





When I am asked who makes the decisions in my home.



# Head of Primary's Message

## Acknowledging Service, Charity and Compassion

Our school community once again demonstrated its unwavering spirit of support and solidarity during the parent-led humanitarian Gaza fundraiser. The quad was bustling with energy, and the organizing committee's passion and dedication shone through in this successful event. At DIA, charitable initiatives are deeply embedded in our ethos, and we extend heartfelt thanks to everyone involved. Speaking of our curriculum links with charity, we eagerly anticipate the culmination of the Year 1 Relationships Between Living Things unit. This initiative, involving a food drive for animal shelters, will soon welcome some furry friends from a local shelter. It's an excellent opportunity for our students to learn about compassion and caring for animals in need. I'd also like to also thank Mr. Nick, our Head of Community and Service, for his role in highlighting our students' acts of service through our 'Taking Action' posters and boards around the school. These stories are a constant source of inspiration and pride.

## Celebrating Diverse Achievements

This week, we're celebrating a multitude of student achievements across various fields. Our Year 5 football team triumphed in their Division 1 title, our mathematicians returned with gold from the Innovents Mathematics Competition, Our Year 3 and 4 Netballers finished 2nd and 1st respectively in our Netball Innovents, Krish from Year 5 achieved a National Rank of 12 in the Kenken International Championships, and Anay in Year 5 placed 2nd overall in a World Scholars Cup round. I know this only scratches the surface of some of the incredible academic achievements of children at our school but I also want to bring light to Vivaa in Year 3, who spends a great deal of time working with animals who need love, care, compassion and new homes. Also Nina and Anvi in Year 5 who approached me as they want to launch their own CCA at lunch time. There are so many ways to succeed in this world and I am so proud of all of the achievements and initiatives that are shared with me.

## Mystery Writing Competition Winners

The announcement of the Mystery Writing Competition winners was a highlight of this week. With nearly 100 entries, our judges had their work cut out for them! Given the high interest we will be looking closely at how we can follow this up so watch this space. Congratulations to our winners:

- Y3 Winner: Zoe Fawaz (3A) - Mr. Dandelions.
- Y4 Winner: Zhaomu Chu (4A) - The Mystery of the Tacos.
- Y5 Winner: Samarth Kelkar (5D) - The Mystery of the Mysore Treasure.
- Y6 Winner: Abhivirsing Jadhav (6G) - The Unexpected Family.

Special prizes were awarded to:

- Leonor Marie Schwob Noites (Y3E) for Illustration/Presentation.
- Hayden Caillard (Y4G) for Story Engagement.

## Booktopia Awards for Exemplary Reading Areas

In addition to celebrating our students' achievements, we had the pleasure of recognizing exceptional reading areas in our classrooms, thanks to our beloved partners at Booktopia. I am thrilled to announce that Mr James and I, along with Ms. Desi, had the pleasure of visiting 2F, 2G, and KG2F to award certificates and a basket of books each for creating such wonderfully inviting reading spaces.

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## Anti-Bullying Workshop with Cartoon Network

This week, our Year 3 and 4 students had the valuable opportunity to participate in an anti-bullying workshop, a crucial aspect of our commitment to fostering a safe and supportive school environment. We were honored to welcome back Ms. Amarylis from Reverse Psychology, who, in partnership with the Cartoon Network, delivered an insightful session. The workshop was not only informative but also engaging, prompting our students to think deeply about the impact of their actions on others and the importance of kindness and empathy. Such initiatives are integral in nurturing a respectful and inclusive community at DIA.

## Adjustments to Winter Beats and Bops Schedule Year 1 and 2 only

Agility is indeed a cornerstone of effective school. With the recent announcement that Monday will be a public and private holiday, we've had to swiftly adjust our schedule for the upcoming Winter Beats and Bops. I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to Ms. Rini and the Year 1 and 2 team for adeptly handling the logistics of this sudden change. Please see the update below.

Another jam packed newsletter! Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Kind regards,  
Tom Collar

## BEAT & BOP Winter Performance schedule 5-7 December 2023 KG1- Year 6

Timings	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Lesson 1 7.40-8.35 am	Year 1A, B Year 2A, B	
Lesson 2 8:35-9:30 am	Year 3A, B Year 4A, B	Year 5A, B Year 6A, B
Lesson 3 9.50-10.45 am	Year 1C, D, E Year 2C, D	
Lesson 4 10:45-11:40 am	Year 3C, D, E Year 4C, D	Year 5C, D, E Year 6C, D
Lesson 5 12.20-13.15 pm	Year 1F, G Year 2E, F, G	
Lesson 6 13:15-14:10 pm	Year 3F, G Year 4E, F, G	Year 5F, G, Year 6E, F, G

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



# 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](mailto:helpdesk@diadubai.com) for any assistance.
- CMA Music registration of interest. Meeting to follow TBC.



### Optional Festivity:

- Tuesday - 5th Festive hat/hair
- Wednesday - 6th Festive socks
- Thursday 7th - Wear red, white or green
- Friday - 8th - Festive jumper

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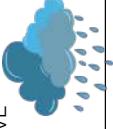
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NOVEMBER



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 UAE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS WEAR NATIONAL DRESS OR FLAG COLOURS	28	29 Y4 LIVE MUSEUM	30	01 COMMEMORATION DAY - NO SCHOOL	02 UAE NATIONAL DAY

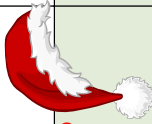



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# DECEMBER



# 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
03 CCA Sign up for Term 2 will begin 7pm	04 UAE National Day Holiday NO SCHOOL <b>NEW!</b>	05 BEAT AND BOP begins. See schedule in Comms Corner above. Year 6 Science Fair <b>NEW!</b> LOST AND FOUND COLLECTION 	06 BEAT AND BOP begins. See schedule in Comms Corner above. Y2 Wax Museum - Sky Garden <b>NEW!</b> LOST AND FOUND COLLECTION 	07 04 BEAT AND BOP begins. See schedule in Comms Corner above. PADIA Winter Souq <b>NEW!</b> 	08 Swedish MT Assembly "Lucia" <b>Class parties parents welcome</b> Liaise with teaching team.  <b>NEW!</b>	09
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Mr. Tom gets Married <i>just Married</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	01	02 Back to School	03	04	05	06

Dear Parents,



Centre for Musical Arts is proud to bring instrumental music lessons to students in Year 4 - 6 (to begin with) at Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills. We are delighted to invite you to register your children for instrumental music lessons in school with CMA. This letter contains important information regarding the registration process. Please read all of the information, as well as our Terms and Conditions document at the end of the registration form. Full details can be found on our website at [www.cmadubai.com](http://www.cmadubai.com) or on the registration form via the link below:

Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills; <https://forms.gle/EkGAHZekJfBmoR5B6> We will be offering lessons on a variety of instruments which will be available subject to availability and demand. The list of possible instruments can be found on our registration form.

Our lessons are 30 minutes in length and take place during the school day. Timetables are on a rotation, so each week the lesson time will change. Please be aware that lessons do occur during classroom lesson times and your child will be taken out of classroom lessons in order to attend their instrumental lesson.

We also offer group lessons for selected instruments. There is a maximum of 2-4 students per group which will be for beginners only. After one year of learning, students will be encouraged to move on to individual lessons. Group lessons are only available to absolute beginners. Lesson fees are Dhs 165 per individual lesson and Dhs 100 per student in a group (maximum 2-4 students) and are chargeable by the term. (Subject to availability). Fees must be paid before the lessons commence. Please note that your booking is not confirmed until fees have been settled. Invoices will be sent upon receipt of registration. All lessons are subject to availability and demand.

We look forward to welcoming you to our instrumental programme.

Kind regards,

Sara Ingham

Manager - Schools Music Service Centre for Musical Arts



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# Festive Box Appeal

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING, OUR ANNUAL FESTIVE BOXES ARE ALMOST UPON US. OUR STUDENT COUNCIL AND WELLBEING AMBASSADORS ARE ONCE AGAIN APPEALING FOR WRAPPED BOXES FOR THE INCREDIBLE SUPPORT STAFF AT DIA.

AS A SLIGHT CHANGE, SOME CLASSES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A SPECIFIC MEMBER OF THE SUPPORT STAFF AND SOME WILL GO TO THE WIDER SUPPORT COMMUNITY, THE AIM IS TO MAKE 1 AMAZING BOX PER CLASS AND INCREASE THE PERSONAL FEEL TO THIS.

BOXES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE STAFF ON THURSDAY 7 TH DECEMBER SO PLEASE BRING THEM BY WEDNESDAY 6TH.

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## IDEAS OF WHAT TO INCLUDE:

A LETTER OF THANKS OR CARD . HATS . TOOTHBRUSH . TOOTHPASTE . SOAP . MOISTURISER . COMB/BRUSH . DEODORANT . SWEETS . DRY FOOD . NOTHING PERISHABLE







# Winter tree decoration



## House competition

Your challenge is to make a  
tree decoration for the festive  
season.

20 house points for the  
winner from each  
year!!!

Please take a picture of your  
finished decoration and add it  
to the Padlet under the  
correct year group with your  
name and class.



The decoration can then be  
placed in a box at main  
reception and they will be  
used to decorate the trees in  
school.

Entries must be in  
by Wednesday 6th  
December.



# 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.



**FREE  
ENTRY**

**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](mailto:padiadubai@gmail.com)



**DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY**  
DREAM INSPIRE ACHIEVE



## Open Round for ALL-AGES

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce the *KIC2023 Open Round competition* for ALL-AGES, organised by KenKen, the world's largest math puzzle championship. We invite our students to participate in this exciting event, which promises to enrich their mathematical and problem-solving skills. The Open Round competition is open to students in grade 3 and above, as well as parents and teachers, making it a fun and engaging experience for all.

**KenKen is Trusted globally**; its rising popularity and global acclaim have made KenKen become a household name. This captivating brain-teaser has been featured in top newspapers across the world, including The New York Times & The Times UK. Notably, the **National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) in the USA** has even published a research paper highlighting the transformative impact of KenKen as a brain development activity, revolutionising the way we approach problem-solving. KenKen puzzles remarkably impact a child's brain development, providing numerous benefits critical to building intellectual power.

Some of the key advantages of KenKen puzzles:

- 1. Strengthening Arithmetic Skills**
- 2. Boosting Problem-Solving Abilities**
- 3. Developing Logical Thinking and analytical power**
- 4. Enhancing Concentration and Focus**
- 5. Promoting Teamwork and Collaboration**

The **KenKen brain-development program** aims to harness these benefits while fostering healthy competition and a love for mathematics. It also prepares kids for healthy competition in the KenKen **International Championship** [KIC 2023]. This championship will be an exciting platform for our students to showcase their talent and interact with like-minded peers.

The championship will take place online (remotely) on 17 December 2023, followed by an Award ceremony for all the winners, tentatively in Jan 2024 in Abu Dhabi.

You can register for the Open Round - KIC2023 Grand Finale by following the link below and

paying the

**registration fee of only AED 300 (AED 400)**, 25% off for new participants till 25th Nov 2023.

Register Here (**New Participants**): <https://kenkenuae.com/Grand-Finale>

Registration Deadline: **30 Nov 2023**

Unlock your potential by joining the KIC2023 Open Round—a friendly & healthy competition designed to nurture your fundamentals. If you practice our puzzles provided with registration, It's

an easy round to qualify. Embrace the confidence boost as you pave the way for an exciting KenKen challenge.

If you have any queries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at +971 44502651, +971 44502652 or [info@kenkenuae.com](mailto:info@kenkenuae.com).

**Note:** Kenken UAE reserves the right to change the exam mode, date, or venue of the competition/ceremony in any unforeseen circumstances.

Best  
wishes,  
KenKen

UAE

**Eligibility & Fee Details (Note: 5% VAT is exclusive.)**

Who can participate?	<b>Open for ALL - Students &amp; Adults</b>	<b>Register Online:</b> <a href="https://kenkenuae.com/Grand-Finale">https://kenkenuae.com/Grand-Finale</a>
<b>Registration Fee</b>	New Participant: <b>AED 300 (400) 25% OFF</b>  Existing Participant - 40% OFF KIC2023 Top 20 National Rank - 60% OFF *Discounted fee valid till 30th Nov 2023.	<b>Includes:</b> Open Round Championship Registration Fee & Free 50 Online Puzzle Worksheets  ● <b>50 Mock Puzzle Sheets</b> ● <b>Two Daily Puzzles every month till December 2023.</b>
<b>Grand Finale Competition Division</b>	<b>Champions Round</b> - Only for Top 20 KIC2023 National Rank holders  <b>Open Round Students</b> - For Non-Kenken Students and other existing Kenken Students. <b>Open Round Adults</b> - For adults, including parents & teachers.	<b>Exam Categories</b> - Students will be assigned an exam category based on their DOB after registration.
<b>Competition Date</b>	<b>17 December 2023</b> - Online Competition during the winter break.	Participants can attend the competition online from their homes through their Kenken portal.
<b>Award Ceremony</b>	<b>To be held in Abu Dhabi in Jan 2024.</b> More details TBA.  *Kenken reserves the right to change the date or venue of the exam/ceremony in any unforeseen circumstances	<b>KIC2023 Grand Finale winners &amp; KIC2023 National winners will be felicitated in the ceremony.</b>  All other participants will receive their awards in Jan 2024, and the mode of collection will be informed through email and portal.
<b>KenKen I Classes</b> <b>ADD ON</b> <b>** (Optional)**</b>	<b>Kenken classes have two packages:</b>  <b>1st package only @AED945</b>  <b>2nd package only @AED1360</b>	<b>1st Package include :</b> ● 10 classes ● 30 mock test ● KenKen strategies ppt  <b>2nd Package include :</b> ● 15 classes ● 50 mock test ● KenKen strategies ppt