Primary DIAlogue

Newsletter

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Head of Primary's Message

Dear Parents,

DSIB Inspection Highlights Our School's Vibrancy

This week marked our annual DSIB inspection. It was yet another opportunity for us to display the essence of what makes DIA exceptional. The inspection team was thoroughly impressed, particularly noting the extensive range of opportunities available to our students. Whether it be in leadership, sports, performing arts, or academics, the breadth of activities and the commitment to nurturing our students' growing talents were standout features that garnered high praise.

Flag Day Celebrations Led by Students

Our Flag Day assemblies, led by our Year 4 and 5 Emirati students, were a rich cultural tapestry that engaged and educated our Year 1 - 6 students. They did an outstanding job of explaining the significance of this national day, the symbolism behind the UAE flag, and imparting wider cultural knowledge. These moments of student-led initiatives is another example of our approach to student led learning and community involvement.

Interactive Storytelling with Booktopia

The youngest of our students, in KG2, Year 1, and Year 2, were treated to the enchanting interactive story 'Monkey Puzzle', brought to life by Booktopia. It's experiences like these that ignite a love for reading and storytelling in our students from an early age.

Sports Triumphs Continue

Our athletes have been exemplary in representing DIA again this week. The swimming team made waves at the DASSA swim meet, showcasing their prowess by dominating the competition. Meanwhile, our netball team celebrated a sweet victory, bringing a particularly wry smile as it was against my former school. Their success is a testament to why we are the reigning champions as the best sporting school in Dubai, by Royal Decree.

KG1 Blossoms

In an equally heartwarming update, our KG1 students have been busy gardeners, caring for an array of flowers that have transformed our outdoor areas into vibrant spaces of life and color. With the weather cooling, this hands-on learning experience is full of awe and wonder in teaching our youngest minds the importance of caring for their environment. It's a joy to watch them take such pride in nurturing their plants and, in turn, fostering their sense of responsibility towards the natural world.



DIA: Best IB School in the UAE

And the accolades continue! It brings me immense joy to share that DIA has been named THE BEST IB SCHOOL IN THE UAE at the SchoolsCompared and Which School Advisor Awards 2023-2024. This prestigious recognition is a reflection of our unwavering commitment to excellence in international education.

30 by 30

This week marked the start of Dubai's 30 by 30 initiative, and numerous students from our community actively participated in the scheduled morning workouts and walkathons. As the city embarked on this health and fitness challenge, our students embraced the opportunity to engage in physical activities, contributing to the collective commitment to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Celebrating Diwali with Community Support

Wrapping up the week, I'd like to extend a special thank you to the parents, teachers and students who brought the Festival of Lights into our classrooms. The contributions to the Diwali celebrations added a wonderful richness to our cultural tapestry. From KG1 decorating all their doors, music coming into school, dancing this morning at Footloose Friday, to our celebration assembly and class activities, the creativity, joy, and understanding shared have not only enlightened our understanding of this festival but have also strengthened the bonds within our diverse DIA family. It is this spirit of community and shared celebration that truly makes our school a unique place to learn and grow.

For those of who no doubt have an incredibly full schedule of Diwali activities, have a wonderful and prosperous celebration.

Kind regards, Tom Collar







Comm's Corner



YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KGZ

YEAR 4

STUDENT COUNCIL

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

VEAR 2

YEAR 6



NOTICES

- Click for the <u>lanyards order form</u> Kindly contact helpdesk@diadubai.com for any assistance.
- World Science Day is on 16th November.
- Winter Beat and Bop Schedule



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SEPTEMBER 2023						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

BEAT & BOP Winter Performance schedule 4-7 December 2023 KG1- Year 6

Timings	4 th Dec	5 th Dec	6 th Dec
Lesson 2	Year 1A, B	Year 3A, B	Year 5A, B
8:35-9:30 am	Year 2A, B	Year 4A, B	Year 6A, B
Lesson 4	Year 1C, D, E	Year 3C, D, E	Year 5C, D, E
10:45-11:40 am	Year 2C, D	Year 4C, D	Year 6C, D
Lesson 6	Year 1F, G	Year 3F, G	Year 5F, G,
13:15-14:10 pm	Year 2E, F, G	Year 4E, F, G	Year 6E, F, G

7 th Dec
All KG 2 classes
8:00-9:00 am
All KG1 classes
9:30-10:30 am

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
59	30 BOOK FAIR WEEK KG1-YEAR 6. THIS RUNS ALLWEEK UNTIL THE 3RD. BOOK FAIR AT KG1 CAMPUS PRIMARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - NO SCHOOL	31 BOOK FAIR AT KG1 CAMPUS	01	02 DIVERSITY DAY - ADHD AWARENESS	03 .LAST DAY FOR BOOK FAIR.	04
05	90	07	80	60	10 WILD WADI EVENT 7- 10 PM	
12	13 EARLY FINISH FOR PRIMARY 1:15PM FINISH.	14 WELLBEING WEEK DRESS UP - PYJAMMAS	15 KG2-YEAR 3 MAGIC PHIL AT DIA AL BARSHA. TICKETS ON OUR PAYMENT PORTAL.	16 WORLD SCIENCE DAY DRESS AS A SCIENTIST, INVENTOR, INVENTION	17 SPORTS NON- UNIFORM IN HONOUR OF THE CRICKET WORLD CUP. VOLUNTARY 10 AED DONATION TO GIVE	<u>∞</u>
<u>0</u>	YEAR 4 TO 6 ARABIC IBT ASSESSMENTS WILL BE THIS WEEK. EXACT DAYS TBC. WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY DETAILS TBC	21 KG1 TRIP TO JUMEIRAH ZABEEL SARAY	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 UAE NATIONAL DAY ASSEMBLY.	O1 COMMEMORATION DAY - NO SCHOOL	02 UAE NATIONAL DAY

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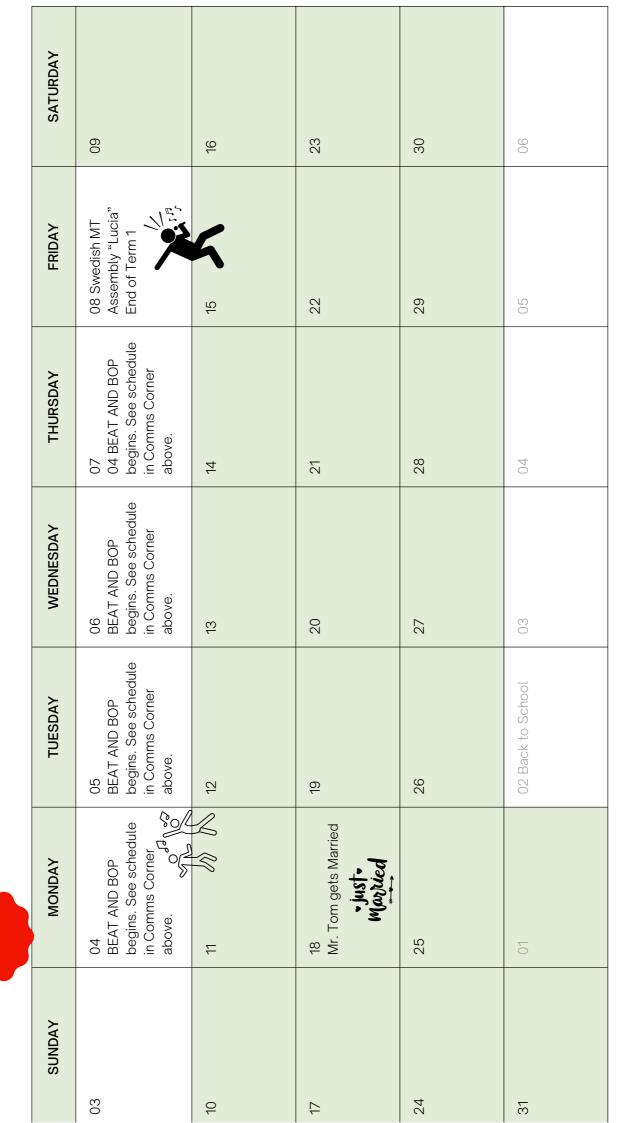




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2023



TAKING ACTION

Has your child been taking action out of school?
Then we want to know about it so we can celebrate it on our displays in school... It can be anything from beach cleaning, to helping stray animals...

Please complete the form below:

https://forms.office.com/r/TwFvUcrt0Z



Tysha (5A) regularly rounds up any toys that she no longer needs and donates them to a local charity.



Michael (3A) is committed to creating a cleaner planet.
Here he is on his recent kayaking trip collecting any litter he saw.



Mya (2E) loved volunteering her time to help paint the Kiss and Drop area.



Guillermo (4A) went to Nepal over the midterm break and donated his unneeded clothes for children at a local school.



Naisa (2E) is always showing care and kindness to others. Here she is handing a car cleaner some money as an extra thank you for his hardwork.



In the build up to UAE National Day the Art team would like to offer the students an opportunity to create and display a 3D piece of sustainable art, linked to the UAE.



Links could include:
UAE Colour
Monuments
Iconic Buildings
Landscapes
Plant pots
Abstract with UAE colour



This is a non-competitive optional opportunity in the spirit of community creativity. Each piece can be contributed to by the whole family

Notes:

- Label all artwork clearly with name (or family name) and class (classes) on a white strip at the font.
- Give art to your child's art teacher.
- While we do try to return artwork after display, please note this is not always possible.

Deadline: Monday 20th November



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We are excited to have an exclusive competition for the parents of Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills in partnership with Reels Cinema, Springs Souk and Emaar Community Malls.

The first 30 people to visit Reels Cinema, Springs Souk and take a photo with the 'Wish' advertising board, shown below:







RULES

Win Tickets to see the new Disney Movie 'Wish' before it's official release date – join us at 7pm on 22nd November 2023 at Reel Cinema, Springs Souk.

We are pleased to be partnering with Reel Cinema to give away 30 pairs of tickets for 1 adult and 1 child to see the new Disney movie 'Wish'!

For your chance to win:

Like the @reelcinemabyemaar facebook page
Like the @Emaarcommunitymalls page
Take a photo of your child at the 'Wish' stand outside Reel Cinemas at Springs Souk and post it in the comments on our Facebook post.

PADIA
Winter Souk

Thursday December 7th 2023 4pm Onwards

> Dubai International Academy Emirates Hills



Arts & Craft - Books - Toys - Gifts - Clothes - Jewellery Electronics - Sustainable Vendors - Food & Drinks - Music Raffle Draw

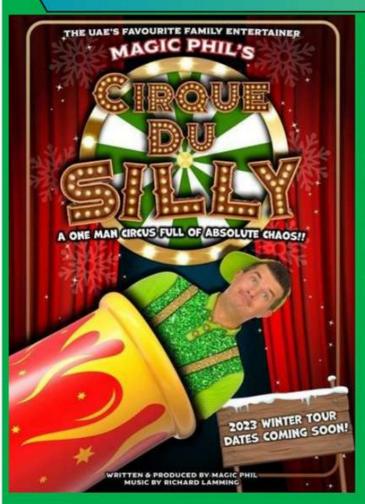
Registration: https://forms.office.com/r/WVWLRGhD7Z Enquiry: padiadubai@gmail.com



DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY
DREAM () INSPIRE () ACHIEVE

Cirque Du Silly by Magic Phil Coming to DIA 15th November 2023





CLAIMED TO BE UAE'S NO. 1 CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER, IT IS A HIT WITH FAMILIES AROUND THE MIDDLE EAST. HE CAN BE SEEN ROUTINELY PERFORMING AT SOME OF DUBAI'S BIGGEST FAMILY BRUNCHES, SHOPPING MALLS, FAMILY EVENTS, SCHOOLS, AND OTHER VENUES, AS WELL AS SELLING OUT THEATRES EVERY CHRISTMAS WITH HIS OWN FESTIVE TOUR.

BEST KNOWN FOR HIS CHILDREN'S RADIO SHOW 'THE LAUGHTER NOON DRIVE' ON PEARL FM, HIS APPEARANCES AT THE EMIRATES LITERATURE FESTIVAL WITH HIS BEST-SELLING CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND MULTIPLE APPEARANCES ON NICKELODEON, OSN, DUBAI ONE AND COMEDY CENTRAL HE CERTAINLY LEAVES A SUPER SILLY IMPRESSION TO ALL HIS LITTLE FANS.

MAGIC PHIL IS THE CELEBRITY COLUMNIST FOR TIME OUT UAE KIDS WHERE YOU CAN READ ALL HIS LATEST JOKES, FUNNY STORIES AND LAUGH OUT LOUD AT HIS RIDDLES

HIS CHRISTMAS 2023 THEME IS 'CIRQUE DU SILLY'.

We have the opportunity to host
Magic Phil at DIA- Al Barsha
auditoriums, allowing children in
KG2 to Y3 to visit and see exclusive
presentations on 15th November.

If you wish your child to attend this fantastic performance, then please arrange an online payment of AED 85 via the below online payment line:

https://payment.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/online/ To login, use your child's "student ID number" and date of birth.

Payment deadline: Monday 13th November 2023.

ShowTimes
9-10 am show KG2 and Year 1
11 am — 12.00 noon show - Year 2-3

Venue DIA- Al Barsha Auditorium

The online ticket payment is non-refundable.

Should students not be attending, they will remain in class with one of the year team teachers.



Play My Way!



A facilitated play group for an autistic thinkers that want to make connections, & an adjoining support group for parents

For: Autistic Children aged 6 - 8



Location: 301 Dome Tower, Cluster N, JLT January: 11, 18, 25 | February: 1, 8, 22 | 6 week program Including a one week break for midterm Thursdays, 4:00PM-5:15PM

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LED BY:



Kati Mencer Play Therapist & Parent Coach



Victoria Russo
Expert by experience

Please email therapy@insightspsychology.com to express interest.