

Newsletter



COMING SOON



Photos courtesy of the Growing Green Room, our Choir, the Director General Visit, our Year 6 Graduates from last year still smashing it in the dance arena, and our author visit!



My wife is not a fan of my taste in fashion, but what wouldn't look cute on this little guy! Plus it means he carries his on poop bag

Head of Primary's Message

Dear DIA Families,

Sustainability Award and Visit from the Director General of KHDA

DIAEH's recognition in the 'World's Best School Awards' for sustainability has been a long journey, culminating in this week's awards ceremony. While we didn't secure first place, being named among the top three globally highlights our distinctive approach. Our sustainability efforts are student-driven, fostering a legacy of advocacy for internationally-minded, sustainable practices, from our youngest KGs experimenting with planting to our Year 5 and 6s excelling at Junior Model United Nations, and everywhere in between.

Key initiatives include:

- Curriculum design with several units focusing on sustainability, supported by Year Group Exhibitions.
- Action Ambassadors and the Eco Council leading projects.
- The first-ever Model United Nations for Juniors.
- Our 'Taking Action' celebratory posters each week.
- The GIVE (Gift of Innoventures Education) philanthropic initiative, which has built nine schools in Nepal.
- Generating maximum permitted power through rooftop solar panels.
- Community support through Second-Hand Uniform drives.
- Lastly, though not covering everything, it's incredible to see what this learning in Primary becomes when students move to Senior School. The number of truly student-led initiatives is mind-blowing.

This recognition affirms our commitment to empowering students to lead the way in sustainability, and believe me, there is so much more in the works right now. Thanks to our student council for raising funds and the dedicated contributions from some of our parent community members, particularly Ms. Kathy, our parent author, and Ms. Maria, who successfully led the Kiss and Drop painting initiative. Our Green Room is being renovated and will soon be a source of home-grown crops and experimentation.

Our pride was further magnified by a historic visit from the Director General of the KHDA, Her Excellency Aisha Miran, who honored us by participating in our ongoing '20,001 Trees' initiative. This not only supports our sustainable efforts, and those of the UAE, but also marks 20 years of Innoventures Education at DIA. The event was marked by the presence of our Eco and Action council members. Zayaan Farooqui from Year 5 gave an inspiring speech that highlighted the depth of our students' engagement in sustainability, delivered with such confidence and expression.

The ceremony started with a memorable performance of 'We Are The World' by our Upper School Choir, a favorite of our CEO, Ms. Poonam, and concluded with heartfelt thanks from our Head Boy and Girl, Ayaan and Rihanna. This event not only celebrated our achievements but also reinforced our commitment to nurturing responsible, environmentally aware students.

Indian Arts Day of Light and Colour - Next Friday

Some parents have expressed a wish to attend school to celebrate Indian arts, encompassing light, color, music, dance, and food. If you wish to participate, please coordinate with your Homeroom Teacher. In line with our theme of "vibrant color," children are also encouraged to dress up in bright, lively non-uniform attire.

Please note that any food brought in must adhere to our school policy, specifically excluding nuts to ensure the safety of all students. Additionally, there are specific guidelines set by the KHDA that must be followed. All teachers are fully aware of these guidelines and can advise further if you would like to come in. This is not compulsory, and teachers will have the final say, depending on their classes on that day. No other day can be permitted.



Head of Primary's Message

Year 4-6 Ecoventure Camp

I have extended the sign-up deadline by one day to provide an additional reminder during the Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs). Today, the children will watch a video outlining what they can expect from the trip (it is an old video but gives a good flavour of what camp is like). They will also be informed that the final decision rests with you as parents and must be respected.

Please note, there will be no further extension; the deadline is now set for Monday, 28th October, at 11:59 PM. While I understand that busy schedules can lead to missed deadlines, multiple communications on this matter and fairness dictate that if an extension is granted to one parent, it must be available to all. Additionally, immediate administrative preparations for the trip will begin on Tuesday, including allocating teachers and Ecoventure staff, as well as organizing catering, group activities, and transport.

Year 4: <https://ecov.co/dia4>

Year 5: <https://ecov.co/dia5>

Year 6: <https://ecov.co/dia6>

Year 4 Concept Workshop

The teachers led a concept workshop for all Year 4 classes. Each teacher introduced a key concept, fostering student engagement through hands-on activities and meaningful, real-life connections. Thought-provoking questions were used to encourage deeper thinking and exploration, helping students grasp the relevance of the concepts in everyday situations. The workshop emphasized active learning, critical thinking, and collaboration, enriching students' understanding of the concepts.

Author Visit for Years 2, 3, and 4


Together with the children, Mrs. Ivana B. Ogbu—a wonderful author who writes about sustainability—shared captivating stories from Cyril's Kindness Crew with the students in Years 2, 3, and 4.

Mrs. Ivana shared her experience working for the United Nations and engaged the audience in a meaningful discussion about sustainability, breaking down the complex concepts of the grown-up world into understandable and inspiring ideas on how we can take action, make a difference, and embrace the power of kindness.

The Q&A session was full of raised hands, thoughtful questions, and insightful contributions from our little changemakers, eager to make the world a better place for all!

What an incredible first week back! Please see my PTC guide below for support with discussions on Monday. I look forward to seeing many of you around the campus.

Kind regards,
Tom



MR TOM'S DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR PTC'S

Term 1
PTC

Revisiting aspirations and goals from you as parents from Hopes and Dreams;

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;

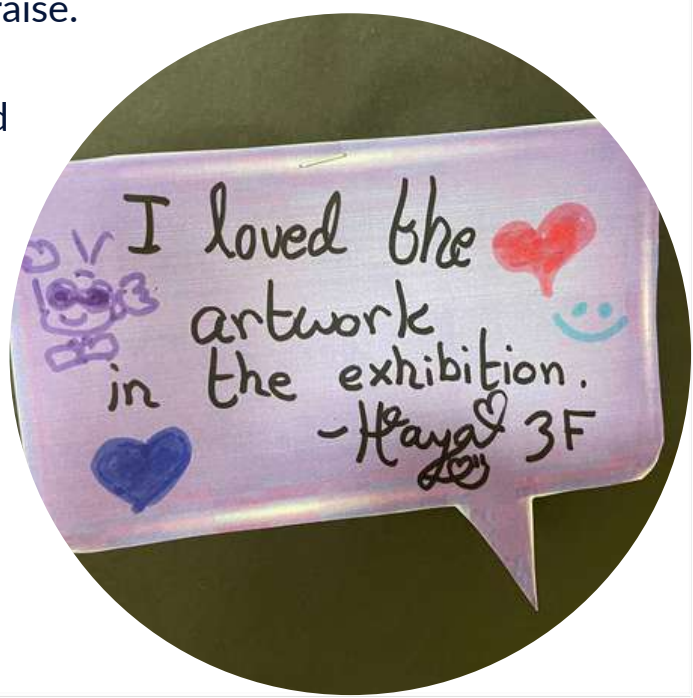
Are there any levels of support or stretch being provided;

How home can contribute;

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

Remember to leave some positive praise.

Is my child meeting expectations and if not is this being managed in class or with the support of the inclusion department.



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"

EXTRA EXTRA! EXTRA!



KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

STUDENT
COUNCIL

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

YEAR 2

YEAR 6



NOTICES

Footloose Friday cancelled on 1st November

Accelerated Reader Parent Information Session Y3-9 -
Thursday 31st October at 7:45 in the cafeteria



Dubai 30x30 begins 29 October
Click here for 30x30 activities schedule here



10 OCTOBER 2024

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 WSC PARENT INFO SESSION (VIA TEAMS) 9.30 AM (BY INVITE)	23 ECOVENTURES PARENT INFO SESSION - Y4-6 CAMP CANTEEN @7.45 AM YEAR 4 AUTHOR VISIT (L6 KG GYM) - MS. IVANA OGBU	24 UN DAY YEAR 4 CONCEPT WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS CANTEEN 7.30-9.30 AM YEAR 3 AUTHOR VISIT (L5 KG GYM) - MS. IVANA OGBU YEAR 2 AUTHOR VISIT (L6 KG GYM) - MS. IVANA OGBU	25	26
27	28 PS PTC KG1-Y6 (NO SCHOOL FOR PS) PS BOOK FAIR 28 OCT 1 LIBRARY OPEN DAY PLANT THE EMIRATES - 20,001 TREES - KICK OFF SHARJAH	29 PS BOOK FAIR 28 OCT 1 NOV 6G ASSEMBLY L7 PS GYM 30X30 CHALLENGE STARTS DIGITAL WELLBEING - BEING SAFE SESSION BY MRS. JACKIE GREENWOOD CANTEEN 8.00 AM	30 PS BOOK FAIR 28 OCT 1 NOV 6C CLASS ASSEMBLY L1 QUAD Y6 ARABIC A TRIP TO MBR SPACE CENTRE Y6B,6D ASSEMBLY PS GYM L6	31 PS BOOK FAIR 28 OCT 1 NOV 6E CLASS ASSEMBLY, PS GYM L7 AR SESSION FOR PARENTS Y3-9 - CANTEEN @7.45 AM	01 NOV PS BOOK FAIR 28 OCT 1 NOV 6A+6F CLASS ASSEMBLY QUAD L1 FOOTLOOSE FRIDAY CANCELLED	02 NOV



11 NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
	11 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV EARLY CLOSING FOR PS DUE TO SS PTC	12 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV	13 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV	14 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV INNOVENTS PRIMARY SCHOOL DEBATE Y4-6 RWA 8 AM-2 PM	15 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 11-15 NOV PADIA WILD WADI EVENT (7 PM)	
17	18 S4K PRODUCTION THE JUNGLE BOOK KG1-Y6 SS PE HALL	19 DHA EYE SCREENING Y2, Y5 CANTEEN	20 1A TRIP TO MIRZAM CHOCOLATE FACTORY	21	22	23
24	25 INNOVENTS MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE Y5-12 AT DIA-AB 1B,1D TRIP TO MIRZAM CHOCOLATE FACTORY	26 PS SKI TRIP - PARENT INFO SESSION 7.45 CANTEEN 1G,1E TRIP TO MIRZAM CHOCOLATE FACTORY Y3-6 ECO/ ACTION AMBASSADORS TRIP TO FARZ MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY	27 Y5 TRIP TO AL MAZRA'A (27-29 NOV) Y6 TRIP TO AL AIN ADVENTURE (27-29 NOV) Y4 TRIP UAQ MARINE CLUB 27-28 NOV (GROUP 1) 1F/1C TRIP TO MIRZAM CHOCOLATE FACTORY	28 Y5 TRIP TO AL MAZRA'A (27-29 NOV) Y6 TRIP TO AL AIN ADVENTURE (27-29 NOV) Y4 TRIP UAQ MARINE CLUB 27-28 NOV (GROUP 1) Y4 TRIP UAQ MARINE CLUB 28-29 NOV (GROUP 2) Y2 TRIP TO KIDZANIA	29 Y5 TRIP TO AL MAZRA'A (27-29 NOV) Y6 TRIP TO AL AIN ADVENTURE (27-29 NOV) Y4 TRIP UAQ MARINE CLUB 28-29 NOV (GROUP 2) 30X30 ENDS	30

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



Sarvani (4G) made a difference by collecting litter on her holiday in Thailand. She grabbed a basket and proceeded to collect an abundance of litter and disposed it into the appropriate trash bins. Great work Sarvani :)



Niccolo (1F) helped to rescue some kittens from his local park. He took great care of them for a few weeks, bottle feeding them everyday. He has since found them all a new home.

Awesome job Niccolo :)



Ranvit (3G) is always on hand to offer any delivery driver a much-needed refreshment. Keep looking out for others Ranvit, it's amazing to see :)



FAMILY TIME AT THE LIBRARY

We believe a library with open doors is a library with open books!



All DIA families are welcome to come together, read, enjoy and repeat!

Library Open Day



1. BOOK BONDING - enjoy our cosy reading area while sharing a story and a pillow with your favourite person in the world;). Connect, relax, make memories!
2. MAP YOUR STORY - leave a mark and tell us where your family story has begun on our DIA Family Map!
3. TIME TRAVEL with our DIA special device, aka The Yearbook-find the greener version of your teachers!
4. FLYING PAGES—build a paper plane together and let it soar! Yes, we even have a book about that!
5. MYSTERY WORD - discover the meaning of our mystery word of the month. You might even win a prize!
6. MAKE A WISH - write on our magic list the book you would like to find next time in the library!
7. LITTLE FREE INSPIRATION - leave a quote and take another inspiring note from our Little Free Library!

MONDAY - 28TH OCTOBER





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Wellbeing Session

We would like to invite all Secondary School & Primary School parents to a Wellbeing Session delivered by Jackie Greenwood.



Jackie Greenwood is the Director of Education and Wellbeing at Vivamus psychology. She has over 20 years of experience working with young people and their families in school and child and adolescent mental health services. Jackie has worked extensively with parents to offer evidence-based parenting strategies. She is a former Head of Wellbeing, Safeguarding expert and Counsellor in International schools, and Task Force Leader for the International School Counselling Association



Theme

“Digital Wellbeing - Being Safe & Well Online”.

Should you wish to attend, please sign up using this  link by 3.00 pm Monday 28 October



Tuesday 29th October



8am - 9am

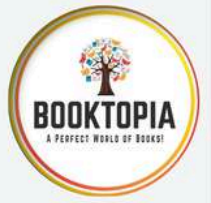


Canteen Extension



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BOOKFAIR



28 OCTOBER-1 NOVEMBER 2024

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY EMIRATES HILLS, 8AM - 3PM



BOARD BOOKS | CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS | ACTIVITY BOOKS |
BOOKS BOX SETS | FICTION | TEEN FICTION | ENCYCLOPEDIA |
SELF IMPROVEMENT & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT BOOKS

KG1 CAMPUS - 30TH OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY

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PM

Nov 15th
2024

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31st October


100dhs per
ticket

20% OFF on Food & Beverages and Wild Wadi Retail Outlets

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Initiative

7:00-10:00 PM

 **Wild Wadi Waterpark**
Next to Burj Al Arab, Jumeirah



S4K Production - The Jungle Book at DIA-EH on 18 November 2024

THE JUNGLE BOOK, a musical shory for 4-11 year olds, adapted from the Mowgli stories of Rudyard Kipling and made popular by the Walt Disney movies, is magically brought to life here at DIA- EH. Brought up in the Indian jungle, MOWGLI THE MAN CUB is taught the laws of the jungle by his friend BALOO THE BEAR and BAGHEERA THE PANTHER. When time comes for Mowgli to leave the jungle and return to the Man Village, the lessons he has learned prove invaluable. THE JUNGLE BOOK is a delightful musical comedy show with plenty of audience participation and interactive fun ideal for children of all ages! The show is performed in English and sensitively adapted for UAE audiences.



Watch
the
trailer

THE JUNGLE BOOK

Show times:

10:00 - 10:50 am

KG1, KG2, Year 1-2

12.15 - 13:15 - Year 3-4

13.30 - 14:30 - Year 5-6

Students who are not watching will remain in class with one of the year level team teachers.

The show will take place in the SS Gym, where all students will be seated.

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

Online payment line: <https://payment.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/online/>
To login, use your child's "student ID number" and date of birth.

**Click here to
make the
payment**

**Payment deadline
Wednesday 13 November**

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