





How could you ever say no...?  
Can you tell if this is Lucy or  
Arthure? Answer in the notes.



# Head of Primary's Message

Dear families,

## Greetings from Year 6 Camp

This week's newsletter comes to you from the exciting environs of the Year 6 camp, where our students are exemplifying bravery, camaraderie, and leaving a fantastic impression on the Ecoventure staff. Their adventures range from white water rafting to surfing and singing round the campfire. These experiences are not just fun activities; they are moments that will become cherished lifelong memories for our students. A big thank you as well to Mr. Conor, Ms Aida, Ms. Lyndsey and Ms. Megan who donated their time away from their families to support this trip. (Photo link to be shared next week)

## Showcasing Game Designing Talent

Back at school, Mr. Filipe's game designers have been impressing everyone with their coding prowess and creativity. Their fabulous projects are a testament to the innovative spirit we nurture at DIA. I received a lovely emailing stating that, "Such initiatives contribute significantly to the overall development, motivation, and well-being of the students." This type of feedback really does fuel our commitment to such enriching educational experiences.

## Innovents Got Talent Triumph

In the realm of performing arts, our students have outdone themselves in the Innovents Got Talent competition, clinching 1st place across five categories. Singing, dancing, instrumental performances, geographical knowledge, and our very first primary school band performed with such confidence and we are all so proud. A huge thank you to Ms. Rini, Ms. Lauren, and the parents for their unwavering support. Catch some of the highlights on our Instagram page.

[Innoventure Got Talent Photos & Videos](#)



## Centre for Musical Arts (Year 3-6)

On Tuesday we welcomed CMA into our Tunes on Tuesday, followed by a parent meeting. I am delighted to share that after a positive initial response, we are starting Piano lessons from next week. As more interest is registered (see letter below) the team will work on assigning tutors for more instruments or more tutors for current instruments. This will grow over time so please reach out if you would like more information or if you would like to register, [click here](#).



## Saluting Our Marathon Participants

You will have seen last week that we had a number of runners taking part in a variety of races at the Dubai Marathon. Well done to all the staff and community members who participated in the 4km, 10km, and 42km runs over the weekend. Your dedication to fitness and personal challenges is inspiring and embodies the spirit of our DIA community. Mr Philip has now shared his plans for future events such as this and it is looking like next time will be bigger better and involved the whole community. Stay tuned for details.

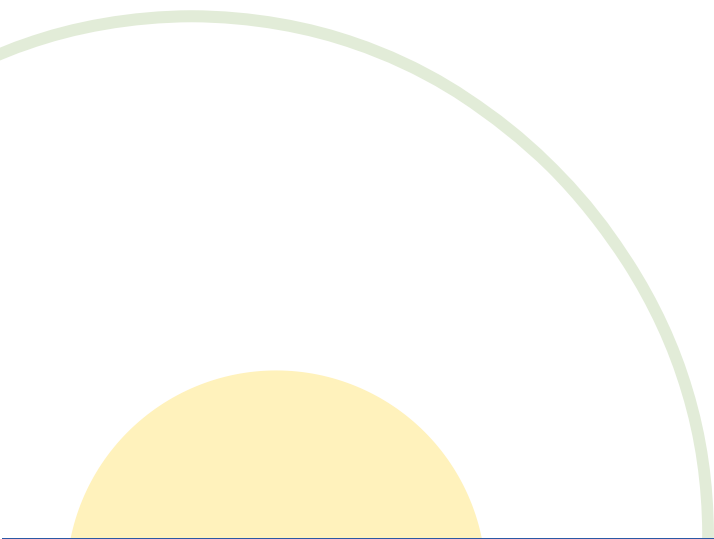
## Run DIA run!

Not only did we have the adult runners above, Ms. Shona sent told me all about how amazingly our student runners did this week with even our 'non-podium' finishers, coming very close and DIA absolutely dominated the competition as a whole. Well done to all the students, staff and as ever the supportive parents.

- under 8 boys (year 3) came 1st in their race
- under 9 girls (year 4) came 2nd in their race
- under 11 girls (year 6) came 2nd in their race
- under 8 girls (year 3) came 3rd in their race

As many of us continue our New Years resolutions I feel that this week has really embodied the diverse talents and strengths that make our school community so unique and vibrant.

Kind regards,  
Tom Collar



# 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.

### NEW FOOD PROVIDER:

All continues to go really well with our new food provider. This link will stay here for a few weeks to serve as a reminder.

- iOS (Apple) App Link: <https://apps.apple.com/ae/app/kalo-hospitality/id6461117251>
- Android App Link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=munch.kalo.delivery>

### Trip Deadlines:

All trips which require payment will close 48 hours beforehand. The school will open payment links for trips as soon as possible. A firm deadline for payment. allows the school to safely organise the logistics of adult supervision, bus transportation, and pre-payment of tickets.



Answer: It is Arthur

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JANUARY



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	01	02 Back to School	03 Paid CCA Expo - Quad 12.00 noon -2 pm 2nd Hand Uniform Sale 7:30 Main Entrance <b>NEW!</b>	04	05 Spanis MT Assembly Three wise Kings - PS Gym	06
07	08 CCA Term 2 begins Borneo Parents meeting PS022 at 7.45 am	09 TUNES ON TUESDAY IS BACK! • School band • CMA Music performances and parent meeting (7:40 - Main Canteen) <b>NEW!</b>	10 Year 6 Camp ALL sections PAID CCA Term 2 begins Innovents Got Talent 7PM DIA Al Barsha 2nd Hand Uniform Sale 7:30 Main Entrance	12 Y5 ICT Game Coding Exhibition PS Gym P6-7	12 Y5 ICT Game Coding Exhibition PS Gym P1	13
14	15 Year 5 Camp (Sections BCFG).	16 Y6 Transition - Parent Info Presentation Hall 7.45 am <b>NEW!</b>	17 Year 5 Camp (Sections ADE).	18	19	20
21 REGISTRATION DEADLINE YEAR 4 CAMP Y3 A,B,C,G trip to Lego Land <b>NEW!</b>	22 Y3 DEF Trip Lego Land	23	24 Y2 EFG Trip to Dubai Safari Park Y6 and &7 Movie Night (more details to be shared)	25 Y2ABCD Trip to Dubai Safari Park	26 Hindi MT Assembly PS Gym P1 Y1-6	27
28	29 PS Sports Day Communication to Follow	30 KG1ABF Trip to X-Park PS Sports Day	31 KG1CDE Trip to X-Park	01 PS Sports Day	02 PS Sports Day (Finals)	03

**NEW!**

# 01. FEBRUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
04	05 PS Parent Teacher Consultation KG1-Y6 (No school for PS)	06	07 PS Sports Day	08	09	10
11	12 Mid Term Break (No school)	13 Mid Term Break (No school)	14 Mid Term Break (No school)	15 Mid Term Break (No school)	16 Mid Term Break (No school)	17
18	19	20	21 Year 4 Camp Sections announced after deadline.	22 Year 4 Camp Sections announced after deadline. Y3 Sleepover	23 Year 4 Camp Sections announced after deadline.	24
25	26	27	28	29	01	02

# INNOVENTURES EDUCATION SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION 2023 - 2024

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## SELECT YOUR CATEGORY

KG1, KG2 Year 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13

2D ARTWORK

Year: 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13

PRINT MAKING

Year: 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13

3D ARTWORK

Year: 6-7, 8-10, 11-13

DIGITAL ART

GROUP WORK

INSTALLATION

2

Print and complete a submission form

3

Submit your entries to your Art Teacher by 8th March 2024

*Art Competition*  
May 18, 2024

Dear parents,

The Innoventures Art Competition is dedicated to nurturing the artistic talents and creative expression of students of all ages and abilities. Our competition is designed to foster an understanding and appreciation of the visual arts while simultaneously developing essential skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, and digital media.

LAST DATE FOR FINAL SUBMISSION: 8th MARCH 2024

### **KG1, KG2 and Year 1:**

CATEGORY 2D ARTWORK ON A3 SIZE PAPER- students can use pencil crayons, oil pastels, chalk pastels, and watercolours. Students may create collage with different materials while following the mentioned size.

Suggested topics:

- My Family Portrait: Create a unique family portrait that includes all family members, even pets.
- My Favorite Animal: Create an artwork featuring your favourite animals, whether real or imaginary.
- A World of Ice Cream: Create an artwork showcasing a world made of your favorite ice cream flavors and toppings.
- When I Grow Up: Create an artwork depicting what you want to be when you grow up.

### **Years 2 – 6:**

CATEGORIES - Each year group must follow one of the suggested topics as per the age range. The student may choose to do more than one category (listed below), but the categories and topics must not be repeated.

Suggested topics:

- Cultural Kaleidoscope: Celebrate diversity by exploring and representing different cultures, traditions, and global perspectives.
- Life in Monochrome: Limit the color palette to black and white or shades of a single color, emphasizing contrast and tone.
- Wildlife Wonders: Depict the fascinating world of wildlife, from the tiniest insects to the mightiest mammals, and the breathtaking beauty of nature.
- Emotions Unleashed: Explore the diverse spectrum of emotions from joy and excitement to sadness and empathy.

### **2D ARTWORK ON A3 SIZE**

- Years 2 - 4: students can use pencil crayons, oil pastels, chalk pastels, and watercolours
- Years 5 – 6: students can use acrylic paints, tempera paints, and watercolours.
- Students may create collage with different materials while following the mentioned size.

### **PRINTMAKING (Batik Printing, Lino Printing, Mono Printing, Styrofoam Printing)**

- Students may use any materials and tools that align with the selected printmaking type.
- Students may do the batik on bags or t-shirts but please note the size of the item should be A3 or A4 paper size.

### **3D - MINIATURE ART**

- Miniature art is any work of art produced in a size much smaller than the normal size for that type of work. (SIZE: A3 or A4 size)

Some examples for the miniature art:

- Wild Life wonder Topic- A cardboard giraffe
- Emotions Unleashed Topic-A clay portrait expressing happiness
- Cultural Kaleidoscope Topic: A dream catcher which aligns with the given size for the miniature artwork.
- Life in Monochrome Topic- An abstract sculpture in shades of blue only.

### **Materials for the 3D MINIATURE ART**

- Students can use any available materials that align with the miniature art.



## Year 5 - 6

Category- DIGITAL ARTS (Animation, Video, Stop Motion)

Suggested topics:

- Cultural Kaleidoscope: Celebrate diversity by exploring and representing different cultures, traditions, and global perspectives.
- Life in Monochrome: Limit the color palette to black and white or shades of a single color, emphasizing contrast and tone.
- Wildlife Wonders: Depict the fascinating world of wildlife, from the tiniest insects to the mightiest mammals, and the breathtaking beauty of nature.
- Emotions Unleashed: Explore the diverse spectrum of emotions from joy and excitement to sadness and empathy.

Follow the link below for submission.

<https://padlet.com/felipel2/digital-design-competition-bnkvxe6ky07glfok>

### Important rules:

1. All artworks must be aligned with the competition themes, conceptual framework, and guidelines.
2. Each student may only submit one artwork per category.
3. The submitted artworks will be used for display on websites, printed materials, newsletters, and press releases as deemed appropriate by Innoventures Education.
4. All artworks should be original and not entered in any previous competitions.
5. All participants must adhere to the sub- rules regarding size, format, material, and artwork count.
6. All submissions must be appropriately labeled with the participation form affixed to the back of the artwork. Any artwork that is sent without proper identification will be disqualified.

LAST DATE FOR FINAL SUBMISSION: 8th MARCH 2024



**ARTWORK SUBMISSION TO THE RESPECTIVE TEACHERS: WITH A COMPLETED SIUBMISSION FORM**

Years 1, 3 and 5 students should submit their artwork to their art teacher Ms. Kiran Lakhiani  
Years 2, 4 and 6 students should submit their artwork to their art teacher Ms. Iti Sethi  
Year 5 and 6 Students to communicate with their ICT teacher Mr. Felipe San Juan De Leon for any queries related to the Digital Arts Category.

KG1 students may give their submissions to their respective class teachers.

For any questions, please contact:  
Ms. Kiran - kiranl@diadubai.com  
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Kind regards,  
The PS Arts Team

*Art Competition*

**AWARD-WINNING WRITER**

**ALEX FALASE-KOYA**

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IS THE AUTHOR OF THE  
EXCITING MARV SERIES  
THAT CELEBRATES THE  
POWER OF KINDNESS,  
RESILIENCE AND  
COURAGE



We are proud to announce that DIA EH  
is amongst the selected schools for an  
Emirates LitFest 2024 Author School Visit

DIA STUDENTS IN  
Y3, Y4 & Y5  
WILL EXPERIENCE SUPER  
FUN AND MARVELOUSLY  
INTERACTIVE SESSION  
ABOUT THE MARV SERIES  
AND HOW STUDENTS, TOO,  
CAN UNLEASH THEIR  
CREATIVE POTENTIAL FOR  
THE GREATER  
GOOD



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If you wish your child to have the memorable experience  
of getting their own book signed by the author, you can  
scan the QR code to make a book order.

**Deadline for orders: Monday, 15th Jan, 4 pm**

Dear Parents,



Centre for Musical Arts is proud to bring instrumental music lessons to students in Year 4 - 6 (to begin with) at Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills. We are delighted to invite you to register your children for instrumental music lessons in school with CMA. This letter contains important information regarding the registration process. Please read all of the information, as well as our Terms and Conditions document at the end of the registration form. Full details can be found on our website at [www.cmadubai.com](http://www.cmadubai.com) or on the registration form via the link below:

Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills; <https://forms.gle/EkGAHZekJfBmoR5B6> We will be offering lessons on a variety of instruments which will be available subject to availability and demand. The list of possible instruments can be found on our registration form.

Our lessons are 30 minutes in length and take place during the school day. Timetables are on a rotation, so each week the lesson time will change. Please be aware that lessons do occur during classroom lesson times and your child will be taken out of classroom lessons in order to attend their instrumental lesson.

We also offer group lessons for selected instruments. There is a maximum of 2-4 students per group which will be for beginners only. After one year of learning, students will be encouraged to move on to individual lessons. Group lessons are only available to absolute beginners. Lesson fees are Dhs 165 per individual lesson and Dhs 100 per student in a group (maximum 2-4 students) and are chargeable by the term. (Subject to availability). Fees must be paid before the lessons commence. Please note that your booking is not confirmed until fees have been settled. Invoices will be sent upon receipt of registration. All lessons are subject to availability and demand.

We look forward to welcoming you to our instrumental programme.

Kind regards,

Sara Ingham

Manager - Schools Music Service Centre for Musical Arts



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CENTRE FOR MUSICAL ARTS

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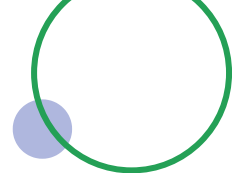
# TAKING ACTION

Has your child been taking action out of school over the winter break? Then we want to know all about it so we can celebrate it on our displays in school...  
Please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/KW8tTenAY3>

Y1 had the pleasure of welcoming the Stray Dogs Center, as part of their unit of inquiry last term. Here they learnt about the responsibility attached to owning a pet and the way in which they can make sure they care for them properly. The children absolutely loved meeting the visiting puppies, and were able to send them on their way with lots of dog food thanks to all the generous donations.





Dear parents,

As you will hopefully be aware, we have launched a new food provider. Feedback so far has been positive, however there is naturally a few teething items to iron out at the start of a new system. The below email is aimed at clarifying some of the questions, and issues faced in the first week.

#### KG2 - Year 2

- Parents of students in these year groups can only buy pre-purchased meals that are delivered to the classroom.
- There was an error allowing Year 2 to add money to the re-charge account. This has now been rectified and should you need a refund please reach out to the Kalo Hospitality contacts below.

#### Year 3 - 4

- The system that Kalo has in place will work best with an ID card. As such, students whose parents register on the app will be provided with an ID Card that they can use to buy items.
- Once you register, the name will be handed to our IT department and the card printed. Please allow around 5 working days for the card to be printed. Once the card has been delivered to the student it can be used immediately.
- Cash can still be used in the canteen until the card has been printed.

#### Register for an ID Card – Year 3-6

1) Download the Kalo mobile:

iOS (Apple) App Link: <https://apps.apple.com/ae/app/kalo-hospitality/id6461117251>

o Android App Link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=munch.kalo.delivery>

2) Your details will be sent by Kalo to our IT Team who will make an ID Card

3) The card will be delivered to the student and can be used immediately. Please note that if the card is lost for any reason this is responsibility of the student and the school is not liable for any lost or damaged cards. (NB: The first ID card is free and replacement cards will cost 50aed)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

- Email: [hello@kalohospitality.com](mailto:hello@kalohospitality.com)
- Kalo Hospitality Mobile / WhatsApp: 056-7200964
- Innoventures Education Mobile / WhatsApp: 055-9641970



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INTERNATIONAL  
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Emirates Hills

# Lost and Found

Claim your lost item at the  
**Quad** from **5th to 7th Feb**  
before it goes to a good cause  
for Mid-Term break.



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