



## **“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.**

Henry Ford



Dear All,

It is always a pleasure to witness members of our school community combining their efforts to be a powerful force for good. Like a very large extended family, it is important to recognise the contribution that each individual makes to the overall success for all. There may sometimes be differences of opinion or conflict between individuals but as a family, we stand together united in a common goal. Being members of Compass International School in Doha is the glue that binds us together with a shared purpose. The team that learns together, thrives together.

We should take pride in our individual and collective achievements, celebrating our successes and resolving our weaknesses. It is a continuous process of improvement and can only be successful if everyone pulls together for the greater good of all.

A recent example of teamwork was witnessed at school when we considered how best to support students on residential trips and visits. Our Year 6 students travel to Fujairah for a week under the stars, enjoying many different activities and learning how to be members of an effective team. You can follow their exploits through Twitter @FujairahCISD, or check out the daily updates on the school website.

Closer to home in our Primary school, we have seen examples of students achieving amazing success in the Athletics Challenge. Individual successes have been achieved by Soukaina and Merel in Year 6. They have helped the team of Year 6MA to move up to 30<sup>th</sup> place in the ‘Athletics Hall of Fame’.

On another venture, we have involved the whole school community in backing our 2015 Tanzania Campaign. In January, we take 32 students to our Nord Anglia Education Base Camp to work in a local orphanage and school. They will engage in activities in this rich and diverse area of East Africa, working and sleeping under the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro. This expedition is supported by ‘Nordstar’, the community investment arm of Nord Anglia Education and it is a real honour for our students to once again be involved in this rewarding experience.

Linked to this is our recent success in gaining accreditation as an Award Centre for the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award. This globally recognised programme is a great opportunity for secondary age students to develop their skills in leadership and teamwork. My thanks to Mrs Banfield for taking the lead on this and providing another way to celebrate the success of our students at Madinat Khalifa.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards,

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Principal  
Madinat Khalifa





## **PRIMARY NEWS**

### **Sailing Success**

This morning we were visited by Simon Kerns, one of the lead instructors from Regatta Sailing Academy to present certificates to our Term 1 sailors. In Year 5: Eelke, Lyjain and Simon. In Year 4, Thomas, Natasha and Owen. In Year 3, Ilyas and in Year 2, Joury.

Every one of these students should feel proud of their achievements and are great ambassadors for our school.



### **Mathletics Success**

The recent success of Madinat Khalifa individuals on the Mathletics website ([www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com)) has now been matched with a superb class performance. Year 6 MA students reached Number 30 out of all Mathletics classes in the Middle East. This is a huge achievement.

### **Year 6 Fujairah Residential**

Our Year 6 students, along with Mrs Mannings and Mrs Elvin leave for Fujairah early Sunday morning for a fantastic residential trip. You can follow their progress on Twitter using the following twitter handle [@FujairahCISD](https://twitter.com/FujairahCISD).

Those students not attending the residential will be undertaking an exciting Global Classroom project back at school.

### **Year 5 trip to see Horrible Histories**

Year 5 had the opportunity to watch the Horrible Histories performance of 'Barmy Britain'. All students and staff had a fun time learning about the history from the Medieval times to the Modern times. Please see the website for more photos.



### **Morning drop-off and Afternoon pick-up**

We ask parents to ensure that students are not on site before 07.00 and are collected promptly at the end of the day. Normal school finishes at 13.30 and at 14.30 for after school activities (ECAs). We are not able to supervise students whilst they wait for a brother or sister to finish an ECA. It is important that students are collected on time. If you know that you are going to be late, please telephone our school in advance so that we can be prepared.

Please note that playground equipment should not be used before or after school. We cannot be responsible for any injuries caused outside of our supervised hours.

### **Lost Property**

Members of the Community Group have kindly volunteered to sort out the lost property. Please could you look through the boxes for your child's lost property this week? Next week, our community group will wash and iron everything in readiness for a second hand uniform sale after the December break.



## ***SECONDARY NEWS***

### **Proud to deliver The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award**

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is the world's leading youth achievement award, bringing together practical experiences and skills to equip young people for life. Since it was founded in 1956 by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh (husband to Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom), over eight million young people have participated in the Award in over 140 countries and territories. Schools, colleges, universities, employers, social clubs, youth organisations, sports clubs and many more run the Award. From January 2015, Compass International School, Madinat Khalifa is proud to offer the Award to young people aged 14 to 18.

### **Yr. 12 IBDP Student Visit to the Qatar National Convention Centre**

On Thursday 20 November, IBDP students at Madinat Khalifa had the opportunity to attend an IB Conference organised by the Al Bayan Secondary School for Girls at the QNCC. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to attend a range of workshop sessions presented by established educators and people from the world of business. The keynote speakers were Mrs. Fawziya Al Khater (Head of the Education Institute at the Supreme Education Council) and Sheikh Jassim Al Thani (Head of Qatarisation at Maersk Oil). The one day conference offered sessions covering 'Leadership', 'Writing Good Lab Reports', 'Tips on Presentation Skills', 'Good Debate Techniques', 'Using TI Nspire Calculators', 'Creativity and Interdisciplinarity in Visual Arts', 'Creative Writing' and 'Plagiarism and Referencing'. This was a valuable experience for our IB Diploma students who were presented with certificates of attendance to add to their Record of Achievement/Personal Portfolio as evidence of their participation in the IB global community.



### **Talent Show**

Tickets are now available for our annual Talent Show. Please collect your tickets from the school Reception at Madinat Khalifa. Please note that students must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis.

### **Healthy Eating**

In our effort to promote awareness of healthy eating habits, we will be offering a seminar to parents that will focus on optimizing children's diet and providing practical tips on healthy eating. This is another step in our quest to create community links which are beneficial for children's well-being and to continue to support parents in their role. The seminar will take place in the Sports Hall on Monday 8 December 18:00 – 20:00pm and will be led by Mrs Nathalie Gudgeon, Nutritional Consultant. More details are on the school website.





## ***SPORTS NEWS***

### **U14 Basketball against Mesaieed International School**

For our first game of the season our boys played exceptionally well. It was a promising glimpse of what the team has to offer and we are looking forward to seeing them in action in Al Khor.



### **Lekhwiya Football Club**

Our partnership with Lekhwiya Football club continues to develop with opportunities for students to meet the players and support local matches. All families and friends of Compass International School are invited to join us at the stadium on 9 December at 14.00 to engage in activities for the whole family including a Fan Zone that will involve inflatables, games and music.

Following this, will be invited to the stadium to sit in a reserved stand to watch the game against Al Saliya at 14.00. Our students will be asked to escort the professional players onto the pitch before kick-off. In addition to this fantastic opportunity, Compass students will also be playing a 7-a-side football match at half time on the pitch against International School London. It would be great to have the support of the entire school community to back the boys and girls in front of a spectacular stadium. Tickets are available from [glyn.martin@nais.qa](mailto:glyn.martin@nais.qa) with your name and the number of tickets required by 12.00 on Saturday 6 December. More information can be found on our website.

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

<b>Sunday 30 November – Thursday 4 December</b>	Year 6 residential to Fujairah
<b>Monday 8 December 18.00 – 20.00</b>	Nutritional Seminar
<b>Tuesday 9 December 17.00 – 19.30</b>	Talent Show
<b>Thursday 11 December 07.30 – 08.00</b>	Y1 Miss Egan Class assembly
<b>Thursday 11 December time to be confirmed</b>	Secondary Dance Valley
<b>Sunday 14 December 14.00 – 18.00</b>	Parent Teacher Consultations
<b>Monday 15 December</b>	Qatar National Day Activities
<b>Tuesday 16 December</b>	Qatar National Day Assembly Class Parties Y1 – Y6
<b>Wednesday 17 December</b>	Last day of term