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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, the Holy Month of Ramadan is due to start this week. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar and is a period of prayer, self-control, charity and goodwill to others. For our Muslim and non-Muslim students, this is an ideal opportunity for them to think about self-discipline and consideration of other people.

We want all our students at Reach British School to learn about this special month and to take advantage of the aspects of self-improvement that are associated with it. To enable our Muslim students to take full part in fasting and the other spiritual experiences, we have set out some special activities during Ramadan:



On Wednesday and Thursday, 1-2 May, we held a special Ramadan celebration for all students, organized by the Arabic and Islamic teachers, to celebrate the occasion.

As Ramadan coincides with midsummer this year, we understand that the combination of long days, higher temperatures, as well as on-going school assessments will put extra pressure on our students. Following guidelines from the ADEK, we are required to reduce the school hours during the Holy Month of Ramadan, starting at 08.30 and finishing at 13.30. The reduced hours will help students have enough time to rest and have plenty of time to revise and study. If your son/daughter is fasting, please make sure to choose a well-balanced diet and keep them hydrated. It helps, of course, for children to get as much sleep as they can during this time.

Attendance during this period is as important as at any other time of the year. Students need to be in school to learn. Senior students studying IGCSE need to continue to study over the whole of the two-year course, and students in lower years are preparing for subject assessments that are timetabled throughout the term up until the last week. All of these will feed into their Term 3 report. We respectfully ask you to make sure that your son/daughter continues to come to school on time every day during Ramadan.

Thank you for your support, which is always greatly appreciated. May you and your family have a Ramadan filled with peace and serenity.

Ramadan Kareem

Dene Bright | Principal



Ramadan Start		Monday 6th May 2019	
Quran Competition		Sunday 12th May-Thursday 16th May 2019	

Foundation Stage

During Ramadan in EYFS

If you bring your child early, please do not leave your child before 08.00 am. We cannot be responsible for your child before that time. Your child will NOT be allowed into the setting until 08.30 am when all our staff are present.

Our timetable will be slightly reduced at the beginning and end of the day to accommodate the Ramadan timings. There will be no assemblies or ballet classes.

Late Room will be from 13:30 to 14:00 pm only staff leave at 14.00 pm). Any children after that time will be taken to the main school reception for collection.

Thank you in advance for your

On behalf of all our Early Years team and myself we wish you a peaceful Ramadan Kareem.

SALLY GIBSON – HEAD OF EARLY YEARS



Trip to the Cinema

Coming back after the holiday, FS1 have had a busy three weeks. We are learning about “Shopping” and the things you would buy at different shops. We learned that seeds need soil, water and sunlight to grow and we planted our own seeds. Now we are waiting and observing how they are growing to become beautiful flowers.

Our trip on Tuesday, 30 April 2019 to see Masha and the Bear at the Cinema, was a huge success and the day was packed with excitement since the children arrived. After a short bus ride we arrived at Bawabat al Sharq Mall and got into the elevator. The elevator made our tummies turn while going up.

At the cinema we were guided to our seats and soon it turned dark as the movie started. Popcorn and juice were served and we sat quietly in our places while watching Masha and her friend Mishka the Bear. Once we arrived back at school we had our lunch and were ready to have a little nap after a very exciting and adventurous day. Who said going shopping isn't hard work?



Pirates and Princesses Day

On April 18th, FS2 enjoyed Pirates and Princesses Day for our “Let's Pretend topic!” We dressed up and enjoyed some healthy party food with our friends before having a fashion show to show off our fabulous outfits!



Primary School

On Wednesday, 24th April, we hosted Primary Curriculum and Assessment meetings for our parents. During the meeting, we illustrated the full range of curriculum subjects we will be making available for the students in September, moving away from some aspects of our current offering and making the English Curriculum relevant to the context of the UAE. We also shared with parents a range of support textbooks that we hope to avail to support home learning. We have reviewed our assessment tools and had the opportunity to present some examples of these to parents. The session ended with a great question and answer session, during which we were able to reassure and clarify how the school is moving forward to better improve the opportunities for our students.

Meera's Marketplace Workshop

On Wednesday 24th April, students from Year 1 took part in a new and exciting workshop at Reach British School. The workshop was called 'Meera's Marketplace' and was operated by LifeBox UAE.

They participated in a range of activities which were all linked to the curriculum.

Firstly, the students took part in an archaeological dig. They completed a Risk Assessment and dressed appropriately. When ready they took their small shovels and started to dig. The students found a range of different objects from the past. The objects were made from a range of materials, i.e. clay, metal, ceramic and organic. After having found all objects they took part in a discussion about what they think the objects might have been and what they were used for. They then sorted everything according to the material it was made from.

The second part of the workshop involved the students using their entrepreneurial skills to set up a stall in the marketplace. The students traded items for stall supplies and then 'sold' them within their stall at a profit. They used group work to create their stall and organise items for sale.

It was very enjoyable for the children and a great experience.



Year 1&2 Sports Day

There was a lot of running, throwing, jumping and cheering as Year 1 and Year 2 children participated in their Sports Day. Thanks to all the parents who provided a very appreciative audience!



قامت مدرسة ريتش بتنظيم المؤتمر الثاني لقادة المستقبل لهذا العام باللغة العربية تحت شعار

" طور تفكيرك من أجل مستقبلٍ مزهِرٍ "

وقد كانت رؤية رئيس المؤتمر الأستاذة منال الحموي هي توفير الفرصة لطلابنا الأعزاء بالمشاركة وتطوير مهاراتهم في البحث والنقاش والمناظرة باستخدام اللغة العربية الفصحى، وقد كان لهذا المؤتمر أكبر الأثر في صقل شخصية طلابنا وتعزيز ثقتهم بأنفسهم، كما اكتسب طلابنا خبرة جديدة من خلال هذا المؤتمر واتيحت لهم فرصة التعرف على ثقافات الدول الأخرى، وقد زادهم المؤتمر معرفة وقدرة على إدارة النقاش في القضايا الأكثر انتشارا في العالم والبحث عن حلول لهذه القضايا في مختلف مناحي الحياة.



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