

News from the Head of Primary



"If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's, we rob them of tomorrow."
- John Dewey



Dear All,

Experiential learning is the process of learning through experience, and is more specifically defined as "learning through reflection on doing". As a school, we ensure that our students are provided with a wide-range of experiences through which to consolidate and further extend their learning, and this has been most evident in our Primary School over recent weeks.

Prior to the half-term break, many of our Year 6 students travelled to Al Jeer in the United Arab Emirates to partake in a week-long residential. During this week, students pushed themselves to their limits and overcame fears, participating in activities ranging from raft building to climbing Jacob's Ladder and taking the 'Leap of Faith'. They also undertook a variety of science-based activities, including dissecting squid and using the ink as face paint. The students clearly had a very enjoyable time in Al Jeer and reflected on their experience during a superb assembly this afternoon, attended by a large number of parents.

We also held our MK Primary 'Big Draw', based on Islamic Art, on Saturday 23 January. This event was very well attended and we clearly have many talented artists within our school community. I am very much looking forward to the big unveiling of the final work; details regarding this will follow shortly.

Such experiential learning opportunities have continued this week. On Sunday our Year 5 French students used and applied language they have learned during their 'Our City' topic on a visit to Lagoon Mall where they had to order a 'Paul' breakfast, speak French during breakfast and shop for French items. Secondly, on Monday we held our House Kite Building Challenge. In excess of one hundred students stayed behind after school to build kites and fly them in our playground. It was wonderful to see the collaboration between our older and younger students with groups completing the activity in mixed-year House teams. Not only did students learn new skills and have a lot of fun but they also received a Global Campus Passport stamp for their efforts. Finally, our Year 5 students and teachers were unrecognisable today coming to school dressed up as characters from myths and legends as part of the Entry Point for their new IPC unit.

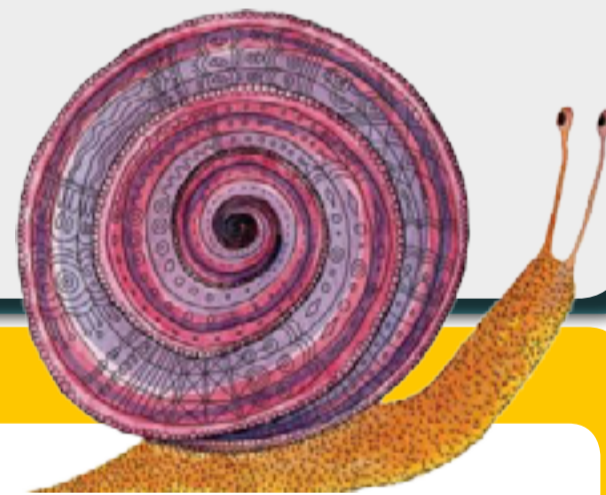
Each of the above activities not only brings learning to life but helps develop a passion for learning in our students that will hopefully last a lifetime.

Next week, there are even more exciting Primary and whole-school events to look forward to. On Tuesday, our annual Compass International School Doha 'Arabian Nights' will be held at our Gharaffa Campus. This promises to be a wonderful evening and a unique cultural experience, and is open for all Compass students and their families and friends. Tickets for the event can be purchased from our MK reception. I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, on Wednesday we have our Primary Sports day which is to be held once more in the grounds of the Sheikh Faisal Museum. Again, all Primary parents are invited to cheer on their children.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mr David Burt
Head of Primary
Compass International School, Madinat Khalifa



TOAD, Toad Who?

Just what is happening over at Toad Hall?

Did I hear you say slugs AND snails..... Coming soon Book [2 or 3 March](#) in your diary NOW!

Be a Part of Your School Join the PTA Today

Our Rather British School Fete

Our **British Spring Fete is on 12 March** this year! We are asking Primary Class Parents to organise your class to lead a game booth by signing up for 1/2 hour shifts. Thanks to those already on our Fete List. You will be contacted to contribute along with anyone who would like to help out, any assistance will be greatly appreciated. If you have any ideas for or would like to host a stall please contact us to organise at rhondanormorehoward@me.com

For all our PTA news, events and services, please go [here](#)

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Dates for your Diary

- 16 February**
[Arabian Nights at Gharaffa Campus](#)
 - 17 February**
[Primary Sports Day - Sheikh Faisal Museum](#)
 - 17 February**
[IGCSE Options Evening](#)
 - 24 February**
[Primary and Secondary Parent Teacher Meetings](#)
 - 25 February**
[Secondary Sports Day - TBC](#)
 - 29 February**
[Coffee Morning](#)
 - 28 February - 3 March**
Whole School Book Week
 - 2 - 3 March**
[Secondary School Production](#)
 - 2 - 6 March**
[COBIS MUN Team travel to Bucharest](#)
 - 12 March - BOOK YOUR DIARY**
[British Spring Fete](#)
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2016 - 2017 School Dates

Please be advised that although some schools in Doha have published their intended Term Dates, the Supreme Education Council [SEC] have not as yet confirmed or agreed any dates for the next academic year.

Therefore any dates published before that are liable for changes.

Compass International School have taken the decision to wait for the SEC to confirm Term Dates for 2016/2017 before sharing with parents to avoid any misunderstandings or miscommunications.

Whilst we agree this can be frustrating, we are sure you will agree that parents would prefer to receive the correct and authorised dates only once.

See all our activities for the week on Facebook, Twitter, Google+ or YouTube.
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Arabian Nights

Tuesday 16 February at Gharaffa Campus
From 17:00 - 20:00

Come and enjoy a fantastic night filled with a variety of exciting activities including henna, freshly baked bread, carpet weaving, Arabic dance and a special dinner

Ticket Prices

Child Ticket - 25 QAR

Adult Ticket - 50 QAR

Family Ticket - 125 QAR

Parents are responsible for their own children during this event.



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Primary School Sports Day

Date: 17 February

Buses Leave: 07:45

Location: Sheikh Faisal Museum

Events Start: 08:00

Les Martinets

Leadership, Adventure & Cultural Expedition

1-7 or 12-18 June 2016

The opportunity for 120 NAE students
to join a week long adventure in this beautiful Swiss location

The programme will include:

- An introduction to Les Martinets and the surrounding area, including ice breaker activities to introduce you to the other students
- Skills training in the valley around Les Martinets – map reading, compass use, self-reliance
- A two day trekking expedition with an overnight stay in alpine huts
- An activity on Glacier 3000, weather dependent
- A range of evening activities
- Experiences of the unique local culture, including chocolate and cheese factories!

To find out more contact: david.wall@nordanglia.com

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to what you
can achieve.

Reach for your dreams,
try something new,
and above all, be ambitious.

