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10th November 2016

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Upcoming Events

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate our fabulous PTA Executive committee and the many many volunteers that made our 2nd Annual International Day such a success. Your hours of work and co-ordination are not only appreciated by the QAS faculty and staff but our wider community. **THANK YOU!** Some photographs of the event can be seen in the reception area of the Primary School as well as the Facebook group.

QAS is reaching a milestone on Nov 21st and 22nd when we welcome the IB PYP visiting team to verify our Primary Years Programme. The reason this is so important is that it is an acknowledgement of the immense amount of work our faculty and staff have been involved in over the past two years. I have every reason to believe that this visit will be a huge success. The team will provide some recommendations and I am confident that these will be areas that we, as a school, have already identified. Nevertheless, any additional recommendations will be incorporated into our school action plan to ensure that QAS continues to become the high performing school that we all believe it can be.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next PYP Coffee morning on Thursday 1st Dec.

Best,

Mr. Harish Kanabar,

Primary School Principal

P.S. If you haven't already completed the survey, you still have time!

**To contact the
Primary School use:**

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Thurs 17th Nov

Non-Uniform Day

Grade 1-5 Students wear

HOUSE COLOURS!

Pre3-KG Rainbow colors

Mon 21st-Tues 22nd Nov

PYP Authorization Visit

Month of November

QAS Food Drive

Thurs 1st Dec

Parent Coffee Morning

PYP Through Inquiry

7:15am -8:00am

General Purpose Room

Thurs 15th Dec

***QAS Primary Qatar National Day
Celebrations***

Sun 18th Dec

Qatar National Day

Thurs 22nd Dec

Report Cards

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أولياء الأمور الأعزاء،

أود أن أهنيء لجنتنا التنفيذية الرائعة لرابطة الأهالي و المعلمين والعديد من المتطوعين اللذين عملوا على إنجاح "اليوم الدولي" للسنة الثانية على التوالي. فساعات العمل التي بذلتموها والتنسيق فيما بينكم ، لم تقدر فقط من قبل أعضاء هيئة التدريس والموظفين في المدرسة ولكن من قبل مجتمع المدرسة ككل. **فشكراً لكم!**

هناك بعض الصور من الفعالية موجودة في منطقة الاستقبال في المدرسة الابتدائية، فضلاً عن وجود البعض منها على مجموعة الفيس بوك.

الحدث الرئيسي للمدرسة في هذه الأيام هو استقبال فريق PYP IB في 21 و 22 نوفمبر للتحقق من "برنامجنا لسنوات الابتدائي". والسبب في أهمية ذلك هو الاعتراف بالكم الهائل من العمل الذي قام به أعضاء هيئة التدريس والموظفين في العامين الماضيين. وأنا لذي كل الأسباب للاعتقاد بأن هذه الزيارة ستكون ناجحة وموفقة. هذا الفريق سوف يقدم بعض التوصيات والتي أنا على ثقة بأننا كمدرسة، سيق و عرفناها وحددناها. ومع ذلك، ستدرج أي توصيات إضافية إلى خطة العمل في المدرسة لضمان استمرار مدرستنا لتصبح مدرسة عالية الأداء التي نعتقد أنها تستطيع أن تكون كذلك.

أطلع إلى رؤيتكم جميعاً في اجتماع PYP التالي على القهوة الصباحية في يوم الخميس 1 ديسمبر.

كل التقدير،

السيد هاريش كانابار
مدير المدرسة الابتدائية

ملاحظة: إذا لم تكن قد أنهيت الاستبيان، لا يزال لديك الوقت لذلك!

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PYP Updates!

Thank you very much to everyone that attended our PYP Coffee. I enjoyed working with you to help you learn more about how your children are being assessed. In case you missed it, we talked a lot about how our teachers use assessment to see what your children understand and what they can do. Then they use this information to determine what to teach them next. Also, we talked about the two types of assessments, formative and summative. Summative assessments are the final assessments at the end of each Unit of Inquiry that show us how much our students have learned along the way. Formative assessments happen throughout the unit and guide our teachers' instruction and children's learning

Speaking of summative assessments, most of our grades have wrapped up their first units of inquiry and completed their summative assessments. Hopefully, your children have been able to share many of the things that they learned during their Unit of Inquiry. (And I apologize for all of the fourth graders that are now asking you to take shorter showers to conserve water!) KG through fifth grade have all started on their new PYP units. They will be inquiring into a wide assortment of understandings including children's rights, energy, creating multimedia, how we communicate, homes, and creatively expressing our ideas. For more information, please visit your child's teacher's blog where they will outline all of the great learning that will take place.

On November 21 and 22, we will have some very special visitors to Qatar Academy Sidra. On these days, two representatives of the IB will be coming to "evaluate" our school, which is one of the final steps towards becoming a fully authorized PYP school. I am personally very excited for them to come, because it gives us a chance to show off how hard we have all worked and how much our school has improved over the past couple of years. It will be very rewarding for us to share with our visitors and we are looking forward to receiving their feedback about how we can continue to grow as a school.

The last thing that I would like to do is ask for your help! Now that all of our PYP units are established we are looking for ways to deepen them. One of these ways is to bring in outside "experts" that would be comfortable sharing with our students. When guest speakers come in, it gives our learners a unique opportunity to ask their own inquiry questions and to connect their learning to real life. So, if you consider yourself knowledgeable (or have a friend that is) and would be comfortable talking to any of our students, please email me and let me know. I will happily add you to our growing list of community resources.

As always, if you have any questions or I can offer any help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jason McCary

PYP Coordinator

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The five essential elements



PYP Updates!

أود أن أشكر كل من حضروا ورشتنا الخاصة ببرنامج السنوات الابتدائية (PYP). في الحقيقة استمتعت بالعمل معكم ومساعدتهم في التعرف علي كيفية تقييم أبنائكم.

في حال عدم حضوركم يرجى العلم بأننا تحدثنا عن كيفية استخدام المعلمين التقييمات لقياس ومعرفة مدى تفهم واستيعاب أبنائكم لما تعلموه ومن ثم استخدام هذه المعلومات لتحديد محاور تعليمهم التالية. تحدثنا أيضا عن نوعين من التقييمات، التكويني و التلخيصي. - التقييمات التلخيصية هي التقييمات النهائية والتي تكون في نهاية كل وحدة بحثية وتظهر لنا ما تعلمه طلابنا على مدار الوحدة. - التقييمات التكوينية أو البنائية وهي التي تتم خلال الوحدة ومن خلالها يتم توجيه مسار مدرسينا لتعلم الطلاب.

بمناسبة التحدث عن التقييمات التلخيصية فإن معظم الصفوف الآن قد أكملوا الوحدات الأولى من موادهم الدراسية مكملين بذلك هذا التقييم. نأمل أن يكون أبنائكم قادرين على مشاركتهم ما تعلموه خلال وحدتهم البحثية. (وأعذر لجميع طلاب الصف الرابع الذين طلبوا منكم الاقتصار في الاستحمام للحفاظ على المياه).

بدأ طلابنا من التمهيدي وحتى الصف الخامس العمل في وحدتنا البحثية الجديدة ، وسيتم التحقق منها عن طريق مجموعات واسعة من الفهم والإدراك بما فيها حقوق الطفل، والطاقة، وإنشاء الوسائط المتعددة، وكيف نتواصل، والمنازل، والتعبير عن أفكارنا بطرق مبتكرة. لمزيد من المعلومات، يرجى زيارة مدونة معلم ابنكم حيث أنها تحدد الخطوط العريضة والواضحة لكل ما يتعلمه ابنك في كل وحدة.

يومي ٢١ و ٢٢ من شهر نوفمبر سوف تكون هناك زيارة خاصة لأكاديمية قطر السدرة، وخلال هذين اليومين سيأتي ممثلان من البكالوريا الدولية IB " لتقييم مدرستنا " و التي تعد واحدة من الخطوات النهائية لكي نصبح مدرسة معتمدة دوليا بشكل رسمي. أنا شخصيا متحمس للغاية لهذه الزيارة لأنها تعطينا فرصة لإظهار مدى صعوبة عملنا ككل وكما قد تحسنت مدرستنا على مدى العاميين الماضيين. وأيضا سيكون مهم جدا بالنسبة لنا مشاركة ذلك مع زوارنا ونحن نتطلع لتلقي ملاحظاتهم حول كيفية مواصلة نمو المدرسة.

وفي النهاية أود طلب مساعدتكم!

حيث أننا نبحث عن سبل تعميق وحدتنا البحثية، و واحدة من هذه السبل هو الاستعانة "بخبراء" من الخارج والذي من شأنه أن يكون مشاركة مريحة مع طلابنا. عندما يأتي الضيوف المتحدثين، فإنه يعطي المتعلمين الفرصة لطرح الأسئلة الخاصة بهم وربط تعلمهم بحياتهم العملية. لذا، إذا كنت تعتبر نفسك ذو معرفة (أو لديك صديق كذلك)، وأنك تود التحدث مع أحد الطلاب يرجى اعلامي عن طريق إرسال بريد إلكتروني . من دواعي سروري إضافتك إلى قائمة موارد مجتمعنا.

كما هو الحال دائما، اسمحوا لي أن أعرف إذا كان لديكم أسئلة أو يمكنني تقديم أي مساعدة.

The five essential elements

concepts	• What do we want students to understand?
knowledge	• What do we want students to know?
skills	• What do we want students to be able to do?
attitudes	• How do we want students to feel?
action	• How do we want students to act as a result of their learning?

تحياتي،

جيسون ماكري

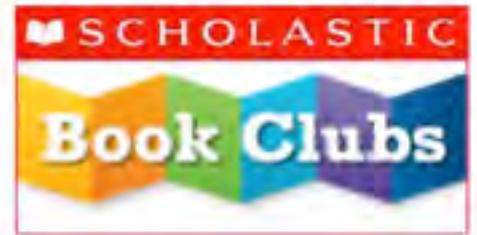
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Scholastic International Book Club

The **September 2016** Scholastic International Book Club catalogue and a 'Letter to Parents' with instructions of how to place your online order are now available on your son/daughter's classroom blog!



Orders are due: Wednesday November 23, 2016 (estimated delivery time will be 4-6 weeks from this date).

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Natalie (QA Sidra Primary Librarian) at: nbelch@qf.org.qa

Library Opening Times:

Welcome to the new Library; come and check us out with your son/daughter.

The Library will be open from 6:40-7am and after school from 2:00-2:15pm.

- Pre3 to G1: Students & Parents together
- G2 to G5: Students on their own

We look forward to seeing you there!

QAS Food Collection Drive

To support the **Eid Charity**, QAS students are being asked to donate the following food items:



Rice
Sugar
Oil
Flour



Please bring the items to your classroom during the month of November.

For further details of the charity please visit: <http://www.eidcharity.net/site/index.php>

سِرَاجُ

من مبادرات مؤسسة قطر

شاركوا واطفالكم الاحتفال بانطلاق مسلسل "سراج"
لتتعلم ونمرح في مغامرة شيقة بين حروف اللغة العربية.

التاريخ: 5 نوفمبر 2016 | الوقت: 5 مساءً
المكان: ساحة الاحتفالات، المدينة التعليمية
تطلع لرؤيتكم وجميع أفراد الأسرة والأصدقاء!

Join us with your kids for the launch of Siraj!
A new and exciting way to learn the Arabic alphabet.

Date: 5 November 2016 | Time: 5pm
Place: Ceremonial Court, Education City

We look forward to seeing you, your family, and friends there.



قامت معلمة اللغة العربية وفاء عبد الجواد بالمشاركة في تأليف حلقات المسلسل الكرتوني سراج الذي أطلقته مؤسسة قطر التي تستهدف الأطفال في العالم العربي في الصفوف 1-3 مع محتوى شيق لمساعدتهم على تعلم الأبجدية العربية بطريقة ممتعة سراج يشجع على الابتكار من خلال استخدام الأدوات التكنولوجية الحديثة الممتعة والتطبيقات التفاعلية لتطوير مهارات الأطفال لتعلم اللغة العربية الفصحى في أي مكان

وزمان

سيكون سراج متاحا من خلال الرابط التالي :
www.youtube.com/sirajsshow

Siraj

One of our Arabic language teacher's Ms. Wafaa Abdel Jawad participated by helping write episodes for the cartoon series **Siraj** launched by Qatar Foundation. The show is aimed at children in the Arab world in grades 1-3 and includes interesting content to help them learn the Arabic alphabet in a fun way. **Siraj** encourages innovation through the use of modern technological tools and fun interactive applications that support the development of children's skills in learning classical Arabic language, anywhere and anytime. Siraj is available on line via: www.youtube.com/sirajsshow



Qatar Academy Sidra
Self Study Survey Instructions
PARENTS

Dear Parent,

Your son or daughter's school is beginning a yearlong self-study process. The purpose of this process is to help your school determine its strengths and areas for improvement. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Your principal and teachers are very interested in what you think of your son or daughter's school. Your responses will be recorded anonymously.

Please go to the website www.endicottresearchcenter.net

On that page you will see:

A dark blue rectangular box containing a survey code entry form. On the left, the text 'HERE TO TAKE A SURVEY?' is written in white, bold, uppercase letters. On the right, the text 'Enter Your Survey Code Here:' is written in white. Below this text is a white input field and a 'GO!' button.

Enter the following survey code: **CNP2017010** and click GO.

Follow the instructions. Every question on the survey must be answered in order for your answers to be recorded. Skipped questions will be presented again until they are answered.

When you reach the last screen, click SUBMIT.

Thank you for your help with this important work.

HOUSE TEAMS

QAS House teams kicked off last week!

Grades two through five were assigned a mixed class, mixed grade, house team homeroom where they will assemble every second Thursday! In house meetings, students will participate in team building challenges, brain benders and athletic competitions.

The house team program will continue to build a sense of community among the students and faculty at QAS. All students from grades 1 to grade 11, and all faculty have been placed into one of four house teams: Golden Gorillas, Green Pumas, Blue Vipers and Red Wolves. Students will stay with their house teams each year as they transition into a new grade. Each House Team Thursday, students are encouraged to wear their house colour.

Last Thursday, students assembled for their first meeting, became acquainted with some of their house teammates and designed their portion of their team banner! Please ask your child about their house team and cheer them on!

Go **Gorillas**, **Pumas**, **Vipers** and **Wolves!!!**



Pride of Principal

Name	Class	Nominating Teacher	Learner Profile Attribute	Justification
Christian	Pre4B	Ms. Muna	Communicator	Christian participates and tries his best to learn new words in Arabic
Laith Masood	KGB	Ms. Margaret	Caring	Taking care of the classroom and his friends.
Shaikha Al Naimi	KGB	Ms. Margaret	Caring	Taking care of herself and the class.
Saeed Al Nabit	KGB	Ms. Margaret	Caring	Taking care of the classroom and his friends.
Sultan ALMannai	KGB	Ms. Muna	Knowledgeable	Sultan always know what we learned and he shares what he knows with his friends during Arabic.
Kushnood Sher Zad	KGC	Ms. Sara	Communicator	Kushnood has been working really hard to learn as much English as he can. He is now joining in discussions and communicating with his friends in English.
Tibian Eltom	KGC	Ms. Sara	Principled	Tibi always chooses to follow our classroom rules. She tries her best and is always honest.
Jana Hussein	1A	Ms. Vanessa	Thinker	During Unit of Inquiry, Jana created a story to demonstrate her understanding of how we feel when someone says, "You are not my friend." The assignment was to use drawings and words. Jana was the only student to demonstrate this depth.
Rakan Al Ghanmieen	1A	Ms. Vanessa	Caring	Rakan has went above and beyond to show Care for our Classroom Environment by putting materials away and sweeping the floor.
Hind Hashi	1B	Ms. Kim	Caring	Hind consistently shows our Code of Care, especially caring for others with her kind words.
Aallyah Al Ibrahim	1B	Ms. Kim	Thinker	Aallyah demonstrated her thinking while solving a very difficult word problem in her math journal.
Jacques Bosredon	1C	Ms. Dominika	Thinker	Jacques demonstrated his thinking skills while solving math problems and shared more than one way of showing his thinking and proving the answer.
Sohaib Kadri	1C	Ms. Dominika	Principled	Sohaib acts with integrity, honesty and respect.
Ahmed Hashir	1C	Ms. Dominika	Communicator	Ahmed can share his ideas with others in a respectful way.
Sohaib Kadri	1C	Ms. Wafa	Balanced	Sohaib works hard in class and completes his homework.
AJ Waldron	2A	Mr. Marc	Caring	AJ goes out of his way to help his classmates and to pick up and organize classroom supplies.
Danya Hashem	2A	Mr. Marc	Communicator	Danya expresses herself confidently by sharing her ideas, feelings and questions with classmates and teachers.
Dana Hassanian	2B	Ms. Sarah	Risk Taker	Dana is willing to share her thinking during Mathematician Chair although she may not always feel super confident.
TJ Waldron	2B	Ms. Sarah	Balanced	TJ has been working very hard on his learning goals while in class.
Ithaar El-Sallabi	2C	Mr. Jacob	Caring	Ithaar helps others out when they are distressed and actively makes sure others work together in a caring manner.
Shreedhar Suresh Kumar	2C	Mr. Jacob	Risk Taker	Shreedhar has tried new foods and taken on new skills that he wasn't sure how to tackle at first.
Humza Bajwa	3A	Ana Akid	Risk Taker	Humza has taken the risk to lead the class. He has shown leadership in the classroom with confidence.
Adam Zaghouani	3A	Ana Akid	Principled	Adam is principled in class. He takes on tasks with respect and honesty.
Ayah Abu saqri	3B	Ms Wafa	Knowledgeable	Ayah worked extremely hard and fully understood the concept
Ayah Abusaqri	3B	Ms. Van Belle	Thinker	Ayah is making good connections with our new unit Sharing the Planet and the world that we live in. She thinks about others opinions and respects their views.
Maya Corcoran	3C	Ms. Becky	Caring	Maya has been very caring to many students in the class. If she sees someone who is upset, Maya will stop what she is doing and stay with the student to work through the problem together and help the student feel better.
Dareen Mohammed	3C	Ms. Becky	Caring	Dareen is a very caring student. She is loyal to her friends and likes to make others around her feel good about their learning by smiling and giving compliments.
Mohammed Al Enazi	3D	Ms Wafa	Balanced	Mohammed works hard in class, completes his homework,
Zubair Wahid	3D	Ms. Yalda	Knowledgeable	Zubair has in-depth knowledge across all disciplines.
Amina Ahmed	4A	Ms. Tessa	Risk Taker	I have seen Amina take many risks so far this year, from trying out for SC, being our class assembly lead and going out of her comfort zone while participating! Great job!
Mohammed Al Delaimi	4A	Ms .Tessa	Knowledgeable	Mohamed D has shown us how much knowledge he has acquired during our last unit about water. He showed this on his final poster project and presentation.
Omar Wanace	4A	Ms Wafa	Balanced	Omar works hard in class and completes his homework.
Isra Siddiqui	4B	Ms. Jen	Thinker	Isra thinks deeply about many topics and is able to express her thinking both orally and in written form.
Hassan Al Mawlawi	4B	Ms. Jen	Principled	Hassan shows respect for all teachers and students and is a fantastic role model for those around him.
Inayah Kidwai	5A	Ms. Lou	Balanced	Inayah has a good balance in her life. She works hard in class, she completes homework to a very good standard, she plays an important role in the Student Council and she has helped settle in a new student who started at the beginning of the week.
Fares Fawzy	5A	Ms. Lou	Knowledgeable	Fares worked extremely hard on his decimal work and fully understood the concept of it. He was able to complete a conceptual drawing and then explain to his class mates how to draw a decimal.
Aziz El Enazi	5A	Ms. Lou	Reflective	Aziz has been extremely reflective this week about his behaviour and work habits. I am noticing an improvement in both, so please continue to work at this.
Amira wanace	5A	Ms. Wafa	Knowledgeable	Amira worked extremely hard and fully understood the concept.
Hassan Alrashid	5A	Ms. Wafa	Knowledgeable	Hassan worked extremely hard and fully understood the concept.
Ahmad Ayad	5B	Ms. Sarah	Risk Taker	Ahmad made a good speech in his candidacy for student council this year.
Sara Albawwab	5B	Ms. Sarah	Balanced	Sara has demonstrated how balanced she is. She works hard in class, completes her homework, has been elected to Student Council and participates in Destination Imagination. This is her first year at QAS and she has jumped right in!
Basent Ahmed	5B	Ms Wafa	Caring	Basent helps others and makes sure others work together in a caring manner.
Hamza Abu farha	5B	Ms Wafa	Knowledgeable	Hamza worked extremely hard and fully understood the concept.