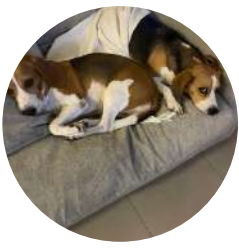


# Newsletter





After a long day at doggy school and dad  
fancies a walk.

# Head of Primary's Message

Dear DIA Families,

## **Diversity Day: Understanding Dyslexia**

This week marked our first Diversity Day of the year, focusing on raising awareness about Dyslexia. Dyslexic thinking comes with unique strengths, including creativity, problem-solving, and out-of-the-box ideas. While it may come with challenges in reading, writing, and spelling, with the right kind of tools individuals can achieve remarkable success. Ms. Jayda, our Head of Inclusion, along with Ms. Asha from the Senior School and their teams, fostered a safe and supportive atmosphere to engage and learn about Dyslexia. Lunchtime activities demonstrated some of the challenges and strengths that often come with Dyslexia, fostering empathy and understanding throughout our community. I was deeply touched by the gestures of kindness from students who even brought me cards, after rewatching a video from last year where I shared my personal journey with Dyslexia. I say regularly and I say again that everything is an opportunity depending on how you look at it.

## **Trips**

Year 4 students had a dynamic outing to Circuit Factory where they engaged both body and mind. The students explored how balancing physical health impacts our wider life. With the cooler weather approaching and half term only one week away, I wonder what physical opportunities our students could engage with outside of their norm... There are so many beautiful places to visit in the UAE and I hope you get a chance to visit somewhere new.

Following last year's success, our Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) breakfasts will once again take place, this time expanding beyond the school's sky garden. This immersive language experience underscores the importance of using our taught languages in everyday settings. I encourage all parents to seek out opportunities for your children to use different languages in real-world contexts.

## **World Teacher Day Celebration**

Today, we celebrated World Teacher Day, and I am so grateful to PADIA who organised a wonderful show of edible appreciation for our teachers. Teaching extends far beyond the classroom walls, and every day, our teachers come to DIA committed to making a positive impact on not only your children's lives but the life of our community as a whole. I saw so many small gestures of kindness that go such a long way in making the difference. If you feel that something is going well, please take the time to share this, whether on Google, by email, face to face, or even an old school handwritten letter or card.

## **Beach Clean Up**

We had a great turn out for a beach up last week. A big thank you to the growing number of students who are engaging with Mr. Nick's Community and Service opportunities. This is what IB education is all about.

Kind regards,  
Tom

# EXTRA EXTRA! EXTRA!



KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

STUDENT  
COUNCIL

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

YEAR 2

YEAR 6



## NOTICES

- Mr. James's and Ms. Stephanie's assessment meeting for Year 2 - 6 next week.
- Mr. Tom's Class Rep coffee morning next week.
- Please keep to deadlines for payments to avoid disappointment.
- Half term starts at the end of next week.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30 Y4BG Y4CE TRIP TO CIRCUIT FACTORY	01	02 Y4F, Y4AD Trip to Circuit Factory	03 Ecoventures Intl Trips Parent presentation - Canteen 7.45 Dyslexia Awareness Day <i>Dress in RED</i>	04 WORLD TEACHER'S DAY (PADIA)	05
06	07 Y3ABCG TRIP TO FITREPUBLIK Y4-6 PASS TESTING SESSION 1	08 Y3DEF TRIP TO FITREPUBLIK Y4 MFL BREAKFAST TRIP	09 KG1-Y6 CLASS REPS COFFEE MORNING CANTEEN @7.45 AM	10 PS POETRY EVENT (BY INVITE)	11 PINK DAY (NON-UNIFORM) PARENT INFO SESSION - ASSESSMENTS YEARS 2-6. 7.45 AM CANTEEN	12
13	14 MID-TERM BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS & SS)	15 MID-TERM BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS & SS)	16 MID-TERM BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS & SS)	17 MID-TERM BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS & SS)	18 MID-TERM BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS & SS)	19
20	21	22	23	24 UN DAY	25	26
27	28 PS PTC KG1-Y6 (NO SCHOOL FOR PS) PS BOOK FAIR 28 OCT 1 NOV	29 PS BOOK FAIR 28 OCT 1 NOV	30 PS BOOK FAIR 28 OCT 1 NOV Y6 ARABIC TRIP TO MBR SPACE CENTRE (TCB)	31 PS BOOK FAIR 28 OCT 1 NOV AR SESSION FOR PARENTS Y3-9 - CANTEEN @7.45 AM	01 NOV PS BOOK FAIR 28 OCT 1 NOV	02 NOV



# 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 posters and displays in school...

Please email Mr Nick with any details at [nicholast@diadubai.com](mailto:nicholast@diadubai.com)



The action ambassadors had their first community beach clean last Saturday. We teamed up with Goumbook, who run the 'Save the Butts' campaign. As part of this initiative they recycle cigarette butts into a reusable material. It was amazing to be apart of this initiative once again and hopefully the first of many events that we will take part in this year. Keen to get involved? Please get in touch with Mr Nick.



# I STAND FOR CANCER.

Show Strength, Courage and Hope for those who have been affected by cancer.

Wear pink, red or white to school on

**FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2024**



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#DIACARES #STRENGTH #COURAGE #HOPE  
#POSITIVELYPINK

# PS POETRY FESTIVAL

مسابقة إلقاء الشعر



## EVENT RULES

Open to students by invite.

Recitals in both Arabic and English.

Years  
4/5/6

## PRIZES

1st PLACE

2nd PLACE

3rd PLACE



OCTOBER 10

10 AM – 12 PM PS GYM

## INFORMATION

For more information, contact  
Ms. Aida or Ms. Rana.

# 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

**BOOKTASTIC PRIZES  
FROM BOOKTOPIA**



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28 October - 1 November Bookfair





# THE JUNGLE BOOK

**COMING TO DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY  
ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2024**

**Link to pay will be coming soon**



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# Lost and Found

Claim your lost item at the  
**Quad** from **9th to 11th Oct**  
before it goes to a good cause.



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