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4TH INNOVENTURES EDUCATION ATHLETICS MEET





4TH INNOVENTURES EDUCATION ATHLETICS MEET RESULTS - 25 FEBRUARY 2018

U8 - U12

	Running	Fielding	Total
DIA	615	230	845
RWA	588	203	791
CAS	356	149	505
RIS	383	106	489

U14 - U18

	Running	Fielding	Total
DIA	364	130	494
RWA	383	103	486
RIS	184	92	276
CAS	132	82	214

OVERALL U8 - U18

	Running	Fielding	Total
DIA	979	360	1339
RWA	971	306	1277
RIS	567	198	765
CAS	488	231	719

IVEI Athletics Championship	1st position	2nd position	3rd position	4th position
Under 8 only	DIA	RWA	CAS	RIS
Under 9 only	DIA	RWA	RIS	CAS
Under 10 only	DIA	RWA	CAS	RIS
Under 11 only	RWA	DIA	CAS	RIS
Under 12 only	DIA	RWA	RIS	CAS
Under 14 only	RWA	DIA & RIS	CAS	
Under 16 only	DIA	RWA	RIS	CAS
Under 18 only	DIA	RWA	CAS	RIS
Under 8 to Under 12	DIA	RWA	CAS	RIS
Under 14 to Under 18	DIA	RWA	RIS	CAS
Under 8 to Under 18	DIA	RWA	RIS	CAS



GESS
EDUCATION
AWARDS

5TH GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES AND SOLUTIONS (GESS) AWARDS 2018

The GESS awards highlight and reward the quality and diversity of educational products, resources, services and people as well as the best educational establishments and the most dedicated members of the teaching profession.

The GESS Education Awards aim to encourage the raising of educational services & product standards throughout the industry and aims to be recognised throughout the sector as the accolade of excellence.

The awards are broken down into two sections those for Suppliers and/or distributors and those for Teachers, Schools and Educational Professionals.

Five members of staff from DIA were shortlisted finalists in four categories of 'Awards for Teachers, Schools and Educational Professionals'.

Congratulations to Lisa Elemor who won in the category for 'Ambassador For The Environment'!

NAME	CATEGORY
Lisa Ellemor	Ambassador For The Environment
Maryam Ferdosi	Best Use Of ICT/E Learning In The Classroom
Robert Bunyan	Community Award For Citizenship
Doireann Greeney	Community Award For Citizenship
Nada Iskandar	Innovation In Education Award

Receiving this award has really left me speechless. It is has been an overwhelming privilege to receive this award as Ambassador for the Environment on behalf of DIA. It is an acknowledgement of the wonderful things the school has achieved through the effort and work of the ECO Primary School Council. This of course could have not have happened without the constant support from Mr. Richardson, Ms. Candice and Ms. Pratibha, the never-ending helpfulness of our Facilities Department and the dedicated Teachers. But most of all, the energetic leaders of our future, the students, who have wonderful ideas, taken unbelievable action for our environment.

**Lisa Ellemor - Winner
Ambassador for the Environment**



The 9 shortlisted finalists from Innoventues Education at the awards ceremony held at the H Hotel on 28 February 2018.

INNOVENTS ROBOTICS COMPETITION

On February 28th, our sister school, Raffles International School hosted this incredible event that revolves around robotics and technology...sounds very EXCITING and INNOVATIVE!

The following techno-savvy and innovative students were nominated to participate in this event and proved they displayed innovation in robotics and digital gaming:

Category 1: Digital gaming

- ◆ Jake Weeman
- ◆ Agastya Zaveri
- ◆ Zhaojin chu

Category 2: Robotics

- ◆ Neeraj Shah
- ◆ Rishabh Mittal
- ◆ Yasmine Brair
- ◆ Elisa Micle



INNOVENTURES EDUCATION CROSS COUNTRY TOURNAMENT

WINNERS U8-11

RWA - 1ST PLACE

DIA - 2ND PLACE

CAS - 3RD PLACE

RIS - 4TH PLACE

WINNERS U12-18

RWA - 1ST PLACE

DIA - 2ND PLACE

RIS - 3RD PLACE

CAS- 4TH PLACE





NRI MEDIA'S MOST ICONIC INDIAN AWARDS FUNCTION

The Primary School choir and the Hindi Mother Tongue students of DIA were invited to sing the UAE and Indian national anthems at the prestigious NRI Media's Most Iconic Indian Awards ceremony. Also, Swarashri Shridhar from Year 11 performed a Karthak classical dance. Below are some pictures of the event.



Primary School Choir singing the UAE National Anthem

Hindi Mother Tongue students singing the Indian National Anthem



KATHAK PERFORMER

Swarashri Shridhar, from Year 11 C, has been a student of Kathak - a Classical Indian dance form - for over 9 years now.

Kathak is a dance form from India that is characterised by intricate footwork, vigorous spins and the use of eyes, facial expressions and gestures to tell stories or "Katha". She is a disciple of Guru Pali Chandra at Gurukul, Dubai. She completed her ISTD (Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing) Year 6 and has completed ISTD's Intermediate level examination, held in Zurich in Aug 2017, with a Distinction. She is the youngest student to have completed the Intermedi-

ate level. In 2016, she completed her "RangManch Pravesh" or initiation into the dance world as a performer.

She was awarded the 1st prize at the Dubai Dance Olympics held at the Bollywood Parks, Dubai and the 1st prize in the Dance category at the Innoventures Got Talent, held at DIA. Recently, she participated in NRI Media's Most Iconic Indian awards function held in Grand Hyatt where her performance was lauded by the organizers.



Upcoming Events

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018

Upcoming Events:

MARCH 2018

Thursday, 1 March	Sports Day - Year 2, 10:00am-12:00pm
Thursday, 1 March	Sports Day - Year 1, 12:40pm-2:40pm
Sunday, 4 March	IVEI Secondary Volleyball – U14, U16 and U18 Boys and Girls @ CAS
Sunday, 4 March	IVEI Cricket – U11, U14, U16 and U18 Boys @ DIA
Monday, 5 March	Innovents Primary School Debate @ CAS
Tuesday, 6 - Thursday, 8 March	Year 5 Camp
Thursday, 8 March	PADIA Movie Night
Sunday, 11 March	Sports Day - Year 6, 10:00am-12:00pm
Sunday, 11 March	Sports Day - Year 5, 12:40pm-2:40pm
Monday, 12 March	Innovents - Science Fair @ RIS
Wednesday, 14 March	Early closing PD Day, students leave at 12 noon
Wednesday, 14 March	Innovents - DIAMUN hosted by DIA (Opening Ceremony)
Thursday, 15 - Saturday, 18 March	Innovents - DIAMUN hosted by DIA
Thursday, 15 March	Staff PD. No school for SS & PS students
Sunday, 18 March	IVEI Primary Swimming – U8, U9, U10 and U11 Boys and Girls @ CAS
Monday, 19 March	Year 4 Market Day
Tuesday, 20 March	YR3 and YR4 Musical
Wednesday, 21 March	YR5 and YR6 Musical
Thursday, 22 March	IVEI Chess – Primary and Secondary @ RIS
Thursday, 22 March	Innovents Literary Soiree @ RWA
Friday, 23 - Friday, 30 March	Year 5&6 Borneo Trip
Friday, 23 - Saturday, 31 March	Spring Break

APRIL 2018

Sunday, 1 - Saturday, 7 April	Spring Break
Sunday, 8 April	Students and staff return after Spring Break

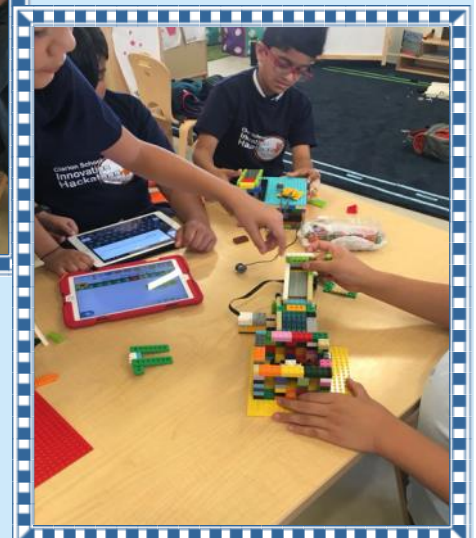
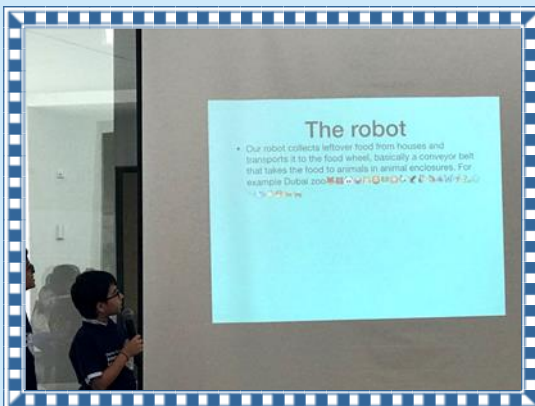
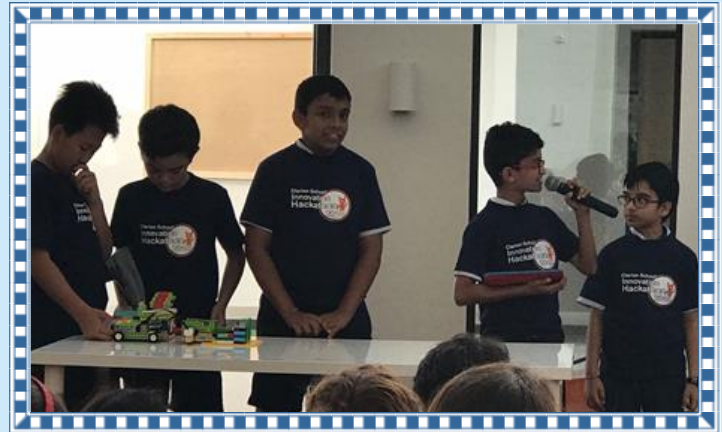
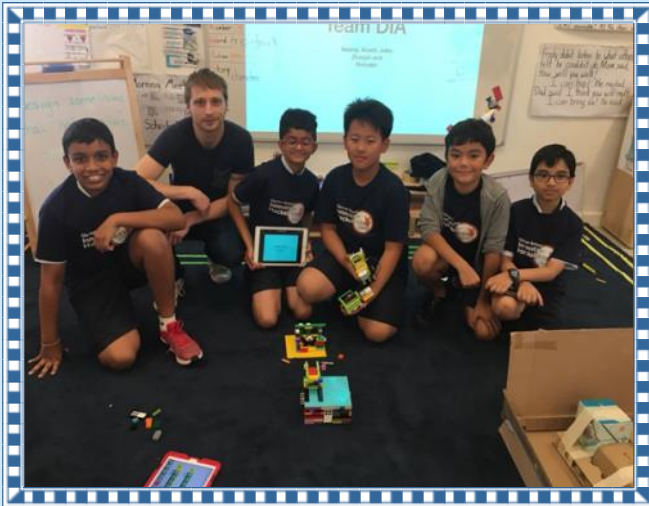
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

**HACKATHON – ON THE SPOT CHALLENGE BASED ROBOT MAKING EVENT
AT CLARION SCHOOL ON 27TH JANUARY, 2018**

HACKATHON TEAM	CLASS
Rishabh Mittal	5E
Neeraj Shah	6B
Zhaojin chu	6F
Jake Weeman	5E
Anant Jayachandran	6B

ICT- DIA Team Hackathon

Challenge: Make a Robot that can help reducing food waste



SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

DIA ATTENDS 50th ANNUAL THIMUN IN THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

In the week beginning January 28th, a group of 26 DIA students participated in the 50th annual installment of The Hague International Model United Nations. Attracting over 3,500 students each year, it is the largest event of its kind in the world and DIA is a regular participant. In addition, we were honored to have one of our students, Aditya Rathi, serve as the Deputy Secretary-General of the conference. Our two MUN directors at DIA, Ms. Meena Nambiar and Mr. Vikas Singh accompanied us on this trip.

Due to the relatively large size of our team, we were allocated two different delegations, Saint Lucia and Congo. DIA had a significant presence throughout the committees, with at least one delegate in each of the six General Assemblies, the Environmental Commission, the Human Rights Council, the Special Conference, and the Sustainable Development Commission. The General Assembly touched base on a wide range of issues from nationalism to nuclear weapons, while the other forums concentrated on their own specific issues. Furthermore, Ayush Walia and Adam Abdulla served as the Ambassadors of Saint Lucia and Congo respectively, and were responsible for bearing the flags of their delegations at the Walk of the Nations, a staple of THIMUN.

The main theme for this semicentennial was “Building Civil Society Through Education.” A quality education empowers people to live healthy and sustainable lives while fostering tolerance and acceptance, allowing for a civil society.



Apart from making a lasting impact on THIMUN, we also set aside time to visit other cities within the Netherlands. We began our journey in Volendam, a rural town just outside Amsterdam, in which we visited a cheese farm and had an extensive tasting session afterwards. The next day, we returned to Amsterdam and saw some of Vincent Van Gogh’s best paintings, and had the chance to explore the city. Despite the cold and the rain, it was an enjoyable experience for all. The day concluded with a cruise across the capital’s seemingly infinite network of canals. The last stop was Rotterdam, a city that was rebuilt after World War II and blends many different architecture styles. We took a ride down the Erasmus Bridge before treating ourselves to a shopping trip in the city center. Throughout the trip, communication lines were always open between the students, teachers, and parents.

Above all, the highlight of the trip, for most of us, was our ability to build a stronger bond and camaraderie with each other, through the dinners to the long bus rides. Through this trip, we were able to reflect on the past, strengthen our understanding of global issues in the present, and prepare ourselves to become the leaders of the future.

“The THIMUN trip was truly an unforgettable experience.” ~ Ronit Kothari

By Zaid Maayah 11A

THE YEAR OF ZAYED ARABIC CALLIGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

This year the Arabic A department took it upon themselves to generate an Art Exhibition that explicitly discussed and creatively portrayed the Year of Zayed. The exhibition was one that promoted culture and art through creativity. The Arabic A students created pieces that combined the essence of Arabic culture along with the lessons that we can all learn from Sheikh Zayed. The exhibition was held in the presentation hall where parents, teachers and students marveled at the works of arts.

It is important to commemorate the leader, Sheikh Zayed, because he built the foundations that enhanced the growth of the UAE. He set the standards for world leader's world-wide and engendered optimism in the eras to come.

Reda Alashmawey





TECHNO TALENT FEST 2018

Techno Talent Fest 2018 was held on 31st January 2018. Students participated by presenting IT projects in one of many categories such as Data Representation, Web Page Designing, Programming, Digital Painting, Digital Designing, Gaming, Digital Animation, Movie Making and lots more. It was an amazing experience to enhance their technical and presentation skills. Dubai International Academy had 4 students that participated in this competition.

They were:

Arnav Bulani: Web Page Design
Kabir Malhotra: Data Management
Siddhi Pagarani: Web Page Design
Shashwat Sahay: Programming

We were especially proud of Kabir Malhotra & Arnav Bulani who secured first place in their respective categories and brought home trophies as well as certificates.

Congratulations to them!

Hemanshu Bhojwani and the DI@TECH team



PROGRAMMING COMPETITION

DIA was excited to participate in the programming competition hosted by the **University of Heriot watt** Dubai Campus on the 10th February 2018. The competition's aim was not only making students demonstrate their critical thinking skills but also their creativity and team spirit.

Three teams (9 students) from our Year 12 Computer Science were nominated to participate in this competition to present the school.

Vishaal Padma Kumar
Fadil Eledath
Subhadeep Sarkar

Paula Castillero
Praniti Mirani
Jad Gouty

Shiven Taneja
Aayush Bakshi
Arnav Popat

The students were given 6 challenging programming problems to solve within a specific time frame. All the three teams performed exceedingly well. One of the teams solved all the given challenges without any error and was **the first winner** among more than 30 participating teams from different schools in Dubai and they were awarded a cash prize of 6000 AED.

Well done to our winning team **Vishaal Padma Kumar, Fadil Eledath, Subhadeep Sarkar.**

Technology Department



Winning Team



Participants

DP RETREAT

Going to the DP retreat was one of the most fun experiences which I had as a DP1 student, not only was I able to relax and take a break from my studies, but I had also learnt a lot about universities and the essentials of the DP programme. It all started by choosing a room mate and preparing my bag with all my clothes and essentials as well as my laptop, a notebook and pen which I had brought along to take notes in our TOK(Theory of Knowledge), EE(Extended Essay) and the IA(Internal Assessments) sessions.

On the day, we had prepared all of our documents and brought our stuff as we got prepped to get on the bus and start the two hour journey from school to the hotel in Al Ain. We left at around 8am and arrived there at 10am. We had a small snack before we started our first session on the EE and the IAs, 4 Year 13s



Karim, Marcello, Tessa and Tyra were leading the session. One key point which they emphasized on was the difference between the IA and the EE and also the different documents that you have to look at before you start either for any subject. And as well as that they also gave us general advice about DP, how to manage your time and how important that is. They did this in the other sessions, such as the sessions we had on universities and TOK the next day. But they were very helpful overall as they gave their advice from the perspective of people who have already done the same work or are currently doing it as DP2 students.



We then headed off to Wadi Adventure, which was really a lot of fun. We went white-water rafting and into an air park which involved getting past a variety of challenges while being about 5-10 metres above the ground. The white water rafting was fun as we were split into groups of 5 and worked together as a team with an instructor leading us to get through the simulated river. The air park was fun and as a person who has a fear of heights, it really pushed me to my limits and I had learnt to trust my friends and the instructor. Not to mention going on the zipline which was both scary, being so high up in the air, and not being able to see anything as I had taken off my glasses, gave me a rush of adrenalin.

After that we got back and had time to have dinner and use more of the hotel facilities, we played squash, football and even cricket. But one of the best experiences which I had there was the fact that the DP retreat was on my birthday, which made it so much more special. My friends even brought a cake for me and everybody sang for me, which really had made me feel great as I wasn't really expecting anything.

The next day we had breakfast, checked out of the hotel and had our last two sessions, which were also very informative, on university choices and TOK presentations. Overall I feel that the DP retreat was definitely worth it and was not only fun but also provided a learning experience which you could not get elsewhere.

Mazen Omar, 12A

MY EXPERIENCE: THE HISTORY BEE 2018 BY VEDANG LAMBE

The History Bee and Bowl is an international contest for high school history aficionados which can qualify you for the International History Olympiad that's held in Berlin. The History Bee and Bowl 2018 took place on the 3rd of February at Dubai College. There were 40 high school students from schools all over Dubai who competed for the top 5 ranks, which basically meant eligibility for the Asian Championship.

The 25 topics from world history that were provided with the study material were all quite new to me. The Bee tests your ability to give one-word answers to the hints that are provided with a general question. I had started preparing for the contest for more than 2 months. My history teacher was really very helpful. When she realized my interest, she helped me pick out useful books for this competition.

While history at DP level is quite new to me, I have always been fascinated by the study of the past. It was purely this drive that kept me persevering through studying 25 topics spanning 3000 years of Human history.

The competition was fierce. All 20 contestants in my category were from Year 13. These contestants were literally the best of the best, selected by their schools through intra-school qualifying rounds. Although this environment was quite intimidating, I attempted to maintain my cool and just focus on the questions. Questions ranged from the mathematics of ancient Egypt to Medieval England to the Cold War.

There were some questions I could answer, some I couldn't. I tried not to lose hope if I got a question wrong. I feel I was most comfortable answering questions from topic we had covered in school. Finally, when the scores were tallied, we found out that I was actually among the finals qualifiers. It was unbelievable. This experience taught me that it's not just hard work that pays off but also the interest to go beyond academics to do something you really enjoy. I really fell in love with History thanks to this opportunity. As for what lies ahead, I hope to participate in the Berlin History Olympiad over the summer.

Y11 PERSONAL PROJECT EXHIBITION WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Pictures
from
archives

COMPETITIVE SPORTS NEWS

DAASA TENNIS TOURNAMENT FINAL RESULTS



U12 Girls 1 st DESC 2 nd DIA	U12 Boys 1 st DC 2 nd GM 3 rd SISD	U14 Girls 1 st DESC 2 nd DC 3 rd GWSO	U14 Boys 1 st DESC 2 nd DC 3 rd JC
U16 Girls 1 st GWSO 2 nd DESC 3 rd DC	U16 Boys 1 st DC 2 nd DIA 3 rd GWSO	U19 girls 1 st DESC 2 nd WSO 3 rd DIA	U19 boys 1 st DESC 2 nd DIA 3 rd JC



COMPETITIVE SPORTS NEWS

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

KYRA ORTNER - YEAR 10

On Friday, 26 January Kyra Ortner from 10 B came first overall from all women runners and first from her age category 14-20 years at the Run the Track event and on Saturday, 27 January she secured the first place in the age category 13-18 at the SST Supersprint Triathlon Series: Race 3/4



Congratulations!

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**WELL
DONE**

NEWS FROM PADIA

INTERNATIONAL EVENING 2018



A huge thank you to the whole school community for making the International Evening 2018 such a fantastic success!! It was a beautiful evening, full of color and culture, wonderful food, vibrant dancing and the spirit of true internationalism! Once again we feel truly grateful for our wonderful parents and partners who help to make this such a special event and one that the whole school looks forward to every year!

Thank you all!!!



MOVIE NIGHT
Thursday 8th March



LOST PROPERTY REMOVAL

Please note that the unclaimed Lost Property items will be removed at the end of term for hygiene reasons. Please check regularly for any lost property items in the area outside the PADIA office opposite the clinic in the Primary School. High value items are always kept at the school offices and all clearly named items are returned to the owners when sorted on a weekly basis. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in this matter.



INTERNATIONAL EVENING 2018

