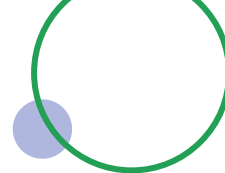




A teacher's plans for Mid-Term vs the reality



# Head of Primary's Message

## Sports Day Spectacular: Team Spirit in Action!

Lower School Sports Day has done it again with KG2 probably the best attended of all. A huge shoutout to our parent fans for the amazing turnout and the positive vibes you brought. The enthusiasm, teamwork, and individual joy displayed by our young athletes were wonderful. These are the moments that memories are made of. Particularly for the large number of grandparents I saw. We now look forward to Ms. Sonia's Olympic Week after the break for Year 3 - 6 (see poster below). Children will be trying their hand at new disciplines that they may never have experienced. Stay tuned!

## Conversations That Count: Parent-Teacher Catch-ups

Our latest round of Parent-Teacher Conferences offered a golden opportunity for meaningful exchanges about our students' journeys. These dialogues are crucial touchpoints, providing clarity and context to complement the upcoming reports. We trust you found this opportunities enriching and informative.

## KG2's to Oli Oli

Adventure awaits! Our KG2 explorers ventured into the curious world of Oli Oli, where play meets science in the most engaging way. Judging by their beaming faces and the tales of wonder, it's clear they had the time of their lives. The only challenge? Convincing them it was time to head back to school!

## Water for Life Carnival: A Ripple of Learning and Leadership

An exciting innovation took place with our Senior School's annual Water for Life preparations. For the first time, this significant event was integrated into a Unit of Inquiry (Year 2). Senior mentors came and delivered valuable information on sustainability to our young learners, demonstrating how learning can evolve as they grow older.

## Adventure Awaits: Borneo and Sri Lanka Departures

Tonight, we cheer on our intrepid adventurers as they set off for Borneo and Sri Lanka. These journeys are a testament to the courage, curiosity, and adventurous spirit of our DIA community. Safe travels to our students and staff embarking on these incredible expeditions. Your stories of adventure await, and we can't wait to hear them all.



- Fully compliant uniform
- Dark blue DIA jumper
  - Dark blue/white socks
  - DIA shorts
  - Black shoes



Acceptable example of a non DIA jumper



While we are improving, I am still seeing some bright assortments of other colours and overly branded designs. Please have the required uniform before returning after the break..



# Head of Primary's Message

## **A Joyful Participation in the 15th Annual Reading Aloud Day**

This week, I, along with senior team members, had the delightful opportunity to engage in the 15th Annual Reading Aloud Day. The significance of reading aloud in nurturing a love for books and enhancing literacy skills among our students is immense. Such activities not only enrich our children's learning experience but also encourage us to spend quality time reading with them.

Let's continue to embrace the tradition of reading aloud, unlocking the myriad benefits it offers to both the reader and listener.

## **Triumph at the Innovents Cross Country Championships**

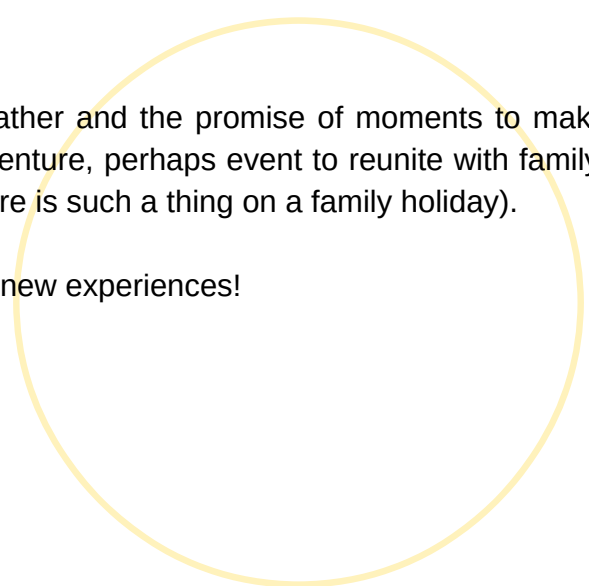
We recently had the honor of hosting the Innovents Cross Country Championships, an event that showcased exceptional talent and determination. I am thrilled to report that our students from Emirates Hills brought home a plethora of medals, dominating the podium with their outstanding performances. A big thank you goes out to our PE Department and sports coaches for their unwavering dedication, meticulous organisation, and infectious passion for sports.

## **Mid Term Magic: Making Memories**

As we step into the Mid Term break, we're blessed with best weather and the promise of moments to make more memories. Whether you're staying local or jet-setting for adventure, perhaps even to reunite with family, we hope you soak up every minute of joy, fun, and relaxation (if there is such a thing on a family holiday).

Here's to another week filled with laughter, learning, and leaps into new experiences!

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

- Click for the [lanyards order form](#) - Kindly contact [helpdesk@diadubai.com](mailto:helpdesk@diadubai.com) for any assistance.

### 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>



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# 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
04 Beach clean up drive (refer comms from Mr. Nick)	05 PS Parent Teacher Consultation KG1-Y6 (No school for PS)	06 KG2 Trip to Oli Oli Y6 trip to the Louvre, Abu Dhabi	07 PS Sports Day Y6 trip to the Louvre, Abu Dhabi	08 Spanish MT Carnival	09 PS Sports Day Term 1 reports PS Ski Trip - Parent Info session (final) 11.15 am PS Gym	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 PS Olympic Week Year 4	20 PS Olympic Week Year 3 Author visit KG1-Y1 KG2 Animal Dress up day	21 PS Olympic Week- Year 5 Year 4B,E,F,G Camp Y2 & Y5 Dental Screening PADIA 2nd hand uniform sale	22 PS Olympic Week - Year 6 Year 4A,C,D Camp Y3 Sleepover Y2 & Y5 Dental screening KG1 Pet care visit	23 Year 4 Camp returns. Y2 Exhibition, Sky Garden. Comms to follow from HR.	24
25	26	27 PS Musical Hairspray Jr.	28 PS Musical Hairspray Jr. PADIA 2nd hand uniform sale	29	01	02

# 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>



Zayn (4E) and Jude (6E) visited a local park and collected any litter that they could see.



Zayyan (4A) has been taking action by helping to clean his local community, picking up any litter that he came across.



Luna (KG2G) went to Al Qudra desert and helped to collect any rubbish she could find... which was a lot.



Sisters Ariana (6C) and Reya (3A) have been on a huge book donation drive. Here Ariana is seen gifting Hindi books for the MT program. Whilst her sister Reya donated 65 books as part of the Reading Oasis Initiative.

DIA EMIRATES HILLS  
PRESENTS



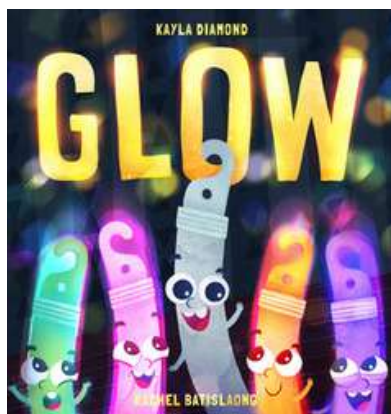
# OLYMPIC WEEK

19 - 22 FEB | YEAR 3 - 6

A WEEK OF EXCITEMENT, NEW  
EXPERIENCES, AND TEAMWORK AS WE  
CELEBRATE THE OLYMPICS  
(students only)

# AUTHOR VISIT!

Children's author Kayla Diamond will be visiting our school on Tuesday, 20th February. The students from KG1, KG2 and Year 1 will enjoy a fun and interactive session with one of her books.



Kayla's books carry the themes of self-acceptance and friendship.

If you wish to purchase for your child one or both books you can [click here](#) or [scan the QR code](#) to make a book order



**DEADLINE** for book orders is 12th of February

To read a message from the author, learn more about her books and their inspiring stories please [click here](#)

To order books after the deadline or the reading/visit, you can do so directly from the author at:

BOOKS  
BY  
KAYLA  
DIAMOND



# RECYCLING DRIVE

## DIA-EH in Partnership with MEREX

### Initiating Nature Green Revolution Among Students

*We are proud to announce our upcoming sustainability partnership with The Beach, JBR, Dubai by Merex Investment.*

*As part of this exciting collaboration, DIA\_EH will be a part of the art installation that will be displayed at The Beach, JBR in March 2024. This year the theme is "Ocean Pollution".*

*We invite parents to donate recyclable materials listed in the image below. These may be dropped off at the front security foyer of the school in the respective labelled boxes.*

## Nurturing a green revolution at The Beach, JBR

Below listed are the materials to be collected:



Glass bottles or jars



Plastic bottle lids



Plastic toys



Aluminium cans



Broken/unusable sunglasses

**Please rinse the bottles, jars, plastic lids and cans ready for re-cycling.**

**Last date of collection is 23 February 2024.**

# 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-bnkvx6ky07glfok>

### 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 SUBMISSION 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*

# DIA - PADIA International Day - Country Leadership

## International Day- Friday March 8th 2024 - Country Heads Contact List

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to yet another evening filled with culture, tradition, music and delicacies from around the world.

Below is the list of the country heads with their contact details, please do reach out to them if you wish to support/volunteer for that specific country.

If the country you wish to support is NOT listed below, please do reach out to [padiadubai@gmail.com](mailto:padiadubai@gmail.com) with your request. However, please note, by doing so you are volunteering to be a LEAD for that country and we can then share your details to the rest of the school with the intention to collect more volunteers.

If you are a country HEAD, our PADIA members Gina, Pooja & Saba have divided the countries amongst themselves and created 3 WhatsApp groups in order to have more efficient support and ensure we are addressing your needs. So, if you are a country head you should have been added to a group by now. If you haven't then please email [padiadubai@gmail.com](mailto:padiadubai@gmail.com).

Thank you and we look forward to a super productive event ahead of us.

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# DC BOOKS

everyone has a good book



## WELCOME TO DIA **BOOK FAIR**

Dubai International Academy EH  
**4TH – 8TH OF MARCH 2024**  
8 am – 3 pm

KG1 Campus  
**5TH OF MARCH**  
8 am – 2 pm