

The British School - Muscat

'An Outstanding School' - Inspectors 2009

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To: All Year 5 and 6 Parents

7th September 2009

Dear Parents

British Schools of the Middle East Games – Cairo 2010 17th – 21st March 2010

It is proposed for the school to take part in this year's BSME Games, hosted by the British International School Cairo, on the above dates. (dates to be confirmed)

We are hoping to take approximately 24 children from Year 5 and 6 and possibly a few other children from other year groups depending on their ability.

The activities on offer at the Games are: Swimming (mixed), Athletics (mixed), Basketball (mixed), Football (boys), and Netball (girls).

This year we are starting the training in September to enable the children to be better prepared for this event. The children will initially practice all the events that they might take part in, with the exception of swimming which will be a separate program. To start with the training will be open to those children who would like to be considered for the games from Years 5 and 6 up to a maximum of 50 who will form a training squad. The final squad (maximum 24) would then be picked from the training squad before the end of term 1 and then this squad would continue to train in term 2 up to the games. At this stage it would still be possible to 'pull out' if you decided that you did not wish for your child to attend the games.

If you would like your child to take part in the training squad they must be able to attend **both** training sessions. The training sessions are on a **Sunday 3:00pm – 4:00pm Astro turf – Athletics** and on a **Tuesday 2:00pm – 3:00pm Astro turf and Sports Hall – Netball, Football**. This information can also be found in the After School Activity Booklet which will be emailed to you on Saturday 12th September.

I am also holding an information afternoon on **Sunday 13th September from 2:15pm in the Multi Purpose Room**. This will be an opportunity to find out more information about the event and to ask any questions, before making the decision to join the training squad. This informal meeting is for both parents and children.

If you would like your child to be part of the training squad and he or she can attend both training sessions every week, please complete the reply slip below and return it to Mrs. Doyle in the Primary School Office by **Wednesday 16th September**. If these activities are over subscribed we will let you know before they begin on **Sunday 27th September**.

The main factor, we believe, in a child's participation in the games, will be down to the cost involved and participation in number of activities. Whilst we endeavor to make our selection based on children who can take part in more than one event, this may not always be the case. The trip will have a huge focus on the whole team and of supporting one another.

At the time of writing I have no detailed information about the cost of the trip. As soon as I have any further information about the cost, I will let you know. The cost will be fully inclusive of hotel stay, food, drink, kit, insurance and flights. We are currently looking for sponsorship for this event to reduce the cost and ask if any parents are in a position to assist with this, please contact Mrs. Reeves, should this be the case, as soon as possible.

Parents are welcome to come to the Games and support, but may not accompany their child during the travelling and stay in Cairo.

Sincerely,

Jenny Reeves
Primary PE Coordinator

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Child's Name:

Class:

I / We, agree for my child to take part in the BSME Training Squad (on Sunday's and Tuesday's) for the BSME Games 2010, in Cairo. I / We understand that by attending the training sessions, it does not necessarily mean that my child will be selected to attend the games, as part of the final squad.

Date of Birth: _____ Contact Tel: _____

Nationality: _____ (for visa purposes)

Signed: _____ (Parent / Guardian)

Print name: _____

Date: _____ 2009

Please return to Mrs Doyle in the Primary Office by 2:00pm Wednesday 16th September 2009.

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Dear Parents

Trips and Activities - Terms and Conditions- 2009 – 2010

The School offers a number of fee paying trips and activities to students throughout the year.

If you wish your child to attend any of these you will be requested to register your intention with the School by signing the return slip attached to this letter.

Please be advised of the following:-

1. Once the return slip is signed, returned to the teacher organising the activity or trip and the specified deposit paid to the Accounts Department the School will consider this as a firm commitment that your child intends participating in the trip or activity, and that either you as a parent or your child will meet all deadlines involved with the said trip or activity.
2. Once the trip has been confirmed as viable an invoice will be raised for the full amount of the trip.
3. Full payment is required on or before the date specified in the invoice. If this is not received then your child's place on the trip or activity will be forfeit together with any deposit paid.
4. Once full payment is made it will not be possible to cancel and receive a refund unless there are specific medical grounds and a letter from the doctor or hospital involved is produced. In this case a refund will be given up to the amount that the School is able to reclaim from the company or companies involved with organising the trip or activity.
5. Signing and returning the reply constitutes acceptance of the Terms and Conditions stated above.

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