

Newsletter

18th October, 2023

Term 1, Issue 8



Photos courtesy of our Community Painting Project, Pink day and one of our staff bake off entries that was enjoyed today.



Lucy waiting for Arthur to look away before she steals his chew. moments later... she pounced!



Head of Primary's Message

Dear Parents,

Enriching Experiences Beyond the Classroom

This week has been an exhilarating whirlwind of learning and growth beyond our school premises. From adrenaline-packed trips to Circuit Factory and Fit Republik to our Islamic students' insightful journey to the Museum of the Future, we continue to embrace learning beyond the context of the classroom and into real life.

Accelerated Reader Workshop

Our Accelerated Reader workshop turned out to be an enlightening experience, not just in terms of understanding the program, but also facilitating stimulating discussions about the art, joy and sometimes the struggles with helping children to enjoy and value reading. A big thank you to everyone who could make it and to Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Sue for organising.

Poetry in Motion

The halls of DIA echoed with passionate verses during our poetry recital final. Children from Year 4 to 6 had competed recently to make the final and it was a true celebration of linguistic diversity, I was genuinely blown away by the sheer depth of talent, confidence and expression from the children both in English and Arabic. I have such admiration for the stage and how children are often the ones who model to the adults how to be confident. To all our entrants and eventual finalists I offer my heartfelt gratitude. To the supportive parents, our melodious choir, guest judge Ms. Kathy, and the ever-dedicated Ms. Aida, our beloved Head of Upper School English you are all amazing. Finally, to our winners, I am extremely proud of you:

For English Language:

1. Jude Salloum
2. Aditi Iyer
3. Ariana Velani



For Arabic Language:

1. Hana Al-Kashef
2. Charlene Dagher
3. Kenzie Al Nagdy



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Pink Day Awareness

Today, our corridors and classrooms were adorned in pink, marking our commitment to raising cancer awareness. While the nuances of this issue might be complex for our younger ones, it's essential to provide them with platforms to discuss, understand, and emote. Your support in facilitating these conversations at home is invaluable and ensures that children feel comfortable to share and ask questions. Something that is crucial for a healthy life.

Year 6 Civilisation Fair: A Journey Through Time

Year 6 students immersed themselves in a Civilisation Fair today, making connections with music, art, clothing, language (to mention a few features) from various civilisations. Through this engaging experience, students created artifacts and they gained insights into how these elements have evolved and continue to shape our world today.

A Visit from Neverland

Our imaginations were captivated as Peter Pan, straight from Neverland, flew into DIA. It's our 7th year of partnership with S4K, and they continue to be an wonderful part of our growing performing arts narrative. We hope your children come home inspired to role play and explore stories.

Year Group Newsletters

Year Group newsletters will be updated on Friday 27th October.

As the 4 day weekend dawns, and the temperatures mellow down, I wish for each of you a relaxing and rejuvenating break. Here's to quality family moments and cherished memories.



Our first community painting project is nearing completion but that has not stopped our Year 1s enjoying a campfire story in front of our Autumn mural. Here you can see an example of how these designs came to be.

**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 for any assistance.
- No school Thursday or Friday this week.
- November dates have begun to be added below



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OCTOBER



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 ECOVENTURE PARENT MORNING YEAR 4-6 WILL RECIEVE 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 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 DEADLINE FOR SHORT STORY COMPETITION. SUBMISSIONS TO THE LIBRARY	26	27 TODDLER REPORT UNIT 1 YEAR 2- 6	28
29	30 BOOK FAIR WEEK KG1-YEAR 6. THIS RUNS ALL WEEK UNTIL THE 3RD. BOOK FAIR AT KG1 CAMPUS PRIMARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - NO SCHOOL	31 BOOK FAIR AT KG1 CAMPUS	01	02	03 DIVERSITY DAY - ADHD AWARENESS WEAR ORANGE. LAST DAY FOR BOOK FAIR.	04

11.

NEW!

NOVEMBER



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05	06	07	08	09	10 WORLD SCIENCE DAY DRESS AS A SCIENTIST, INVENTOR, INVENTION, WILD WADI EVENT 7-10 PM TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE PAYMENT PORTAL.	11
12	13 YEAR 4 TO 6 ARABIC IBT ASSESSMENTS WILL BE THIS WEEK. EXACT DAYS TBC. EARLY FINISH FOR PRIMARY 1:15PM FINISH.	14	15 KG2-YEAR 3 MAGIC PHIL AT DIA AL BARSHA. TICKETS ON OUR PAYMENT PORTAL.	16	17	18
19	20 WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY DETAILS TBC	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 YEAR 5 AND 6 PLUMA CIRCUS. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.	28 YEAR 1 TO 4 PLUMA CIRCUS. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.	29	30	01 COMMEMORATION DAY - NO SCHOOL	02 UAE NATIONAL DAY

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/628xwcmWx>



Michael (3A) helping with the construction of a kitchen oven for a local school in Kenya.



Sisters, Mia (2C) and Lia (KG1E), volunteering their time to care for stray animals.



Kohsheen (4G) giving a delivery driver a much needed bit of hydration.



Clara (5B) taking part in Pink is Punk for the Al Jalila Foundation this past weekend.

MR TOM'S DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR PTC'S

Term 1
PTC

Revisiting aspirations and goals from you as parents;

Development of attitude towards work in class;

Levels of curiosity towards learning topics;

What the internal and external assessments are indicating;

What the current barriers to learning might be;

What to expect in the reports and how recent classwork contributed;

Are there any levels of support or stretch being provided;

How home can contribute;

Work in books or on Seesaw in relation to curriculum standards/non-negotiables;

Remember to leave some positive praise.



Discussion categories

Discussion categories are important as they guide the outcome of the discussion through a defined aim and ensure efficiency in what is a short timeframe. These are used by parents and teachers alike.

Creating

What key observations have you noticed as a parent/teacher?

As you look ahead to the rest of the year, what do you hope/target to be accomplished?

Clarifying

Looking back at previous discussions we talked about how is this progressing?

You mentioned am I right in understanding

Negotiating

What is your opinion of

How does my observation or experience of compare your your observation at home/school?

Fortifying

"An example of is"

"The strongest evidence I have to support is"

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: *26 October*, Thursday
- Criteria: presentation; content; originality

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

...WIN

**BOOKTASTIC PRIZES
FROM BOOKTOPIA**



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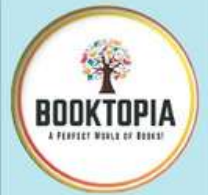
30 October - 3 November Bookfair





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BOOK FAIR

30 OCTOBER-3 NOVEMBER 2023

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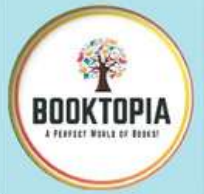
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STORYTELLING
THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER



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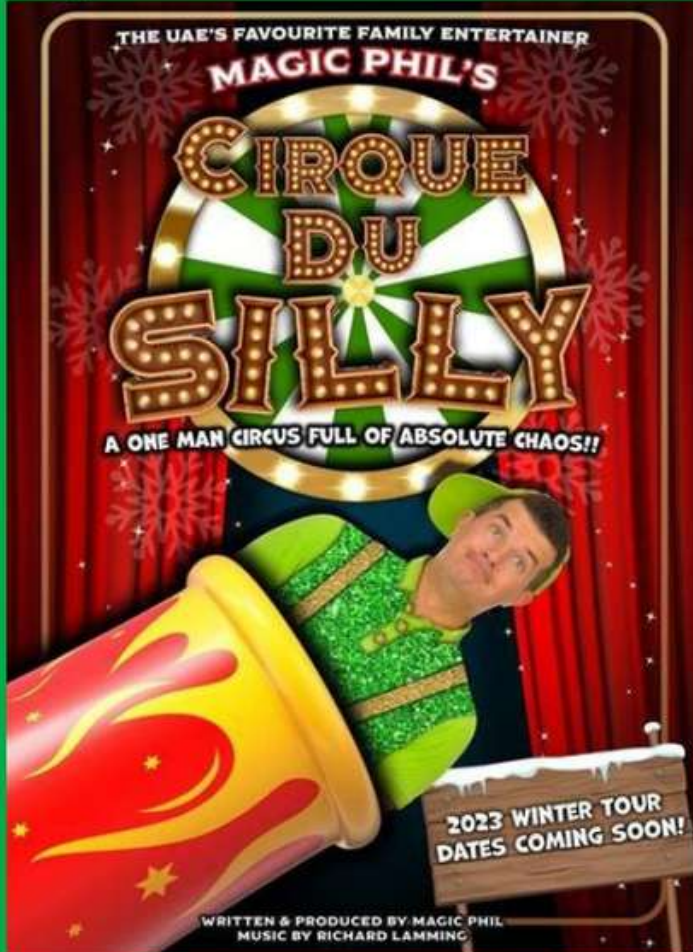
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Cirque Du Silly by Magic Phil

Coming to DIA

15th November 2023



CLAIMED TO BE UAE'S NO. 1 CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER, IT IS A HIT WITH FAMILIES AROUND THE MIDDLE EAST. HE CAN BE SEEN ROUTINELY PERFORMING AT SOME OF DUBAI'S BIGGEST FAMILY BRUNCHES, SHOPPING MALLS, FAMILY EVENTS, SCHOOLS, AND OTHER VENUES, AS WELL AS SELLING OUT THEATRES EVERY CHRISTMAS WITH HIS OWN FESTIVE TOUR.

BEST KNOWN FOR HIS CHILDREN'S RADIO SHOW 'THE LAUGHTER NOON DRIVE' ON PEARL FM, HIS APPEARANCES AT THE EMIRATES LITERATURE FESTIVAL WITH HIS BEST-SELLING CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND MULTIPLE APPEARANCES ON NICKELODEON, OSN, DUBAI ONE AND COMEDY CENTRAL HE CERTAINLY LEAVES A SUPER SILLY IMPRESSION TO ALL HIS LITTLE FANS.

MAGIC PHIL IS THE CELEBRITY COLUMNIST FOR TIME OUT UAE KIDS WHERE YOU CAN READ ALL HIS LATEST JOKES, FUNNY STORIES AND LAUGH OUT LOUD AT HIS RIDDLES.

HIS CHRISTMAS 2023 THEME IS 'CIRQUE DU SILLY'.

We have the opportunity to host Magic Phil at DIA- Al Barsha auditoriums, allowing children in KG2 to Y3 to visit and see exclusive presentations on 15th November.

If you wish your child to attend this fantastic performance, then please arrange an online payment of AED 85 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 13th November 2023.

ShowTimes

9-10 am show KG2 and Year 1

11 am – 12.00 noon show - Year 2-3

Venue

DIA- Al Barsha Auditorium

The online ticket payment is non-refundable.

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