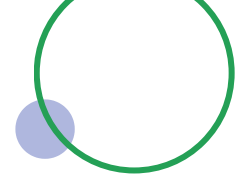


Newsletter

8th March, 2024

Term 2, Issue 9





After I rowed 42.2km on a rowing machine (3hrs 50mins), Lucy kept me company for my afternoon nap on Saturday

Head of Primary's Message

Dear parents,

World Scholars Cup

It's been a week full of celebrations, starting with our World Scholars Cup team's outstanding performance over the weekend and Monday. Under the guidance of Ms. Lyndsey, our students achieved unprecedented success, bringing home 33 Gold and 40 Silver medals. Special congratulations to Yanik (6G), Aadya (6B), and Naina (6B) for securing top positions in the team debate and to Yanik for being named the top overall debater in the junior category. Their achievements along with all participants, against competitors up to Year 9 are really quite remarkable.

Book Character Day and Reading Oasis

Our book character day was a fantastic celebration of literature, with students and staff donning some incredible costumes. The enthusiasm for reading continued to shine, especially with our Reading Oasis areas being enjoyed by so many. It's heartening to see a culture of reading thriving across the school. Thanks in no small part to Ms. Aida and Ms. Niamh, our English Leaders and Ms. Desi our wonderful librarian and her library team.

Junior DIAMUN

Our Annual Senior DIAMUN provided an exceptional platform for our primary students to showcase their diplomatic skills and understanding of global issues. Participating in such an esteemed event highlights the commitment of our students to engaging with complex topics and honing their public speaking abilities. As the first ever Junior DIAMUN approaches this played a key role in setting expectations.

KG1 Sports Day Celebration

The conclusion of our Sports Days with the KG1 event brought our season of athletic endeavors to a joyful end. It was wonderful to see our youngest athletes display teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. A big thank you to our PE department for orchestrating these events, celebrating the spirit of sport within our community.

Upcoming CCA Options

Next week, we'll be unveiling the new cycle of CCAs, curated to offer a range of engaging activities for our students. As the warmer weather approaches, we've adapted our offerings so please do take a look through (including back ups). If you are part of an invite only, I kindly nudge you to refrain from the 1st round of sign ups to allow others to select a first choice CCA and please ensure you use CCAs as an opportunity to teach commitment. Once signed up it is important that the children attend for the full duration in order to maximise the impact of this aspect of school life.

Ramadan Assembly: A Cultural Tapestry

Our Ramadan assembly, lovingly prepared by Ms. Asmat, Ms Asma, Mr. Waleed and our wider Islamic team was a moving celebration, featuring Quran recitations, traditional dances, and songs, alongside celebrating our students who received Quran recitation certificate winners in Year 2 - Zaina Awny and Zidaan Bazaz. Year 3 - Omer Abdel Hamid and Maryam Haris. Year 4 - Leena Zanati and Zayaan Farooqui. Year 5 - Farah Reda and Ameera Muhammad. Year 6 - Hana Elkashef Elif Elik. I would also like to extend my gratitude for the generosity shown through our Ramadan Box initiative and the thoughtful good bags prepared by our Muslim community for the entire school. The community deeply appreciates you.

International Women's Day

Finally, in tribute to International Women's Day the Hindi Mother Tongue group invited the one and only Mrs. Bhojani (CEO our school and of Innoventures Education) to speak about her journey as a leading female figure in the education sector. To all the women in our community I am sending you some virtual love and appreciation for all that you do for your families, the community and the wider world.

Ramadan Kareem,
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 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 Wiriting competition	07 PS DC Book Fair World Book day - dress up 	08 PS DC Book Fair PADIA International Day dress up Toddler Report Unit 3 CCA Term 2 ends 	09
10	11 Ramadan timings begin (pending moon siting) NO CCAs during Ramadan 	12 Parent Workshop on wellbeing - Supporting the Anxious Brain (See below) 	13	14	15 PS Literacy Day 	16
17	18 <i>Ramadhan Mubarak</i>	19	20 Community Iftar at 6:30pm AED 75 per person Up to 6 people can attend per family through the link <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



EMIRATES
HILLS



Wellbeing Session

We would like to invite all Secondary School & Primary School parents to our Term 2 Wellbeing Session, delivered by Ms. Amarylis Harris.

REVERSE
PSYCHOLOGY

Currently working at Reverse Psychology, Amarylis is a CDA licensed psychologist, member of the British Psychological Society and Beck Institute Certification Programme.



Theme

“Supporting the Anxious Brain”.

Should you wish to attend, please sign up using the link shared via email.



Date: Tuesday 12th March 2024



Time: 8:30am - 9:30am



Location: SS Presentation Hall



REGISTER NOW

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>



A group of Yr5 and 6 children were lucky enough to visit Borneo over the mid-term break and visited Kinabatangan Sanctuary. The sanctuary is set up to preserve the local rainforest and participate in reforestation: planting over 400,000 saplings since its launch over 10 years ago. The children got to engage in the process, first planting seedlings at the nursery, before heading into the rainforest to plant some saplings.



READING MONTH HIGHLIGHTS WEEK 1

We celebrated World Book Day!



We are enjoying reading!

We took part in D.E.A.R



Next week:

BEDTIME READING!

Tuesday 12th February

Bring your touch and wear your pyjamas to school.

LITERACY DAY!

Friday 15th February

A day full of Literacy fun!



MARCH 2024

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3	4 DEAR 9:00 BOOK FAIR	5 6 DEAR 10:00 DEAR 10:45 BOOK FAIR	7 DEAR 10:45 BOOK FAIR	7 DEAR 12:00 WORLD BOOK DAY DRESS UP BOOK FAIR	8 DEAR 8:35 BOOK FAIR	9
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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.

INNOVENTURES EDUCATION SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION 2023 - 2024

1

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



Ramadan Kareem

DIA 2024

**Be the reason someone
smiles**

Dear DIA Family,

During the Holy month of Ramadan, Muslims all over the world observe fasting, intensify acts of worship, foster a stronger sense of community, and engage in charitable endeavors. To mark this occasion, some families at Dia, have organized gift bags for every student, to be distributed during the Ramadan assembly. We hope this initiative raises awareness about Ramadan and promotes values of tolerance, generosity, and unity.

Ramadan Kareem,

Muslims at DIA

DIA - Bell Timings during Ramadan

**Please find below the bell timings during the holy month of Ramdan.
Please note that CCA's will not take place during this time.**

KG1 Timings:

Monday - Thursday: 8.00am - 12:20pm

(Please note that buses will collect children between 12pm and 12:10pm so that they can be dropped off first)

Friday: 8.00am - 11:40am (usual finish time)

Primary School (KG2 - Year 6) Monday - Thursday Ramadan bell timings

**Gates open 7:45am
Registration 8:00 – 8:10
Lesson 1 8:10 – 8:45
Lesson 2 8:45 – 9:20
Snack 9:20 – 9:40
Lesson 3 9:40 – 10:15
Lesson 4 10:15 – 10:50
Lesson 5 10:50 – 11:25
Lunch 11:25 – 11:55
Lesson 6 11:55 – 12:30
Lesson 7 12:30 – 1:00
Buses leave 1:15pm**

Primary School (KG2 - Year 6) Friday Ramadan bell timings

**Gates open 7:45am
Registration 8:00 – 8:10
Lesson 1 8:10 – 9:00
Lesson 2 9:00 – 9:50
Snack 9:50 – 10:20
Lesson 3 10:20 – 11:10
Lesson 4 11:10 – 12:00
Buses leave 12:15pm**