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A MESSAGE FROM MR SIBLEY

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our Year 6 girls Basketball team who competed on Monday and came sixth. As usual the team battled hard and represented the school well.

You will shortly be receiving a letter to confirm our Ramadan hours but I wanted to confirm they will be 8am - 1pm. We have tried to tie our hours into the hours that other schools are following. Obviously we will let you know when these hours will be starting but the start date looks likely to be Friday, 26th May until the end of our school term.

Next week we have some inspectors who will be in school. They will be talking to parents and children to find out more about our school.

I wanted to explain to all of our parents about the forthcoming 'Celebration of Success' evening which will take place at DESS shortly. An evening which we are very much looking forward to launching at the school this year. Further details are provided in this newsletter edition.

Well done to Reja and Jasmine who made crafts to sell for Qatar Creating Vision. They made clay models and bookmarks amongst other crafts and raised QAR110.

Finally, thank you for your patience in regards to the building work at school which will be finished by approximately the end of May. **Enjoy your weekend.**

FIND OUT ABOUT OUR CHILDREN'S
ACHIEVEMENTS HERE :

[Awards of The Week](#)

CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

This year we are launching our first 'Celebration of Success' awards evening, an event which will now take place annually.

We firmly believe at DESS that all children are good at something and it is our job to try and find that skill or attribute and to celebrate this. We continually do this across all school year groups, in recognition schemes such as 'Awards of the Week'.

Success can be measured in many ways but we believe we should reward children who have tried their best. The awards will be spread across all Curriculum areas, for example Art and Design, Computing, French, Arabic, English, Maths, Humanities, Music and Sport.

We also think that children who have shown the attributes for being a great friend, for example being kind and caring, should be rewarded as well and are launching a 'Good Citizen' award during the same event.

The awards may or may not be allocated to a child who is a high achiever. For instance, it may be that a child is awarded who has traditionally struggled in a subject but has tried their hardest to succeed in that subject.

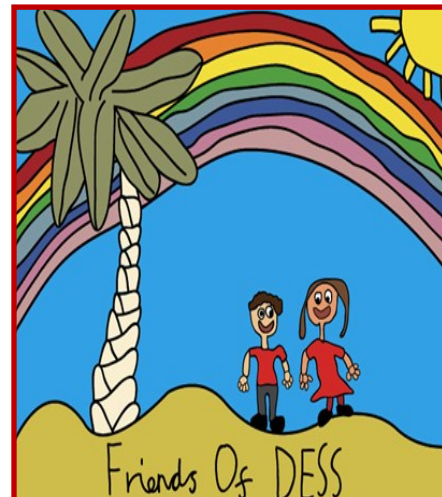
Children in Key Stage 2 (ages 7-11) will be awarded during this event.

There will be one child from each year group awarded for each award category and special presenters have been invited to attend the event which will be held on Wednesday, 24th May.

Invitations will be sent out shortly to children who are receiving an award this year.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Year 5 'Green Day' on Monday, 8th May
- ◆ Our Parent Council now have a dedicated page on the DESS website: <http://www...s.org/index.php/our-pta/parent-council.html>
- ◆ 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>



Music at DESS

Qatar Primary School Choir of the Year:

This event will take place on Monday, 15th May 5.30pm—7.30pm. Letters have now been sent to parents to advise on how to obtain tickets.

Choral Workshop:

This workshop, hosted by Greg Beardsell, is being offered to the DESS Voice Squad on Wednesday, 17th May. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the Voice Squad and will be held during the school day at Doha College West Bay campus.

DESS Steel Drum Band:

Have started to practice together this week.

Sport at DESS

Results:

Monday 1st May – Year 6 QPPSSA Girls Basketball Final Competition – Achieved 6th position in the National Finals

Fixtures:

Tuesday 9th May – Years 5&6 QPPSSA Boys Basketball Finals Competition

Notices:

Swimming squad training will end on Monday, 15th May

Friends of DESS

Coming Soon :

Ice lolly Day!

Car Boot Sale—a new date and venue is to be confirmed soon.

Next FOD Meeting :

Tuesday, 16th May at 7.30am.

Calling All Chefs!

The 'Cooking Show' on Qatar TV are keen to represent the British expat presence in Doha on one of their forthcoming shows for Ramadan. If you would like to show off your culinary skills preparing British food in your own kitchen on the show, please contact secretary@dess.org.

We have some exciting New Positions In Our Team.

Job Opportunities

Message from Accounts

Please note that invoices for the Autumn Term 2017 fees will be issued by email on Tuesday, 9th May.

If you do not receive your invoice, please contact Claire in Accounts on schoolfees@dess.org for a copy. The payment deadline for this is Wednesday, 7th June.

If you are thinking of leaving DESS at the end of **Summer Term 2017**, please complete our 'Leavers Notification Form' which can be found on our website here : <http://www.dess.org/index.php/admissions/leaver-information.html>. This form should be given to our Registrar no later than **Wednesday, 7th June** in order to receive your Refundable Deposit. This form can be handed in via email, hard copy or fax.