

# The JUNIOR REPTONIAN

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## Head of Juniors

After a short, albeit well deserved break, we returned to school ready to tackle the busy time that lies ahead.

The Arabic Department are holding their Quran competition this Thursday, the first of its kind at Repton and one which we hope will be repeated in the years to come. More about this in next week's Junior Reptonian.

At the start of next week, the children in the Junior School will sit assessment papers in Mathematics and English, the last 'tests' before they move to their new classes in September. When completed, I have no doubt that we will all be thrilled at the children's progress over the year; they have worked extremely hard and so have their teachers.

Finally, I appeal once again to all parents and drivers to please drive with utmost caution in the vicinity of the school and to park with care and consideration for others. We will shortly be implementing changes to improve our Junior School car park, introducing an exit gate and one way system to make the car park safer for pedestrians and less congested for cars in the area closest to the school gate.

## Botswana Orphanage



The Repton Junior School Car Boot Sale held last term, provided a fun morning for all who attended and raised some much needed money for The Tumelong Day Care Centre, in Botswana through 'The Flying Mission'. Above and below are some wonderful photos of the orphans who attend the Centre each proudly wearing a tracksuit bought for them with money received from Repton Car Boot Sale. The poster at the back in the top picture says, 'Thank you Repton!'

*Emma Hitchcock*



## A Taste of Repton



'A Taste of Repton' is a fabulous compilation of Junior School pupils' favourite recipes containing over 250 mouth-watering dishes from around the World.

Get your copy ready for the summer! It is on sale now from Junior School Reception at the special price of AED 20.

*Sally Solomon*

## Year 4 Remembers

I can't believe we are at the end of another academic year! As always, we have done so much. Each weekly gathering sees 160 children and all the staff get together as a Year Group. It is a special time whether there is a class assembly or the Music Department coming up to do some songs with the children.

4MK delighted us with interesting facts about Dubai and even included me in a rap! 4T were "up to the minute" with their choice of subject -

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Recycling. I'm always amazed how the children manage to give such a professional performance with only a short time to rehearse. Parents who join us are so pleased to see the obvious enjoyment and confidence that their children display.

This year I've particularly encouraged children to come to the front and share their achievements in and out of school. Often this involves a disciplined approach to practising as well as doing homework and activities. Jamie Cook delighted us by singing two songs, as an example of the high standard that was displayed in the Year 4 Concert in March. Every child performed brilliantly and it was only the parents who showed any sign of nerves!



Before we broke up for Easter a large number of children from the year group went on The Green Turtles Camp excellently organised by Miss Timmis. All the teachers accompanied their forms and we all delighted in setting up camp, kayaking, canoeing and looking at the fauna and flora in Kalba.



In addition of course, was the highlight of the trip - cruising on a dhow in the Arabian Gulf until we moored in a beautiful secluded bay. From there, we jumped into the water, snorkelled and fished to our heart's content!



What a life and what an experience! We finished off by visiting a Hawk Centre, actually holding the magnificent birds and learning all about them. We even spotted someone else who had joined the audience, but flew high up above our heads free as a bird!



All of this makes us realise that the children are almost ready to leave the Junior School behind, as they head for the Prep School after another successful year.

*Susan Marsden*  
*Head of Year 4*

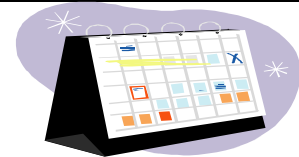
## A Pause for Thought



"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."

*Abraham Lincoln*

## The Calendar



**May 30<sup>th</sup>:** Junior School assessment week.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Assemblies 3CG, 4FB, 5MW, 6NE