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26th October 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after our first half term break.

As you are aware, the school was inspected by Qatar National Schools Accreditation (QNSA) in May 2017 and by British Schools Overseas (BSO) in June 2017.

We are extremely proud to remind you that the outcome of both inspections was that Doha British School Wakra was rated as 'OUTSTANDING'. Both reports made a number of significant commendations:

"From KG through the Primary stages, substantial evidence from lesson observations shows that teaching strategies are consistent, varied and learner centered..... all teachers provide high quality teaching."

"All of the lessons observed by the visiting team exhibited students that showed respect towards themselves, peers and teachers."

"Students' higher order thinking skills are addressed in various ways through effective questioning techniques, which fosters students to develop imagination, analysis and synthesis skills during lessons." QNSA 2017

"Doha British School, (DBS) Qatar is an outstanding school with many significant strengths. DBS provides an excellent quality of education complemented by a high level of student care. The quality of learning, teaching, and leadership are outstanding. Throughout each year group and across the curriculum current students make substantial and sustained progress. The broad and balanced curriculum inspires students to learn."

Parents fully support the vision and direction of the school. They recognise the important contribution the school makes towards the development of their children's lives. The school is held in high regard by the wider community and parents."

The students are proud to be members of the school community and value the opportunities it provides." BSO 2017

The full reports will be posted on our website.

As a school we are committed to continue to provide the highest level of education for all of our children and this year we will be focusing on the following areas of development:

- The gross and fine motor skills of our children in Early years foundation stage as part of their physical development



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- The widening and understanding of vocabulary, across all stages, in order for all of our children to access the full curriculum
- A deepening of comprehension in reading with a specific focus on non-fiction
- A focus and development of the STEM subjects (Science, technology, engineering and math's)
- The continued development of 21st century skills: collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity

In Year 7, we have introduced the new progressive mastery curriculum and assessment framework which continues on from the Primary National Curriculum 2014 that has been taught at DBS Wakra for the past 3 years. Parents of Year 7 students have attended a presentation on this curriculum and how their children will be assessed. Support for our children will continue throughout the secondary school. If you would like to find out more, please visit [Understanding the Mastery Curriculum](#).

This half-term has been a little over 6 weeks and already so much has happened in that short time. There have been welcome meetings and teacher class presentations, parent workshops in how we teach Phonics and Mathematics, with many more to follow. Our music group has started for mothers and babies on Tuesday and Thursday. For the children we have had a fabulous visit from Ciaran Murtagh, the Author and script writer for many famous books and TV series, which has inspired our children to be far more creative in their writing. We have also had lunch times filled with house sports competitions and choir practices, and our extensive range of Extra-Curricular Activities is well underway. Trips and visits have taken place to; The Adventure rooms, Pizza Express, Wakra Park and the Museum of Islamic Art. To celebrate the end of the first half term and our Internationalism we had an amazing international day celebration with dance, songs, costumes, food and the wonderful Global village. It was a wonderful school community celebration.

As we move into our second half term we have many more events, coffee mornings, meetings and productions. All of these, and the support we have from our parents, ensure that we will as a school community continue to improve and grow.

School improvement is a never-ending journey. Although DBS Wakra is amongst the highest performing schools in the Gulf region, we aim to be world class. Student learning and professional teaching are at the heart of everything we do; as is our core purpose "to ensure that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our fundamental belief that all of them can, need and want to learn".

We know that with the continued support of you, our parents, we will achieve this aim.

Yours Sincerely,

Beverley Stevens
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