

Primary

Newsletter

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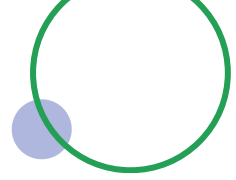
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Photos courtesy of the Year 1 A & C Assembly, the PS girls first cricket match, Year 6 exhibition, World Scholars Cup, Art and the Innovents basketball tournament.

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Head of Primary's Message

Ms. Francesca, our Head of Inclusion, wanted her little ones to have a shout out! Send me your best pet photos for a chance to get featured.

Dear Parents,

We have had another incredible week at DIA Emirates Hills. Our news this week actually starts with last Friday when, late morning, our incredible athletes won the Innovents Basketball Championship. This was an amazing achievement against the best athletes across our five schools. The children and staff were all really proud of what was a fantastic accomplishment.

This week, I have also loved seeing the children play and enjoy each other's company with a focus on the 'traditional'. This has been our first week of indoor lunch play, due to the heat, and there was not an iPad or screen in sight! I have watched children engage in various games, start dance competitions, begin art projects, and simply have fun. I even had the chance to revisit my childhood with a great game of Heads Down Thumbs Up in Year 3. The greatest endorsement of playtime at the moment is that children are eagerly looking forward to tomorrow's playtime.

Our Year 6 students have continued their journey of preparing for their exhibitions. The building is buzzing with their excitement and engagement. The entire year group visited our sister school this week to see their exhibition. They had the opportunity to gather fresh ideas, discuss the process, and experience a finished exhibition. We look forward to welcoming the students from DIA Barsha when it is our turn in just a few weeks.

Last weekend and on Monday, children and parents attended the World Scholars Cup, which I must say is an incredible event. Children debated, wrote, and presented under the watchful eye of judges and against top opponents. Congratulations to Thalia, Oyku, Mudra, Kalpita, Amaara, Sarannya, Dalia, Alyssa, Andrija, Ayaan, Lara, Reana, Helena, Aryansh, Aarav, Krishav, Sachi, Aadhya, Katherin, Anvika, Pratyusha, Alicia, Ines, and Gaelen. It was truly inspiring to see many of you adorned with multiple medals, a terrific validation of all the work done in classes and at home. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Lyndsey, who voluntarily gave up her evening and weekend to attend this event with the children. We are fortunate to have the best teachers!

This leads me to the next section. Across the school, we have so many fantastic staff members who do so much that often goes unseen by our community, yet it is an integral part of what makes us who we are. This week, I have included the Staff Appreciation sheet, a space where we can nominate staff members to show our gratitude for their efforts. I hope it brings you as much pride as it does me.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Kind regards,
Tom Collar

- Monday 5th
CCA Collection from Canteen due to hot weather
- Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th June
Year 6 Transition Taster Session
Students only.
- Monday 5th - 9th June
House PE competition (KG1 - Year 6)
Wear house colours on your PE day.
- Monday 5th - 8th
Sports Awards Assemblies
Communication sent by PE Team
- Friday 9th June
Year 6 Parents Coffee Morning
(Secondary Presentation Hall)
Time: 11:15 - 12
- Tuesday 13th June
Beat and Bop Shows Year 1-5
Students Only
- Tuesday 14th
Junior Duke Awards Assembly

- Wednesday 14th June
KG1 transition performance and visit
More information from Homeroom
- Wednesday 14th June
KG2 Trip to Kidzania
- Wednesday 14th June
Sports Awards Evening (5 - 7:30pm) Smart Dress
Communication from PE Team
- Thursday 15th and Friday 16th June
PYPx
Year 6-Communication to come from Homeroom
- Friday 16th June
CCAs Term 3 finsih
- Monday 19th June
Year 5 Exhibition - Communication from
Homeroom
- 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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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....

Ashley Watson, Year 1C

What the teachers wrote:

Ashleigh is an invaluable member of the team. She always has student wellbeing and outcomes as her first priority. She recently organised a wonderful trip to the Courtyard Playhouse for the Year 1 children. She is amazing!



Other words of appreciation for staff

Ms Jodie

Goes above and beyond for any one (not just in school hours), and is always just a phone call away at any hour. She tries to support you in any way that she can, is in super early and stays super late every day, never shows that she is stressed and puts on a brave face for her team every single day. Always happy and approachable and makes working at DIA a really good experience.

Ms Natika

Such a superb teacher. Her lessons are fun and always a team player! DIA will miss her greatly next year. One of the most diligent workers and team players DIA has had. A great colleague and person

Ms Aliyah

A great work colleague who is always there for support. The door is always open and she shares her knowledge and experience to all our team, including team members across the school. A super team player who has a wonderful way with her pupils.

Ms Arlinda

She is consistently knowledgeable, patient, polite, willing to help and approachable.

Mr Felipe

Affable, genuine and a great teacher

Mr Ross

He is a genius for all the organising of sports, so helpful and kind.

Ms Alicia

Although she is a new member of the staff she learns so fast and she puts a lot of energy in her teaching.

Mr Damian

Damien is basically my PA. He keeps me (and the whole team) organised, which is very helpful especially during overwhelming times at school!
- Going above and beyond to help his team
- He always goes above and beyond to ensure that the team understands what we are doing and undertakes jobs and responsibilities without being asked.

she supports me always

Ms Rosario

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

Ms Rini

Rini is determined in her job role and is always there to listen when you need to speak about work and offer advice and guidance.

Ms Kopal

She is ready to help any teachers outside her zone

Mr Conor

He is so supportive of his team and is always approachable
For being a super leader!

Ms Orlaith

She supports me always. She is punctual, always smiling. Her planning is always fabulous, always there for support, an OUTSTANDING SCIENCE TEACHER

Ms Sara

For going the extra mile for the school community by putting her all into her Maths Lead role, while also taking a lead position on the NEASC visit preparations. She is able to do both while also staying on top of her planning and teaching her class. She is someone people can go to for advice and her experience is invaluable.

Mr Phillip

Because I know hard it is to manage multiple tasks at one time and have several people depending on you. He is an absolute star and deserves this more so than anyone else I can think of.

Ms Anita

Her commitment to the pupils is second to none. Her class displays are SECOND TO NONE, which are great to get insightful tips off. She LOVES THE PYP!

Ms Amy

For going above and beyond to cater for her PGCE student



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

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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](#)



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6TH, 7TH & 20TH JUNE

7:15AM-9:30AM

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