



Parent Newsletter

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Welcome to our bi-weekly newsletter at Doha Academy Al Waab Primary. Here you will find the latest updates and news about our school.

DA Primary Leadership Team

Coming up...



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About Us



Our stated Mission is:

Doha Academy offers an education for life. We believe that schools should be happy and purposeful communities that enable children to achieve their best spiritually, morally, socially intellectually and physically.

Our stated Vision is:

To be a global leader in providing an accessible, outstanding, and all-inclusive education that reflects the principles and teachings of Islam.

Our Mission and Vision are our most important guiding statements. They synthesize the aspirations we hold for our students during their time with us and beyond. Together with our Islamic Values, it is important that we measure our progress towards and achievement of them. In the coming days we will be inviting your feedback and your participation in school to help our evaluation process.

Islamic Value Of The Week



This week, students looked at the important Islamic value of feeding others.

A man asked the Prophet Muhammad, “What sort of deeds in Islam are good?”

The Prophet SAW replied, **“to feed (others) and to greet those whom you know and those whom you do not know.”**

Why is this considered as one of the best actions in Islam?

It is because feeding others requires us to sacrifice our time, energy and resources in order to prepare the food/buy the food for others and to then go out and serve. Be it for one’s family, friends, or random strangers on the street. Not only does this get counted as a charity but we are also helping others in being nourished and not struggling with hunger.

This important value was linked to the UN World Food Day. Students discussed the UN global goal to achieve #ZeroHunger and learned that by changing simple day-to-day actions, they can reduce waste, eat better, and use the Earth's resources more wisely and take on a more sustainable lifestyle.

Qatar National Identity



We have produced a set of guidelines for our staff as to how they can help promote Qatar National Identity as part of Qatar's 2030 Vision. At Doha Academy, we welcome students and staff from around the world and invite them to participate in and recognise the benefits we all enjoy living and working in Qatar.

With the majority of our students being from Qatar, we are fully aware of our school's context and hope to share this with our school community.

We would very much welcome your ideas as to how we can better promote Qatar National Identity. We would love to hear from Qatari parents who would like to talk to our students about their work, their culture or heritage. Please get in touch: humza.alakku@dohaacademy.net



Bug Club

Get them reading!

As most of you know reading is the key for your child to be able access the curriculum, let us work together to instil and create a love for reading in our children.

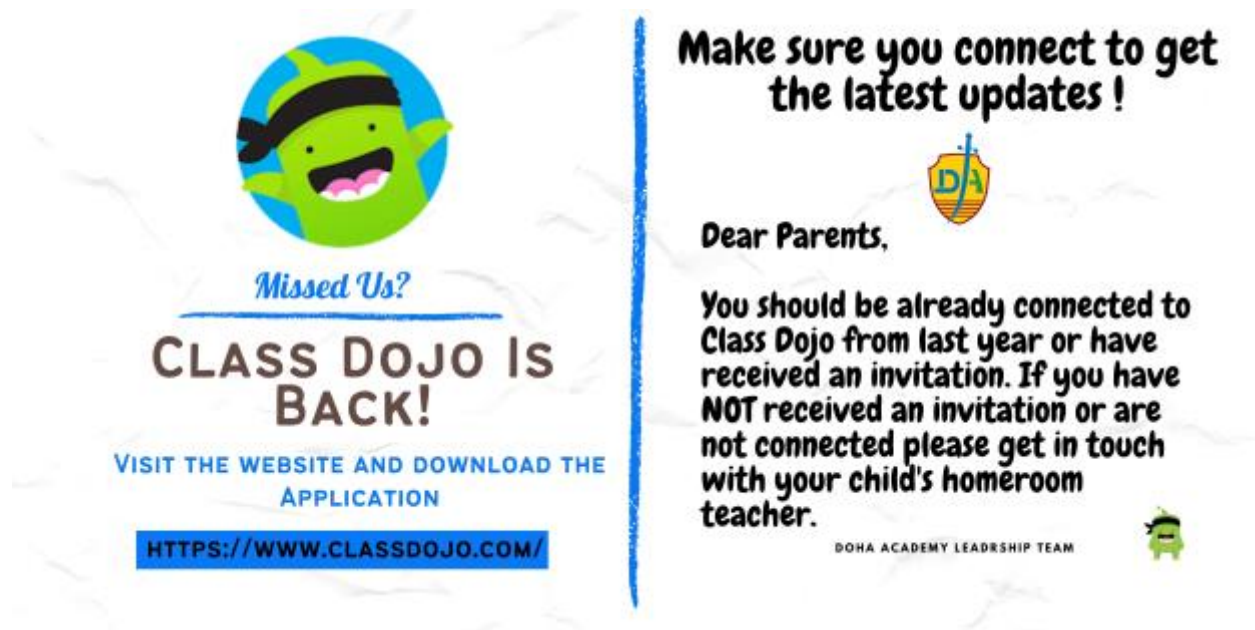
Bug Club is a great online tool to develop confident and motivated readers. It combines over 500 finely levelled books with interactive eBooks and an online reading world – so books can be allocated to individual pupils for home reading and assess their progress instantly.

Bug Club benefits:

- An enormous range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, offering variety to keep children engaged and develop a love of reading.
- Features well-known characters from film and television.
- Finely levelled to give your children manageable steps in reading progression and a real sense of ongoing achievement as they move through the levels.

“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” – Garrison Keillor

Class Dojo



The graphic is a promotional poster for Class Dojo. On the left, there is a circular logo featuring a green cartoon character with a black headband and a wide smile. Below the logo, the text reads "Missed Us?" in a blue, cursive font, followed by "CLASS DOJO IS BACK!" in large, bold, black capital letters. Underneath that, it says "VISIT THE WEBSITE AND DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION" in blue capital letters, and a blue button with the URL "HTTPS://WWW.CLASSDOJO.COM/" in white capital letters. On the right side, there is a vertical blue line. To the right of the line, the text says "Make sure you connect to get the latest updates!" in bold black font. Below this is a small shield-shaped logo with the letters "DA" inside. The text continues: "Dear Parents," followed by "You should be already connected to Class Dojo from last year or have received an invitation. If you have NOT received an invitation or are not connected please get in touch with your child's homeroom teacher." At the bottom right, there is a small green cartoon character and the text "DOHA ACADEMY LEADERSHIP TEAM".

What is ClassDojo?

ClassDojo is a school communication platform that we use to connect our students, parents and teachers and build our school community by sharing what's being learned in the classroom through photos, videos, and messages.

Creating a Positive Culture

Teachers can encourage students by awarding points for any of the skills or values linked to their learning — whether it's working hard, being kind, helping others or other achievements.

Download App and Register Account

Please download the app and register an account. Add in your child's unique code - shared by class teachers earlier this term. If you have any difficulties, please contact support@dohaacademy.net

Celebration Awards





Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Islamic Ethos Winners and Arabic Award Winners!!!

Student Highlights



1 - 6-Point Stars



2 - Year 5 Art on Islamic Geometry



3 - 6-pointed stars inspired by a Masjid in Uzbekistan. This hexagram design appears in Islamic geometry and is known as "Seal of Sulaiman"



4 - 'Tornado Tower' for our project in Humanities .



5 - Do you recognise these towers?



6 - Using different materials to create our own structures.



7 - Learning our phonics ...the 'b' sound!



8 - Practical activities to help us remember our 'L' sound in phonics!



9 - Sharing a Shell- story by Julia Donaldson. We spoke about: shells- 'Sh' sound, crabs and how it feels to be kind!

Important Announcements



Assessment Week

From Sunday 5 December until Thursday 9 December - students across the Primary will be in school from 9am until 12pm. Students will be sitting assessments for Qatar History, Religion, Arabic, Reading and Writing.

Please send your children in with lunch, a water bottle and a pencil case. They do not need to bring all their books to school.

Coming Soon

End of term Reports

Term 1 Reports will be sent to parents on Tuesday 14 December on Parent Portal.

If you are unsure of your username and password - please email support@dohaacademy.net

Parent Teacher Meetings (PTM)

Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place at the start of Term 2.

These meetings will be an opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress and targets.

An email with further details will follow next week.

Parent Teacher Association



Thank you to our Parent Teachers Association for meeting with us to look at improving areas across the School, including visiting our students in their classrooms! Teachers were happy to show off the learning that happens everyday.

Thank you for your support and feedback.