

# Newsletter

13th October, 2023

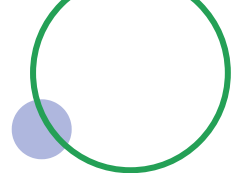
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Photos courtesy of Student Action! Our Student Leadership rocking their new fluorescent jackets, helping at our School Exhibition in the World Trade Centre, painting our playground, promoting overseas adventures and smashing championships in Ju-Jitsu.



Lucy and Arthur patrolling their school playground



# Head of Primary's Message

Dear parents,

## **Community Canvas - A Playground Transformation:**

Our painting project has brought life and vibrancy to the walls of the Kiss and Drop playground, turning it into a canvas that tells a story of unity, creativity, and school spirit. The designs that poured in were nothing short of fabulous. I even have some hanging in my office now. We took key elements from these artworks and merged them to form a collective mural that beautifully encapsulates the heart and soul of our community. The enthusiasm with which parents and children painted these murals was really heartwarming. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed time at the weekend and throughout this week, especially Maria for steering this initiative with so much passion, and parents such as Kathy, who I found painting away at 6pm yesterday! Remember, if we can be anything in this world, be generous and be kind, if with nothing else than our time.

## **A Breath of Fresh Air:**

With the heat levels reducing, our children will next week revel in their lunchtime play outdoors. As they step out to soak up some sunshine and fun, please ensure they have their labelled hats on. Safety and health first – any child without a hat will be guided to stay in the shaded areas.

## **Kiss and Drop - Streamlining our Mornings:**

While we're making good progress with our 'Kiss and Drop', we're slightly off from our 7:35 am target. To expedite this, our Student Leaders, now easily identifiable in their bright jackets, will assist the kids on the near side of the school, whereas our staff will continue to manage the outer lane. Parents, a gentle reminder: make sure your children have everything they need next to them in the car to enable a swift exit. In a bid to smoothen traffic flow, our security team will now activate the pedestrian crossing less frequently. This might mean a tad longer wait for pedestrians, but we hope it will ensure a smoother traffic flow. Let's model patience and understanding for our young ones during these times.

## **Anxiety and Parenting Workshop:**

This week we had the privilege to delve deep into helping our children to be brave and true to themselves with Reverse Psychology. It was an enlightening session, filled with insights and practical tips. We had over 120 parents in attendance and we hope you found it useful.

## **Demystifying the IB Framework with Ms. Ruchika:**

We were delighted to have Ms. Ruchika recently spearhead an enlightening IB workshop exclusively for our parents. The session was aimed at shedding light on the nuances of the IB framework, empowering parents with knowledge and clarity. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are so thankful to Ms. Ruchika for her expertise and dedication. If you missed out this time, worry not! We are in the process of organizing more such workshops in the future.

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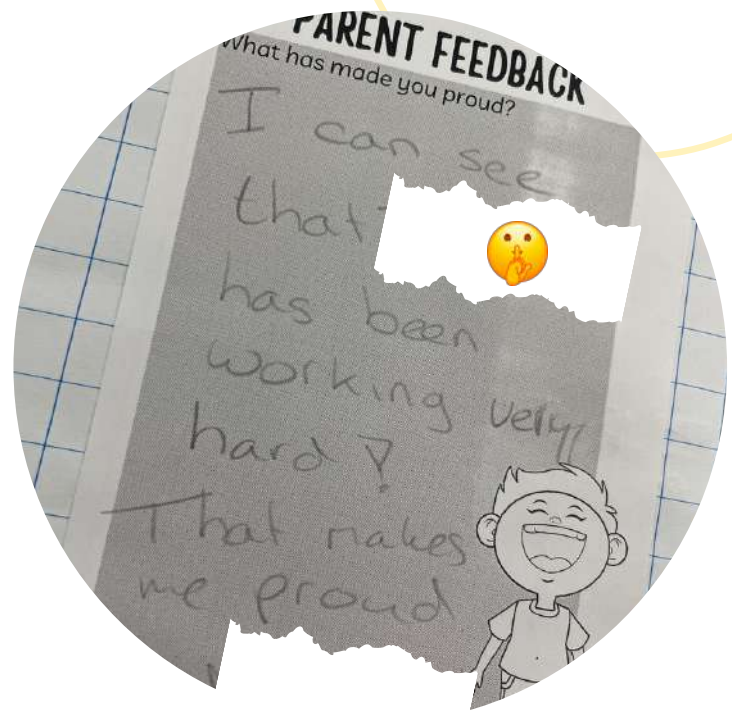
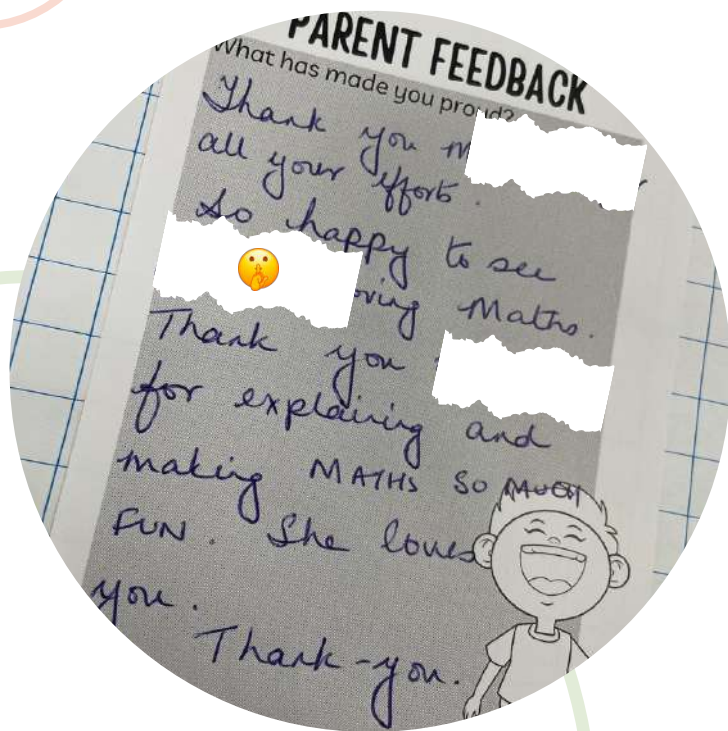
## Winter Concerts on the Horizon:

The festive season is approaching, and so are our winter concerts! If you possess a creative flair and would like to assist with various aspects, including set design and support, please reach out to Ms. Rini at [rinip@diadubai.com](mailto:rinip@diadubai.com). Your involvement will undoubtedly elevate our performances!

## Drop Everything And Read Session for Year 1, 2, and 3 Parents:

We are excited about nurturing a love for reading within our school community. That's why we're inviting parents of students in Year 1, 2, and 3 to join us for a special DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) session next Wednesday afternoon, from 2:10 pm until the end of the day. Whether you bring along cherished stories from home or choose to read from the books available in our classrooms, this is a fantastic opportunity to bond and spend quality time in your child's learning environment. We'll soon be announcing similar sessions for KG and Year 4, 5, and 6, so stay tuned. The magic of storytelling awaits, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards,  
Tom Collar



Some wonderful comments from supportive parents that were left in the books when they were sent home. As we reduce some of the focus on technology it is great to see parents embrace a traditional method of appreciation.

# 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.
- Next week, with the weather steadily cooling, we will be spending more time outdoors, please remember to send you children with a water bottle and a hat! No hat, no sunshine.



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# OCTOBER



# 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 ECOVENTURE PARENT MORNING YEAR 4-6 WILL RECEIVE FACE TO FACE INFORMATION ON OUR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRIPS. 7:40 - 8:45 CANTEEN	03	04 YEAR 3 COFFEE MORNING 8-9AM @COFFEE CLUB SPRINGS SOUQ.	05 WORLD TEACHER DAY • STAFFROOM TAKEOVER ORGANISED BY PRIMARY PADIA • 2-3PM TEACHER LUNCH WITH FOOD SUPPLIED BY THE COMMUNITY AND WHOLE SCHOOL PADIA	06 DIVERSITY DAY - DYSLEXIA - WEAR RED YEAR 5 COFFEE MORNING 8-9AM @COFFEE CLUB SPRINGS SOUQ.	07
08	09 BORNEO AND KENYA INFORMATION MORNING. 7:40 - 8:40 CANTEEN.	10	11 PYP WORKSHOP - COME AND LEARN ABOUT HOW THE IB SUPPORTS YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT 7:45AM REAR OF THE CAFETERIA	12	13	14
15	16	17 YEAR 3-9 PARENT READING INFORMATION SESSION ON ACCELERATED READER	18 S4K PRODUCTION 'PETER PAN' PINK DAY- DRESS UP <b>NEW!</b> YEAR 1, 2 AND 3 READING SESSION WITH PARENTS. IN CLASS.	19 MID TERM - NO SCHOOL	20 MID TERM - NO SCHOOL	21
22	23	24	25 <b>NEW!</b> DEADLINE FOR SHORT STORY COMPETITION. SUBMISSIONS TO THE LIBRARY	26	27 TODDLE REPORT UNIT 1 YEAR 1 - 6	28
29	30 PRIMARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - NO SCHOOL	31	01	02	03	04

# 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: **25 October, Wednesday**
- Criteria: presentation; content; originality

You chance to set free your imagination,  
prove your writing skills and...

**...WIN**

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# BOOK FAIR

30 OCTOBER-3 NOVEMBER 2023

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY EMIRATES HILLS, 8AM - 3PM

Come, join us at our book adventure of the year by Booktopia & choose from a vast range of books


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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... It can be anything from litter picking, to donating hair, to sponsoring a guide dog...

Please complete the form below:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/628xwcfgmWx>



One of our display boards celebrating our wonderful students.



Zhaomu (4A) taking part in Pink is Punk for the Al Jalila Foundation.



Haya (4D) donating her unneeded clothes to charity.



Kenzy (4B) with her brother Yussuf (6A) helping at a beach clean up.



Ziyaan (4G) planting mangrove trees in Jebel Ali with the Ismaili Civic and Emirates Environmental Marine groups.





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TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER  
10:30AM



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## S4K Production - Peter Pan coming to DIA-EH on 18 October 2023



*PETER PAN*, a musical show for 4–11-year-olds, adapted from the world-renowned JM Barrie story and made famous by the classic Disney movie (amongst many others!), is magically brought to life here at Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills.

*PETER PAN* flies to London and meets his new friends WENDY, JOHN, and MICHAEL. He brings them back to NEVERLAND where they meet MERMAIDS, INDIAN BRAVES, PIRATES and the infamous CAPTAIN HOOK.

*PETER PAN* is a delightful, musical comedy show with plenty of audience participation and interactive fun. The action-packed, fun filled, comedy adventure is ideal for children of all ages.

*These shows are performed in English and sensitively adapted for UAE audiences.*

### Show times:

KG1-Y2 - 09.50 am - 10.40 am

Year 3-4 - 11.00 am - 12.00 noon

Year 5-6 - 13.30 pm - 14.30 pm

Venue: SS PE Hall, DIA Emirates Hills Dubai

If you wish your child to attend this fantastic performance, then please arrange an online payment of AED 60 via the below online payment line:

<https://payment.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/online/>

To login, use your child's "student ID number" and date of birth.

**Payment deadline: Monday 16th October 2023.**

**The online ticket payment is non-refundable.**

Should students not be attending, they will remain in class with one of the year team teachers.

