

**Subject: RE: Hello from St Clement's Academy**

Dear Year 5

Greetings from Saudi Arabia. Thanks for your e mail...we don't get that many addressed to us as a class.

We've been back to school for two weeks now and it's going quite well. The weather has been very [VERY] hot though and we haven't been able to play outside. That's ok though, Mr O'Connor [our teacher] lets us play on our i-pads at breaks. Don't tell Mrs Brown though, she says we shouldn't...

We only have one teacher in our class but there are 5 classes in year 5 and some of us have Mr O'Connor all the time, but most of us go to a different teacher for maths. We also have a different teacher for PE, French, Music, Arabic and IT. That's a lot of teachers! Most of them are ok, Mr O'Connor thinks he's funny, but he isn't as funny as he thinks he...we don't tell him though, why upset the man? ;-}

We have a system at our school called REACH [Respect, Excellence, Accountability, Challenge, Excellence] and we get a point each time we do one of those things. The person in primary and secondary with the most REACH points at the end of the year gets an i-pad. Mr O'Connor is pretty good at handing out the points, but we have to remind him sometimes.

Now as to your questions:

- What is school like in Saudi Arabia?
- **It's quite a big school for numbers We are a Primary and a Secondary school and each year in Primary has five classes with about 21 kids in each class. We follow the same lessons as you do for Literacy, History, Science, Geography and Mathematics as we use the British Curriculum.**
- What languages do you speak at home and learn at school?
- **WOW! Great question. In school we speak English, but we learn French and Arabic as well. At home we speak English, Arabic, French, Irish, German, Urdu, Dutch, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi and Romanian. We are an international school so we have a lot of nationalities here.**
- What languages can you learn in secondary school?
- **French, Spanish, Arabic, German, Spanish, Chinese, Italian**
- What are the school lunches? Are they tasty?
- **We don't have a canteen or school lunches in Primary, so we all bring in our own lunch. The teachers and Sixth Form students have a tuck shop where they can get meals. The teachers seem to eat a lot of chips...**
- Do you have any school trips and, if so, where do you go?
- **Each year in KS2 Primary has a trip in Saudi Arabia [we camp out in the desert for ours-it gets really cold] and one in another country. Year 5 goes to Wales for a water sports holiday. Other year groups can go to Borneo, Sri Lanka and skiing in Austria.**
- What equipment do you have in the playground?
- **We can paly football, but that's about it. We are trying to get more stuff though.**
- Can you tell us about your school day?
- **It's probably like yours, but Mr O says he will attach our timetable and you can see for yourselves.**

**So, that's us, can we be lazy and ask you the same questions.**

**Do get back to us**

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