



# NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR SIBLEY

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to those parents who helped at the ice lolly sale last Thursday. DESS relies on the good will of our parents who give up their time generously to help the school in these fundraising initiatives. Everyone really appreciates your support.

Our full inspection report is expected imminently. Once we have received the report, we will email this out to all parents. We are expecting to be able to do this next week.

I thoroughly enjoyed the class assembly today which was presented by classes 5A and 5B. The assembly to Key Stage 1 children was about 'Crossing the Bridge'. Children learnt about grasping new opportunities and overcoming their reservations and fears. This was related this theme to the children moving classes in September. Last week the theme in assembly was e-safety and using technology safely. I spoke to the children about limiting computer use and stressed the importance of socialising and exercising as well.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents about parking after an unpleasant incident occurred on Tuesday after school. A parent crossing at the pedestrian crossing outside Gate 3, was bumped into by a passing car.

Thankfully, this incident does not appear to have caused severe trauma. Can I appeal to you to consider the safety of all and not to double park outside the school. Passes for the secure car park are available from the front office. If parents employ a driver, please ensure this message is passed on to them.

**Many thanks for your cooperation and have a great weekend.**

## THANK YOU FRIENDS OF DESS

This week we would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to our wonderful Friends of DESS team.

This team is made up of parents who generously give their time to the school in order to fund raise for projects which benefit the school community. The parents work towards events and projects in their own time and we are extremely grateful for this.

This year we have seen fantastic community events organised such as the DESS Festive Fair, ice-lolly sales, 'Pizza Day' and second-hand uniform sales. These initiatives have raised a massive **QAR84,823** for the school. These funds have then been used for some amazing projects such as resources for the early years foundation classes, playground toys and re-furnished library seating areas.

Our Friends of DESS team have also helped organise events such as the Year 6 leaving party and International Day.

Finally, the Friends of DESS team were instrumental in delivering our wonderful DESS Community Garden to the school. A garden which has so much learning potential for the children and contributes to the environmental learning of the wider community by collating data from a weather station. The garden also uses sustainable energy resources. The Community Garden planting morning was a wonderful family event organised by the Friends of DESS early on in the academic year.

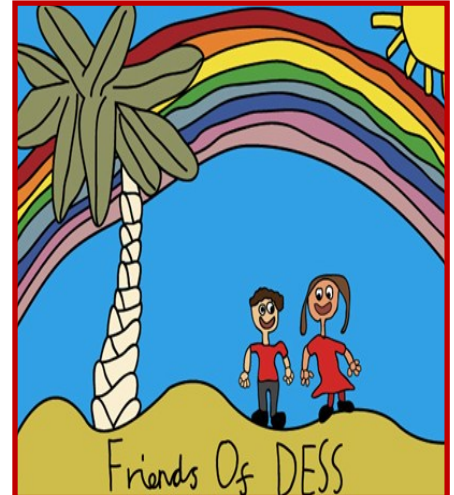
Finally, apart from the Festive Fair can you guess which event held at school raises the most amount of money? It's Pizza Day which raised QAR10,878 this year!

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

**[Awards of The Week](#)**

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Year Book pre-order letters are being sent today. Please complete your pre-order by Thursday, 8th June.
- ◆ Our Parent Council now have a dedicated page on the DESS website: <http://www.dess.org/index.php/parent-zone/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

#### **We are busy preparing!**

The Music Department are busy preparing pieces with the children in Foundation Stage 1 and Year 6. Foundation Stage 1 will be taking part in a 'sing-along' with their parents next week and Year 6 will be performing in their final production at Doha English Speaking School during the last week of term. We are really looking forward to hearing the children showing off their wonderful singing skills during these events.

### P.E. Notices

Letters for the Year 6 North Star trip during academic year 2017/2018 were sent out this week. We would appreciate it if reply slips for students interested in going on the trip could be returned by Thursday, 8th June 2017. Please return the slip with the required documentation and payment.

A ski trip is organised every year at DESS. The next trip will take place in January 2018 at a cost of approximately QAR10,000 per child. Letters for this trip will be sent to parents in September.

### Friends of DESS

#### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, 6th June at 7.30am in Library.

### Leaving Early?

Unfortunately, if you are leaving before Thursday, 22nd June you will not receive a copy of your child's End of Year report.

If you would like your child's report to be posted to you, please leave a stamped addressed envelope at the school office.

The envelope should be A3 in size with Qatar stamps which cover a letter weight of 130g.

If you would like a report and a DESS Year Book sent to you, the weight of the complete package will be 1kg, please provide the stamps accordingly.

### Join our team!

#### **Job Opportunities**

**French** There are a number of books available in the library for children who may be interested in enhancing their language skills.

### 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 ([schoolfees@dess.org](mailto: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 or hard copy.

Year 6 pupils leaving at the end of Summer Term 2017 do not need to give notice, the refundable deposit will be processed automatically. Unfortunately, the Accounts Office will not be able to issue receipts on Sunday 4th June, due to accounts processing.