others. So, when a student brings in a toy BB gun and, with some of his classmates, boasts about having it in school and fires some of the plastic pellets, others raise their concerns with staff and prompt action is taken to rectify a potentially serious situation. When a child bullies another, we try to understand the root cause and then put measures in place to prevent further instances by working with the bully to make sure they understand the impact of their actions on others.

When a child falls over in the playground and breaks his arm, his classmates protect him whilst others go to seek medical assistance. We come together as a community of learners when we face problems; a good community works together to resolve their problems together. It is easy to criticise people for their mistakes and to exclude them from our community. It is harder to persuade them to understand why their actions were unhelpful, unkind or dangerous and only when we work together as a community can we help them become better, more responsible members of our group. Support, compassion and forgiveness are probably some of the greatest gifts that we can teach our children.

Likewise, when an individual or a group achieves something positive, we should be there, cheering them on and applauding their efforts. There are many times when we can do this, through the stamina shown by our teams on the sports field to the creativity and skill of our performers on the stage. If we are to be a great learning community, we should be pleased to help others overcome their mistakes whilst encouraging those who show positive achievements to spread their influence far and wide. Let us be a school where support, compassion and forgiveness are principles to guide us in all that we do.

Yours truly,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE
Principal





Parent Reading

This week, we commenced our Parent Reading initiative in earnest, with several parents coming into school and hearing children read.

The response from students has been fantastic and the parents enjoyed it too. If you would like to offer your time as part of this initiative, it is not too late.

Please contact david.burt@ nais.qa.



Year 1 Tobin Class Assembly

Today, it was the turn of Miss Tobin's Year 1 class to lead our assembly and what a fantastic job they did. The children have been learning about traditional tales in their English lessons and put on a super performance of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. They also entertained us with a song about different types of transport as part of their new IPC unit entitled 'Transport'. The students spoke clearly and performed confidently to a large audience of students and parents.



Primary Certificate Winners

Congratulations to all the winners





Harp Making Course

Spaces are still available for the Harp making course commencing on 26 April. Please contact Gail Nicholson to reserve your place. Make a harp like the one featured and customise it to your own taste.

Please email: gail.nicholson@nais.qa



Secondary Activity for World Book Day, 5 March

Teachers and students dressed as their favourite book character and exhibited their outfits in style. There was a parade of costumes down the grand school staircase.



The  Global Classroom



Student Voice Leaders taking part in another webinar with other schools from Nord Anglia. We found out about challenge three, and have already started thinking of ideas.

Sporting Fixtures and Results

QUESS U12 Netball Tournament

On 2 March, the Y7 girls travelled to Mesiaeed International school for the U12 Quess Netball championships. We were up against ACS, Mesiaeed, ISLQ and Dukhan. The team were really nervous as it was our first big competition in the secondary school.

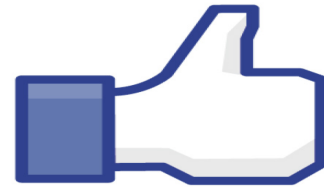
Compass 0 – ACS 0
Compass 2 - ISLQ – 1
Compass 1 - Dukhan -2
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The Winner of the 'Like Us'
Facebook Competition

**DEVLIN
MACK
MCCAULEY**
Congratulations

COMPETITION



LIKE US AND GO IN TO
THE DRAW TO WIN A
VIRGIN VOUCHER

<https://www.facebook.com/compassinternationalmadinatkhaliifa>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 19 March 18:00-21:00

Secondary School Production of "The Little Shop of Horrors"

Thursday 19 March Term 2 School Reports will be sent home

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 14th April 17:00-19:00 - A presentation by Dr Terry Creissen

"Reaching a cross-roads in your education...what next?"

COMPASS MADINAT KHALIFA SECONDARY
ARE PROUD TO PRESENT:

Don't feed the plants...



**LITTLE SHOP
OF
HORRORS**

Thursday 19th March 2015
5.30pm (Doors 5pm)

Adults 20QR
Conc. 10QR

Arabic Evening Gharaffa Campus

On Wednesday 11 March, the whole Compass International school community was treated to a spectacular evening of Arabic music, dancing and food at our annual Arabic night held at our Gharaffa campus. We were entertained with Arabic folk dancing, singing and traditional music, which was followed by a magnificent feast of Kapsa, the local Arabic dish made with rice and meat and served on huge platters. Thank you to Mrs Enaam and her team for a great evening.

