



Throw back picture to mine and Lucy's daddy daughter outdoor movie nights in our old apartment.

Dear DIA Families,

#### Eid Al Adha Assembly Celebration

This week, our Eid Al Adha Assembly was a beautiful tribute to this significant celebration. We enjoyed a variety of performances from different year groups, including dances, plays, and recitals, which highlighted the talents and cultural richness of our Islamic community. It was a joy to see everyone together, and I extend my warmest wishes for love and happiness to all families celebrating this break. A big thankyou to Ms. Asmat, Ms. Asmaa and Ms. Rachida who helped organise this event and also to Haider from Year 6 for compering so brilliantly on the microphone.

#### **Transition Days**

Our Year 6 students experienced their transition days in the Senior School, engaging with a senior timetable and meeting a fantastic range of specialised teachers. This introduction to what lies ahead generated positive energy and excitement for their future educational journey. While it will be bittersweet to see this cohort leave the primary section, I am incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. We also introduced our other years to their new setting for the coming year and they were so excited to see where they will be learning next year.

#### Upcoming International Trips

We introduced our Ski, Borneo, and Sri Lanka trips to the parents of Year 4 and 5 students. Please be reminded that the deadline for the Ski trip deposit is rapidly approaching on June 23rd. Ensure your spot is secured by meeting this deadline (link on poster below). The other international trips still have until October and more information sessions will come. To help those wanting ask more about the Ski trip there is another parent meeting on June 21 at 7:40 am in the canteen.

#### **Community Garage Sale Success**

Today's community garage sale, a first of its kind here, was a lovely addition to our growing platform of community opportunities aimed at building and strengthening relationships. Special thanks to Sharon, our PADIA Events Representative, and the wider Recycling Team for their wonderful perseverance to bring these ideas to life.

#### Anti-Bullying Week: 'Speak Up'

Post-Eid, we will observe 'Anti Bullying Week' with the theme 'Speak Up'. A schedule of activities and workshops will take place within classes, focusing on friendship, responsibilities, and addressing both digital and non-digital contexts. Additionally, there will be opportunities for parents to engage, including a session I will host on 'Keeping Up with Your Children Online'. This week aims to explore the current landscape of parenting and the challenges of raising children in today's digital age. (See poster below). We will also be having a crazy hair day in place of the traditional odd socks day, which is inspired by the sweetest letter I received from Stella in Year 3. (Zoom in).

Click here  $\bigwedge$  for a taster on some of what the students will cover.

#### We Write From Ms Aida

"Our school recently participated in the "We Write Programme," an exciting writing competition aimed at fostering creativity and awareness among young students. Students from Years 5 and 6 enthusiastically crafted imaginative and thought-provoking stories centered around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This initiative not only developed their writing skills but also deepened their understanding of global challenges and the importance of sustainable development. We are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the winners, whose stories will be published by the Voices of Future Generations initiative. This is an incredible opportunity for our talented young writers to share their creative visions on a global platform. Good luck to all the participants! We are proud of your hard work and creativity and look forward to seeing your inspiring stories recognised and celebrated" - Ms Aida - Head of Upper School English

Kind regards, Tom Collar







Discuss - Inquire - Absorb

# Speak up Anti-bullying

Anti-bullying 24 - 28 June 7:45 - 8:45 am Cafeteria

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### PARENT WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 26th

Thursday 27th

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

Ms. Asha (Head of Inclusion Senior School) will speak on <u>cultivating empathy and building resilience in</u> <u>your teens</u> <u>Venure: Presentation Hall</u>

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

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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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#### Ms. Rini is an Author!

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 I am thrilled to announce the launch of a remarkable book by our esteemed teacher, Ms. Rini. Her new book,
 "Rhythm in Motion: Exploring the Art," is a captivating and comprehensive work that delves into the enchanting world of dance.

This book provides an insightful and inspiring exploration of this timeless art form, celebrating its rich history, diverse genres, and transformative power. It beautifully illustrates the beauty and significance of dance in our lives.

Ms. Rini will be holding a book reading followed by a Q&A session on: Friday, 28th June, at 7 AM in the Primary school dance studio.

**Parents and students are warmly invited** to join her for this special event and celebrate this milestone with Ms. Rini.



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