



Weekly Newsletter

News from the Principal

"Thy fate is the common fate of all; Into each life some rain must fall."
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Dear Parents

We certainly had an exciting Wednesday with the flash floods in Doha, we thank you for your patience in collecting your children from school.

Every parent wants their child to have the chance to live their dreams and be happy in their adult life. Please read my letter [here](#) which explains just how we at Madinat Khalifa are striving to ensure that you child gets the best education you could want for them.

Dr Terry Creissen OBE
Principal



Primary News

Many of you may have noticed that I have not been in school for the majority of this week, with Mrs Janet Hobday leading the Primary School. There is always a good reason for my absence when I am missing from school and this week I have been part of a Nord Anglia Education working party focusing on 'Assessment Without Levels.' You can read all about this [here](#), as well as all other Primary news for the week.



Secondary News

We have great ambitions for our students standard of behaviour. This week we have had discussions about encouraging good behaviour, good manners and respect in school amongst our students. Behaviours we develop in school will follow us throughout life, please read [more](#) about what we have and will be doing with our students to instill these traits.



In and Around School

Year 6 Energy World Qatar 2015 Exhibition Visit

This exhibition raised awareness of the resource problems facing the world and the innovative solutions for the future, see the details [here](#).

Year 12 IB UCL Qatar Conservation Labs Visit

Y12 IB students spent a very interesting couple of hours in UCL Qatar's conservation labs. See all the photos [here](#).

MADinat Khalifa students go to MAD

MAD is an acronym for Qatar's newest expressive arts festival: MusicArtsDrama, the brain-child of a small coalition of international teachers from Doha and Al Khor. Read all about the festival [here](#).

Into the Desert with our Bronze Medalists

What a fantastic effort from our Duke of Edinburgh International Award students who hiked through the Zekreet area last weekend. Each group were given instructions to follow and had to carry a 15kg bag on their trek through the Doha desert. For all the fun and photos go [here](#). Well done to all the students who managed to survive this part of the medal trials.



CAS Becoming Best Buddies®

Our IB students have been given the opportunity to work side-by-side with the Best Buddies® non-profit organisation. This allows our students to become involved in opportunities for developing one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more on how this assists in developing our own students, please go [here](#).

Oman Visit Places Available

Places are available for our Oman Year 9 and 10 IGCSE Education Visit in January.

This trip will include fieldwork studies relating to Science and Geography, as well as cultural trips and outdoor team building activities.

Total Cost: QAR4,800 (incl. flights, accommodation, food, activities and transport). To guarantee a place, apply to Lisa at reception with a QAR1,000 deposit.

General

Calling all Adults - Emails, Skyping, Facebook.....?

Is this a foreign language to you, we would like to invite adult members of our school community, whether you are a teacher, parent or grandparent, who would like ICT tuition next term. These will be run by our Year 12 students who will concentrate on activities such as sending emails, online shopping, Skyping, the cloud, etc. Please email laura.anderson@nais.qa to register.

Per Term School Fee Payers

Please note that the payment for the second school term is due by 27 November 2015, please make arrangements to pay the due fees before this date as per your school agreement.

If you have any difficulties or queries please contact [Amanda Lobo](#).

Legacy Sports Newsletter

Legacy Sport now have their own Newsletter, it includes direct links to all of their activities and to a survey that they would like parents to complete this will let them know what they would like to see in the new year. Special rates will be available to Compass students. Find the newsletter [here](#).

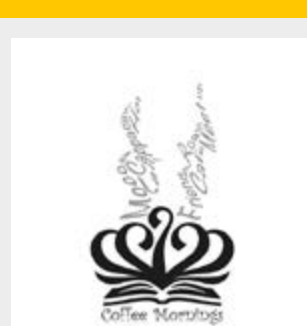
H2O Swim Club

H2O Swim Clubs provide an extensive series of swimming programs that include:

- Learn to Swim Programs
- Developmental and Technique Improvement Swim Programs
- Competitive Programs
- Adult Swimming Programs from Learn to Swim to Master

For more information on H2O go [here](#).

MK PTA Events



Coffee Morning - 7 December 2015

Join us for our Coffee Mornings and meet new parents.

British Spring Fete - March 2016

Our next PTA event is the British Spring Fete in March next year, we look forward to spending another lovely day with you all.

If you would like to join our PTA please contact [Rhonda Howard](#).

Feedback

Please let us know what your thoughts are on the Newsletter. Are we communicating the news you want to read? Is there anything you would like us to be reporting on? Your feedback is always welcome. Please email denise.mcmanus@nais.qa for any comments.

Dates for your Diary

30 November

[Year 11 Parent Forum](#) - 07:30

1-3 December

Visiting Author - Alan Gibbons

2 December

[Educational Visit/s Information Evening](#) - from 16:30

7 December

[Parent PTA Coffee Morning](#) - 07:30

[IB Year 12 and 13 Parent Forum](#) - 07:30

Primary Music Monday - 12:00

8 December

[Talent Show](#) - 17:00

10 December

[Primary Parent Seminar - ICT](#) - 12:45

Term 1 ECAs End

13 December

[Secondary Assembly](#) - 07:30

15 December

Qatar National Day Primary Assembly - 07:30

Primary Class Parties - 07:30

Qatar National Day Secondary Assembly - 08:30

Go [here](#) for our full calendar

Secondary Trips Info Evening

The above evening will be held on 2 December, please diarise the times according to your child's trip below:

1. UAE - Al Jeer: 16:30 - 17:30
2. Oman: 17:30 - 18:30
3. Tanzania: 18:30 - 19:30

Sport News

Sport Results

U13 and U 16 Girls Netball

Compass vs AKIS - both teams lost, but played very well against tough teams.

U14 Boys Football

Compass vs SEK, the boys drew 2 - 2, very good play.

U16 Boys Basketball Tournament - QF League

Compass vs DBS, the boys lost 4-1 against DBS in the semi finals of the QF League.

Fixtures for Next Week:

Mon 30 November - U9 Boys Basketball Tournament at ISLQ

Tues 1 December - U13 Girls Netball vs ACS

Tues 1 December - Playoff for 3rd and 4th place in the U16 Qatar Foundation League

INVITATION TO PARENTS

U16 Final Game of they Year - to be held at Qatar foundation. Directions to the event can be found [here](#).

Follow all the sport action on Twitter [here](#).

Music Mondays @ Madinat

Music fills our halls every day of the week, and once a month we are entertained by our primary and secondary students. This week our string ensembles from Secondary showed us their talents on violins and harps. Have a look [here](#) at our Madinat ensemble groups. Keep a look out on Facebook for our video next week.



School Uniform Reminder

We would like to remind our students and parents of our school uniform policy. The uniform that you are allowed to wear to school can be found in your Student Guide booklet. We have included pictures of these for your convenience [here](#).

For the winter months, although the school fleece is preferable, students are permitted to wear plain navy blue or black cardigans and jumpers. Hoodies and any other clothing with branding, print or logos, or any items which are not navy blue or black are not allowed in the school building at any time.

Talent Show Tickets

Tickets to our Annual Talent show are available from reception.

Book your place now for 8 December 2015 at 17:00 in the Sports Hall.



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