



“At the end of the day, the goals are simple: safety and security.”



Jodi Rell

Dear All,

Speaking with a number of parents this week, I was reminded of the importance we place on the relationship between teachers and students as well as the relationship between schools and families. Making sure that all aspects of our community are supported is at the heart of a good school. By working together as a team, our staff, our students and our families make the whole learning journey one to remember.

Returning from a real example of a journey to remember were the Year 10 students and their teachers who have been exploring science and culture in Oman. This experience will stay with them for a very long time and, as one teacher pointed out, it will stay as a really positive experience for the staff too. A great deal of planning and administration goes into a trip like this and I am very grateful for the hard work of the staff who made it happen, and to Mrs Banfield in particular who led the expedition.

We are giving students in Year 6 and above to opportunity to take part in similar life-changing experiences and we hope that parents will be keen for them to be risk-takers and try something new. For our Year 7 and 8 students, Space Camp is on the horizon whilst students in Years 9, 10 and 12 can experience the wonders of Tanzania. These events do not come round that often so do encourage your child to embrace the opportunity and sign up before the places are closed.

It is not necessary to travel far and wide to enjoy a great community event. It was obvious that those who attended the Madinat Khalifa Family Picnic Breakfast had a great time. Big thanks to the Community Group and special thanks to David and Carl at Legacy Sports who donated the inflatable shoot-out and the amazing inflatable climbing wall. Thanks also to the staff and parents who supported the event and helped out with the many activities on offer. With over 200 visitors, it really was great fun to see so many there, actively taking part, sharing good food and enjoying each other's company. If you would like to see more about the Picnic, why not have a look on our website:

<http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/doha/madinat-khalifa>

Some parents may have seen an alert from the American Embassy regarding threats to teachers at international schools. Whilst there is no specific threat to our schools in Qatar, we have taken advice and the opportunity to review our security measures at the school. The Nord Anglia Education Head of Health and Safety has been in school this week and has been helping us to enhance the safety plan for staff, students and visitors to the school. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of our security arrangements and to seek your support in helping our security guards fulfil their duties. We ask parents to drive slowly outside the school and park with sensitivity towards others, keeping exits and pavements clear at all times. All visitors entering the site must present photo identification (Qatar ID Card, or Passport) and collect a Visitor Badge. Please make sure you wear this so that it can be seen by staff at all times. For those who have been into school recently, you may have noticed the new glass wall that is being erected in the reception area. We expect this to be complete over the weekend along with a new reception desk to follow. Visitors will not be allowed to go around the school unless previously authorised by a member of staff. This is the start of a series of measures that will gradually be introduced to ensure that every member of our school community can enjoy their work in a safe and secure environment. The safety of your child is paramount and your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

Today, you should receive a letter explaining the development of a new group to replace the former School Advisory Council. From next week, copies of important letters home will be added to the 'Parent Essentials' section of the Newsletter just in case they are lost in the depths of a child's bag.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Dr Terry Creissen OBE MA MBA FRSA
Principal
Madinat Khalifa



SECONDARY NEWS

Most Valuable Performer Awards

Throughout the year, we award Most Valuable Performer (MVP) to 1 boy and 1 girl in each year group, for each unit covered in class. These awards are given for consistency in effort, progress or performance.

Well done to all those who have been awarded MVP for unit 1 we have listed below the deserved winners.



Years 7 and 11 Parent Forums

Thank you to the parents who attended our Parent Forums. There was some excellent feedback and positive words of encouragement from you.

Exams Week

There will be no formal 'examinations week' this term. Subjects will offer testing on a regular basis as one method of assessing your child, but there will not be a formal week set in the calendar. Next term, Year 11 students will be sitting their "mock" exams for IGCSE.



PRIMARY NEWS



We have had another exciting week here in Madinat Khalifa Primary. On Monday, our Year 4 students were visited by members of the Qatar Philharmonic Educational Promotions Team. After an introduction by the team and the chance to listen to a selection of music and look at various images, children produced pieces of art to be screened during the 'Peter and the Wolf' performance that is taking place at Katara Opera House in November. The same team will be visiting our Year 3 students next week and our students in our Years 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to attend the performance in November.



Yesterday, our Year 1 and 2 students attended a performance of 'Kipper and the Rainbow' at Al Rayyan Theatre in Souq Waqif, supporting our reading curriculum. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all and our children were beaming when they returned to school. It should also be noted that I was personally contacted by the theatre to commend us on the superb behaviour of our students, making them fantastic ambassadors for our school. Thank you to all those involved.



Primary Parent Seminar Series

Mrs O'Keefe led the second of our Primary Parent Seminars this morning, focusing on Primary Mathematics. The seminar outlined our mathematics curriculum and provided some useful tips on how you can support your child in mathematics. Information from this seminar will be made available on our website www.cisdoha.com. Please note that information relating to our first Parent Seminar, based on Reading and Writing is also available on our website. Look at our homepage and also the 'Parent Essentials' button.

The next of Parent Seminars will take place on Thursday 13 November. This will focus on the 'International Primary Curriculum' (IPC) and will be led by our IPC Learning Improvement Leader, Miss Alana Tobin.

Kind regards,

David Burt
Head of Primary



Compass International School Doha

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Dear Parents,

We would like to update you on developments regarding our parent community network across all Compass International Schools in Doha.

With the help of our current Schools Advisory Council (SAC) Parent Representatives, we have been looking at ways in which our schools can form a more effective partnership with our parent communities.

At a Strategic Level:

The Schools Advisory Council (SAC) is to be replaced by a new School Strategic Advisory Board (SSAB). As before, this will be made up of our Senior Leadership Teams from across all three campuses together with our current Parent Representatives and representatives from the communities served by the school.

At a Community Level:

We will have a 'Community Group' at each campus. Each Community Group will be made up of parent volunteers who wish to help on a regular basis and any other parents who wish to help now and then. These parents are invited by their school to help coordinate school events throughout the academic year.

The SSAB Parent Representatives will continue to support their respective parent communities.

For information about how you can be involved in our parent community network, please speak to one of administration team at your child's school.

Yours truly,

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Madinat Khalifa

Mr Graham Horton
Gharaffa and Rayyan

Mrs Tamsin Hagenbach
Chair of SAC

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Beste ouders,

Deze week hebben de leerlingen van groep 3-8 de gastles gehad van een leerkracht van Plan Nederland. U leest meer over ons project "Schaatsen voor water" in deze nieuwsbrief.

Omdat Moodle nog niet helemaal loopt zoals het moet, zijn we op zoek naar een goed systeem om het huiswerk te communiceren. Ook hierover krijgt u meer informatie.

Een goede weekend!

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Waar is de coördinator?

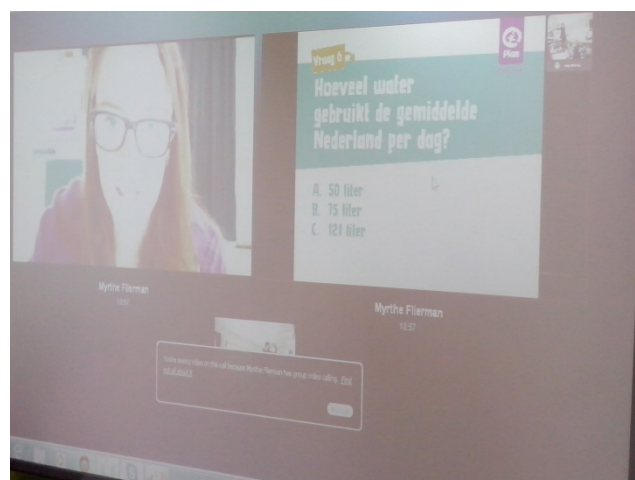
Dag	locatie
Zondagmorgen	Madinat Khalifa
Dinsdagmorgen	Al Rayyan
Maandag, woensdag en donderdagmorgen	Gharaffa (woensdag in bieb)

Schaatsen voor water

Afgelopen week heeft u een e-mail gekregen met daarin de uitleg van het evenement "Schaatsen voor water". De kinderen van groep 3-8 hebben afgelopen zondag een gastles gekregen van een medewerker van Plan Nederland. Er werd veel verteld over wat het belang is van schoon drinkwater en waarom je eigenlijk water nodig hebt, ook op school. De leerkracht van Plan legde uit dat we gaan proberen geld op te halen voor het land Zambia,

waar op veel scholen de kinderen geen toegang hebben tot schoon drinkwater. Veel kinderen waren erg verbaasd om te horen dat veel meisjes daar ook niet eens naar school gaan, omdat ze bijvoorbeeld water moeten halen bij een waterput. Toen werd verteld dat dat vaak is omdat de opleiding van jongens belangrijker wordt gevonden dan voor meisjes, was de verontwaardiging (vooral bij de meisjes!) compleet.

Met het geld dat wij gaan ophalen met onze sponsor-schaatstocht gaat Plan Nederland waterpunten, schooltuintjes en toiletten in scholen financieren.



Tot 1 november kunt u zich aanmelden voor het Schaatsen voor Water. Zo gauw u zich heeft aangemeld, krijgt u een e-mail met uitleg op welke wijze het systeem om te sponsoren werkt. Ook wordt een voorbeeld e-mail meegestuurd, die de kinderen kunnen opsturen naar mensen die ze kennen. We hebben hiervoor gekozen, omdat er op die manier ook een e-mail naar vrienden en familieleden in Nederland gestuurd kan worden. De sponsoren krijgen dan vervolgens een bericht hoeveel rondjes er zijn geschaatst, waarna ze het geld overmaken.

Snappet

Er is inmiddels contact geweest



met Snappet en ook zij zijn enthousiast om verder te kijken naar mogelijkheden om de kinderen ook thuis op de tablets te laten werken. Er wordt nu een voorstel op papier gezet, dat vervolgens naar u gestuurd zal worden. Op basis van dit voorstel kunt u besluiten om ook voor thuis een tablet te leasen.

Sinterklaas

Denkt u eraan zich op te geven voor het Sinterklaasfeest van 5 december? Meer informatie staat in de meegestuurde brief. Mocht u deze niet gekregen hebben, dan horen we dat graag.

Huiswerk

Totdat Moodle voor iedereen goed toegankelijk is, hebben we besloten om voorin het mapje van het huiswerk een blad te doen waarop we aangeven wat het huiswerk is en wat de bedoeling van het huiswerk is. We hopen dat het onduidelijkheden uitsluit.

Lekker huiswerk (van de facebookpagina)

Als u eens op een andere manier wilt lezen of met taal wilt bezig zijn met uw kinderen, kunt u het recept voor bananencake eens maken: <http://www.flairathome.nl/koken/bananencake>

Wij hebben hem uitgeprobeerd en ja... hij is lekker!



Promotie-onderzoek NOB

Voor nieuwe ouders die nog niet gehoord hebben van het belangrijke promotie-onderzoek dat gedaan wordt door een medewerker van het NOB, geven we hierbij de link door voor de uitleg en de pagina waarop de (juiste) links staan voor de vragenlijsten.

<http://www.anpdm.com/newsletterweb/42445A4B7743455F4075414B59/41405D4B7443435A477641405A4671?noTracking=true>

Voor iedereen die het nog niet gedaan heeft: mogen we u er toch nog even aan herinneren? We hebben begrepen dat er echt nog meer vragenlijsten nodig zijn!

Online logopedie

Vorig jaar zijn alle jongste leerlingen van wie de ouders toestemming hebben gegeven (tot en met Y1) gescand door de online logopediste. Ook dit jaar is er weer een mogelijkheid voor de scan. Binnenkort ontvangen nieuwe ouders de uitleg hierover. Is uw kind ouder, of heeft u vorig jaar niet meegedaan maar wilt u dit jaar wel meedoen, dan kunt u dat zelf aan de coördinator doorgeven

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Dag	Activiteit
Voor 1 november	Aanmelden Schaatsen voor water
Donderdagmiddag 13 november	Schaatsen voor water cultuurmiddag
5 december	Sinterklaas (aanmelden bij adressen aangegeven in de brief)