

# NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR SIBLEY

I hope you all managed to have a restful half term break. I also hope some of you managed to find some sun and warmth!

We have been lucky to have had Verity Watkins in our school during this week where she has been running some really enjoyable art projects with some of our children.

Congratulations to our year 3 and 4 athletics team who won the recent tournament. I attended the event and was so impressed with the sheer determination and effort of the DESS children. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have helped to coach the athletics teams .

We welcome Mrs Bejaoui to our staff this week, she will be teaching Year 3,4,5 and 6 French on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

I would like to congratulate both 2A and 2B who have recently performed their class assemblies. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the children perform and I know parents enjoyed finding out about what the children have been learning in class.

We have had Qatar Chess Federation in school today and a number of children have competed against each other.

Two children will be going through to the Qatar Championships later in the year.

Have a good weekend.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Please note that Parent Consultations will be held at school on Tuesday 14th March and Wednesday 15th March.

All teaching staff from FS1 to Year 6, plus the Arabic, Music and PE Departments, will be available during the two afternoons to discuss your child's progress.

We would like to point out at this time that there will be no school run ECAs during the week 12th March to 16th March.

The sign up sheets will be in the shaded playground from Tuesday 28th February.

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

*Phase 1- Yasmeen FS2 Yellow*

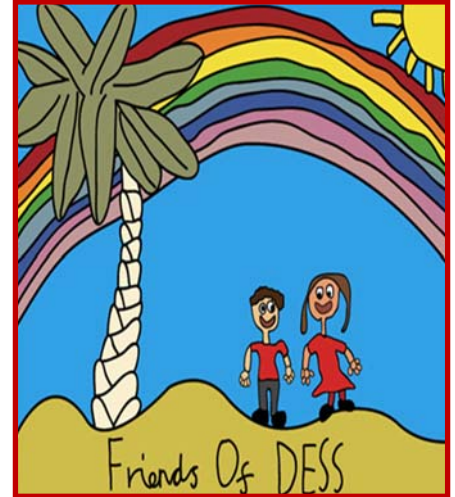
*Phase 2 - Mohammed 1C*

*Phase 3 - Nandika 3B*

*Phase 4 - Maryam 6A*

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Sunday 26th Feb—FS1 Sports Day
- ◆ Thursday 23rd March—World Book Day
- ◆ Please can you ensure that all children still bring in their swimming kits on their swim days whatever the weather
- ◆ Our policies can be found at <http://www.dess.org/index.php/about-dess/policies.html>



## Sport at DESS

### Results

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Girls Netball  
Finals – Gold Medal Winners

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Years 3 and 4 Mixed  
Outdoor Athletics – Gold Medal Winners

### Fixtures

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> FS1 Sports Day 10am  
(please can parents arrive after 9:45am)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Years 5 and 6 Mixed  
Outdoor Athletics Competition at ASD

### Notices - February

Split A swimming ends this Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Split B swimming begins Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

## Music at DESS

### Voice Squad News

Our Voice Squad will be taking part in the heats of the Qatar Primary School Choir of The Year competition. This will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Shangri-La Hotel, Doha. All the children are very excited and we go into the competition with the intention of winning!

We are delighted that our Cantabile group will be travelling to Dubai to take part in 'Choirfest Middle East' which is a celebration of song and our Cantabile group will be taking part in the Middle and Senior school section on Thursday, 2nd March. As well as performing, the group will also be participating in a choral workshop with the Director of the London Community Gospel Choir. Our Cantabile group is the very first international children's choir to ever take part. A fantastic opportunity I am sure you will agree!

## Friends of DESS

### FOD Secretary Needed

This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved with the school and to work with parents who care passionately about DESS. Please email [Friend\\_schair@dess.org](mailto:Friend_schair@dess.org) if you would like to volunteer for the position.

### Next FOD Meeting

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

At 7.40am in the Library

## Message from Accounts

Please note that invoices for the Summer Term 2017 Fees were sent out via email on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. If you did not receive your invoice, please contact Claire in Accounts on [schoolfees@dess.org](mailto:schoolfees@dess.org) for a copy. The payment deadline for this is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

If you are thinking of leaving DESS at the end of **Spring Term 2017**, please complete our 'Withdrawal Form Letter' which can be found on our website under (Admissions/Leaver information/Withdrawal Form Letter) <http://www.dess.org/index.php/admissions/leaver-information.html> which must be given to our Registrar no later than **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** in order to receive your Refundable Deposit. This form can be handed in via email, hard copy or fax.

Please be aware that the Accounts office will be unable to process receipts on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> March due to Month End.