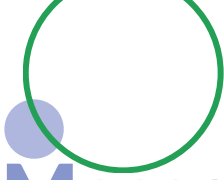


Newsletter





Head of Primary's Message

If anyone wants advice on how not to dress or pack for Positano in the summer then let me know.

Dear DIA Families,

As we kick off the first week back from summer vacation, I am thrilled to welcome all our students and parents to what promises to be another enriching and exciting school year. A special welcome to the new families joining us this year. There are not many of you, so I hope you quickly feel at home within our vibrant community. My door is always open and the coffee machine always on if you would like to acquaint yourself with the senior team.

Hopes and Dreams Sessions

This week, we resumed our traditional Hopes and Dreams sessions. I hope these sessions provided a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to meet with teachers, discuss the year ahead, and familiarise yourselves with your new classrooms.

Class Reps and WhatsApp Groups

Please find the links to the Year group WhatsApp groups below. These official channels are designed to ensure important reminders and updates are efficiently shared. WhatsApp Links - [KG1](#) - [KG2](#) - [Year 1](#) - [Year 2](#) - [Year 3](#) - [Year 4](#) - [Year 5](#) - [Year 6](#)



Drop off and Pick Up Routine

Thank you for your support with the tweaks we are making to drop off and pick up, for staying within the designated areas and being as prompt as possible, for respecting the boundaries of timings and helping to ensure our systems keep everyone safe. Traffic will improve once CCAs begin and the new routines will soon become the norm.

In line with feedback and as suggested in the welcome pack, we are transitioning away from Year Group WhatsApp chats managed by Year Reps to encouraging Class Chats only. This move is intended to enhance direct communication between class communities. Class Reps are invited to sign up via their class teacher, and we are aiming to have one rep per class. More details about this role can be found in the welcome pack. We have 30 signed up so far so please check in with your Homeroom teacher to see if your class has one.

CCA Booklet and New Additions



The CCA booklet for this year is [now available here](#), and it includes a few new additions. Please check out the 'What is New' section to see some of what we have in store for our students this year, [including an increase in paid options](#).



Uniform

We understand the start of the year can be complex with having everything ready for your children. Please note by Monday all children should be in the correct uniform. Please [see here](#). Students will be prompted if uniform is non-compliant and we may follow up with parents. Please ensure all long hair is tied up and any accessories follow uniform and health and safety guidelines. Please update ALL labels on clothes, bottles, bags etc. and ensure your child has a hat. No hat no sunshine. You can also email diarecycle@gmail.com for assistance with 2nd hand uniform.

NGRT and CAT4 Assessments

See notes section below

Upcoming Parent Information Sessions

For both new and returning families, please mark your calendars for the parent information sessions starting on the 9th. These sessions are a great way to gain insight into your child's educational journey this year. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support as we embark on this new school year together. Here's to making it a fantastic one!

Kind regards,
Tom

Tribute

Dear Parents,

This part of the newsletter is in loving memory of Dara, a parent who contributed immensely to our school. Dara, after a long and brave battle, sadly passed away during the summer break. Dara was especially loved and speaking at her funeral, Nazli, a fellow parent at DIA, spoke the combined words of many both in attendance and from afar.

“Our dear Dara, the brightest ray of sunshine, who touched each of us with her boundless energy, joy and love, has joined the stars. Her approach to life was a lesson and an inspiration to us all. How lucky we were to have known her. With that playful spirit, she reminded us to find joy in the little things, and always with a lot of “oh la la’s” and “no mais oui’s”. She was fun. She was spontaneous. She was bold. She was dynamic and approached life with a sense of wonder. Our heartbreak will never override the joy she brought to us. As Amara so beautifully sang that day on the DIA stage whilst Dara was dancing: You were unstoppable. A Porsche with no brakes.

I feel entirely humbled by the strength, love and support that Dara showed for others during her illness. In particular, Dara passionately supported our performing arts, not only with her ideas but also in her presence. Many of these ideas we now share and enjoy as a whole school and as such Dara will forever be treasured as a member of our DIA family.

I know that Benoit is incredibly grateful for the outpouring of love, which has been of great comfort to his family as they navigate this difficult chapter. Please also ensure that space is given for moments of solitude as they adjust.

In her honor, we will strive to live each day with gratitude, energy, and love, cherishing each moment as Dara did. May her beautiful soul rest in peace, and her dedication to life and family be an inspiration to us all.

With deepest sympathies,

Tom Collar - on behalf of many.



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KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

STUDENT
COUNCIL

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

YEAR 2

YEAR 6



NOTICES

NGRT and CAT4

As per KHDA regulations, children in Year 2-6 sit the NGRT reading test 3 times per year. The first assessment will take place in classrooms over the course of next week. The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is a standardised assessment to measure reading skills of students aged 5-16 years against the UK national average. NGRT tests not just the ability of students to decode what they read, but also to comprehend and apply meaning.

As well as NGRT, students in Years 3-6 will also complete the CAT4 assessment, which is a cognitive test to assess student potential and identify areas of aptitude.

There is no revision necessary as we would like our students to be relaxed and calm when they take these tests.

Students will be taking the assessment on school laptops but please send your child with a set of wired headphones with a jack similar to [these](#) or [these](#).

**TURN
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TAKING ACTION

Here you will find examples of our students taking action around their communities. Mr. Nick would love to see examples of this so we can celebrate it here.

To have your project or action featured, please reach out to him on nicholast@diadubai.com and next week we may have some wonderful photos to share.



Maybe you will even end up on this action board