



# Newsletter

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The new term is well underway now and lots of new things are taking place at REA.

- The House System is underway.
- Cambridge International Education (CIE) have welcomed the school as a member.
- The PTA Committee has been put together.
- Term 2 Projects are being completed.
- The date for the next Teacher Parent Meeting has been set.
- IEYC (International Early Years Curriculum) staff training continues.

## House System

This is a way of organising pupils so that they work together as a group, support each other and compete against other Houses. We have 4 Houses – Al Ali, Al Huroub, Kanafani, Touqan – named after significant Palestinian people. Each pupil has been placed in a House with a Captain and Vice Captain. These were voted by the House and this process introduced the idea of democracy and elections to pupils.

The aim is to get as many points for the House throughout the year through events, merits in class for good work, notable achievements. Of course they can also lose points through not wearing correct uniform, poor behaviour etc. One role of the House Captains and Vice Captains is to encourage the House members to ‘do the right things’.

It is now not only teachers who encourage high standards, but also the other pupils in the school.

## CIE

When I joined REA I knew from the start that Cambridge would be keen to have us join them. They acknowledge the quality we have already established and we are now in a position to offer IGCSE exams and A Levels as the school grows



## Term 2 Projects

As expected these are proving very popular with pupils and staff. They are allowing pupils to express their knowledge skills and understanding of topics in a way that examinations do not. They get an opportunity to work together to compile a piece of work and they can create their own finished product. Projects like these put them in control of their own learning rather than being controlled by an examination paper.

## School Uniform

During the winter months school uniform always becomes an issue with children feeling the change in weather in different ways. We have some pupils in shirt sleeves and others dressed in Arctic survival clothes. This is perfectly acceptable, but please ensure that SCHOOL TROUSERS, SKIRTS, SHIRTS and JUMPERS are worn for indoors. We have many visitors to school and I want the correct impression of the school to be on show at all times.

## Teacher / Parent Meeting Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am – 3.00pm

School is closed for pupils allowing parents ample time to speak to the teachers of all subjects. Teachers will be available for 6 hours.

### PTA

We have 6 parents and 6 teachers who volunteered for the Committee of the PTA and they will be holding their first meeting on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. Full details of the composition of the Committee will be circulated to all parents after that meeting.



The growth of the **KG IEYC** curriculum continues. REA is now the only West Bank school fully accredited with IEYC and CIE.

### Enrolment Sept 2017

The number of new enquires and actual payments for September is extremely encouraging. So far we have done no official promotional work and yet we have over 50 enquiries from parents wanting to join the school. We will not be offering any more than 150 places in Y1- 6 so it is **VITAL** that current parents who wish to stay with the school **REGISTER their children NOW**. Contact Muna (Admissions Officer) to reserve your place.

### Pupil performance between October reports and December.

See the website for evidence of the improvement in grades. The percentage of Grade As in each year group has leapt in 3 months.



### School Donation to Froush Beit Dajan School. Area C

We had an amazing reaction to our donation of equipment to this school in the Jordan Valley. The Director of Education in Nablus congratulated the school as the first private school to offer such support. The school itself put on a great reception for our pupils staff and parent. It is an inspiring school facing all kinds of challenges and our pupils will gain a lot from our links with it. Despite the differences in facilities our values and aspirations for the pupils of Palestine are the same.



**Register for September 2107 now to avoid disappointment**