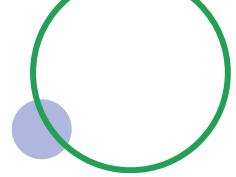






Every morning, when we get in the car, Arthur looks at me like this! What do you think he is thinking?

# Head of Primary's Message



Dear Parents,

Every week at DIA is packed with moments of learning, achievement, and community spirit. Let's dive into the highlights from the past week and the exciting events to come. A little longer than normal but please do read all sections.

## House Spirit Day:

The corridors of DIA were a riot of colors this week as we celebrated House Spirit Day! It warmed my heart to see students adorned in their house colors, with some even going the extra mile by representing the elements associated with their houses. Our houses are a cornerstone of the DIA experience, fostering camaraderie and instilling a sense of belonging. Kudos to Ms. Natalie, our dedicated Head of Houses, for curating a day filled with fun activities. And what a treat it was to have our DIA Wolves mascot cheering everyone on!

## A Community Effort for Road Safety:

Safety remains paramount, and this week heralded the formation of a DIA Springs and Meadows community group. Their mission? To ensure road safety, uphold positive etiquette, and foster understanding during the bustling pick-up and drop-off times. While it's heartening to see such initiatives, it was disheartening to learn about a few incidents where parents acted inappropriately in front of their children. Let's remember that our actions serve as daily lessons for our youngsters. With PADIA reviving the carpooling initiative, it's a splendid opportunity for us to reduce traffic congestion and reinforce positive behavior. Let's all get on board as there are many parents who would love to get together and make drop off and pick up more manageable.

## Curriculum Mornings:

A heartfelt thank you to the parents who graced our curriculum mornings. These sessions are designed to bridge the home-school relationship and foster a robust sense of community. For those who couldn't attend or would like a refresher, we've made the presentations accessible for you. We are also developing an updated curriculum booklet to provide an in-depth, parent friendly overview of our coverage. This will be available in the coming weeks. For now, please check out the links below:

[KG1&2](#)

[Year 3&4](#)



[Year 1&2](#)

[Year 5&6](#)

## Reading Cup Selection:

Reading is a window to countless worlds, and we're thrilled with the enthusiasm for the Reading Cup. A whopping 70 entries vied for the 8 spots we had! Selections were made strictly based on quiz scores, and we congratulate those who made it. For our avid readers who didn't secure a spot, fret not. Ms. Aida will distribute the rest of the book, and we'll host an internal round. Details to follow soon.



# Head of Primary's Message

## Exercise Books at Home:

Once per term, students will be bringing their exercise books home (starting today). This is part of our initiative to reduce the emphasis on tech and iPads. I hope this provides a wonderful opportunity for you, as parents, to delve into your child's learning journey through the year. Here are a few guidelines to ensure this initiative runs smoothly:

- 1. Care for the Books:** We expect every student to treat their exercise books with respect and ensure they're kept in pristine condition.
- 2. Return Policy:** Kindly ensure that the books are sent back to school on the Monday morning.
- 3. Lost books:** While we trust our students to be responsible, if students lose books this may result in charges being introduced or even a need to stop sending them home. Please do take care of them.
- 4. Parental Comments:** Inside the books, you'll find a designated sheet. We kindly request parents to pen down a positive comment or two. This simple gesture can have a profound impact. When children know you're proud of their efforts, it boosts their self-esteem and motivates them to excel further.
- 5. Times change:** Remember, how we learnt at school is different to how we learn now. Methods, approaches, styles of work and content coverage.

## World Teachers' Day:

With World Teachers' Day just around the corner, I'd like to extend my gratitude to PADIA, our Year Reps, and the entire DIA community for their invaluable input into ideas to show gratitude. Teachers put in a great deal of time into your children, sometimes at the cost of time with their own. Caring for and educating your children is their job, however I have never subscribed to the idea that just because something is someone's job we shouldn't thank them. Gratitude is powerful and can last a lifetime. We have an exciting line-up of activities to celebrate our dedicated educators, including a community lunch and a quirky "staffroom takeover." You may have seen a few messages for donations. This is optional and all necessities are of course provided. This is meant to be a fun, quirky initiative emphasizing our commitment to the "reduce and reuse" and "Community Engagement" philosophy (like board game donations, second hand uniforms and volunteer mural painting) while also allowing us to express appreciation in a rather unique, personal, creative and hands on way.

## Prophet Muhammad's Birthday Commemoration:

This week, we were blessed to commemorate the birth of Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) - an occasion of reflection, gratitude, and reverence in the Islamic community. Under the guidance of Ms. Asmat and her dedicated Islamic team, our Islamic students engaged in a series of thoughtful activities, embracing the profound teachings and legacy of the Prophet. A special mention must be made of Ms. Rachida, whose captivating recitation added depth and emotion to our observance.

In wrapping up, our shared commitment to holistic education and mutual respect is what makes DIA a special place for every student. Let's continue to work together to make every day memorable.

Kind regards,  
Tom Collar

PARENT FEEDBACK

What has made you proud?



# EXTRA EXTRA! EXTRA!



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](mailto:helpdesk@diadubai.com) for any assistance.
- NO SCHOOL TOMORROW.
- Books come home TODAY and need to be returned on Monday 2nd October so we can use them in lessons.
- Local and International residential trips meeting for Year 4-6 parents on Monday 2nd October 7:40am in the rear of the cafeteria.
- World Teacher Day October 5th



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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 NO SCHOOL - PROHET MOHAMMAD'S BIRTHDAY (PBUH)	30

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OCTOBER



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 ECOVENTURE PARENT MORNING YEAR 4-6 WILL RECIEVE FACE TO FACE INFORMATION ON OUR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRIPS. 7:40 - 8:45 CANTEEN	03	04 YEAR 3 COFFEE MORNING 8-9AM @COFFEE CLUB SPRINGS SOUQ.	05 WORLD TEACHER DAY • STAFFROOM TAKEOVER ORGANISED BY PRIMARY PADIA • 2-3PM TEACHER LUNCH WITH FOOD SUPPLIED BY THE COMMUNITY AND WHOLE SCHOOL PADIA	06 DIVERSITY DAY - DYSLEXIA - WEAR RED YEAR 5 COFFEE MORNING 8-9AM @COFFEE CLUB SPRINGS SOUQ.	07
08	09	10	11 <b>NEW!</b> PYP WORKSHOP - COME AND LEARN ABOUT HOW THE IB SUPPORTS YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT 7:45AM REAR OF THE CAFETERIA	12	13	14
15	16	17 <b>NEW!</b> YEAR 3-9 PARENT READING INFORMATION SESSION ON ACCELERATED READER	18 S4K PRODUCTION 'PETER PAN' PINK DAY- DRESS UP	19 MID TERM - NO SCHOOL	20 MID TERM - NO SCHOOL	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 TODDLE REPORT UNIT 1 YEAR 1 - 6	28
29	30 PRIMARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - NO SCHOOL	31	01	02	03	04

**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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## Primary Year Representatives 2023

Please reach out if you need  
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WhatsApp Group



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Year 6 - Abhilasha Sinha  
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# DIA-VERSITY DAYS PRESENTS: DYSLEXIA AWARENESS DAY



# WEAR RED

## Friday 6th October

We will be taking part in activities at school to create dyslexia awareness. Please ensure the children wear red to mark the occasion.

For parents wanting to know more about dyslexia, click here:



## S4K Production - Peter Pan coming to DIA-EH on 18 October 2023



*PETER PAN*, a musical show for 4–11-year-olds, adapted from the world-renowned JM Barrie story and made famous by the classic Disney movie (amongst many others!), is magically brought to life here at Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills.

*PETER PAN* flies to London and meets his new friends WENDY, JOHN, and MICHAEL. He brings them back to NEVERLAND where they meet MERMAIDS, INDIAN BRAVES, PIRATES and the infamous CAPTAIN HOOK.

*PETER PAN* is a delightful, musical comedy show with plenty of audience participation and interactive fun. The action-packed, fun filled, comedy adventure is ideal for children of all ages.

*These shows are performed in English and sensitively adapted for UAE audiences.*

### Show times:

KG1-Y2 - 09.50 am - 10.40 am

Year 3-4 - 11.00 am - 12.00 noon

Year 5-6 - 13.30 pm - 14.30 pm

Venue: SS PE Hall, DIA Emirates Hills Dubai

If you wish your child to attend this fantastic performance, then please arrange an online payment of AED 60 via the below online payment line:

<https://payment.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/online/>

To login, use your child's "student ID number" and date of birth.

**Payment deadline: Monday 16th October 2023.**

**The online ticket payment is non-refundable.**

Should students not be attending, they will remain in class with one of the year team teachers.

