



# NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR SIBLEY

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate the following children on becoming School Councillors - Rocco, Freya, Tamim, Emaan, Zaahin, Azka, Zamaan, Maya, Dima and Maria. We have had our first meeting and these children will now be gathering ideas from their classes to bring to the next meetings.

Also, congratulations go to the new Eco, Library Monitor and Technical Genius teams who will all be playing important roles in the school to help develop these key areas.

I hope those parents who attended the iPad meeting on Sunday found it useful, thank you for all the positive comments about the evening. Also, thank you for any improvements that some parents suggested for subsequent evenings and to all the staff who gave up their own time to run these workshops.

Can I ask all parents that if they are able to donate any prizes for our Winter Fair raffle, please get in touch with the school or the members of the FOD. Also if you know anyone outside who can donate either prizes or services then please get in touch.

We have started to open the library on a trial basis after school. Unfortunately, the library was left in a mess last night by some parents and children using the library. If this happens again, we may stop this provision. It is important that the library is left as it is found. **Have a lovely weekend.**



## A SPECIAL MOMENT IS CAPTURED

We are now in possession of a very special photograph of His Highness, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani following his visit to our school on 1st October, 2017.

The photograph shows His Highness helping a boy in Foundation Stage 1 on a 'Wobble Board'. The little boy asked His Highness for some help. His Highness broke away from his interview to help him.

His Highness attended DESS in his primary years and we were deeply honoured by his recent visit where His Highness was accompanied by Charlie Rose, a presenter, whilst recording a television programme for CBS called '60 Minutes'.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Fund raising week for Qatar Creating Vision is during week commencing 22nd October.
- ◆ FS1 sponsored walk for Qatar Creating Vision will be on the field on Tuesday, 24th October.
- ◆ Fund raising day for Qatar Creating Vision is on Wednesday, 25th October. Fun activities for the children for small donations.
- ◆ Dream Big Day dressing up for Qatar Creating Vision will be held on Thursday, 26th October.



## Music at DESS

Congratulations to all DESS pupils who took part in the Qatar National Music Competition this week.

Please can all parents of DESS Junior Singers ensure that the children bring their lyrics every Tuesday to rehearsals.



## Sport at DESS

### **Notices**

Tuesday, 24th October will be the last Mixed Indoor Athletics lesson for the term.

Any parents who are interested in helping with squad training or fixtures, please contact Mrs Lyon ([slyon@dess.org](mailto:slyon@dess.org)).

The PE Clerical Assistant role has become available. Please click [Job Opportunities](#) if you are interested.

### **Fixtures**

Tuesday, 24th October 2017: Year 6 Mixed Indoor Athletics.

Monday, 25th October 2017: Year 3 Mixed Indoor Athletics.

### **Results**

Year 5 Mixed Indoor Athletics came third in their QPPSSA competition on Monday, 16th October.

Year 4 Mixed Indoor Athletics came second in their QPPSSA competition on Wednesday, 18th October.



## Friends of DESS

Halloween Bake Sale items should be dropped off in the kitchen on the morning of 26th October.

Join our fantastic team!

[Job Opportunities](#)

## School Magazine

We would like some contributions to the festive publication. Recipes, art, poems for example. If you would like to contribute, please contact [magazine@dess.org](mailto:magazine@dess.org).

The deadline for submissions is Sunday, 5th November.

## FS1 Applications

A gentle reminder that today is the last day for FS1 sibling applications for academic year 2018/2019 to be made.

## Thank You!

To parents, Ozzy Nwandu and Jamie Allen for their help with the donation from Meg-arme for some much needed PE equipment.

Find out about our childrens' achievements here:

[Star Of The Week](#)

## USEFUL LINKS

- ◆ Our Parent Council now have a dedicated page on the DESS website: [Parent Council](#)
- ◆ Our policies can be found here: [Policies](#)
- ◆ Our new Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term can be found here: [Calendar of Events](#). Please note that there may be times when dates may need to change.
- ◆ Guidance on uniform can be found here: [Uniform](#)