



The Gharaffa Buzz

November Edition



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On Friday November 13th Gharaffa campus was transformed into a hive of activity for our Bugs and Butterflies picnic.

We were entertained by our salsa dancers, junior choir, line dancing and street dancing. We had soak the teacher, face and nail painting, bouncy castle, crafts, sports activities, drumming sessions, Legacy sports and plenty more. It was lovely to see so many smiling and excited children. Thank you to our parents for providing an amazing selection of food to share. It was such a successful day and I know that we are all looking forward to next year already.

Let's hear what the children had to say:

"It was good because we decorated cupcakes". **Leah Y5G**

"I liked that we got to throw water at the teachers and dancing with Mr. Akhtar". **Aisha Year 6GA**

"I loved everything". **Haya Y5GA**

"I liked throwing sponges at Mr. Hannon and having fun". **Eefke Year 5GC**

"I liked the food and the bouncy castle". **Puck (Mr. Kenny's class)**

"It was fun dancing and eating cupcakes". **Mya Year 6GA**

"I liked throwing sponges at Mr. Hannon". **Jelle Year 5GC**

"I liked eating cake". **Olle Y2GB**



Even more bugs and butterflies fun...



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Our new House Captains...



North

Bas - I can't wait to help all my friends in North in so many ways. I'll inspire my team and never give up. I'll also work hard to set a good example to everyone in North so we can get as many house points as possible.

Zara - I think it's a great opportunity for me and the North team to have captains who can lead the team to success.



East

Jawaher - I'm happy to be a House Captain. I love sports and want everyone in East to enjoy sports too. I will try my best to get lots of house points and cheer everyone in East so they can get more too. Go East!

Donato - I'm Donato and I'm ecstatic to be the House Captain for East. I want to make the school the best it can be and encourage everyone to work hard.



South

Sadiq - It takes a lot of work and dedication to make sure your team are trying hard. I'm very happy to be a House Captain and think I can do a really good job. Go South!

Joyce - A famous person once said, "Quitters never win and winners never quit." So what does that mean? I think it means that you may not always win but should keep trying because if you stop trying that's the only mistake you make. I think that we can accomplish that, not alone but together!!! We should help each other to never quit and always be winners.



West

Haya - West deserves a good house captain and they have us now! I will try to get my team to the highest level. We can do it, yes we can!

Sena - I want to be a reliable and friendly House Captain. For example, I will be kind and help all schoolmates. I have to speak more positively because I am a student of the highest level! I want to show WEST is the best.



Year 2 Trip Museum of Islamic Art

During our unit “We Are What We Eat,” Year 2 discovered a lot about food.

As part of our entry point, each class created their own mini restaurant. Frederic Larquemin, head chef at the IDAM restaurant, later came in to class to talk about food, his job and his restaurant. He was so impressed by all of our questions and ideas that he invited

us to visit him at his restaurant. So as an exit point to the unit we went to visit the Islamic Art Museum and his restaurant.

“I liked seeing the chefs preparing the different foods inside the kitchen.” **Elisia**

The Hunt was very interesting. I saw things they used in the olden days to get food. **Elizabeth**



“The food looked very tasty.”

Thomas

Early Year: Pirate Day

Sunday the 8th of November was a fearful day for Compass International School, Gharaffa, as all four Early Years 2 classes swashbuckled into school dressed up as Pirates. ARGHHHH! This marked the Entry Point to their new topic, TREASURE!

The day was spent learning all about Pirates, making hats and following Pirate directions like "Scrub the decks!" Luckily none of the teachers were made to walk the plank....

Our Pirates were very concerned that they would not have any food, so they went fishing for some numbered fish for dinner!

Following on from our entry point, the excitement will grow as the children make telescopes and boats with junk materials, follow and make treasure maps and hopefully.... FIND TREASURE!!!

Ahoy Me Hearties!



Rainy Days



Early Years 1 are currently in the middle of their 'Sand and Water' IPC Unit.

As an Entry Point to our topic we had a 'Rainy Day' on campus. The boys and girls came to school equipped with wellington boots, coats and umbrellas and were thoroughly excited about the day's event. Everyone had lots of fun splashing in the puddles and trying to make sure our coats and umbrellas kept us as dry as possible from the deluge! It proved a great starting point for learning and during the remainder of the week the children had further chances to build on their experience. As our term comes to a close we also have a day at the beach to look forward to as the exit point for our unit.



Milepost 1: Y2 Focus on Learning

As part of the entry point to our latest IPC unit we turned our classroom into an airport.

We made all the signs in class, Check In, Security, Baggage Control and an entry sign that read 'Welcome to Y1 Air'. Everybody pitched in to paint and decorate and by the morning of the flight the classroom was transformed, ready to take the children on a trip around the world.

On the day of the departure there was a large queue of travellers outside Y1Air headquarters. This was swiftly taken care of by Baggage Control and Check In. There were some delays in security due to some very tricky passengers. However, this was dealt with professionally and all passengers were allowed to board.

Once on board the passengers were treated to overhead views of the Pyramids of Egypt, the beaches of the Maldives and the great Niagara Falls. The highlight for most was a stop at Disneyland to watch a parade and discover all their favourite characters. They even managed to find time to drop in on the Rainforest and the Arctic to check out all the amazing animals.

As the trip pushed on, it was finally time to head back to sunny Doha. All the passengers agreed it was a fantastic trip and as they left the aircraft they thanked the pilots for doing an amazing job.



“
We went to loads of places. I liked it when we went to New York because we went on a fast roller coaster and saw a parade. Lauren”



Milepost 2: Script writers in the making

As part of our English curriculum this month we looked at the features of play scripts.

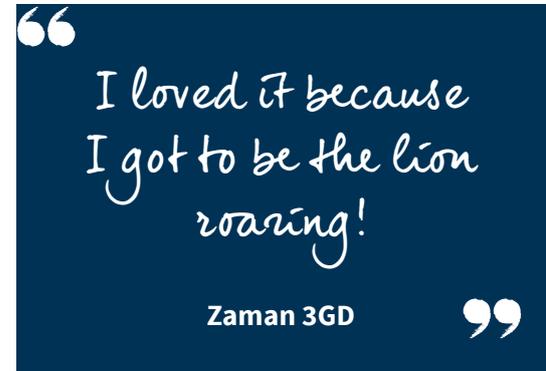
We started by comparing narrative texts such as fables and play scripts of the same story and identifying the differences and similarities. We experienced acting out scenes using the stage directions and cues. We also had great fun performing and became more aware of the different voices in stories, using dramatised readings, showing differences between the narrator and the different characters. We performed fables like 'The Lion and the Mouse' and 'The boy who cried Wolf'.

Everyone took part and it looks like we have some amazing talent in our group. Here's what some of

the children had to say: "We enjoyed acting and especially how some of us added funny twists on characters", Ella in class 3GD.

This all built up to us creating our own playscripts. We've been busy doing everything from sharing ideas, drafting, designing covers and we managed to produce a short play script.

Finally we performed it and this time we rehearsed and even memorised our lines. We also recorded our performances and our teacher helped us make our own mini movie on Puppet pal, which was fantastic to watch.



Milepost 3: La Cafe Ceramique Visit

As part of our previous IPC unit, Year 5 invited, Café Ceramique to visit school to help paint some beautiful Greek themed tiles.



Below you will find a recount of the day written by Dhruv, Tudor and Mark.

On Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of October, Café Ceramique held two amazing ceramic workshops for all year five students. Café Ceramique gave us tiles to paint a magnificent Greek design. We went to Mr Higgins' class to paint them.

Compass School Rayyan joined us for this fantastic event. Firstly, we started off by putting a wet sponge on the dry tile. We needed to make three layers. After we wet the tile we painted the background.

The background had to be light. Dhruv's background was light blue, Mark's background was also blue and Tudor's was lime green. We had to go over it three times. After that, we

had to draw a mythical creature on it with a pencil. Dhruv drew a Gryphen, Mark drew a Seahorse and Tudor drew a Minotaur.

Later, when we finished the tile we went outside and ate chicken nuggets, tomato chips and drank some juice. Finally, Compass School Rayyan went back to Rayyan and Gharaffa went back to class.

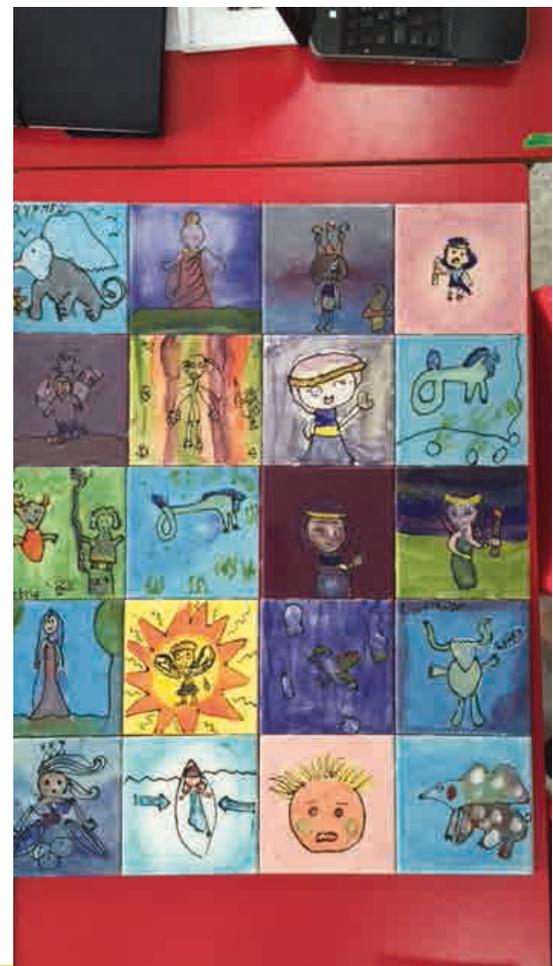
Here's what other children had to say about the day:

"Brilliant time to have fun." **Julia**

"It was awesome." **Nour A**

"It was a great time to meet old friends from Al Rayyan." **Lia**

By: **Dhruv, Mark and Tudor.**



News from PE

What an exciting start to the term we had with our Goalz fun day! All children who were lucky enough to participate had lots of fun taking part in football related activities and playing on the inflatables! Marthe in Year 4 was having so much fun that she wanted to know what date they were coming back next year!

In other areas of PE we have started athletics throughout the school. We are all having a lot of fun challenging ourselves and constantly pushing ourselves to improve. We speak regularly about how athletics is about competing against each other in different events. We also make sure we understand the importance of teamwork and participate in lots of activities involving this. Bobby in Year 1 told Miss McDonald and Coach Chris that he loves the team work activities because he gets to have fun and win with his friends!

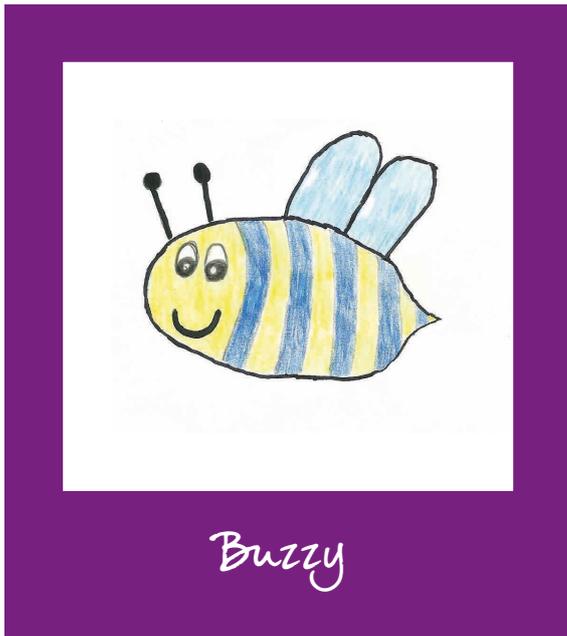
Years 1 and 2 have started by focusing on their running. We play lots of games that involve running at different speeds and different distances, and are becoming very good at sprinting short lengths of times and stopping without falling over! We particularly enjoy finishing our lessons with relay races and are fantastic at cheering each other on! Shieka in Year 2 says that her ears hurt by the end of the lesson because everyone is so good at team work and cheer for each other very loudly!

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are refining their techniques of all three areas of athletics, running, throwing and jumping. Each week we complete a circuit giving ourselves a score for each station, seeing if we can beat that score each attempt. It is really nice for the teachers and coaches to see children working together and encouraging each other to succeed! Bring on Sports Day!

On the 2nd and 3rd November chosen squad swimmers from years 3-6 went to Hamad Aquatic Centre to watch the second to last leg of the FINA/ airweave swimming World Cup series. Every year children who have been performing well in swimming lessons get taken to watch professional swimmers from around the world, take part in heats to win their chance of competing in the finals later that day. This trip is a fantastic opportunity for us to mingle with and observe some of the world record holders and future Olympians! How exciting! We particularly enjoyed watching our own countries win the heats and were able to start recognising some famous names such as Cameron Van Der Burgh, Katinka Hosszu and Mitchell Larkin. Some of us even managed to get a photograph with the current world record holder Chad Le Clos' Dad!



Spot the Mascot Competition...



Well done to, **Zerrin John**, our new mascot's designer. Currently the tailors are working very hard to make the design into a costume and soft toy, which will be finished in the New Year. Over the coming months we will be becoming more familiar with Buzzy as he helps the children to understand how to be a SMART learner!



Where is Buzzy hiding in this month's newsletter? Look carefully to find him and then email buzzy.gh@nais.qa with his location. There will be a prize for the first family to spot him and they will be featured in the next edition!

French Certificate Winners

Well done to the following winners:

For achievement:

Agata MUSCOLINO	Y2GA
Emma WEIS	Y2GB
Aryam HARWOOD	Y2GC
Riyan KHAN	Y4GA
Noah MEEKINGS	Y4GB
Dhruv DEVAYA	Y5GA
Estella WEISS	Y5GB

For effort:

Muna ONWUSOGH	Y2GA
Andras EGYED-KISS	Y2GB
Murtaza ABBASI	Y2GC
Diego CORDEIRO	Y4GA
Liam KENDRICK	Y4GB
Kawthar EL MOLAKA	Y5GA
Oliver TAHERI	Y5GC



... and finally

The Nord Anglia Middle East Regional Conference was held in Dubai last Friday with Principals and other senior staff, meeting at Nord Anglia's flagship school, for discussions about the development of educational partnerships across the UAE and Qatar.

Several new initiatives were announced which will see our children having the opportunity to collaborate both face to face and virtually to compete in competitions and joint ventures with children in other Nord Anglia schools around the world. Our exciting online shared space, Global Campus has been relaunched with a massive amount of new content specifically aimed at children of primary age. Teachers and students will be encouraged to explore this over the next few months both in class and at home.

There are several competitions for our children to enter this year, including the highly successful Short Story Competition which we won last year and the year before. So far the Education Team at Nord Anglia have received over 5000 entries for this year's competition and so it will be tough to hold onto our

crown. Added to this there is also a competition for the best illustrator and a debating competition which we have entered two teams for.

The exciting collaboration between the Julliard School of Music and Performing Arts and Nord Anglia continues to grow. Staff from Julliard will be in Qatar in January to meet with our music team to see how they can assist us in developing an even more exciting music programme here.

We plan to develop some more local collaborations with our sister schools at Madinat Khalifa and Al Khor. We will be building on the existing sporting links to add music and technology partnerships to enhance the opportunities for our children. I came across this quote from Amy Poehler recently. "As you navigate through the rest of your life, be open to collaboration. Other people and other people's ideas are often better than your own. Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life."

Amy Poehler is a well-known female comedian with wise words to say

about learning from others. No matter what your field, it helps to know what you're good at, but it also helps to recognise what others are good at. If you surround yourself with people that inspire you and people who can help you achieve goals, you become even better at what you do. This is what we are determined to do. We want our students to have the best opportunities through maximising the value of being part of a group of 42 international schools.

As we draw to the end of 2015 it is a good time to reflect on the progress of the schools at Rayyan and Gharaffa and to look forward to 2016. I will be taking a little time to do this in next month's issue of the newsletter and will have some exciting news about future plans both locally and for Nord Anglia Education in general.

Have a lovely end of term and best wishes

Graham

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Key Dates for the Diary

Alan Gibbons Author Visit
6th - 8th December

Y4 Assembly
10th December

Dutch - Oogpunt Theatre
13th - 15th December

Parent Consultations
Qatar National Day celebrations
14th December

End of Term (subject to SEC)
17th December



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