

Primary

Newsletter

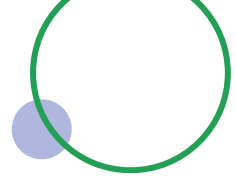
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Photos courtesy of Year 5 Yoga, Innovents Debate, PYPx student mentor meetings and sensory learning in Year 1





Head of Primary's Message

Back from the vets.

Unfortunately, Arthur caught Giardia this week. However, after 3 days of being very poorly, he has turned a corner and is getting better.

Dear Parents,

Back to me this week, I don't know why I let those two loose on this sometimes.

I had the honor of hosting the Innoventures debate competition this week, and it was truly a remarkable event. What made it even more special was the presence of incredibly talented children from various schools within our group, including a young participant from Raffles International. This enthusiastic individual beautifully encapsulated the essence of the event, expressing their joy in connecting with children from different schools. Furthermore, their heartfelt gratitude extended to our wonderful choir and dancers, who captivated the audience with their splendid performances while the judges carefully considered their decisions. Debate CCAs will be a firm feature for the future.

This week brought me two delightful moments that brought a smile to my face. Firstly, a group of talented young basketballers paid a visit to my office with a special request. They had designed and handcrafted some stickers aimed at igniting school spirit for our beloved team, the Flaming Eagles. Their enthusiasm was contagious as they proudly sought permission to display these creative stickers around the school. The message was clear: "Never fear, the Eagles are here!" It was a heartwarming display of support and unity.

Secondly, I was approached by two young sportswomen who had an interesting proposition. They asked if I would purchase the rights to a photograph they had been gifted by Mr. Ross. The image depicted Mr. Ross devouring the last of the team cupcakes, leaving only a picture behind. The price they proposed was a modest 12dhs, and the funds would serve as compensation for their cupcake losses (in the form of a manakish). Their entrepreneurial spirit and humor shone through, and it was a pleasure to oblige their request. Please see my newly purchased image of Mr. Ross below.



Finally, a big shout out to the Year 4-6 children who did a marvelous job with their ACER tests this week. Thank you for giving them your all. Enjoy a well deserved weekend.

Kind regards,
Tom Collar

Parent Teacher Conferences 25th May

I am pleased to provide you with finalised details about our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs) for KG1 – Year 6 on Thursday 25th May from 8am until 3pm. These face-to-face meetings will take place at DIA Emirates Hills, in your child's classroom. There will be no classes for the Primary School on this day, and no after school clubs. There is no need for students to wear school uniform, but if students are attending, we ask that students are respectfully dressed.

During the PTC, teachers will discuss students' progress, attainment and attitudes towards learning. Some questions and prompts are provided on the next pages which you may use to guide the discussion.

Homeroom Teachers will be stationed in the class and the Mother Tongue, Arabic A and Islamic Studies Teachers will be based in their Specialist Classrooms.

To avoid unnecessary delays, kindly note the logistical information below and ensure that the necessary steps are taken:

- All meetings are scheduled for 10 minutes and will have allocated times. Please be punctual and stick to the scheduled time limit in the meeting. Should you need to discuss matters in greater depth, please arrange a further meeting with the class teacher.
- The sign up link below will be open from Friday 12th May 7.00 pm and closes on Tuesday 23rd May 7 pm.

[PS PTC Booking link 25th May2023 KG1-Y6](#)

[PS PTC How to book](#)

We look forward to welcoming you.

PTC DISCUSSIONS GUIDE

Revisiting aspirations and goals from you as parents;

Development of attitude towards work in class;

Levels of curiosity towards learning topics;

What the internal and external assessments are indicating;

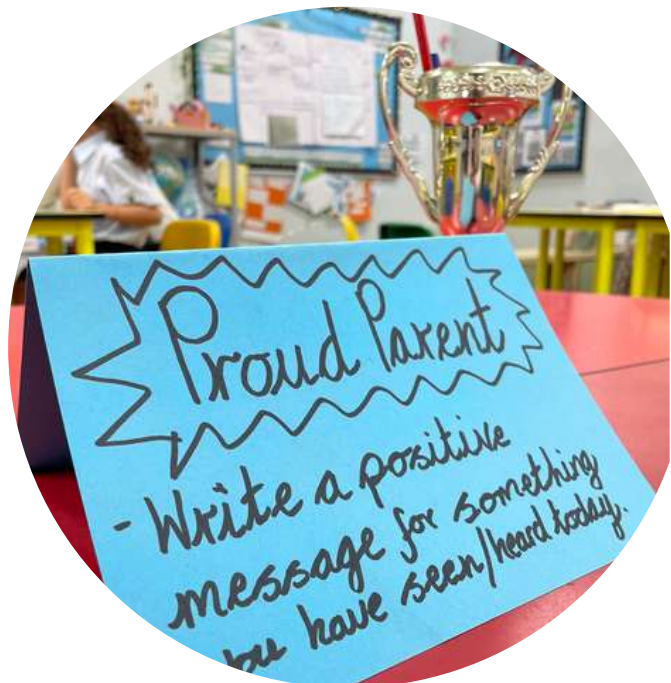
What the current barriers to learning might be;

What to expect in the reports and how recent classwork contributed;

What levels of support or stretch are needed to ensure they can engage fully;

How home can contribute;

What will transition look like;



Discussion categories

Discussion categories are important as they guide the outcome of the discussion through a defined aim and ensure efficiency in what is a short timeframe. These are used by parents and teachers alike.

Creating

What key observations have you noticed as a parent/teacher?

As you look ahead to the rest of the year, what do you hope/target to be accomplished?

Clarifying

Looking back at previous discussions we talked about how is this progressing?

You mentioned am I right in understanding?

Negotiating

What is your opinion of?

How does my observation or experience of compare your your observation at home/school?

Fortifying

"An example of is"

"The strongest evidence I have to support ... is"

- Monday 15th May
Year 2 author visit
See poster below
- Monday 15th May
Innovents Art Competition Evening
Location: Raffles International School
- Tuesday 16th May- Thursday 18th May
Year 5 Trip- Circuit Factory
- Wednesday 17th May
Islamic Art Exhibition
- Friday 19th May
Year 3 Exhibition
Venue: Cafeteria

- Monday 22nd May
S4K Production- The Snow Queen
See poster below
Sign up deadline next Thursday
- Monday 22nd May
Second hand uniform SALE!
See poster below
- Thursday 25th May
Parent Teacher Conferences
No school for PS students

HOMEROOM UPDATES

Please click the links below to access the newsletters.

[KG1](#) [Year 3](#)
[KG2](#) [Year 4](#)
[Year 1](#) [Year 5](#)
[Year 2](#) [Year 6](#)



REMINDERS

NO HAT NO SUNSHINE!

Tough to find a catchy headline for this. However, it is vital that your children are protected from the sun if they are in the direct light. From next week we will be enforcing this rule in full.

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



Label with your child's name and class

**COMING TO DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY- EH
MONDAY 22nd MAY 2023**



The Snow Queen is a musical show based on Hans Christian Andersen's 'frozen' fairytale magically brought to life here at DIA-EH. It tells the story of a young girl, Gerda, sets out on a long journey to rescue her friend from the Snow Queen's icy palace. She meets many characters along the way and discovers the true meaning of friendship. This delightful musical comedy involves plenty of audience participation and interactive fun, includes puppetry, illusion, music and catchy songs played by talented actors and musicians.

The show is performed in English and sensitively adapted for UAE audiences and will take place in the SS gym, where all students will be seated. If you wish your child to attend this fantastic performance then please arrange an online payment of AED 60 via the below link

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

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

Payment deadline:

Thursday 18th May 2023

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

Show times:

10:00 - 10:50 - KG1, KG2, Year 1-2

11:30 - 12:30 - Year 3-4

1:15 - 2:15 - Year 5-6

(Students who are not watching will remain in class with one of the year level team teachers).



**DIA EMIRATES HILLS
PRIMARY & SECONDARY**

UNIFORM SALE



**20AED/ITEM
CASH ONLY**

MONDAYS

22ND MAY

5TH & 19TH JUNE

7:15AM-9AM & 2:30-3:30PM

LOCATION: CAFETERIA

Enquiry: diarecycle@gmail.com

Hilda Youssef

Children's Book Author



SNOWY & ZOEY IN A NEW WORLD



SNOWY & ZOEY'S BIG LIFE LESSON



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www.amazon.ae

Instore:

Magrudy
Kinokuniya
Booktopia

www.hildayoussef.com

 [snowy_and_zoey](https://www.instagram.com/snowy_and_zoey)

Dismissal Reminder

Year 1F & 1G and Year 2 will wait under the shade either side of the gym.



The area outside the courts is shaded for parents to wait in



Please send your child with a hat. We will be introducing **NO HAT, NO SUNSHINE**

New shading has been added along the running track

Year 3-6 will be brought to the shaded courts for collection.

Self and Sibling Dismissal

Year 4-6 can self dismiss if [THIS FORM](#) has been completed. They can then either walk home or can meet you in the car park.

Year 3 can be collected by an older sibling and go home but cannot self-dismiss.

Year 2 and below can be collected by a Year 4 and above in order to meet an adult on site, but must be accompanied by an adult off site.

All CCA's will be brought to the shaded courts at 4pm when they finish