





Lucy did not enjoy the 5am rain as much as I did. But she did love rolling in the towel pile I made for her.



Head of Primary's Message

Weather Closure and Community Resilience

Firstly, I want to express my gratitude for your understanding and flexibility this morning. Due to the weather conditions and in line with guidance from authorities, we made the cautious decision to close the school site. While rain can indeed be a source of fun and puddle-splashing joy for our children, I am also mindful of the challenges it can bring in our desert context. I hope that your homes, vehicles, and local areas remain safe and unharmed in these conditions.

Healthy Lunchbox Reminder

Turning to a matter of daily school life, I'd like to remind everyone about our lunchbox guidelines. We encourage packed lunches to be nutritious and balanced, excluding chocolates, sweets and sugary drinks. Nuts are not permitted in any form, including peanut butter or Nutella type spreads as we have a number of staff and students with nut allergies. Ideally, lunchboxes should include a source of protein and carbohydrates, along with a portion of fruits and vegetables. Healthy snack options can be cereal bars, rice cakes, breadsticks with dips, or dried fruit. Additionally, please reinforce with your children that food swapping is not permitted for health and safety reasons.

Security Badge Compliance

A big thank you is due to the increased number of parents wearing badges. For those without, adhering to our security process and obtaining a visitor's badge is much appreciated. It is also heartening to see parents kindly reminding each other about this policy, enhancing the safety and security of our school environment.

Bike Gate Safety Suggestion

As the weather cools and the bike gate becomes busier, I'd like to suggest that we dismount our bikes before crossing the road in both directions. This simple action could significantly enhance safety for everyone, especially during busy periods. Let's all contribute to making this a new, safer habit.



Year 5 and 6 Camp Registration Deadline

A reminder for the upcoming deadlines for the Year 5 and 6 camp registrations: Year 6 by 8th December and Year 5 by 15th December. Please ensure payment is made by these dates to secure your child's spot. I kindly ask for understanding that if you miss this deadline, a space cannot be guaranteed, and I appreciate your understanding in this matter.

World Science Day Celebrations

Yesterday, we celebrated World Science Day, and it was wonderful to see our students dressed as famous scientists and inventions. Fostering a sense of curiosity and wonder in the world of science is truly a privilege. Witnessing their creativity and enthusiasm for learning was a highlight for all involved and key to our underlying scientific message of 'Awe and Wonder'.

Kind regards,
Tom Collar





Head of Primary's Message




Community Spirit

I'd like to share a heartwarming story of community spirit in action. As part of the Gaza Fundraiser, a vendor faced an overstock and potential loss of pre-prepared food due to the event's postponement caused by rain. Our proactive parent group quickly sprang into action, rallying support through WhatsApp. Their efforts were rewarded and the vendor was sold out in no time! This act of solidarity reinforced the strong sense of community we cherish here at DIA and with the vendor donating 10% of all revenue for the month of November to support families in Gaza, this was a touching story. In the meantime, details on the next step for the fundraiser will follow.

Celebrating Wellbeing Week at DIA

Wellbeing Week has been a resounding success thanks to our Wellbeing Committee, with a wide range of activities emphasizing the importance of a positive culture for both students and staff. Our children engaged in various events promoting mental and physical health, while staff members participated in enjoyable activities from cake decorating to a morning 5km run. We also celebrated our October staff member of the month, our beloved Ms. Ruchika, Head of PYP and Senior Leader! For those unaware this is done via nominations and then randomly selected via 'Mr. Tomsbola'. Most notably, Ms. Ruchika was recognised for her kind and generous nature, in particular with the time she gives people, arguably life's most precious gift.

Kind regards,
Tom Collar



**EXTRA
EXTRA!
EXTRA!**



KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

**STUDENT
COUNCIL**

YEAR 1

YEAR 5



YEAR 2

YEAR 6

NOTICES

- Click for the [lanyards order form](#) - Kindly contact helpdesk@diadubai.com for any assistance.
- Winter Beat and Bop Schedule
- Dubai 30x30 continues



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

Timings	4 th Dec	5 th Dec	6 th Dec	7 th Dec
Lesson 2 8:35-9:30 am	Year 1A, B Year 2A, B	Year 3A, B Year 4A, B	Year 5A, B Year 6A, B	All KG 2 classes 8:00-9:00 am
Lesson 4 10:45-11:40 am	Year 1C, D, E Year 2C, D	Year 3C, D, E Year 4C, D	Year 5C, D, E Year 6C, D	All KG1 classes 9:30-10:30 am
Lesson 6 13:15-14:10 pm	Year 1F, G Year 2E, F, G	Year 3F, G Year 4E, F, G	Year 5F, G Year 6E, F, G	

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NOVEMBER



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30 BOOK FAIR WEEK KG1-YEAR 6. THIS RUNS ALL WEEK 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	06	07	08	09	10 WILD WADI EVENT 7-10 PM	11
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 TO AED DONATION TO GIVE	18
19	20 YEAR 4 TO 6 ARABIC IBT ASSESSMENTS WILL BE THIS WEEK. WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY	21 KG1 TRIP TO JUMEIRAH ZABEEL SARAY	22	23	24	25
26	27 NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS NATIONAL DRESS OR FLAG COLOURS	28  A large black arrow points from the 28th row down to the 30th row.	29 Y4 LIVE MUSEUM	30 UAE NATIONAL DAY ASSEMBLY. 	01 COMMEMORATION DAY - NO SCHOOL	02 UAE NATIONAL DAY


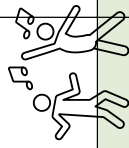


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DECEMBER



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
03 CCA Sign up for Term 2 will begin 7pm 	04 BEAT AND BOP begins. See schedule in Comms Corner above. 	05 BEAT AND BOP begins. See schedule in Comms Corner above. Year 6 Science Fair	06 BEAT AND BOP begins. See schedule in Comms Corner above.	07 04 BEAT AND BOP begins. See schedule in Comms Corner above.	08 Swedish MT Assembly "Lucia" End of Term 1 	09
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Mr. Tom gets Married 	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	01	02 Back to School	03	04	05	06

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...
Please complete the form below:

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



Phillip (4B) has been hard at work shopping for supplies to be sent to support those who need it in Gaza.



Alyaan (KG1D) spent the day at an elephant orphanage in Thailand, where he learnt to care, clean and feed them.



Zeina (4A) has put together a support box of relief to be sent to the people that need it in Gaza.



Anaishaa (KG2G) is always being kind towards the staff in her community, making them breakfast, and handing out a much appreciated refreshment to the local delivery drivers.



Mofeier (3C) recently took part in the Pink is Punk event to raise money for the Al Jalila Foundation.

3D Sustainable Art

UAE NATIONAL DAY

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

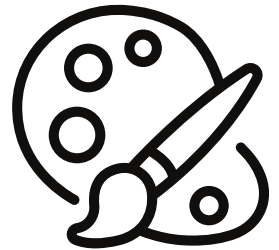
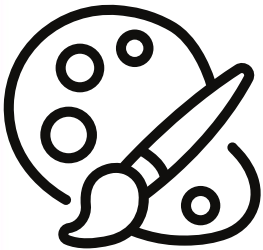
Monuments

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 front.
- 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

**FREE
ENTRY**

P A D I A

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



Play My Way!



A facilitated play group for 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
3000 AED

LED BY:



Kati Mencer

Play Therapist & Parent Coach



Victoria Russo

Expert by experience

Please email therapy@insightspsychology.com to express interest.