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CLASS OF 2019 FAREWELL



RTA - A TRAFFIC SAFETY E-AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The RTA is running a Traffic Safety e-Awareness Programme and we will show our support by sharing with you an important message from their campaign each month.

We will work hand-in-hand to distribute these messages of safety which are particularly important to our student population; please discuss the messages with your son or daughter to ensure that they stay safe on our increasingly busy roads.



الموسيقى والازدحام لا ينسجمان.

تجنب استخدام سماعات الرأس عند عبور الطريق. كن يقظاً منتبهاً لما يدور حولك لتبقى آمناً. انظر واسمع ثم اعبّر ولا تنشغل بالسماعات والأجهزة المحمولة. تذكر أن عدم التزام المشاة بالإشارات الضوئية أو عبورهم من الأماكن الغير مخصصة لذلك مخالفة مرورية يعاقب عليها القانون ب 400 درهم.. سلامتك تهمننا.

Music or traffic, you can't listen to both.

Avoid headphones while crossing the road. Be alert to what is going on around you to stay safe. Look listen then pass. Be an alert and a safe pedestrian. Remember that Pedestrian's failure to abide by signals or crossing from the undesignated areas is subject to AED400.. Your safety is our aim.

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL CLINIC



VAPING

VS

SMOKING



Causally talking to some parents, I was surprised to learn that Vaping, e-cigarette use has become quite widespread in Middle and High Schools all over the world. This is definitely a cause for concern.

It is important for us as parents to know about this somewhat 'new' form of addiction. So, what is 'Vaping, Juuling'? Vaping means using an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette). It is referred to as vaping because of the tiny puffs of vapor that are produced when using the device.



E-cigarettes are battery powered and deliver nicotine through a liquid called e-juice, which turns into a vapor when used in the device. The liquid, which comes in various flavors such as mint, fruit, and bubble gum, appeals to the kids. The amount of nicotine in the liquid can be the same or even more than in a cigarette. The device looks like a USB. So, parents please be aware. Equip yourselves with the knowledge of vaping and talk to your children about the dangers of vaping.



Unlike cigarettes there is no smell involved while vaping and no fire alarm is set off as it is a vapor and not 'smoke'. These items can be bought over the internet and students can order them and pay with cash on delivery – a scary situation indeed.

Among youth, e-cigarettes are more popular than any traditional tobacco product. In 2015, the U.S. surgeon general reported that e-cigarette use among high school students had increased by 900 percent, and 40 percent of young e-cigarette users had never smoked regular tobacco.

According to Blaha, (from Johns Hopkins university) there are three reasons e-cigarettes may be particularly enticing to young people. First, many teens believe that vaping is less harmful than smoking. Second, e-cigarettes have a lower per-use cost than traditional cigarettes. Finally, vape cartridges are often formulated with flavorings such as apple pie and watermelon that appeal to younger users.

Both youths and adults find the lack of smoke appealing. With no smell, e-cigarettes reduce the stigma of smoking. "What I find most concerning about the rise of vaping is that people who would've never smoked otherwise, especially youth, are taking up the habit," says Blaha. "It's one thing if you convert from cigarette smoking to vaping. It's quite another thing to start up nicotine use with vaping. And, it often leads to using traditional tobacco products down the road."

Chemical Composition

SMOKING	VAPING
 <p>There are 599 additives put into analog cigarettes. Once you start burning a cigarette, those additives create 4,000 chemical compounds.</p>	 <p>E-cigarettes have approximately 4 chemical ingredients: propylene glycol (polyethylene glycol, or vegetable glycerin), nicotine, flavoring, and water.</p>

By Dr. Indira George
Medical Superintendent

INNOVENTS ROBOTICS 2019

The students of DIA Emirates hills proved their mettle yet again at the Innovents 2019 event which took place in Raffles International School on the 18th March. The primary school team represented by Rishabh Mittal, Mariano Portilla, Kane Simpson and Aarav Modi impressed the judges with their Scratch based programming game based on the theme Smart cities. They emerged the winners of the Primary Digital Game category. In the Primary Robotics category, the team represented by Leo Saliba and Julia Nagy impressed the judges with their presentation skills and their model of a smart bus with a smart parking system and came at an overall third place.

Also the year 9-10 category team represented by Daksh Banerjee, Aryan Kothapalli and Nicolas Nuutinen emerged as the second runner ups in In the Secondary Robotics category.

The students came back from the Innovents event proudly displaying their trophies with immense confidence!





Upcoming Events

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 - 2019

Upcoming Events:

APRIL 2019

Sunday, 28 April	IVEI Primary Swimming – U8, U9, U10 and U11 Boys and Girls @ DIA
Sunday, 28 April - Wednesday, 1 May	ACER ISA Testing
Monday, 29 April	PADIA Ice lolly day
Tuesday, 30 April	Innovents - Forward Thinking
Tuesday, 30 April	Ramadan Assembly

MAY 2019

Sunday, 28 April - Wednesday, 1 May	ACER ISA Testing
Wednesday, 1 May	PS Music Instrumental Recital, 3pm-4.15pm
Thursday, 2 May	Innovents - DI@TECH
Friday, 3 May - Friday, 24 May	IB DP Exams
Monday, 13 - Friday 24 May	Year 11 MYP External Exams
Sunday, 26 - Tuesday, 28 May	Year 11 Internal Exams
Wednesday, 29 May	PADIA Wellness Talk
Thursday, 30 May	YR6 Exhibition (SS Gym)
Friday, 31 May	DP2 Graduation

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The year 5 and 6 Arabic students had a lovely activity day on 12th March.

The Arabic B staff organized a fun day with a variety of activities that evolved around the four language skills.

The first rule was that they had to communicate in Arabic only, and they were very successful and motivated!

This was an amazing opportunity to review the skills learnt in the classroom with an outdoor learning flare and lots of fun and enjoyment.

Well done to our wonderful Arabic staff and our adventurous learners.



SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

THE RIGHT KIND OF LOUD



On Sunday 24th of February 2019, the year 11's had the honor of having Kim A. Page coming to speak to us about herself, her new book, and the English Literature Festival. Kim A. Page is a communications expert who has helped thousands of people, including professionals, communicate their message effectively. She has recently released a book called 'The Right Kind of Loud' which is a guide focusing on helping people to connect with others. She started the assembly by telling us about how she got to where she is. It was extremely inspirational as she told us how it is ok for teenagers to not yet know what they want to do. As we face a lot of pressure to choose subjects and have an idea of our career path, it was inspirational to hear her tell us that we still have time and we don't need to know right now. Kim A. Page spoke to us about how she was an artist for most of her 20's and that she loved it; however, she realized that despite it being fun and her passion, she had to find a career which also earned her money. She spoke to us about how it took her 12 years to complete her bachelor's degree as she was constantly taking breaks. Her entire speech was very interesting as she has traveled to a wide range of countries and made many experiences. Along with her talking, she also showed us photos from different times in her life and told the story behind them. My favorite part of the assembly was when she told us about the different workshops she had done for creative writing and communication. She has done a few creative writing workshops in prisons which I find very impressive. Kim A. Page also shared with us what her new book was about. The main purpose of her book is to help others communicate effectively to help them achieve their goal. She spoke to us about how it is important for us to use our voice and told us that our voice has power, especially when used correctly. I very much enjoyed her assembly as she was interactive with us, fun to listen to, and she had a very bubbly personality. I learned that my voice can be a weapon if I can harness it correctly; as well as the different points which make a speech effective. For example, our body language is something which we don't pay much attention to even though it is very important when trying to get a point across. Overall, I found the assembly very interesting and inspiring.

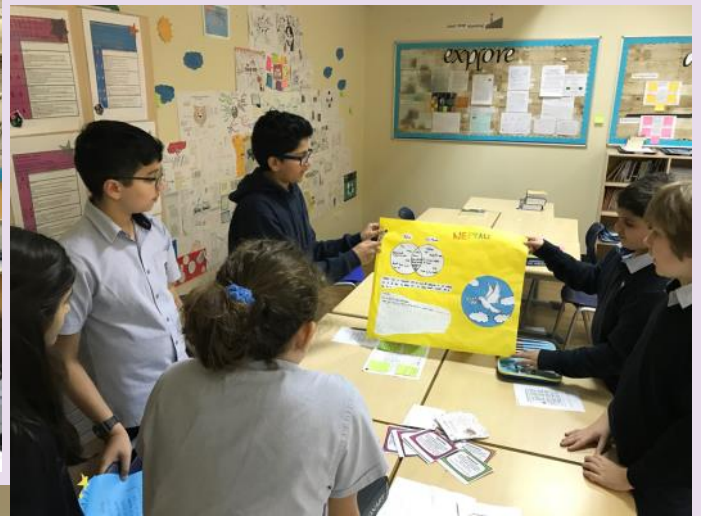


Charlize Vinsen, 11D

In the last week of March, the Year 11 students got the opportunity to have an assembly with Kim A. Page, the author of the newly published book "The Right Kind of Loud." She has even given a TED talk for the release of this book, where she talked about how to find your communication voice. It was a unique experience where we got to hear about her personal international adventures living in 12 different countries, trying to find out what career she wanted, until she realised she wanted to dedicate her life to helping others, especially in presentation skills. When learning about communication skills, I learnt that the hardest skill is usually getting people to listen, and how to make your audience stay attentive to avoid them having the "goldfish attention span."

Safiyah Moloobhoy 11F

Year 7 character analysis. The Dreamer



PADIA'S NEWS FLASH

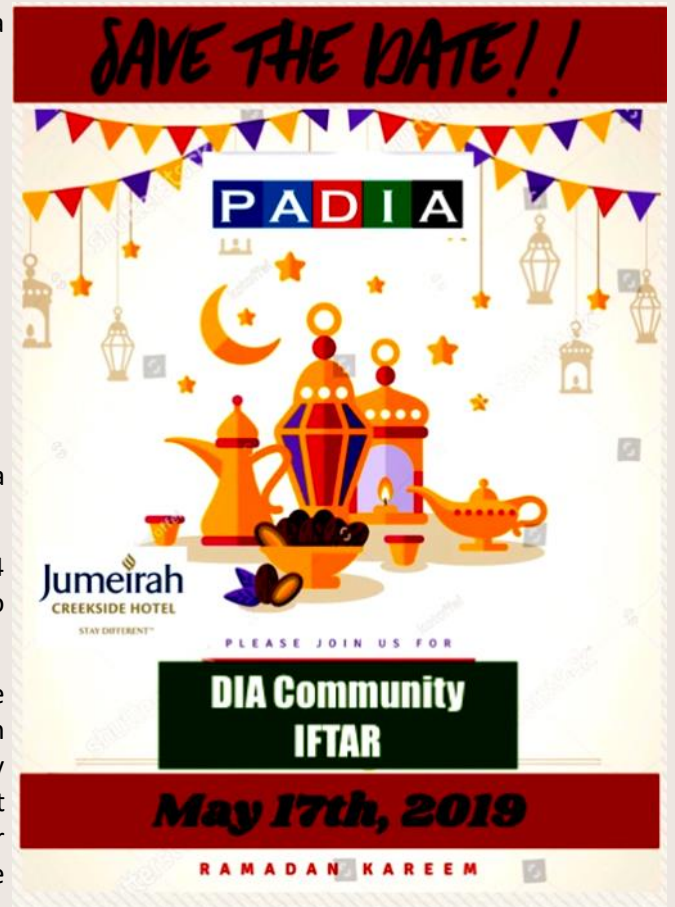
Thank you to all our Mother's Day sponsors for making it a success!

- ◆ Club Apparel
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- ◆ The Perfect Help TPH
- ◆ Sweet Celebrationz
- ◆ Funkie Town Café
- ◆ Splash and Bounce
- ◆ SOH
- ◆ 3D Design

We had 77 mom's enjoying a Free Zumba Class from Elena Sheva and a make-up demonstration from INGLOT.

We had an amazing turnout for International Evening 54 stands from 82 countries we have at DIA. Thank you to everyone especially to our Country Reps.

The first ever Food Fiesta as well happened this month. We tried to go healthier and did not sell any item with higher than 15 grams of sugar... I have to add even though we tried really hard, the response was not what we expected, we couldn't sell much and the parents who usually request healthier choices did not donate anything to the cause. So we hope next one we all try a little harder to make the change.



We are excited to do our first ever DIA Community Iftar! Save the date! May 17th!

Like our Facebook page to get discounts!

