

Newsletter

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PADIA

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Photos courtesy of VR headset training (sorry Steph), UAE World Championship Debate winners Anay and Yuvaan and runner up Maahir, Year 5 Assemblies, candlelight winter concert practice and Innovents Swim Champions!





NOvember - Arthur and I need your votes on Monday!

Head of Primary's Message



Dear DIA families,

DIA Dashers - WE NEED YOU!

On Friday 6th December, we have our much-anticipated DIA Dashers Day  , where we aim to raise funds for the GIVE initiative. It promises to be an enjoyable day for everyone, so don't miss out!

Meet the Dashers:

A total of 33 staff members from DIA Emirates Hills are gearing up to participate in the Dubai Marathon, 10km, or 4km fun run this January. These dedicated athletes have been on strict dietary and exercise regimes, resisting those tempting Mankish breakfasts in the canteen and, in some cases, even sacrificing Coldplay tickets!



[Here's a video called "Meet the Dashers"](#) so you can get to know some of the team. It's inspiring to see the enthusiasm of our teachers and their diverse reasons for running. I must admit that, having secured Coldplay tickets myself, the likelihood of me running the 10km has drastically decreased!

Now it is YOUR TURN

While Mr. Philip will be busy leading the DIA Dashers across 42km, **we want to get as many Junior DIA Dashers (students) and parents to join Mr. Nick for the 4km run.** Please see the poster below for details.



A Wellness Event: Resilience in Action

Join Priya Pinto, author of "Ma, Will Life Ever Be the Same Again?" for a heartfelt discussion about finding a pathway forward after loss. Priya will share her experiences following the loss of her husband and how she gently addressed this with her children while fostering empathy and resilience.

This event will take place on Friday, 29th November, at 7:45 AM in the Cafeteria Extension. Priya's talk will focus on preparing children for life's challenges and nurturing empathy and understanding. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to gain valuable insights.

Happy Campers

We have trialed a new approach this year with all our camps taking place simultaneously. Next week, over 400 of our Year 4, 5, and 6 students will be heading off on their residential camps, travelling to various locations across the UAE. We hope all the children attending have an amazing and memorable experience!

Important: On Wednesday morning, due to the camp departures, the rear car park will be busier than usual due to the loading of buses. Please plan your drop-off accordingly to avoid delays.

Between a school development review at one of our sister schools and with the camps, I will be off-campus for much of the week. This means that next week's newsletter will feature a Deputy Head's Takeover! Stay tuned for updates and reflections from the team.





Head of Primary's Message

Year 5 Keeping it Green

This week, the Year 5 assemblies delivered powerful messages about the importance of caring for our planet. The students highlighted the need for action to protect the Earth, focusing on rainforests, animals, and ecosystems. Some classes even inspired action at home, encouraging families to donate recyclable items for our DIA Green House initiative. It was a wonderful showcase of environmental awareness and responsibility. Thank you to those parents able to attend.

Winter Box Appeal

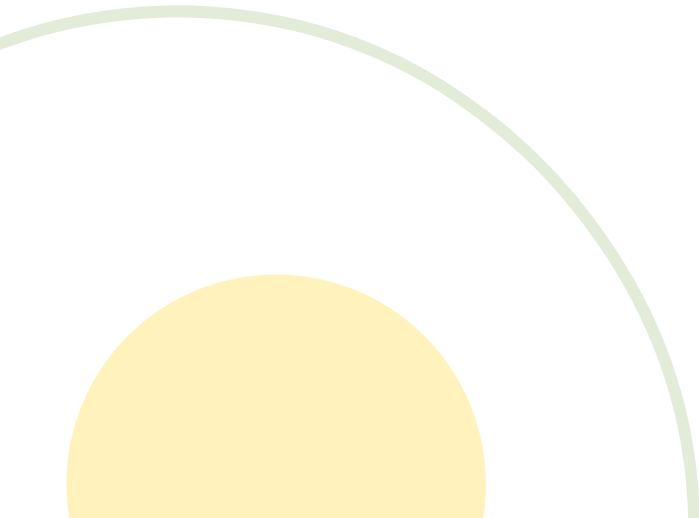
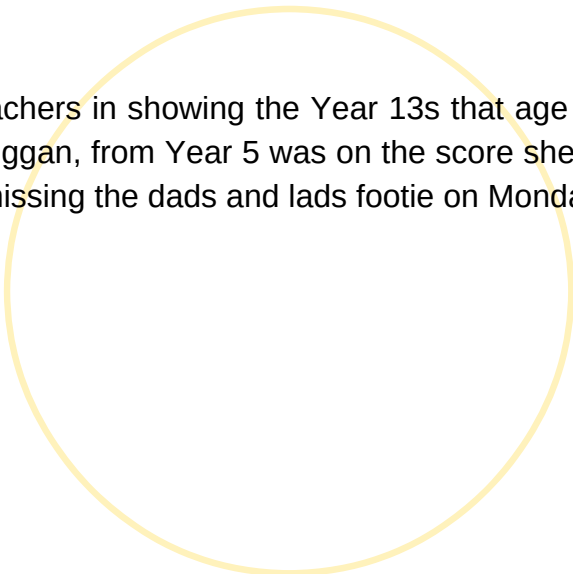
Mr. Sean has given classes their names now and tasked each class so please liaise with your Homeroom Teacher.

Keeping up

There are a great number of posters and dates below and so we will try and send out reminders via the WhatsApp groups when relevant. That said please do take a look through so as not to miss out on anything.

Kind regards,
Tom

P.s Thank you to the students who popped out to support the teachers in showing the Year 13s that age is just a number and winning 8-1 in our football match today. Mr. Duggan, from Year 5 was on the score sheet and I dusted off my gloves to keep the net clean. Sadly, I will be missing the dads and lads footie on Monday morning, as I will be on a different campus, but please enjoy.



**EXTRA
EXTRA!
EXTRA!**



KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

**STUDENT
COUNCIL**

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

YEAR 2

YEAR 6



NOTICES

NEW!

READING AT DIA KG2, Y1-2 RESOURCES

COMPETITIVE SPORTS TRAINING SCHEDULE & OPEN CLUBS TERM 2

COMPETITIVE SPORTS TERM 2 TRIALS

**TURN
OVER**



Twirl and Tune - Disney

Please see the schedule for our Winter Concerts below.



Timings	Monday 9 th December	Tuesday 10 th December	Wednesday 11 th December	Thursday 12 th December
Lesson 2 8:35-9:30 am	Year 5 A, B Year 6 A, B	Year 3 A, B Year 4 A, B	Year 1 A, B Year 2 A, B	KG 2 8:00-9:00
Lesson 4 10:45-11:40 am	Year 5 C, D, E Year 6 C, D	Year 3 C, D, E Year 4 C, D	Year 1 C, D, E Year 2 C, D	KG 1 9:30-10:30
Lesson 6 13:15-14:10 pm	Year 5 F, G, Year 6 E, F, G	Year 3 F, G Year 4 E, F, G	Year 1 F, G Year 2 E, F, G	



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
03	04 EMIRATES LITERATURE ARABIC A POETRY COMPETITION AT SWISS SCHOOL	05 12 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV CARTOON NETWORK ANTI BULLYING SESSION Y5	06 13 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV ONLINE SAFETY TALK FOR STUDENTS Y5-6 MAGIC PHIL TOYLAND EXPRESS - FAMILY EVENING PERFORMANCE AT DIA AL BARSH AUDITORIUM 5:30 PM	07 14 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV INNOVENTS PRIMARY SCHOOL DEBATE Y4-6 RWA 8 AM-2 PM ADHD AWARENESS DAY - DRESS IN ORANGE	08 WORLD SCIENCE DAY (NON UNIFORM DAY)	09
10	11 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV	12 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV	13 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV	14 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV	15 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV	16
17	18 S4K PRODUCTION THE JUNGLE BOOK KG1-Y6 SS PE HALL	19 DHA EYE SCREENING Y2, Y5 CANTEEN 5C CLASS ASSEMBLY PS GYM L7 YEAR 6CD IOS APP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP	20 1A TRIP TO MIRZAM CHOCOLATE FACTORY 5B+5G CLASS ASSEMBLY PS GYM L7 CARTOON NETWORK ANTI BULLYING SESSION - YEAR 4	21 5A CLASS ASSEMBLY, PS GYM L7	22 5E CLASS ASSEMBLY - KG GYM L1 5F CLASS ASSEMBLY KG GYM L2	23
24	25 INNOVENTS MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE Y5-12 AT DIA-AB 1B,1D TRIP TO MIRZAM CHOCOLATE FACTORY DADS N LADS PRIMARY FOOTBALL EVENT IN L1 7.40 AM FIELD Y3 ARABIC A TRIP TO WARSAN CHOCOLATE FACTORY Y3-6 COMPETITIVE SPORTS TERM 2 TRIALS BEGIN 	26 PS SKI TRIP - PARENT INFO SESSION 7.45 CANTEEN 1E,1G TRIP TO MIRZAM CHOCOLATE FACTORY Y3-6 ECO/ ACTION AMBASSADORS TRIP TO FARZ MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY CARTOON NETWORK ANTI BULLYING SESSION - YEAR 3 PS UAE NATIONAL DAY ASSEMBLY - YEARS 4-6 	27 Y5 TRIP TO AL MAZRA'A (27-29 NOV) Y6 TRIP TO AL AIN ADVENTURE (27-29 NOV) Y4A,E,G TRIP UAQ MARINE CLUB 27-28 NOV (GROUP 1) 1F/1C TRIP TO MIRZAM CHOCOLATE FACTORY	28 Y5 TRIP TO AL MAZRA'A (27-29 NOV) Y6 TRIP TO AL AIN ADVENTURE (27-29 NOV) Y4A,E,G TRIP UAQ MARINE CLUB 27-28 NOV (GROUP 1 RETURNS) Y4B,C,D,F TRIP UAQ MARINE CLUB 28-29 NOV (GROUP 2 RETURNS) 30X30 ENDS UAE NATIONAL DAY ASSEMBLY	29 Y5 TRIP TO AL MAZRA'A (27-29 NOV) Y6 TRIP TO AL AIN ADVENTURE (27-29 NOV) Y4B,C,D,F TRIP UAQ MARINE CLUB 28-29 NOV (GROUP 2 RETURNS) 30X30 ENDS UAE NATIONAL DAY ASSEMBLY	30



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DECEMBER

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 COMMEMORATION DAY*	2 UAE NATIONAL DAY HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL FOR PS)*	3 UAE NATIONAL DAY HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL FOR PS)*	4 PS ARABIC BOOK FAIR 4-6 DEC	5 PS ARABIC BOOK FAIR 4-6 DEC	6 PS ARABIC BOOK FAIR 4-6 DEC Y1-2 ARABIC AUTHOR VISIT WITH HILDA YOUSSEF YEAR 4 EXPLORERS EXHIBITION (L1-2) SKY GARDEN T1 REPORTS TO PARENTS	7 CCA TERM 2 SIGN UP OPENS
8	9 PS WINTER CONCERT Y3BG TRIP SHARJAH ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM	10 PS WINTER CONCERT	11 PS WINTER CONCERT Y3AC TRIP SHARJAH ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM Y6 SCIENCE FAIR 8 AM SKY GARDEN PADIA WINTER FESTIVAL CCA TERM 2 SIGN UP CLOSE	12 PS WINTER CONCERT ITALIAN MT END OF YEAR CELEBRATION Y3DEF TRIP SHARJAH ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM	13 CCA TERM 1 ENDS SWEDISH WINTER CONCERT UNIT 2 REPORTS (Y2-6)	14
15	16 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	17 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	18 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	19 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	20 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	21
22	23 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	24 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	25 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	26 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	27 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	28
29	30 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	31 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	01 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	02 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	03 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	04

TAKING ACTION

Has your child been taking action out of school? Then we want to know all about it so we can celebrate it on our posters and displays in school...

Please email Mr Nick with any details at nicholast@diadubai.com



Isabelle (3E), along with her sister and Mum, went to Expo City and volunteered with the UAE Aid and Dubai Cares campaign to help pack care packages for the families affected by the ongoing tragedies in Lebanon. An incredibly worth while cause to get involved in. Amazing work Isabelle and family :)



Frederik (3G) takes regular action by making sure the beach stays clean from any litter he comes across. Great work Frederik, keep cleaning! :D



Defne (1F) has been educating herself on Breast Cancer Awareness and as a result decided to donate money from her own savings. An amazing gesture Defne :)



Instrumental Music Lessons at **Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills**

Centre for Musical Arts is proud to bring its expert instrumental music lessons to students at Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills. Registrations are open for lessons in a variety of instruments taught by our highly skilled teachers on an individual or group basis.
Lessons are available to students in Year 3 and above.

For more details and information please visit our website at the link below or to register, scan the QR code with your smartphone:

www.cmadubai.com/en/diaemirateshills

Registration does not guarantee a place on the instrumental programme. You will be contacted when a space becomes available for your child. Lessons take place during the school day and are subject to terms and conditions agreed upon at registration.



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EMIRATES HILLS



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Helping Pollinators one Book at a Time



Interactive Storytime with author Kathy Urban



Bookworm Meadows
Saturday 23rd November
10.30am

Free Event



with special guest
'The Bee Fairy Lady'
Dr Meriem Hammal





Helping Pollinators one Book at a Time



Interactive Storytime with author Kathy Urban

Free Event

Bookworm Spinneys Umm Suqeim
Sunday 24th November
10.30am

featuring a
Nature Inspired
Craft Session and Quiz





RESILIENCE IN ACTION

A DIA Wellness Event

Join Priya Pinto, author of *“Ma, Will Life Ever Be the Same Again?”*, in a heartfelt discussion where she shares her family’s journey of healing after the loss of her husband when her son and daughter were just nine and seven years old. Priya will discuss her experiences, beginning in the days following the loss and culminating in finding a path forward. Drawing from her own life, she will share ways to gently discuss loss with children, foster empathy, and prepare them for life-changing events that anyone might face. As a single mum and founder of Dubai’s first widow support group, Priya will share how her journey has inspired hope in many single-parent families and inspired them to create a fulfilling life and raise resilient, well-rounded children who are not defined by their loss.



FRIDAY, NOV 29, 2024

7.45 TO 8.30 AM

CANTEEN EXTENSION

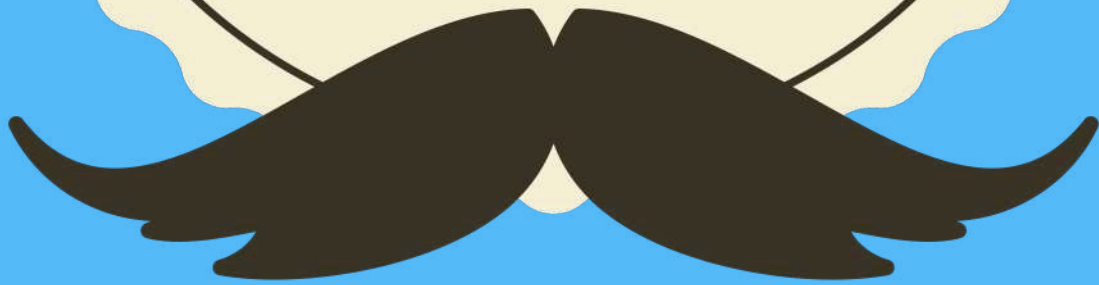
Don’t miss the chance to get a signed copy of
“Ma, Will Life Ever Be the Same Again?” at the event!



• DREAM INSPIRE ACHIEVE •

DADS (N) LADS

Fun Football



MONDAY 25TH MOVEMBER

Movember RETRO Fun Football for dads and their lads.

Come for some funny football drills and then relax with a coffee and a chat
Retro kits, hair styles and moustaches are encouraged.

VENUE: DIAEH FIELD



TIME: 07:45AM - 08:35AM



THE MOVEMBER MUST-BASH



MILLIONS OF BRAVE MEN



1 INCREDIBLE CAUSE

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

WRISTBANDS

PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS

COMPETITIONS

Dream

Inspire

Achieve

USE YOUR MO TO HELP A BRO



START TO GROW OR SHAVE IN YOUR MOUSTACHE FROM NOVEMBER 1ST

MOVEMENT



Starting October 26th - November 24th Dubai will be supporting Dubai 30x30
Aim to move 60km to support the 60 men we lose an hour to suicide.
Activities to help below - Sign up forms included.



Dads 'N' Lads



Dubai 30x30 Calendar



Competitions

MOMENTS

Share a special moment with a fellow bro or MOSister.
Random note on their desk.

A friendly phone call.

A meet up.

Share a selfie.

Take the time to show somebody else that they matter!

MOSISTERS

Help support your fellow man by:
Encouraging them to seek advice and help.
Asking the right questions at the right time.
Participate in the moments and movement challenge.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE!

MOVEMBANDS!



ALL
Proceeds go towards
Wellbeing Projects
for DIA

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW BRO!

1 band = 10.00aed

Limited number (50 band)

Location: Library, Mr. Sean's Room (PS218), Wellbeing Ambassadors

When: Break time/Lunch time

MOVEMBER MOMENT



MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

SHARE A FAMILY SELFIE WITH MR. SEAN

seant@diadubai.com

with the chance of winning a prize!

Deadline - Friday 29th November 2024

Be CREATIVE and have some fun!



L u g h a t y

Celebrating Together
UAE National Day &
World Arabic Language Day

معرض الكتاب العربي

ARABIC LANGUAGE BOOKFAIR

4-6 December ديسمبر 4-6



HOW MANY KM'S DID DIA RUN TODAY?



DATE: FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

DIA DASHERS DAY

- WEAR PE UNIFORM
- PUPILS TO RUN WITH THEIR CLASS/YEAR GROUP
- MUSIC
- FUN ACTIVITIES

Calling **Pupils** and **Parents** to join us for an early morning run on the field!

give
GIFT OF INNOVENTURES EDUCATION

Click [here](#) to donate:

10AED

25AED

50AED

5KM RUN

- **6.30a m** start on the field

10KM RUN

- **6AM** start on the field

HALF MARATHON

- **4.30am** start on the field





CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT

Celebrating World Arabic Language Day with author Hilda Youssef



ARABIC A
STUDENTS

YEAR 1
&
YEAR 2



6 DECEMBER
2024

FRIDAY
DIA EH

YEAR 1 & 2 ARABIC A STUDENTS WILL MEET
THE AUTHOR, EXPLORE SNOWY & ZOEY'S BIG
LIFE LESSON, AND ENJOY ITS INSPIRING ARABIC
AFFIRMATIONS WHILE CELEBRATING THE
BEAUTY OF THE LANGUAGE!



FOR BOOK
ORDERS
CLICK
HERE!
OR SCAN
THE QR
CODE



FINAL ORDERS DATE: 4TH DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY

HOUSE COMPETITION

WINTER CARD CHALLENGE



THE CHALLENGE:

MAKE THE MOST CREATIVE WINTER
THEMED CARD FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON.
ALL CARDS WILL BE DISPLAYED

THE PRIZE: 10 HOUSE POINTS FOR THE WINNER
FROM EACH YEAR GROUP

FINISHED CARDS MUST BE LABELLED WITH YOUR NAME AND
WILL BE DISPLAYED ON CLASSROOM DOORS!

ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY
TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER



WINNERS WILL BE
ANNOUNCED ON THE 13TH

Dream Inspire Achieve

Winter Box

APPEAL

CAPS & HATS
TOOTHBRUSH & TOOTHPASTE
SOAP & MOISTURISER
COMB & BRUSH
DEODORANT
SOCKS

Deadline: Wednesday December 11th*



**PLEASE
WRAP!**

* 1 box
per class

Make a difference

**FREE
ENTRY**

PADIA

Winter Souk

**Wednesday December 11th 2024
1pm onwards in DIA-EH Quad**

**Dubai International Academy
Emirates Hills**





Arts & Craft - Books - Toys - Gifts - Clothes - Jewellery Electronics – Sustainable Vendors - Food & Drinks – Music by primary and secondary choir
Raffle Draw

1 table (2Mx 1M) + 1 chair = 150 dirhams
2 tables (4M x 1M) + 2 chair = 250 dirhams



Stalls are available for all DIA-EH community and outside vendors, click on the link attached to register your interest.



DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY
DREAM  INSPIRE  ACHIEVE

MYSTERY



Primary School Short Story Writing Contest



JUDGING IN PROCESS

Breaking news coming soon:

**WINNERS TO BE REVEALED
IN DECEMBER (9-13 DEC)**



DUBAI
INTERNATIONAL
ACADEMY
Emirates Hills



WIN BOOKTASTIC PRIZES FROM BOOKTOPIA

DUBAI MARATHON 4K FUN RUN

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY

PUPILS AND PARENTS - WE NEED YOU!



Calling all **pupils** and **parents**. Mr Nick needs you! As a school community, we would love as many parent/children combinations as possible to sign up and join Mr Nick for the 4km Fun Run at the Dubai Marathon event! Please see the links below and if you have any queries, please email nicholast@diadubai.com.



[Register Here!](#)

[Complete the form once you have signed up you and your child/ren.](#)



[Dubai Marathon 4k Fun Run - Sign Up Confirmation](#)

Starts At 10AM