



Message from Head of School



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Dear parents,

I hope this email finds you all well as we continue to adapt to the current global crisis and the uncertainties that come with COVID-19. We are in uncharted waters, and all we can do is to maintain consistency and stability amid these challenges with the hope that the world returns to normal soon. It takes a lot of courage, perseverance, and patience to handle these challenges. For sure we are all missing life as it used to be and having the freedom to do the things we take for granted.

Even working from home, we are still delivering strong online learning experiences to our students. Thank you for working in partnership with us as we navigate this paradigm shift in education. We much appreciate your support and collaboration to ensure your children receive the best education possible during this uncertain time.

Special thanks to our faculty and staff for their hard work ensuring that we continue to provide education to our students against all the odds.

Thank you for your positive responses to all virtual parents meeting and face to face interactions this year; it's nice to hear all about your experiences, ideas and suggestions about our online learning and school processes in general. The online learning education for your children is new to all of us and together,

Transition to Online Learning

While our campus is closed temporarily, we engage students with learning experiences that continue the planned learning program and help them to stay connected with teachers and classmates. They emphasize interaction and creativity and involve a balance of on-screen and off-screen tasks that help connect to previous learning and the current curriculum. There is a daily schedule for lessons, which involve activities in line with the long/mid-term plan for Term3. The activities planned are familiar to the children and parents and with the step-by-step guide on seesaw and Google Classroom or with the teacher's instructions using video and audio . Audio comments and feedback from the teacher and the Principal are happening daily. We have maintained the activities of a varied and stimulating, ensuring that the children can learn independently and still being creative and using their imagination. Activities are either explained using audio or video. The sessions also involve a PE active session as well as Arabic, and Islamic lessons included each week. The activities involve the children to record what they are saying as they complete the activity, or draw and describe a picture relating to the theme, listening to a story and then explaining their favorite part of the story or drawing a picture from the story.

I miss not seeing you, our students and the school community, I am looking forward to having everyone back on campus for the next academic year, God willing.

Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Omolola Wright-Odusoga

Head of School

MESSAGE FROM EMKG PRINCIPAL

A very warm welcome to all EMKG parents and children. We are at the end of the second term and it has been a great pleasure to observe the children having the opportunity to be creative, and reflective in their learning. The children are more confident and responsible, taking care of each other and their environment

We will continue to support the children's learning to help them discover and achieve their learning goals following the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, the Jolly Phonics program, SecondStep and Literacy Planet for the KG2 students along with other learning tools.

We will always continue to encourage the children to be independent and innovative in all areas of their development; this can be developed further if it is also encouraged at home.

The children have enjoyed using these skills to help change and develop their role-play areas, and extending their learning outside of the classroom, which has helped them to improve their communication and social skills. The children have shown how they are becoming engaging, reflective learners.

The children and staff have enjoyed taking part in events such as Dress Down Days, ECE Sports Day and the Arabic Production which the students in KG1 and KG2 and the ECE students from EMSW sang together. The students enjoyed the monthly learning themes including Healthy Eating, ' It is also pleasing to observe the children working together and confidently looking after the EMKG garden, which is developing very well.

Please take the time to visit the website, which is updated regularly with photographs of the children busy being confident active learners. This is a great way to share children's learning experiences and what they have learnt with you.

At EMKG, we want your child to enjoy learning, discovering new things and achieving their goals. We are always seeking new and different ways of how to embrace this.

Please ensure that we have your current contact information, email and mobile number, so that you will have messages we may send out.

Children's Learning

The children have enjoyed exciting themes during Term One and Term Two themes which are linked to the EYFS curriculum, as well as exploring other learning experiences in school before we began the continuous online learning, such as;

- Understanding of the World-Learning about growing, planting and taking care of the EMKG garden.
- Eating healthy and what we need to do to stay healthy, taking part in Sports Day.
- Literacy Planet is the program the KG2 children have been embracing during the school year. The Literacy Planet website has been used inside and outside of school and shows how much progress has been made in literacy and also in Communication and Language. Certificates that have been presented to those students who have scored well in the program. Well done everyone.

The children have been using their existing skills to help create and display wonderful artwork to represent their literacy, math and understanding of the world. They are not just art but using their writing as well. They are connecting and visualizing their ideas and knowledge together. I have also observed how the children are continuing to use these skills to help them with their online learning activities.

At EMKG we like to challenge the children and help them to understand the world around them. We have been encouraging the children to recycle and reuse materials that can be connected to create and construct some wonderful art pieces. Please continue to help the children share these on Seesaw.

At EMKG we have also been embracing the Secondstep program, learning songs and reinforcing the positive behavior strategies throughout the school day. These concepts also work well at home. You may find the Home Links through the Secondstep website.

The teachers at EMKG will aim to continue teaching and supporting the children's learning using the online platform, Seesaw, whilst still incorporating the EYFS curriculum, and Literacy Planet, We understand that these times can be quite challenging, but working and supporting each other these challenges can be overcome. The children seem to have embraced this different style of learning and it is always lovely to see and hear what they have to share with us.

At EMKG we will continue to maintain the vision and mission of our school, in that we are consistently challenging the children's learning as well as ensuring that the children have opportunities to help them build not only a positive image in themselves but also within the world around them.

Our aim is to continue nurturing the children so they can become confident, innovative learners in a multicultural environment.

Sandra Hallows

KG Principal

QATAR NATIONAL CURRICULUM DEPARTMENT

Welcome to you all in our school newsletter – Volume 2. Term 2 was full of events. In terms of school participation in the competitions, 11 students from KG2 participated in the National Holy Quran Competition and the results were great, 10 students passed, 2 received excellent, 3 received very good, and 5 received good. Well done to our young students.

There were many events held at school including Qatar National Day Celebration, which included beautiful student presentations which the KG1 and KG2 students performed with the KG1 and KG2 students from EMSW. The students enjoyed the World Read Aloud Day when the Year 6 student from EMSW read to them stories in Arabic. Students from EMKG and EMSW KG1 and KG2 worked together on the annual school production. The students in ECE demonstrated coordination and teamwork skills, and represented positive values and attitudes towards the Arabic language. The students concluded their school activities before the decision schools subsided with the school book fair where the students identified a wide range of Arabic and English books and purchased some favourite books.

On March 11th, the school moved to a continuous learning program. The concept was new for many of the students, families and teachers. The teachers have seen good work from the students, ranging from writing, videos, pictures and beautiful drawings. Not only are the students using their knowledge skills with continuous learning, but they are also increasing their skills of using technology, identifying file types and how to utilize the different files. Keep on working, and prove that this virus will not stand in the way of our learning and our success.

Azam Rihan

Arabic Department Leader

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

During this term, KG1 students focused on balance and activities that incorporate the ability to stretch, bend, twist, turn, push, and pull. Balance is an especially valuable skill, requiring both strength and concentration, and children can improve their balance by trying creative new poses. They also started to explore different ways of moving such as running, jumping and hopping.

KG2 students had fun experimenting new ways of moving, whether it was galloping, hopping, walking, running, jumping, leaping, skipping or sliding. Children enjoy practicing these movements and also improving increasing their control over an object through throwing, catching, kicking, and pushing.

At the end of the term, the children were expected to follow the rules and procedures involving various games and activities, including how to share and take turns. The children were taught about safety including how to look out for themselves and how to safely use and take care of the equipment used in the physical education class.

Isabelle Villaran

PE Teacher

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

The school counsellor works with students, parents, teachers and administrators to help make your child's school experience a success. Students are more successful when parents and teachers work together. We encourage our students to continue to focus on being confident, responsible, reflective, innovative, and engaged (CLA).

Parents

- Please use the secondSTEP Character Education Program at home. Please visit www.secondstep.org and click tab/ Families.

- Please use the secondSTEP: Bullying Prevention Unit Program home link. Please login to www.secondstep.org and register.

If you have not registered, please visit www.secondstep.org and register to do home link activities with your child. Home Links are simple, fun activities that encourage interaction between students and their parents. The activities give students a chance to practice Second Step skills outside of school and help families learn about the skills so they can use them at home. Parents' activation keys are found on the school's website at www.englishmodernschool.net. Click on the following tabs: Wakra/Parents/secondSTEP activation keys.

Thank you,

Dr. Mildred Stevenson

School counselor

HEALTH & SAFETY

The EMKG Health Department would like to ask for parent's full cooperation and support to prevent the spread of infection and illnesses within the school premises.

- Encourage your child/children to always wash their hands with soap and water even at home. The school also ensures that the students frequently wash their hands.
- Avoid sending your sick (with fever, runny nose, coughing) child/children to school. Have them rest at home until they are fully well and fit to come to school. Medical certificates must be provided.
- Encourage your child/children to eat healthy food, drink lots of water and have enough rest and sleep to keep their body healthy.
- As much as possible, avoid going to crowded places.
- Inform the school if you have traveled outside the country.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school nurse if you have any concern. Thank you for your cooperation.

Jessica Jazmin
School Nurse

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CASHIER

The Term 3 Tuition fee is 7,947 QAR will be due on the 8th of March 2020. The fee should be paid on or before the 8th of April 2020.

A list of all outstanding student fees will be sent to the Ministry of Education & Higher Education for their reference and the report card will not be released if the student has any outstanding fees.

The seat reservation fee for the 2020-2021 academic year is 2,276 QAR. The seat reservation will not be accepted from existing students unless all outstanding fees from the current academic year or previous academic year have been paid in full.

Thank you

Jenson Chacko
School Cashier

FRONT OFFICE

Welcome to English Modern Kindergarten Reception.

The school receptionist is usually the first person you will meet at the Kindergarten.

I am here to greet, support and orient parents and school visitors to help them to communicate with the school management at EMKG. I respectfully and professionally welcome all parents and visitors to the Kindergarten and ensure that all queries and inquiries are dealt with in a timely and respectable manner. I enjoy being part of the EMKG team; my aim is to be a positive and supportive team member to all of the staff and students here at EMKG.

If you need to meet with the school management, faculty or other member of staff, please do not hesitate to come to the reception, complete a form, or call the Kindergarten, and I will be happy to schedule an appointment for you.

Bouthaina Ghidhaoui
School Secretary.

FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

The school has a continuous plan to improve its facilities, services and operations. Here are some of the updates in this regard:

1. School Bus Service - As of Term 2, we have accommodated several more students on our school bus which gives convenience to the stakeholders, especially students to come to and go home from school safely. (We will update you on the bus services for the next academic year one we have further information)

2. Posters, Banners about the new 'Cambridge Learners Attribute' or CLA - The school has installed the CLA banners around the school for everyone to see and familiarize themselves with. These colorful and informative banners can be seen in the different areas of the school for the ECE.

We will keep you updated on school improvement plans. We want to thank you dear parents and stakeholders for being part of our school improvement and development.

Please do not hesitate to send your comments, suggestion or question about Facilities and School Operations to office@emswakra.net.

Thank you

Jonathan Molmisa
Campus Operations Officer

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Inevitably there will be some technology challenges as we move to continuous learning online. Below we have outlined who to contact for technology issues for students and parents might be having. We thank you in advance for your patience to overcome tech issues and wait for our response to your queries.

IT Support team for:

Issues with student email addresses (passwords, resets)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGhhvxaA3tfn39-AiYNFBSRr6yqm4ecp14NGPnhJq2v_KDg/viewform?hl=en

Thank you

Jabir C. Mannil

IT System Administrator