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REGULAR MEMBER



Cambridge International School

Parents To Do list.

- Check school website
- Check home-work
- Check week ahead
- Email school with any query
- SMS with any query
- Read to your child daily
- Say thanks
- Praise your child for all their hard work
- Pay school fees.
- Eat well and exercise
- Get plenty of rest and have a great day!

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11th May, 2015

Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as this term draws to a close. At EMSW we aim for excellence in everything we do. This applies to the *physical environment* (our facilities, outdoor spaces and displays) and the *emotional environment* (from the way we welcome parents and students in the morning).

Everyone within the school community is committed to playing their part in ensuring that your children achieve all they can in our school. Here at The English Modern School, we will not relent in our effort to pursue excellence and celebrate the continuing academic success of our wonderful students.

This is an extremely busy term (and a short one too!) Particularly for Year 6 students, it will be an intensive one. They will soon finish the school year and take their final examinations, so they are working very hard at present as they consolidate their learning in readiness for the end of year exams in a couple of weeks' time. We are eager that they show their great achievements whilst still in primary school. I trust that you will help your child achieve their very best.

"A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special." Nelson Mandela

During the previous term, there have been many activities and visits, and you are now able to view them in full glorious colour via the school website along with our yearbook. As always, my door is open as and when you need to speak to me.

We have seen and heard of several natural disasters such as landslides and earthquakes from around the world. We pray for peace and comfort to those who have lost their loved ones.

Please enjoy reading this newsletter and let us know if you would like to see any regular features appearing.

Best regards,

Omolola Wright

Head of School

ECE

Our KG students have been working hard on the theme for the month "The Sea". They learned about things that might float or sink. They were surprised to find out that apples float on water. Other objects such as plastic sea creatures, pebbles and small metal blocks would sink to the bottom.

Students were surprised when two rather large gold fish appeared in the Bumblebee classroom. They have shiny scales and swam actively and made their appearance at the ECE assembly last Thursday.

KG students participated in the water activity in April. They were able to walk around in water and enjoyed the opportunity to participate in water activities during class time and during break using water tubs.

Students are continuously blending letter sounds in KG2 to read CVC words and are exposed to high frequency words to help them read sentences from simple books. KG2 students also learned to spell easy words and made it to the Spelling Bee Contest in April. Our KG students had so much fun visiting the farm earlier this month.

PRIMARY

April has been a very productive month for our primary students . They have carried on with their learning both in and out of the classroom. One of the highlights of our month was a visit to the farm. Pupils had the opportunity to observe and feed a wide variety of animals. They were so excited to see all of the animals but their favorites were the camels, giant turtles, peacocks and ponies.

The EMSW Spelling Bee was also an absolute success . All of our students and teachers put great effort into preparing for the Spelling Bee. We would also like to thank our parents for helping to get the children ready by practicing with them at home. Students participated in "heats" during spelling lesson and were awarded house points for their house teams. Finalist went on to participate in the spelling bee with other contenders from their Year Groups. The finals were extremely exciting; the level of ability in each Year Group was so high the judges had to increase the difficulty in order to find a winner. Well done to all our competitors!

We would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate our Year 5 pupils for completing the SEC Trends in International *Mathematics* and Science Study (*TIMSS*). All pupils worked very hard in preparation for the tests and we are extremely proud of their efforts.

We look forward to a busy May here at EMSW and to continue working in partnership with all of our wonderful parents.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

During Physical Education time this month the students were involved in their first Batting and Fielding activity. They learnt new skills in Softball and also improved on previously learnt skills. During the lessons the students played matches and kept score. The games require students to display good teamwork as they try to score more runs than the other team. Although the students like to win in the matches they play, they also have to show good sportsmanship after each match, even if they lose.

There was one inter-school competition for the year 3 and 4 boys. The basketball competition was held at Doha College in West Bay. We had two teams represented at the competition and both teams did very well. Both teams got fourth place in their respective groups and the boys showed good teamwork and sportsmanship.

The after school activities continued but all outside games have stopped due to the hot weather.

Our boys and girls continue to try their best for medals and to push for places in the different sports teams. They must stay strong as there will be more competitions in the month of May.

KG students have been working on their hand and eye coordination skills through catching a large ball. They were also working on stepping on stairs with both of their feet while carrying a small object.

Students were engaged in relay races and various activities to improve their space awareness. Different physical activities were introduced in order to get familiarized with "Over, Under Go Round and Through" games.

QATAR NATIONAL CURRICULUM (ARABIC, ISLAMIC AND QATAR HISTORY)

Our students participated in The Cambridge School competition. This time, 21 students were entered for the competition, 7 of them got excellent, 9 got very good and 4 got good. Well done to all our students.

Year 1 students enjoyed classroom competitions with other classes. They are also about to finish studying Arabic letters. Year 2 was busy in performing prayer individually and collectively. In Arabic, students identified some of the important ethics about respecting work and important information about the Kingdom of bees through promotional contests in the classrooms.

Year 3 performed short Islamic classroom plays and studied poems. In year 4-6, our students have finished the poetic texts unit and they enjoyed training on how to recite them.

All students began studying unit 3 in Qatari history and completed their first lesson in various topics related to laws, regulations, services and heritage of Qatar. They will implement their learning in pictured projects on these topics.

Most of our children who are not native Arabic are now able to read simple words and they can also correct their accent when using the Arabic language. Some of our pupils can also speak in Arabic about school life and daily routine.

QNC department advises using the following websites to support students learning at home:

Islamic for Arabic native speakers: <http://www.mp3quran.net/> Quran recitation (Telawa).

Islamic for Arabic non- speakers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BkL1uDuta2U>

Arabic for Native-speakers for kids: <http://kids.almo7eb.com/index.html>

LIBRARY

Our school Book Fair proved to be very popular with the students as they were given the chance to purchase a wide variety of books and learning resources to help support their learning at home.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As we are entering the summer season, we would like to give few reminders on how to maintain the well-being of all our students in our campus.

Keeping Hydrated & Heat Protection:

During this hot weather, we encourage children to drink enough water every day. This will help them to keep hydrated and be protected from heat exhaustion; sunburn is also common during hot weather. Applying sunblock or sunscreen lotion on your children is highly recommended. Wearing the school cap for outdoor play is highly recommended.

Importance of Having Breakfast at Home:

Stomachache and headaches are some of the major complaints that the school clinic receives every day. Ensuring that students eat their breakfast before coming to school will also decrease the chance of such complaints during school hours. This will also help your children to become more active in class discussions and they will also have more energy when participating in school activities.

Head Lice:

This is an insect that lives on the head. Head lice feed themselves by biting the scalp. Having head lice (pediculosis) is common; as many as 6-12 million people worldwide get head lice each year.

Please keep the following in mind: Anyone who comes in close contact with someone who has head lice can get head lice; discourage head-to-head contact and sharing of hats, scarves, combs and hairbrushes; tie long hair back in braids; check the heads of all family members and people in close contact in case someone else has head lice; all family members with head lice should be treated at the same time; check young school age children weekly for head lice and more often if there is an outbreak.

We still do head lice inspection for every child in school. Once we find out that your child is having lice or nits (eggs) we immediately contact the parents for them to take their child home and to kindly treat their child's hair.

Please take note that your child cannot come back to school if he/she is still having head lice and/or nits. We are doing this to avoid the spread of head lice to other children and for the welfare of your child.

Thank you and please visit our school website. www.emswakra.net