

Newsletter

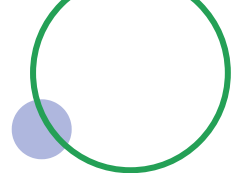
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Arthur and Lucy enjoying break time at doggy school. Can you spot them?



Head of Primary's Message

Dear Parents,

Music to Our Ears:

This week marked the debut of Tunes on Tuesday and Footloose Fridays. The ambiance created by our talented students during these events was nothing short of magical. The enthusiasm, skill, and dedication showcased by our young performers were awe-inspiring. I must say, witnessing such immense talent has spurred me into action. That's right - I've decided to embark on my own musical journey! Just two weeks in and the piano and I have become quite good acquaintances. So, dear parents and students, do keep an ear out. I might soon be scouting for a singing partner (though I admit, our song list would be limited to the tunes my app is teaching me!). Finally, a monumental thank you to Ms. Rini, our Head of Performing Arts, and Ms. Lauren, our dedicated music teacher. Their hard work, commitment, and vision have been instrumental in bringing these events to life.

Art opportunity:

We are looking for the children to submit designs for murals that volunteers will be painting in the Kiss and Drop. Please see the poster below for details.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:

Do you have musical instruments at home that are now merely decorative pieces? Consider breathing new life into them by donating to our Music Department. It's a wonderful opportunity to ensure that unused instruments find a new purpose. For any contributions or inquiries, kindly contact Ms. Rini at rinip@diadubai.com.

Timings and Traffic:

I'm delighted that the honking has reduced and the flow is a little more settled at our kiss and drop. However, I'd like to highlight that between 7:00 and 7:10 am there's an abundance of space. Also arriving at 7:40 am is considered late. Hence, for the efficient functioning of our daily schedule, the Kiss and Drop gate will now close at 7:35 am (as it did last year). Please plan accordingly to ensure timely arrival. If for an unavoidable reason you are late, please don't panic or rush. You will be able to bring your children around to the bike gate and sign them in with security.

Student Leaders:

Our incredible student leaders have been out helping our youngest students into school and it has been so wonderful seeing the youngest and oldest of our students coming together so well. Not only this we began the first ever Student Leader CCA, where Year 5 and 6 students are working as assistant teachers for the younger year groups. I look forward to working more with them and expanding this program, along with our dedicated Student Council Leaders, Mr. Sean, Mr. Mark and Ms. Natalie.

Lanyards - Our Safety Badge:

Lanyards are more than just an accessory; they're crucial for our school's security. If yours has gone missing, please make it a priority to find or reorder it within the coming week. We will be vigilantly checking and challenging any parents without them. Please note that lanyards are personal and drivers or nannies need their own. You will need your family ID. If you do not have this, or need support then please urgently email helpdesk@diadubai.com.

Kind regards,
Tom Collar



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KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

YEAR 1

YEAR 5



YEAR 2

YEAR 6



NOTICES

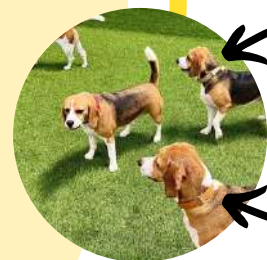
• Click for the [lanyards order form](#) - Kindly contact helpdesk@diadubai.com for any assistance.

• NO HAT NO SUNSHINE!

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase the DIA Baseball Cap

• I am looking forward to meeting you all at the curriculum mornings where I (Mr. Tom) will share a vision for the year and the Heads of Year will speak in depth about their year groups.

• There is an upcoming parent coffee morning on Friday the 22nd at 8-9am in the cafeteria extension to introduce Inclusion at DIA. [Please click here](#) to sign up to join us.



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SEPTEMBER



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28 HOPES AND DREAMS A CHANCE TO MEET YOUR TEACHER, ASK QUESTIONS AND ORIENTATE YOURSELVES (PARENTS AND STUDENTS BY APPOINTMENT)	29 AUDITIONS FOR DANCE, MUSICAL CHOIR Dance and choir lunch time walk ins. Hairspray Jr. The Musical during Lesson 7, sign up link to follow.	31 AUDITIONS FOR DANCE, MUSICAL CHOIR Dance and choir lunch time walk ins. Hairspray Jr. The Musical during Lesson 7, sign up link to follow.	31 AUDITIONS FOR DANCE, MUSICAL CHOIR Dance and choir lunch time walk ins. Hairspray Jr. The Musical during Lesson 7, sign up link to follow.	01 CCA SIGN UP INFO & LINK WILL BE SHARED. YEAR GROUP REFS MEETING WITH MR. TOM TO TALK ABOUT THIS YEARS INITIATIVES	02
03	04	05 PAID CCA EXPO INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY CHILDREN WILL LEARN ABOUT OUR GIVE FOUNDATION AND THE WORK IT DOES TO SUPPORT UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN.	06	07	08	09
10	11 CCA TERM 1 BEGINS CAT4 TESTING (YEAR 3)	12 NGRT TESTING A READING TEST FOR ALL CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE	13 NGRT TESTING A READING TEST FOR ALL CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE	14 NGRT TESTING A READING TEST FOR ALL CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE	15 NGRT TESTING A READING TEST FOR ALL CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE	16
17	18 KG1 AND 2 WELCOME MORNING DIAEH CANTEEN @ 7:45	19 YEAR 1 AND 2 WELCOME MORNING DIAEH CANTEEN @ 7:45	20 YEAR 3 AND 4 WELCOME MORNING DIAEH CANTEEN @ 7:45	21 WORLD PEACE DAY (CHILDREN WEAR WHITE) YEAR 4 COFFEE MORNING 8- 9AM @COFFEE CLUB SPRINGS SOUC.	22 YEAR 4 COFFEE MORNING 8- 9AM @COFFEE CLUB SPRINGS SOUC. WHOLE SCHOOL INCLUSION COFFEE MORNING. EVERYONE WELCOME. 	23
24	25	26 YEAR 5 AND 6 WELCOME MORNING DIAEH CANTEEN @ 7:45 YEAR 2 COFFEE MORNING 8- 9AM @COFFEE CLUB SPRINGS SOUC.	27 KG2 COFFEE MORNING 8-9AM @COFFEE CLUB SPRINGS SOUC.	28 HOUSE SPIRIT DAY - WEAR HOUSE COLOURS YEAR 1 COFFEE MORNING 8- 9AM @COFFEE CLUB SPRINGS SOUC.	29  HOUSE SPIRIT DAY - WEAR HOUSE COLOURS	30

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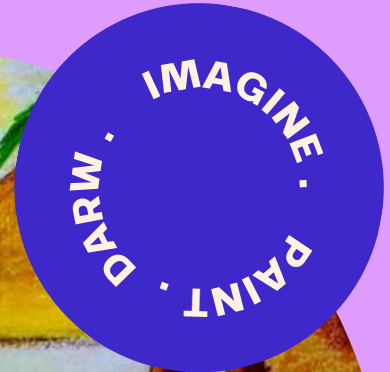
OCTOBER



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02	03	04 YEAR 3 COFFEE MORNING 8-9AM @COFFEE CLUB SPRINGS SOUQ. NEW!	05 WORLD TEACHER DAY DETAILS TO FOLLOW	06 DIVERSITY DAY - DYSLEXIA - WEAR RED YEAR 5 COFFEE MORNING 8-9AM @COFFEE CLUB SPRINGS SOUQ. NEW!	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 MID TERM - NO SCHOOL	20 MID TERM - NO SCHOOL	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 TODDLER REPORT UNIT 1 YEAR 1 - 6	28
29	30 PRIMARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - NO SCHOOL	31	01	02	03	04

THOSE CHOSEN WILL HAVE THEIR DESIGNS INCORPORATED INTO THE MURALS AND HAVE THEIR NAME ADDED NEXT TO THEIR IDEAS



**DEADLINE
FRIDAY 22ND
SEPTEMBER**

WE NEED YOUR DESIGNS

ON AN A4 OR A5 PAPER, SUBMIT A DESIGN THAT COULD BE INCORPERATED INTO A MURAL THAT WILL BE PAINTED IN OUR KISS AND DROP AREA.

SUBMIT THE ORIGINALS TO THE PS OFFICE.



Guidelines

- WINTER (cold) SCENE
- SPRING (flowers, greenery, animals) SCENE
- SUMMER (Desert) SCENE
- AUTUM (Camping) SCENE
- YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT DRAWINGS OF ANIMALS OR FEATURES OF THESE SEASONS SUCH AS CAMELS, PENGUINS, TREES AND SO ON

This will be our first painting project, coordinated by parents. More volunteer projects will develop through the year.

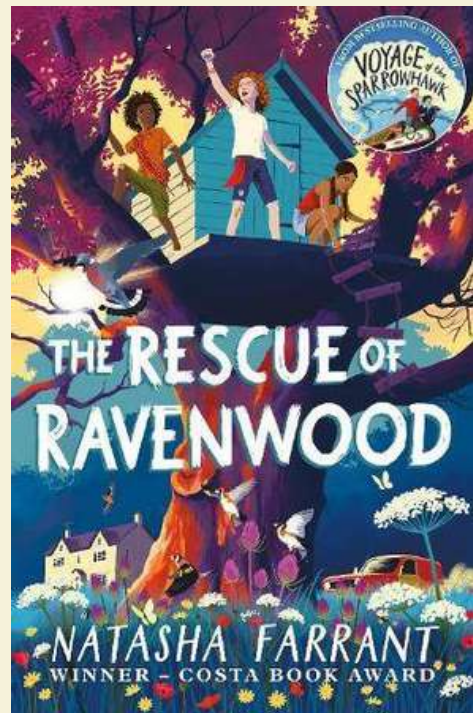
THE READERS' CUP

Are you a passionate reader? Do you want to represent our school in a competition?

The Emirates Literature Foundation organises the Readers' Cup competition each year. Find out more about it [here](#).

Described as “a captivating feat of storytelling” by The Sunday Times, this epic adventure is a hit with primary age students.

Click the image to read The Rescue of Ravenwood online, ready to take a quiz in school on Wednesday 27th September. This will help us to form our teams.



Register your interest by completing the form [here](#). You will meet with Ms Aida, Head of Year 3-6 English, to find out more about it.

Any questions, please email aidaa@diadubai.com

P A D I A

Welcome back Coffee Morning

Venue:
8am-9am
Coffee Club
Springs Souk

Parents Association of DIA welcomes all parents to join us at our parent coffee morning
* Hear about our initiatives and meet and greet with primary parent year representatives

KG1 - Oct 3

KG2 - Sept 27

Year 1 - Sept 28

Year 2 - Sept 26

Year 3 - Oct 4

Year 4 - Sept 21

Year 5 - Oct 6

Year 6 - Sept 22



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Please reach out if you need
any community support such
as joining the year group
WhatsApp Group



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