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HEADTEACHER NEWS



Roald Dahl Day

5 Interesting Facts About Roald Dahl

1. He invented more than 500 new words and names

Calling his invented language Gobblefunk, Dahl created hundreds of new words ("froboscottle") and names (Oompa Loompas) to embellish his vividly original worlds.

2. The Chocolate Factory is inspired by Cadbury's

When he was a child, Cadbury's chocolate company would taste-test their treats at Dahl's school. The young Dahl dreamed of creating his own chocolate recipe that would impress Mr Cadbury himself.

3. He worked alongside James Bond's creator

During his time as a British intelligence officer in WWII, Dahl worked with another spy named Ian Fleming. Fleming later wrote the James Bond books as well as "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang", which Dahl adapted for the big screen.

4. Dahl wrote for Playboy

Though best known as a children's author, Dahl wrote many short stories for adults. His R-rated work was published in a variety of magazines including Playboy.

5. Dahl contributed to neurosurgery research

After his four-month-old son was struck by a cab and left suffering from hydrocephalus, Dahl poured his time and energy into helping to develop a device to treat the condition.

*I would like to thank all of the VES community for your wonderful support regarding Roald Dahl day. As a result of your positivity towards your children, our students had an amazing day.



After School Activities

We are delighted to inform you that our school's ASA programme will commence on the 26th of September 2021 and will end on the 8th December 2021.

We will be offering a 10-week programme from Years 1 -13 to the on-site students ONLY. You will be able to choose your child's ASA club choice through 'Breeze'.

The 'window' for all clubs will open on SATURDAY 18th September at 12.00p.m.

*Note that your child's club choice will operate on a first come first served basis system as we have limited student numbers for all activities.

Please follow the below instructions: -

1. Log into your personal child's account.
2. An icon will automatically 'pop' up stating that 'you have not signed up for any activities as yet'.
3. Click the 'choose one now' message.
4. Click the 'sign up' icon in the top right corner.
5. Click 'select activity'.
6. Please choose the activity club that you would like your child to attend by selecting the appropriate choice.
9. The ASA programme will take place on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
10. Most sessions are 'capped' between 15-30 students per class (first come, first served basis).
12. If a club is at full capacity your child will be placed on a 'waiting list'.
13. ASA activities timings - 2:15 - 3:15p.m.



EXPO 2020

Our objectives



Innovation

Make Expo 2020 Dubai an engine of global innovation that both inspires and acts as a catalyst for creative and scalable solutions.



Partnerships

Establish a network for collaboration between nations, organisations and innovators via shared global challenges.



Impact

Create tangible and quantifiable impact to improve the lives of people around the world by supporting the development and transfer of new solutions.



Engagement

Engage participants and stakeholders by 'Connecting Minds' to support solutions across Expo's subthemes.

We are very excited to inform you that Expo 2020 is scheduled for the opening dates of 1st October 2021 – 31 March 2022. We have now registered for the event as we will be taking all of the students as soon as we can.

Understanding Expo

We all have the power to build a better world and shape the future. Discover what makes Expo 2020 Dubai unique and how we're 'Connecting Minds and Creating the Future' through sustainability, mobility and opportunity.

World Peace Day

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

In 2021, as we heal from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are inspired to think creatively and collectively about how to help everyone recover better, how to build resilience, and how to transform our world into one that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and healthier.

The pandemic is known for hitting the underprivileged and marginalized groups the hardest. By April 2021, over 687 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered globally, but over 100 countries have not received a single dose. People caught in conflict are especially vulnerable in terms of lack of access to healthcare.

In line with the Secretary-General's appeal for a global ceasefire last March, in February 2021 the Security Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for the Member States to support a "sustained humanitarian pause" to local conflicts. The global ceasefire must continue to be honoured, to ensure people caught in conflict have access to lifesaving vaccinations and treatments.

In support of this day, we will be encouraging all staff and students to be dressed in WHITE!

We very much thank you for your support.

