



المدرسة الإنجليزية الحديثة THE ENGLISH MODERN SCHOOL

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Message from Head of School

Reminder:

- Check school website/Calendar
- Check home-work/ Week ahead
- 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. 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 improvements as and when needed.

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.

Sincerely,

Omolola Wright

Head of School

ECE Department

The students have settled in to their classes and their daily routine. They have been engaged in creating artwork for literacy, math and the themes they are studying. The KG1 and KG2 students have been actively involved in their learning of the letters and their sounds, numbers and math concepts as well as the Second Step program.

They have been quite busy learning about themselves and about where they live. During the month of October, the students learned more about where they live with a field trip around Wakra. They were excited to see the different sights including Ezdan Mall, Wakra Civil Defense department, the hospital and the new World Cup stadium. Many of the students spoke to their teachers and friends about the places they were familiar with and where they go with their family when they are out.

The students will be engaged in activities which extend beyond the classroom walls with a provisionary area that will include a raised garden. The students will learn more about growing plants and maintaining a garden. The students will also be able to enjoy some of their learning outside, reading and discovering new things.

Ms. Patti, KG2 Teacher and KG Leader

Primary department

Term 1 has gone by quickly. The teachers have spent Term 1 working hard to help their students get back into the daily routine of learning and demonstrating that learning through projects and assessments. Now we are beginning Term 2, and student attendance (coming on time and staying for the entire day) is a very important part of a successful school experience. If attendance isn't consistent, it is easy for the students to fall behind and have difficulty catching up. We need your support in this area, as you are the ones who ensure that students arrive on time and stay until the end of their instructional day. It is exciting to see the engaging learning activities that are happening in each year group. We value your support and look forward to your partnership in educating your children -- socially, emotionally and academically.

Ms. Pamela Jackson

Primary Principal

Arabic Department

Assalam Alaykom, 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 Kalem 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

Hello Parents and Friends of EMS

Within the PE department, we have been trying to connect with a number of schools.

In particular, our sister school, Vision International. We have managed to set up a partnership whereby each month, 10 girls from EMS and 10 Girls from Vision compete in a different sport against each other. These girls are chosen from years 5 and 6.

The games are fun and are played in a friendly environment. This will encourage more girls to play in sports as a way of getting/staying fit and making new friends.

The first game between the girls was a football game played at Vision, which they won 9-0, with Talah Abu Zollof scoring 7 of the 9 goals

So far due to bad weather, we have only attended one event with QPPSSA.

The year 6 boys played in QPPSSA Football Championships at Aspire performing very well. Our boys did EMSW proud, exercising excellent sportsmanship and good behaviour.

So far in PE at Key Stage 2, we have covered numerous activities from Football to Athletics to Stacking Cups. Since the beginning of the school year, the children are very excited and enthusiastic to be part of the PE lessons. Also, more and more of the children are asking to take part in future events, which is a sign of the children growing confidence not just in themselves but in their abilities

Mr. Andrew Palmer , PE Teacher

Library

Dear Parents,

Term 1 was filled with fun reading and students borrowing books from the Library. Students are always excited to come and visit once a week during their Library class. A lot of them now enjoy reading, know how to find books in the Library, and have learned to take care of their library books.

I encourage you to help us in developing in your child the love for reading and of being a responsible borrower of library books.

There are still a lot to come in the Library for the next terms, as the students will learn to appreciate literature, will be exposed to the basics of research, and will have the much-awaited Battle of the Books, Wakra Inter-Schools!

Mr. Ken Mervin Calipjo

Librarian

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 mean to be a Global Citizen?" Being a Global Citizen 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

VISUAL ACUITY TEST

The Visual Acuity Test among Year 1, 3 & 5 students is still ongoing. The program's main goal is to promote eye-health among students. The school clinic is an important part of early detection of low vision causes which will decrease the prevalence of blindness within this important age group. Once your child's visual acuity result is above 6/9, you will receive a "Vision Screening Referral Letter" for full eye examination.

FLU VACCINATION

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), along with Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) and Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), is encouraging parents to ensure their young ones are vaccinated against flu, especially in those aged between six months and five years.

Influenza vaccine is given for free at all PHCC health centres and at more than 35 private clinics. For more information, kindly visit www.stoptheflu.qa

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES DURING FLASH FLOODS AND HEAVY RAINS

- Wash hands regularly.
- Avoid swimming or walking through flash floods waters.
- Cover open wounds with a waterproof dressing.
- Ensure firm closure of potable water tanks at all times.
- Drain waters inside and around the house, to prevent insect reproduction.
- Visit the nearest health facility if sick/ill.

Nurse Jovie

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

School office

School receptionists are often the first people that students, families, and visitors see when they enter the school. We are here to help everyone communicate with the school's departments such as Head of School, Senior Leadership and Management Teams, Year Group Leaders, faculty members and student's parents. Our tasks include answering phone calls and other administrative duties. We welcome parents and visitors to our school in a professional way and ensure that all queries and inquiries are dealt with in a timely and respectable manner. If you need to meet with the school's faculty and staff, please come to the front office and complete a form and we will schedule an appointment for you.

Ms. Shafra Roshan

Ms. Maya Saad

Secretaries to the school

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. Laptops are available for students to use in the ICT room as well as Chrome books, for students to use in their classroom. 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