

SHERBORNE QATAR

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Year 3/4 Cross Country Champions



This cross country running event was held up in Al Khor and saw the students competing across a tough 1.2 kilometre course. Sherborne Qatar entered three teams: Year 3 girls, Year 3 boys and Year 4 boys.

Exceptional individual performances from Max Mearns (2nd) and Paddy Thorne (3rd) earned them individual medals and with fantastic support from George Taylor (4th), Christopher Williams (5th), and Saif Mir (13th) the team were granted overall year 4 boys winners.

Well Done to all that took part! More photos on page 2.....



The Year 3 girls team comprised (left to right):
Jemma Tunn (10th)
Molly Mearns(14th)
Audrey Scott(16th)
Martynka Wojtun (11th)
Tayla Kerpiniotis(12th)



The Year3 boys team comprised (left to right):
Fadhil Mir (7th)
Ercole Mok (25th),
Emanuele Natali (30th)
Oliver Apps (21st)
Yudhi Sharma (11th)
Christopher De Klerk (8th)



Sherborne Qatar came second in the first ever Cyber Safety Drama Competition, held at the College of the North Atlantic and run by ICT Qatar over the last weekend of January. More details to follow in the next Newsletter.

Sherborne House Captains



Each of the 5 Houses has two House Captains. Their role is to help the Teachers and younger children in each House. They also help put together Sports Teams and Quiz Teams. They are voted in by the other children. Well done to Charlotte and Ali (Irons) Fahima and Amir (Jassim) Elissar and Hamza (Shepherd) Olivia and Yusaf (Powys) Aoife and Adam (Amna).

In Seniors, we have Prefects and House Captains to help other pupils and various areas of the school. A new addition has been the introduction of Year 7 Sherborne Buddies. A group of Year 7 girls have been very keen to join Pre-Prep children at break to help them play, socialise and have fun. They try to make sure everyone is involved in games and playtime is a positive happy time for all the younger children. Well done and thank you to those involved.

Interhouse General Knowledge Quiz

January saw a return of the popular Inter-House School Quiz. Children from Year 1 to Year 8 flocked to the Atrium, filled it with a fantastic atmosphere, and cheered on the thirty competitors who bravely took the spotlight and represented their respective five School Houses.

Questions on General Knowledge, Literacy, Maths, Science, Qatar - and a few pot luck ones thrown in for good measure – were set by Miss Derrick (Year One) and Mr Harrison (Reception), proving that even our teachers of little ones can ask big questions too! The question-setters transformed into effervescent show-hosts for the afternoon, with Miss Derrick orating the set of questions for the younger children, and Mr Harrison addressing the problems to the older children.

Do **you** know the answers to these (answers at the bottom):

What is the capital city of Brazil?

True or False: Walt Disney's first film was Dumbo?

In which book would you meet Mole, Ratty and Badger?

What do you have 300 of when you are born, but only 206 of when you become an adult?

What is the collective name for a group of crows?

The quiz had a close finish with Shepherd House taking the Overall Winners trophy. Irons won the Junior Questions category, with Shepherd eventually running away with the Senior Questions Category. All participants earned Merit Points for their Houses, as well as rapturous applause from the audience for being such great competitors.

See you all next year,

Mr Harrison and Miss Derrick





1. Brasilia; 2. False; 3. The
Wind in the Willows; 4. Bones
(may fuse together in
infancy); 5. A Murder

4R Geography

In Geography the children have been looking at reusing old items and turning them into something new.

4R were set this challenge.



photo of children's efforts.



Amin with his magazine file made from an old cardboard box



Hamad with his pencil pots he made from old drinks bottles

Amelia with a gas mask she made from an old rag and a box



Ahmad with a snake he made from old drinks bottles



Ellie with flowers she made from old maga-



Amelia with a mask she made from old paper

4R Science

4R looked at Circuits and Conductors. They were asked to design a model that lit up and moved. They worked in groups to create their models. 4R created their models and then made circuits using wires, batteries, bulbs and motors to add to their model.



Abdulaziz, Hamad, Amin, Ayoub and Benjamin working on their model of a lighthouse.



Talal and Ahmad working together to create their model of a sword/rocket which lights up and spins!



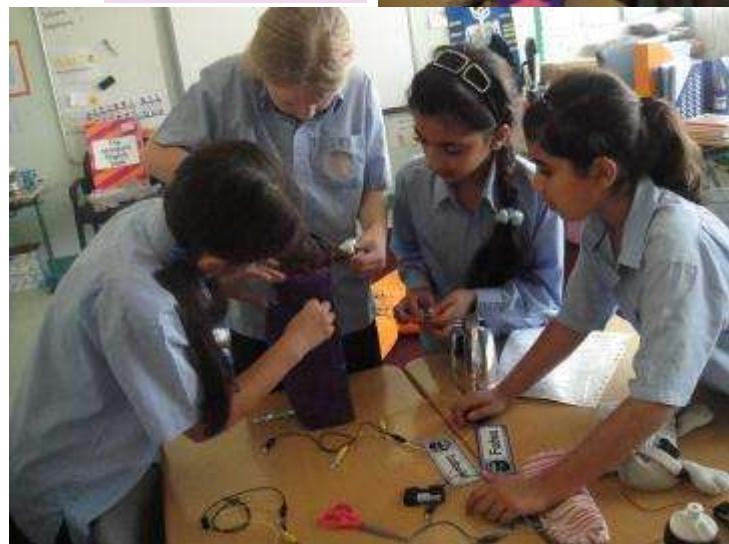
Amelia, Isabelle Mallak and Jeyla working together on their model of a garden with a revolving pond and a rock that lit up!



Sophie, Ellie, Fadwa and Shouq working together on their model of a teddy bear—his ears lit up and the star on his jumper spun!



Rupert, Ahmad, Talal and Andrew with their finished project



Interhouse Netball Competition

It was wonderful to see all girls in years 6, 7 & 8 take part in the first Inter House netball competition. Many of the girls only started playing netball last September and have done incredibly well to master the skills and rules of the game. An impressive ten matches were played over three lunch breaks. Irons got off to a great start winning two matches on the first day and looked like they would take the title with ease. The big clash of the tournament was the match between Jassim and Irons on day two. Thanks to some fantastic passing by Jaylee Nichols and some excellent shooting from Nadia Kendall and Nakisa Kendall. Jassim were victorious in this game and went on to win the competition. *Miss James*

Players of the tournament:

Jassim: Jaylee Nichols

Amna: Aoife Grogan

Irons: Neasa Tubridy

Shepherd: Rachael Williams

Powys: Raesa Khan



After School Riding Club

On December 13th and 14th the After-School Riding Groups had their first ever gymkhanas. They took part in obstacle races, egg and spoon and collecting egg races. We all had a lot of fun and the overall winners for each day were Insaf Arredouani and Maryam El Guindy from the Monday group and Hyunsun Park and Navina Bhalla from the Tuesday group. All competitors were delighted to receive a rosette at the end. We were grateful to the members of the Animal Welfare Activity for coming to support us as their end of term outing.

Many thanks to the staff at Al Samariyah for their hard work organising the events and for teaching us all term. This term we are delighted to be able to take 60 children to the After-School Horse Riding Activities. Mrs Prowse



Getting ready for the egg and spoon.



Race for the finish line!

French

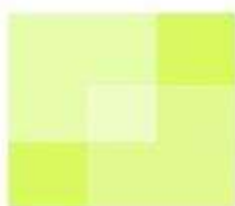


Pupils in Year 6-8 have been learning about French traditions and festivals. They all enjoyed trying the 'Galette des Rois' which is traditionally eaten on January 6th in France which is called 'La Fête des Rois'. In the galette there is a toy or a bean hidden. The person who is given the slice with the toy or bean in it gets to wear the crown and is Le Roi or La Reine (king or queen). In this picture you can see members of 7S who have chosen their queen and are now deciding who should get the last slice of cake!

Charity news



In 2003 QAWS (Qatar Animal Welfare Society) was formed after it became apparent that there was a desperate need for an animal rescue centre in Doha, Qatar. QAWS is entirely dependent upon the gestures of good-will and community-driven support. They hold regular events, such as Dog Shows, Quiz's, BBQ's and have recently announced their first ever 'FurBall' at the Ramada Hotel on 3rd March, in order to raise funds for the ever growing vet and food bills. QAWS have an open door policy from 7.30am until 9.30am and 3pm until 6pm EVERYDAY for parents and children to help walk the dogs and give much needed cuddles to the cats and puppies. Please see Mrs. Delaney for further details (Year 2) or contact 5539 6074 www.qaws.org for a location map. Every little helps!!



Friday 25th February There will be a **Car Boot Sale & Raffle** here at school, to raise funds to build an animal shelter for 'Cats In Qatar' (www.catsinqatar.com) We are looking for any donations (big or small!!!) that can be sold on the car boot, and items for the raffle. Please, speak to Mrs. Nicola Delaney (Year 2) Mobile: 66079490 or Jill at Cats in Qatar on 55652327 if you can help!

Geography



In Year 1 we are learning about other countries. 1D have been playing Twister to learn about the continents of the world and finding out about Barnaby Bear's travels to different places around the world.

Year 1 Science

In Science this half term, Year 1 are studying materials and their properties. 1D were testing to see which objects in the classroom are magnetic. It was a great investigation!



Parents' End of Year Brunch

The Sherborne Parents Association hosted an 'End of Year Brunch' at the Ritz Carlton and had a fantastic turn out. The event was well received and showcased the truly international make up of the parent community as well as celebrating in style. We enjoyed a beautiful high tea in elegant surroundings and also enjoyed the benefits of a mini bazaar, kindly organised by Sarah Challinor and Mary Mulqueen.

Lots of goodies were given away on the day adding more excitement. It was a fitting way to end the first year of Sherborne and we look forward to hosting it again this year at the end of term 3.





Special thanks must go to the parents who made up the very first committee (see photo) for their time, effort and dedication in a very new environment. We thank those who are departing and welcome those joining us on the committee for this academic year.

Annene Coetzer, Sharon Cadden, Vallerie Murphie, Ren Wlasiuk, Cathy Bevans, Sarah Challinor, Mary Mulqueen, Tracey Salmon, Mujeeb ur Khan (absent Darren Barwick, Omneya Helmy, Sam Pavlou)

Other highlights coming up this term from the Parents Association are:

Monthly coffee mornings

Sports days- refreshment stall

Day out in the Desert 25th February (a great opportunity for new Sherborne families and staff)

Assisting with school events such as International Day and the Junior Production



Juniors/Seniors Sports day

This will take place on the **10th February**. The Parents Association are looking for volunteers to help organize the food stalls– sign up sheets are in the foyer.

Women's Qatar Tennis Open

From February 21st to 26th. School has free tickets for all that want to come! For more details check out our 'sSports Blog page' - the link can be found from the Sherborne Qatar website by following the 'Sports' link.

Thank you to those ladies who volunteered to help the committee celebrating Qatar National Day at Sherborne. Other Mums not in this photo also participated and their help was greatly appreciated by the committee. If you are interested in joining the Parents Association Committee or are willing to help at school events, please let us know.



Sherborne Musicians Play Samba



Recently 27 fine musicians from Yrs 5 – 8 spent an hour of their Friday at DESS to participate in a samba workshop. Rather than me telling you about it, why don't they? [Liz Thomas \(Director of Music\)](#)

On the 21st January, students from Sherborne Qatar travelled to DESS where they took part in a Samba Workshop with a Brazilian samba specialist. Each student was assigned to one of the following: the **surdo drums**, the **agogo bells** or the **tambourine**.



We learnt how to play the instruments and how to create a simple Samba Beat! We all learnt the "Welcome to Samba" beat which had a really funky rhythmic pattern to it. We had lots of fun trying to keep up with



the instructor and his really fast Samba music. He taught us how to make different sounds on the drum, make higher and lower pitches on the agogo bells and really funky things to do on the tambourine. He was really nice to all of us and loved helping us fix our mistakes, even Mrs Thomas's! (I don't make mistakes – Mrs Thomas) Our time at DESS was really fun and I hope to do it again next year. [Daniel Gray Yr 8](#)

It was fun. [Pilar Beccar Varela Yr 5](#)

We went to a samba workshop and what we did was play some different instruments which had funny names. I got to play 2 bells which were called agogo bells. I also had fun and learned that all of the music teachers were funny! [Dorukan Kalem Yr 7](#)

The Samba workshop on the 21st of January at DESS was really fun. We learnt how to play Samba music with different instruments. There were agogo bells, tambourines and surdo's (big drums). For some of the parts, the teacher gave us a little song to help us remember the rhythms. I really enjoyed it. [Megan Coetzer Yr 7](#)



I think that you got to play the music that you don't get to play every day. [Ben Sole Yr 6](#)



Year 5 Observational Drawings

The photo shows Year 5 pupils Bedour and Alberto with their drawings, which are part of a new display of art work. Pupils in Year 5 have completed a series of images, producing work from direct observation in pencil, soft-pastel and paint, based on three still-life groups.



Year 7 Science

So far in Science we have been learning about Classification, Solar Systems, Acid & Alkalis, Tissues and Transplants and the topic we are learning about now is Electrical Circuits. I think my favourite topic was Acid and Alkalis because we got to make a rainbow fizz using Sodium

Carbonate, water, universal indicator and ethanoic acid. We also got to make our own indicators using red cabbage. Tissues and transplants was the awesome topic. I learned how to use a microscope properly and I get to see slides containing cells from different types of organism. I made two slides out of onion skin and my cheek cells.

Danette Sitorus 7S



Sherborne Prefects elected this term

We now have four prefects in school. All Year 8 pupils have the opportunity to become prefects as and when the Headmaster and Senior staff feel they have met the required standard. The main criteria are:

- To have a willingness to serve, to help when asked and volunteer.
- To have a sensible disposition and pleasant nature allowing for good relationships with all members of the School community.
- The ability to lead, to show initiative and assist people.
- To have a caring manner and consideration for others.
- To have an ability to communicate with all age groups.

Prefects have a full job description as well and Year 8 are invited to apply at certain times of the year. We hope the current prefects are just the first successful Year 8 pupils and we are able to appoint more soon.
Mr. Hudson (Head of Seniors)



Hello, my name is Charlotte Ferguson and I am one of the prefects of Sherborne Prep. This year I will be getting jobs from teachers and I will be helping all pupils of all ages. I am also excited for being a role model for the younger students.

Hi, I'm Yusaf and I'm 12. I've recently been chosen to be a prefect and this is a role that I'm already enjoying a great deal. I hope I can be a good role model, especially for the younger pupils, and that they will feel comfortable coming to me for help.



Hi, my name is Aoife Grogan and I am currently a prefect in Year 8 at Sherborne Qatar. I am glad to have the opportunity to be a prefect because I have never been a prefect before and I wanted to have the experience. One of the good things is that I get to be a prefect along with my friends and I am enjoying being able to have the experience.

Hi, my name is Daniel Gray and I am 12 years old. I have been elected 'prefect' by the teachers of Sherborne, Qatar. I have always wanted to be a 'prefect' and now I finally have the chance to be one. I have always loved being a role model to younger kids in the school. I have always loved being with the younger children, so I'm so glad that I have been appointed one of the first 'prefects' at Sherborne, Qatar.

