



## Message from Head of School

### Reminders:

- Check school website/ calendar
- Check homework
- Email school with any query or concern
- Read to your child daily
- Say thanks
- Praise your child for all their hard work
- Pay school fees.
- Eat well and exercise
- Get plenty of rest and have a great day!



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Dear Esteemed Parents,

How time flies. I can't believe we are at the end of the 2018-2019 academic year. It has been an exciting year full of great learning opportunities for staff and students. As mentioned in our Volume one and two newsletters, we will continue to update you about all the information relating to teaching and learning in our school community.

In this newsletter, you will find information about what the school community has been up to throughout Term 3, which marks the end of this academic year.

We are looking forward to enriching our student learning experiences next academic year, to ensure that your children maximize the learning opportunities available to them both within and outside of the classroom environment.

Your support of the mission and vision of our school as esteemed stakeholders assumes great significance for our school community.

Hence, I encourage you to continue making a positive contribution to your child's learning and development and the school community. Remember, this is your school, and together, we will continue to foster and encourage positive learning environments for our students by ensuring that they are prepared to attend school every day and on time.

I would also like to encourage you to continue working in partnership with your child's teacher and feel free to ask questions if you are unsure about anything.

As partners, we share the responsibilities for our children's success; we will do our utmost to shoulder these responsibilities as we are committed to providing the best learning outcomes for our students.

We believe that a strong partnership with you will make a significant difference in your child's education. We are working tirelessly to make sure that everything unfolds as smoothly as possible, for us to accomplish our objectives with your support and understanding. I want to encourage you to continue to communicate your feedback and input on school improvements freely with school management, and we will leave no stone unturned to ensure that we incorporate all relevant enhancement as and when needed.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- We have been working with the Municipality and Ashghal to create a safety zone around the school for both students and stakeholders alike. You may have noticed that they have commenced the work on road signs and humps on the roads within the school's vicinity. I will keep you posted about all updates relating to this project, as well as its impact on our school community, particularly when it comes to dropping off and picking up students during times of traffic congestion. Thank you for your understanding on this issue.
- We have installed an air curtain in the gymnasium to keep the gym cool at all times.
- Towards the end of Term 1, we received the delivery of Chromebooks for students use. All Year 5 & 6 students will have their Chromebooks to use in the classroom. Next year, we will purchase more Chromebooks for Year 3 & 4 students.
- The online literacy and math platforms, "Literacy Planet" and "Mangahigh" have been made available to our students. Please ensure that your child logs in and continues to practice their literacy and math skills. KG2 students have access to "Literacy Planet" only.
- We have received information from parents who wish to be part of the school PTA called "Friends of EMSW." They will have their first meeting soon, and we will keep you all informed about the names of the members of FOEMSW.

## **EMSW SCHOOL COMPETITION AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Arabic Interschool Spelling Bee EMS campuses: 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Arabic Interschool Spelling Bee with Doha British School, AL Wakra: First place in (Group 1 & 2 and Group 5 & 6); Second place in Group 3 & 4.
- English Spelling Bee competition with EMS network schools: 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Regional Spelling Bee competition for Private schools in Wakra: 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Qatar eNature contest: EMSW students won a 3<sup>rd</sup> place among the 133 schools who participated in the competition.

EMSW has secured the First Aid Unit license (FAU) for our Nurse room.

- 33 members of staff have completed First Aid training,
- Some members of staff completed Child Protection Course.
- EMSW hosted Cambridge Professional Development Extension Training workshops in Qatar in May 2019.
- MOEHE Quran competition 2018- 2019: 34 excellent, 30 very good and 33 good
- Battle of the Books EMS District Championship at EMSD: 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- 2nd Annual Battle of the Books Wakra Inter-Schools 2019 at Qatar Academy Al Wakra: 2<sup>nd</sup> place

## **SPORTS COMPETITION AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Girl's football team A (Year 3&4): 1<sup>st</sup> place (Gold medal)
- Girl's football team B (Year 3&4): 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Bronze medal)
- Tag-Rugby (Year 5&6) Mixed: 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Bronze medal)
- Swimming freestyle 50 m (Year 5): (Bronze medal)
- Swimming backstroke 50m (Year 4): (Bronze medal)
- YEAR 3-6 OUTDOOR ATHLETICS
- YEAR 4 GIRL'S BALL THROW: - (GOLD MEDAL)
- YEAR 4 GIRL'S STANDING TRIPLE JUMP: (SILVER MEDAL)
- YEAR 4 GIRL'S 200M: (BRONZE MEDAL)
- YEAR 4 BOY'S STANDING TRIPLE JUMP: (BRONZE MEDAL)
- YEAR 4 BOY'S 4 X 100M RELAY: (BRONZE MEDAL)
- YEAR 3 GIRL'S 200M: (GOLD MEDAL)
- YEAR 3 BOY'S 200M: (GOLD MEDAL)
- YEAR 3 BOY'S LONG JUMP: (BRONZE MEDAL)

Thank you all for your support in motivating our students to achieve their potential.

Sincerely,

Omolola Wright

Head of School

## Message from KG Principal

It is amazing to watch how much the children have grown during their time with us. They are developing into great communicators and independent learners showing us that they are nearly ready to move onto the next stage of their learning journey.

We will continue to support the children following the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and the Jolly Phonics program, so the children can continue to be independent in all areas of their development. The children have also enjoyed using these skills to help change and develop their role-play areas, which will help them to improve their communication and language skills and builds their confidence in different surroundings.

The children and staff have enjoyed events such as 'Dress Down' Thursday, in which we all had the opportunity to be wear 'funny hats,' 'wacky socks' for the day, some of the children showing their creative side by making their own. Also the production, the children enjoyed making their props for this and their performance on the day was just fantastic, we are all so very proud of each one of our students.

I have also had the pleasure of meeting some of our EMK parents during our themed 'Coffee at Noon,' 'Children's Production,' 'Book Fair,' and 'International Day.'

Please keep checking the website and the weekly newsletter for more developments and updates about; the progress of the school, the children's learning, and development at EMK as well all other relevant information for all areas of the ECE at EMK.

We will upload photographs of your children busy with their activities and photographs taken during events on the website for you and your children to enjoy.

### **Children's Learning:**

The children have enjoyed exciting themes, which are linked to the curriculum, as well as exploring other learning experiences in school, such as; 'Being Healthy,' exploring ways to keep ourselves healthy. Taking part in our fun Sports Day and tasting different healthy foods.

'Transport' Learning all the different forms of transport, with songs and stories as well as changing the role-play area's into an airport.

The children have also been learning about patterns and shapes and incorporating these into the math and literacy skills they have already learned.

The children have had had the ability and time to help create and display beautiful artwork to represent their literacy and math's as well as linking in with the theme, not just for their theme board but also for events such as production, coffee at noon and Internationals day.

The children had the opportunity to take their learning outside of the classroom, too, as the weather has been more cooler during the second term. This had helped the children to be critical thinkers as well as allowing the children opportunities to explore their space and understand the world around them; this is a starting point where the children can grow into great global citizens.

We have also been embracing the second step program, learning songs, and reinforcing the positive behavior strategies throughout the school day. This also works very well when it is enhanced at home.

Please continue to bring your children on time so that their learning can continue smoothly until the end of Term 3.

Also please continue to help with your child's learning at home over the summer break this will ensure that your child has a smooth transition to the next stage of their learning journey.

Here at EMK we aim to continue in maintaining the vision and mission of the Kindergarten, in that we are consistently challenging the children's learning as well as ensuring that the children have opportunities that can help them make a positive impact in the world around them. We aim to nurture the children so that they may become lifelong long learners in a multicultural environment.

*Ms. Sandra Hallows, KG Principal*

### **Arabic Department**

Dear parents,

Assalam Alaykom

The students spent an enjoyable and productive time during the Arabic Week activities, which was implemented at the end of March. One of the activities was the reading day which Year 4-6 students visited KG1 to Year 3 classes to read stories to the students in Arabic. Several students from Year 5 visited the English Modern Kindergarten to also read stories to the students in Arabic.

The Arabic Week included various activities and competitions along with decorating classroom doors which the student expressed their love and pride in Arabic. The Arabic Week ended with a book fair which the entire school participated.

The Arabic Spelling Bee team earned eligibility for competitions outside of school. The team earned a second place in a Spelling Bee competition among the three campuses of English Modern School, which was held at the Al Khor campus.

In addition, our campus hosted an inter-school Spelling Bee with Doha British School Wakra and Doha British School Ain Khalid. Our students earned first place for Years 1 and 2 and Years 5 and 6. The Year 3 and 4s earned second place.

One hundred seventeen students participated in the Holy Quran competition. The results were as follows; 34 students earned Excellent, 30 students earned Very Good, and 32 students received Good. Those students who were recognized in one of the three categories received a certificate and a monetary award. Well done to all our students.

The Arabic Department of EMS Wakra was a part of organizing the Arabic Language Teachers Forum (SOAR). This was a major event in the State of Qatar, which was held on 13<sup>th</sup> April at Hilton Hotel in Doha.

The forum was an opportunity for teachers of Arabic to be introduced to successful teaching practices as well as to help teachers meet the requirements of 21st Century Learning. The forum included other presentations by professionals, researchers, and university professors. The forum also included a range of presentations from Arabic language teachers from the EMS schools.

The forum was attended by teachers of Arabic from the government and private schools around Qatar and representatives from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

The students and teachers are completing Term 3 but they decorated the classrooms and the school corridors in recognition of the holy month of Ramadan.

Ramadan Kareem to you and your families.

*Mr. Azam Rihan*

*Arabic Department Leader*

### **Physical Education Department**

During this term, the KG1 students focused on their catching skills. For the past few weeks, we have been helping them develop the skill by catching a large ball. Children were able to learn cues on how to throw and catch a large ball such as positioning their semi-cupped hands while waiting for the ball. Other activities that helped the children improve their catching skills include rolling and bouncing a ball until they catch the ball.

At the end of the term, the children are expected to know how to move with confidence around the equipment, adjust speed and change direction and to avoid obstacle. They are expected to know how to follow the rules and procedures involved in various games and activities, including share and take turns. They should know how to safely use and care for sports equipment and most important how to look out for themselves. Safety measures are also one of the basics that the children will know by the end of the term.

*Ms. Isabelle Villaran, PE Teacher*

### **Guidance and Counselling Department**

#### **Expected School-Wide Learning Results (ESLRs):**

Student's success depends on home and school, working together to develop Independent Learners, Effective Communicators, Global Citizens, Ethical Individuals, Critical Thinkers, and Dynamic Achievers. The school counselor works with students, parents, teachers, and administrators to help make your child's school experience a success. Reinforcing the ESLRs/second step is a large part of the counselor's job. In Term 3, EMS Al Wakra will focus on the following ESLRs: Effective Communicators, Independent Learners, and Dynamic Achievers.

#### **second step Programs:**

Please continue using [www.secondstep.org](http://www.secondstep.org) for online resources for Social-Emotional Learning, Early Learning, and Bullying Prevention. "The second Step is a program rooted in social-emotional learning (SEL) that helps transform schools into supportive, successful learning environments, uniquely equipped to help children thrive."

If you have not registered, please visit [www.secondstep.org](http://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](http://www.englishmodernschool.net) . Click on the following tabs: Wakra/Parents/second step activation keys.

Counselor's Office Hours

Mondays: 1:15 pm-2:15 pm

Wednesdays: 6:30 am-7:30 am

Thank you,

*Dr. Mildred Stevenson*

*School Counsellor*

## Health and Safety Department

We are almost near the end of the third term for the academic year 2018-2019. The EMK Health Department would like to again share with you some information which concerns your child's health and safety within the school and needs parent's full cooperation and support.

### HEAD LICE INSPECTION:

Head lice Inspection was done during the 2nd and 3rd term of the school year. This is one of the MOH programs to prevent children from having and spreading head lice in the classroom, as this is also one factor that affects the child's academic performance. Once your child was found with head lice, you will be notified and advised to have your child treated.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY TIPS DURING SUMMER SEASON:

- Stay hydrated throughout the day by drinking water. Don't wait until you're thirsty.
- Avoid caffeine, which may cause one to lose water rapidly.
- Take frequent breaks in the shade or indoors in an air-conditioned space.
- Wear loose-fitting, light colored, lightweight clothing when having to go outside.
- Take cool showers or baths to cool down.
- Avoid staying in the sun for more than 3 hours as this may put you at risk for sunburn, heat exhaustion and the worst, heat stroke.
- DIARRHEA, VOMITING and CONJUNCTIVITIS are some common diseases during the summer season. Keep your child at home until they are well, especially if he/she has conjunctivitis as this can spread to others.
- If you have any concerns, kindly contact the school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Nurse Jessica

## Finance Department

All outstanding fees student list 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. Seat reservation amount is 2275 QAR. This should be paid to reserve the seat for next year.

Mr. Jenson Chacko, School Cashier

## **School office**

We are here to help the parents communicate with the members of staff including the Head of School, Senior Leadership and Management Teams, Year Group Leaders, and staff members. If you would like a meeting with a member of staff, please send us an email and the reason for the meeting. You may also stop by the front office and complete the visitors and parent form. Once completed, we will help to schedule a meeting with the particular staff member.

If you have any suggestions or ideas which would benefit the school, kindly write it down and put it in the suggestion box, which is located in reception.

If you have any other inquiries, do not hesitate to contact us.

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Mobile: 3037 5316

Email: [office@emkg.net](mailto:office@emkg.net)/[office@emswakra.net](mailto:office@emswakra.net)

## **IT Department**

The school is well equipped with hi-tech digital/IT devices for students and staff. Classrooms are equipped with desktops, projectors, and interactive whiteboards. The school is also equipped with high-speed internet and laptops that have access to our secure wifi network. More IT devices will be installed, which will facilitate student learning through visual and audio media.

*Mr. Jabir Mannil*

*IT System Administrator*