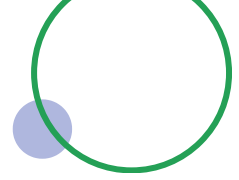


# Newsletter





Arthur enjoying an evening by the campfire at Hidden Cafe.



# Head of Primary's Message

## A Standing Ovation for "Hairspray Jr."

This week, our annual primary school musical transported us to the vibrant world of "Hairspray Jr.," marking it as the most spectacular performance we've ever witnessed at the primary level. The show was a triumph of talent, showcasing incredible dancing, singing, and acting that captivated over 600 guests across the evening shows with some parents dressing up in their best 60s outfits for the occasion. The entire primary school, along with the staff, had the pleasure of watching the performance on Wednesday, filling the quad with cheers and love.

Special thanks are due to Ms. Rini, Ms. Lauren, Ms. Shona, Ms. Dianne, Ms. Sue, and Ms. Maha, whose dedication and hard work were instrumental in bringing this production to life. Their commitment to our students' artistic expression is truly amazing.

All photos from Lensman can be found [here](#) and one of our Senior School students was also snapping away and his photos can be found [here](#). We are not yet in possession of the video.



## Celebrating Reading Month

Reading Month has arrived, bringing with it a host of opportunities to dive into the joy of stories. This year's activities include daily DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) sessions, bedtime stories by torchlight, parent reading volunteers, and our eagerly anticipated book dress-up day next Thursday. These initiatives are designed to foster a love of reading and storytelling within our community.

Today we had the most amazing unveiling of our Reading Oasis scheme which has been dutifully led by our Student Council and support by Ms. Desi, Mr. Sean and parents alike. Please continue to support, promote and model reading with your children as it unlocks so many doors.

## International Day: A Celebration of Diversity

Next week, we celebrate one of the most anticipated events on the DIA calendar - International Day. This celebration is a testament to the rich tapestry of cultures that make up our school community. Behind the scenes, PADIA, country parent representatives, students, and staff have been working tirelessly to ensure a evening of joy and cultural exchange. As we come together to celebrate our diversity, we are reminded of the importance of embracing internationalism with an open heart and mind.

I certainly appreciate that this term has indeed been packed with events and I want to thank you as parents for keeping up with us. We have one more week before the reduced Ramadan hours begin. The timings I shared last week have needed to be adjusted and will be sent whole school via a separate communication. I am sorry for any confusion but please ensure you see the updated times.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,  
Tom



# Head of Primary's Message

## Ramadan approaches (school timings are after the calendar below)

As per tradition, during The Holy Month of Ramadan, our community takes part in a care box initiative. This year we ask our Homeroom classes to take charge of making 1 care box each (though of course more will be accepted). These will be distributed to our beloved support staff, who work tirelessly behind the scenes of our school. Below are some items that have been included:

### Food items

- Basmati rice (1kg max)
- Tea bags (100 max)
- Sugar (1kg max)
- Dates (1kg max)
- Milk Powder
- Tang
- Biscuits packet
- Flour or Atta (1kg max)
- Chick peas (cans)

### Personal care items:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Tooth paste and brush
- Hair Brush or comb



Please try to ensure the box is sturdy and lovingly presented. It is also a wonderful touch to include notes of thanks.

Kind regards,

Tom



# EXTRA EXTRA! EXTRA!



KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

STUDENT

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

COUNCIL

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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MARCH



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
03	04 PS DC Book Fair 	05 PS DC Book Fair Innovents Science Fair Y2 Author visit Ramadan Assembly Y2-6 SS Water for Life - KG2-Y6	06 PS DC Book Fair KG1 Sports Day Innovents Arabic Writing competition	07 PS DC Book Fair World Book day - dress up  <b>NEW!</b>	08 PS DC Book Fair PADIA International Day dress up Toddler Report Unit 3 CCA Term 2 ends 	09 <i>Ramadhan Mubarak</i>
10	11 Ramadan Times	12	13	14 <b>NEW!</b>	15 PS Literacy Day 	16
17	18	19	20 Community Iftar at 6:30pm AED 75 per person Up to 6 people can attend per family through <a href="#">the link</a> <small>(Kindly login using your child's DIA ID and date of birth)</small> 	21	22	23
24 Spring Break begins	25	26	27	29	29	30



# MARCH 2024

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3	4 DEAR 9:00 BOOK FAIR	5 6 DEAR 10:00 BOOK FAIR	DEAR 10:45	7 DEAR 12:00 WORLD BOOK DAY DRESS UP BOOK FAIR	8 DEAR 8:35 BOOK FAIR	9
10	11 DEAR 9:00	12 DEAR 10:00 BEDTIME READING BRING IN YOUR TORCH	13 DEAR 10:45	14 DEAR 12:00	15 DEAR 8:35 LITERACY DAY	16 SO MUCH FUN
17	18 DEAR 9:00	19 DEAR 10:00	20 DEAR 10:45	21 DEAR 12:00	22 DEAR 8:35 PARENT READERS	23



# 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



CHILDREN'S  
AUTHOR VISIT

# Hilda Youssef

**"SNOWY & ZOEY'S BIG LIFE LESSON"**  
IS A TALE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION  
BEING TOLD BY CHILDREN'S AUTHOR  
HILDA YOUSSEF

**DIA YEAR 2 STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE  
TO MEET THE AUTHOR, READ, LISTEN, TALK,  
LAUGH, LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER!**

**TO ORDER THE BOOK CLICK HERE!**  
**FINAL ORDERS DATE: WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEB**



**5 MARCH  
2024**

**YEAR 2  
STUDENTS**

**DIA EH**







# World Book Dress Up Day!

Thursday 7th March



**Dress up as your favourite character!**

**Bring the matching book along to**

# 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 displays in school...  
Please complete the form below:

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



Zhaomu (4A)



Emilia (4A)



Ariana (KG2C)



Haya (4A)

A big shout out to all the children who have been taking action to support our book drive initiative. Thanks to all your efforts, we have been able to collect over 300 books, which will be collated into a number of different reading stations. See below poster for the Reading Oasis launch on 1st March.



# DIA READING OASIS INAUGURATION

IMAGINE...

All over the school growing,  
students and parents exploring  
little Oases of learning & dreaming -  
the wonder of books & reading

1 MARCH 2024



READING OASIS



March 1st marks the beginning of the UAE Month of Reading and the launch of **DIA "Reading Oasis"** initiative: a **BOOK-tastic** collaboration of students, parents and teachers/staff united by our shared **love for reading!**

THANKS to everyone's contributions and the Student Council and DIA Library efforts throughout the next month you will see our Reading Oases appearing around the school for the entire DIA community to enjoy. Whether you are students and teachers on break or parents waiting for your children: **Read, Enjoy, Return, Repeat!**



# BOOK WISH LIST

DIA EH LIBRARY



Welcome to DIA BOOK WISH LIST!  
The suggestions on this list will be considered when placing book orders for DIA EH Library.

While we cannot guarantee that all wishes will come true, listing them increases the likelihood and helps us to better serve and connect with the needs and interests of our DIA readers.

## **STUDENTS**



## **PARENTS**



## **STAFF**



MAKE A WISH BY MARCH 10TH!  
PRESS THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE.



# Water For Life Carnival

- March 5TH -

- 10:45am - 5:00 pm -

**Venue: DIA Football field**

## RIDES

## -FOOD STALLS-

- Palace bouncy - 15 AED
- Smart challenger - 15 AED
- Hamster ball racing - 15 AED
- Dunk tank- 25 AED
- Rodeo bull- 25 AED
- Double wipeout - 25 AED



## -TICKETS-

Both Tickets and Day passes will be available  
to purchase on the day of the carnival

Day pass ticket rates have been specially reduced for Primary students from 125AED to  
80AED only! This includes access to unlimited rides (+ a special fast-track queue).

If you prefer, you can purchase one-time ride tickets for 15-25AED on the day (depending  
on the ride)!

All profits received from the event will be donated  
to GIVE  
gift of innoventures education



# 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  
Ms. Iti - itis@diadubai.com

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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