

Letter from the Principal

“If you want to understand business anywhere and be successful...You absolutely must understand the culture.” E. Neville Isdell



Dear All,

Students across the school have been demonstrating their academic skills in our formal assessment week. These assessments will continue into next week for our younger students. We are very keen to see how much progress they have made over their time with us. This information will feed into the school's reporting programme and will be set alongside the continuous assessments that take place in class and in tests throughout the year. It is important at our school that we have a full picture of a child's progress and that this includes academic attainment as well as social development and engagement with activities beyond the classroom. When children leave school to go into higher Education or the world of work, employers and university admissions tutors want to see that whole picture, not just a set of grades on an examination certificate.

This is one of the reasons that Compass International School Madinat Khalifa has chosen to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme as our High School certificate. Not only does this offer students the chance to demonstrate their skills in academia, but it encourages them to develop their global competence as citizens of an international community as well as opening up new opportunities in serving others. They are able to develop an understanding of different cultures and see life from different perspectives. We start these principles early in the child's schooling and then open up new dimensions such as the Duke of Edinburgh International Award scheme to stretch them to exceed expectations. Indeed,

the Duke of Edinburgh team will be heading off to take part in an “adventurous journey” to Oman next week. We wish them a safe and enjoyable experience.

On the home front, the Year 4 students took part in a Pizza party held at our sister school campus and enjoyed the opportunity to meet some of their peers at Rayyan and Gharaffa. Plans are well advanced to welcome the Year 6 students who are moving to us next academic year, as they have the opportunity to spend a day at our school in Madinat Khalifa and experience what it is like to be a secondary school student. We hope they have an enjoyable and enlightening day with us.

Finally, please let me remind you that this is the last weekend for completing the Parent Survey. My thanks to those who have already done this but if you have not yet had a chance to complete the survey, please can I urge you to do it today. The survey will close on Sunday.

Wishing you all an enjoyable extended weekend. School returns as normal after the short break on Tuesday 26 May.

Kind regards,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE
Principal

Primary News

This has been another busy week in Madinat Khalifa Primary on all fronts, from sporting through to academic and social events.

Year 4 Pizza and Games Party

On Wednesday night, our Year 4 students went to our sister school in Gharaffa to take part in the annual Pizza and Games night. The evening was a chance for students to build and renew cross-school friendships by taking part in a variety of fun team-building activities, ranging from eating a chocolate bar with a knife and fork to completing quizzes in teams. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all.

Year 5 Brick Class assembly

It was the turn of Year 5 Brick to lead our assembly today, treating us to a superb presentation based on learning through art. Students shared their learning on a number of famous artists including Vincent Van Gogh and Henri Matisse and showcased pieces of art they have produced in the style of these artists. The assembly also included disco dancing and an effective 'body percussion' piece, led by our Primary Music Teacher, Mr Martin.

I was delighted to see so many parents attending today, it really was 'standing room only', and I know that every parent left feeling proud of their child.



Swimming Success

Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 swimmers who represented Madinat Khalifa at the QPPSSA Swimming Gala on Monday, held at Al Jazeera Academy. All swimmers performed brilliantly, including 8 individual Gold Medal winning performances. After the scores were tallied up, we finished in Bronze position overall. Well done to everyone who took part and a special note of thanks to our talented swimming teachers, Mr Rice and Mrs Batista. A full report can be found later in this newsletter.



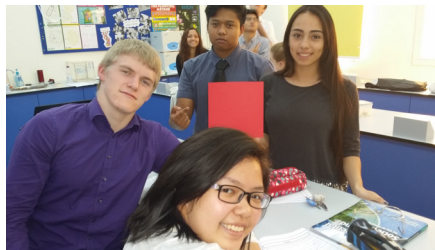
Secondary News

IB Diploma Programme - The Group 4 Project

Last Thursday, our IB students were involved in a two hour planning session for their Group 4 Project which is a compulsory part of the IB Diploma Programme. This is a collaborative team exercise where concepts, skills and experience from across the Group 4 subjects are shared. The Group 4 Project also allows an appreciation of the social, ethical and environmental implications of science in a specified context. The emphasis is on interdisciplinary cooperation of the process/methods involved in scientific investigations. This year the following subjects are taking part in the project: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Systems and Societies, and Sport Exercise and Health Science. Year 12 students were put into cross disciplinary groups and given a colour theme to investigate and explore collaboratively. The full Group 4 Project day, when planning will be put into practice, will take place on Thursday 4th June.



Green team



Red team



Yellow team

Talented Owab performs in Golden League Athletic Award

Owab from Year 9 was selected to compete in the Diamond league Athletics competition last Friday. He successfully ran the 100m in 11.3 seconds and showed great talent. A personal highlight for him was meeting a fellow sprinter Justin Gaitlan.

School News

Annual Parent Satisfaction Survey

Our annual parent satisfaction survey helps us better understand how we are performing in key areas, specifically what we are doing well and the areas where we can improve, this allows us to continue to provide the **best possible educational experience for your child**.

If you have completed the survey, thank you, if not we would greatly appreciate if you could take the time to complete it - Help us to better serve you.

Mid-Term Break

Due to the mid-term break next week, there will be no Newsletter published on the 28th of May. We wish you all a pleasant and restful holiday.

The Sporting Week

Primary Swimming Gala 18 May

On Monday 18th May Compass took part in the QPPSSA Primary swimming gala (Years 5 + 6) and finished in a fantastic 3rd place!

Throughout the girls and boys, Compass achieved eight 1st place finishes and also a 2nd place and 3rd place! All students were excellent ambassadors of the school and were complimented for their behavior. The students who took part are listed below;

- Juliet Clark
- Natasha Cowe
- Razan Awadallah
- Rairhien May Ferrer
- Declan Stubbs
- Trym Johansen
- Marijn Huiberts
- Merel Verbrugge
- Ines Charvet
- Maia Abbott
- Zoe Sutev
- Alexander Fernandez
- Gonzalo Pascus
- Simon Christiansen
- Mikkel Blaabjerg



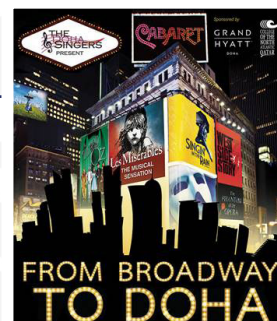
General News

AL SHAHANIA STUD 

Al Shahania Stud - Nepal Charity Fun Run



The owner of Al Shahania Stud, H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani, has generously offered to host a Fun Run around the property of the stud farm in order to raise funds for the April earthquake victims of Nepal. For more information on this, go to our <http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/doha/madinat-khalifa/article/2015/5/20/nepal-charity-run--al-shahania-stud?ts=635677918485350261> where you can download the registration form.



From Broadway to Doha

Compass International School MK has some talented staff who are involved in "From Broadway to Doha", the show features songs from West Side Story, Phantom of the Opera, The Sound of Music and other popular shows. The show at the Grand Hyatt includes a refreshment on arrival. Tickets are available from QTickets online and there is no booking fee.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 24 May & Monday 25 May	Half Term Break
Sunday, 24 to Thursday, 28 May	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition to Oman
Thursday, 28 May	Year 3 Aslam Class Assembly - 7.30am in the sports hall. Parents welcome.