



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,

I warmly welcome you and your family back to school for Term 2. We are looking forward to another exciting term full of great learning opportunities in and out of the classroom. As mentioned in our Volume 1 newsletter, we will continue to update you about all the information relating to teaching, learning as well as the school community updates in general.

In this newsletter, you will find information about what the school community has been up to throughout Term 1 and what we are looking forward to achieving in Term 2 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/development and to 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 to your child's education.

We are working tirelessly to make sure that everything unfolds as smoothly as possible. For us to accomplish our objectives, we need your support and understanding.

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Useful tips and how to contacts us:

- Email us with your feedback at office@emswakra.net
- You can meet with me without scheduling an appointment when you drop off/pick up your child from school. (6.30am to 7.10am in the morning and 1.20pm to 2.00pm in the afternoon on Mondays and Tuesday only).
- You could also schedule an appointment to meet with your child's teacher, myself, Senior Leadership Team, and the Management Team as and when you feel the need to do so.
- It is imperative that you and your child/children get updated information about our school's standards relating to appropriate behavior, learning, and school expectations; this is outlined in our Parent-Student Handbook on our website under the Parents tab at the top of the page.

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 individual Chromebooks to use in the classroom. Next year, we will purchase individual Chromebooks for Year 3 & 4 students. For now, they will continue to share the laptops assigned to their year level.
- We now have four Year 4 classrooms instead of 3 classes.
- The online literacy platform, "Literacy Planet," is now up and running. Please ensure that your child logs in each day and continues to practice their literacy skills.
- 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.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Omolola Wright

Head of School

The English Modern School

The English Modern Kindergarten

Message from KG Principal

A warm welcome to all EMK parents and children old and new. I would like to start by saying how proud I am to observe how well the children have settled now that we are coming to the end of Term 1.

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, as well as observing the children using their skills to access all areas inside and outside of the classroom. The children have also enjoyed using those skills to help change and develop their role-play areas, which will help to grow their communication and language.

The children and staff have enjoyed our very first 'Dress Down' Thursday, in which we all had the opportunity to be twins for the day.

Please keep checking the website and the newsletter for more developments and updates about progress, learning and development at EMK as well as all other relevant information for all areas of the ECE at EMK. We also upload photographs of your children busy with their activities on the website for you and your children to enjoy.

Children's Learning

Our children have enjoyed exciting themes, which are linked to the curriculum, as well as exploring other learning experiences in school, such as;

'Where I live their homes, their neighborhood' and going on a bus tour of their neighborhood talking about the various places they have seen.

'People who help us' Learning all about people who help us at school, in the hospital and civil defense, police officers'

They have been using their existing skills to help create and display wonderful art work to represent their literacy and maths as well as the KG theme.

We also give children the opportunity to take their learning outside of the classroom too now that the weather is cooler; this helps the children to be critical thinkers as well as giving the children opportunities to explore and understand the world around them, helps them to become great global citizens.

The KG has 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.

We will continue to maintain the vision and mission of our school, in that we are consistently challenging the children's learning and development as well as ensuring that the children have opportunities that can help them make a positive impact in the world around them. Our aim is to nurture the children so they can become lifelong long learners in our multicultural environment.

I hope to see you soon during our parents evening.

Ms. Sandra Hallows, KG Principal

Arabic Department

Assalam Alaykum, and welcome back to the Volume 2 of our school Newsletter. As we informed you in the Volume 1 of our School Newsletter, the children were working in a worksheets booklet during the first month of the school year for all the primary students, which aimed to review the previous education skills and to prepare the students for the skills they will learn this year. After that, the students started working on the Ministry of Education curriculum. The students have been tested in their reading skills after the orientation month to have an idea of how they are progressing and to determine their reading levels.

We have launched I Read Arabic Platform for the students from Year 3 - 6. We urge all parents to encourage their children to log onto the Platform, listen, read, record and answer the questions that follow the story. In January, we will launch Kalemon Platform for Arabic Non-speakers students from Year 1 to 6. At that time, we will send the log in details with your children. I also urge KG 1 And KG2 parents to use the CD of Arabic every day.

Arabic teachers recently have started teaching from the Arabic skills development book, this is to enhance the students' reading skills. They will also start an internal Arabic Spelling Bee competition. The winners from this internal competition will participate in the external Arabic Spelling Bee competition with EMS Doha and EMS Al-Khor, as well as with Doha British and Vision schools.

We started inserting the names of all of the Quran Competition participants on the Quran Unit system. The competitors should be ready by the end of February. All the best for all our children.

Mr. Azam Rihan

Arabic department Leader

Physical Education Department

In Physical Education we address social skills such as "respect," "playing well together" and "good sportsmanship." These are essential skills that they will be able to use in life. The students are very fortunate to have PE as part of their school routine. The benefits of daily activity are numerous, as it's not only beneficial for their health, it also helps them academically. Having FUN, while practicing a skill improves their abilities and helps the child feel a sense of accomplishment, especially when the effort is noticed and praised. We hope your child enjoys PE as much as we enjoy teaching it!

Ms. Isabelle Villaran , PE Teacher

Guidance and Counselling Department

Dear Parents,

Expected School Wide Learning Results/ESLRs

Student 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 counsellor works with students, parents, teachers and administrators to help make your child's school experience a success. Reinforcing the ESLRs/secondSTEP is a large part of the counsellor's job. In the month of November, EMS Al Wakra focuses on "What does it means to be a Global Citizen?" Being a Global Citizens means, "I am accepting and respectful of others. I care for the environment and am socially responsible."

secondSTEP Programs:

Please continue using www.secondstep.org for online resources for **Social-Emotional Learning, Early Learning, and Bullying Prevention**. "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 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 Counsellor

Health Department- EMK

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

Medical Declaration form in the students file must be filled-up correctly and truthfully. Any medical condition of the student must be shared in the school for us to be aware on what to do in case of emergency.

As one of the school policy, students who had been sent home due to sickness like vomiting must be kept at home for at least 24 hours to be sure that he/she is better when they come back to school.

Students who had been sent home due to fever must see a doctor and stay at home until he/she is fit to come to school and is free of any sign of increasing temperature.

PLEASE DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF HE/SHE IS SICK OR STILL SICK.

Chocolate-flavored cupcakes for birthdays is not allowed as we have some students who had allergy with chocolates, as well as nuts and any kind of nut products.

If you have any concern, kindly contact the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ms. Jessica Jazmin

School Nurse

Finance department

Last date for 2nd term fee payment is December 31, 2018. All outstanding fees student list after this date will be sent to Ministry of Education & Higher Education for their reference

Term 2 Fee Details:

EMSW	EMKG
7,783	7,947

All voucher parents need to submit the voucher letter to school from their work as early as possible.

Mr. Jenson Chacko

School Cashier

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