



NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM MR SIBLEY

Dear Parents,

This week we have been busy with International Week. The children have been learning all about different countries with their traditions, cultures, arts and food. The children have been very enthusiastic about their learning and they have enjoyed telling me facts about the countries they are studying. Lamees was even able to name most of the flags hanging up around the playground! Today we have had a fun packed day where we have had the opportunity to meet a camel, enjoy food from around the world and be entertained by Hamad Al-Amari (Mr Q. The Qatari guy) and also Amal al Muftah who is a football goal-keeper, scuba-diver, sailor, skydiver, bungee-jumper, wind-surfer and wake-boarder apart from being an award-winning short film director. We were also entertained by children singing the Qatar National Anthem. It has been a delight to recognise the large numbers of different nationalities in our school but also to take time to celebrate being residents in Qatar and learning about its rich culture and history. This morning we have also been fortunate to have some of the Tottenham under 17 football squad leading a training session with our BSME football squad, followed by a question and answer session.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive **Thank You** to all the parents who bought in food today for the fair and to all those parents who helped to make the day such a huge success!



INTERNATIONAL WEEK

We have all had such a lovely week , thank you to everyone for making the DESS International Week so enjoyable.



Find out about our childrens' achievements here:

[Star Of The Week](#)

Invoices for the **Summer Term 2018** Fees will be issued on **Tuesday 30th January**. The payment deadline for this will be **Wednesday 28th February**.

If you are thinking of leaving DESS at the end of **Spring Term 2018**, please complete our 'Withdrawal Form Letter' <http://www.dess.org/index.php/admissions/leaver-information.html> which must be given to our Registrar no later than **Wednesday 28th February** in order to receive your Refundable Deposit. This form can be handed in via email or hard copy.

Please be aware that due to month end, we will not be able to process receipts on Thursday 1st and Sunday 4th February. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Music News

DESS Voice Squad should be commended for their singing at the launch last week, of the Qatar Primary School Choir of the Year competition, which was held at the Shangri-La Hotel last Thursday. The competition will take place over three days Sunday 15th April to Tuesday 17th April. Please note that Voice Squad and Cantabile will be taking part.



Sport at DESS

Notices

Sports Days w/c 4th Feb – FS1 Mon 5th 8-9.15am, FS2 Mon 5th 12.00 - 1.30pm, Yr 3 & 4 Tues 6th 8.00-9.30am, Yr 1 & 2 Tues 6th 12.00 - 1.30pm, Yr 5 & 6 Wed 7th Feb 8-9.30am. The children are allowed to wear a coloured top that represents the colour of their house

Term 2 training schedule is now available on our website: [Term 2 Squad Training Timetable](#). Please note changes to days where squads run in Term 1 and Term 2

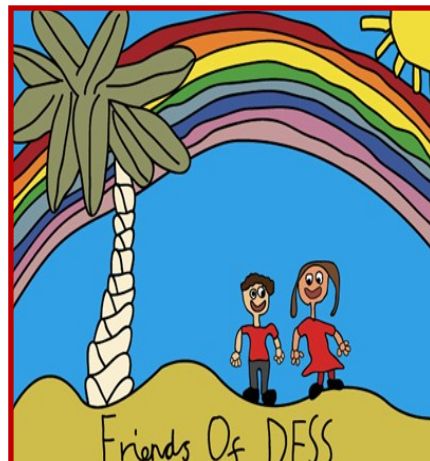
EMSS: Monday 6.45-7.15am BSME & Y6, Tuesday 6.45-7.15am Y3 & Y4, Wednesday 6.45-7.15am BSME & Y5. Additional BSME training on Thursdays 12.20-1.00pm.

Reminder: Jewellery is not permitted in PE or Swimming lessons. KS1 children should not wear jewellery (including earrings) on these days. Children must tie long hair back.

Netball QPPSSA

Year 6—1st Place

Year 5—6th Place



Friends of DESS

Our next second hand uniform sale will be Thursday 1st Feb between 12.00pm—1.00pm on the shaded playground.

Then on Monday 5th February we will be holding a Breakfast Morning from 7.40am in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come along and share ideas and meet the team.

Library News

Last week we started 'Library Class of the Week'. Each week the librarian will choose one class each from KS1 and KS2, who have all returned their books and behaved well in their library sessions that week. Last weeks winners were 2D and 5C.

Join our fantastic team!

[Job Opportunities](#)

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 Spring 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](#)