

Arthur and I were forced to watch the football on the iPad.

Head of Primary's Message

Dear DIA Families,

Speak Up - Anti-Bullying Week

Next week marks our annual Anti-Bullying Week, and this year's theme is "Speaking Up." We have organised a series of engaging talks and activities aimed at empowering our students to stand up against bullying and promote a culture of kindness and respect. We are excited to invite you to participate in these events, which include a range of talks from both internal and guest speakers.

One of the highlights will be a special talk for Year 5 by Paralympian Jessica Smith, who will share her inspiring journey and speak to our future Year 6 students about overcoming challenges and the importance of resilience (see poster below) and click the link to see the types of activities your children can be involved in.



PYP Year 6 Exhibition

I am thrilled to share the success of the Year 6 PYP Exhibition, which took place yesterday and today. The event was a showcase of our students' hard work and creativity, featuring a plethora of TEDx talks, musical performances, and visits from other schools. The exhibition was a proud moment for all, especially the Year 6 exhibitors who shone as the stars of the show. Among the remarkable projects, I was particularly moved by the students' dedication to environmental and animal welfare causes. They designed robots to clean the seas and initiated food donation drives for animal shelters. These projects reflect the students' commitment to making a positive impact on the world around them. Well done to all the students for their incredible efforts—I am so proud of you all.

Fun Staff Shout Outs

Ms. Venisha - Would you believe it but Ms. Venisha was a vocalist within the choir that supported Jason Derulo in his recent performance at the Coca Cola Arena.

Ms. Lauren - Passed her driving test. But the important detail that Mr. James couldn't help but announce on the microphone at the PYP Year 6 Exhibition was that she did it 1st time, which in Dubai is no small achievement.

Ms. Shona - Our very own Amateur Dramatic Star completed a run of shows where she starred as Patty Simcox, in the musical Grease.





Head of Primary's Message

Classes For Next Year

As we approach the end of this academic year, I would like to address a topic that often arises during this time of year: the process of class mixing for the upcoming school year.

We understand that class placement is a subject close to your hearts, and we want to assure you that we approach this process with the utmost care and consideration. A great deal of time is spent discussing the placement of every child. Our primary goal is to create a supportive and balanced learning environment for every student, every class and every year group, which require a great number of factors to be considered.

We appreciate that opinions and research on class mixing vary. Both perspectives offer valuable insights, and at DIA, we strive to consider a range of criteria to determine the best options for particular students, classes or year groups. Our default this year is to minimise mixing where appropriate, and make changes based on need, rather than a complete and full mix of the school.

What next?

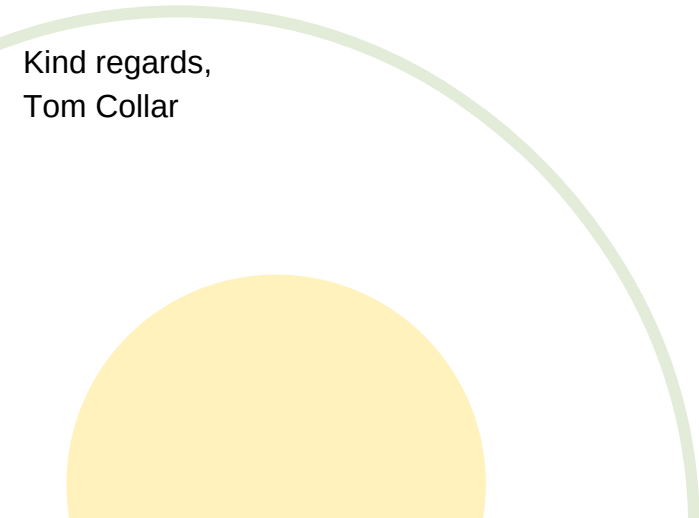
During the summer, we will be reviewing the lists based on enrollments, re-enrollments and withdrawals. These lists will be made available to parents on the week beginning 18th August before Hopes and Dreams.

The Importance of Trust

We kindly request your understanding that we do not take specific placement requests. Using our in depth knowledge of your children's experiences and needs at school, we strive to make the best decisions for their growth and development as a part of the whole community and based on individual needs. By supporting our decisions, you enable us to maintain a balanced environment. The teachers have discussed the classes at length and made their recommendations based on their knowledge of what is best for individuals, groups of students and also the year group as a whole.

By working together and applying these principles, we can ensure that your child feels supported and confident as they transition to a new year. Additionally you can support your children by showing them how you adapt to new situations by sharing your own experiences of change and how you handled them positively. Your perspective towards change will influence theirs.

Kind regards,
Tom Collar





BE PART OF THE
DIAlogue

Discuss - Inquire - Absorb



Speak up

Anti-bullying

24 - 28 June



PARENT WORKSHOPS

Monday 24th

Jackie Greenwood, Director of Education, Organizational Wellbeing and Clinical Governance at Vivamus.- 'Managing Children'.

Venue: Presentation Hall 8:00 -9:00 am

Wednesday 26th

Mr. Tom (Head of Primary) will speak on the topic of keeping up with kids online.

Venue: Canteen 7:45-8:45 am

Thursday 27th

Ms. Asha (Head of Inclusion Senior School) will speak on cultivating empathy and building resilience in your teens.

Venue: Presentation Hall 7:45 - 8:45 am

**AFTER EACH SESSION THERE WILL BE TIME TO SPEND
WITH OTHER PARENTS BETWEEN 8:45 AND 9:30**

EXTRA EXTRA! EXTRA!



KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

STUDENT
COUNCIL

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

YEAR 2

YEAR 6



NOTICES

Student Council Applications flooded into the school the last couple of weeks. I am so proud of how many students want to take an active role in our school.

We had 100's of students wanting to be a part of the council and represent their peers. After a great deal of reading and conversations, we have now shortlisted candidates and sent emails to these families. If on this time your child has not been shortlisted, please know that their name and interest in opportunities is kept on file and passed onto their next teachers.

We understand that the application process can lead to different outcomes, and it is crucial that parents help prepare and support their children, regardless of the result. Encouraging resilience and a positive mindset in facing such experiences is an important part of their growth.

Thank you for your support



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06. JUNE

2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|---|---|---|--|----------|
| 02 | 03 PS Summer Concert PS Jr. Duke Assembly | 04 PS Summer Concert PS Jr. Duke Assembly | 05 PS Summer Concert PS Jr. Duke Assembly | 06 PS Summer Concert PS Jr. Duke Assembly | 07 Italian MT Showcase | 08 |
| 09 | 10 Arabic book Fair Y4 Hindi MT presentation (Cafeteria P3) | 11 Arabic Book Fair Y2 Hindi MT presentation (Cafeteria P1) Y1 Hindi MT presentation (Cafeteria P4) | 12 Arabic book Fair Y3 Hindi MT presentation (Cafeteria P1) Y6 Transition Day in SS Primary Internation Trips - Parent Presentation Y4-5 Primary Transition KG1-Y5 Lesson 4 Eid Al Adha Assembly Y2-6 (Lesson 2) Y5-6 International Trip Parent Presentation 2.10 Cafeteria Extension | 13 Arabic book Fair Y5 French MT Play (Cafeteria P1) Y6 Hindi MT presentation (Cafeteria P2) Y5 Hindi MT presentation (Cafeteria P3) Y6 Transition Day in SS Y6 Parent Transition afternoon 1.45 pm Canteen Swedish MT Early Goodbye celebration - Canteen 3.00 pm KG2 Jr. Duke Assembly | 14 Arabic book Fair CCA Term 3 Ends PADIA Community Garage Sale | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Eid Al Adha (No school for PS) | 18 Eid Al Adha (No school for PS) | 19 | 20 Y6 PYP Exhibition (SS PE Hall) | 21 Y6 PYP Exhibition (SS PE Hall) PS Parent Information Session Y4-5 - Ski Trip Verbier 2025. 7.45 am Cafeteria | 22 |
| 23 | 24 PS Sport Participation Awards Y5-6 Anti Bullying Week PS Parent Workshop - Managing Children - Presentation Hall 8 am. | 25 DI@TECH PS Sports Participation Awards Y3-4 Anti Bullying Week | 26 PS Sports Award Nite PS Gym Y1-6 PS Crazy Hair Day (Anti-Bullying) PS Parent Workshop - Cyber Safety - Canteen 7.45 am Anti Bullying Week | 27 KG2 Graduation Rehearsal PS Parent Workshop - Empathy and Resilience in teens - Presentation Hall 7.45 am Anti Bullying Week | 28 KG2 Graduation PS Gym Anti Bullying Week | 29 |
| 30 | 01 PS End of Year House Assembly Y1-6 Y6 Graduation Rehearsal PS Arts Awards Nite Y1-6 | 02 Y6 Graduation SS PE Hall PS Y4 Market Day PS Gym | 03 | 04 | 05 End of year for students & teachers Final Reports | |





WORLD'S BEST
SCHOOL PRIZES



Dubai International Academy
Emirates Hills, UAE

VOTE FOR US!



WORLD'S BEST
SCHOOL PRIZES
Community Choice Award





Speak up

Parent Support Groups

Monday 24th June - Thursday 27th June
Main Canteen 8:45 am - 9:45 am

Join us for a relaxed coffee chat with fellow parents as we delve into important topics like bullying and cyberbullying. This is a great opportunity to share experiences, gain insights, and discuss strategies to educate and support our children in navigating the challenges of growing up. Let's come together to create a safe and supportive community for our kids.

See you there!

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS WITH

Jessica Smith OAM PLY

Jessica Smith OAM PLY is a former Australian Paralympic Swimmer, a public & motivational speaker and award winning children's author. Jessica's School Workshops & Presentations are tailored for each school and each audience. Jessica's aim when working with children and young adults is to promote building resilience, self-esteem, healthy self-confidence, emotional & social intelligence, and social & interpersonal skills.

Jessica shares her personal struggles with body image and disability; her challenging journey to feel self-confident and accepted in a world dominated by the pursuit for perfection, and most importantly how she overcame these challenges to go on to become an elite athlete and award winning author.



STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT :

DIVERSITY

INCLUSION

RESPECT

EMPATHY

COMPASSION

TOLERANCE



"Thank you so much for coming to our school and teaching us about diversity. I am so inspired to do more to teach others about celebrating our unique differences."



Bullying -

PARENT EMPOWERMENT

We are excited to welcome Jackie Greenwood to DIA for Anti-Bullying Week - SpeakUp@DIA! Jackie is Director of Education and leads Organizational Wellbeing and Clinical Governance at Vivamus. During this session, she will provide insights into the theme of bullying, and give invaluable guidance to parents on managing situations where their child is being bullied or has bullied others. Join us on Monday 24th from 8am - 9am to learn effective strategies and support tools.



**MONDAY 24TH
JUNE**

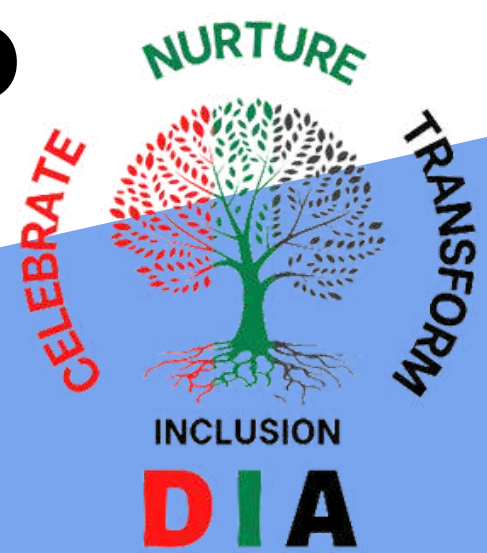


8AM- 9AM



TBC

Speak up



Cultivating Empathy and Building Resilience in your Teens



**Practical tools for guiding your teenager to avoid
being a victim or a bully.**

DELIVERED BY ASHA KARAM
HEAD OF INCLUSION, SECONDARY
DATE: THURSDAY, 27TH JUNE
TIME: 7:45AM
VENUE: PRESENTATION HALL

Speak up



KEEPING UP WITH YOUR KIDS ONLINE

Join Mr. Tom, Head of Primary and Megha Mittal, a parent Entrepreneur in the tech industry for a Parent Session on contextualizing the digital landscape and explore some of the challenges we all face.

CANTEEN
EXTENSION
7:45 AM

Wednesday 26th June



WANTED!

YOUR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

REWARD: a treasure trove of priceless reads



CALLING ALL PUPILS, STAFF AND PARENTS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS LANGUISHING IN YOUR LOCKER? GATHERING DUST UNDER YOUR BED? SITTING AIMLESSLY ON YOUR SHELVES?

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just a chance for your books to come out of hiding
and reclaim their spot on the shelf!





DIA ♡ books



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And the lucky **WINNERS** of some BOOKTASTIC prizes from over 600 entries in the RAFFLE of DIA ♡ BOOKS EXHIBITION are:

Ben Zhu

Year 4E student

Nadine Amanullah

Year 6B student

Una Milovanovic

Year 7E student

Shanessa Dsouza

Year 9C student

Ms. Razan

Inclusion Teacher



*Prizes to be collected at the Library



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Lost and Found

Claim your lost item at the **Quad** from **25th to 27th June** before it goes to a good cause for Spring break.



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