



Parent Newsletter 3

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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 - Start of Term 3

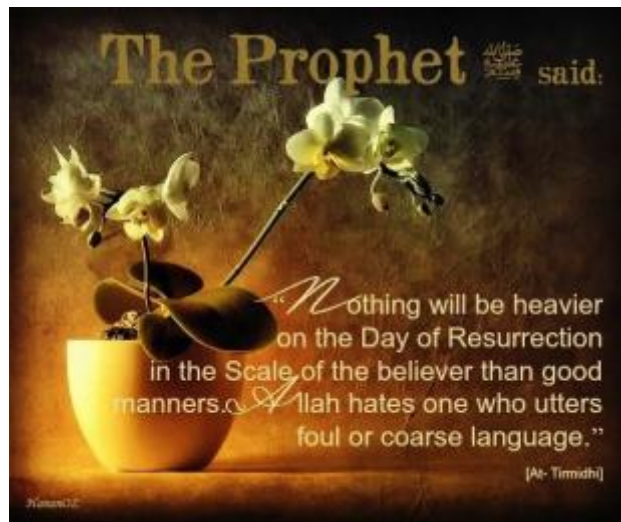


As we enjoy the end of term holidays, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our students for their hard work, our staff for their dedication and our parents for your support.

The first day of Term 3 in school will be Sunday 27 March and school timings will be as normal until Week 2. Please see below concerning Ramadan timings.

We wish you all a very enjoyable, remaining holidays and look forward to seeing our children in school soon.

Islamic Value Of The Week



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

The Holy Prophet emphasised respect as part of his message.

تحته 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 لإتيم 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

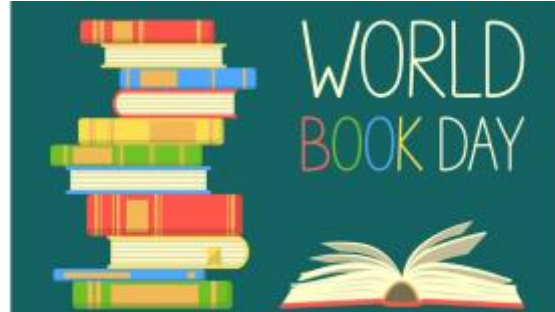


We have produced a set of guidelines for our staff as to how they can help promote Qatar National Identity as part of Qatar's 2030 Vision. At Doha Academy, we welcome students and staff from around the world and invite them to participate in and recognise the benefits we all enjoy living and working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

World Book Day



World Book Day is a day to remember the importance of reading books and sharing the love of reading with others.

To celebrate WBD, each year group has been given a theme to explore during the day. We were given the opportunity to dress up as our favourite book character or to follow the theme our Year group has been given.

We have done a variety of fun activities surrounding the WBD theme. Some of those activities were:

- Create DA's largest bookmark
- Decorate t-shirts with a book cover or character
- Create comicstrips
- Wear costumes on Thursday to celebrate the week
- Enjoy reading with Year 6 Reading mentors across the school
- Visiting the Scholastic Book Fair

and many others.

The Longest Bookmark

Many of the children and their teachers joined in to create a bookmark. All children and teachers were able to draw and colour pictures they felt represented what they liked about World Book Day or who their favourite characters were. Now that they are all finished, they will be put together to create one large bookmark!



















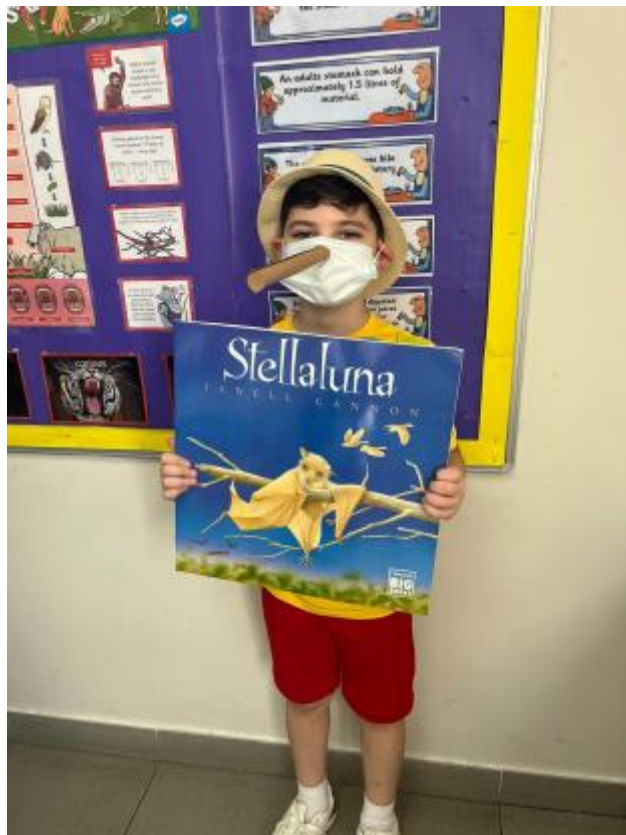


World Book Day Costumes

Here are some of the WBD costume prize winners! It was such a tough decision for the teachers! There were so many wonderful costumes (some of them can be seen below).



























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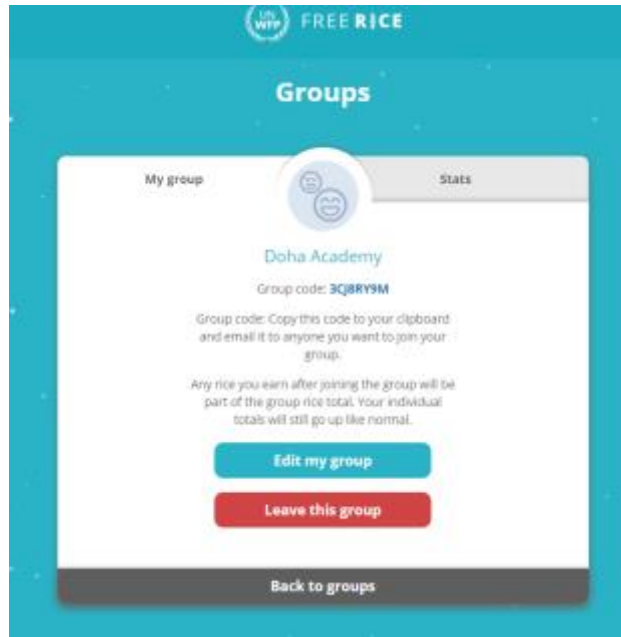




UN Free Rice Campaign



A screenshot of the UN Free Rice website's "Groups" page. At the top, there is a teal header with the UN WFP logo and the text "FREE RICE". Below the header, the word "Groups" is centered. The main content area has a white background with a teal border. It features a "My group" tab and a "Stats" tab. Under "My group", there is a circular icon with two smiling faces. Below the icon, the group name "Doha Academy" is displayed. Underneath, it says "Grains of rice donated so far" followed by the large number "1,136,960". At the bottom, there are two columns: "Overall group rank" with the value "601" and "Your rank in group" with the value "128".



Last month students in Primary and Secondary had the opportunity to participate in the WFP Random Acts of Kindness Day competition to help generate donations of food to people in need. Many children through Doha Academy began participating in the event and some are still participating even though the competition has finished. The children have earned an amazing 1,136,960 grains of rice for charity.

Below you will find some of the Primary high achievers for the Random Acts of Kindness Competition! A big congratulations to them as well as every child who participated.

Please find some information below if the programme is of interest to you.

What is WFP?

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. They are the world's largest humanitarian organisation, delivering life-saving food assistance in emergencies and working with vulnerable communities to improve nutrition and build resilience.

How did the children participate?

The children participated by using the website or app called Freerice. Freerice is an educational trivia game that helps you get smarter while making a difference for people around the world. Every question you answer correctly raises 10 grains of rice for the [World Food Programme \(WFP\)](#) to support its work saving and changing lives around the world.

Private sponsors match the rice grain donations generated within Freerice, triggering a financial payment to WFP. This money goes into the pot of "greatest needs" to support the organization's ongoing [emergencies](#). 100% of all funds generated via Freerice go to the World Food Programme. Freerice does not earn or keep any money it raises.

Since 2010, Freerice has raised more than 214 billion grains of rice for people in need. In cash equivalent, that is US \$1.5 million! Join our global community and start making a difference today.

Can I still help out even if it's not Random Acts of Kindness Day?

Yes! Freerice is an ongoing game where children and adults can participate at any time.

If your child would like to join, the group code is 3CJ8RY9M.



1 - Abdulrahman ElAllus



2 - Karam Dalol



3 - *Ahmed Nada*

Ooredoo Doha Marathon



Well done to all our students that took part in the Schools Olympic Program "Virtual Marathon Challenge!"

Of all the DA entries, congratulations to our top 4 winners:

1 - Saad Khalaf in 6B

2 - Aishaturaina Abqoreen in 6G

3 - Tia Hamza in 6E

4 - Hiba Jaza Rifkhan in 5F

Please click on the link below to see our winners talk about the marathon challenge.

https://dohaacademymy.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/humza_alakku_dohaacademy_net/EV3hNo7UmxFjoi7njiV14ABMMRQ3bZCIWX2ACMjfrpfXQ?e=6qlbG1

Celebration Awards





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

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:

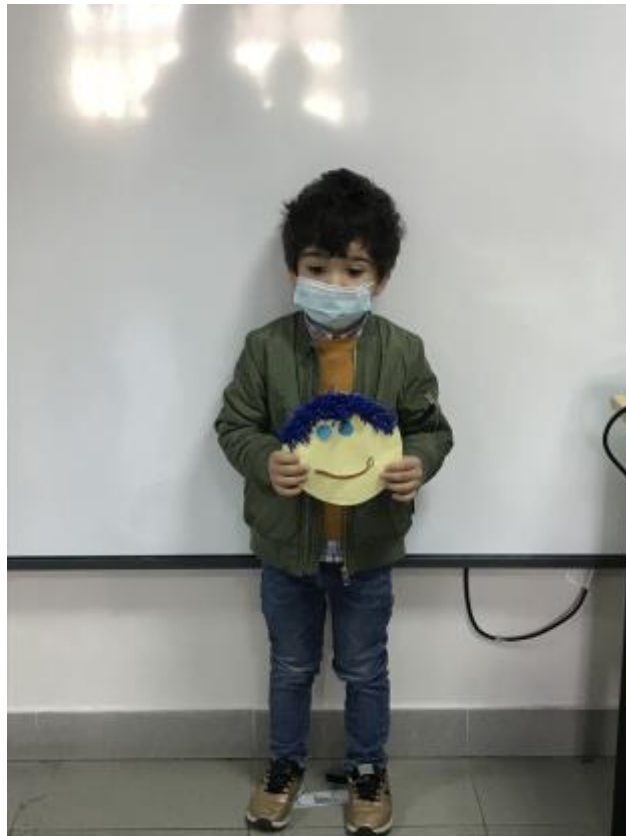
[Celebration Video - March 3 2022.mp4](#)

KG and REC - work to be proud of!



KG and REC children have worked very hard over the term. All of the children have done very well in their work. Here is a sample of some the children's work.









Layan Dalloul- RECA

She has completed a retelling of Jack and the Beanstalk. Her teachers was very proud because she worked all by herself.



Mohammed Alyafei- RECC

He has done some number bonds to 10. His teacher was so proud as he completed this without any support.



Ayoub Abohafs - REC D

He has created a story map of Jack and the Beanstalk using paint and a picture of a castle.



Jeremiah Patrick - REC G

He has written about the different ways he can be kind in the class.

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:

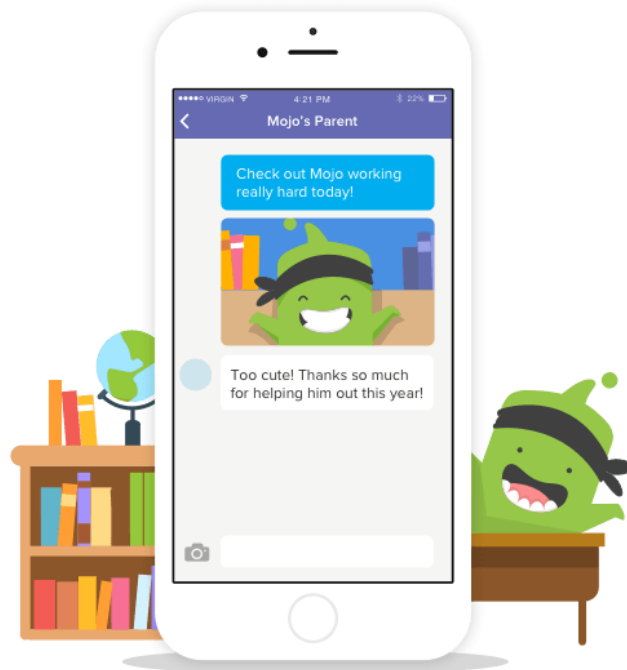
- An enormous range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, offering variety to keep children engaged and develop a love of reading.
- Features well-known characters from film and television.
- Finely levelled to give your children manageable steps in reading progression and a real sense of ongoing achievement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

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

Important Announcements



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

Weekly Spellings

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

These are shared with the students in class via the Homework letter. 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.

After-School Activities

After school activities came to an end in Term 2.

Owing to Ramadan timings from Week 2 in Term 3 - there will be no after school activities this Term.

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

Parent-Teacher Meetings 3



To discuss your child's academic progress we would like to invite you to the third Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) of the 2021-2022 academic year. There will be two PTMs held over MS Teams:

- 1- Specialist Teachers on Tuesday 29 March, from 2pm to 7:00pm.
- 2- Class Teachers on Wednesday 30 March, from 2pm to 7.00pm.

We invite you to sign up for a 10-minute slot to discuss your child's progress and targets for this year. One slot per student will be available to meet the teachers. We also ask that you sign up for the earliest available slots first.

Please open the link attached below to access the PTM booking form. On completing the form, an email will be sent to your account confirming your booking time.

<https://dohaacademy.sch.qa/meeting/>

Like the last time, on the day of the PTM, login to your child's MS Teams account 10 minutes before the booking time. The teacher will have uploaded a meeting link in the General Chat area. Click the link and you will be taken to the lobby, ready for your meeting.

Ramadan Timings - from Week 2



As Ramadan fast approaches, we anticipate the Ramadan timings for school to begin in Week 2, from Sunday 3 April.

Timings will be as follows:

EYFS - 8.30am to 12.00pm

Primary - 8.30am to 12.30pm.

Please organise for a prompt pick up as staff will be leaving soon after.

On behalf of all the team at Doha Academy, we wish you a happy and blessed Ramadan 2022 ahead.

Thank you for your support and feedback