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Dear Parents,

Our end of term newsletter is a pure reflection of the fantastic things that have taken place over the last four months here at Dukhan English School, Primary Campus. We have all enjoyed an exhilarating experience since moving into our wonderful new premises. There is an amazing buzz surrounding the vast learning opportunities and the children are not only proud of their achievements but also to be a member of our school community.

As always the staff have worked incredibly hard to provide the best education possible for your children. The opening of the new school library has reignited the children's passion for reading and is one of their favourite places to spend time. Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to read. We aspire for great things for our children and together we will succeed.

The 'hook' and 'wow' days that begin and conclude our topic work continue to be attributed as some of our children's favourite memories of their time in school; being super heroes, assimilating the life of Victorian children or experiencing the life of the Ancient Greeks. Stimulating and provoking active engagement in their learning; these are days we would like to thank you once again for your fabulous support.

Significant development continues to progress throughout this academic year, with a particular focus on the introduction of the Mastery approach for the teaching and learning of Mathematics. It is proving to be transformational for how our children learn, a child centered, can do approach accessible for all children. Described as a world class and unique mastery teaching model, Power Maths has been created by leading educational experts from the UK and China. In addition to this, the start of next term marks the roll out of our new approach to home learning (homework). We have worked hard to produce a more creative that involves higher order thinking skills and more project based, experiential opportunities.

There have been varied opportunities for parents to be involved in school events including an Open Morning, Class Assemblies, Parent Presentations on home learning and SEN provision, Little Habibis, Community Library, observations of class based learning on 'hook or wow' days, The Winter Fair and our most recent Qatar National Day celebrations. We welcome your participation in all aspects of school life.

I would like to officially welcome Mrs Tanseem Rafique to our Primary team. Tanseem joined us in early November from the UK and has joined the FS2 teaching team. She has settled in well and is busy getting to know our children. Mrs Saminah Bauhador will move to support the learning in FS1, before leaving us to begin her maternity leave, currently expected to start in March. I am delighted to announce that Mr. Richard Howard has joined the middle leadership team and will lead Science across the Primary, preparing our children for their transition into Year 7. I would like to congratulate him on his promotion and wish him well in his new role.

Thank you for your support as we continue to strive for outstanding practice, delivering high quality learning experiences for our children.

Wishing you all a relaxing and happy holiday and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Sarah Lewkowicz  
Head of Primary