

DIA STUDENTS WIN FIRST PLACE ENGINEERING COMPETITION AT ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ON NOVEMBER 1ST



PROGRAMMING COMPETITION

On Thursday, November 1st, we had the opportunity to compete at the Rochester Institute of Technology Programming Competition. Our creative thinking skills were put to the test as we were presented with programming challenges to complete as quickly as possible. We were able to complete all six challenges in the fastest time overall and were crowned champions, walking away with a scholarship to RIT Dubai.

Zaid Maayah and Shashwat Sahay, Year 12

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING COMPETITION

As the youngest among other participants, we were a little nervous about the competition ahead. Although, this was something at the back of our heads throughout the competition we knew that we had to stay resilient as this could be a learning experience for us that we could carry for the rest of our lives. Putting aside our fears, we brainstormed ideas and used math to calculate friction and wind speed. Although, we were not very confident of our victory we knew that we had worked to the best of our ability at the given time and we knew that this competition had enriched our knowledge beyond anything a student our age could have fathomed.

It was then time for the results. We were surprised and very happy to get first place as we were 2 years under the minimum age group. We won the first-place award and AED 30,000 scholarship for Rochester Institute of Technology.

Harsha Bharadwaj and Siddhant Tandon, Year 9



UN DAY - 24 OCTOBER 2018

This year's UN day assembly was a day full of pride, celebration and determination. The assembly proved to be a unique way of appreciating and signifying the importance the United Nations hold in peacemaking all around the world. The day started with a speech by this year's Secretary General, Ayush Walia who talked about the importance of MUN and the United Nations.

Next was the flag bearing ceremony, DIA's way to signify the unity of nations. As esteemed Student Officers marched to the stage carrying flags of the member nations, there was a sense of excitement and anticipation in the air. This walk symbolizes our staunch belief in unity and we honor the nations of our world by holding their flags high. Following this, the theme of DIAMUN 2019, "Globalization through Technological and Environmental Advancements" was talked about through an enlightening video. It emphasized the meaning behind globalization and its benefit to trade and multinational corporations. The video also expanded on reasons behind globalization, such as the improvements in transportation and communication. To encourage MUN, a



small skit was prepared which presented light-hearted banter between the delegates of North Korea and United States of America. The small skit earned many laughs from the audience yet proved to be highly educational. The purpose behind it was to regard the Importance of MUN and its benefit to young adults aspiring to become leaders. Finally, Miss. Poonam Bhojani, CEO Innoventures Education delivered a speech expressing her admiration and pride in the students of DIA who exemplify the importance of responsibility, leaderships and teamwork.



To commemorate this year's UN day, DIA welcomed Ms. Daman Phillip, the CEO and co-owner of The Life Experts. She has 40 years of experience in handling human resources, and has worked at a leading bank for 25 years. Ms. Daman is inclined towards charity and helping people alongside being an active member of spiritual and self-developing groups. She began her speech with an inspirational video which expounded on living life without overthinking. As time passed, Ms. Daman shared her many life lessons and experiences with the young adults seated in the hall. Ranging from responsibility to success she touched on many topics that planted motivation and encouragement in the minds of the young DIA students. One of her essential beliefs is the importance and effect of education on life. "Education is the critical foundation of life," is the belief she lives by. She expanded on the importance of balancing school smart and street smarts in life, a strong believer that both of them are required for survival.



One aspect of education Ms. Daman finds imperative to leading a successful life is accountability and responsibility. "Stepping up, taking ownership is one of the most important learning skills, wherever you are," she said. To end her moving speech, she listed three simple steps to take to be on the right direction: 1) stop making excuses, 2) break the habit of avoiding responsibility and finally 3) put it down on paper. When the speech was over, DIA thanked our speaker with a painting which represented unity along with a bouquet of flowers.



CELEBRATING DIWALI



INNOVENTS - PINK DAY, THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER

On Thursday, October 12th, DIA students took the opportunity to spare a thought for those individuals in the world, many of whom may be family members or close friends, suffering from various illnesses. This supports the global 'Think Pink' initiative for October, originally to raise awareness, dialogue and early identification of Breast Cancer.



INNOVENTS

BOX APPEAL 2018

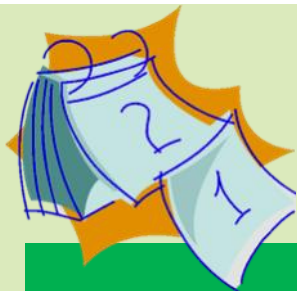
DIA COLLECTED
A TOTAL OF **333** BOXES

THANK YOU



TO ALL OUR STUDENTS,
PARENTS AND TEACHERS FOR
YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS
TOWARDS THE
INNOVENTS
BOX APPEAL CAMPAIGN





Upcoming Events

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 - 2019

Upcoming Events:

NOVEMBER 2018

Thursday, 8 November	French/Arabic Louvre Trip
Saturday, 10 November	World Science Day
Sunday, 11 - Thursday 15 November	Anti Bullying Week
Sunday, 11 - Thursday 15 November	Focus Group Yr 7-13
Tuesday, 13 November	PS Parent Teacher Conference - No School for PS Students
Wednesday, 14 November	Innovents - Innoventures Got Talent
Wednesday, 14 November	Dubai Fitness Challenge 30x30 - HIIT YR3 and YR4 workout on the pitch, 7.45-8.15am
Wednesday, 14 - Thursday, 15 November	Yr 11 Subject Options (14-15 November)
Thursday, 15 November	Dubai Fitness Challenge 30x30 - HIIT YR5 and YR6 workout on the pitch, 7.45-8.15am
Thursday, 15 November	Secondary School reports to parents
Sunday, 18 November	International Children's Day
Sunday, 18 November	Prophet's Birthday (holiday)
Sunday, 18 - Thursday, 22 November	Road Safety Week
Sunday, 18 November	IVEI Secondary Football – U12 and U14 Boys @ DIA AB
Sunday, 18 November	IVEI Secondary Football – U12, U14 and U16 Girls @ RWA
Sunday, 18 November	Yr 11 Parent Info PP Subject Options for DP Exam Hall 6-7 pm
Monday, 19 November	Innovents - Mathematics Challenge 2018
Wednesday, 21 November	Dubai Fitness Challenge 30x30 - HIIT YR3 and YR4 workout on the pitch, 7.45-8.15am
Wednesday, 21 November	DIA Inter-House Swimming Gala
Wednesday, 21 - Friday, 23 November	DOE Silver Assessment Yr 11
Thursday, 22 November	Dubai Fitness Challenge 30x30 - HIIT YR5 and YR6 workout on the pitch, 7.45-8.15am
Thursday, 22 November	PADIA Winter Souq
Thursday, 22 November	Dubai Fitness Challenge #Duabi30x30 2018 - DIA Family Sports Day
Sunday, 25 November	IVEI Secondary Swimming – U12, U14, U16 & U18 Boys and Girls @ DIA
Sunday, 25 November	Yr 9 & 10 Careers Fair
Sunday, 25 November	Yr 9 Parent Info Subject Options 5-6pm
Sunday, 25 November	Yr 10 Parent Info Subject Options 6-7pm
Monday, 26 November	PS - How we report at DIA, 7:45am
Tuesday, 27 November	SS Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) - No School for SS Students



Upcoming Events

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 - 2019

Upcoming Events:

NOVEMBER 2018

Wednesday, 28 November	PS - UAE Assembly
Wednesday, 28 November	PADIA Wellness Talk
Thursday, 30 November	Martyrs' Day (to be confirmed)

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday, 2 - Monday 3 December	UAE National Day (holiday to be confirmed)
Tuesday, 4 December	Yr 11 Mock Exams (4-13 December)
Tuesday, 4 - Thursday, 6 December	DP1 Retreat & G4 Project (4-6 December)
Tuesday, 4 - Thursday, 6 December	DP2 Revision Week (4-6 December)
Tuesday, 4 - Thursday, 6 December	Week Without Walls (Year 7 - 10) - UAE
Tuesday, 4 - Thursday, 13 December	Year 11 exams
Wednesday, 5 December	Year 5 Science Fair
Sunday, 9 December	IVEI Secondary Basketball – U16 and U18 Girls @ RIS
Sunday, 9 December	IVEI Secondary Basketball – U16 and U18 Boys @ CAS
Sunday 9 - Thursday, 13 December	DP2 Mock Exams (9-13 December)
Sunday, 9 - Tuesday, 11 December	PADIA Santa's Grotto (PS), 9-11 December
Monday, 10 December	KG1, KG2, Year 5&6 Winter Concert
Tuesday, 11 December	Year 1-4 Winter Concert
Wednesday, 12 December	Innoventures Education Walk-A-Thon (TBC)
Wednesday, 12 December	PS Reports - Reports Unit 1&2
Friday 14 - Monday, 31 December	Winter Break

JANUARY 2019

1 January 2019	New Year's Day
1 January - Saturday 5 January	Winter Break
Sunday, 6 January	Students and staff return after Winter Break

MESSAGE FROM THE SWEDISH MOTHER TONGUE PROGRAMME

On Saturday November 3rd you could spot a lot of enthusiastic Swedish students (and parents) in the Lakes Park, where the "SUF" competition took place.

SUF is a yearly world sports championship, which is arranged for Swedish students studying abroad. Some 2200 students from 50 schools take part in the competition worldwide, which is a truly global activity.

We saw students in the ages of 4-16, competing in 4 categories:

- ◆ Running 60 meter
- ◆ Running 400 meters
- ◆ Throwing a tennis ball
- ◆ Long jump

We are eagerly waiting to see how our Swedish DIA students will be placed this year. We had 28 participating, and they all did a fantastic job on this lovely sunny autumn day in Dubai.



PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

As we start another year we would like to welcome our newly elected Primary School Council Members (PSC). Our PSC members form the student leadership team. Amongst many things they organise fund raising activities for charity, raise awareness of global issues, model behaviour through demonstration or learning profiles and most importantly promote respect and understanding.

The PSC is composed of the Eco group and the Social group. Although they collaborate consistently they have a slightly different focus.

The Eco group is involved in Eco-Schools projects and will support the understanding of sustainable development and conservation.

The social group supports community service, promotes a student-friendly environment and encourages positive changes and contributions in the school.

We look forward to a very exciting year and hope to make a difference!



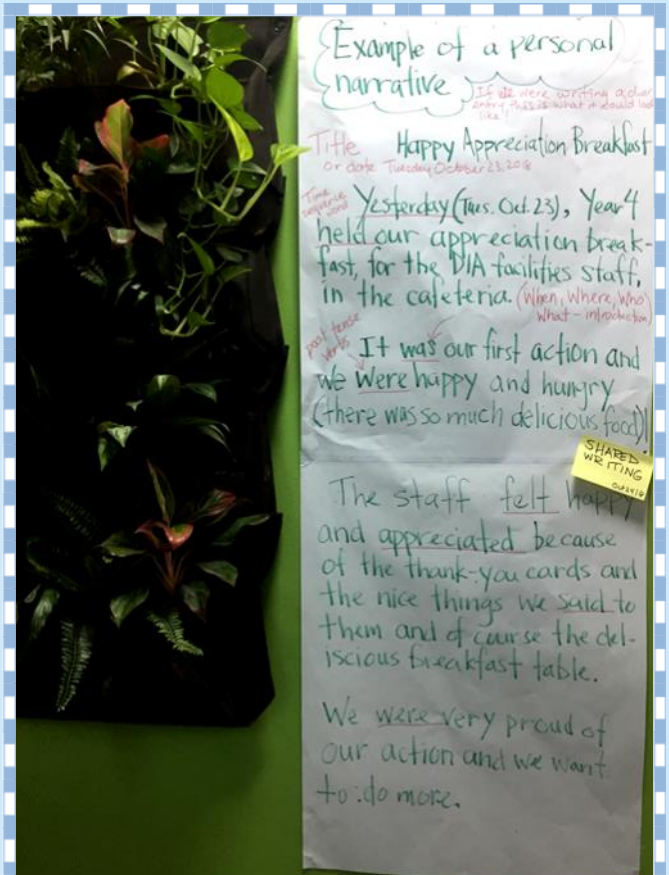
HAPPY APPRECIATION BREAKFAST DAY

On Tuesday October 23, the Year 4 students held an appreciation breakfast for the DIA facilities staff in the cafeteria. It was our first action and we were happy and hungry (there was so much of delicious food thanks to the parents and students of year 4).

The staff felt happy and appreciated because of the thank you cards and kind words we said and of course the delicious breakfast table.

We were very proud of our action and we want to do more for them in the future.

PS: Thank you to all our Year 4 class ambassadors - Deepika Metha, Laila Dalle, Pooja Chopra, Amna Khan, Gina Uttamchandani, Nancy Botros, and Susanna Leese as well as our cafeteria manager Thomas for helping set up the breakfast table. Thank you also to those parents and children of Year 4 who signed up to bring in food and utensils to make our breakfast a success!



SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS



We strive to provide an inclusive education to our student community, ensuring that students with a learning difference have a positive learning experience, make academic progress at their individual level whilst becoming confident, happy learners.

The ethos of the I@DIA team is to celebrate individuality, promote independence, whilst providing an inclusive community for all.

We are committed to supporting students whose individual learning style requires curriculum adaptation. Specific targeted support for Gifted & Talented students and those who find some areas challenging, is provided by the I@DIA team. We work alongside parents, teachers and outside specialists to help children reach their full potential, within an environment where diversity is championed.

For regular updates, please follow us on Twitter by searching @DIA_Inclusion



**I@DIA logo created by student
Shanaya Diwan, Year 12A**

CREATIVE ARABIC WEBSITE

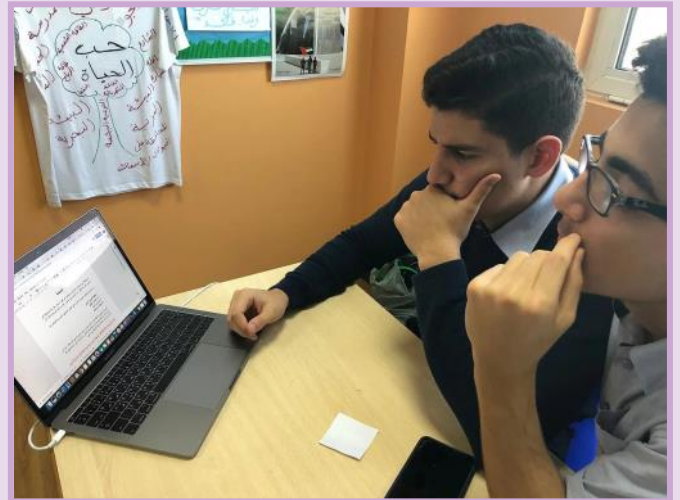
The Arabic A class of Year 11 has designed a website about a poet named Malik Bin Al Rayb, led by a student, Hind Younus from 11C. In this website, they explain the key points of the poem, such as the definitions and content of the poem. The students have learnt many valuable skills, such as identifying poetic techniques, that they will be able to use for their final exams. This task was very challenging but fun for this class and they hope to do a similar project soon!

<https://hindyounus727.wixsite.com/malikbinalrayb>

By Hind Younis, Year 11C



QR code for the website



BOOK - TWILIGHT
AUTHOR - STEPHANIE MEYER
REVIEW BY - ANNA GEORGOPOULOU, YEAR 8E



Stephenie Meyer's book Twilight, a fictional book has an interesting plot. It talks about teen romance, of a vampire and a human. I wanted to find action and romance in this book, although there was less action that expected. I liked how the book gradually advanced to the climax, instead of rushing it (like seen in previous books I read). I would definitely recommend this book to people who enjoy rom-coms or teen romance books; with action it to make it more interesting.

This story takes place in Forks, Washington, USA, a very green place which oftenly experiences heavy rain and cold weather. It is set in recent years, around 2008-2010.

In this book, there are 8 main characters: Bella, Edward, Jacob, Carlisle, Esme, Alice, Rosalie, Jasper and Emmett. The characters that are mostly talked about aBella and Edward.

Edward has an awkward personality. He is down to earth and enjoys to be surrounded by nature. He also has a deep love for Bella. Bella on the other hand, is a normal girl who moved from Phoenix to Forks, to live with her father again. She has to be sure of everything which is why she asks so many questions all the time. She somehow manages to frequently get herself in trouble.

This book started off by building up the romance between Edward and Bella. At first, Bella couldn't figure out why he was never out on the sunny days, why he was always so weird when they were sitting next to each other in science, and how he managed to save her from being squished to death by an accidental car crash.

Soon or later, Bella figured out that he was a vampire by reading an 'old folks' book that she bought for herself in Port Angeles. Towards the middle of the book, she faces a huge problem. Edward took her out on his baseball game that he was playing in with his family. Some other vampires came to play and smelled Bella's blood. Jasper, one of the new vampires, was going to do whatever it took to kill Bella and drink her blood.

Due to this, Bella had to immediately leave forks and go back to Phoenix. Edward was planning a huge escape plan so that Bella would be safe. Unfortunately, Bella got tricked into meeting up with Jackson at her old ballet school because she thought that she was going to hurt her mum. Luckily, Edward traced the scent of her blood and managed to save Bella from getting killed, yet again. Edward was forced to kill Jackson or he would trace Bella.

In my opinion, this book was really nice to read since I love action books and romance books so this was a perfect fit for me! I would highly recommend this to people who don't mind long books/ stories and for people who like romance and action themed books. Really excited to read more of Stephenie Meyer's books!



FRANKENSTEIN TRIP

Frankenstein is a novel written by English author Mary Shelley (1797–1851) that tells the story of Victor Frankenstein, a young scientist who creates a grotesque creature in an unorthodox scientific experiment. Shelley started writing the story when she was 18, and the first edition of the novel was published anonymously in London on 1 January 1818, when she was 20.

Frankenstein features acclaimed actors Benedict Cumberbatch and Jonny Lee Miller (alternating roles as Victor Frankenstein and his creation).

The production was a sell-out hit at the National Theatre in 2011, and the broadcast has since become an international sensation, experienced by almost half a million people in cinemas around the world.

National Theatre Live is the National Theatre's groundbreaking project to broadcast the best of British theatre live from the London stage to cinemas across the UK and around the world.

<http://ntlive.nationaltheatre.org.uk/about-us>

Year 10 and 11 Drama students went to watch this broadcast on 26th September 2018 and were amazed at the staging and had empathy for the creature due to ways he had been treated to make him turn out the way he did.

******* 'A theatrical coup.' The Times**

****** 'A thrill. The most viscerally exciting and stunning show in town.' Daily Telegraph**

****** 'A monster hit.' Time Out**



COMPETITIVE SPORTS NEWS

Dubai Fitness Challenge is back
We're IN with even more action from
19 October – 17 November 2018

Are YOU IN?

[#Dubai30x30](#) [#DIA](#) [#gowolves](#)



30 DAY CHALLENGE



NEWS FROM PADIA

PADIA

Winter Souk

Thursday 22nd November 2018
2 to 6pmDubai International Academy
Emirates HillsArt & Craft - Books - Toys - Gifts - Clothes - Jewellery
Electronics - Food and Drinks - Music - Raffle Draw

FREE ENTRANCE

To book a stall email padiasvent@gmail.com