

JUNIOR MUSICAL 2011

NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY 2011



Junior Production



Your mission... should you choose to accept it, is to put 170 children into a performance; you have 14 staff, three months and no theatre for rehearsals until two days before the first show.

The Junior Department's first ever formal production set the bar very high despite all the challenges faced in undertaking it. The actors rose to the occasion splendidly, growing in presence and stature with each performance. The choir sang to perfection, washing the audience with waves of sound and energy. The technical crew ensured smooth scene changes and order backstage. The end results were three unforgettable performances, culminating with a well deserved standing ovation on the final night.

To all those who supported, acted, assisted, made up, directed, conducted, constructed and participated in the production, a big thank you. You made it a fantastic experience for all involved and an unforgettable occasion.

Commemorative special in the centre of this edition



Puppet show

In May we welcomed Gympanzee from Villagio to school. The children from Pre-Prep had a couple of fantastic days enjoying their puppet shows and workshop. In the morning we listened to some traditional stories being brought to life by puppets on a fantastic backdrop, with a lively music accompaniment. Afterwards the children tried their hand at making their own puppets from felt materials. There was plenty of enthusiasm as well as plenty of glue everywhere!

Later, the children were encouraged to make their own stories and songs with their puppets. This was great opportunity for children to be creative and think about naming characters and developing their own stories. To finish with we sang traditional nursery rhymes together, and our puppets joined in with the animated singalong too!

We can't wait to use our new skill as puppeteers to act out more stories together in school, and we'd love to hear from you if you have been playing with your puppets at home too.



Holy Quran Competition

**Abdullah****Amr****Essa****Yusuf****Ganna****Kareem****Omar****Laila****Essa**

Congratulations!!

Sherborne Qatar School would like to congratulate the boys and girls who represented the school in the annual competition of the Holy Quran.

The winners are:

- Abdullah Shaikh, 6Sb "Excellent"**
- Omar Abdallah, 1B "Excellent"**
- Amr Agamy, 3W "Excellent"**
- Kareem Agamy, 6Qb "Excellent"**
- Ganna Omar, 4K "Very Good"**
- Essa Al Shammari, 1W "Very Good"**
- Laila Salem, 4K "Very Good"**
- Malak Mekky, 1C "Very Good"**
- Yusuf Saqib, 6Qb "Very Good"**

**Malak**

Japan Effort

Operation Backpack

Children in Year 1 collected school bags and filled them with useful things for homeless children in Japan. We put things like tooth brushes, toothpaste, combs, towels, blankets, plastic plates and cutlery, water bottles, books, stationary, paints and toys into school bags. These were sent to Japan by the American Airbase in Doha and the American Girl Scouts delivered the backpacks to children in Japan after the earthquake and tsunami.

The Sherborne community has raised more than 5,000QR for the Japan tsunami/ earthquake relief effort. Donations were taken at the Junior School production of "What a Knight" as well as at school. In a showing of support and sympathy, the entire student body created different Japanese origami to display in the foyer. The donations will be put into an account as specified by the Japanese Embassy of Doha to help the people of Japan.



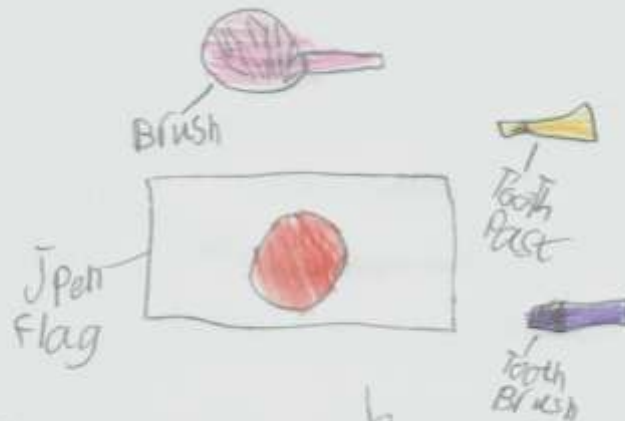
By Sean



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By Sara



After the earthquake in Japan some children in year 1 wanted to help so we collected some useful things and put them into school bags. We put blankets, boots, toys and a tooth brush.

Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament at Gulf English School

In March, the Year 3 & 4 school football team entered a tournament at Gulf English School. The team played extremely well, improving with each game. In all they played eight games during the day and secured two wins and two draws against some very strong and experienced teams. The boys were coached by Mr Withey during the tournament and he was extremely proud of them for their level of commitment and standard of behaviour.



Library



The Library has experienced a lot of growth in the past months. The number of books have increased, the number of pupils choosing to use the library at break times is growing and this has produced a positive, safe climate in this area of the school. The Book Fair was conducted recently and a Book Club was introduced for pupils to purchase their personal favourites.

Music Trip Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra

The Senior students were treated to a performance by the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra playing Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition'. This term the pupils in Year 7 and 8 are studying orchestral music. Part of their studies will include Russian music and Program Music. The venue for the event was the new Drama Theatre Katara Cultural Village.



Mathletics Middle East Challenge



Sherborne Preparatory School Qatar has a subscription to Mathletics, one of the most engaging, fun and safe educational websites available currently. From May 8 to 15, pupils from Years 3-8 took part in an on-line Mathematics competition between schools from Qatar, Emirati states and across the Middle East. Sherborne managed to score favourably against much larger colleges finishing in the top 20 schools. Well done to all participants.

Royal Wedding Street Party



Sherborne Qatar celebrated its British heritage with a Royal Wedding Street Party for the whole school on Thursday April 28. The Parents' Association organised the event and the newly selected parent reps from each class were here to provide support for the special luncheon and fete. Many parents provided cakes and treats for the children in each class and the dining tables were set out in the Atrium as if it were an English street. Union flags and bunting decorated the building as well as posters of Prince William and his bride to be - Catherine Middleton. The actual wedding took place the following day and we're sure many of the families watched it at home on BBC World News.



After the luncheon, the children went to the Sports Hall where they participated in activities and games. The PE Department helped organise these in co-ordination with the parents.

All in all it was a great day and the school is extremely grateful to the Parents' Association for their organisation of the event.

Sherborne Qatar congratulates the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and wishes them a long and happy life together.

Year 5 French Food

Year 5's French topic concluded with a French breakfast or 'petit-déjeuner' where they had the chance to try croissants, pain au chocolat, French cheese and delicious crêpes made by Madame Sandrine. They wrote invitations in French inviting special guests to join them and tried hard to speak in French throughout.

They also made chocolate mousse, a traditional French dessert, following a recipe in French. The chocolate melted in seconds on the windowsill and everyone had fun using the hand whisk! We all enjoyed preparing the mousse and eating it.

Well done Year 5.



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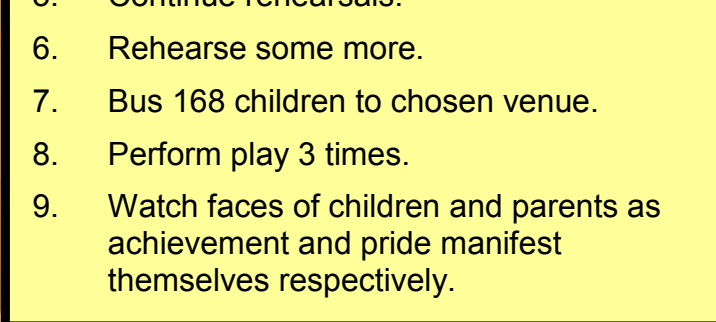
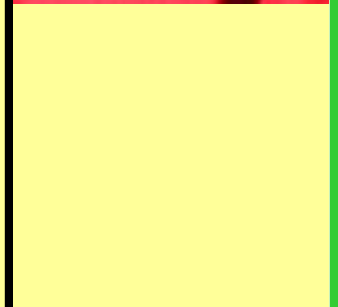
Recipe for a Junior Musical.....

Ingredients:

- An engaging plot
- Catchy music
- Glittery costumes
- Corny jokes
- Star-struck children
- Totally mad teachers!

Method:

1. Choose cast carefully.
2. Hand out lines to learn.
3. Select a venue.
4. Begin rehearsals.
5. Continue rehearsals.
6. Rehearse some more.
7. Bus 168 children to chosen venue.
8. Perform play 3 times.
9. Watch faces of children and parents as achievement and pride manifest themselves respectively.





The Goodies





The Baddies





The
Happy
Ending!



After School Riding Club



At the end of March the 60 children who had done the Spring Term Riding After-School Activity celebrated the end of term with a gymkhana. Much fun was had by all and the children had walking and trotting races, slalom, no-hands races, labelling the points of the horse and dribbling football races. It was a hot afternoon and everyone was exhausted by the end. The children had made a lot of progress during the term and some girls even managed to obtain their Brownies' Horse Riding Badge. Unfortunately there is no Sherborne Riding Activity this term because of the weather, but many of you will be pleased to hear that the building of the air-conditioned stables and indoor school is well underway at Al Samariyah, so we shall be able to enjoy these new facilities next year.



Parents Association Events

Street Party

Hats Galore at the Royal Wedding Street Party!



Lots of fun and games were had by all. Thank you to all the parent volunteers. Special thanks to Mr Rawlinson for being such a good sport on the day!



Parents Association Picnic in the Park

Thank you to all the families who braved the windy conditions to participate in our school picnic. It was great to see so many families coming together to enjoy one of the last opportunities to be outside before the Doha Summer was upon us. Everyone was able to relax and have fun after school. There was lots of space for the children to be adventurous and roam free as well as enjoying playing on so much grass! This is definitely something to do again after the summer.



Monthly Coffee Morning



During the first week of every month the Parents Association host an informal coffee morning in the dining hall after drop off. This is a great way to meet other Sherborne Parents, especially for those new to the school. It is a good way to find out more on upcoming events, brainstorming new ideas and even finding out newly discovered information about Doha to make life easier.

Class Reps

The Class Rep system is now up and running at school. Each class has a parent volunteer to act as a contact point between the school, parents association and teachers for information. They are also a source of welcome and support for new students and their families joining their class. Here are some of the Ladies at a recent coffee morning with the chairperson, Tracey Salmon.



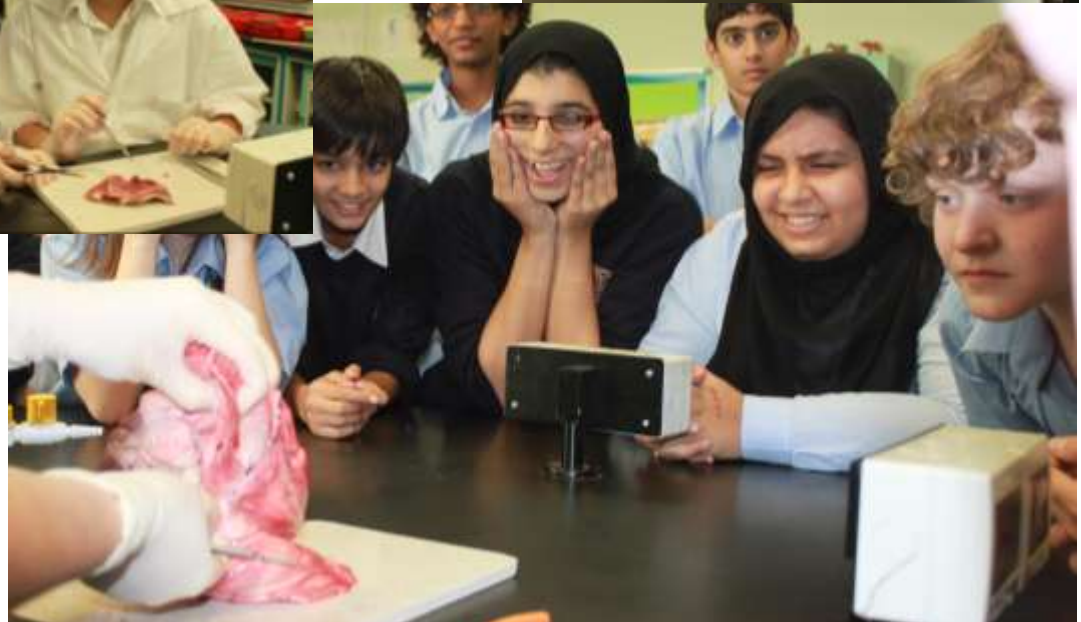
Upcoming Events...

- ◆ AGM / Elections for next year's PA committee
- ◆ Book Sale
- ◆ Monthly Coffee Morning + second hand uniform sale (June 6th)
- ◆ End of Year Brunch at the Ritz Carlton (June 20th)

Practical Learning in Science



Year 8 have been doing lots of practical activities to support their learning in Science this term. We made pin-hole cameras as part of our 'Light Fantastic' unit and dissected lungs and hearts as part of our 'Going for Gold' unit.



Year 2 History: Castles



2B had lots of fun making model castles as part of our History topic, 'Castles and Forts'. They all looked fantastic! Special congratulations go to Alex Saadie for getting to the finals and Nour Al Emadi for winning first prize in our castle building competition.



Year 4 and 5 Ecoventure trip to Sharjah, U.A.E.

Earlier this term, a group of 24 Year 4 and 5's went camping in Sharjah, UAE. We met early at 6am on 18th April, at the airport for a brief flight to the UAE. Once we arrived, we spent four days doing lots of exciting activities. Please read the following extracts from some of our campers to find out more about what we did.



The trip was really exciting because of all the new things that we learnt. One of the best was sand boarding.

On the day we arrived we all put our bags in the tents. The girls slept in one tent and all the boys had several tents! We put some different clothes on then went over and sat down and met the instructors who were very nice! They were called Lovely Liz, Smiley Sam and Bubbles. The instructors told us what we were going to do. There was fire building, first aid and how to use a compass. We got into groups and did this one group at a time.

Lovely Liz told us we were going to do sand boarding. She put us into groups so half of the people were on one side and half the people were on the other side - then our group went sand boarding and the other went to play a game. We had tea later and then went to bed all the girls stayed up including Imani and me but the teachers caught us and told us we had to go to sleep. Abigail Giffin 5T Imani Beams 5T



My Time at Ecoventure Camp – Sharjah

By Eisha Khan – 5M

I thought that things were a bit scary at first when we learned that we might see some snakes, scorpions and spiders. Yikes! We also learned lots of things like how to make a fire, first aid, rock climbing, canoeing and the leap of faith. We accomplished all kinds of skills and feats; one boy even found out he was afraid of heights! We had a few struggles!

Our nights were very fun as we had a campfire night and roasted marshmallows. When it was time to go to bed we told ghost stories and funny ones. We had a small Sherborne's got talent. One of my fears there was sleeping with bugs. We found an interesting way to distract bugs....COKE!

Overall I think it was a very good experience for us.



Hi,

My name is Abdulla Al-Thani. I went with my school Sherborne Qatar to Sharjah in the UAE. We went for 4 days and 3 nights. We made a camp fire. There were 4 instructors called Carla, Sam, Bubbles and Steve. Carla was the chief instructor. The best thing that I did that I have never tried before was sandboarding. I sat down once and stood up twice! I even liked kayaking and canoeing! The first and second night we had an ordinary campfire but the third night we held a talent show which was really fun! The second day we tried a high ropes course, the leap of faith, rock climbing, wobbly beams and Jacob's ladder. We also played team games, learnt how to light a fire, learnt about first aid and orienteering.

6Q History

6Q have been studying the Anglo-Saxons. Some of the class made an Anglo-Saxon "lyre" which was used like a guitar to make music and entertain at banquets.

6Q also learnt how the Anglo-Saxons dressed, lived and worked the land. They have also researched Beowulf and produced a booklet all about Anglo-Saxon living.



Reception Year: Three Billy Goats Gruff



This term all the Reception classes are learning about four different traditional stories. Reception A acted out the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff in the outside area and worked in teams to make small scale models of bridges for the goats to cross using different materials.

