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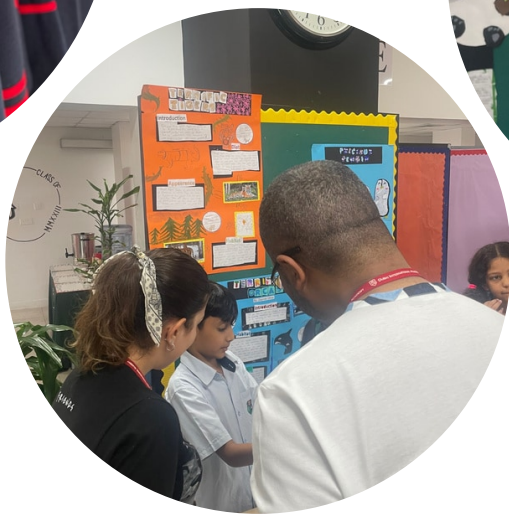
Newsletter

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UAE Rocks 4A



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Head of Primary's Message

Arthur back to his usual self after a few days on the meds

Dear Parents,

Running a school is never a quiet job, but this week has felt incredibly peaceful around the building as children diligently work on a range of projects. A notable project has been Year 6 who are busy meeting with their staff mentors, researching, emailing, and discussing their ideas as they get ready for their Exhibition in a few weeks' time. However, this afternoon it was the turn of Year 3 to put on their own Exhibition, and what an event it was! It was the culmination of all the learning the children had done in their unit. I took great pride in observing and listening to many speakers, interactive presentations, artwork, posters, and flip books. Without a doubt, though, my highlight was the confidence I could see; every child was beaming with their sense of achievement and the opportunity to share it with the community. These events, for me, are what make DIA Emirates Hills such a wonderful place and the IB framework so enriching.

At DIA, we believe in the value of every effort equally, and this week I was proud to give medals and certificates to many children in the primary school who had done so well in the Innovents Arabic writing competition. The quality and level of their writing were incredible, and the staff is very proud of all of you.

Another writing inspiration this week was a visit by Ms. Hilda, a parent author, who came in to share her works with Year 2. The reading was a tremendous amount of fun for everyone, and the children came away inspired by her work. It makes me proud that we can support our incredible parents and use them as inspiration for the children. I myself am currently working on 'Arthur and Lucy: A Beagles Tail'. I will be needing some illustrations soon and we shall see where the project ends up.

My final note is that next week, I expect the weather to reach levels where children will have to stay inside during lunch times. We will continue to monitor breaks and teachers will use their discretion for movement breaks in shaded or indoor areas. I know you will support the school in our decision that devices and screens are not used at these times. We want children to develop positive interactions with their friends, art, drawings, card games, and activities they can share and enjoy with one another that do not require a device. Please help us in understanding and preparing the children for this short lived inevitability of desert school life. Perhaps by teaching them one of your beloved traditional indoor games to play with their friends. (Game ideas for this Saturday night below).

Kind regards,
Tom Collar

☑ Monday 22nd May
S4K Production- The Snow Queen
See poster below

☑ Wednesday 24th May
Innovents Qur'an Recital Competition (Y2-6)
By invitation at RIS

☑ Monday 22nd May
Second hand uniform SALE!
See poster below

☑ Thursday 25th May
Parent Teacher Conferences
No school for PS students

☑ Thursday 25th May
Arts Exhibition in the PS Gym
All day during PTC - Please visit

☑ Thursday 27th and 29th May
Primary School Scholars World Cup
Year 5 & 6 by invitation

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

Lunchtimes will be heading inside.

Time to reinforce those traditional games. Games that can be played at the table, games that do not require modern technology or lots of equipment, games that build friendship.

See below for ideas

Indoor Hot Weather Games

- **Pass the Drawing:** Each child starts with a piece of paper and draws a picture or a scene. After a set time (1-2 minutes), everyone passes their drawing to the next person who adds to it. This continues until the drawings have made a full circle.
- **Telephone Whispers:** Children sit in a circle. The first child whispers a sentence to the next, who whispers what they heard to the next, and so on. The last child says out loud what they heard, and everyone gets to hear how much the message changed.
- **Simon Says:** A simple yet engaging game where one child is 'Simon' and the others must follow the instructions only when preceded by "Simon says".
- **Hangman:** A word-guessing game that only requires a blackboard or a piece of paper. One child thinks of a word, and the other children guess the letters. If they fail to guess correctly within a certain number of tries, they lose.
- **Hot Potato:** Children sit in a circle and pass around a small object (like a small ball or beanbag) while music plays. When the music stops, the person holding the 'hot potato' is out.
- **Charades:** Children can take turns acting out a word or phrase without speaking while the rest of the group tries to guess what it is.
- **Pictionary:** Similar to Charades, but this time the child must draw the word or phrase while others guess. This only requires a board and something to draw with.
- **Story Circle:** One child starts a story with a sentence, then the next child continues the story with their own sentence, and so on around the circle.
- **Heads Up, Thumbs Up:** Children are selected and the rest put their heads down with their thumbs up. The children go around and each press one person's thumb down, then those children must guess who chose them.
- **20 Questions:** One child thinks of an object, person, or place and the other children take turns asking yes-or-no questions until someone guesses correctly or they reach 20 questions.
- **I Spy:** One child selects an object in the room without telling the others and says "I spy with my little eye something..." and then gives a descriptive clue. The other children then try to guess what the object is.
- **Wink Murder:** One child is secretly assigned the role of the 'murderer' and can 'kill' others by winking at them discreetly. If a child is 'killed', they sit down quietly. The game continues until the 'murderer' is caught or everyone is 'dead'.
- **Squares (Dots and Boxes):** A game for two or more players on a grid of dots. Players take turns to connect two adjacent dots; completing a box earns a point and an extra turn. Game ends when all boxes are claimed. The player with the most boxes wins.
- **Sticks:** This two-player game starts with each player extending one finger on each hand. Players alternate tapping an opponent's hand with their own, adding the number of fingers from their hand to the tapped hand. Hands are 'out' once they hold five fingers. Instead of tapping, a player may also split their fingers between their own hands, if both hands hold less than five fingers. A player wins when both of their opponent's hands are 'out'.

Academic Calendar for 2023-24

Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills Calendar Outline 2023-2024	
SMT return to School for Orientation and Training	16 August 2023
HODs and Year level leaders return to School for Orientation and Training	17 August 2023
Teachers return to School for Orientation and Training	21 August 2023
Primary School 'Hopes & Dreams' – First School Day	28 August 2023
Secondary School New Student and all Year 7 students Orientation All Year 11 and 13 students orientation – First School Day	28 August 2023
Lessons start for KG2 – Year 13 students	29 August 2023
KG1 settling in programme	29 August – 1 September 2023
Prophet Muhammad's birthday (No school for students and staff)	29 September 2023
Mid-term Break	19 – 20 October 2023
Parent Teacher Consultations KG1 – Year 6 (No school for PS students) Early closing for SS students	30 October 2023
Parent Teacher Online Consultations Year 7 – 13 (No school for SS students)	10 November 2023
Parent Teacher Online Consultations Year 7 – 13 (No school for SS students) Early closing for PS students	13 November 2023
Commemoration Day (No school for students and staff)	1 December 2023
Winter Break	11 December 2023 – 1 January 2024
Lessons start for KG1 – Year 13 students	2 January 2024
Parent Teacher Consultations KG1 – Year 6 (No school for PS students) Early closing for SS students	5 February 2024
Mid-term Break	12 – 16 February 2024
Parent Teacher Online Consultations Year 7 – 13 (No school for SS students)	1 March 2024
Parent Teacher Online Consultations Year 7 – 13 (No school for SS students)	4 March 2024
Spring Break	25 March – 5 April 2024
Eid Al Fitr (No school for students and staff)	9 – 12 April 2024
Parent Teacher Consultations KG1 – Year 6 (No school for PS students) Early closing for SS students	6 May 2024
School holiday (No school for students and staff)	27 May 2024
Eid Al Adha (No school for students and staff)	17 – 18 June 2024
End of year for Students and Teachers	5 July 2024

Please note we are in the process of compiling a more detailed calendar that will provide more specific details of celebrations, events, world celebration days and so on.

DIA Mother Tongue Department proudly
announces



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Persian Language CCA

*Are you of Persian descent and
want to connect to your roots?*

**Studying Persian opens the door to
understanding Persian literature, art, music,
food, and traditions, which have had a
significant impact on world history and culture.**

**ANY LEVEL OF PERSIAN LANGUAGE SKILLS
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1. Beginner Level: For students with little or no previous exposure to Persian language and culture. Students will learn basic vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation.
2. Intermediate Level: For students with some knowledge of Persian language and culture. Students will build on their existing knowledge to expand their vocabulary, improve their pronunciation, and develop their language skills.
3. Advanced Level: For students who are proficient in Persian language and culture. Students will refine their language skills, engage in more complex conversations, and explore advanced grammar and literature.

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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

**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:

Sunday 21st 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).

