

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Everyone in our school community should be planning their visit to our Madinat Khalifa Campus this Saturday 7 March at 10.00am to join in the fun and excitement of The Great Spring Fete. There is so much on offer that there can be no excuse to miss it. We have craft stalls, several vendors, a traditional British Barbeque, fun and games for all the family including face painting, hoop-la, hook-a-duck, tombola, bouncy castle, lucky dip and entertainment courtesy of the music department. Bring along a home-baked cake and the enter it for our exciting Cake Competition judged by Cecille El Beleidi, Deputy Head of Mission at The British Embassy. Do come along, bring plenty of money and make this a really enjoyable event for our school community, friends and relatives.

On Wednesday 11 March, we do hope that you can come to our Arabian Night spectacular, which, this year will be held at our Gharaffa Campus on behalf of all our Compass Schools in Doha. Tickets are available from the Madinat Khalifa Main School Office. Numbers are limited so make sure you buy your ticket well in advance. At the same time, you should buy your tickets for our School Production of 'The Little Shop of Horrors' on the evening of 19 March. This is a show not to be missed.

Our secondary students have been celebrating the world of books and we were really pleased to see them become absorbed by a love of reading. It was a pleasure to welcome Patrick Hulbert, editor of 'Time Out Doha,' who came into school to talk to students about his role. It was great to see some of the staff dress up in the style of their favorite book character. My thanks to all our secondary English teachers for making this such an enjoyable project and for the rest of the staff and students for making it such a success.

Our senior IB students welcomed Laurence Vanthier, HR Director at the Marriot Marquis to encourage them in the service element of their IB Diploma CAS programme. Our IB students can also be seen developing their enterprise activity with a new twist to their Thursday break-time snacks, adding ice creams and ice lollies to the menu.

On Monday, I was able to present over 20 members of staff with special certificates for completing some of the on-line courses available as part of the Nord Anglia University. This is the teachers' version of Global Classroom and is part of our Global Campus, linking our 35 international schools together in collaborative learning. Those parents who regularly log onto the Madinat Khalifa website will have learned about the new partnership we have established with The Julliard School for music, drama and dance in New York. This is a great addition to our Global Campus. This summer, our 35 Nord Anglia International Schools will have the opportunity to send some of our best musicians to take part in the Global Orchestra event. More information on this can be found on our website news section. Music also featured earlier on this week with two special assemblies presented by Dr Irene Watt, a professional harpist. If you or any member of your family or friends network would like to learn how to make a small harp and then learn how to play it, why not join our workshop sessions starting next term. Find out more on the website.

As always, there is much to offer students and families at Compass International School, Madinat Khalifa and I strongly recommend keeping a close eye on the posters at school as well as the school website.

Yours truly,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE MBA MA FCIM FRSA  
Principal



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## French Trip

At Compass International School, Madinat Khalifa, we put 'learning' at the forefront of everything we do. Whilst the majority of this learning takes place in class, trips and visits play an important part in placing the learning in context and extending understanding to a deeper level. To this end, I am extremely happy to announce that we had our first-ever Primary French field trip, as a culmination of their in-class learning. This involved a guided-tour of Doha, in French, on the famous 'Doha Bus'. A full report on this trip will feature in next week's Newsletter. Miss Egan's Year 1 class visited the Sheikh Faisal Museum as the entry point to their IPC unit on 'Transport'. Read all about it below.



### Year 1 Trip to the Sheikh Faisal Museum

The children in Class 1A had a fabulous trip to Sheikh Faisal's transport museum as our new topic and IPC Entry Point. We saw so many things; there were lots of old cars that were so old they were even put in a big glass box to make sure nobody touched them. We saw race cars, trucks and even a plane was on display. Wow, we had such a great time there!

We were so well behaved. Our guide, Miss Stephanie, told us she was very happy and that we could definitely come back again. We are planning on writing a thank you letter to Sheikh Faisal next week in our literacy class thanking him for this opportunity to see his lovely museum.

### Year 3 Critchley Class Assembly

Year 3 Critchley treated us to a fantastic assembly, showcasing their learning on 'Australia' undertaken during International Week. The children performed with confidence and pride and the assembly was very well attended by parents. Well done to all who took part. Here is what students from Year 3 Critchley

had to say:

*"The assembly was all about what we learned during international week (Australia). We shared some facts that we discovered about the Australian flag, the states and cities of Australia, the wildlife, the fauna and the aboriginal people and their way of life. We showed our self-portraits in the style of aboriginal artwork.*

*A play was performed that told the old aboriginal story about how the kangaroo got her pouch. Finally, we sang a song called 'Going on a Bushwalk' in which we spotted some common Australian animals."*

Short video clips from the assembly will be placed on our school website shortly.

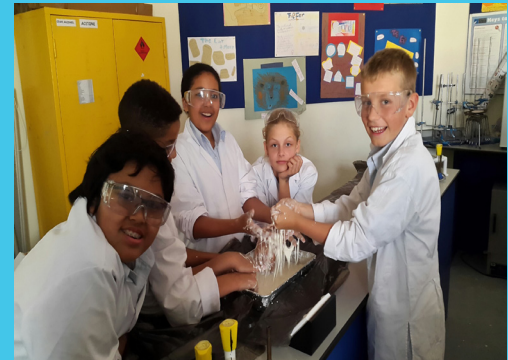


## Harp Assembly

On 2 March 2015, children from both primary and secondary were invited to a Harp Assembly. Dr Irene Watt is a professional Harpist and currently teaches piano and voice classes at our school. The children had a wonderful opportunity to hear the sounds of a beautiful 'Celtic Harp' and also the 'Mini Harp'. Students enjoyed the lovely playing and were given the opportunity to ask questions about the harp as well as having the opportunity to have a go. Dr Irene Watt is an experienced music teacher and professional musician. She has a PhD in Ethnomusicology from Aberdeen University. She has taught and performed at many festivals and folk clubs in the UK, Europe, and the USA and has appeared on British television. If you or your child would like to join this unique project, please contact: Gail Nicholson, Head of Music, [gail.nicholson@nais.qa](mailto:gail.nicholson@nais.qa)

## Year 7 Science

This is a picture of us in a Year 7 science practical lesson. We are learning about 'States of Matter'- solids, liquids and gases. This is a practical that investigates whether custard is a liquid or a solid as it can have both properties. It is called a non-newtonian fluid. We then walked slowly through it and sank through the custard but when we walked quickly through it, we managed to walk on top of the custard.



## Global Orchestra

Can you hit the right note?

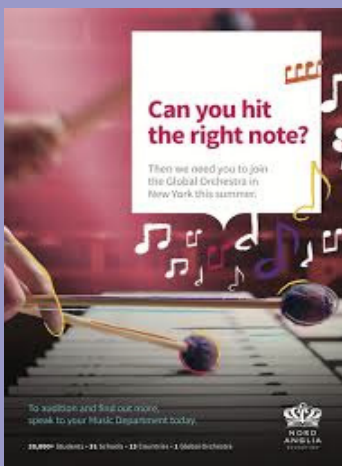
Nord Anglia Education is excited to announce the Global Orchestra

20,000+ students. 31 schools. 13 countries. 1 Global Orchestra

Are you ready to play your part?

Nord Anglia Education is thrilled to announce that we are bringing together our finest young musicians and singers in our first ever Global Orchestra performing in New York this summer!

Find out more about this from our music department or visit the website.





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*What's on at Madinat Khalifa?*

GRAND BRITISH FETE - SATURDAY 7 MARCH

ISPY BOOK SHOP VISIT - SUNDAY 8 MARCH

PRET A PORTRAIT SCHOOL PHOTOS - 8-10 MARCH

ARABIC NIGHT - GHARAFFA CAMPUS - 11 MARCH

YEAR 5 DESERT TRIP - 11 MARCH

YEAR 1 TOBIN CLASS ASSEMBLY - 12 MARCH

