



Parent Newsletter 2

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Welcome to our 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.

Update - Welcome back to School



As per the MOE guidelines, we are now back to school at 100%.

Every Sunday, admission to the School will only be permitted on providing a printed, signed consent form, following a Rapid Antigen Test.

The form can be found on the link:

<https://dohaacademy.sch.qa/covid-declaration-form-link/>

For classes that are closed for COVID - lessons will continue online over MS Teams. They will be recorded and shared with students, to help those unable to attend earlier on.

We hope this makes it easier for our students to attend their lessons and continue their learning.

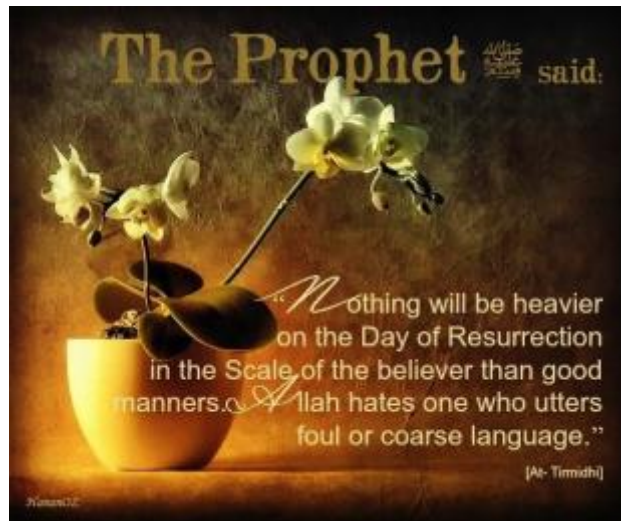
Some Rules for Online Learning:

- Be punctual for lessons
- Have the correct equipment ready
- Dress smart - so you are ready for school

- Have water nearby
- Keep your cameras on and microphones off - unless speaking
- Be respectful and responsible when online

Teachers will be looking at the rules and sharing good learning behaviours.

Islamic Value Of The Week



Last week, students looked at the important Islamic value of **being respectful**.

The Holy Prophet emphasised respect as part of his message.

تحتة التي بالوسادة الداخل ويؤثر ثوبه بسك ربما حتى عليه يدخل من يُكرم كان.

He (the Prophet) used to respect everyone who entered, so much so that many a times he put his robe under him for sitting and gave his own pillow for support.

Once, while the Prophet was sitting alone in the mosque, a person entered and came towards him. The Prophet got up and vacated his seat for him. The newcomer asked: "O Messenger of Allah! The mosque is vacant and there is ample space. Why have you stepped back?" The Prophet said: "It is one of the rights of a person upon another that when one wishes to sit near the other, the latter should step back as a token of respect for him."

If many people sat before the Prophet, he, in order to maintain the respect of all, used to look at all of them equally. When the Holy Prophet wanted to sit down, he sat wherever there was an empty space, and he did not care whether it was the place of honour or otherwise.

When he sat with his companions in the mosque or any other place, people sat in a circle so that the sitting had no distinguished place of honour and all were equal. If any stranger came to the sitting of the Prophet, he would not know who the Prophet was just by his seat. The round tables which are now standard fixtures of political and other conferences in the world, are in fact a legacy of the sitting of the Holy Prophet.

The respect which the Prophet showed for others attracted people to him. Humanity was benefited by the Prophet. Indeed the Prophet clearly said:

الأخلاق مكارم لإتيمم بُعثت

I have been sent to perfect the noble character..

Respect of others is a very important value for us at Doha Academy and we hope our students will learn to appreciate it. For even Allah emphasised it to the Prophet of Islam in the Qur'an:

أَحْسَنُ هِيَ الَّتِي يَقُولُوا لِعِبَادِي وَقُلْ

And say to my servants that they should only say those things that are best . . . (17: 53)

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

Health is Wealth!



Healthy living in Primary at Doha Academy.

Do you care about your health? At Doha Academy we don't just care about providing you an education for life, we care about you and your health, as well. From the Sunday 23 January to Thursday 27 January, the Primary Section has been discussing and exploring what healthy living is. We learnt that there are several key things we must do and they are exercising, sleeping early, eating 5 a day, drinking lots of water and how to protect yourself from illness.

Although we have been online while we have been exploring this wonderful topic, this hasn't stopped the staff and students from sharing their ideas and celebrating with their teachers. We promoted our discoveries and realisations by wearing green on the last day, which was Thursday.

Across the school, the classes completed various activities based on exploring what healthy living means. Some classes made fruit salad, other classes made posters about what they thought healthy living was and in Years 5 and 6 the students created debates. Year 5 argued whether or not online gaming should be banned, while Year 6 debated whether fast food should be banned or not.

Have a look at the pictures and quotes we have gathered from the students explaining the importance of healthy living. They have also provided their thoughts and opinions of how the week went. We hope you think twice about skipping the junk food and living a healthy life.

By Ameera Lathifa (6WG), Razan Jarad (6WG), Jasmin Lbshtin (5WB) and Alanoud Al-Mohannadi (5WA)

Think before you click!



Primary explored the importance of online safety.

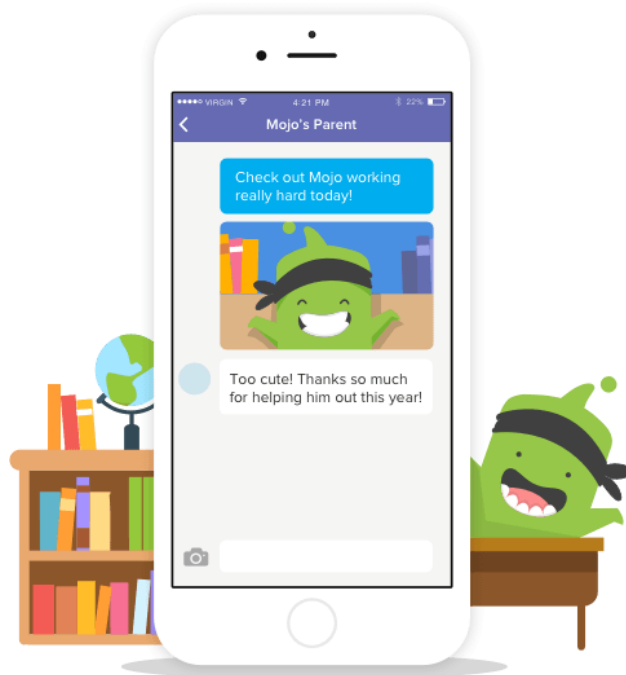
This week The Primary Section explored the importance of internet safety and how we can be safe online in many different ways. The children explored this topic with their classroom teacher, as well as, with the ICT teachers during the lesson.

We shared our ideas about how to stay safe and how to avoid dangerous things happening while online. We talked about not trusting people we don't know online if we don't know them in real-life, learnt how to create strong passwords to protect our accounts, when the strong passwords are crucial and how to make sure accounts are set to private so only the people you know can access them.

We hope the children have learnt something new to do in their daily life to further protect themselves online. We hope the children follow these new rules to stay protected as they continue using online resources. Follow our motto of "Be aware, connect with care!"

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Communication



Microsoft Teams

Class Dojo or MS Teams

Parents are welcome to continue messaging their children's teachers using the Class Dojo app or on MS Teams

Under the messages tab - a list of the staff linked to your child's class is available.

Please note - teachers will do their best to get back to you within working hours.

If you require any help with connecting to your child's class, please contact the class teacher on MS Teams or email support@dohaacademy.net

Bug Club Reading



Get them reading!

As most of you know, reading is the key for your child to be able to access the curriculum. Let us work together to instill 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

Celebration Awards





Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Islamic Ethos Winners and Class Dojo Awards!

As a school we recognise the efforts and achievements of our students morally, socially, intellectually and physically!

Please find the link to our recent Celebration Video below:

https://dohaacademy-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/humza_alakku_dohaacademy_net/Efzcp5A6DPBApOyNHC-1iqQBFeNz3NmjAtAURKITYIeGg?e=5ukla4

Important Announcements



Weekly Spellings

Back by popular demand...Doha Academy Weekly Spellings for Years 1 to 6.

These were shared with the students in class. Class teachers will let your children know which spelling list to learn.

During the week, the class teacher will practice the spellings with the children and make sure they know how to use them in sentences (spoken and written). Please support your child at home. There will not be a formal spelling test but the children will be expected to use the words correctly in their work.

Spellings in Y1 to Y3 will follow the RWI Phonics scheme, spellings from Y4 to Y6 will follow specific spelling rules and patterns in the English language.

If you need any further support or guidance please contact your class teacher.

Assessments

STAR READING AND MATHS

Next week we will be starting the STAR Reading and Maths online assessments. Remember that there is no extra work you can do for these, just make sure you are coming to school each day and try your best when it is your time in the ICT room.

ASSESSMENT WEEK

From Sunday 27 February until Thursday 3 March - students across the Primary will be sitting assessments for Qatar History, Religion, Arabic, Reading and Writing.

After School Activities

Owing to COVID - ECAs / extra-curricular activities will continue online.

Pick up for children will be as normal - 1.15pm.

The online activity should be joined from home - between 2.00pm to 3.00pm - on MS Teams.

Coming Soon

End of term Reports



Term 2 Reports will be sent to parents the week of March 27 on Parent Portal.

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

Thank you for your support and feedback