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Photos courtesy of Anti-Bullying Week.

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Head of Primary's Message

Dear DIA Families,

Navigating Our Busy School Calendar

As we approach the end of another vibrant school year, it's evident that our calendar has been jam-packed with diverse events and opportunities. Recognising the challenges you may face in attending every event in person, we are committed to sharing the 2024-2025 calendar well in advance to aid your planning. I recommend discussing with your children which events they are involved in and deciding together which ones you prioritise as a family. This approach will not only help manage expectations but also give your children insight into balancing work and family commitments.

Reflecting on Anti-Bullying Week - Speak Up

Anti-bullying week has been a resounding success, culminating in an inspirational session with Paralympian Jessica Smith speaking to our Year 5 and Year 8 students. Ms. Sinead remarked that it might have been the most valuable hour of the year, reflecting the deep impact of Jessica's message on our students. Due to the positive reception, we plan to have Jessica return to share her experiences and books with younger year groups next year.

For those unable to attend my workshop, you can <u>click here</u> for the presentation. We will continue these important discussions on bullying and inclusivity.

Celebrating Achievements in Sports

Our Sports Awards ceremony was a highlight this week, celebrating the achievements of our student athletes. We also bid farewell to Mr. Ross, who has made significant contributions to our sports programs and is departing to focus on his family. Simultaneously, we're excited to welcome Ms. Katie as the new lead of our sports department. We are confident in her abilities to not only continue our legacy of excellence but also introduce fresh ideas to our sports curriculum.

KG2 Graduation: A Mini Milestone

The KG2 graduation was a delightful showcase of our youngest learners, filled with cuteness and joy (and lots of parents, and teachers, tears!). Mr. James, along with the entire KG team, created a memorable event, giving each class a special amount of time to not only observe the graduation but also spend time together afterward, making it a favorite annual occasion that beautifully marks the transition of our students from kindergarten to primary school.

Student Leadership

Student Council Positions have now been decided and an email will be shared today detailing the outcomes. Please know that these decisions are taken carefully and with multiple influences. I kindly ask these decisions to be respected and rest assured that opportunity for leadership extends far beyond the student council.

The Final Week

Please be mindful that the last week is an excellent time for celebration but also closure. As with every year, we have members of staff who will be moving onto their next chapter and while the turnover is always low at DIA, if any of these staff members (listed below in the notes) have played a significant role in your time with us do pass by or drop them a best wishes email. We have some wonderful new members of the team joining us next year and we will announce those in the welcome booklet.

We have one more week to go which again is filled with activities including arts awards, staff awards, graduations and class parties, proving the value of staying right up until the last day. Please note, house colours should be worn on Monday for the final House Assembly.

Kin<mark>d regards,</mark> Tom



WHAT DO YOU WANT MORE DIALOGUE ON



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Each year we say goodbye to students, friends and colleagues this year is no different. While we have an incredibly low turnover of staff if you would like to pass by and wish any of the below members of staff well on their next chapter then they would certainly appreciate it. Thank you to all the below teachers for all you have done!

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Francesca Loughran is going to focus on her new chapter in life, as a mother

Leanne Brannen will be pursuing a career as an author (come back for reading month please!)

Sanaa Hassanali will be pursuing a new pathway from Homeroom Teaching to Inclusion teaching

Chanceline Ngassa and Fleur Alders, will be spending more time with their families

Jessica Graham will be working within the community in which she lives

Niamh Molloy will be pursuing a new career as a personal trainer

Hannah Rees will be returning home to the valleys of Wales

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Xana Visser will be pursuing the next chapter of her teaching career

Ryan Williams and Francesca Edwards will be starting a new chapter in Portugal

Ross Grant will be returning back to Scotland with his family

Kholoud Alhraki has made the family decision to work in the same school as her husband and family

Asmat Jabeen will be returning to Pakistan with her family

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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	50
30	01 PS End of Year House Assembly Y1-6 (wear house colours) Y6 Graduation Rehearsal PS Arts Awards Night 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	



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