

Rayyan Headlines

8th October 2015

Dear Parents,

What a busy and exciting week we have had in school! The children have settled in to a full week in school after our holiday stops and starts and are enjoying their learning. Every class was involved in Happy Handwriting Week and I saw some lovely examples of neat and well-presented work in each class. Ms Gilbert will be handing out prizes and certificates shortly.

On Tuesday we had the chefs from Idam by Alain Ducasse, in our Year 2 classes. This is a French restaurant in Doha and the children in the bilingual class excelled themselves by asking questions and responding in French. The children really enjoyed the visit and learnt about the role of a chef and how they work. Thank you to Ms Amandine for organizing this.

We also had the English Information Morning which was very well attended. Ms Gilbert updated parents on the new curriculum and expectations for each year group. If you were not able to attend, please let us know and we can send you the information.

On Wednesday, we held our first Marhaba Coffee Morning and got some excellent feedback and ideas from you for the new parent teacher group, Friends of Compass School (FCS). If you would like to be involved in the group, please collect a form from Reception. We are looking forward to having some great events for children and adults throughout the year. Many thanks to those parents who attended.

The ECA programme got off to a good start and we are pleased to be offering such a wide range of activities this term. We expect children to commit to their ECA and stick with their choice for the term. After today, we kindly request that there be no further changes.

Since the beginning of term, due to the increased number of children in school, we have had a lining up system for Years 1-6. Therefore the children should go to class with their teacher at 7.15am and carry their school bags independently. We are encouraging the children to be responsible for their belongings and would appreciate your support with this. I have three staff supervising the children in the morning so you have the choice to drop your children off before 7.15am. Teachers are busy with meetings and class preparation in the morning so are not available before this time. If you would like to speak to the teacher, please arrange a convenient time to meet with them.

New arrangements for EY1

From Sunday, we kindly request that EY1 parents drop off and collect their children from the external sets of doors in the outdoor play area. Parents should access the area via the steps and gate to the right of the main entrance. At the end of the day, Parents are requested to wait beside the play frame until 1.20pm then go into class via the outside doors. This is to avoid high levels of congestion in the Reception area. Thank you for your cooperation, in advance.

This week we launched the Mascot Competition for the new monthly newsletter which will be coming out next week. I'm sure there will be some fantastic drawings and ideas for names. Please send your entries as soon as possible.

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The drop off and pick up traffic system is steadily improving and I met with representatives from Ashgal and Atkins this week to see if we can improve the dust and parking areas. They are working with us to speed up the project and we hope to see some improvements soon. The Security Guards have been excellent at organizing the traffic; one of our guards was awarded Guard of the Month by the company, so congratulations to Moses for this achievement. In the meantime, thank you for your patience.

This week we had the Eco Warrior, Student Council and House Captain election results and we have a fantastic group of children now ready to take on their roles and responsibilities. Well done! I am looking forward to talking to them and hearing their initiatives and thoughts on improving our school.

| Class | Eco Warrior | Student Councillor |
|-------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Y2a | Nil Gunel | Neelam Moonasar |
| Y2b | Paige Hopper | Cole Rueschhoff |
| Y2c | Chadi Olivier | Katarina Stipicic |
| Y3a | Sara Al Shawani | Alyssa Pattie |
| Y3b | William Kinzer | Abdullah Zarzour |
| Y3/4 | Amna Abdel Khalik | Isabelle Kennedy |
| Y4 | Zara Davis | Aidan Fakh |
| Y5 | Amir Al Farhan | Sepi Sagheb |
| Y6 | Amr Abdelaal | Elias Yusuf |

Our House Captains this year are:-

| North | South | East | West |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Rammah Ahmed | Erin Allert | Adarsh Nishad | Nathan Victor |

Today, we held a Fire Prevention themed day in school with Fire Officers from the US Air Force teaching children about fire safety through their very popular character 'Sparky'. The children learned about smoke detectors, how to drop and roll if there's a fire, and about protective clothing and how fires are put out. It was a great learning opportunity for our children, supported by teachers in class, and we hope to have more volunteers from the community in school in the near future.

And finally, a tiger came to tea today in Year 1. There were reports of a tiger roaming the school, looking for food! Luckily it was the character from Year 1's book study and he was very well behaved. He sat down to tea with the children and they shared sandwiches, cakes and 'tea'-what a lovely morning!

Next week, the Maths Information Morning and World Maths Day activities will take place in school. Please check the calendar for details.

Photographs and details of events happening in school can be seen on the school Facebook page. Have a lovely weekend.

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Head of Campus