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NEWSLETTER

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QATAR NATIONAL DAY

Hamilton students cheerfully participated in THIS's second annual Qatar National Day celebration in commemoration of the country's unification in 1878. Class performances infused Qatari identity and history with the visionary aspirations that this wonderful country was founded on. It was a fun filled day and the student feedback was overwhelmingly positive. A heartfelt thank you to all of the staff and parents that made this day special.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Ian Rinaldi, Head of Elementary

Happy New Year to all of our Hamilton community.

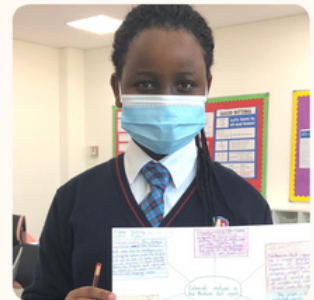
December was a very exciting month at Hamilton and a great end to a wonderful term. Covid-19 did not prevent us from celebrating Qatar National Day in style and, even though slightly different to last year, the community still came together to recognise this special day. Our Term 1 reports were issued to parents; a new report style which provides a balance of academic data and personal achievements, progress and targets, which was very well received from our parents. Weekly Parent Webinars were maintained, including topics on E-Safety, Assessment and Arabic and Islamic provision. A number of our Curriculum Units were concluded with exciting grade level IPC Exit Points, notably student presentations, celebrations and performances. Our termly Class Dojo Champion for each grade was revealed and we even celebrated global success with 2 of our Grade 5 students finishing 1st and 2nd in the Middle East for a Global ISP Maths challenge, with thousands of students around the world participating.

Term 1 assessments were concluded, resulting in whole school progress in all of our core subjects, including Maths, English, Reading, and Spelling. It was a fun filled, successful and action packed term.

The new term brings another wonderful opportunity for amazing learning at Hamilton. In January, we remain onsite five days a week and are about to launch our afterschool 'Enrichment Support Programmes'. New exciting topics are commencing and our teachers have been preparing brilliant lessons across the curriculum to challenge students at their own level. Many new students have joined our Hamilton family this week and we are excited about our newest students experiencing amazing learning at our school and building long lasting friendships with each other. Whilst Covid-19 presents challenges, we continue to comply with all precautionary measures and maintain outstanding learning for all.

We look forward to a fantastic Term 2!

AMAZING LEARNING!



EARLY YEARS

Pre-KG was introduced to caring for their environment through recycling projects. KG1 focused on writing letters to friends and acting out the story of The Jolly Postman. KG2 learned how to subtract using a numberline and counting equipment plus concluded their Big Write.

ELEMENTARY

Students participated in engaging learning units such 'Stories from Imaginary Worlds' and 'Ancient Civilizations'. In 'Extreme Survivors' students began to examine different habitats across the globe. All students completed subject assessments and End of Term 1 reports were issued.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students concluded the ISP Maths Challenge and the Virtual Buddy Exchange Programme. The Eco Warrior Club was eagerly initiated. Qatar National Library held a resource training session for Grade 7. Assessments were conducted and End of Term 1 reports issued.

"Every five-year-old kid should have a pair of happy pajamas." Heather Gudenkauf
And what better way to show them off than at a pajama picnic party at school!

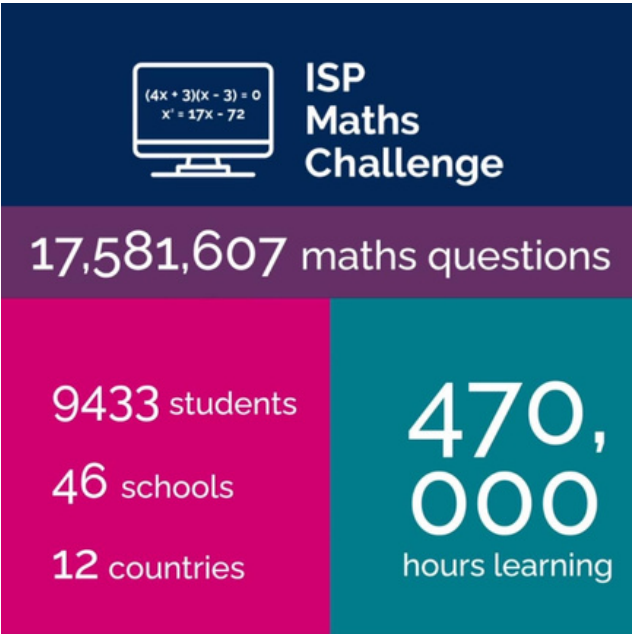


ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The ISP Maths Challenge competition was a resounding success. An incredible 9,433 ISP students from across 46 ISP schools participated in the first ISP Maths Challenge. Students came together to compete, improve their problem-solving skills and build their overall confidence in math. Utilizing the award-winning Mathletics platform, students globally competed in real-time while accumulating points.

Throughout the challenge, Hamilton students expertly proved their skills of accuracy and mathematics fluency. A special congratulations goes out to Grade 5 students John Gacho-Lopez and Tameem Al-Naimi for ranking as the top scorers in the Middle East. John successfully ranked in 1st place in the Middle East and in 8th place globally! Tameem successfully ranked 2nd place in the Middle East and in 11th place globally! This is an incredible achievement! We look forward to supporting John, Tameem and all of our students again next year in the ISP Maths Challenge.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Creans for coordinating the competition at Hamilton and leading our students in their amazing performances.



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QATAR NATIONAL DAY

Incredible class performances accentuated our festive Qatar National Day celebration. Our student performers entertained us with Qatari inspired ensembles such as Quoran readings, singing, poetry and a traditional sword dance. A heartfelt thank you to Fatma Al-Naimi for the wonderful majlis and Ayasha Musameh for the incredible, large canvases that served as a backdrop to our stage. A sincere thank you to all of the parents who contributed to make this event memorable. Last but not least, our successful event is the result of the thoughtful and dedicated leadership of our Arabic Teacher, Ms. Al Qudah.





A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

The Senior Leadership Team, and the entire Hamilton community, would like to thank Ms. Fatma Al-Naimi for the generous donation of Qatari majlis seating for our Early Years and Elementary drop off areas. These areas have quickly become pleasant gathering places for students and parents to comfortably, and safely, catchup and share meaningful conversations. The traditional Qatari pattern adds a sense of local identify which everyone loves.

Thank you!



Welcoming
places to
gather

Fatma Al-Naimi



EARLY YEARS

LET'S CELEBRATE

Our KG2 classes concluded their 'Let's Celebrate' unit with marvelous cardboard cake creations and a party. Our students actively engaged in reflection exercises where they reviewed all of the fantastic milestones that they celebrated throughout the unit. In the next term they will start their new topic called 'Water World' which has a key focus on science and geography.



KG1 GARDENING TIPS

Gardens can be an excellent place to cultivate a meaningful and fun learning experiences for children.

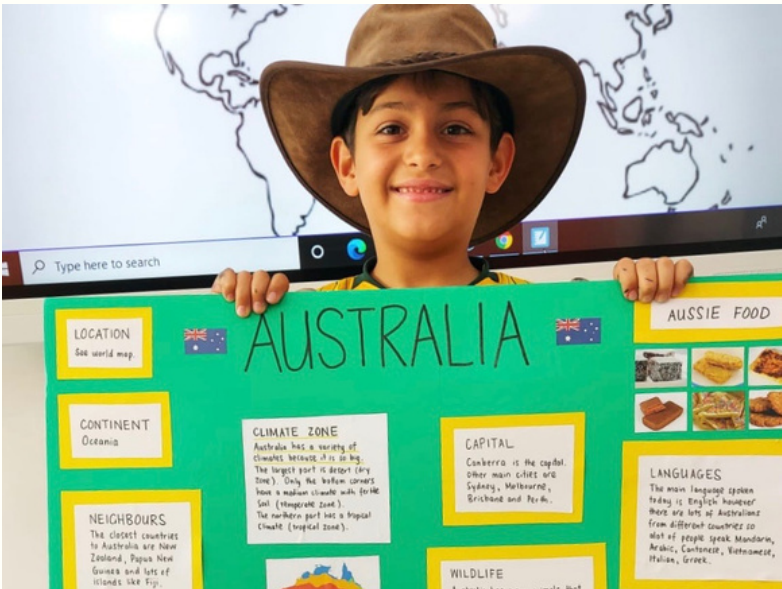
According to our KG1 students, it takes light, water and love to grow a plant from a seed. This has proven to be an excellent combination and their corn and garlic have flourished.



ELEMENTARY

OUR WORLD

Our Grade 1 students enthusiastically concluded their IPC unit 'Our World.' Their final project encompassed researching their home country, creating a poster and presenting their report to their class. This project embraced the learning objective of "respect one another's individuality and independence" while celebrating cultural diversity. Focus was placed on students getting to know their fellow classmates and discovering interesting facts, figures and foods from the various home countries from around the world.



ELEMENTARY

THE NATURE OF LIFE

Our end of term marked Grade 3 students' completion of the IPC topic 'The Nature of Life.' Students were tasked with creating a presentation of their learning on the complete life cycle this term. They certainly did not disappoint! Creative and colorful PowerPoint presentations, artistic dioramas, superbly created videos and even fantastic acting performances were all part of the wonderful conclusion to their engaging Nature of Life unit.



ELEMENTARY

ANCIENT CIVILATIONS

From the Mayans to the Romans, our Grade 4 and 5 students were immersed in engaging historical lessons incorporating math, science, research and writing. Our creative Grade 5 teachers surprised their students with an incredible play covering the anthropology of the Mayans. Learning at Hamilton is so much fun!



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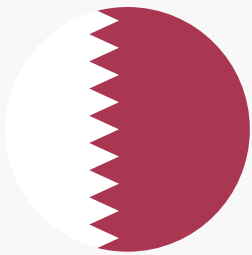
Grade 4 embarked on a chilling expedition to the Antarctica for a friendly trivia competition to introduce their next topic of Extreme Survivors.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

PROJECT PLANNING

From logistics managers to prop design engineers, our Middle School students professionally planned and successfully executed the program for our Qatar National Day celebrations. Well done!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

END OF TERM ASSESSMENTS

Excellent work in the End of Term 1 assessments by our Middle School students. They have made excellent progress in their ICT projects throughout the term and have produced professional quality designs.



QNL VIRTUAL RESOURCE SESSION

Thank you to the team at the Qatar National Library for hosting an informative resource utilization workshop for our Grade 7 students. This foundation will be essential in upcoming projects.



| JANUARY | | | | | | | | |
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| EVENTS | | SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| 3rd First Day of Term 2 - Welcome Back! | | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 12th Parent Workshop & Coffee Webinar / 8:00 - 9:00 am Topic: Enrichment support programmes at Hamilton | | | | | | | | |
| 12th Virtual Open House / 3:00 - 4:00 pm | | | | | | | | |
| 16th Stay and Play Open House / 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Early Years programme for Prospective Parents | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 17th Crazy Mask Day Students come to school with decorated masks | | First Day of Term 2 | | | | | | |
| 18th Evening Tours for Prospective Parents / 4:00 - 6:00 pm | | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 19th Parent Workshop & Coffee Webinar / 8:00 am Topic: Supporting Languages at home (French and Spanish) | | | | Parent Workshop & Coffee Morning Virtual Open House | | | | Stay and Play Open Day with Early Years Focus |
| 21st Coffee Morning for Prospective Parents / 8:00 am Sugar & Spice at Villagio | | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24th International Day of Education | | Crazy Mask Day | Evening Tours | Parent Workshop & Coffee Morning | | Coffee Morning for Prospective Parents | | |
| 25th Coffee Morning for Prospective Parents / 8:00 am The Hamilton International School | | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 / 31 |
| 26th Parent Workshop & Coffee Webinar / 8:00 am Topic: Supporting Students with English as an Additional Language | | International Day of Education | Coffee Morning for Prospective Parents | Parent Workshop & Coffee Morning | | | | |

We recognize that parents and friends are the best ambassadors for our unique style of learning and community-minded environment. To thank you for every friend that you refer to Hamilton, you will receive a QAR 1,000 discount to use towards any school related cost. This credit can be applied to tuition, outside activity providers (ASAs), bus transport, uniform or school meal purchases. Contact the Admissions Team for Terms & Conditions - admissions@this.qa.



