



Weekly Newsletter

News from the Principal

"The limits of my language means the limits of my world."
- Ludwig Wittgenstein

Dear Parents

Developing an understanding of language through reading, writing, speaking and listening is at the heart of the work of every teacher. These basic elements of communication are at the core of our education system. The highlight of this week has to be the arrival of our Author in Residence, Alan Gibbons. For all my latest highlights, please go [here](#).

Dr Terry Creissen OBE
Principal



Primary News

This week we have had the privilege of hosting the award-winning author, Alan Gibbons. Alan taught every Primary class over the course of the week, enthusing them and developing their story writing. However, learning is a lifelong process and our Primary teachers also received instruction from Alan during our staff training session this week, coming away with even more ideas to stimulate a love of writing for our students.

For more Primary news and photos of Alan Gibbons please click [here](#).



Secondary News

This week I would like to highlight the importance of accepting and understanding people who are shy. Academic research has traditionally defined shyness as being an intrapersonal problem (an inability to mix with others). Shyness is not a choice or a behavioural problem and sometimes it can be hereditary, but there are some things we can do to help our children.

For more information on this and to learn more about how you can help your child if they are shy, please go [here](#).



In and Around School

Year 7 Experiments

Our Year 7's had great fun mixing cola and mints together to cause a few explosions, see the video [here](#).

IB Rounding off The Theory of Knowledge

Over the last three weeks our year 13 IB students have been giving their final TOK presentations to an invited audience of year 12 IB students, staff and parents in our IB centre. It is important for future IB students to find out what the expectations are for this section of the course. For more information on this go [here](#).

The Humorous Alan Gibbons Visiting Author

Alan Gibbons has left his impression on the classrooms he has visited, from entertaining the students with his stories on his own writing to how other popular stories were written from very basic story lines. Alan is inciteful, creative and entertaining to listening to. To find out more about him and his books, please go [here](#).

Educational Trips 2016 - All The Information You Need to Know

Al JEER - EcoVenture Science Trip. Download information [here](#).

Our Year 7s and 9s will be going on this trip between 10 and 14 January.
Year 6 will be taking the trip to Al Jeer between 24 and 28 January.

OMAN - Muscat Adventure Centre. Download information [here](#).

Our Year 9s and 10s will depart for Oman on 9 to 14 January.

ITALY - Snowtraxx Internatnional. Download information [here](#).

Our Year 8s and 9s leave for Italy on 9 and return on 16 January.

TANZANIA - Global Citizenship Expedition. Download information [here](#).

Our Year 10s and 12s leave to go to Tanzania on 9 and return on 17 January.

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.

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

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

[WereldWijd Dutch Performance](#) - 15:00

15 December

[Qatar National Day Primary Assembly](#) - 07:30

[Primary Class Parties](#) - 07:30

[Qatar National Day Secondary Assembly](#) - 08:30

17 December

[Last day of Term](#) - 13:30

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY

3 January

[All Students Back to School](#) - 07:15

Go [here](#) for our full calendar

Sport News

Sport Results

U16 Boys Football

The final game of the year which was held at Qatar Foundation saw our boys playing a tough game where they lost 4-1 against DBS, giving them fourth place overall in the tournament.

U9 Boys Basketball Tournament

Compass vs ISLQ, our boys came 4th overall.

U14 and U16 Boys Basketball

Compass vs Al Khor, both teams lost their games but an excellent learning curve for them. MVPs - U16 Muzzamil Awad, U14, Olamide Olaleye.

U14 Boys Basketball

Compass vs SEK, a very tough game with a tight loss of 22-28. MVP Diogo Batista for his defensive excellence.

U13 Girls Netball

Compass vs ACS, our girls lost their game.

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



Talent Show Tickets Are Selling Out FAST. Buy yours NOW!

TICKETS TO OUR TALENT SHOW ARE AVAILABLE AT RECEPTION FOR QR10!

Don't miss out.

8 December 2015 @ 17:00 in the Sports Hall.

Be Remembered.....Be There!

