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January Edition



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Message from the Principal

Dear All,

I should like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Executive Principal of Compass International Schools, Doha. I am delighted to be working with the Heads of Schools at Rayyan and Gharaffa as well as the Heads of Schools at Madinat Khalifa. Our express aim is to develop our educational offer so that it is truly the best in the city. We have some amazing teachers, support staff and students – the key ingredients to making a successful school. The other special part of that mix is the important role played by the parents. With staff, students and parents working in harmony, we are sure to be able to create the most effective and happy learning environment for every child in each of our schools.

As a truly international community, it was really lovely to celebrate the range of nationalities represented by families engaged with the school. International Weeks in Gharaffa and Rayyan were full of fun, facts and flags. A real treat for me was to be able to witness the International Parade at Rayyan earlier this week. There was real excitement

and enjoyment in the eyes of the students and the staff and it was great to see everyone joining in the celebrations.

Each of our schools offers a unique experience that is generated by the staff and children working together to create real synergy of learning. However, all our schools have a shared goal, a shared understanding and a shared expectation that every child should be ambitious in their dreams for the future. Of course, such ambition has to be combined with a sense of purpose, a great deal of hard work as well as support from home and school if the dream is to be realised.

We aim to play our part in bringing dreams to reality and we look forward to celebrating many successes together in the future.

Kind regards,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE MBA MA FCIM FRSA

Executive Principal

Compass International Schools,
Doha



Key Dates for the Diary

Sunday 7th February

Early Years 1 and Early Years 2 Sports Day

Monday 8th February

Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day

Tuesday 9th February

Qatar National Sports Day
National Holiday

Wednesday 10th February

Year 3 - 6 Sports Day

Thursday 11th February

National Sports Day Results-PE Dept
House Meeting
Drop in for coffee:7.30am

Tuesday 16th February

Arabic Night

Thursday 18th February

EY-Y1 Assembly: Y1C, Mrs Roman
Movie Night (FCS): 5pm (Inside Out)

Wednesday 24th February

Anti-Bullying Day

Thursday 25th February

Assembly: EY1-Y1 assembly

Saturday 27th February

FCS Table Top Sale (TBC)

Sunday 28th January

Y6 Fujairah trip departs

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Road Safety Day

On Thursday 14th January, Ian Cargyll and his team from Qatar International Safety Centre visited Compass Al Rayyan for a Road safety Day. All the pupils were involved with this vital learning opportunity.

The day started with an assembly presented by the Road Safety team. There was lots of excellent information about being safe on the Qatari roads whether you are out and about on foot or in a car.

Many of our students own scooters at home and keeping them safe whilst riding is important. Therefore the Early Years classes participated in

a Scooter Safety activity. The pupils had great fun following instructions as they zoomed around the track!

Years 1 and Year 2 had fun as they were taught about the importance of crossing the road safely. They did group activities and worked with a partner to complete “confidence building” games.

Year 3 to Year 6 were invited to bring their own bicycles along to school and were put through their paces with cycle proficiency exercises.

It was a great day and by the end of it all the students had learned a great deal.



International Week

With over 50 nationalities at Rayyan, International Week is a very special event in our school calendar and an opportunity for us to appreciate just what a diverse multi-national school we are.

We began our International Week on Sunday 24 January with a spectacular Olympic style parade around the school compound. Our staff and children came dressed in their national costume and carried their countries flag with pride. After the procession each nationality posed on the stadium for photographs before joining Mr Akhtar for some high energy dance routines. It was a wonderful, colourful morning and a fantastic opening to the week's activities.

Throughout the week each Milepost group focussed on a different continent and each class

selected an individual country to learn about. We welcomed guest speakers, watched documentaries, read stories, collected facts and created some magnificent displays of our selected country. On the Wednesday we invited parents and all the other year groups to visit our classrooms and share in our learning.

The final day of the week began with a magnificent 'Around the World' breakfast. Parents and staff contributed dishes and recipe sheets from their home countries and we were encouraged to try all the different types of food.

The closing ceremony was every bit as spectacular as the opening. The school hall was decorated with flags and our colourful "dressed dolls" from our home countries. We held a special

assembly in which each class presented something from their chosen country. We had a fan dance from Korea, a Tanzanian fashion show, a spaghetti song from Italy, a dragon dance from China, drumming from Africa and lots more. Please look at our school Facebook page and website for full details of the week's activities and lots more photographs.

We would like to thank all of our parents who contributed to our International Week, in particular for all the wonderful food contributions and recipe sheets we received. Our Rayyan Friends of Compass members will be selecting the recipes and creating a PDF booklet, which will be emailed to all parents as a memento of the event.



“ Into the wild... ”



Early Years Two

In Early Years Two we are exploring our new IPC topic Animals.

The children have been really excited by the animal costumes in the role play area. They enjoyed interacting with each other and creating their own stories about what kind of animal they wanted to be.

We have been listening to and reading the story *Dear Zoo* using the interactive white board. The children enjoyed predicting what would happen next in the story and joining in with their favorite parts. Next we will be having a go at writing out own letters to the zoo to describe our ideal pets.

This topic continues into maths provision, where we have been developing our mathematical language by ordering animals by weight and size. We are also able to count the spots on giraffes!



Year 1: Looking Fabulous!

What a great start to Term 2 in Year 1!

As always, we have been working extremely hard in maths and English. This term, we also started our brand new IPC unit, “Say Cheese”, which we started off with our very own fashion show! To celebrate our Entry Point, everyone in Year 1 (teachers too!) came to school dressed in their favourite outfit. We all had a chance to walk the catwalk on our very own red carpet! It was a great day and the children really enjoyed being in the spotlight. During this unit, we have been taking photos throughout the school, as well as exploring different animation and photo editing apps to edit our own photos on the iPads. The children have loved playing with colour and effects to change and edit their photos. “Say Cheese” has definitely been a common phrase around the Year 1 classrooms for this first half of Term 2!



Year 3/4: Thingummybob!

This week was our class assembly in Y3/4. We have been working very hard so far this year and we had a very hard time choosing what to show! One of our English units was play scripts and during our reading phase we shared a play that Miss Gilbert has used with every class she has ever taught! We all loved it so we adapted it and presented it to the school.

"Let me quickly introduce you to the characters.

Batti plays Mr. Mann a good, but kinda grumpy teacher who is a bit stressed out today with all his classes excuses!

Isabelle plays Creepy Claire and as her name suggests she is a creep!

Ayaan, Natali, Ivan, Amnah and

Menna play the children with the excuses.

Dien plays Jason a very curious boy.

Zaira plays Miss Pelling a much kinder teacher.

Meseret, Andrew and I play the rest of the class, the good ones without any excuses!" Ahmed

Have you seen the Thingummybob?

We still don't know what it is but we can tell you what it looks like, it has ...

Surinder: Great big eyes like paddling pools and a massive red belly as soft as marshmallow.

Louise: A dirty big mouth, all slobber and fangs, and its breath could strip paint off the wall.

Gabriel: Enormous, wrinkly, scaly feet, all floppy and webbed like a duck's.

Denise: A huge hairy bottom all covered in fur and a back like a big orange hill.

Andy: And great long horrible hairy arms and hands that could tear up a tank.

We made animations to accompany our storytelling and our drawings of the Thingummybob are based on the descriptions in the book. We hope we never meet him!!



Year 5 update

In Year 5 we learnt about art. One of the art types was futurism. We chose colour or black and white printed bikes then we drew around them with oil pastel so it looked like it moved. We also drew what we thought the future looks like. Some people built it on Minecraft. Another thing we did with art was drawing optical illusions, moving drawings and 3D drawings.

In IPC, Mr. Metcalf gave us a challenge to find out how a stickman could see a flower when there was a wall in front of the flower without moving from his

spot. We couldn't figure it out so Mr. Metcalf told us that the stickman needed mirrors and eventually we figured out it was a periscope, so he told us to make a periscope out of cardboard and two mirrors. We got into groups of four and got to work.

In Year 5 we also had a debate team. The topic we debated was if developed countries should give money to non-developed countries. We needed to say why it was a good idea.

Jeppe and Nero Year 5



Uniform Policy

Just a gentle reminder of our school uniform policy. Our uniform consists of the following items:

- Official school yellow polo t-shirt with crest for boys and girls.
- Smart dark blue shorts for boys during the summer and long dark blue trousers in the winter.
- Girls wear smart dark blue shorts or skirt during the summer and dark blue skirt or trousers during winter.
- Early Years girls may also wear navy or black leggings.
- Plain Dark coloured socks for boys and white socks for girls.
- Dark blue or black school shoes (not open toe sandals) for boys and girls.
- School crested blue fleece (this can be purchased from Uniform Mart), or any smart dark blue fleece, cardigan or jumper in the winter for boys and girls with no logos.

Girls are welcome to wear hijabs, leggings under their skirts or shorts and long sleeves under their polo shirt to comply with local religious customs.

PE Kit

- School branded dark blue and yellow polo shirt.
- Dark blue shorts.
- Suitable trainers.
- Any suitable coloured swimsuit and swim hat may be worn (available from Uniform Mart) for swimming lessons.

It is essential that you label all clothing clearly in case any items are lost.

Accessories available to purchase at Uniform Mart:

- Legionaire style cap (we operate a no hat, no play policy even in the cooler months)
- School Book Bag
- School backpack
- Sport kit bag

Personal Appearance

Jewellery other than a watch and simple stud earrings is not allowed. No nail polish.

Long hair should be tied back and this is essential for PE lessons.

Spot the Mascot Competition...

Well done to this week's winner **Abdulrahman Kazi! Y2A**
Excellent spotting skills!



Where is Ray hiding in this month's newsletter? Look carefully to find him and then email ray.ry@nais.qa with his location. There will be a prize for the first family to spot him and they will be featured in the next edition!



Friendship Tree

On Wednesday 20th the whole of the Rayyan campus came together to make a Friendship Tree. Lead by Humera Asif and Year 6, children stamped their painted hands on the tree all day to create our new masterpiece.

