

Primary

Newsletter

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Photos courtesy of PS Art Exhibition



Lucy and Arthur after a detailed paragraph written into an Artificial Intelligence image creator.

Head of Primary's Message

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to share with you the outstanding achievements of our wonderful students in the recent Innovents Art Competition. Overall the school came out in 1st place. This is a historic first for DIAEH. Warm commendations to our talented young photographers. Special recognition is due to Gonzalo from Year 5, Elias from Year 4, each earning 1st Place, Ved from Year 6, who achieved 2nd Place, and Berlin, also from Year 6, coming in at 3rd Place. The depth of artistry captured within your photographs displayed a level of creative maturity that belied your tender years. Turning our attention to the 2D Art category, Krisha from Year 6 and Anaya from Year 3 astounded the judges and clinched 1st Place. Anaya from KG and Charles from Year 3 beautifully showcased their skills, securing 3rd Place, demonstrating their unique artistic perspectives. Our Video Art category saw similarly remarkable achievements. Aiden from Year 6 brilliantly seized 1st Place, while Amin, Vihaan, and Dylan, all from Year 6, demonstrated exceptional teamwork to jointly secure 2nd Place. Lastly, but by no means least, our Graphic Art category was illuminated by the talents of Angelica from Year 6, who triumphed in 1st Place with her innovative design. Each one of you has demonstrated the power of imagination, the courage of creativity, and the beauty of self-expression. Congratulations to all our artists who submitted - your creations were fabulous!

Staying with the arts, for those who were fortunate enough to attend our Arts Showcase during Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs), I trust you were as impressed as I was by the sheer range of experiences our students are exposed to in the arts.

Our achievements this week extend beyond art. Congratulations to our Islamic team for winning the silver medal in the Innovents Qur'an Recitation competition, along with an overall bronze medal. This, combined with increasing KHDA ratings for primary Islamic, showcases the commitment and growth of our Islamic students. Special recognition to Maryam Haris (Y2) and Zaynab Khan (Y4) for securing 1st position with Gold Medals, and Farah Reda for winning the 2nd Prize. Hassan Khan (Y5) and Karma (Y5) achieved 3rd place. Well done, everyone!

The recent Parent-Teacher Conferences are always a cherished event in our academic calendar. Your participation as parents is vital to our mission and it was a pleasure to welcome you into the school once again. We trust this final PTC of the year provided an opportunity to celebrate our collective achievements and reflect upon the year that was.

Finally, I would like to commend all students who have taken the courageous step to nominate themselves for student leadership positions for the coming year. The process is ongoing and it has been thoroughly inspiring to read the handwritten letters, hear your innovative ideas, and witness your eagerness to contribute to our school. Our students' potential is truly remarkable and it's thrilling to anticipate what they will accomplish as leaders in the coming year. Remember, you do not need a title to be a leader.

Kind regards,
Tom Collar

✓ Saturday 27th and Monday 29th May
Primary School World Scholars Cup
Year 5 & 6 by invitation

✓ Thursday 1st June
NGRT reading assessments Year 2-6 only
Please see Year Group newsletters for more information

✓ Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th June
Year 6 Transition Taster Session

✓ Friday 9th June
Year 6 Parents Coffee Morning
(Secondary Presentation Hall)

✓ Wednesday 14th June
KG1 Transition Performance and visit

✓ Wednesday 14th June
KG2 Trip to Kidzania

✓ Tuesday 20th June
KG2 Graduation & Show

✓ Thursday 22nd June
Year 6 Graduation

HOMEROOM UPDATES

Please click the links below to access the newsletters.

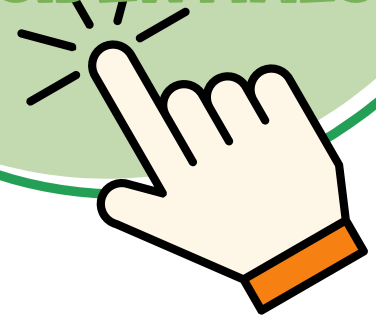
KG1 Year 3
KG2 Year 4
Year 1 Year 5
Year 2 Year 6



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Year 2 Language Choice



Dear Parents,

Starting from September 2023, your child will be learning a third language and have the choice between French or Spanish as part of the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) program. These language lessons will be integrated into the school timetable and consists of two lessons per week. Wherever possible, MFL lesson content is linked with Homeroom content or connected with PYP Learner Profiles.

The curriculum for both languages is the same and Year 3 children are not expected to have any language competency in the language of their choice at the start of the year.

Due to IB regulations, French speakers must choose Spanish and Spanish speakers must choose French, should this be the case in your family. Please refer to your class teacher if you have any questions.

Please use the link below to make the selection for your child

[PS Y3 MFL options 2023-2024](#)



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.

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MONDAYS

6TH, 7TH & 20TH JUNE

7:15AM-9:30AM

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