



THE ROYAL MAIL

Sunday, 8 December 2019

Term 2, Week 5

This newsletter serves to keep you informed of the happenings at RB as well as to keep you up to date regarding any information that needs to be known.

We thrive to embolden, engage and empower our students and we would not be able to do so without close communication with our

biggest supporters, our parents.



WORLD ARABIC LANGUAGE DAY AT ROYAL BRITANNIA

Thursday 5, December 2019

On Thursday, 5 December 2019, the Royal Britannia Kindergarten celebrated World Arabic Language Day under the patronage of His Excellency, Mr. Rami Tahboub, the Ambassador of the State of Palestine and his wife, Mrs. Rima Khalidi.

RB's special guests and parents were delightfully entertained by the Nursery, Pre KG, KG, Reception and Special Needs students performing on stage. Mrs. Rima read a wonderful story to our students and the various speeches on the day emphasised the importance of learning the Arabic Language at an early age. There was a vibrant Art Exhibition displaying pieces made by RB students and traditional Palestinian handicrafts.







Under our Arabic Teacher's guidance, Ms Talar, students worked hard learning different songs and dances from various Arab Countries.







LEARNING JOLLY PHONICS AT ROYAL BRITANNIA

Introduction to Jolly Phonics

What is Jolly Phonics?

Jolly Phonics is a fun and child centred approach to teaching literacy through synthetic phonics. With actions for each of the 42 letter sounds, the multi-sensory method is very motivating for children and teachers, who can see their students achieve. The letter sounds are split into seven groups.

Letter Sound Order

The sounds are taught in a specific order (not alphabetically). This enables children to begin building words as early as possible.

How does Jolly Phonics work?

Using a synthetic phonics approach, Jolly Phonics teaches children the five key skills for reading and writing.

The Five Skills Taught In Jolly Phonics

1

Learning the letter sounds

Children are taught the 42 main letter sounds. This includes alphabet sounds as well as digraphs such as sh, th, ai and ue.

2

Learning letter formation

Using different multi-sensory methods, children learn how to form and write

3

Blending

Children are taught how to blend the sounds together to read and write new words.

4

Identifying the sounds in words (Segmenting)

Children are taught the 42 main letter sounds. This includes alphabet sounds as well as digraphs such as sh, th, ai and ue.

5

Tricky words

Tricky words have irregular spellings and children learn these separately.

<http://jollyreading.com/introduction-to-jolly-phonics/>



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Dear Parents,

As you all know with the change of weather, it is a sensitive time for the children as they often get sick and share their sickness with others. RBK is asking for your support to reduce the risk of your children becoming sick by making sure:

- all their recommended immunizations are up to date
- they received the annual flu vaccine
- they stay home if they have any respiratory symptoms (cough, runny nose, or sore throat) and fever (38°C and above) and only go back to school after being fever free for 24 hours (without medicines)
- they stay home if they had 2 episodes of diarrhea and/or vomiting in the past 24 hours
- they stay home (and go to the doctor) if they have a rash with fever
- they stay home if they have mouth sores with drooling or skin sores that are weeping fluid (and can't be covered by dressing)

Thank you!



SCHOOL JOURNALS

Please read the journals daily.

Daily happenings, events,
field trips and any other important
information is relayed through the journals.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please make note of the required school uniform.

All students should be wearing the correct uniform:

Medium Blue denim pants with Light Blue polo style shirt from Marks & Spencers (we have stock for purchasing). **The Navy Blue jumper/sweater must have NO patterns or designs.**

Thank you for understanding.



Reminder to Winter Uniform: Please purchase/order the unisex cotton-rich jumpers **ROYAL BLUE** colour from Marks & Spencers Salmiya (RB stock). This is outlined in the guidelines provided to parents at the beginning of this academic year.

NO JEWELLERY TO BE WORN BY STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

TERM DATES

TERM 1

Wednesday, 4 September - Wednesday, 06 November 2019

TERM 2

Monday, 11 November - Wednesday, 18 December 2019

TERM 3

Sunday, 5 January - Thursday, 20 February 2020

TERM 4

Sunday, 1 March - Wednesday, 8 April 2020

TERM 5

Monday, 13 April - Wednesday, 18 June 2020



PLEASE NOTE:

A reminder that our school times
are as follows:

Standard Day: 7:45 - 13:00

Extended Day: 7:45 - 15:15

A 15 minute grace period is giving for late pick ups, however please note that there will be a **KD2** charge per **5 minutes** late thereafter.

Drop off takes place from 7:00 and school starts at 7:45.
Please understand that being late means that your child/children
miss out on curriculum.

**NO PARENT MAY GO TO THE CLASSROOM TO DROP THEIR
CHILD/CHILDREN OFF AFTER 7:45**

Your co-operation and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

THEMES

Our learning themes for Term 2:

Week 1,2 & 3 : Seasons

Week 4, 5 & 6: Fairy Tales, Winter Wonder



Monday 9 to Thursday 12, December 2019

Book Fair

Wednesday 18, December 2019

Winter Wonderland Event

Thursday 19, December 2019 to Thursday 02, January 2020

Winter Break



THIS WEEK MENU

Sunday: Pasta Bolognese

Monday - Chicken and Potatoe with Rice

Tuesday - Pasta Bolognese

Wednesday - Potato and Meat Stew with Rice

Thursday - Pizza



LONG and DIRTY NAILS

A reminder to kindly check your child/children's nails to ensure that they are at a neat, clean, short length for school.

This includes toe nails please!

NO NAIL POLISH ALLOWED

Thank you!



CLEAN EARS

A reminder to kindly check your child/children's ears to ensure that they are clear from wax.

A reminder to be gentle when cleaning ears and avoid sticking ear buds inside the ear canal.

Thank you!



BIRTHDAYS

A reminder that we are to insist on pre-prepared individual portions. Cupcakes, doughnuts, muffins or popcorn is acceptable. Whole cakes requiring cutting and cold drinks requiring pouring will not be accepted.

Please refer to journals for guidelines.



WATER BOTTLES

Keeping hydrated is extremely important. Kindly send your child/children with a water bottle to school every day. Water bottles are easier to take to different classes and make for easy refilling when needed.

Thank you!



RECYCLABLE ITEMS

Please start sending the following items to school to be used for craft activities:

TOILET ROLLS
KITCHEN PAPER ROLLS
CEREAL BOXES
NEWSPAPER

MAKING AN IMPACT GLOBALLY

At RB we align ourselves with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through our curriculum and teachings. In order to make an impact on a global scale and help in supporting the SDGs, we have joined B1G1. We will be dedicating each term to a minimum 4 SDGs through B1G1. Not only will we be creating awareness through lessons at school but we will be contributing the contributions we have been collecting every Thursday to various initiatives around the world.

<https://www.b1g1.com/businessforgood/2019-legacy-royal-britannia-education/>

Find out more about B1G1 by clicking on this link:

<https://b1g1.com/connect/GIVING040>

Themes: Seasons, Fairy Tales/Winter Wonderland

1. SDGs: Good Health and Wellbeing and Reduced Inequalities

Provide warm clothes to insulate a child from Winter (Ukraine, Russia and Moldova)

Provide warm clothes as a gift of survival for a day. Imagine the chilling winds of winter prickling the bare body of a child along the streets of Ukraine. Insulation in the life-threatening cold in winters as low as -40C is crucial.

US 0.20 per day = **6 fils per impact**

2. SDGs: No Poverty, Clean Water and Sanitation and Reduced Inequalities

Give access to life saving water (Ethiopia)

Quench the thirst of people living in Tigray by giving them clean water that is absent of water-borne diseases for one day. The provision of clean and hygienic water will reduce a womans average daily water collection time; effectively reduces children mortality rate from water-borne diseases; and allows girls to receive a proper education instead of spending their time collecting water.

US 0.01 per day = **3 fils per impact**

Dear Parents,

It's my real pleasure to invite you to join the B1G1: Business for Good Giving Initiative.

B1G1 helps businesses like ours give back in powerful new ways. It's really stunning and wonderfully different.

And this is equally great too; when you join B1G1 using my unique code [<https://b1g1.com/connect/GIVING040>], you get [1 KD] worth of Giving Credits to kick-start some really smart giving. I think you'll love it.

1. Now you may prefer to click the button below to join right away based on my strong recommendation (I really believe all my connections could benefit enormously from B1G1).

2. Or you may want to call me to talk about it. Just a call on my usual number is great.

3. You can also complete a new thing called the 'B1G1 Giving Plan' – it's a great way to understand B1G1 before you join. And you can do that right here: <http://bit.ly/invite-givingplan>

Whichever of those three ways you choose, do please choose one! I know you'll be so pleasantly surprised by what you find.

Looking forward to hearing how you go.

Elisa Isaac
Head Teacher



ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

If you would like to choose an initiative to contribute towards, separate to what we are doing, please feel free to contact us directly and we can make this happen!



1 KD DAYS

Please continue supporting our
1 KD days **every Thursday!**

Yes, A little goes a long way, but a little more goes further.

PLEASE NOTE:

**NO TABLETS, MOBILES AND TOYS
TO BE SENT TO SCHOOL**



NO CANDY, CHOCOLATE OR CHOCOLATE ITEMS TO BE SENT TO SCHOOL



SICK STUDENTS

Out of common courtesy for others, please do not send your child to school if they are sick. Please be aware that our school nurse does come around daily to the classrooms to check temperatures and for any contagious symptoms such as coughing, wheezing and runny noses.

We will send children home who are unwell.
Thank you for understanding.



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