



# Headmaster's Newsletter

Dear parents

Apologies for the delay between newsletters over the last few weeks. It's been a busy time and with half-term sandwiched in between, there has been lots to fit into the schedule at AGS. Please see some of our latest new items and as always, do not hesitate to contact me whenever needed at [headteacher@agsmuscat.com](mailto:headteacher@agsmuscat.com)

## Spring Fete

The AGS Spring Fete is just around the corner on Thursday 8th March at 3pm until 6pm. This years' fete theme is "RAINBOW" - The Spring Fete is a PTA organised event consisting of games and activities for the children and parents to enjoy and of course there's help from the staff at AGS. Tickets and vouchers are now on sale before and after school in main reception. Don't miss out on what is sure to be a great event!

## School Swimming

After the Spring Break, we anticipate that all children will have the opportunity to take part in curricular swimming for a block of weeks. Early Years swimming sessions will take place during Ramadan as happened last year, with other classes having their sessions in the 5 weeks previous. Your feedback has been taken on board regarding the availability of swimming classes during the school day. We understand that whilst, in the UK for example, a block of swimming weeks would be normal – it is important for us to make full use of this facility and more importantly the weather we are all so fortunate to enjoy here in Oman. I am still in discussion about longer term opportunities for the forthcoming academic year but hope to be able to share some news with you prior to the summer break.

## School Academic Calendar

The AGS school academic calendar has been sent to the MoE for final approval. All being well I should be in a position to share this with you later this week. We have tried, as last year, to ensure that the winter break is of sufficient time to allow all families the opportunity to travel back to home countries without the undue pressure and stress of a short holiday.



COBIS Art Competition – Deadline extended to March 25<sup>th</sup>!

# COBIS Art Competition 2018

## Mother Nature and the Environment

For 2018, the theme for the COBIS Art Competition is "Mother Nature and the Environment".

Students can enter a creative piece through photography, paint, sketch, sculpture etc. to reflect the theme.

There are five categories students can enter:

- Early Years and Foundations Stage (Nursery & Reception)
- Key Stage 1 (Grades 1 & 2)
- Key Stage 2 (Grades 3 - 6)
- Key Stage 3 (Grades 7 & 8)

Schools may enter a total of three pieces in each category. We will collect all entries in school and then determine the best three in each category to be submitted to COBIS. This will be decided by a judging panel including Mrs Armstrong and Miss Ayari. The closing date is Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Entries can be left with your child's class or form teacher. Good luck!



## School Website

The AGS school website has undergone a complete overhaul with lots of additional new content, pictures and information added. When you get a moment, please do take a look! Additionally, you may remember that we had a film crew in school to shoot some promotional videos. These videos have now been completed and will be shared periodically over the next few weeks via our school Facebook page. The website itself will be updated with new content on a regular basis.



## Academic Year 2018-2019

The process of planning for the next academic year is well underway with continued interest being shown in the school from new families. New registrations are happening on a daily basis and this is healthy for the growth of the school. Procurement of resources, uniform, new staff recruitment all take significant time but it is important that we get things ready with sufficient time. A meeting will take place shortly for parents of children in Grade 8 to outline the GCSE programme in detail and allow

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parents to ask questions to either myself or other key members of staff. A pack of information will also be provided at this meeting so that sufficient reference material is available for you to take away.

## Request from Mrs Armstrong!

"We do a great deal of 'messy' work in art, often with liquids which do not wash out of clothes easily.

We have been donated five mens' long sleeved shirts, which work fantastically to keep clothes clean. If you have any old mens' shirts - destined for the charity - please could you let us have them for our art department?

In the meantime, please could you send your child into school with a t-shirt/top they can use in art. It can be kept in the art department for their use each lesson.

Many thanks for your assistance with this."

Mrs Armstrong.

## SUP Trip

Earlier this morning a group of our older students left school for a fantastic opportunity to take part in a day of "Stand Up Paddle Boarding". Mr Rhys Jones and Mrs Armstrong accompanied the children who were all very excited at the prospect. (I have to say I was a little jealous that I wasn't going with them!) Any enrichment opportunities are of value and allow children to experience things that they wouldn't normally on a day to day basis.



## Main characters of AGS Peter Pan production visit ROHM

Some of the main characters in our older classes who will be taking part in the upcoming production on Peter Pan, had the opportunity to visit the Royal Opera House to watch a production of "Peter and the Wolf". Miss Nicholls, Mr Winn and Mrs Patel accompanied the children and a fabulous time was had by all.



## Sports Day

After a lengthy delay we have finally been told that all being well our Sports Day for older students will take place during the middle of March. We have tentatively asked for the 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> March but please watch this space. It has been particularly difficult this year to find a day that was available and wasn't a school holiday or other event.

## Mobile Phones

Please remember that children should not have mobile phones in school during their classes. If children have phones at your request for contact after school, calling drivers or because they take the school bus – phones must be handed in to their form teacher or the school office for safe-keeping during the school day.

Have a good week.

Mr Hurst



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