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Dear Parents,

As we approach the half way point of Term 2, Reach students continue to work hard across all school. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Andy our new Head of Primary to Reach British School.

A recent check of both Mathletics and Reading Eggs results show that many students continue to make amazing progress with their knowledge, skills and understandings. There are other students however who seldom use these tools and their results reflect their low levels of achievement. We urge teachers and parents to continue to work together to ensure students are fully engaged in their home studies.

The SLT are also concerned as to the number of students who are late each day. Every late student is recorded on the school Engage system and this data is closely tracked. Lateness and school absences have a major impact on student learning. We will continue to report on both lateness and absences on every student termly report card.

We are pleased to have our swimming program back in place and the students are really enjoying their lessons. I wish everyone all the very best for the remainder of the school term.

Mr. Dene Bright | Principal

New staff in EYFS

My name is Susanna Elizabeth Reyneke, but my mom called me Beth from birth, so please call me Ms Beth. I did my four year full time B.Ed degree Foundation Phase, specializing in Early Years, in South Africa at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. I have taught in South Africa, New Zealand, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi. I feel very blessed to be part of Reach British School and love working with the little ones in FS2.



Sunday, 3 rd Jan 2019 to Thursday, 7 th Feb 2019	Science Week
Wednesday, 6 th Feb 2019	Meet with Principal 3:00 PM-4:00 PM
Monday, 11 th Feb 2019	Secondary Sports Day
Tuesday 12 th Feb – Thursday 14 th Feb 2019	Half Term Break

Secondary School

Happy New Year to all our students and parents, 2019 will see the first cohort of Reach British School students sit their IGCSEs in May and June. The first exam for our students will be on Monday 13th May for those opting to sit for ICT. The last exam here at reach will be Thursday 13th June for those opting for Geography and English as a Second Language. The subjects that will be taken by our students include Mathematics, English Language, English as a Second Language, Double award Science, ICT, Geography and Art.

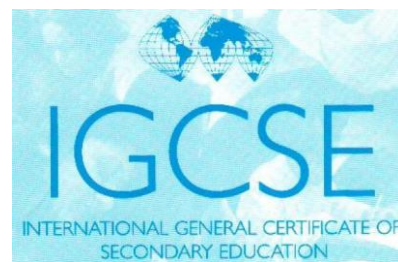
We already had the pleasure of meeting all the parents from year 11 to discuss their children's options and guide them to making the right choices. During these meetings we discussed the help that we are providing and made suggestions on how parents can support their children at home.

In school we have assigned all students to a teacher mentor and dedicated over four hours per week curriculum time to support students with revision, study support and exam techniques in the IGCSE support classes.

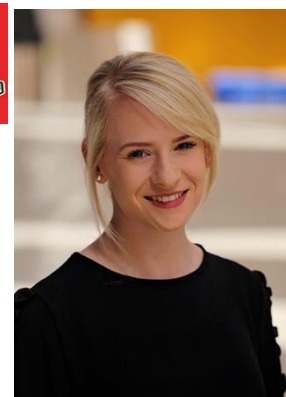
We ask for parents to ensure that students are following their self-developed revision schedules and/or studying a minimum of 30 minutes per IGCSE subject every evening.

Research tells us that short regular revision sessions help us to retain and recall information much better than trying to cram revision before exams, so please keep this in mind when supporting your children.

Mr. Matthew Croasdell | Head of Secondary



This year students in KS3, year 7- 9, have begun their studies in French. This is an exciting new opportunity for our students and one they are really enjoying. Studying another language has many benefits, from improving listening skills and memory to improving studies in English. Language learning has also been proven to help our ability to focus and develop our problem solving skills. Learning a new language is an enjoyable experience that opens us up to another culture and enables our students to become more global citizens. Many of them are flourishing and thoroughly enjoying this experience. This year we are working on building vocabulary and we are studying a variety of topics such as school life, home life and animals. The students' progress is monitored through spelling tests as well as mid-term and end of term assessments. The school also a variety of resources to ensure language learning is an enjoyable experience and that we are catering for all learning styles. Resources such as games, songs and online course materials are used to provide a highly stimulating and thought-provoking learning environment. We hope all our students will enjoy studying a new language and that they will continue to grow as learners.



Miss Jennifer
French Teacher

Pupil Name	Class
Marcus Damien	Y7 - Falcons
Shahd Othman	Y7 - Sandcats
Abdelsalam Nidal	Y7 - Scorpions
Prateeksha Praveen	Y8 – Caracal
Hafsa Inthikab	Y9 - Wild Cats
Khadija Mensoum	Y9 - Wild Cats
Mariam Almenhali	Y9 - Wild Cats
Israa Mohamed	Y9 - Wild Cats
Gonza Malaika	Year 11 - Flamingos
Difei Li	Year 11 – Salukis

**Secondary 100%
Attendance in Term 1**



Primary School

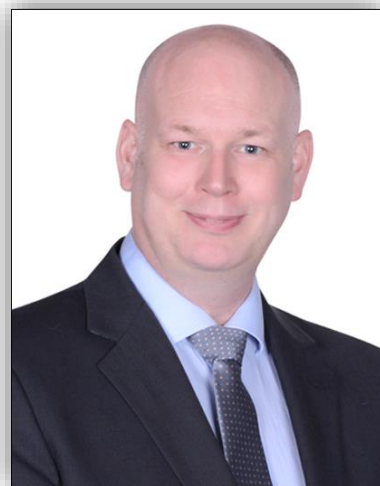
Andrew grew up in Poole, on the south coast of the United Kingdom. He studied at Winchester University, where he completed a four year course in BA Hons in Primary Education with a specialism in Design and Technology. With a career in education spanning 18 years, Andrew has developed his knowledge of curriculum and assessment both in the UK and UAE, carefully adapting learning opportunities to meet the context and needs of the students.

He has taken on a range of leadership positions, most recently as founding Head of Primary at a new school in Abu Dhabi and is excited to be joining Reach British School as the Head of Primary. He strongly believes that each student has their own journey, developing skills and knowledge to engage in an ever changing world as global citizens.

Andrew enjoys working with a team of educators to enhance learning opportunities for students, ensuring high quality teaching and learning. He has a passion to inspire and empower teachers to develop as leaders, fostering a culture of confident risk takers and professionals who are challenged. This is truly successful when these characteristics are cascaded down into the students they teach so they too become inspired leaders.

In his spare time, Andrew enjoys riding his motorcycle, travelling and spending quality time with his friends and family.

Andrew very much looks forward to meeting and working with the Reach school community to continue the school improvement program.



Mr. Andrew Du Lieu
New Head of Primary School

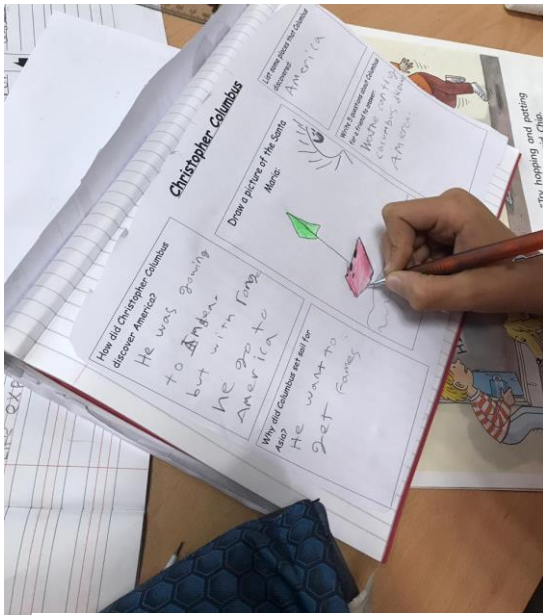
Primary
100% Attendance
in Term 1



Pupil Name	Class	Pupil Name	Class
Ahmad Alhosani	Y1 - Dolphins	Remas Ghaleb	Y3 - Mars
Umar Hasan Ansari	Y1 - Dolphins	Sultan Rasyid	Y3 - Mars
Abdulla Al Hammadi	Y1 - Jellyfish	Maya Ahmad	Y3 - Mercury
Mohammed Al Hammadi	Y1 - Jellyfish	Shaikha Aldhuhoori	Y3 - Mercury
Adam Suleiman	Y1 - Octopus	Muhammad Bin Bilal	Y3 - Mercury
Alyan Gill	Y1 - Octopus	Nadia Catic	Y3 - Mercury
Parikshit Iyer	Y1 - Octopus	Charbel Tannous	Y3 - Mercury
Mohammad Siddiqui	Y1 - Octopus	Zaid Khedr	Y3 - Neptune
Rayyan Al Hawamdeh	Y1 - Seahorse	Abdulla Alblooshi	Y3 - Venus
Saif Khalifa	Y1 - Seahorse	Tahnoon Saeed	Y3 - Venus
Pearla Fahmy	Y1 - Sharks	Yaqoub Alrayssi	Y4 - Arctic
Pavitra Iyer	Y1 - Turtles	Mariam Almansoori	Y4 - Indian Ocean
Celine Nicolas	Y1 - Turtles	Muhammad Abdullah Khan	Y4 - Southern
Khadija Alhammadi	Y2 - Butterflies	Daffa Alrazi Muhammad	Y4 - Southern
Ahmad Bin Bilal	Y2 - Elephants	Shilo Jessica Mc Kenzie	Y5 - Europe
Jessica Mc Kenzie	Y2 - Giraffes	Omar Helmy Hashish	Y5 - Oceania
Sameh Mouzone	Y2 - Giraffes	Waleed Abdul Raheem	Y5 - South America
Ahmed Zeir	Y2 - Lions	Shouq Alameri	Y5 - South America
Huda Sufyan	Y2 - Parrots	Sara Alzaabi	Y5 - South America
Salem Al Wahedi	Y2 - Toucans	Shahad Said	Y6 - New York
Maria Mohammed	Y2 - Toucans	Mark Ibrahim	Y6 - Rio
David Mc Kenzie	Y2 - Toucans	Kelvin Lawson	Y6 - Rio
Jaydeon Williams	Y2 - Toucans	Siddig Abdelhalim	Y6 - Rio
Mohamed Almheiri	Y3 - Earth	Maria Iyad Hamdan	Y6 - Sydney
Rashed Alhawamdeh	Y3 - Mars	Arwa Taha	Y6 - Sydney
Amal Alhosani	Y3 - Mars		

RBS Amazing Learning

Mr Kevin's Arctic Ocean Class working on World Explorers



This week in Year 3 we have been learning about the heart in IPC. We learnt all about the heart and we then did an experiment. We recorded our pulse when we were sitting down. Then we exercised for thirty seconds and recorded our pulse again. We talked about the changes in our pulse and the reasons why.



We have been learning all about healthy eating in I.P.C. We learned about the importance of eating the correct foods to help us to grow big and strong. We designed healthy eating posters to show our learning.



Our Year 1 students are learning about who helps us. It was great to have classes visit Mr Dene's office and other admin offices to find out more about how we keep students safe at Reach.



Foundation Stage

FS1 Visits the Zoo!

On Wednesday, 23 January and Thursday, 24 January 2019 all the FS1 classes had their trip to the Emirates Zoo in Al Bahia.

We got onto the buses excited for our journey to begin. Once we arrived at the zoo, we first went to see the monkeys and then the reptiles. The children then had a chance to feed the giraffes and zebras.

The sea-lion show was amazing and some of our students had the opportunity to meet and interact with the friendly sea-lion Sandra and her friends.

After we enjoyed lunch at the Heritage Village it was time to see the tigers and the lions, who gave us a nice big ROAR! We had an adventurous day and were happy to return back to school, tired but content.



FS1 and FS2 have been enjoying the iPads. We have recently upgraded the apps on the iPads that the children use. We have a range of educational apps for the children to access to support enhance their learning. If you would like any support in finding suitable apps for your child to use at home, please message Miss Victoria on Class Dojo. Thank you.

Pupil Name	Class
Ridhwaan Wilson	FS1 - Butterfly
Mohammed Alkhowar	FS1 - Caterpillar
Mohamed Alhosani	FS1 - Dragonfly
Majed Almansoori	FS1 - Dragonfly
Jason Andrew-Elaigu	FS1 - Dragonfly
Aram Altaweel	FS2 - Bluebell
Ameera Butt	FS2 - Daffodill
Joud Mwafy	FS2 – Lily
Umaima Khan	FS2 - Lotus
Liyan Abdelbagi	FS2 - Poppy
Mera Al Taweel	FS2 - Poppy
Huda Al Taweel	FS2 - Tulip



EYFS 100%
Attendance in Term 1

Arabic Department

A meeting was held with the parents of non-Arab students in the Primary School to provide the parents with information about the reading program (3asafeer) and explain how the program is used.

New teachers were also involved and introduced themselves to the parents and the classes they teach.

Parents also viewed the work plans for non-Arab students, shared homework procedures and were informed about the weekly newsletter and continuous assessment. A strong emphasis was placed on the unified policy to teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers.



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