



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*“The five S’s of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit; but the greatest of these is spirit.”* (Ken Doherty)

Dear All,

It may only have been a short half term but it has certainly been a busy one. In the Primary School, we have been focusing our energies on tracking the progress of students to identify those who need additional support so that they can achieve their targets. We launched the Global Classroom initiative for those in Years 4, 5 and 6 as part of the Nord Anglia Campus. This exciting, safe, on-line platform allows students to share ideas, engage in debate and enter competitions with students across our 31 Nord Anglia Education Schools. We are unleashing the “power of 31”.

In the Secondary School, our Year 11 students revised and then sat mock examinations to prepare and practice for the final examinations this summer. Global Classroom has been used by Secondary this term and students experienced two very successful expeditions – one to our Global Campus Expedition Centre in Tanzania and one to Turkey for Space Camp. Following their antics on Twitter or the Space Blog, it is evident that everyone had a great time and gained a great deal from these residential trips. Meanwhile, back in school, those Secondary students who remained in Doha had the opportunity to do a range of sporting, team-building, artistic and creative writing activities. These events only happen through the hard work and energy put in by staff at the school. I am sure that the students and their parents join with me in thanking everyone for such an excellent week of activities in and outside the boundaries of the school.

On Sunday 15 February, we would like to invite parents and students to a special evening to explain the requirements for entry onto the



International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Madinat Khalifa.

This highly prestigious, academic course is for students who have completed IGCSE courses in Year 11 and have ambitions of entering university. This international course is accepted universally for university entrance including entry to higher education in the UK, USA, Europe and Australia and many more. To find out about this 2-year course, please join us at Madinat Khalifa on Sunday 15 February from 5pm until 7pm.

Next week is half term and school re-opens on Sunday 8 February. During the first week back, we celebrate the National Day of Sport on Tuesday 10 February when the school will be closed. Whilst we will be celebrating sporting activities with our special Sports Days later in the month, we strongly encourage all of our students and their families to engage in the spirit of the day by joining in one of the many sporting activities in Doha. If you are short of ideas, have a look at the activities organized by Legacy Sport. They have competitions and tournaments for adults and children of all ages at Aspire Park. You can find more information on the sportscorner website [www.sportscorner.qa](http://www.sportscorner.qa) where you can register for the adult and youth football and volleyball tournaments. For more information, please contact [david@legacysportsandevents.com](mailto:david@legacysportsandevents.com). Wishing you all a pleasant week whether you are staying in Doha or travelling. May you be safe and find time to relax with family and friends.

Kind regards,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE MBA MA FCIM FRSA  
Principal





## Primary News

This half-term, we have welcomed a number of new students into our Primary School and each is a valued member of our school community. The fact that new students are able to settle into our school quickly and happily is testament to the supportive nature of our staff and friendliness of our students. This welcoming atmosphere is something of which we all very proud.

### ECA Showcase Crochet Club

Our Crochet Club, run by Mrs Pitchford, has proved extremely popular this year. This is what club members Nicole, Giulia and Marijn have to say about crochet.

“We are learning how to do a double crochet stitch and chains. It takes a lot of practice but it is very relaxing and enjoyable. At the end of this month we will have hopefully made a bag!”



## Secondary News

On Monday 26 January, Mr. Frans de Nooij a retired planner from The Netherlands presented a synopsis of his work regarding dam construction in Holland. His presentation was entitled ‘The paradigm shift from seeing dams only as icons of safety to developing dams and their environment as icons of safety and durability’. He was extremely passionate about his career, and spoke about the culture change regarding dam construction and how they are now being utilised in a far more environmentally sustainable manner to try and minimize their impact on coastal and freshwater environments.

Mr. de Nooij presented to a variety of age groups. It was a great pleasure to see somebody still so passionate and enthusiastic about their career, with Mr. De Nooij still working two days a week for an NGO in Holland.



## Secondary News

### ‘The Geographers’



#### Year 8 Geography Curriculum Initiatives – A Focus on ‘Shanty Towns’

The Year 8 Geographers here at Madinat Khalifa have recently been following a unit on ‘Population Dynamics’ as part of the Geography Programme of Study. One part of this unit in particular, focused on the reasons for rural-to-urban migration and the subsequent development of shanty towns in developing or poorer nations (formerly known as LEDCs or Less Economically Developed Countries).

Students were tasked with evaluating the pros and cons of the development of shanty towns; the impact on the shanty town dwellers along with the effects experienced by residents of the wider urban areas in which the shanty towns are located.

To utilise a range of VAK (Visual, Auditory and Kinesthetic), students were challenged with creating models of shanty towns. The students and staff really enjoyed creating these models, and the learning experience consolidated and stretched their holistic understanding of the issues surrounding shanty towns in developing countries. A huge thank you goes to Mr. Mackenzie and Ms. Lewis for planning and delivering such exciting and innovative Geography lessons.

### ‘The Entrepreneurs’

Throughout Years 7-9 Enterprise students explored their creativity in designing their business and/or new innovative products. A range of ideas were designed which included new mobile phones, GPS apps, cafes and restaurants, food businesses, gaming, new hair machines, clothing businesses, new inventions and much more.

All students had a set of criteria to follow in order to ‘pitch’ their ideas. All participants demonstrated a confident approach, with some even composing their own jingles (singing, playing the guitar and beatboxing). Samples of the logos are below. Winners will be announced in the next assembly.





Last week, 32 of our secondary students participated in a week-long residential visit at our Nord Anglia Education Expedition Centre at the foot of Mount Meru, Arusha, Tanzania. Activities included a safari, community work with a local Primary school and orphanage, trekking, team building and an appreciation of local culture and heritage. Students and staff from four NAE schools united to renovate Kitefu Primary School in Arusha.

Three classrooms were renovated and plans for further projects already underway.



*"I had a great time in Tanzania, it showed me a different side of the World. It was great to meet students from around the World. I enjoyed the safari as I had the opportunity to see beautiful animals in their natural habitat. I already miss it!"* Ariff, Year 12.

*"Tanzania was a wonderful opportunity to experience what thousands of people are going through every day of their lives. It made us appreciate life and be grateful for what we have and the problems that we face because somewhere, people are going through a lot more than you."* Marcel, Year 9.

*"It was a once in a lifetime experience. I didn't really know how lucky I was until I went on this trip. The children at the Primary school were always smiling and welcoming. The activities were always fun but the highlight for me was repainting the classrooms. We also made friends with students from other schools in America and Switzerland"* Siri, Year 10.



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