

# Explorers' Class

*E-Newsletter*



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### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **1st July**- Last Day of School Year 2020-2021
  - **1st September**- First Day of School Year 2021-2022
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What a year it has been! I remember the first time I met the children and it was on a Zoom call! Then the rollercoaster of the new academic year began. I am lucky and honest enough to say this has been such a beautiful, fun and kind group of children and we have enjoyed the learning journey together.

I remember the first few days when schools were allowed to open. The children decided that the Good Morning Train song was their favourite and we still continue to sing it every morning together. Our first term was learning 'All About Me' and investigating how tall we were, explaining what our favourite food is and colours were and telling each other our favourite activities.

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The second term began in our new classroom, allowing us to explore our new surroundings, extend our play and learning outdoors and greet the animals every morning. The children all knew each other by name, and we began to use the art room more. We learned how to get messy as well as listen to our classmates and share our toys. We ended the term with virtual learning and home packs, but we continued to see each other daily and sing our favourite songs and stories together.

During the last term we were lucky to be able to have a lot of it in school. We welcomed some new classmates and I noticed a huge improvement in the children's language, communication and social skills. As a class we discovered and learned about different animals and habitats and had so much fun moving like jungle animals and discovering what we can find in the ocean.



Unfortunately, the school year ended online and yet again we greeted each other through Zoom. The home learning packs allowed the children the opportunity to learn and communicate with one another.

It has been a journey and I will miss our daily circle times, our imaginative play in the garden, our daily chats during snack time and my warm hugs in the morning. Good Luck on your next journey Explorers!

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# Arabic Class

This year, The Explorers practiced greetings, and learned to introduce themselves to each other. They also learned the names of their body parts and discovered their five senses. The children love singing the Marhaba and Alsalam songs. We learned the days of the week and practised counting from 1-10. The children enjoyed learning so much that we even learned the names of colours, shapes, fruits, vegetables and animals. The children were very enthusiastic when singing songs and taking in part in the celebrations of Bahrain's rich heritage and culture. We will definitely have more fun with Arabic next year!

I wish you a summer holiday full of rest and relaxation.



# Our Journey Together



# End of School Year Message From Our Executive Principal

Dear Parents,

I seriously do not know where to start, it has been such a rollercoaster of a year for children, parents and staff. During this turbulent time you have fully supported us during the highs and the lows, the opening and the closing throughout the year. EtonHouse cannot thank you all enough for your wonderful support. We were very honoured this year to receive the "Best Pre School in Bahrain Award" from a major UK Education group.

During the year we have seen many old and many new faces, we even added an extra classroom on site to accommodate the demand. Our KG opened this year and we have expanded rapidly with several more classes opening in September.

It has been amazing to see how resilient the children have been during the year and embracing EtonHouse each day as they walk into school. EtonHouse has been one of the very few schools in Bahrain to have not had an outbreak of COVID-19, we have followed all the Ministry Guidelines and even implemented some of our own to ensure the health and safety of everyone.

I have observed daily how the children have developed rapidly in their physical, social and emotional development throughout the year. It was amazing to see how they engaged and interacted with their teachers and peers each day. It has been very difficult for all of us not to have our "normal" events where parents could attend and participate but we do have hope for the new academic year.

We hope you have enjoyed watching your children engaging in activities through our school app with videos and images, enabling you to share the memories with your families.

Our school Year Book will be ready for collection from Sunday and we do hope you will enjoy reading it. I will be in touch regarding the Summer Camp for those families staying in Bahrain as soon as we get approval from the Ministry.

We are looking forward to September, we have already prepared some of our planning, events and activities. There will be many new children at both schools and we look forward to building new relationships with those families. We are excited about our new purpose built Primary and High School project which should be completed 2022.

I am always available throughout the summer holidays if parents have any concerns. We wish the students who are moving on out of Bahrain a smooth transition to their new locations and schools.

For those of you who are travelling, be safe, take care, and have a wonderful holiday and see you in September.

Regards,

Carol Ann Pedersen