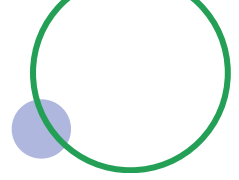


Newsletter



Photos courtesy of the Hamdan bin Mohammed Order of Merit, our choir performing to HH Mansoor bin Mohammed AlMaktoum, MFL breakfast, IGNITE Pink is PUNK, Islamic trips and our parent performers from Footloose Friday.





Head of Primary's Message

No hat no sunshine. Arthur and Lucy modelling my new hat after one student who wanted to launch a campaign to ensure teachers are wearing hats too.

Something tells me Lucy is not a hat fan.



Dear Parents,

Royal Recognition: DIA Shines with the Hamdan bin Mohammed Order of Merit

It is with immense pride and a heart full of pride that we announce DIA's recognition with the prestigious Hamdan bin Mohammed Order of Merit for Sports Education School. This royal commendation epitomises the dedication, passion, and excellence that our sports community brings to the fore. We had the honour of welcoming HH Mansoor bin Mohammed AlMaktoum who presented the award, met some of our student leadership and sports champions and enjoyed listening to primary school choir, who sung so beautifully it stopped him in his tracks. Beyond our extensive sports curriculum, we pride ourselves on nurturing 164 teams both boys and girls in 19 sports that compete on regional and global competitive and developmental stages. A significant 90% of our 19 local championship victories last year were at the esteemed Division 1 level. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the 57+ coaches, 12 sports faculty members, our parents who dedicate so much time supporting and driving, of course our dedicated students, but especially our Director of Sport, Mr. Mihail, who for 18 years has relentlessly innovated the department to make all of this possible. Due to security protocols this remained a tight lipped event and required certain security measures out of our control including the cutest little sniffer dogs (which I was not allowed to stroke) and we thank everyone for their understanding now that we have announced.

A Breakfast to Remember with the Modern Foreign Languages Team

Taking language learning beyond the traditional boundaries of a classroom, our Modern Foreign Languages team organised an immersive Spanish and French breakfast. In this delightful setting, our students brought their language skills to life by ordering, serving, and conversing in their chosen language. The aromas and sounds resonated the essence of the countries and amplified the joy of learning through real-world interactions.

Cultural Immersion with Our Islamic Students

Our Islamic students had an enriching cultural experience visiting the Farooq Mosque, the Qur'an printing press, and the Heritage Village. Witnessing the traditions and the rich history was enlightening, and I personally cherished being a part of this cultural journey and encourage all families to take time visiting culturally significant areas of the UAE to deepen your connection with the country we live in.

Singing and Dancing in the Rain (with parents)

The rain tried its best but it will take more than that to stop DIA. We moved into the rear canteen and our Footloose Friday was once again a resounding success, highlighted by the debut of our Parent Palooza segment. Our parents, Shalini and Ramya, alongside our students, showcased their passion and talent, proving that the DIA spirit shines bright, rain or shine. Their performances were not just entertaining but also served as an inspiration for our community. A big thank you to all who continue to make these mornings so memorable!



Head of Primary's Message

Dubai 30X30 - Stay active, stay inspired!

The Dubai 30x30 fitness challenge kicks off today! Embracing the mantra, "healthy body, healthy mind", we're excited to see everyone embark on a journey of physical well-being. Whether you're trying out a new fitness routine or sticking to your favorite activities, it's the dedication and spirit that counts. Our school has lined up a series of events in support of the challenge. To explore and join in, simply [click here](#) for the full schedule. For events such as the Dubai Run/Ride please register individually and we will confirm a meeting for the DIA community.

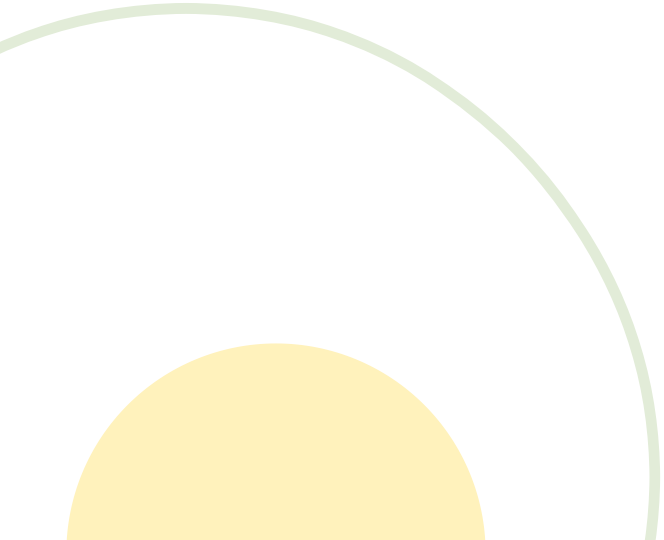
Making Waves at IGNITE Pink is Punk Aquathon

Raising awareness for breast cancer and fostering sportsmanship, many of our students participated in the IGNITE Pink is Punk Aquathon event. It was a day filled with empathy, endurance, and exhilaration, culminating in 2 Golds, 4 Silvers, and 2 Bronze medals. Kudos to our young champions!

Humanitarian Aid Drive for Gaza

We are moved by the distressing situation in Gaza and are committed to making a difference. We've received approval for our collection drive, and have placed boxes in the security foyer for donations. We are collecting items like winter tents, tarpaulins, kitchen utensils, sleeping bags, heaters, food parcels, personal hygiene packets, baby supplements, and more. Along with some parents, we are discussing the feasibility of further humanitarian support which we will communicate when able. We welcome our community to come together in this time of need and contribute generously.

Kind regards,
Tom Collar



Message from Mr. Heard

Home Time Collection

Dear Parents,

We have spoken with a number of teachers and parents and have made the decision to adapt the Year 1-6 pick up waiting areas. We understand fully that parents wish to wait out of the sun and equally know you want your children to be kept safe at all times. For this reason we please ask you read the following and be ready for its implementation.

From Tuesday the 31st all parents who wish to wait inside may use the rear canteen extension. No adults will be permitted into the main section of the cafeteria. We will open the side canteen doors to allow parents in and out of the space, but ask that you do not cross the barriers which divide the two sections.

Once your child is brought outside by the teacher to their designated area then please go out and collect your child. It is also possible to view the specific pick up areas from the extension which should help speed up the process of knowing when classes are out. If you then need to wait for a sibling you may do this in the rear extension.

The only people permitted to be in the main part of the cafeteria will be primary school students who are being collected by older siblings or, after 3:05, those who are late and need somewhere to wait safely.

Myself and Ms. Stephanie will be on hand to guide and observe and any feedback is welcomed.

Thank you in advance for helping make these changes a success.

Mr. James
Deputy Head Lower School



Example of a barrier separating the two areas. Please do not cross or open this line

The two doors which can be used as both entrances or exits to the canteen extension



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.
- PTCs on Monday, school is not open for lessons. Any children accompanying you to PTCs must be supervised at all times.
- Many thanks to those who attended the Accelerated Reader parent session last week. The presentation can be found [here](#).
- Due, I assume, to the weather, we had 91 children who were both absent today and who did not communicate with the school. This put a significant strain on our resources ensuring all children were accounted for. If you child is absent, [you must please fill in the 'Absence Link'](#).
- Today the Primary School raised over AED2200 for our GIVE Foundation. These funds are collated with Secondary and with all of our Innoventures schools and really make a big difference to initiatives and programs of Dubai Cares . Thank you for all of your support.



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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 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

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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 SPORTS NON-UNIFORM IN HONOUR OF THE CRICKET WORLD CUP. VOLUNTARY 10 AED DONATION TO GIVE	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 beach cleaning, to helping stray animals...

Please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/TwFvUcrt0Z>



Brothers, Elias (1C) and Alex (2D), recently refurbished their play kitchen toy and donated it to charity.



Neha (4D) has been spreading awareness of environmental pollution and caring for the planet.



Miia (2A) spent time in her summer making sure her surroundings were kept free of litter.



Vivaan (3C) is huge into animal welfare. From trying to find forever homes for stray and abandoned dogs and cats, to feeding them around his compound, he is always on hand to help an animal in need.



Reyan (1G) distributes food every week to those in need.

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.

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"

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

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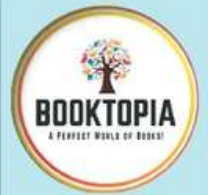
30 October - 3 November Bookfair





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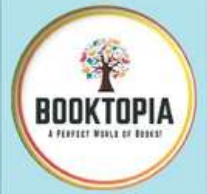
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STORYTELLING
THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER



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**30 OCTOBER
MONDAY**

BOOK WALKS

GROUND FLOOR CORRIDOR & PLAYGROUND,
CLOSE TO PS OFFICE

• **HOW TO CATCH A STAR**
BY OLIVER JEFFERS

• **MONKEY PUZZLE**
BY JULIA DONALDSON

SHARE A WALK & A STORY WHILE
BONDING TOGETHER WITH YOUR
FAVOURITE DIA STUDENT:)

PRIMARY SCHOOL
STUDENTS & PARENTS



**30 OCTOBER
MONDAY**

OPEN LIBRARY DAY

DIA PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

• **FAMILY TIME**
(AT) THE LIBRARY

LET YOUR CHILD BE YOUR GUIDE IN
THE WORLD OF WORDS AND WONDER-
ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO BE AT:
THE LIBRARY!

PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
& PARENTS



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**2 NOVEMBER
THURSDAY**

EXPERT TALK

7:45 AM, THE CANTEEN

• **MS. ASHLEY
GREEN**

AUTHOR OF THE BOOKS
EMOBEANS

& WELLBEING COACH
AT THE FREE SPIRIT COLLECTIVE

EXPLORING

"READING THERAPY":

USING BOOKS AS A
TOOL TO CONNECT WITH
CHILDREN & DEVELOP
THEIR EMOTIONAL
LITERACY & WELL BEING

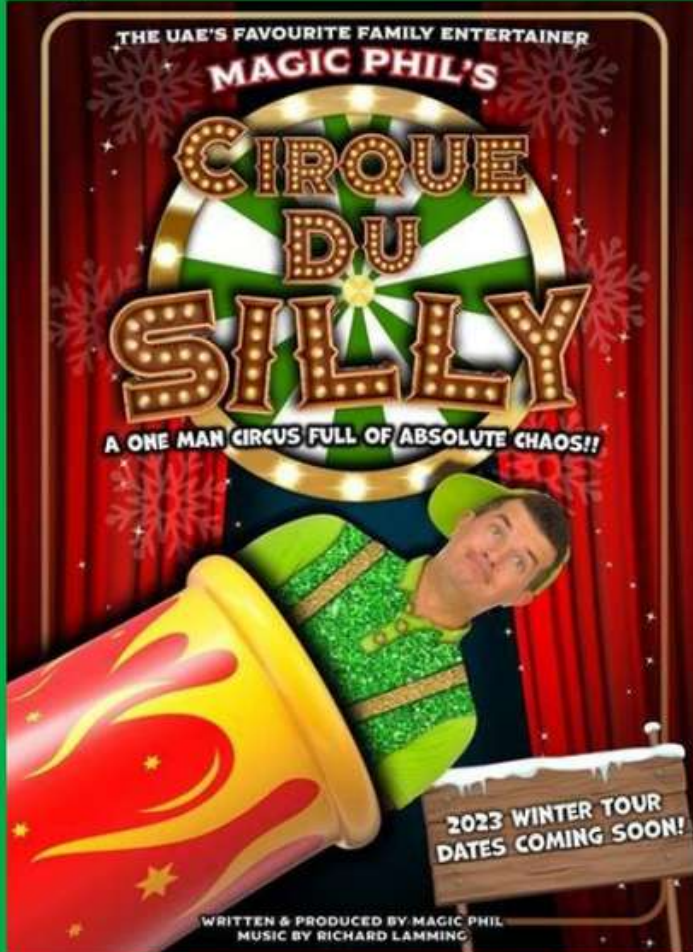
DIA PARENTS



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.