



# DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

## AL WAKRA CAMPUS

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*Our core purpose is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve.*

14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents,

This morning, we finished our first term of this academic year with a wonderful celebration of Qatar National Day with presentations, marches, songs, dances, poetry and readings from the Quran. The children were proud to be a part of the celebrations of Qatar our host nation.

In our last assembly, I reviewed with the children all that we had achieved this term in terms of participation, effort and achievement. We have as a school entered many sports competitions for years 3 to 7 receiving medals in some sports especially our Year 3 teams. Nearly all children in Key Stage 2 have been involved in House sports at lunchtime. In addition to sports, we have competed in Arabic debates and Quran competitions. All children have shown their creative side by performing in class assemblies and in the amazing Key Stage 2 performance of Alice in Wonderland.

It was a pleasure to read our children's reports and to see how hard they, and the teachers, are working to ensure they reach their full potential. The phonics results for Early Years and Key Stage 1 have yet again shown an increase with 95% of our children passing their phonics stage. Our full and extensive range of interventions and challenge will ensure that DBS Wakra maintains its high academic standards this year.

In the next term, we will be focusing on the teaching of vocabulary and the reading of non-fiction in all year groups including Early Years. We will be inviting you our parents in to workshops and presentations so that you are fully aware of how we are teaching your children and how you can continue to support us and your children.

We will also have a two special weeks: STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math's) where outside specialist and professionals will join us to develop our children's creativity and critical thinking and Health and Fitness week to educate our children about making healthy choices for a long and healthy life.

We have a lot to look forward to but as always at the end of every term, we must say goodbye to some of our families and one member of staff.

We wish Mr. Jaime Milne all best wishes for his new teaching position in Dubai. We wish all the families leaving this year the best of luck.

For everyone, we hope you have safe travels, a relaxing break and a very Happy Qatar National Day.

With Best Wishes and Best Regards,

**Beverley Stevens**

*V. Principal*