



News from the Head of Primary



"No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it."

~ Halford E. Luccock.



Dear All,

This week's focus is on our Primary School. 'Embedding collaborative learning' is at the heart of our Primary School Improvement Plan, and last year our teachers were trained in using a variety of cooperative learning structures. This significantly impacted on the learning happening in class, increasing student engagement in lessons, strengthening student relationships and raising academic standards. As an ambitious school, we are continually looking to improve and over the course of this term, our Primary teachers will receive further training on how to take collaborative learning further, working closely with an experienced cooperative learning structures trainer.

On Saturday 23 January, all of our Primary school community will have the opportunity to work together as we undertake 'The Big Draw' challenge. Led by our Primary Art Leader and Global Campus Website Art Tutor, Miss Emma Brick, we are looking for as many students, parents, family members and friends as possible to work together to produce a large piece of artwork to ultimately become a permanent feature in our school. Please click [here](#) for further information.

The following day, Sunday 24 January, our Year 6 students are off on their residential trip to Al Jeer in the United Arab Emirates. Our Year 6 team led a final information session regarding the trip earlier this week. I know that every child is extremely excited and looking forward to the various team-building challenges and activities they will undertake whilst away. Our Marketing and Communications Officer, Mrs Denise McManus, will also be attending this residential, so you can be assured that regular photographic updates of the adventures will be posted on the trip twitter account and trip diary on our website.

Finally, Extra-Curricular Activities commence on Sunday 17 January. This was the first time that our ECA sign-up has been undertaken online. In general the process went smoothly and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Janet Hobday (Primary), Mr Glyn Martin (Secondary) and Mr David Moreland from Legacy Sports for their hard work in ensuring this.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

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

Dates for your Diary

- 17 January
Tanzania Students Return
 - 17 January
[ECAs Start](#)
 - 21 January
[PTA Secondary Snow Ball](#)
 - 23 January
[Primary Global Campus Big Draw](#)
 - 24 - 28 January
[Year 6 Ecoventure Trip](#)
 - 31 January
Half Term Holiday Starts
 - 7 February
Back to School
Year 12 University Presentation Evening
- Go [here](#) for our full calendar

ECA Bookings

PRIMARY bookings for ECAs are now closed. Your child's ECA/s will be included in their Communication Books for your convenience. Please check to diarise which days these fall on, some have had to be changed or were not included due to certain circumstances, such as a Year 2 selected a Year 4 ECA or all places were filled.

SECONDARY ECAs are still open for booking due to many of the students being on their educational trips. Please go [here](#) to create an account and then select the ECA/s you would prefer to participate in.

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.

Primary School Production - Calling all Parents

We are in desperate need of your help! Mrs Leonard needs a team of expert sewing specialists to help her to make costumes for the primary school production. Come and join us, meet other parents and have some fun.
Please email to find out more: alana.leonard@nais.qa

PTA Update

Secondary School Snow Ball 2016

Call Out to all parents, we need your help in making this the most successful event of the year for our Secondary students. Please could parents bake some cupcakes or supply a **plate of eats** (2 dozen) for the evening (something dusted in snowflakes would be ideal) and drop these off at reception on 21 January. We are looking for **fairy lights** to dust the hall in sparkling snowflakes, if you have any at home please label these and drop them off at reception on 20 January. Lastly, if you are able to assist us in decorating the hall, please let Rhonda know on rhondanormorehoward@me.com and she will contact you with the time. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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

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