



PTA NEWSLETTER

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TEA PARTY

The word that comes into my head when recalling the PTA Annual Mothers Tea Party is 'magical'. This year's tea party was like no other. Organised by Mrs. Nouf Al Thani, the PTA Vice President, the Junior's courtyard was transformed into an amazing vision of a typical English garden. From the flower arch entrance, to the numerous flower displays everywhere, and the water fountains- the whole sight was enough to take your breath away. Parents and teachers were welcomed at the entrance by myself and Mrs. Nouf and settled into rows of canopied tables.

The purpose of the tea party was to invite parents to come into school and enjoy some refreshments whilst also getting to know what the PTA is all about.

We were honoured to have Sheikha Maha and Sheikha Al Anood Al Thani from the school Board also present.

After a few words from Ms Mona, myself, Mrs. Nouf, and Mrs. Rehana- PTA Secretary, all the guests were invited to enjoy the many refreshments and snacks on offer. There were numerous petit fours and appetisers and a selection of hot and cold drinks.

The overall atmosphere was very relaxed with our PTA members mingling with staff and parents whilst enjoying the beautiful surroundings. This opportunity of inviting our valued parents into school is one we wish to extend many more times throughout the year.

To end the wonderful afternoon, parents were presented with a spa voucher from Sheikha Al Anood and a small gift from Mrs. Nouf, which was a lovely gesture.

Many thanks to Mrs. Nouf for organising such a beautiful event. It really is one that will not be forgotten.

Fatima Sidat

PTA President

COOKBOOK

As part of Reading month, the PTA launched the Cookbook Project. We were very excited to start compiling our very own GES Cookbook. We asked students, parents and teachers to send in their recipes of whatever dish they liked. The response was great!

We received recipes of traditional Qatari dishes as well as Egyptian, Indian and many more different cuisines. It was a real reflection of the diverse backgrounds that our students and staff come from. I can definitely say that our school members have a very sweet tooth- as many of the recipes were of sweet dishes! All the recipes have been collected and sorted and sent to the printers.

Once we are happy with the final result, copies will be available to buy. More information about this will be sent out at a later date.

Students were also asked to participate in a competition to design a front cover for the cookbook and we received some amazing entries from our very artistic and talented students. A winner has been chosen and their front cover design will be used as the front cover of the cookbook.

I'd like to say a big thank you to all parents who were a part of this, those who sent in their recipes and those encouraged their children to take part in the competition. This is what the PTA is all about - parents getting involved in their children's school life.

There will be more activities and events organised by the PTA throughout the school year so keep your eyes peeled!

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KANGAROO BOOK CLUB

I love to read, so when the PTA decided to start the Kangaroo Book Club for parents and children (year 1 & year 2), I was excited about joining it. The first meeting took place in the Infant's library and we chose our first book. It was decided that we would start with James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl, as this would appeal to the children and the parents. We meet once a month and the children discuss the book with guidance from the parents. We are now over half way through the book and everyone is enjoying it. It is a new group which is evolving with every meeting. We plan to theme the meetings and create a piece of craft to go along with the book. It is a great chance for parents to meet each other and discuss reading tips and get advice on other books. I, as a mum of two children, feel it is very important to read daily, and we do our best to do this at home. It is a joy taking part in the book club where my children are now able to enjoy the same books I remember so fondly from my own childhood. The next meeting is Monday 11th December 1.30 p.m. in the Infant's library. Please join us next term when we will start a new book. Happy Reading!

Dharti Patel

Parent of a Year 2 student

أحب القراءة

أستمتع بالقراءة لذا فعندما نظمت جمعية أولياء الأمور والمعلمين نادي الكتاب لطلاب الصف الأول والثاني سارعت بالإنضمام للنادي وحضرت الإجتماع الاول الذي أقيم في مكتبة مبنى المراحل المبكرة وقمنا في هذا الإجتماع باختيار الكتاب الذي سنقرأه مع أبناءنا وقد إحتنا كتاب «جيمس والدراقة العملاقة». نجتمع شهرياً للنتناقش بحضور أطفالنا حول الكتاب ولنشجع أبناءنا على القراءة ونشاركهم فيها. القراءة هامة جداً في حياة الإنسان وخصوصاً في حياة الطفل حيث تنمي القراءة مواهب الطفل وحصيلة الكلمات وتساعد الأطفال على الكتابة والتهجأة الصحيحة.

ندعو جميع أولياء الأمور بالإنضمام لنا الفصل الدراسي القادم عندما نبدأ في قراءة كتاب جديد.



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The Gulf English School
2017/2018 Calendar

August 2017						
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Colour Codes						
First and last day for students						
Staff INSET						
CPD afternoons						
School holidays						

20th August: Staff Start
 3rd-7th September: Eid Al Adha Break
 10th September: First Day of School for Students
 2nd November: Mid-term Break

17th-31st December: Winter Break
 28th January-1st February: Mid-term Break
 13th February: National Sports Day
 29th March-1st April: Spring Break

16th May: First day of Ramadan
 12th June: Last Day for Students
 17th-21st June: Eid Al-Fitr Break
 28th June: Last Day for Staff

*Subject to MoE approval

