

# SHERBORNE QATAR

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## SPORTS DAY 2011

**Can Success be measured?** This year all school track records were broken. There were twice as many competitors. There were more races, more medal winners and more of the community turned out to watch. But despite all of this the most significant aspect of Sports day this year, and the reason why it was more successful, was the Spirit in which the pupils/parents/teachers all participated.

As you browse through the images you will remember individual feats of success and the hardworking parents on the stall but most importantly the atmosphere that was shared by all.



# CHAMPIONS!



Ganna Omar GOLD (Egg and Spoon)  
 Laila Salem GOLD (Hoop Race)  
 George Taylor GOLD (60m)  
 Kameron Nimoh GOLD (150m)  
 Year 3/4 Relay GOLD (4 x100m)  
 Year 5/6 Relay GOLD (4 x100m)  
 Ben Sitoris GOLD (Javelin)  
 Oisin Tubridy GOLD (Javelin)  
 Nakisha Kendall SILVER (Javelin)  
 Neasa Tubridy SILVER (150m)

Ahmad Al Sowaidi  
 Abdulaziz Al Horr  
 Ben Sitoris  
 Ali Ahmed  
 Leena Al Thani  
 Gregory Ferguson  
 Shaikha Al Darwish  
 Adam Ferguson  
 Abel Szucs  
 Jessica Tunn

SILVER(60m)  
 SILVER (Egg and Spoon)  
 SILVER(60m)  
 SILVER (Javelin)  
 BRONZE (Shot)  
 BRONZE (Egg and Spoon)  
 BRONZE (Egg and Spoon)  
 BRONZE (60m)  
 BRONZE (150m)  
 BRONZE (High Jump)



Daniel Gray GOLD (Egg and Spoon)  
 Thai Silvera GOLD (60M)  
 Kiara Naicker GOLD (60M)  
 Relay 7/8 GOLD  
 Kiara Naicker GOLD (High Jump)  
 Adam Green SILVER(150m)  
 Hamad Al Thani SILVER (Shot)  
 Adella Ansara SILVER (Shot)  
 Adam Green SILVER (High Jump)

Relay 3/4 BRONZE  
 Stefan Hristov BRONZE (Javelin)  
 Lennon Vaz BRONZE (60m)



James Flynn  
 Hamza Al Taie  
 Rachael Williams  
 Elissar Haidar  
 Hamza Al Taie  
 Hamza Al Taie  
 Omer Kheir  
 Sarah Kelana  
 Ayoub Arredouani

GOLD (60m)  
 GOLD (150m)  
 GOLD (150m)  
 GOLD (Shot)  
 GOLD (Shot)  
 GOLD (High Jump)  
 SILVER (Egg and Spoon)  
 SILVER (60m)  
 SILVER (150m)

Relay 5/6  
 Relay 3/4  
 James Romero Hayward  
 Matthew Flynn  
 Megan Coetzer  
 Christopher Williams  
 Relay 7/8

SILVER  
 SILVER  
 SILVER  
 BRONZE  
 BRONZE  
 BRONZE (150m)  
 BRONZE





Abdul Jalil Moad  
 Max Mearns  
 Khaled Al Emadi  
 Nadia Kendall  
 Jannah Al Hammdany  
 Nayema Karim  
 Amir Zarroug  
 Tara Swords  
 Nakisa Kendall  
 Relay 7/8

GOLD (Egg and Spoon)  
 GOLD (150m)  
 GOLD (Shot)  
 GOLD (Shot)  
 SILVER (Egg and Spoon)  
 SILVER (Hoop Race)  
 SILVER (60m)  
 SILVER (150m)  
 SILVER (Shot)  
 SILVER

William Hudson  
 Jassim Al Emadi  
 Jaylee Nicholas  
 Relay 5/6  
 Ahmad Musbahi  
 Akhil Kiran

BRONZE (60m)  
 BRONZE (150m)  
 BRONZE (150m)  
 BRONZE  
 BRONZE (Javelin)  
 BRONZE (Shot)

Thanks

Sports day is one of those unique occasions when the whole school community can come together. Pre-Prep came out to cheer on siblings and older peers, and the Parents Association organized catering for the day- raising an amazing QR5500! It really was everybody's enthusiasm and drive that made the day such a success. Thank you pupils, teachers and parents for all your efforts.

Mr. Rawlinson



# Italy 2011

**Aprica was the beautiful setting for Sherborne Qatar's first Ski trip in February** half-term. Twenty-four pupils and four staff all took part in the daily four hour lessons. Although it was very tiring, every pupil learned how to come down the 4km mountain by the end of the week.

**If the skiing didn't tire us out, maybe it was the floodlit bumboarding, Mr Wood's amazing quiz or the karaoke and pizza night!** All pupils that took part received a DVD of the trip, with all the pictures and moving images put to music. This is now on display in the main reception area.

A huge thank you to all the staff and students that contributed to such a rewarding trip. Mr Rawlinson

**P.S. Look out for further information on next year's ski trip!**





We are not posing—we are just that tired!

## Year 4 Science

Year Four has been studying solids and liquids this term. Having looked at various methods for mixing and separating solids and liquids, 4S worked out how to separate a mixture of salt and sand by adding water to dissolve the salt, then filtering the mixture to remove the sand, and finally heating the remaining salt water solution to evaporate the water and retrieve the salt. They really enjoyed using the equipment in the Science lab to perform the first half of this method, before watching the teacher demonstrate the evaporation process using. 4S was also lucky enough to join with Year Eight and observe them using the Bunsen burners to evaporate water during their Science activity. Miss Savage



Last month, 8S got the opportunity to become the teachers to class 4S. They showed the Year 4's how to use a bunsen burner safely to evaporate water from a salt solution. This was part of their topic 'Water' and linked in with the Year 4 'Solids and Liquids' topic. The Year 8 students explained the equipment they were using and how particles behaved as they changed state. They were also on hand to answer any questions that the Year 4's had to ask. Miss Ball



### **Prefect Profile—our fifth prefect.....**

Hi my name is Kiara Naicker and I am in 8S.

I am 12 years old and I am so proud to be a prefect of Sherborne Qatar.

I look forward to helping children at the school and the responsibility of being a prefect.

## Sherborne Beavers have a special visitor

The 1st Doha Beaver Colony at Sherborne Qatar have had a very special visitor. A toy beaver called 'Kit' belonging to the 1st Wilton Beavers in Somerset, UK. He flew out to Doha, bringing with him lots of new uniform and our first badges. Kit has already been to Portugal, Singapore and Australia this year and is trying to clock up as many travel miles as he can.

The children gave him a tour of the school and he had a camel ride and dune safari whilst he was here. He has now returned to the UK and is looking forward to his next adventure.

The Beavers have been very busy this half term cooking, building dens, lighting fires, erecting tents and much more.

We would welcome parent helpers to further extend the range of activities that we can offer. Please see Mrs Hudson if you would like to get involved.



### For your diary... from the Parents Association

Upcoming events:

- \* Monthly coffee mornings (trailing a second hand uniform sale)
- \* Celebrating the Royal Wedding - Thursday 28th April (to be confirmed)
- \* Picnic in the Park - after school Thursday 5th May
- \* End of year Brunch in mid June

Please check the Parents Association noticeboard located in the office foyer for up to date information on the events as they occur.

Detailed notices will also be sent home with your child and mentioned in the Parent Notices.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Tracey Salmon by email: [tracey.salmon@gmail.com](mailto:tracey.salmon@gmail.com) or contact your class representative. Ideas and enthusiasm are always welcome!

## After School Activity Board Games



This Pre Prep club has been very popular this term. The children have learnt how to play many new games together and have enjoyed making new friends.

## Speech Day June 2010

It has been pointed out that the list of pupils who received prizes at Speech Day on June 17th last year was not included in the 2010-2011 School Magazine. Please accept our apologies for missing this out.

### Form Prizes

<b>3W All round academic prize</b>	Sophie Kakkad	<b>3J All round academic prize</b>	Jannah Abdullah
<b>Effort Prize</b>	Ganna Omar	<b>Effort Prize</b>	Andreas Pavlou
<b>Merit prize</b>	Nihad Abu Aker	<b>Merit prize</b>	Miriam Ahmad
<b>4R All round academic prize</b>	Pilar Beccar-Varela	<b>4S All round academic prize</b>	Ayaaz Ahmed
<b>Effort Prize</b>	Elsha Khan	<b>Effort Prize</b>	Dana Hamoud
<b>Merit prize</b>	Qurratu Aini Hashim	<b>Merit prize</b>	Zahra Aslam
<b>5B All round academic prize</b>	Wafa Zafira Mucharun	<b>5W All round academic prize</b>	Nadia Kendall
<b>Effort Prize</b>	Hamad Al Enazi	<b>Effort Prize</b>	Bassel El Sherif
<b>Merit prize</b>	Nakisa Kendall	<b>Merit prize</b>	Aymen Saqib
<b>6R All round academic prize</b>	Isobel Barwick	<b>6W All round academic prize</b>	Neasa Tubridy
<b>Effort Prize</b>	Asma Al Darwish	<b>Effort Prize</b>	Sohail Ahmed
<b>Merit prize</b>	Omer Sonmez	<b>Merit prize</b>	Danette Sitorus



### Subject Prizes

<b>English Year 6</b>	Isobel Barwick
<b>Mathematics Year 6</b>	Kiara Naicker
<b>Science Year 6</b>	Neasa Tubridy
<b>French Year 6</b>	Omer Sonmez
<b>Arabic Year 6</b>	Jassim Al Emadi
<b>Islamic Studies Year 6</b>	Salem Al Enazi
<b>Humanities Year 6</b>	Stefan Hristov
<b>Art Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	Phoebe Stagg
<b>Art Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	Kiara Naicker
<b>PE/Games Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	George Taylor
<b>PE/Games Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	Shaiker Al Baker
<b>Music Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	Abigail Barwick
<b>Music Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	Rachael Williams
<b>Colin Niven Prize Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	Zainab Mir
<b>Sheika Noura Prize Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	Danette Sitorus



## Year 1 trip to Café Ceramique

We went to the bus to get to Café Ceramique. We found the shop and went up the elevator. We had to do the background of our mug by getting the sponge and picking one colour. Then we put the colour on the sponge and dabbed it on the mug. Then we waited for three minutes. Then we painted whatever we wanted on top of the paint. Then we went to wash our hands and we had three choices that we could have to eat. There was a chicken burger, macaroni cheese and chicken nuggets. It was a good trip.

By Adam Islam Medeaux 1D



## Reception celebrate Chinese New Year



The Reception classes enjoyed learning about the traditional customs of celebrating Chinese New Year. The children made large scale models of Chinese lions and dragons. They played musical instruments and danced to their parade outside. They also tasted Chinese food, tried to use chopsticks and copied Chinese writing.



## ICT Cyber Safety Drama Competition



**The Cast of "Make it Stop"**

**From Left to Right** Back Row: Sara Fabek Zokvo, Gregory Ferguson, Dannette Sitorus, Jassim Al Emadi  
Front Row: Neasa Tubridy, Abdulla Maki, Jaylee Nicholas, Qasim Khan, Adam Ferguson, Rachael Williams.

In October 2010 the Supreme Council for Information and Communication Technology (ictQatar) launched their third annual Digital Star Competition. This competition has traditionally seen students and teachers from across Qatar presenting ways to incorporate technology into learning, but this year they added the inaugural Cyber Safety Drama Competition. All schools in Qatar were invited to create and perform an original play teaching about cyber-safety. At Sherborne we held an internal competition in early November and two teams from Year 7 emerged as the victors. As the judges could not decide between the two teams it was agreed that they would combine their efforts and rewrite the script. Although it was a team effort, Gregory Ferguson was instrumental in writing the main bulk of the script and took on the role of assistant director. After many lunchtime rehearsals and many last minute changes we arrived at the College of the North Atlantic (CNA-Q) early on the morning of Saturday 29 January. The students were nervous as they had not had the opportunity to perform on the stage at CNA-Q and were unfamiliar with the set up, but they handled themselves like true professionals and adapted to their surroundings. We were a little concerned to find that the competition had not been split into Primary, Secondary and Prep School categories as with the other Digital Star Competitions. This meant that we would be performing and competing against older and more experienced students. A panel of judges that included representatives from ictQATAR, CNA-Q, the Supreme Education Council and Qatar University selected the winners. We need not have worried as our students performed like seasoned actors and were awarded second place in this highly competitive event. It was a pleasure to watch their genuine delight when the winners were announced and they realised their achievement. Since then we have performed the play for the Senior students in assembly and on the 28th February we were again invited by ictQatar to perform with the other winners for their staff. Afterwards the students were treated to lunch and the opportunity to meet and talk with Dr. Hessa Al Jaber the Secretary General, ictQATAR. The students were presented with gifts by Dr Al Jaber and have promised to return next year to enter the competition again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their support on the day of the competition and the students for achieving so much and setting the standard for Drama at Sherborne Qatar so high.

Mrs Brooks

## International Day

Thank you to all the students and parents who supported Sherborne's first International Day. This was a lovely way to celebrate the multi cultural aspect of our school community. The array of costumes was amazing and the excitement and pride of the children was infectious. The celebrations continued at lunchtime with students sharing some of their favourite dishes from 'home'. The Parents Association look forward to hosting this event again next year!



## Pre-Prep Sports Day

The Pre-Prep Sports Day was a huge success with three separate competitions held throughout the day. Each competition was split into two groups with half of the children in the sports hall completing running and relay races and the other half in the atrium rotating around skills based activities. The children then attended a very popular refreshment stall, kindly organized by the Parents Association.

The children gained stars for their house for coming first and second in each activity and stars were also awarded for effort. The results of the day are as follows:

Reception: 1st Place Sheppard, 2nd Place Irons

Year 1: 1st Place Amna, 2nd place Jassim

Year 2: 1st Place Irons, 2nd place Amna





I would like to congratulate all of the children for taking part and thank their parents for coming to support them. A special thank you also goes to the Parents Association for organising the refreshment stall which raised a staggering 7310 QR. Finally, I would like to thank the PE department and Pre-Prep staff whose preparation made the day such a success.

Mrs Hudson  
Head of Pre-Prep

## Ones to watch!



### Ayaaz Ahmed 6S

For three years Ayaaz has been training weekly to improve his karate skills. His hard work and determination has paid off as he has successfully reached the **BLACK BELT** level within his sport.

He now aims to make his way to the top, with the goal of reaching the level of 10th Degree Black Belt.

Well done Ayaaz, keep it up!



### Tara Swords 6Q

Throughout the year, Tara has demonstrated that she is a very talented pupil, who is able to transfer skills from one sport to another. In December Tara missed out on representing Sherborne Qatar in the Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Championships. However in January, Miss James decided to enter Tara into the Senior competition. Despite being 2 years younger than most of the pupils, Tara went on to **WIN** the race, a massive achievement. This victory was followed up with Tara winning **GOLD** in the 600m at the Year 5 and 6 athletics competition. Tara is definitely a Paula Radcliffe in the making!



### Lennon Vaz 5T

Sherborne Qatar's answer to Roger Federer, Lennon Vaz competed in the Qatar Open Tennis **NATIONAL FINAL** at the Khalifa International Tennis Complex on Wednesday 9th March.

It was a great game, and Lennon played superbly. He acted in such a mature manner, especially when disputed calls were given against him.

He was a credit to himself, his parents and the school!



**Next Time.... 2022 Hopefuls!**

## Results

### Senior Cross Country

On Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January the Year 7 girls and Year 8 boys cross country teams went to Qatar Foundation to compete. The course was 1.6km long. At the start of the Year 7 girls race Tara Swords (yr 6) was off like a bullet and maintained 1<sup>st</sup> position till the end. While Tara was up at the front Neasa Tubridy, Jessica Tunn and Jaylee Nicholas paced themselves while the other schools sprinted ahead. They were towards the back until the other girls got tired and so the Sherborne girls took over many people. In the end the results overall were Tara Swords 1<sup>st</sup>, Rachael Williams 8<sup>th</sup>, Neasa Tubridy 12<sup>th</sup>, Jessica Tunn 14<sup>th</sup> and Jaylee Nicholas 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 70 other girls. After the girls race the year 8 boys ran. We had two athletes entered in this race Adam Green and Hamza Al Taie. Once again they paced themselves well and came up with good results, Hamza Al Taie 2<sup>nd</sup> and Adam Green 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**By Neasa Tubridy and Jessica Tunn 7Q and Jaylee Nicholas 7S**



### Year 5 and 6 Athletics

Sherborne Qatar entered the Inter-School Athletics competition, held at Al Khor International School. There were some memorable moments, great performances and some excellent results.

After all the results were collected and counted, Sherborne Qatar finished **5<sup>th</sup>** place out of 15 schools, which is a phenomenal achievement considering the size of the school and the number of pupils within it.

Well done to all pupils involved!

Special mentions to-

Tara Swords the	(1st place in the Year 6 600m and 3rd place in the High Jump)
Sophie Ayling	(3rd place in the Year 6 60m Sprint)
Amna Al Horr	(3rd place in the Year 6 Ball Throw)
Kameron Nimoh	(1st place in the Year 5 60m Sprint and 2nd place in the Long Jump)
Jacob Thorne	(2nd place in the Year 6 Ball Throw)



## Year 7 Netball Competition

On Tuesday 1st February the Year 7 girls had the honour of being the first netball team to represent Sherborne Qatar. Having worked hard in lessons and netball club since September, the girls were fully prepared and ready for action! There were 8 teams competing and our first match saw us up against Dukhan. We had the advantage of the first centre pass and with some great passing and moving we were 1-0 up within seconds. Having gained confidence from this the girls didn't look back and finished with a comfortable 4-0 win. Two more pool matches followed and thanks to some great play we won both and went through to the semi-finals as group winners. We were to meet Al Khor in the semi-final. This was always going to be a challenging match and despite being 2-0 down at half time the girls worked tirelessly and never gave up. After a closely fought second half the final result was 3-0 to AL Khor. The girls played superbly throughout the tournament and it was a wonderful achievement to reach the semi final in our first ever tournament!



## Year 6 Netball Competition



(From left to right, back row- Aisling McMahon, Lucy McKnight, Amna Al Horr, Tara Swords)

(From left to right, front row- Mariam Al Thani, Nadia Kendall, Sophie Ayling, Nakisa Kendall)

Having heard about the great success of the Year 7 team, the Year 6's were eager to emulate their performance. On Thursday we travelled up to Al Khor to participate in the annual QPPSSA tournament. A similar format to the Year 7 tournament was in place with 12 teams taking part. Despite the extremely windy conditions, the girls got off to a great start beating AL Khor B team 7-1. We were up against the toughest opposition of the afternoon in our second encounter against DESS (who went on to win the tournament). The speed and accuracy of their passing was amazing to witness and even though we came away with an 11-3 defeat, it was a great experience to play such a strong side. This match took the wind out of our sails a little and we struggled to lift ourselves in the next game and lost 4-2 against ISLQ. After a little rest and some encouraging words we were ready to face the last two teams in our pool. Our fourth match saw us back on court 2, which seemed to be our lucky court! We managed to score two early goals against Doha College and went on to win 6-3. Our final match in our group was against Doha Montessori. This match was a pretty one sided affair and we were delighted to finish with a 7-1 victory.

To finish off the afternoon we played a match against Al Khor A team to decide 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> place. This was probably our most exciting game of the afternoon. Having conceded two early goals the pressure was on and it would have been easy for the girls to lose their confidence. Thankfully the girls kept their heads up and fought back to even things up at half time. After the break much of the play was in the Al Khor attacking third and had their shooters been successful we would have found ourselves behind again. A minute before the final whistle we found ourselves in a shooting position and fortunately Nakissa managed to get the ball in the net. We won 3-2!

## Year 7 Girls Football Competition



The girls really were unlucky with some of the refereeing decisions but played on admirably. In the final game of the tournament they lost 1-0 (failing to score at least three goals for the only time) to team who went unbeaten and eventually won the tournament. They should hold their heads high as they competed against some very strong opposition, but watch out next year, we expect good things from this young team!

## 2nd Doha Brownies (Sherborne Qatar)

This has been a busy and exciting term for the Brownies. Numbers are very good and we are very nearly full.

The main focus of our term has been preparing for our first badge – the Entertainer badge. This will take the form of a very informal concert which takes place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. All the Brownies will be taking part in some way or another, even if it is just singing the song 'Tails' which we have learnt especially for the occasion. Most of the girls will also be performing on their own or with a friend as well. Some of these girls are only just 7 and standing up and performing in front of an audience can be a very daunting experience. In the next newsletter we will be able to tell you how it all went and maybe publish some photographs.

February is a very important month for Guiding. The founder of the Scout and Guide Association, Robert Baden Powell was married to a lady who happened to share a birthday with him. His wife, Olave was very involved in the Guiding movement and she was the first Chief Guide. Their birthday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, is marked every year as a sort of anniversary of the Guiding part of the movement and is called World Thinking Day. On this day Guides, Brownies and Rainbows all over the world celebrate in many different ways, but usually on an international theme.

This year Sherborne Brownies decided they wanted to go to Italy for Thinking Day! That not being terribly feasible in an hour long meeting, they decided instead to bring Italy to Doha! So we ate Italian food, played a jigsaw game about Italian landmarks and even received a letter from a group of Italian Guides and Scouts in Verona – home of two of our Brownies. Amongst other delicacies we had Cannoli siciliani, a cake from Sicily, Galani cake from Veneto and Sabbiosa biscuits cake from Lombardia- Veneto. We would very much like to thank Serena Ergulec for coming in to talk to us and organising the letter from Verona.

Because the 22<sup>nd</sup> February was not a Monday, the girls also decided they would like to wear their Brownie uniforms to school on the actual day to mark it as special. The Rainbows and even some Guides joined in as well.

I suspect it is not always very pleasant being a guinea pig for a new idea or product, but the Brownies were very happy to be guinea pigs when Ren Wlasiuk (Mum of Rebecca) wanted to test out one of her wonderful cake designs on us. The cake looked amazing – complete with tent, Brownies and even Brown Owl, and tasted every bit as good as it looked.

It has been a successful term and we look forward to another adventure next term.

Mrs Gail Williams



## Exploding volcanoes!

As part of their Earthquakes and Volcanoes topic, the children in Year 4K and 4S got together to create model exploding volcanoes on the playground.

Having learned all about the different types of volcanoes, the different states and studied famous volcanoes from around the world, the children were given salt dough in groups to make models. They made the crater and then for some action!

By using a mixture of vinegar (dyed red with food colouring) and bicarbonate of soda, they were able to observe the build up of gasses and then the lava flow representing what happens within a real volcano as it erupts. There was great excitement as model volcanoes began exploding everywhere! Simulated lava flows ran from the volcanoes onto the surrounding ground.

Following their initial observations, the children were asked to see if they could create different types of lava flow by adding washing up liquid to the explosion mixture. They noticed how this made a thicker lava, slowing down the flow from their volcanoes!

It was also noticed how for some groups, the lava only ran down one side of their volcanoes and through discussion, the children were encouraged to work out why this was and how it could relate to people who lived in the vicinity of a real volcano.

All in all, the children thoroughly enjoyed the activity, and importantly, reinforced their learning as they did!

Mrs Claire Keens

## French food

Year 5 have been learning about French food. They have learned the names of typical French foods and practised what to say to people during a meal. They have made up puppet shows about food and made up role plays about 'At Breakfast'. In the last week of term they will enjoy eating a typical French breakfast and will put into practice all they have learnt in an authentic situation, look out for the pictures in the next newsletter! Mrs Rebecca Prowse



## Paired reading: Year 4 read to Reception



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All the children involved look forward to their weekly lesson of paired reading. The Reception classes team up with a Year 4 class once a week. During these times the Year 4 children read stories and share their reading skills with the younger children. Mrs Dawn Ayling