

# Rayyan Headlines

14th October 2015

Dear Parents,

After a long wait, the children at Rayyan finally made a **splash** in the swimming pool this week. What a lot of excitement there was as each class approached the new pool with huge smiles on their faces, desperate to get in the water to cool off. It was a resounding success and they are eagerly awaiting their next lesson. Many thanks to Mr. Hamad al Houdaifi, Water Master and Rumailah services for realizing this project for us.

Please send the correct, **named**, kit on swimming days which should include the following:

- Swimsuit or swimming trunks
- Towel
- Crocs or flip flops
- Goggles
- A long T shirt or bath robe( to wear to and from the pool or if there is an evacuation)

**Please remind your child to collect all their belongings after swimming** as we already have quite a collection!

Our annual **Rainbow Picnic** family event will be held at Rayyan on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 8.00-10.00am. This year we would like to invite you to bring a 'Pot Luck' dish or an Arabic Breakfast dish to share with your family and others. Further information on the event will be sent on a separate notice.

We had a very good response to our 'Friends of Compass School' (FCS) group request. Our Director of Admissions and Marketing is now reviewing them so if you want to join or be a post holder, please pick up a form from Reception.

Thank you for your cooperation with changes in dropping off and picking up children at the beginning and end of day. It is now a much smoother and quieter process and Early Years in particular are very pleased with the changes and the impact on settling the children in the morning.

I have had some complaints about cars driving at speed near the school gate. Could parents, drivers and carers please **slow down** and be careful of adults and children crossing.

Some children are bringing very large bags to school which are both heavy and do not fit in the cubbies. The children do not need large bags and bags with wheels are not part of the school uniform. Please try to keep bags as small as possible so that the children can carry them independently.

This week, Mr Hannon presented the new maths curriculum at our Maths Information Morning. Thank you for attending and sharing your thoughts and concerns with us. Mr Hannon has set up a maths web page which can be accessed on: <https://sites.google.com/site/cisdmaths/>. Thank you to Mr Hannon for his very informative session.

This week we also held World Maths day in school where the children participated in maths challenges around the school and dressed up for the day. There was a buzz around the campus as the children solved puzzles and number clues and enjoyed the outdoor shape hunts.

Next week, Uniform mart will be holding a pop up shop at Rayyan on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 12.30-3.00pm. Please pass by if you still require school uniform. It may also be a good time to stock up on school fleeces now that the weather is cooling down, before the winter rush. **Lost Property** will be put on display on Wednesday and Thursday-please check for your child's belongings.

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This morning, we were very fortunate to have a world class athlete in school to talk to the children about opportunities in Qatar. Liz McColgan-Nuttall MBE, a World Championship gold medalist, Marathon winner and Olympic finalist took some time off from her work at Aspire to introduce the children to her Athletics Club which we would like some of our children to join. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to meet such a talented athlete who is a glowing example of our philosophy to 'be ambitious' and of determination and resilience. You can read more about Liz here <http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/e-inspire/hall-of-fame-athletes/liz-mccolgan/>

Next Wednesday and Thursday, we have IPC Exit Points coming up in Early Years and a chance for the children to share and learn about each other's national food.

Year 2 are visiting Idam restaurant in the Museum of Islamic Art and the exhibition on the hunt. Year 6 will be visiting the Roza Haddad Flower Nursery and Year 4 have been invited to a performance by the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra.

School will close for the half term holiday from October 25<sup>th</sup>-Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have Funkid Fitness running a day club for children at Rayyan so watch out for details of this.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need information or have something to report. The Secretary, Jan Flattley, can be contacted on [secretarycisr@nais.qa](mailto:secretarycisr@nais.qa) Our Admissions Officer, Sally Horton, is also available on [sally.horton@nais.qa](mailto:sally.horton@nais.qa) for any admissions enquiries.

Here are our first ever Rayyan swimmers in Year 2, who had a lesson on Sunday.



Ann Djedid, Head of Campus.