



NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM MR SIBLEY

Dear Parents,

As usual our children have been extremely busy this week.

Our Years 3,4,5 and 6 girls won the swimming gala where they competed against eight other schools. I managed to watch the closing stages and was amazed by the quality of swimming from the girls.

Our school choir competed in the Qatar Primary School of the Year finals and came runners up. I was very proud to watch and listen to the children who sang so well under increasing pressure. I would like to say thank you to the sports and music staff for giving up their time with these events and I hope the parents who attended enjoyed watching too.

Today, I thoroughly enjoyed watching the classes 1C ,1D 3A and 3B assemblies. It is always nice to find out what the children have been learning and seeing them enthusiastically presenting this to parents.

From September we will be introducing home/school communication diaries for each child. These will help all parents to communicate with their child's class teacher and homework will be recorded in these books. I feel these will particularly help to support working parents who may find it more challenging to come into the school.

Have a great weekend.

FIND OUT ABOUT OUR CHILDREN'S
ACHIEVEMENTS HERE :

[Awards of The Week](#)

QPPSSA SWIMMING SUCCESS

This week the girls swimming team took part in the QPPSSA swim gala and won 29 out of 31 possible medals which, as Team Captains, we were thrilled about. We were very proud of our extraordinary swimming team, how they always cheered and encouraged each other and performed fantastically. It was a very exciting competition!

As you may know, as Captains from Year 6 it is our last year in DESS, and it was a great way to finish off our year; coming first out of eight schools! Well done to everyone who participated, we are extremely proud of you all!!
Rachel and Caroline (6C)

DESS OUTSTANDING INSPECTION

As you know we received an Outstanding grade for our recent inspection. We are awaiting the full report which we will share with parents as soon as we can.

For any interested parents, these two links give more information about the BSO (British Schools Overseas) inspection and how it compares with the inspection of Independent Schools in the United Kingdom:

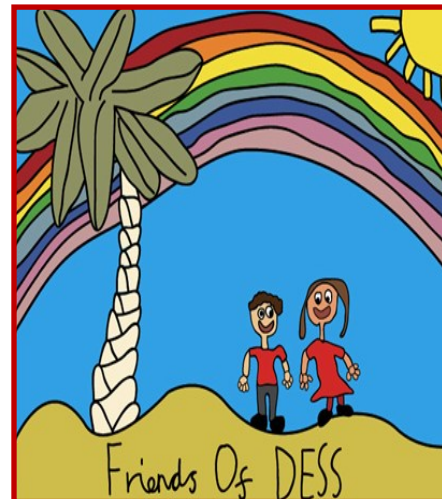
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/british-schools-overseas-inspection-scheme>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ofsted-inspections-of-non-association-independent-schools>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Our annual Strawberry Tea event is taking place on Sunday, 21st May.
- ◆ Our Celebration of Success evening is taking place on Wednesday, 24th 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>.



Music at DESS

Qatar Primary School Choir of the Year:

On Monday we attended the Qatar Primary School Choir of the Year finals at the Shangri-La. Whilst we were watching the other choirs perform we ate apples and bananas. We were all nervous but excited at the same time. When we came on there were hundreds of people staring at us waiting to perform. We sang 'Drop in the Ocean' and 'Wings of the Falcon' with Lamar, Dare, Justin, Finlay and Kwame as our soloists. When we were singing we could see Dana Al Fardan, who wrote 'Wings of the Falcon'. It was a great experience for DESS Voice Squad and we enjoyed performing in front of our Mums and Dads. *Neve (5A)*

Sport at DESS

Results:

Monday, 15th May—QPPSSA Years 3,4,5 and 6 Girls Swimming Gala Competition. Won 29 medals including 13 gold, 14 silver, 2 bronze. Winners overall.

Fixtures:

Monday, 22nd May—QPPSSA Years 3,4,5 and 6 Boys Swimming Gala.

Wednesday, 24th May—QPPSSA Years 1 and 2 Mixed Swimming Gala.

Notices:

Split A swimming ends on Thursday, 18th May.

Split B swimming begins Sunday, 21st May.

Friends of DESS

Events :

Thursday, 25th May: Ice lolly Day! Volunteers who would like to help please contact the FOD team.

Gym Academy

Summer Camp at DESS, run by the Gym Academy. Will be running certain dates in June, July and August. Ages 4-13 . 10% sibling discount. Booking forms available on www.gymacademydoha.com

Join our team!

[Job Opportunities](#)

Message from Accounts

Please note that invoices for the Autumn Term 2017 fees were issued by email on Tuesday, 9th May. If you did 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.

Year 6 pupils leaving at the end of Summer Term 2017 do not need to give notice, the refundable deposit will be processed automatically.

Please note that the Accounts office will be closed on Sunday, 21st May.