

The JUNIOR REPTONIAN

Repton School Newsletter

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The Head of Juniors

Welcome back, I hope you all had a relaxing half term break. There is a lot to look forward to in a packed few weeks leading up to the Spring Break. We have Parent Meetings, internal assessments, lots of sports fixtures, instrumental concerts and Early Years and KS2 Spring Concerts. Next week we host the first of our targeted, Key Stage Arabic and Islamic forums and our next round of Parent Rep meetings follow shortly thereafter.

It has been a delight to host our friends from The Heritage School in Zimbabwe this week. Boys of different ages are here to play a series of rugby fixtures and are staying with Repton families. Thanks to all those who have supported this exchange. I hope we will be seeing a lot more of The Heritage School in the future.

KidZania



On Tuesday, 2nd February, the children in Year One were lucky to have the opportunity to visit

KidZania in Dubai Mall. KidZania is a child-sized replica of a real city where children are given a taste of leading an independent life and understanding the world of grown-ups, by being grown-ups themselves!

The fun began from the minute we checked-in, receiving a cheque for the day which was then cashed in for 'Kidzos' (official currency of KidZania) at a replica HSBC bank!



Once inside, the children were free to explore the city, some dressing up and playing the roles of doctors, police officers, news reporters and radio DJs to name a few. Those who were after more of an adventure, were to be found zooming around the Formula 1 race track or enjoying a simulated Emirates flight in the pilot's cockpit!



For those who enjoy the limelight and expressing their creative talents, there were high-glamour fashion shows, plays and painting galleries. On top of all this fun and excitement, the children also experienced simple day to day activities such as grocery shopping in the supermarket and taking the bus around the city.



Through creative and structured play, the children were encouraged to develop new skills and attitudes. From managing their own 'money' to role playing, they became more responsible, respectful and socially aware. There was something for all ages and interests and we all agreed we would have liked to spend a whole day there! All in all, the KidZania experience was enormously worthwhile and enjoyed thoroughly by the children and adults alike. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the obliging Year One mums who came along to share the fun and contributed to a fantastic school trip!

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International Day



On Wednesday, March 10th, Repton will celebrate the diverse cultures and nationalities in our school with a fun filled International Day. There will be a range of activities taking place in all the classrooms followed by feasts in every Year Level when our supportive Parent Reps will provide food from a wide range of countries.

The children are welcome to wear the national dress of their own countries or of their 'class country'. However, please encourage the children to respect cultural sensitivities and refrain from wearing short shorts and skirts and cropped tops.

On International Day, children will be collected from classrooms at 2.40pm - those with older siblings are then free to join in Senior School celebrations.

There will be no Prep and no ECAs on this day. However, ECAs which are paid for will take place as normal.

Make Up



Of late we have noticed some girls are wearing lipgloss, merrily claiming it is lip balm! (We know the difference!)

For the record, girls are not allowed to wear make-up during school time, so we would greatly appreciate support from parents and guardians in this matter.

This Week in History



1836 - Samuel Colt manufactured the first pistol, a .34-caliber.

1950 - Walt Disney's "Cinderella" was released.

1998 - It was announced that Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins would lead crew of *Columbia* on a mission to launch a large X-ray telescope. She was the first woman to command a space shuttle mission.

Website of the Week



<http://www.arkive.org/>

This site is full of amazing photos and videos of wildlife, along with facts and statistics, education pages and games. The videos and photos can be downloaded for use offline too.

Nicole Sherwood
Head of ICT

Rugby



YEAR 5 RUGBY SPRING TERM

The Year 5 rugby team has played two matches so far this term. The first, played away against Sharjah, proved to be a solid season opener with Repton winning comfortably in the end by 40 points to 0. The team used the ball well in attack and although there was some room for improvement the boys and coaching staff were pleased to come away with the victory. By the end of the match the

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forwards were starting to stamp their authority and this allowed the backline to use the full width of the pitch. Well done to Joe Roeske for being elected Captain and to Liam Darrington who was chosen as pack leader.

The second match saw Repton travelling to play DESS. This proved to be a bruising encounter with both teams throwing everything they had at each other. DESS are recognised as one of the leading teams in the league and they proved this with a display of hard running and tackling rugby. The match flowed backwards and forwards and both teams had opportunities to score in the first half. Repton squandered what was possibly the best chance of the half, but they also put up a fine defensive display to prevent DESS from scoring through their forwards seconds from the half time whistle.

The second half proved even more physical than the first and it is with great pride that I can report that Repton's Year 5's played magnificently to emerge as winners with a score of 5-0. The winning try was scored by newcomer Max Mikkola, who benefitted from a solid platform created by his forwards. An extremely pleasing aspect of this game was the spirit shown by Repton, and a real desire to win was evident throughout the match. In true Repton style players supported each other and without

exception this was a 'team' victory. A word of thanks to our captain Joe Roeske who was injured and unable to play, but who still made the trip to watch and support the team. A final word of thanks to all of the Year 5 boys who turn out for training on Sundays and Tuesdays: the boys have been giving 100% effort and without doubt any victories are shared by the whole squad. There is great competition for places and this ultimately will help to maintain the competitive edge. Thank you boys for a great start to the season; keep up the hard work.

Mr. Brown & Mr. Vipond

ECAs

Please note that only paid ECA's will go ahead on **Wednesday, 10th March:**

Tennis
Mini Tennis
Shaolin Kung Fu
Horse riding

All other ECAs are cancelled on this day to allow the children to join in the International Day celebrations.

Music Department



Music Department Parents Meeting - Junior School

The Music department will be hosting a parents meeting on

Sunday, 28th March from 2:45 pm to give you the opportunity to meet with your son/daughter's instrumental teachers. We will organize the afternoon via an appointment system to avoid lengthy queuing, so please fill in and **return the slip on the letter sent home** to nominate your preferred time slot if you wish to attend. The teacher will record in your son/daughters music notebook a time confirming a reserved five minute slot within this time frame if possible.

The meeting will be held in D Block - top floor - the Arch Gallery and will finish at 4:45 pm prompt, which gives a two hour window in which to arrange an appointment. This meeting is 'in lieu' of a written report at the end of this term, but you will receive these annually in December and June.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 28th.

Nic Firth

A Pause for Thought



We are like tea bags - we don't know our own strength until we're in hot water.

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Car Boot Sale

On Saturday, March the 27th, Repton Senior School is holding a car boot sale in the Junior School car park. The aim is to raise money for the different House charities.

If you would like to reserve a slot for that day, please contact:

anne.dadswell@reptondubai.org

This is the ideal time to get rid of those unwanted items that we all have!

Car Parking

To help safeguard our children and in the interest of common courtesy, I ask you not to double park anywhere in or around the school. Such action, for short term convenience, will certainly cause aggravation for others and could well result in a lifetime of remorse if a child is injured as a result.

The Calendar



March 7th: Junior School Assessment Week.

March 10th: International Day

March 11th: Dubai College primary Schools Athletics Year 3 & 4; Arabic Department Assembly.