



“Until you spread your wings, you will have no idea how high you can fly”

Dear All,

As we start a New Year, it is usual to take time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. As we do this in school, we can look back on some significant achievements in the delivery of our promises to improve the quality of education and communications at our school in Madinat Khalifa.

Over the winter break, further work was undertaken on our computer network and telephone system. We have installed a new set of computers in our refurbished secondary ICT room and we have added Apple I-Macs to our IB and Secondary Learning Centre. We have built more shading around the school site and have opened up the side vehicular entrance to ease congestion at the start and end of the school day. Can we please make sure that all pedestrians enter the school only through the Main Entrance and cars do not block the roads around the school? Your consideration of our neighbours and other families at the school is much appreciated.

Our teaching staff are keen to maximise the learning of our students and are working hard to add ever higher levels of challenge for our students. We are always looking at ways to use technology to enhance learning and we are pleased to launch the Global Classroom initiative to students from Year 4 and above. The Global Classroom is a dedicated, virtual learning platform offered to students at Nord Anglia Schools around the world. Providing access to this secure, on-line system will allow our students to engage with their peers in other parts of the Middle East, Asia, Europe and the United States.



Looking forward, we can never be complacent and our work on developing our school will never be over.

Some of you may have seen the amazing butterfly display at the main entrance to the school. This was made by a cross-section of students drawn from our Primary School. The message is clear that those who have an open mind and a willingness to try new things will always find enjoyment in learning and will discover the areas in which they can excel.

Next week, we begin our exciting programme of after school, Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs). We do hope that all students take advantage of the wide range of opportunities provided by staff at the school. Unless you try something, you may never know how well you can do it. This is an opportunity to experience a new way to fly and exceed beyond expectations.

Let me conclude by wishing you all a very happy New Year. May 2015 bring exciting challenges and enjoyable experiences to you all. May you be safe, happy and successful in all that you do and may you spread your wings, and fly high.

I look forward to seeing you at the Coffee Morning at 07.30 on Sunday 11 January.

Kind regards,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE MA MBA FCIM FRSA  
Principal  
Compass International School  
Madinat Khalifa

## Primary News



Dear All,

Welcome back to the start of what promises to be another busy, yet enjoyable term at Madinat Khalifa Primary. I trust that you all had an enjoyable winter break, wherever you spent it. It is also a pleasure to welcome back Miss Abby Lovett to our Primary teaching team. Abby returns to us after a short stint back home in New Zealand.

Our Extra Curricular Activities commence on Sunday 11 January and we have a number of new ECA's happening this term. One of these new activities is 'Fencing' and yesterday students had the opportunity to have a go at this enjoyable sport, under the close supervision of trained instructors from the Qatar Fencing Federation. Please see your child's Communication Book for a list of clubs that he / she will be attending during Term 2. If you have not yet signed your child up for an ECA and wish to do so, please see Helen Stevenson in our School Office.

On Monday, some of our Primary students took part in the IPC Space Academy entry point. This involved them completing physical and mental thinking tasks in preparation for their mission as astronauts to Mars. Everyone enjoyed the experience and maybe some will become astronauts one day.

David Burt  
Head of Primary  
Compass International School,  
Madinat Khalifa

## Secondary News



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Coming soon - after the successful primary launch, secondary students will be introduced to Nord Anglia Education's Global Classroom next week in IT lessons. This online resource provides invaluable opportunities to learn, explore and interact with students from our family of schools around the globe.

## News and Dates



**Sunday 11 January 07:30-08:00 Spring Term ECA's begin. Coffee Morning.**

**Monday 12 January 13:30-14:15 DofE International Award meeting with parents.**

**Friday 16 January Tanzania Team depart (until 24 January).**

**Saturday 17 January Space Camp Team depart (until Friday 23 January).**

### **New Year and New Arrivals**

**Welcome to the new staff at Madinat Khalifa:-**

**Year 6 Teacher - Abby Lovett.**

**Marketing & Communications Officer - Claire Morrice.**

**Admissions Officer - Auli Botting.**

### **New Baby**

**Congratulations on the birth of baby Alexander Burt, Mr & Mrs Burt's new born son. A welcome brother for Eloise.**