

Primary

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Head of Primary's Message

Thank you for an amazing year!

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another academic year at Dubai International Academy (DIA), it fills me with immense pride to reflect upon the countless achievements and memorable experiences that have shaped our community.

The children have continuously excelled in a wide array of disciplines, demonstrating their exceptional abilities across various subjects. From STEM and robotics to debating, sports, and Qur'an recitation, their accomplishments in the Innovents Cup have been nothing short of extraordinary. Their dedication and hard work have propelled them to an overall victory for the year, showcasing their intellectual and sporting prowess and versatility.

Furthermore, the sheer volume of our participation at both a developmental level and in the top Division 1 of sport across the region has been nothing short of extraordinary. The children have truly embodied the spirit of development, excellence and sportsmanship.

We have been able to reinstate Class Assemblies, allowing parents to come and watch their children showcase their talents and performances. These assemblies have always been a cherished opportunity for our students to shine and for families to share in their achievements. The return of this beloved tradition further strengthens the bond between home and school, fostering a sense of community and support for our young performers. Performing Arts is an area of great interest for me and as we move into next year, this commitment will continue to bear further fruit.

To the entire DIA community, I would like to say thank you for your warm welcome and support throughout my first year as Head of Primary here. I have met so many wonderful people this year and by not just celebrating positivity but by using every bump in the road as an opportunity to grow relationships and trust, I feel this large school becoming ever closer connected.

Teacher turnover is at an all-time low in the primary school. While this always fluctuates, it means we can really look forward to building on all the positives and ideas that have come from this year. The commitment and enthusiasm of our teachers and staff have been instrumental in creating an exceptional learning environment.

Lastly, to our remarkable students, I am immensely proud of your resilience, perseverance, and outstanding achievements. Your unwavering dedication to excellence has been truly inspiring. Whether it is through your participation in various activities, competitions, or trips, you have consistently demonstrated what it means to be a true DIA student – a student who embraces challenges, strives for greatness, and inspires others along the way. Good luck to our Year 6 graduates and I am excited to witness the incredible accomplishments that lie ahead for each and every one of us.

As we conclude this academic year, I would like to express my deep appreciation for the trust you have placed in the entire DIA team. Thank you for an extraordinary year, and I eagerly anticipate the remarkable journey that awaits us in the years to come.

Kind regards,
Tom Collar

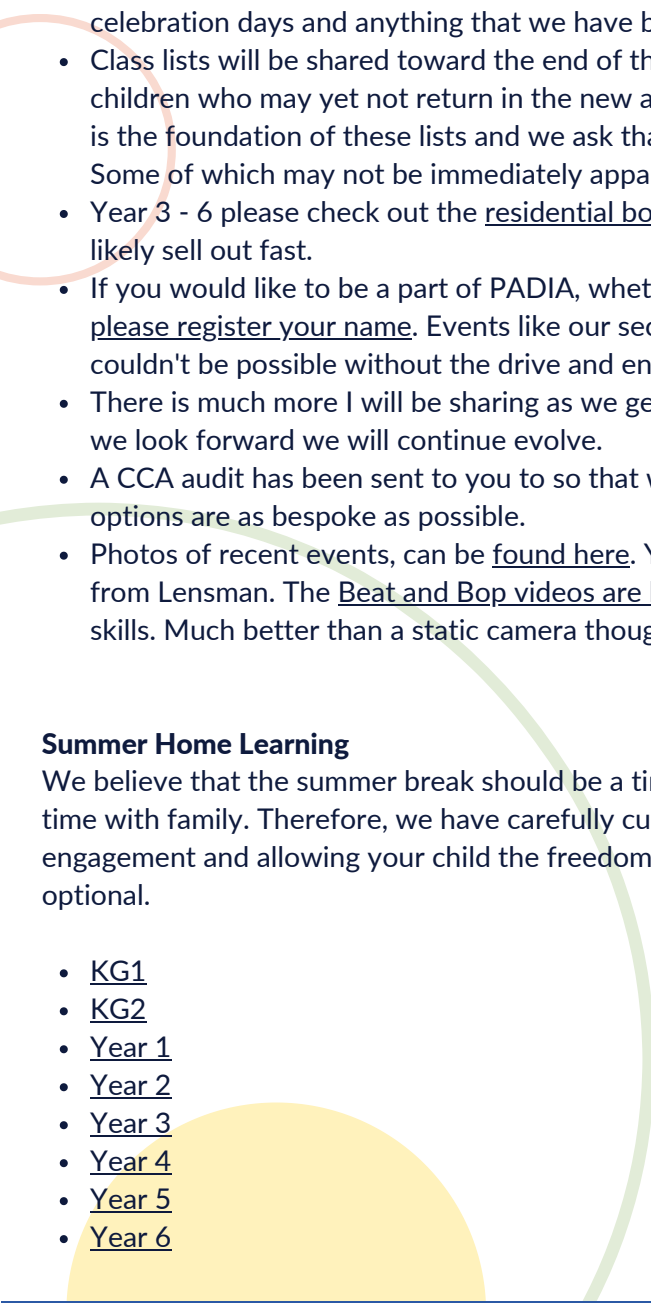


Additional Notices

- There will be no Bring Your Own Device in Year 2 until Term 3. This is part of a wider focus on promoting traditional methods of learning and ensuring balance with regards to technology. In KG1 - Year 2, there will be device trollies in school that teachers will utilise when appropriate.
- You may have noticed the stage out the rear of the school in place of the bleachers. We will be launching musical and dance performances here throughout the year. We will be calling for singers, dancers, those who play instruments and so on, early in the new year, so get practicing.
- Student copy books will be intermittently shared home next year. It is imperative that these are well cared for and returned promptly in order for this to continue.
- Class assemblies will continue to rock the landscape along with a parent attended winter and summer concert.
- Our musical is currently being decided. Stay tuned.
- Hopes and Dreams will return as usual.
- An Arts week complete with Performing Arts awards is scheduled for Term 3.
- Next year we will be hosting the very first Junior Model United Nations for this region. Stay tuned for further details in the CCA booklet.
- A full calendar is being prepared and will be sent with the welcome pack. This will keep you in the loop with celebration days and anything that we have been able to plan in advance.
- Class lists will be shared toward the end of the summer to allow us to place any new students and account for children who may yet not return in the new academic year. Please note that students feedback and staff knowledge is the foundation of these lists and we ask that you please trust that we have made careful and considered choices. Some of which may not be immediately apparent. We do not take requests for teachers.
- Year 3 - 6 please check out the [residential booklet](#) and get signed up, especially for the international trips that will likely sell out fast.
- If you would like to be a part of PADIA, whether it is for regular assistance or one off support for certain events, [please register your name](#). Events like our second hand uniform sales have been such a tremendous success and couldn't be possible without the drive and energy from our parent community.
- There is much more I will be sharing as we get ready for September, but these are just a few notes to show that as we look forward we will continue evolve.
- A CCA audit has been sent to you so that we can gather preferences. Please complete this so that the CCA options are as bespoke as possible.
- Photos of recent events, can be [found here](#). Year 6 Graduation photos will be added here once we receive them from Lensman. The [Beat and Bop videos are located here](#). I hope you enjoy or at least marginally forgive my camera skills. Much better than a static camera though.

Summer Home Learning

We believe that the summer break should be a time for children to rejuvenate, explore their passions, and enjoy quality time with family. Therefore, we have carefully curated these resources to strike a balance between educational engagement and allowing your child the freedom to play, discover, and create their own adventures. All content is optional.

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Farewells

Staff leavers

As is expected in an international setting, each year we bid farewell to friends, homes, schools, and in this case some teachers. Today I share the news that a small number of our teachers will be moving on to new chapters. Their departures, while sad, is all part of a change cycle that is typical between academic years and as community it is important to normalise this for our children.

With that in mind I would like to thank the following teachers for their contributions to Dubai International Academy and its community:

- After many years of service to the school, Ms. Sally (KG2) will be starting a new position as Head of Early Years in Sharjah.
- Ms. Rebecca (Year 1) and Ms. Orlaith (Year 4) will be returning back to Ireland for their exciting next chapter.
- Mr. Larry (Year 2) will be joining one of our sister schools, CIS, as Deputy Head of Primary.
- Ms. Tasmeyah (Year 2) will be moving over to Abu Dhabi to start her next chapter.
- While already on maternity, Ms. Natika (Year 4) has decided to take a break from teaching next year to spend extended time with her growing family.
- After a number of years and a variety of roles, including PE and Homeroom, Ms. Cherise (Year 6) will be heading back to her roots in South Africa with her family.
- After joining us in January to take over one of our KG classes, Ms. Dilpreet (KG1) will be moving on to her next endeavor for the next academic year.
- Ms. Patience has been a wonderful figurehead for our Library the last two years and will be missed as she moves on to her next adventure.

With two promotions to other schools and almost all of our leavers heading back to their home country, It is fantastic that the overall turnover is around 6% in the Primary. This is among the lowest percentages in Dubai.

We have carefully selected new teachers from literally 100s of applications, based on their expertise, passion for education, and commitment to fostering the growth and development of each of our students. Details of our new joiners will be shared soon.

I hope that together with our new families, we welcome all new members into our community with open arms and warmth.

Staff Appreciation



Every month the staff of DIA Emirates Hills show appreciation for one another. We secretly write how someone has been wonderful and try to show gratitude for the hard work our colleagues all do. For one lucky staff member who gets pulled out of Mr. Tom'sbola there is a small gift from the school to say well done, this month our lucky recipient is....



Ms. Arlinda, PS Office

What the teachers wrote:

For always having smile on her face and always willing to help you no matter how busy she is. She's always there to lending a helping hand and does it with a smile. She's delightful to be around and a pleasure to work with!

Other words of appreciation for staff

Mr. Ross

He is so effective and efficient in everything he does. He makes our task easier and stress free.

Ms. Aly

She is a helpful person and always willing to assist others. Her helpful nature creates a positive and supportive atmosphere within the classroom or any social setting she is part of.

Mr. Felipe

This man is the definition of an Outstanding teacher. He always engages the children, is incredibly knowledgeable and takes all the time necessary to help them for any reason, even if it is unrelated to their learning.

Ms. Yogi

For being kind, supportive and caring!

Ms. Talita

No matter what she does she can put a smile on someone's face, a complete ray of sunshine. She is incredibly caring both towards her colleagues and her students.

Mr. James H.

A constant source of happiness, support, laughter and help

Ms. Manuella

She is a solid women to go to for advice relating to matters inside and outside of school. She has been a huge support to me, particularly this week and I will be forever grateful

Mr. James H.

Mr. James's friendly and accessible nature makes him easy to approach and creates an enjoyable leaning experience.

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Ms Amy

She is a positive member of staff who takes on any challenge with a positive attitude.

Reprographics

The hardest workers

Nardeen

She is friendly and always spreading cheer

Ms. Shona

Shona is always approachable (no matter what time of the day it is!) and makes delicious coffee in the morning!

Ms. Alicia

Alicia is a dedicated teacher devoted to her work, loving and patient with children, bringing out the best in them

Mr. Conor

For supporting his team and students of Year 6 throughout PYPX.

Ms Rosario

She is a kind, passionate and engaging teacher. Her dedication and commitment is remarkable and she is always full of energy.

Ms Rosario

Because she is a very committed teacher always full of energy and passion

Mr. Phillip

He exemplifies the qualities of an unreal leader who creates a great team atmosphere. He is also a very person, who inspires his team and recognises everyone's input! I could not have asked for a more helpful, organised and friendly team leader. He has been amazing for the past two years and has given so much to children anf families in year 4. S super teacher and super leader.

Ms. Francesca

Francesca is an essential member of our KG1 unit! She is always there to help everyone whenever they need a hand. Whether its help with planning, provision or general management of our site, Francesca is there for us! She is amazing to work with! Thank you Franc :) for helping me so much this past week ehen I was sick and being able to pick up where I left off and support KG1 team.

Ms. Hannah

Hannah is like a ray of sunshine! Her positivity and sense of fun brighten up our corridor. She is always willing to lend a helping hand and seeking opportunities to contribute to the wider life of the school. She is a true player!

Ms. Amanda

For always having an open door, being approachable no matter the situation. Always helping and supporting others. Being a great friend to everyone

Monday 26th June
Last day of the year!

Wednesday 16th August
Senior Team return

Monday 28th August
Hopes and Dreams
Details to follow

Tuesday 29th August
First day of school
Details to follow



House Champions for 2022 - 2023
WATER



HOMEROOM UPDATES

Please click the links below to access the newsletters.

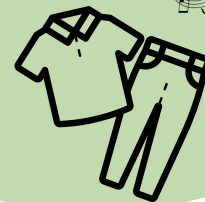
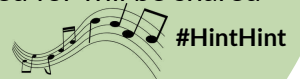
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RESIDENTIALS

Please donate any second hand uniform into the blue bin located at the front of the school. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers and a special thanks to Maira and Sharon, who have been pivotal in the lost and found and second hand uniform drive.

Details of the funds raised from this initiative and what the funds are to be used for will be shared soon...



INFORMATION PACK



DIA EM Montgomery Summer Camp 2023

Thank you for considering the ISM Multi Sports Camp for your child during this break. Please read on to find out what to expect and how to prepare your child. Here's a quick overview of key information:

Location: DIA EM Montgomery

Dates: Monday 10th July to Friday 25th August

9 am-2 pm (8 am drop available)

Age Group: 4 to 12 years

Pricing: 1 day AED157.5/210 13 days AED400/525 | 5 days AED600/780 per child

Early Bird Discounts (on full week bookings)

Pay before 10th June 2023: AED600

Use Code: SUPPERSUMMER23

Pay before 20th June 2023: AED650

Use Code: EBIRDSUMMER23

Sibling Discount: Pay just AED 700 per child

Use Code: SUMMERSIB23

(All prices inclusive of VAT)

About Us

Our Little Lions Camp is held separately from our Mul Camp for our older campers. It is lead by a qualified with a Cache Level 3 qualification and supported experienced Sports Coaches. The Little Lions Camp mix of activities such as Arts and Crafts, Sensory PI sports focus including on Football, Dance, Dodgebal Training & Fun Games. All lead staff are fully coaches and also First Aid trained and hold a min Level 1 Child Protection & Safe Guarding certificate.

Bookings

To register: Kindly click on the below link and follow the steps mentioned in the description box

9am-12pm Registration: <https://ism-1.classcard.app/event/5202178>

9am-2pm Registration: <https://ism-1.classcard.app/event/5352004>

Early drop Link: <https://ism-1.classcard.app/event/5235563>

What a typical day at camp looks like

9am	Registration
9.15am	Circle time and Topic intro
10.15am	Snack Break
10.20am	Creative / Activity Session 1
11.20am	Outdoor Play
12:00PM	Lunch
12.30pm	Creative / Activity Session 2
1.00pm	Sports Session
1.45pm	End of Day Awards and Pick Up

What you need to send with your child:

Enough food for two snacks & lunch, large refillable water bottle, extra pair of clothes, sun hat & sunscreen for outdoor play (outdoor play will be held in the mornings).

Being healthy is core to our objectives at ISM Sports, and we want to encourage your children to eat nutritious food while on camp.

Please provide enough food for all breaks, keeping these rules in mind: NO NUTS and NO SHARING FOOD.

Safety procedures during camp:

- Low student-to-coach ratios.
- All equipment sanitized before and after use.
- All staff safeguarding qualified.
- All staff first aid qualified.

Connect with us

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Facebook: [ismsports](https://www.facebook.com/ismsports)

Youtube: [ISM SPORTS UAE](https://www.youtube.com/ISMSPORTSUA)





DUBAI SPORTS CAMPS

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2023

SUMMER CAMP



**Book Your
Spot Now!**

20%

sibling discount
on camp fee

50%

sibling discount
on bus fee

**03rd July to
25th Aug 2023**

(Monday to Friday)

**Dubai International
Academy (DIA)
Emirates Hills**

**Raffles World
Academy (RWA)
Umm Suqeim 3**

Transportation Available

(door to door service)

Activities for 5 to 14 yrs

Football
Gymnastic
Tennis
Basketball
Dodgeball
Climbing
Archery
Dance
Aquatic Fun
Arts & Crafts
and more

Activities for 3 to 4 yrs

Mini Olympics
Ball Games
Aquatic Fun
Arts & Crafts
Bouncy Castle
Music & Movement
Fun Games
Sensory Play
Brain Gym
Mini Chef
and more

Fees:

Half-day: AED 250 per day | AED 790 per week

Full-day: AED 325 per day | AED 990 per week

Bus: AED 80 per day | AED 290 per week

Timings: Monday to Friday

Half day: 08:00 am - 02:00 pm

Full day: 08:00 am - 05:00 pm (RWA only)

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CHILD MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS For Parents

A 2-hour online workshop for parents, including Q&A and discussion.

ABOUT THIS ONLINE WORKSHOP:

According to the World Health Organization, 1 in 5 children struggle with a mental health condition.

As a parent, it has become increasingly important to know the difference between good social, emotional, and mental health versus your child developing mental health conditions. As is the case with physical health difficulties, early detection and intervention of mental health difficulties leads to a better prognosis. The *Child Mental Health Matters - for Parents* workshop presents concrete information that describes behaviors that may indicate a mental health concern, while providing specific skills and strategies to engage and support your child with their mental health.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Themes and trends of child mental health globally and in the UAE
- Why early intervention is important
- Mental health literacy
- Understanding the risk factors of mental health conditions
- Recognizing the signs and symptoms of mental health conditions
- Responding to your child who may be struggling with a SMART Action Plan
- Preventative care for child mental health

Facilitated by:



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PARENT CIRCULAR

KenKen International Championship 2023 (KIC 2023)
(Grades 3 – 12)

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to announce the registrations for the School-Level of KenKen International Championship (KIC 2023) has started which is organized by KenKen, the world's largest math puzzle championship. We invite your child to participate in this thrilling event that promises to enhance their mathematical skills while nurturing their problem-solving abilities.

KenKen is Trusted globally, its rising popularity and global acclaim has made KenKen become a household name. This captivating brain-teaser has been featured in top newspapers across the world including The New York Times & The Times UK. Notably, the **National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) in the USA** has even published a research paper highlighting the transformative impact of KenKen as a brain development activity, revolutionizing the way we approach problem-solving. KenKen puzzles have a remarkable impact on a child's brain development. By engaging in KenKen puzzles, children acquire numerous benefits that are instrumental in building their intellectual power.

Some of the key advantages of KenKen puzzles:

- 1. Strengthening Arithmetic Skills**
- 2. Boosting Problem-Solving Abilities**
- 3. Developing Logical Thinking & Analytical power**
- 4. Enhancing Concentration and Focus**
- 5. Promoting Teamwork and Collaboration**

The **KenKen brain-development program** aims to harness these benefits while fostering healthy competition and a love for mathematics. It also prepares kids for healthy competition in the KenKen **International Championship** [KIC 2023]. This championship will be an exciting platform for your child to showcase their talent and interact with like-minded peers. The championship will consist of four challenging rounds, stimulating activities, and recognition for outstanding achievements with exciting rewards.

You can register your child for the first round of the championship, the School Level Exam, by following the link below and paying the **registration fee of AED 200** only.

Register Here: <https://kenkenuae.com/registration>

Registration Deadline: 08 July, 2023

**** Exclusive Offer! Up to AED 100 OFF for Existing KIC Participants (from 2018 – 2022), valid till 30th June.**

The School Level will take place online approximately 30 days after your registration. The Emirate Level will take place online in the month of October 2023 & National Level in November 2023. More details will be provided closer to the exam date. The last date for registration of the school level is 30th June.

If you have any queries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at +971 45519406 or info@kenkenuae.com.

***Note:** KenKen UAE reserves the right to change the exam mode, date, or venue of the competition in any unforeseen circumstances.

Best wishes,
KenKen UAE

Eligibility & Fee Details (Note: 5% VAT is exclusive.)

Who can participate?	Year 4/Grade 3 – Grade 12/Year 13	Register Online: https://kenkenuae.com/registration
School Level Registration Fee (Compulsory)	AED 200	Includes: School Level Championship Registration Fee & Free Trial of Online Practice Subscription. In free trial students get: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Up to 150 puzzles in the first month ● Two Daily Puzzles every month till December 2023.
Practice Subscription ADD ON (optional) <i>Practice Subscription will be available on KenKen Student Portal.</i>	AED 150* *If you purchase at the time of registration. You can also upgrade it later with a fee of AED 200.	Includes: Championship Registration Fee & Online Practice Subscription yearly plan valid till Dec 2023. In this year's plan students get: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 170 puzzles every month till Dec 2023 ● Two Daily Puzzles every month ● Detailed weekly practice reports ● Dashboard for Parents to track their child's progress ● Personalized guidance to improve their preparation
<i>Participants who qualify from the School Level can choose to register for the Emirate Level with a registration fee</i>	AED 350	The Emirates Level registration can be completed after you have qualified from the School Round, between April - Aug 2023.
<i>Participants who qualify from the Emirate Level can opt to register for the National Level with a registration fee</i>	AED 450	The National Level registration can be completed after you have qualified from the Emirate Round, between Sep - Nov 2023
KenKen Brain Development Program ADD ON ** (Optional) ** <i>One-on-one Live training with KenKen accredited instructors, one hour once a week.</i>	Starting AED 520 per month <i>(Discounted options for annual, bi-annual, or quarterly payments.)</i>	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-hour class, once a week ● Regular progress reports ● Access to practice material and worksheets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improves Calculation & Arithmetic Skills ● Improves Focus & Attention Span ● Develops Confidence & Perseverance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increases Photographic Memory ● Recommended for better results in KIC