

EARTH DAY, 22 APRIL 2018 - MUFTI DAY IN AID OF GIVE



Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. DIA has held many events and has ensured that students understand and acknowledge this important event. As always the Primary School Council have been active in sharing this celebration and have chosen our younger students from KG1 and KG2 as their stars. The PSC members from the Social and Eco committee have gone to all the KG1 and the KG2 classes in pairs to read a story about the environment to the young, enthusiastic audience. They also followed up with an activity like a bookmark, puppet show or just some fact sharing talks. A special thank you goes to the KG teachers for supporting this wonderful initiative.



EARTH DAY - SECONDARY SCHOOL
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY, PLANTS & FOOD SALE



Earth day is celebrated across the Globe on 22 April. Eco enthusiasts from all around the world hold various events to demonstrate their support for environmental protection.

Eco club at DIA organized diverse activities to involve the wider community for environmental initiatives. The Eco club invited all students and teachers to sign a petition stating the resolutions they should take to help save the environment. Adopt a



plant day was marked successfully where homerooms raised funds to adopt a plant and take care of it. We got many individual orders too during our plant sale. The

student community supported the Earth day event by wearing Earth colors – brown, green, blue as a Mufti day where the money collected was donated to GIVE foundation as charity. The admin team supported our event by switching off the corridor lights for the entire day to save electricity. We celebrated a meatless day too where only vegetarian food was served in the canteen and students got veg food as packed lunch. Sports challenge in Lunchtime added to the event where we raised awareness for healthy living. National Geographic showed their documentary on climate change in Period 4 to sensitize the young audience towards climate protection. Overall the entire day was full of fun and excitement where the entire DIA community got together to show their support for the environment.

SIEMENS INNOVATION DAY - ART COMPETITION

On 15 April, primary and secondary students from DIA took part in an Innovation Event hosted by Siemens, DEWA and EXPO 2020 making it a more holistic event around Innovation and Digitalization. The Primary School choir sang the UAE National Anthem at the opening of the event which was held at Dubai Opera. Also, both secondary and primary students participated in an art competition. The competition was held in school and the 20 artworks that were selected were displayed in the gallery at Dubai Opera.



IEFF - INNOVENTURES EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL 2018

Friends, Romans, Countrymen.....lend me your ears! I come to announce the BIGGEST IVEI event of the year and it is hosted by DIA – **the Innoventures Education Film Festival 2018!**

This long awaited event will take place on June 21st, 2018 at Dubai International Academy and we want YOU to be there!
Primary School films are in the following categories:

Animation
Documentary
Music Video



If you think you have what it takes to be the next Steven Spielberg or Oliver Stone to take part in this fantastic event, then get filming! All submissions must go to **Miss Manal in Room 034** on a USB stick BEFORE May 15th.

For further details or inquires please see **Miss Manal Qawasmeh's in Room 034**.

INNOVENTURES EDUCATION RECYCLING FASHION SHOW - APRIL 18

Well done DIA! 3rd place in Primary section, 1st in Secondary and overall FIRST at the Innoventures Education Recycling Fashion Show hosted at Raffles World Academy! Well done to ALL participants and especially to Alex and Jheel.



Upcoming Events

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018

Upcoming Events:

APRIL 2018

Friday, 27 April - Friday, 18 May	IBDP Exams
Sunday, 29 April	IVEI Primary Badminton – U8, U9,U10 and U11 Boys and Girls @ RIS
Monday, 30 April	IVEI Primary Basketball – U8 and U9 Boys and Girls @ DIA

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Tuesday, 1 May	IVEI Primary Basketball – U10 and U11 Boys and Girls @ DIA
Tuesday, 1 May	PADIA Bake Sale
Sunday, 6 May	IVEI Table Tennis – U11 @ RIS
Sunday, 6 May	IVEI Table Tennis – U12, U14, U16 and U18 @ RWA
Sunday, 6 - Wednesday, 9 May	KG 1 Music concert
Monday, 7 May	The Little Mermaid Production in PS GYM - KG 2 to Yr 5
Monday, 7 May	PADIA Coffee Morning
Monday, 7 - Friday, 18 May	MYP Year 11 Final Exam
Friday, 11 - Saturday, 12 May	MYP Workshop
Monday, 14 May	Year 7-10 ACER ISA Testing
Wednesday, 16 May	Year 9 Community Project Exhibition
Wednesday, 16 May	CCA Part 2 End
Wednesday, 16 May	TBC Beginning of Ramadan
Monday, 21 - Tuesday, 29 May	Year 11 Job Shadowing (21-29 May)
Tuesday, 22 May	Innovent - Academic Olympiad @ RWA
Wednesday, 23 May	PADIA - Wellness Talks - 7:30 to 9:30
Thursday, 24 May	Year 3 Science Fair
Friday, 25 May	DP Graduation
Sunday, 27 - Tuesday, 29 May	MYP Year 7-9 Exams
Monday, 28 May	Year 6 Exhibition
Sunday, 27 May - Wednesday, 13 June	Year 12 Exams
Wednesday, 30 - Thursday, 31 May	Mid-Term Break

JUNE 2018

Sunday, 27 May - Wednesday, 13 June	Year 12 Exams
Sunday, 3 - Thursday, 7 June	Year 10 Exams (3-7 June)
Wednesday, 6 June	Year 11 DP Core Day
Thursday, 7 June	Year 11 University and ePortfolio Exhibition preparation day
Sunday, 10 June	Year 11 ePortfolio Exhibition
Wednesday, 13 June	Year 11 Graduation

Upcoming Events

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018

Upcoming Events:

JUNE 2018

Thursday, 14 - Sunday, 17 June	TBC End of Ramadan and Eid Al Fitr (TBC)
Monday, 18 - Thursday, 21 June	Year 7-10 Standardised Testing (18-21 June)
Monday, 18 - Saturday, 23 June	Year 11 Overseas Trip (18-23 June)
Monday, 18 - Thursday, 28 June	Year 11 DP Taster Days (18-28 June)
Tuesday, 19 June	DIASPORA - Alumni Reunion
Tuesday, 19 - Wednesday, 20 June	KG2 Graduation
Wednesday, 20 June	IVEI Secondary Badminton – U12, U14, U16 and U18 Boys and Mixed @ DIA
Wednesday, 20 June	IVEI Secondary Badminton – U12, U14, U16 and U18 Girls @ RWA
Wednesday, 20 June	PADIA - Wellness Talks - 5:30pm to 8:00pm
Thursday, 21 June	IVEI Secondary Basketball – U12 and U14 Boys @ CAS
Thursday, 21 June	IVEI Secondary Basketball – U12 and U14 Girls @ DIA
Thursday, 21 June	Innovents - Film Festival @ DIA
Sunday, 24 - Tuesday 26 June	Year 4-6 Standardised Testing (24-26 June)
Monday, 25 June	Innovents - Art Competition @ RIS
Monday, 25 June	Year 6 Exhibition
Tuesday, 26 June	PS - Reports (sent home electronically)
Wednesday, 27 June	PS Parent/Teacher and Portfolio Conferences (no school for PS only)

JULY 2018

Thursday, 5 July	Last day for students
Monday, 9 July	Last day for teachers
Wednesday, 11 July	Last day for SMT
Thursday, 12 - Thursday, 19 July	Cricket tour to UK

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT INITIATIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO GIVE

Year 4: Sam Lorenzon and Lucie Salem, selling lemonade - AED 82

Year 6: Sofia Stokes, boot car sale - AED 170

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BOOK WEEK, 22-26 APRIL

To honor the book week at DIA the Swedish section has been focusing more on reading this week. The students were encouraged to read and have been working with reading comprehension. The teachers invited the parents to come to class and read. Though a real superhero is a parent who reads to their child as it's the best way to improve one's language. Languages are the key to understanding each other and if we give our children those keys they will have a better chance to live and grow in a peaceful world.

Kristin Stillnerus
Swedish mother tongue teacher



Superhero Annika



Superhero Annika reading in Swedish

Year 2 students listening to the story



ACTIVITIES DURING BOOK WEEK, 22-26 APRIL



Year 4E Book Week
Reading with the
Principal,
Ms. Pratibha Rao

Book swap



We celebrated Earth Day with a number of fun activities. Our PSC took action and read to classes.



Parents popping by to read to students about Super Heroes



ACTIVITIES DURING BOOK WEEK, 22-26 APRIL
BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY



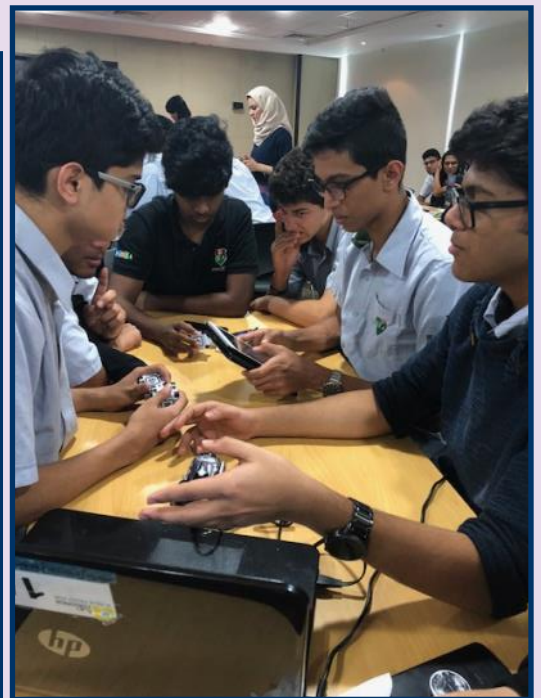
SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WORKSHOP IN ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY-DUBAI

Artificial intelligence (AI, also machine intelligence, MI) is intelligence demonstrated by machines, in contrast to the natural intelligence (NI) displayed by humans and other animals. This was what we were taught on the glorious day of April 16th at the **Rochester Institute of Technology**. 7 ITGS HL students were given the opportunity to participate in an Artificial intelligence workshop hosted by the Rochester Institute of Technology. The students are: Adam Abdulla, Goffredo Orlandi, Aman Shanbhag, Suhas Rayapud, Vishal Srikanth, Abdullah Syed and Helena Kuhn.

This journey started off on a Monday morning at 8:30 AM with Ms. Ferdosi. We were welcomed at the institute with inspiration and an aim to learn a lot. The workshop started at 10:45 with a short speech on what AI was and how it is helping us to run our daily life. We were told that AI is there in almost every electronic device in today's world and that humans depend on it more than we know it.

We believe that AI is an exciting and rewarding discipline which is branch of computer science and a combination of many disciplines of science, Biology, Neurology and other fields in engineering that is concerned with the automation of intelligent behavior. AI is a growing field and there is a huge market demand for AI engineers. Therefore, after this workshop we thought that Artificial Intelligence is the future!



COMPETITIVE SPORTS NEWS

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

I AM A PRO SKIER - MARIE ROGIER, YEAR 8



Hello, my name is Marie and I have a passion in life. I love to ski, a sport that in Dubai, is not very famous. I come from France, from a place in the Alps mountains range, named Chamonix.

I began to ski when I was 2 years old and since then, I never stopped doing it. I began to enrol in skiing competitions and it became a true passion. During the years following my entry in skiing competitions, I achieved many things and I quickly became very good. In 2016 I won the largest competition that I could participate in my category, the county one. It included more than 200 girls of my age.

It became clear, I was on my way to achieve great results and I wanted to continue skiing for many years, but an unexpected event happened and my dream felt down: I was going to move in Dubai, where it is desert, and no snow, and where becoming a pro skier would not be possible...

I felt very sad because I thought it was the end of my dream of skiing, but my parents told me that there was a mall in Dubai with a slope where to ski. My coach also told me that if I managed to keep on skiing a lot, I could keep my skills at the same level. This made me more confident and I accepted with less sadness to go to Dubai.

Then, when I moved in here, I began to ski in Ski Dubai. It was not like in France, the slope was short and less steep but I could practice and train, and that was most important. At the time, I was in a French school which allowed me to leave for France during 2 weeks for intensive skiing camp training, I was happy because when I moved to Dubai, I was not even thinking that I could be exempted from school to go skiing. So, I left the school for two weeks and I re-joined my skiing friends and my coach in Chamonix, enabling me to train hard and participate in several competitions. Two main events occurred in my valley, during the first one I felt down, but in the second I ranked 5th in total and 1st in my age group. This competition gave me confidence back about my skiing skills and capabilities because other girls from my club were training a lot more than me and I was beating them !!! I left France and came back to Dubai, with lesser doubt about my future.

Then in 2017, this year, I decided to change school and I was fortunate to get selected and join DIA, together with my elder sister. We heard good things about DIA, and I was hopeful I would be able to manage the new environment, the IB program fully taught in English, that isn't my mother tongue and continue skiing. I was up for the challenge! After a lot of hard work in the first term, the DIA management team gave me great support and allowed me to miss class in February and March during 3 weeks in addition to the holidays.



I was so happy as I was going to ski for 6 weeks! I was very happy because I did not expect that this could happen. I was also aware it would be tough to keep up with lessons remotely, but I was very motivated. So then, I left Dubai in February and I skied 3 weeks in France, I trained a lot for the competitions because I had to get good results if I wanted to be qualified for the France National Championships. When I did my first competition of the season, I ranked 5th of the 30 best of the district and I was really happy. Then I joined an Arrow Competition (type of race with which one you are qualified for France championships if you're quick enough to get the Golden Arrow qualifying time) and... I got the Golden one! Now, it was sure, I was qualified for the France Championships!!! I joined another competition, always with the girls from my district and I ranked 3rd! After this competition, I had to come back in Dubai but I knew that I was going to come back for France Championships.



Again, I left DIA for 2 weeks. I arrived to France Championships, where there were 3 rounds called Pre-Qualification, Qualification and Grand Finale. I was already qualified for the Qualification but I had to rank high to get to go to the Grand Finale. I had to be in the top 50. And I did it! I was then qualified for the Finale and was in the 100 best of France! Unfortunately, during the competition I took a lot of risks to ski fast, and on one very hard turn I went off-track and fell down. However, I felt very happy because I was still reaching the top 100 Best Skiers of France, without the same amount of training. Other girls were training 15 hours per week while for me it was only 4 hours. It was awesome, I enjoyed it a lot! This will stay as one of my best memories, and I am so grateful to DIA to help me live my dream and thank so much Daddy and Mum for all of your effort to make me continue my passion!



If I can give you a tip of what I learned during those 2 years is that even if you are in a place where it is difficult to do what you love, it will always be possible to do it if you make the effort and you dedicate yourself a lot to it. So never give up because many things are possible, and many of your dreams too!!!



OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

SOPHIA DUMONT, YEAR 8



Sophia took part in the Emirates Swimming Championship. She won gold in 100 breast, 200 breast, 200 IM, 400 free, 100 free. She came 2nd in 100 fly, 3rd in 50 free and 4th in 100 back. She also got several PBs (personal bests).

In addition she got the highest number of FINA the International Swimming Federation points and won the best female swimmer award!

This is an outstanding sporting achievement, congratulations Sophia!

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

KYRA ORTNER, YEAR 10

DIA's Kyra is still running fast! In each race she enters she finishes in the top three overall runners or first in her age group. The races were held in Sharjah, Dubai Autodrome, Sevens stadium and Meydan.

Congratulations Kyra and keep on running!



NEWS FROM PADIA



Welcome back to school and a busy Term 3 ahead!!

Here's what PADIA has been up to so far...

April has seen a busy start with our annual lunch and gift for the support staff who look after our children at school and ensure their environment is safe, clean and secure. Thanks to the continued support of our parent community for PADIA activities throughout the year we were able to offer a delicious full lunch and gift of AED 200 for each of them. The team were very grateful and said a big thank you to the parents for their generosity!



ICE-LOLLY DAY

This week the Desert Chill vans rolled into the playing field for the annual PADIA Ice-Lolly Day with a delicious free lolly for everybody in school. Lots of happy faces around the school enjoying a cool ice in the very hot weather!!



WELLNESS TALK - THE CONSCIOUS MOTHER

The last Wednesday of every month is our PADIA Wellness Talk and this week Priscilla Augustine helped us explore this very interesting topic - along with a delicious breakfast on offer from PADIA. Please save the date for our next Wellness Talk which will take place at 7:40am in the Presentation Hall.



COMING SOON
Bake Sale - 1 May,
9am onwards



PADIA

BAKE SALE

TUESDAY 1st MAY 2018

FROM 9am – 1pm (or sell out) School entrance lobby

Please donate – Biscuits, cookies, donuts, brownies, cakes, muffins, samosas, pancakes, savoury snacks, pies
Food donation can be left on the 1st of May in the PADIA room (PS047, opposite the Nurse's office) after drop off

PLEASE REMEMBER NO NUTS, NO PORK, NO SAUSAGES, NO ALCOHOL

Don't forget to give some coins to your child!!

