



**“Everyone who remembers his own education,  
remembers teachers....the teacher is the heart of the  
educational system .”**

Sidney Hook



Dear All,

As I welcome students through the school gate and visit classrooms during the day, I am struck by the positive attitude of our students and our staff. As a school leader, it is an honour and a pleasure to see dedicated professionals coming together as one cohesive unit with the same ultimate goal: to impart knowledge, wisdom and life-skills to a group of willing students.

As adults, when we look back on our own school days, we remember the teachers who made us smile or helped us overcome a new challenge. I recall many such people who helped and guided me through my time in school. I remember the people who gave my life real purpose because they showed that they cared. I am sure that parents reading this will all remember at least one teacher who made an indelible impression on their lives, and who will never be forgotten. It is the relationship between the child and the teacher that leads to a passion in a subject or a love of learning in general. A good teacher will make a poor student good; the good student even better. A good teacher teaches from the heart, not from the text.

It is our hope at Madinat Khalifa that every child has someone to whom they can relate to on a personal and professional level. Sometimes children can be unfair to each other and cruel words and actions can result in conflict. It is important that we all work together to resolve such issues and that these young people learn from the experience. It is important for us to know about such matters in order to work on solutions, so having good communication between home and school is vital for the safety, welfare and happiness of all members of our community.

Our individualised support for students who need a little extra help is one way of raising the achievement of our children. This process works well because of the commitment of staff, the willingness of our students and the engagement of our parents. This can be explained as the three sides of an equilateral triangle where each of the three elements work in equal ways to provide the best possible experience for young people at the school.

At the heart of our mission is the development of well-rounded citizens, able to take their rightful place in our global society. The work of our Community Group is an example of parents taking the lead to support each other in their journey through education. The input we receive from our colleagues in the Nord Anglia Education family of schools adds a wider level of expertise to the work of our school. Most important is the camaraderie within our own school amongst staff and students that make this a pleasurable place in which to teach and to learn.

Long may this three-way partnership grow and prosper. With your support, we are confident that our school can develop a 21<sup>st</sup> century educational experience for our 21st century learners.

Kind regards,

Dr Terry Creissen OBE MA MBA FRSA  
Principal  
Madinat Khalifa



## ***SECONDARY NEWS***

### **Year 8 & 9 Parent Forums: 12 November 2014**

07.35 - 08.35 and 16.00 - 17.00 in the IB Café.

This is an opportunity to share your views and ideas with us. Although these two sessions are the same, they are at different times to make it easier for all to attend.

### **Student Council Elections**

The elections for Student Council were held on Wednesday. We should have all student representation in place within a very short time. The views and activities of this team will shape our thinking as a school

### **Lockers**

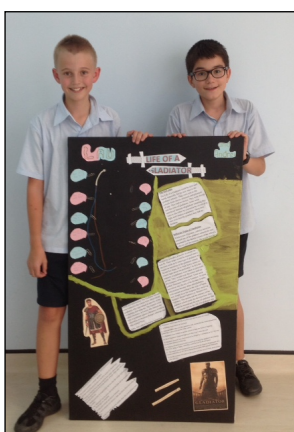
Apologies, again for the delay with lockers. Finding a safe space for them in school has been a challenge that has become an enormous frustration. We will be allocating them next week.

### **Trips to Tanzania and Turkey**

Places are open to Years 7 and 8 for Space Camp in Turkey and for Years 9,10 and 12 for the Tanzania Expedition by Tuesday 11 November.

### **Road Safety and Traffic**

I am sure that you will have noticed that this is being monitored very closely. Please ensure you are not double parked when dropping or collecting your child and always use allocated parking spaces. Please do not block exit gates.



An example of outstanding homework effort for a Year 7 History project.

## PRIMARY NEWS

### Primary Eco Club News

The primary school Eco Warriors have got off to an enthusiastic start, meeting with Mrs Elvin and sharing their ideas for improving the school's environmental awareness and practices. To help get the messages across to everyone in the school community, the team (Bradley and Noah Y1, Benjamin and Sidney Y2, Elysium and Tiaki Y3, Arjun and William Y4, Amna and Florian Y5 and Julie and Fatimah Y6) worked on a collection of eye-catching logo designs. There were many excellent ideas to choose from, Fatimah's poster was voted as the winning logo. This will now be used in our posters and other communications in our efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle at school. We are starting our environmental awareness by adding the logo to new paper recycling bins in classrooms.



The winning logo by Fatimah Y6

### Sporting news

This week, our upper Primary football team played a number of friendly matches in Dhukan. Our students played some very good football, demonstrated great sportsmanship and earned 0-0 or 1-1 draws in each of their games. Whilst every player should feel proud of themselves, a special mention must be made of Javier Van der Beek who was voted Man of the Match.

### Primary Parent Seminars

Our next Parent Seminar will take place on Thursday 13 November. This will focus on the 'International Primary Curriculum'. The seminar will be in Madinat Khalifa Sports Hall at 07.45am. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



## Year 10 Educational visit to Oman

Year 10 students recently returned from a six day educational visit to Oman. It was a very rewarding experience during which our students participated in IGCSE fieldwork, trekking, cultural visits and water based team building activities. Here is what a couple of them have to say about their time in Oman:

*"I am 100% sure that all of us, students and teachers, enjoyed the day to day activities in Oman. Not only did we enjoy Oman's vast mountain ranges and gorgeous wadi's, but the towns, culture and local marine life were certainly a sight not common anywhere else. With each day's activities, I enjoyed myself, whether it was kayaking, visiting the grand mosque or doing fieldwork. The fun never seemed to end"* (Miguel Salvosa)



*"Oman was a complete surprise to me; really green and it seemed not as developed as Qatar. I really enjoyed the kayaking and visit to the grand mosque. All of the activities were fun but sleeping in a tent on a beach was hard with the sea only a couple of metres away"*

Thomas Siccard

*"I liked the mountain walking in Oman; it was a nice country. I did not go to Oman before but I would like to go again"* Saad Al Kubaisi

We all have many fantastic memories from our visit to Oman that will stay with us for a very long time. Oman truly deserves its title 'The Jewel of Arabia'. It was a great visit and I am very proud of our students. It was a privilege to accompany them to such a diverse and beautiful country.

Mrs Banfield



## CAS IBDP Students in Action

As part of the IB Diploma Programme our students have to undertake projects involving Creativity Action and Service. The IBDP students have been assisting Primary Teachers in reading, writing and verbal skills in the class room.



Amanda Sim Wan Yee Y12 assisting in Year 3

*'In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn'*

Phil Collins.

I have realized in the past few weeks whilst assisting in primary mentoring, I've actually learnt more than I've taught. It's amazing how much you learn from the remarkable minds of young children. Two of the things I've learnt are that every complicated problem has a simple solution and that one should enjoy every little moment in life.

Amanda Sim Wan Yee

## ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

### **Wednesday 12 November**

Year 3 and 4 travel to Katara Opera House for a performance of Peter and the Wolf.

### **Thursday 13 November: 07.30 – 08.30**

Primary Parent Seminar on the International Primary Curriculum (IPC), led by Miss Alana Tobin.

### **Thursday 13 November: 18.00-20.00**

Primary Film Night. See flyer on next page.

### **Thursday 20 November: 07.30 – 08.00**

Year 6 Elvin Class Assembly. This is in Madinat Khalifa Sports Hall. All parents of Year 6 Elvin are invited to attend.

# FILM NIGHT

for primary students



**Thursday, November 13th  
from 6 to 8pm**

**Entrance: 10 Qr/student**

**Tickets will be sell before and after school on November 9th and 10th**

**Madinat Khalifa Campus**