



## Weekly Newsletter

### News from the Principal

*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." – Mahatma Gandhi*

Dear Parents

There is no doubt that "The Around the World Breakfast Festival" was the best one yet at the school. Well done to the first event organised by the MK PTA at the school for this year, we look forward to many more.

Throughout the year we work together in a cooperative manner whether inside or outside of the classroom via collaborative learning techniques through to developing compassion and understanding in our students. This coming week we will be focusing on our anti-bullying policy, please read more on this [here](#).

Dr Terry Creissen OBE  
Principal



### Dates for your Diary

**15 - 17 November**  
[School Photographs](#) - 07:30

**16 November**  
[Year 10 Parent Forum](#) - 07:30

**18 November**  
[Primary Film Night](#) - 17:30

**19 November**  
[Primary Parent Seminar EAL](#) - 12:30

**29 November**  
Primary Book Week Commences - 07:30

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

Go [here](#) for our full calendar

### Primary News



International Week in the Primary School has been a great success, children have learned about a particular country in class and shared their own experiences of different cultures.

Please diarise our Primary Film Night which will be held next week Wednesday, 18 November. As well as our next Primary Parent Seminar on EAL on Thursday, 19 November. For more information on our week in Primary please go [here](#).



### Secondary News

Bullying in school is not a subject we take lightly and with a worldwide focus on bullying next week, we will be highlighting this epidemic in school in a variety of ways. We will start with an Anti-bullying Assembly and highlight various aspects in specific classes during the week. If you would like further information we will have a Combatting Bullying pamphlet available for parents. Your support in school and at home as parents is very important in helping your children if they are being bullied or are bullying others. For more information on this read [here](#).



### School Photographs

School and Class photographs will be taken between 15 to 17 November, please ensure that your child comes to school looking their best. For family / sibling photos, please book at reception. For more details go [here](#).

### Sport News

#### Sport Results

**U14 Boys Football QUESS League**  
Compass vs Dukhan, the boys lost 4-0.

**U16 Boys Football Qatar Foundation League** The match against Qatar Academy, Doha was postponed. This has been rescheduled for Tuesday 17 November.

**U16 Girls Swimming Gala**  
Hosted by AKIS the girls came third overall. Joanelle Herman obtained a 1st place in the 50m butterfly. See all the results and photo [here](#).

**U16 Boys Basketball**  
Compass vs Doha College, although the boys lost they did very well for our first ever U16 fixture. Well done to all the players. Follow our sport results on [Twitter](#).

#### Fixtures for Next Week:

Mon 16th: U14 Boys Football vs Doha College - DC  
Tues 17th: U9 Girls Basketball Tournament - DC West Bay  
Tues 17th: U16 Football vs Newton International School - Madinat Khalifa  
Wed 18th: U9 Boys Basketball Tournament - DC West Bay  
Wed 18th - U16 & U19 Boys Swimming Gala - AKIS



### In and Around School

#### World Robotic Olympiad

Ali Gharib and Abdulrahman Shamlan had a learning experience at the Qatar National Robot Olympiad competition on 7 and 8 November. The 'Pathfinder' Team represented our school at this prestigious event, Dr Creissen met with them before the awards to wish them luck and although they did not win the experience they gained was worth all the effort. Read the full story [here](#).

#### A First for Primary - Magical Music Mondays

Miss Tizzard and her students held their first of many Musical Mondays in the foyer. We were joined by a few parents and students while some very brave performers showed us their talents. Well done to our students, we have some lovely photos [here](#) and a for a peak at their performances go [here](#).

#### International Week in School

Our primary classes have been participating in learning about other cultures throughout this week. The Year 1B class spent a morning making sushi, origami, painting and writing in Japanese. Thank you to all our Compass Mothers who participated in this learning experience. [Photos](#). While Thursday has seen the classes dressing up to participate in the International Week Parade look how great they all look [here](#).

#### Biology Bubbles

Our Year 12 IB students had fun with bubbles and used this to investigate how bubbles are fluid, flexible, and can self-repair. They used this knowledge to relate their bubble fun to the properties of cell membranes. [Photos](#).

### General

#### Year 11 Extra English - 21 November

Mrs Menton has organised a Year 11 Literature coursework support day on 21 November between 1 pm - 5pm at school. This is open to all Year 11's and will form the necessary support students need to submit their second draft of the coursework in a quiet, focused environment. Please contact Mrs Menton to let her know if you will be attending.

#### Termly School Fee Payers

Please note that the payment for the second school term is due by 27th 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](#).

#### Thursday Scouts Spaces Available

There are still available places for Year 7 and 8 students to join the Scouting group. If you are interested please email [1stdohascouts@gmail.com](mailto:1stdohascouts@gmail.com)

### MK PTA Events



#### Primary Film Night - 18 November: 17:30

A letter has been sent out with all the details about the Film Night, please only return the slip to reserve your place, **bring your money with on the night** for your ticket. If you have not returned your slip, please send it to school on Monday, we need to know how many people to cater for. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event please contact [Annabel Clarke](#).

#### Around the World Breakfast Festival

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards making this a very successful morning and to the PTA for all the hard work. Please go [here](#) for the colourful photos.

To join our PTA please contact [Rhonda Howard](#).

### 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.

#### Proposed Itinerary

- Dhow Day: Dolphin watching, kayaking, snorkelling and orienteering
- Fieldwork: Birkat al Maws, Wadi Muaiyidin or visit the Wetlands of Muscat
- Trekking, Grand Mosque and Museum of Natural History
- Wadi Shab: Beautiful natural pools

**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.

### Talent Show Auditions

*Remember!*

**Be Ambitious and Audition**  
Auditions for our Talent Show have started.  
To enter contact the Music Department Today!

*Be Remembered.....  
Be There!*

