





Lucy found a KitKat wrapper and decided to try and eat it. Luckily, she is a good girl and stopped (her guilty face gets me every time)

Head of Primary's Message

PADIA and New Joiners

Thank you to all the new parents who attended our PADIA session this morning. It was lovely to see parents from KG2 to Year 13 engaging in conversation and meeting one another. I hope you found the sessions useful and informative. As I mentioned in my welcome address, there will be more sessions in the very near future about how you can be involved in the school, our systems, and PADIA. If you have new families in your classes please look for opportunities to invite them to playdates and events. Being new in a large school like us can be daunting and it means the world when other parents reach out to bring you in.

Spirit Day

As the front cover so wonderfully shows, the children have had a fantastic Spirit Day today. A big thank you to Ms. Natalie from Year 3, who, along with her trusted House Captains, were instrumental in the day's success! All week we have had some incredible sports competitions, unique activities, and fun! Our house system is a cornerstone of the culture of the school; it's a friendly competition that includes every member of the community. I have had a wonderful time watching the students celebrate with one another, make new friends from other classes as they mix in their houses, and come to me with stories of their achievements to earn House Points!

Improvements in Morning Arrivals (repeated and added to from last week)

We have implemented an improved late arrival process in the mornings, which has positively impacted our ability to swiftly identify absent students. While the initial days saw some delays, the process has now stabilized, resulting in more students being in class before 7:40 due to earlier arrivals. Please note that traffic in Dubai is increasing, which may affect journey times; some families might need to adjust their departure times accordingly, however, we do allow drop off from 7:00 am. I want to reiterate that when speaking with staff about these protocols, or if your child has been identified as absent or late, parents are expected to speak with respect to the staff working to keep your children safe.

Next Week is Wellbeing Week

Wellbeing Week is next week and we have a full calendar of events. A booklet is being sent out to all parents to let everyone know what will be happening; some of the key highlights will include:

- Monday 23rd: Class activities run by teachers from 11:40 to 12:20.
- Tuesday 24th: Pick up a book from Ms. Desi's Treasure Chest in the library.
- Wednesday 25th: Odd Socks Day.
- Thursday 26th: Parent session with Gaille Millard from 8:00 am until 9:00 am in the canteen.

At the end of the week, on Friday 27th, Ms. Steph will be celebrating a huge milestone by running every single day for 1000 days! No matter where she has been, what the date is, or the plans her family had, Ms. Steph has made sure to do something to look after her own physical and mental wellbeing. The staff of DIA will be running 2KM (her minimum distance) to both acknowledge the tremendous commitment she has shown and as a fitting cap to the end of Wellbeing Week in school.

We invite parents and children to come in from 6:30 am and add to their own wellbeing by taking 1000 steps. If you want to come early and run, jog, or walk with the staff, you are very welcome. The course will be open until school begins, and we encourage every child, family member, or member of our community to come in and walk a lap of the field.

While the week comes to an end, this does not mean wellbeing does. We encourage every opportunity to show kindness and gratitude!

P.S the newsletter version of the October calendar will be shared next week. My apologies that this is a little delayed. Please refer to the school calendar on the website for the main headline events.

Kind regards,
Tom

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KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

**STUDENT
COUNCIL**

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

YEAR 2

YEAR 6



NOTICES

- Year 3-6 Open Football is now on Friday mornings.
- As the weather cools we will soon be able to enjoy the field at lunch time. Please send you students with a hat or they will not be allowed in direct sunlight.



09. SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26 HOPES AND DREAMS <small>A CHANCE TO MEET YOUR TEACHER, ASK QUESTIONS AND ORIENTATE YOURSELVES (PARENTS AND STUDENTS BY APPOINTMENT)</small>	27 AUDITIONS FOR DANCE, MUSICAL & CHOIR <small>Dance and choir lunch time walk ins. Matilda The Musical during Lesson 7, sign up link to follow.</small>	28 AUDITIONS FOR DANCE, MUSICAL & CHOIR <small>Dance and choir lunch time walk ins. Matilda the Musical during Lesson 7, sign up link to follow.</small>	29 AUDITIONS FOR DANCE, MUSICAL & CHOIR <small>Dance and choir lunch time walk ins. Matilda the Musical during Lesson 7, sign up link to follow.</small>	30 CCA SIGN UP INFO & LINK WILL BE SHARED.	31
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15	16	17 PS INCLUSION COFFEE MORNING DIAEH CANTEEN @7:45 <u>Click here to register</u>	18	19	20 PADIA SESSION FOR PARENTS @7:45 IN PRESENTATION HALL PS HOUSE SPIRIT DAY KG1-Y6 (WEAR HOUSE COLOURS)	21
22	23 WELLBEING WEEK	24 WELLBEING WEEK	25 WELLBEING WEEK	26 WELLBEING WEEK	27 WELLBEING WEEK NON-UNIFORM DAY 1000 STEPS WITH STEPH	28 WELLBEING WEEK NON-UNIFORM DAY 1000 STEPS WITH STEPH

NEW!

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 displays in school...
Please email Mr Nick at nicholast@diadubai.com



Agastya (2F) visited the Jebel Ali Marine Sanctuary to help plant mangroves with EMEG. As you can see, he did a very meticulous job.



Miraya (2G) donated a box of toys and blankets through The Help Initiative to go to those in need.



Aina (2A) spent her camping trip cleaning the environment with her mum and grandfather.



Nethan (KG2G) cleaned up trash and debris along the shoreline to help preserve a clean environment.

1000 STEPS WITH STEPH



Dream Inspire Achieve

Ms. Steph will achieve the incredible milestone of running every day for a 1000 days on the 27th of September. Please join us in the morning to walk 1000 steps around the field (or the 2km that teachers, run club, aquathon and Ms. Steph will lead!) as a fantastic end to our Wellbeing week.



Friday 27th September 2024

From 06:30am

School field | Music station | Tea & coffee station

Run



Walk



Stand & clap

*"Our bodies are our gardens - our wills are our gardeners."
- William Shakespeare*

MYSTERY



Primary School Short Story Writing Contest



Instructions:

- For DIA students in Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
- Write your own MYSTERY short story
- Up to 555 words
- Submit your entry in authentic *handwriting* to DIA Primary School Library
- Submission deadline: *7th October*, Monday
- Criteria: presentation; content; originality

Your chance to set free your imagination
prove your writing skills and...

...WIN

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