

15th January 2020

Welcome to Semester Two

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Asalamualaikum

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the start of **Semester Two** and update you with some essential information.

Semester one achievements:

'Year 1 and 2 enjoyed the thematic approach of learning in semester 1. Some amazing art work was produced using shapes in Maths and the study of lines and colour in art. The computing curriculum was enjoyed by all. Year 1 programmed Bee Bots and used them to navigate the world map and their classrooms. In year 2, the pupils relished working with Ozobots, they learned about basic coding concepts like cause/effect, critical thinking, and debugging. It has been a great semester Alhamdulillah!'

In years 3 and 4 STEAM projects were a great success for practical assessments this year. They were well planned and the integration across subjects made for wholesome learning and investigations. They were thoroughly enjoyed by all students. (Y4 students especially enjoyed using the ozobots.) Talk for Write has worked amazingly well in classes where it has been used and given children more linguistic confidence. Teamwork and collaboration has improved not only among the children but among staff across the primary school. There has been a real emphasis on 'practice what you preach' and lots of positive role modeling. Break time initiatives and tournaments for middle primary to give more structure to play times, ensuring there are engaging activities for children to be involved in

In years 5 and 6 we have had several skype calls where the children had the opportunity to link up with Schools in Malaysia and Ukraine. They were able to lead the sessions enquire and ask questions to find out information. Some of the year 6 children took part in a Level Up village competition. They were able to link up and communicate with children in a school in Hawaii. This allowed children the opportunity to exchange videos and work produced around climate change and its effects on Qatar and Hawaii.

Our focus and drive is to ensure that our students become globally competent learners, assessment proficient and linguistically astute using cutting edge technology within creative learning atmospheres. There is a real sense and a growing culture of strong leadership here starting with our boys in year one – where core values and aspirational academic achievement is at the heart of our school wide learner outcomes. Semester two will build on this as we look forward to even more success...

EXPECTATIONS

All members of our community are expected to take personal responsibility for their behaviour and attitude to others. At **Al Maha Boys**, we aim to create a positive learning environment throughout the school. Our school wide learner outcomes shape our ethos with children being rewarded for their **academic, Islamic and leadership contributions**.

We do take instances of poor behaviour seriously and will uphold sanctions where respectful behaviour isn't being adhered to.

Please re-familiarise yourself with our student behaviour policy. This can be downloaded along with all our other policies from our school website.

<http://boys.almahaacademy.com.qa/Al-Maha-Academy-For-Boys/About-Us/School-Policies>

Uniform:

- Student must wear navy blue trousers and a white shirt. Any jumpers or jackets need to be black or dark blue. Footwear must also be black or dark blue. When students have PE they must bring their sports shoes separately to wear only during their PE lesson.

Homework:

All Homework set by the teacher should be completed to support children with their understanding and re-inforce the learning.



Attendance and punctuality:

It is essential that your child attends school regularly and maintains a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career. Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child or young person to fulfil their potential. They must be in school on time and ready to learn. **The school day starts at 6.50am**

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP –

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time – not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness – this should be followed up with a written note when your child returns to school.
- Take family holidays outside term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework).
- Attend parent meetings and school events.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.

Key Primary Leadership Staff

<p>Michael Myford Head of Primary</p> 		
<p>Sean Dennis Deputy Head of Primary</p> 		
<p>Naima Hussein Lower Phase Coordinator</p>	<p>Jasjeet Daffu Middle Phase Coordinator</p>	<p>Rukshana Begum Upper Phase Coordinator</p>
<p>Mohammad Kamal Arabic Coordinator</p>		
<p>Asha Jama Year 1 Leader</p>	<p>Karima Bridja Year 2 Leader</p>	<p>Maria Mir Year 3 Leader</p>
<p>Hafsa Muhidin Year 4 Leader</p>	<p>Mohammed Riswan Year 5 Leader</p>	<p>Muktaur Rahman Year 6 Leader</p>
<p>Marwa Hafez/Darnell Cadette Social Workers</p>		
<p>Shaimaa Sakr PA to Head of Primary</p>		

Dates for your diaries

Report Publication: **19th January via SIMS Parents Application.**

Reports will **not** be given if the following has not be finalised:

- Outstanding library fees.
- Outstanding Semester one fees.
- Exit passes

Please contact the school immediately if the above is outstanding to ensure the publication of your reports are published in a timely manner.

LIBRARY EVENTS		
Event	Date	Notes
School trip to Museum of Islamic Art-library	15 th January	Workshop how to write and present the story (Primary)
Future writers' competition	19 th January	Submit the stories to the Ministry of education
School trip to Museum of Islamic Art-library	23 rd January	Workshop how to write and present the story (Secondary)
The semi-final of Reading Writing challenge	2 nd February	Primary

Dates of Islamic events:

Tarbeya Competition: Mohadeth: 13th of January 2020

Tafseer Competition: 26th of January 2020

Quraan Competition: 5th & 6th February 2020 (400 Students are participating)

Dates of the sporting events:

Qatar School Olympic Programme:

Volley Ball competition - Sunday 19th January 2020 and Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Venue: Al Arabi Sports Club

AMAB Advance level Swimming Gala:

Thursday 16th January 2020

Venue: AMAB swimming pool

Classical Swimming Gala:

Date to be confirmed (Thursday 5th March 2020)

Venue: Al Jazeera Academy Swimming pool.

Sports Day dates revised for Primary:

Monday 3rd February 2020 (Grade 1, 2 & 3)

Tuesday 4th February 2020 (Grade 4 & 5)

Venue: AMAB Ground Floor Playground.

Sports Day Grade 6 & Secondary:

Monday 10th February 2020

Venue: Al Arabi Sports Club

Other Dates:

- School Photos: **19th – 23rd January 2020**
- Science Week: **26th – 30th January 2020**
- Primary Trips to *Kidzmondo, Baladna Farm* and *Novo Cinemas*, **26th – 30th January 2020**
- Parent consultation day: **1st February 2020**
- World Read Aloud Day: **5th February 2020**
- Story writing: **2nd – 6th February 2020**
- Student Award Ceremony: **26th February 2020**
- Mid S2 Assessments Practical (**8th - 12th March**) & Written (**15th - 19th March**)
- Mid S2 Break: **16th - 20th February 2020**

Thank you for your continued support and I look forwards to an exciting, eventful Semester two...

Sincerely,

Michael Myford

Head of Primary