



NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM MR SIBLEY

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at DESS. I hope parents have found the Parent Consultations and mid term reports useful. We have issued the reports to give you a brief overview of your child's progress and attainment but obviously you will receive a more detailed report in the Summer term. These new mid term reports now reflect the new UK National Curriculum which is more challenging and I hope parents found the email with the Assessment booklet useful.

Congratulations to our BSME team who competed so well over the weekend and came third out of twelve schools in this competition where our children took part in a number of sports. We are very proud of their success and also the way the children behaved on this trip. I would also like to congratulate our choir who took part in the Qatar Primary School Choir of the Year and have made it through to the finals in May. A fantastic achievement that I know both the children and staff worked hard with. Both the BSME squad and choir have presented to their parents and the school this afternoon in our celebration assembly.

Also well done to our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 basketball teams who came 4th and 1st respectively. Again these children worked so hard in their games and represented the school well. I would like to thank staff, parents and the children for giving up their time to travel to these events and supporting our children. **Enjoy your weekend.**



DESS COMPETES IN BSME GAMES

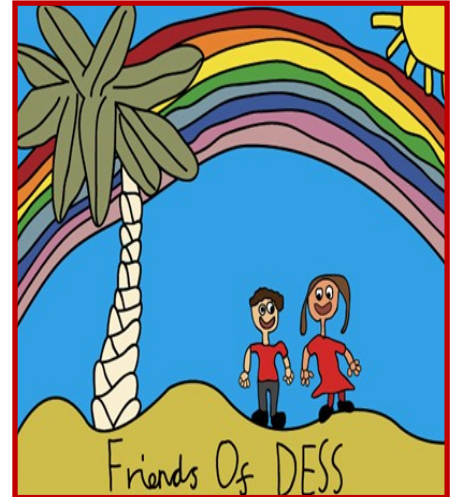
On Wednesday, 8th March thirty three children and five members of staff travelled to Dubai to compete in the BSME Games 2017. The children competed in a number of sports including netball, athletics, swimming, girls and boys football and basketball. The support for the children was amazing. Parents and siblings gave up their weekend to travel to Dubai to support the team. The supporters even had their own DESS 'Keep Calm' t-shirts especially made. The teams' results were fantastic, coming third overall out of twelve schools. One of the team, Mia (6B), said 'I'd like to say a huge congratulations to all the DESS BSME team for their fantastic achievements, to the coaches for all their hard work and effort they put into BSME and to all the parents and siblings who came along and encouraged us with amazing support. In the end, we were like one big happy family at DESS!'

**FIND OUT ABOUT OUR
CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS
HERE**

[Awards of The Week](#)

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Lost property will be cleared at the end of the term. Please re-claim anything which may belong to your children before this.
- ◆ Thursday 23rd March—World Book Day celebrations. 'Bookmart' will be selling books Sunday 19th—Thursday 23rd March.
- ◆ Drawings by Me have extended the deadline by which orders can be placed. The deadline is now Monday, 20th March.
- ◆ DESS netball club will be available for girls in year 3,4,5 and 6 in the Summer term. For details refer to our website www.dess.org
- ◆ Our policies can be found here <http://dess.org/index.php/about-dess/policies.html>
- ◆ Calendar of Events can be found here: <http://dess.org/index.php/news-and-events/calendar-of-events.html>



DESS Voice Squad Sing Their Hearts Out

When we entered the Shangri-La, I was feeling really nervous. As we sat down to listen to the first choir, Al Khor, I was even more nervous because their singing was so good (but not as good as ours). Al Khor sang "There is a Castle on a Cloud", a Spanish song.

After Al Khor came Doha College who sang a Toy Story song and 'Tomorrow' from 'Annie'.

The next school to sing was DESS! We sang 'Pokarekare Ana', a traditional Maori love song and 'Drop in the Ocean'. Then last but not least Gulf English School. They sang 'Mango Walk' and an 'African Traditional Song'.

Surprisingly Doha College got into the finals and so did DESS!!! Voice Squad says a big 'thank you' to Miss Chapman and Mrs Copeland. **Written by Natalie in 4A**

Sport at DESS

Results: Thursday, 9th March—
Saturday, 11th March : BSME Games —
3rd place overall (Athletics-4th place,
Girls Football-3rd place, Boys Football-3rd
place, Swimming-3rd place, Netball-1st
place)

Sunday, 12th March : Year 3 QPPSSA
Boys Basketball-4th place

Tuesday, 14th March : Year 4 QPPSSA
Boys Basketball-1st place

Fixtures: Sunday, 19th March : Year 3
Girls Basketball

Tuesday, 21st March—Year 4 QPPSSA
Girls Basketball

Wednesday, 22nd March—Scud Cup

Notices : Year 5/6 Girls Basketball train-
ing will commence Sunday, 26th March.

EMSS training is now back to its original
days.

Friends of DESS

FOD Secretary : please email
Friendschair@dess.org if you would
like to volunteer for the position.

Volunteer Book Readers needed
for World Book Day, please email
friendschair@dess.org if you are inter-
ested.

Pizza Day : Thursday, 30th March

Next FOD Meeting : Tuesday, 4th
April

**WHY NOT JOIN
OUR FANTASTIC
TEAM :**

Job Opportunities

DESS Students Present at Open Morning

DESS students had the opportunity to present at an Open Morning for prospective parents on Thursday, 16th March. Two Year 6 students, Mariam (6A) and Zeyad (6C) talked about what they loved about DESS in front of an audience of parents and staff. The School Council, Luka (2D), Emma (2C), Tobi (3C), Beatrice (3C), Natalie (4A), Ella (4A), Lamar (5A), Mohammed (5C), Zainab (6C) and Eesa (6A) and members of the Eco Group, Hamza (6B) and William (6C) helped with the school tours for the event, greeting parents as they toured the school and talking confidently with the visitors. Well done to all!