

# The British School - Muscat

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To: All Nursery Parents

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Dear Parents

## **Every Child Matters: Cultural Diversity: Greeting Banner**

We have many nationalities in our Nursery Unit and we like to celebrate our cultural diversity in many ways. We shall be asking for your help with this throughout the year.

It is very important that each child feels that their mother tongue is valued. We ask parents to get involved with this by firstly helping their child make a banner at home. The banner should have a greeting in your native language e.g. 'Good Morning!' or 'Hello!' or 'Welcome!' If English is your native language, don't forget the more colloquial phrases e.g. we have had banners that read 'G' Day Mate!' or 'Hi ya!' or 'How's it going?' etc.

We shall be giving each child a piece of card to bring home so that you can make a banner to share with the year group. The banners will be displayed throughout the Unit and hopefully serve to make all feel welcome! Please be as creative as you wish with the making of the banner. In the past, some people have painted/ crayoned/ made a collage of the greeting. Please help your child's teacher to pronounce your greeting properly by writing a phonetic version of the greeting on the back of the banner.

Would you kindly attach a passport photo of your child to your banner? This will help the children identify different banners.

## **Celebrating Eid**

We shall shortly be having our Eid holiday! As part of our 'Every Child Matters' agenda, we value all cultures and religions represented within our school community. Therefore, we would like to invite a Muslim parent in to each class to explain to the children how they celebrated Eid. If you are able and willing to do this after the Eid holiday, please let your child's teacher know. It would be great if you could show the children some photos of your child celebrating Eid. If you put the photos onto a memory stick, then we can show the children by using the interactive white board.

## **Learning Journeys**

We will soon start to create pages with your child to be added to their learning journey. This will be a record of their interests and achievements during their year in the Nursery. Could you please provide us with a recent passport photo of your child to be attached to the cover of the learning journey?

Sincerely,

**Nina Benjamin**  
Foundation Stage Leader

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