

Newsletter

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Welcome back to the second term of our school year and a Happy New Year to all of you. We hope that our Dutch families will enjoy the visit of their Queen, Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands and the Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Willem-Alexander and Princess Maxima.

New children

Welcome to the new children who arrived in our Pre-Nursery, Ayibaemi, Maïke, Thijs, Feïke, Elvira, Marat, Charlotte, Reina, Olivier, Rasha, Faruq, Adam, Alexander, Alexandra, Mampi, Joshua, Lucie, Nadiyya.

In Nursery we welcomed Merle and Rufus and in P1 Serge. We were happy to see Mara in DP3 and in DP5 Frits and welcomed in DP6 Nino. In IP6 we had three new children arriving, Rafa, Amulya and Ananya.

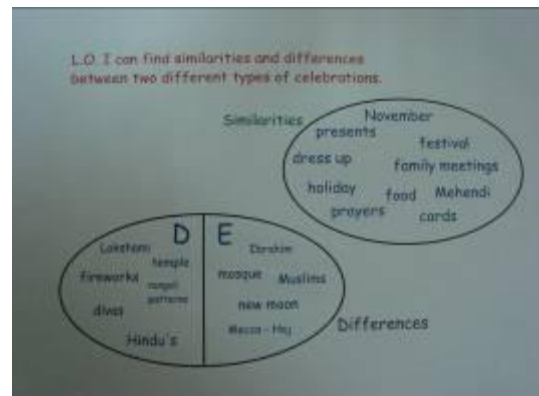
We are very happy that you have joined our great school and hope that you have a wonderful time learning with us.

Learning in IP2R

Over the past few weeks IP2R in their IPC unit of 'Celebrations' have been learning about how different cultures celebrate around the world as well as here in Oman. They have been learning that we all come from many different home countries and that we need to respect each other's individuality, independence and beliefs.



Omani National Day



Similarities and differences between Diwali and Eid



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They have looked back in their own lives to see what they have celebrated and made their own timeline of the different events. Some of the 'Celebrations' we have looked at over the term have been, Diwali, Eid, the history of Guy Fawkes, St Andrew's Day, Sinterklaas, Chinese New Year and Christmas.

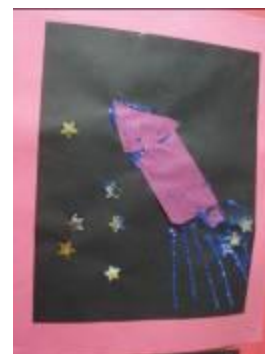


The History of Guy Fawkes



Chinese New Year 2012 is the Year of the Dragon

The children have looked at how some of these celebrations have been happening for many years. Also they have learned that some things are similar and some things can be different.



Fireworks and face paintings are used when celebrating

This week the 'Celebration' unit ended with the children planning their own end of term party and they did it all by themselves. From choosing a 'Sparkly' theme to their party, sorting out which games they would like to play, designing and making their own decorations and party hats. Also deciding what food they would like to eat. It was a well organised party and all the children had great fun!




Within Numeracy the children have recently been learning to count in different ways. As well as counting in ones to 100 forwards and backwards they have also been learning to count in twos using both odd and even numbers and in tens. The children have been doing lots of calculations in both adding and subtractions and learning how to find the answers by 'counting on'.

In Literacy we have been learning about poetry. The children are reading poems in their guided reading sessions and trying to find words that rhyme and where they find these words within the poem. They have also been looking at how poems are set out, how adjectives used to describe different things and how much punctuation is used. They love to read these poems in unison. All the poems we are reading are linked to the different senses, which was the children's first unit in IPC.

The children have had a fun filled first term in IP2 and we hope they will continue to share their learning with you at home.

PTA



Dear Parents

Please sign up to help as a general volunteer or join your compatriots in a market stall that sells your region's cuisine and/or products.

We'll provide and set up your stand, all you have to do is decorate it, bring along what you'd like to sell and operate your stall (11-2pm). You won't even have to handle any cash. It couldn't be easier!


Showcase your country, support your school community and have FUN!

Checkout PTA noticeboard or email pdoschoolpta@gmail.com to request stallholder guidelines.

PTA Events Team

Sign up board available from 14-20 Jan
Focal point meeting 21 Jan 8:15am

PDO School
International Market Day
Thursday, 26 January 2012
11:00 – 14:00 Location: PDO School Sports Field
Make sure that your country is represented



Swimming

Every first day of the month (starting 3 & 4 February) the children, who are swimming in Term 2, will need to swim with their clothes on in the swimming pool. Please make sure that these clothes are clean!

Vacancies

We are looking for qualified Primary teachers who are willing to help us with any cover for the next few months, preferably PDO spouses. If you know someone who is interested, tell them to contact the office.

We are also looking for qualified swimming instructors; please let us know if you know someone who is able to support us with this.

Important Dates

January 2012

23 January	Early Years Fun Day
26 January	PTA International Market Day
29 January	MP2/3 Sports Day

February

4 or 5 February	Prophet's Birthday – date to be confirmed
13 February	MP 1 Fun Day
14 & 15 February	Holiday
18 & 19 February	Parent-Teacher Conferences
29 February	PTA Leap Year Party

March

10-14 March	Last week of After School Activities
24 March	Reports to parents
31 March – 11 April	Holiday