



DOHA ENGLISH SPEAKING SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The excitement of the end of term activities has permeated through all areas of school this week. Non uniform day, class parties and our seasonal concert have been a lovely way to end another successful term.

All our wonderful staff and many, many parents have worked incredibly hard to make this term such a success. It is always so wonderful to walk around school and see so many smiling faces!

It is a real pleasure to be the Head teacher of DESS and I look forward to strengthening the partnership with you all, over the coming months and years, to ensure the very best education and opportunities for your children.

For those of you leaving DESS this term we would like to wish you all the very best for the future and hope that you take many happy memories with you.

Staff leaving DESS

We would also like to say goodbye to the following staff members who are leaving DESS today:

Mrs Maria Laing - French Teacher
Mrs Camille Campbell - P.E. Teaching Assistant
Mrs Linda Tunstall - P.E. Teaching Assistant
Mrs Jackie Redshaw - Year 2 Teaching Assistant
Mrs Amanda Lackey - Year 4 Teaching Assistant
Mrs Dianne Hall - YR Teacher

From all of us at DESS we wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Best wishes,

Andy Yeoman
Headteacher



Applications for Places in Preschool & Reception for September 2012

Applications will be accepted from Sunday 11 December **for siblings of DESS children only** for Preschool and Reception entry for September 2012.

For a Preschool place your child's birthday should fall between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 and for a Reception place, between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008.

Parents with children wishing to be considered for places should visit our website at <http://www.dess.org/admissions.html> to download the application and health forms.

Please complete and sign both forms and submit them to the School Office along with the required supporting documents, including a copy of your child's passport and Qatar residence visa. Siblings **do not** have automatic entry into DESS.

PLEASE NOTE – if your child is already in our DESS Preschool, you do not need to apply for a Reception place.



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

All children should participate in Swimming/PE lessons unless there is a genuine medical reason that would prevent them from taking part. May I remind you that at DESS we believe that if your child is well enough to be in school then they are well enough to participate in Swimming/PE lessons. However, there are always exceptions to this, such as, ear and skin infections.

If your child does not have a note excluding them from PE/Swimming then they will participate as usual.

Please be aware that the school pool is heated to around 34 degrees centigrade which is an optimum swimming temperature in this climate. Exercise and physical activity are a very important part of a child's development. At DESS we encourage all children to fully participate in all activities.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Term Dates for the 2012/2013 Academic Year

Attached to the Newsletter are the term dates for the next academic year. This year we have liaised closely with Doha College and are delighted that their dates are identical, which should help parents with children in both schools.



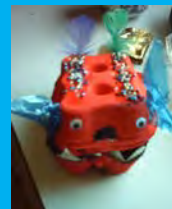
Moving Monsters

Year 3 will start investigating the 'Moving Monster' Design and Technology topic on their return to School in January 2012. In order to make a moving monster we will need a variety of:

- Ⓢ Lightweight cardboard boxes (no larger than an average cereal box)
- Ⓢ Cardboard egg boxes, (not plastic egg boxes) with a hinged lid
- Ⓢ Squeezy plastic bottles (such as washing up liquid bottles)

We would be delighted if you could start collecting these items. Your child could bring these resources into school at the start of term.

Thank you.
The Year 3 Team



Year 2 & 3 Music

In January, Years 2 & 3 will start to learn how to play the recorder in music lessons.

Recorders can be purchased from the uniform shop at QR 55 and make fantastic stocking fillers!

DESS UNIFORM SHOP

For your convenience the uniform shop will be open from 7.20-8.20am on Tuesday 3rd January

Swimming Teacher Association (STA) Courses in Doha

Celia Scott is a Tutor for the STA and delivers courses in the following disciplines:-

Pool Rescue: - Pool Lifeguard, Poolside Helper, Pool Safety Award

Swimming Teacher: - Level 1(Beginners Teachers), Level 2(Full Teachers), Baby & Pre School, Water Aerobics (Aquacise) Student Teacher

First Aid at work in various forms.

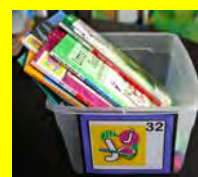
Celia will be teaching these courses in several locations and at different times from early February until the end of June next year (2012)

If you are interested in participating in any of these courses and would like more information, then email Celia on celiadoha@gmail.com, or phone or text her on 55882706.

LIBRARY BOOKS

If you are leaving Qatar for the festive holidays could we kindly ask that library book's are not taken away with you. This will hopefully avoid any loss or damage.

Thank you.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We hope the children enjoyed their activities and are looking forward to signing up again next term.

Staff Vacancies

Teaching Assistant

If you are interested in this position and require further information please visit the school website at

www.dess.org

DESS Lost Property

We currently have the following items of value in our lost property box at the School Office:

JVC Everio Video Camera
2 x Nintendo DSi (matching)
iPOD Touch 64GB
Samsung mobile phone
Sterling silver bangle
Set of Kia car keys
Smash digital watch
Casio Baby G watch
G-Shock watch
Girls flik-flak watch
Girls ELC watch
Timex Watch with Velcro strap
1440 Sports watch
Boys flik-flak watch
Hello Kitty watch
Door key on Mickey Mouse keyring
New in packet Barbie watch
Gold Bangle

If any of these items belong to you please come to the school office to identify them as soon as possible.

Any unclaimed items will remain in the school office until 31 January 2012 and then they will be donated to 'Hope and Homes for Children', our school's chosen charity.

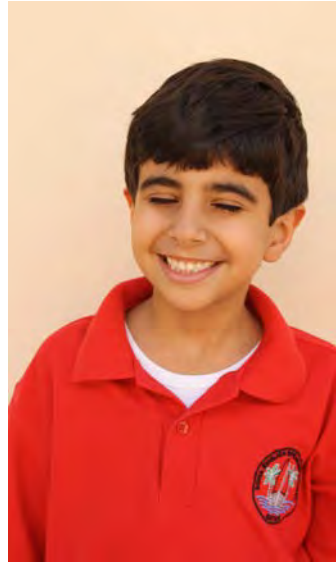
Thank you for your assistance.



1A Zoe



1B Mackenzie



1C Ahmed



1D Grace



2A Dana



2B Ghita



2C Aymen



2D Pippa

STAR OF THE WEEK



3A Eve



3B Paul



3C Anya



3D Adrianna



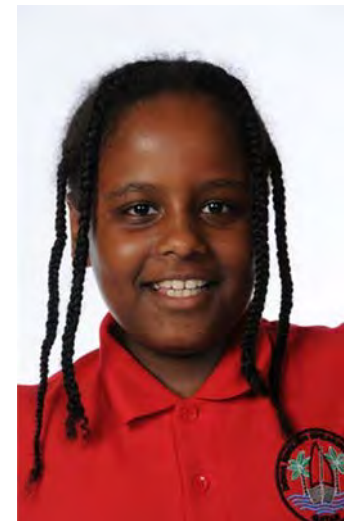
4A Reem



4B Christian



4C Bawan



4D Leena

STAR OF THE WEEK



5A Maggie



5B Isabelle



5C Olivia



5D Tom



6A Phoebe



6B Teagan



6C Tayo



6D Muyaid

STAR OF THE WEEK



DESS SWIMMING CLUB

Dear Parents,

As a reminder, DESS Swim Club will continue to run in Term 2 at the times shown below.

Please note, Group 2 time change due to the pool being used for BSME squad training at 1.15pm.

Day	Time	Group
MONDAY	2.15pm–3.00pm	Group 2 & Group 3
	3.05pm–4.05pm	Group 4
	4.10pm– 5.10pm	Group 5
TUESDAY	1.15pm–2.00pm	Group 0
	2.15pm–3.00pm	Group 1
	3.05pm–4.05pm	Group 4
	4.10pm–5.10pm	Group 5
WEDNESDAY	2.15pm–3.00pm	Group 2 & Group 3
	3.05pm–4.05pm	Group 4
	4.10pm– 5.10pm	Group 5

We will run in accordance with the DESS ECA calendar, which will cover 8 weeks, beginning on 15th January and running through to the week of 18th March. There will be a break for the week of 19th February.

Please note that all existing swimmers WILL automatically be placed in their classes at the new times.

If you do not wish your child to continue in Term 2, please notify me at swimclub@dess.org as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,
Camille Campbell



Doha English Speaking School

Calendar of Events – Spring Term 2012 – Parents

January		February		March		April	
S 1		W 1	BSME warm-up Basketball (DESS)	T 1	World Book Day	S 1	Y4 and Y6 Art/DT week
M 2		T 2	Pizza Day	F 2		M 2	
T 3	Term Starts	F 3		S 3		T 3	Y4&5 Interhouse final
W 4		S 4	DC tests (Y6)	S 4	Y5&Y6 Sports Day	W 4	Y3 Production Y6 Interhouse final
T 5	ECA sign up BSME Netball Trials	S 5	Y2 Seaside Day	M 5	Y3&Y4 Sports Day	T 5	Staff v children Rounders Last Day of Term
F 6		M 6	PTA AGM	T 6	Y1&Y2 Sports Day	F 6	
S 7		T 7	Parent Meetings	W 7	QPPSSA Y3&4 Girls' Football	S 7	
S 8	Y3 DT Week BSME Swim Trials	W 8	Parent Meetings Workshops (Y1, Y2 and Y3) continue	T 8	Reception Sports Day PTA Bake Sale QPPSSA Y3&4 Boys' Football	S 8	
M 9		T 9	Workshops for Y1, Y2 and Y3 continue	F 9		M 9	
T 10	Class Mums' Meeting 8am	F 10		S 10		T 10	
W 11		S 11	Y6 Ski Trip	S 11		W 11	
T 12	QPPSSA Rounders (DESS)	S12		M 12		T 12	
F 13		M 13		T 13		F 13	
S 14		T 14	Y1 Trip	W 14	BSME Games Dubai	S 14	
S 15	ECAs begin Y1 DT week	W 15		T 15	Y4 Tudor Day Y1 Production	S 15	
M 16		T 16	Y4 Production	F 16		M 16	
T 17	PTA coffee morning 8am	F 17		S 17		T 17	
W 18	Shk. Faisal Cup (Y5&6)	S 18		S 18		W 18	
T 19	PTA BBQ 1pm	S 19		M 19	Environmental Day	T 19	
F 20		M 20		T 20	2 nd Hand Uniform Sale	F 20	
S 21		T 21		W 21		S 21	
S 22	Y3 local area walk	W 22		T 22	ECAs end Dance Assembly	S 22	
M 23		T 23		F 23		M 23	
T 24	Class photos	F 24		S 24		T 24	
W 25		S 25		S 25		W 25	
T 26	QPPSSA Y5&6 Netball	S 26	Preschool DT week	M 26		T 26	
F 27		M 27	QPPSSA Y5&6 Athletics	T 27	Y4&5 Interhouse Games	F 27	
S 28		T 28		W 28	Y6 Interhouse Games QPPSSA Y5&6 Tag Rugby	S 28	
S 29	Reception DT week Y3 visit Al Khor	W 29		T 29		S 29	
M 30				F 30		M 30	
T 31				S 31			

	Fridays/Saturdays		School Closed
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DOHA ENGLISH SPEAKING SCHOOL TERM DATES 2012/2013

Autumn Term 2012

70 days

Sunday	2 September	Term Commences	
Sunday	28 October	to	Thursday 1 November Eid Al-Adha
Thursday	13 December	Last Day of Autumn Term	

Spring Term 2013

55 days

Sunday	6 January	Term Commences	
Sunday	17 February	to	Thursday 21 February Half term break
Thursday	28 March	Last Day of Spring Term	

Summer Term 2013

54 days

Sunday	14 April	Term Commences	
Sunday	26 May	Half Term break	
Thursday	27 June	End of Term	

(179 days in total)

There may be slight variations around the Eid holidays and National Day in line with Ministry Guidance.

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**Enjoy your
Festive break!**

The PTA...

DON'T FORGET...

FAB Club | Thursday 5th January

PTA AGM | Monday 6 February, 7pm

Your Committee

Jackie Robertson	Chairperson	6661 5173	ptachair@dess.org
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Free information and advice



Come and talk to us!

Monday 23 January 2012 - 2pm to 8pm

Ramada Plaza Doha, Qatar

For more information and venues throughout the Gulf, please visit our website

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