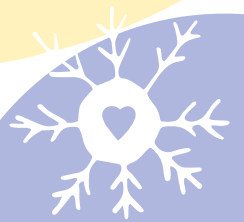


Newsletter





Can you spot Arthur behind the decorations?



Head of Primary's Message

Dear Parents,

As we approach the winter break, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for the remarkable events and achievements that have marked the end of this term.

Standing Ovation for the Winter Concerts

A special round of applause for Ms. Rini and Ms. Lauren for orchestrating the most incredible Winter Concerts. The performances by our children were nothing short of spectacular, creating an atmosphere filled with joy and festivity. The success of these concerts was also made possible by the dedicated parents who volunteered their time and creativity for the decorations. A huge thank you to Afsah, Sandeep, and Dara for your invaluable contributions. The photos can be [found here](#). The videos can be [found here](#). You may need to hunt a little but and I hope you find some photos you like, I did my best to capture as much as possible!

Celebrating PADIA's Winter Souk

The PADIA Winter Souk was a dazzling showcase of community spirit and dedication. Gina, Saba, Sharon, Richa, and Pooja, you have been the driving force behind this successful event, and your efforts have not gone unnoticed. To our entire community, if you see these incredible community leaders around, please extend your gratitude, and consider joining the volunteer team to support future endeavors.

Joyful Class Parties and Gift Boxes

Today's class parties were a delightful culmination of the term, filled with laughter and cheer. Thank you to all parents who contributed their ideas, time, and support to make these celebrations memorable for our students. All food that was left was gratefully received by our support staff, along with the absolutely wonderful gift boxes. Thank you to the whole community for supporting this Student Council drive!

Other Highlights from the Week

This week also witnessed the intellectual prowess of some of our students through the Model United Nations and TEDed Student Talk presentations. Ms. Ruchika really has been instrumental in launching these new opportunities which highlight the schools' continued drive to provide ever more opportunities for our students. The Mother Tongue Celebrations for Christmas offered a beautiful glimpse into diverse cultural traditions, as they shared their experiences across the different groups, while the Swedish Assembly was an absolute delight.

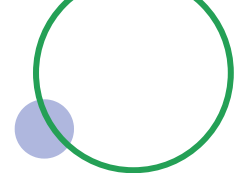
Here's to wishing everyone a restful and joyful winter break. See you in the new year, ready for more learning, growth, and opportunity at DIA.

Kind regards and for those who celebrate, Merry Christmas!
Tom Collar



Whichever you may need
enjoy the break!





Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that **Kalo Hospitality** will be our new catering provider commencing 2 January 2024. Team Kalo has over two decades of experience in the UAE. We look forward to working together to provide healthy and nutritious food to our schools and early childhood community.

Kalo's daily offerings in the cafeterias will include:

Live egg station for breakfast
Live fresh smoothie counters throughout the day
Freshly baked bakery products
Fresh salads and sandwiches with multi cereal bread options
Wholesome and nutritious lunch with multiple vegetarian and non-vegetarian options
Freshly brewed coffee for teachers and parents

Primary school students can continue to order pre-packaged meal boxes that will be freshly prepared and delivered daily. These meal boxes offer hot and cold options and can be pre-ordered monthly that will be delivered directly into their classrooms.

Registration & cash transactions: Kalo Hospitality has a one stop mobile application to enhance the user experience in the school cafeterias and to make managing the student meals seamless and convenient.

The application will need to be downloaded and the student details will need to be registered. Multiple student IDs can be registered against a single user.

The mobile application can be used for the following:

- Enabling payment using student IDs.
- Direct top up of funds.
- Viewing of available balances.
- Overview of monthly menus.
- Pre-ordering of meals for primary students

Purchases can also be made from the cafeteria using cash or credit card during the registration process. Unutilized balances carried by students from the previous provider will be automatically carried forward to Kalo and this can be utilized as soon as the registration process on the mobile application is completed.

Kalo mobile application is available for both iOS and Android users and their links are given below and an overview of its functions are attached for your reference:

iOS (Apple) App Link: <https://apps.apple.com/ae/app/kalo-hospitality/id6461117251>

Android App Link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=munch.kalo.delivery>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

- Email: hello@kalohospitality.com
- Kalo Hospitality Mobile / WhatsApp: 056-7200964
- Innoventures Education Mobile / WhatsApp: 055-9641970

EXTRA EXTRA! EXTRA!



KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

STUDENT

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

COUNCIL

YEAR 2

YEAR 6



NOTICES

- Click for the [lanyards order form](#) - Kindly contact helpdesk@diadubai.com for any assistance.
- CMA Music registration of interest. Meeting to follow TBC.

NEW FOOD PROVIDER:

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- Android App Link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=munch.kalo.delivery>
- A Community WhatsApp group link email is coming. Keep your eyes peeled for this trial initiative.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
03 CCA Sign up for Term 2 will begin 7pm	04 UAE National Day Holiday NO SCHOOL	05 BEAT AND BOP begins. See schedule in Comms Corner above. Year 6 Science Fair LOST AND FOUND COLLECTION 	06 BEAT AND BOP begins. See schedule in Comms Corner above. Y2 Wax Museum - Sky Garden LOST AND FOUND COLLECTION 	07 04 BEAT AND BOP begins. See schedule in Comms Corner above. PADIA Winter Souq 	08 Swedish MT Assembly "Lucia" Class parties parents welcome Liaise with teaching team. Choir Tree lighting Ceremony at Swissotel Al Muroj 7.30 pm  	09
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <i>just Married</i> 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

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NEW!



JANUARY



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	01	02 Back to School	03 Paid CCA Expo - Quad 12.00 noon -2 pm	04	05 Spanis MT Assembly Three wise Kings - PS Gym	06
07	08 Year 6 Camp A,B, C, D (Subject to change depending on the numbers after the deadline CCAs Term 2 begins.	09	10 Year 6 Camp E, F, G Innovents Got Talent 7PM DIA Al Barsha	11	12	13
14	15 Year 5 Camp (Group A) sections to be decided.	16	17 Year 5 Camp (Group B) Sections to be decided.	18	19	20
21	22 Year 5 Camp (Group C) Sections to be decided.	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	01	02	03

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 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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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>



Ariana (6C) during her Diwali celebrations handed out treats to all the delivery drivers.



Inigo (3F) asked people to donate money to the Gaza instead of buying him presents. Here he is dropping off 3,120AED.



Sisters. Haya (2B) and Ameera (5D) spent their recent trip up to RAK cleaning the public beach.



Alejandra (5B) and Mateo (3D) participated in the recent Pink is Punk Aquathon to raise money for the Al Jalila Foundation.



Arjun (5D) donated food to the community kitchen in Gurdwara.



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.

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



Innoventures Got Talent 2023 Shortlisted Students

We are delighted to announce the names of students who got shortlisted for the finals
Categories

Solo Dance : Aadya Guruprasad 5F

Solo music : Kingsley Zhao 5F

Music band+ Group : RiverDe Wit, Electra Lioulia & Adam Abbas

Variety act: We continue to seek entries from students interested in auditioning for our variety act. This can include performances such as gymnastics, magic, shoe juggling, and more.

Kindly send your video entries to Ms. Rini rinip@diadubai.com or Ms. Lauren: Laurens@diadubai.com

We would like to thank all the students who got involved with this year's auditions. We were totally blown away by the talent.

We wish you the best of luck for the future.

Kind regards

Ms. Rini HOD Performing Arts/ Primary Dance teacher.

Ms. Lauren Primary Music Teacher