

Primary

# Newsletter

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November #Mental Health Matters

# Head of Primary's Message

Dear Parents,

30x30 is well underway and staff children and parents alike have been getting stuck into the fun! The field is a wash with sports every morning and it is great to see so many happy faces. Healthy body healthy mind as they say.

In addition to this, some of our staff are partaking in the MOvember to raise awareness for men's health. This is far more than simply a moustache. This is a reminder that it is good to talk. So whether you are a MObro or a MOsister, remember to check in on someone and see how they are doing, you may never realise how much it is needed #MentalHealthMatters.

This week we took nearly 70% of our school to the water circus. Filled with stunning acrobatics and gravity beautifully choreographed routines, the children, parent volunteers and staff had an amazing experience. Thank you to all those who supported.

As many of you will be aware DIA EH has its inspection next week. Please support us by helping children to get good nights sleep and to start their day in the best way. We look forward to the inspectors seeing how wonderful your children are.

The link for sign up and information is below, please read carefully.

Kind regards,  
Tom Collar

✓ 7th November  
Year 3 D, E, F and G  
Trip to Fit Republik  
Comms from Homeroom

✓ 7th November  
Year 6 A, B, C and D  
Trip to Parkour Dubai  
Comms from Homeroom

✓ 7th November  
Year 3-6 Accelerated Reader Parent  
Information Session  
Venue: Cafeteria  
7:45 arrival - 08:00 - 08:45 session

✓ 8th November  
Year 3 A, B and C  
Trip to Fit Republik  
Comms from Homeroom

✓ 9th November  
Year 6 E, F and G  
Trip to Parkour Dubai  
Comms from Homeroom

✓ 10th November  
World Science Day  
Dress up as your favourite scientist, inventor  
or invention

✓ 14th - 18th November  
Wellbeing Week

✓ 15th November  
Parent Teacher Conferences KG1- Year 6  
No school for PS students  
See below for sign up

✓ 16th November  
Parent Information Session - Inclusion  
Venue: Cafeteria  
Time: 08:00  
Information will follow and sent to invited parents

✓ 16th November  
6pm  
Digital Safety Parent Talk from Barry Cummings  
All invited SS School Sports Hall  
More information to follow

✓ 16th November  
Innoventures Got Talent Year 5-6  
DIA Al Barsha

✓ 18th November  
Winter Souq  
See advert below for more details

✓ 23rd November  
Teacher Training Half Day  
No school for PS students from 12.35pm  
More details to follow

## PTCs Sign Up

Please use the link to sign up  
for PTCs between Saturday  
5th November 7pm and  
Monday 14th November at  
9am.



## REMINDERS

- World Science Day Dress Up 10th November
- S4K productions 21st November - sign up link below

## Parent Information Session

Parents of Y3-6 students are invited to attend our Information Session to find out all about our new reading programme, Accelerated Reader.

**Date: Monday 7th November**

**Time: 7:45- 8:30am**

**Venue: Primary School Gym**

Please confirm your attendance and submit any questions you might have by clicking the link [here](#)



# **WORLD SCIENCE DAY**

**NOVEMBER 10TH**

**Theme**

Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development.

**Dress up as a scientist, invention or something  
from the natural world e.g. animals, plants  
planets**

**Activities and experiments throughout the day**

# Parent Teacher Conferences

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to provide you with finalised details about our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs) for KG1 – Year 6 on Tuesday 15th November 2022 from 8am until 3pm.

These face-to-face meetings will take place at DIA Emirates Hills, in your child's classroom. There will be no classes for the Primary School on Tuesday 15th November, and no after school clubs.

There is no need for students to wear school uniform, but if students are attending, we ask that students are respectfully dressed.

During the PTC, teachers will discuss students' progress, attainment and attitudes towards learning. Some questions and prompts are provided on the next pages which you may use to guide the discussion.

To avoid unnecessary delays, kindly note the logistical information below and ensure that the necessary steps are taken:

- Homeroom teacher meetings are scheduled for 10 minutes and will have allocated times.
- Please be punctual and stick to the scheduled time limit in the meeting. Should you need to discuss matters in greater depth, please arrange a further meeting with the class teacher.

The sign up link below will be open from Saturday 5th November at 7pm until Monday 14th November at 9am.

[PS PTC Booking link 15 November 2022 KG1-Y6](#)

[PS PTC How to book](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's PTCs.

# PTC DISCUSSIONS GUIDE

Revisiting aspirations and goals from you as parents;

Development of attitude towards work in class;

Levels of curiosity towards learning topics;

What the internal and external assessments are indicating;

What the current barriers to learning might be;

What to expect in the reports and how recent classwork contributed;

What levels of support or stretch are needed to ensure they can engage fully;

How home can contribute;



# Discussion categories

Discussion categories are important as they guide the outcome of the discussion through a defined aim and ensure efficiency in what is a short timeframe. These are used by parents and teachers alike.

## Creating

**What key observations have you noticed as a parent/teacher?**

**As you look ahead to the rest of the year, what do you hope/target to be accomplished?**

## Clarifying

**Looking back at previous discussions we talked about ..... how is this progressing?**

**You mentioned ..... am I right in understanding .....?**

## Negotiating

**What is your opinion of .....?**

**How does my observation or experience of ..... compare your your observation at home/school?**

## Fortifying

**"An example of ..... is ....."**

**"The strongest evidence I have to support .... is ....."**



**FREE  
ENTRY**

**PADIA**

# Winter Souk

**Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> 2022  
10-5pm**

**Dubai International Academy  
Emirates Hills**



**Arts & Craft - Books - Toys - Gifts - Clothes - Jewellery  
Electronics – Sustainable Vendors - Food & Drinks – Music  
Raffle Draw**

**For sponsor opportunity please email [padiadubai@gmail.com](mailto:padiadubai@gmail.com)**

**To book a stall please click on the link to complete the form  
<https://forms.gle/xMwF6xGDzuUCwwBA6>**



**DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY**  
DREAM  INSPIRE  ACHIEVE

COMING TO DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - EMIRATES HILLS  
ON MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2022



Treasure Island is a 60-minute musical show for Years 3-6 – magically brought to life.

*TREASURE ISLAND is the story of how young Jim Hawkins finds a treasure map and sets sail on an adventure to a distant faraway island, searching for an evil pirate's buried treasure. He encounters pirates and parrots, mutiny, and treachery... and the infamous one-legged seaman Long John Silver. Out on the high seas, Jim learns that real treasure is not found in gold coins but in wisdom, self-knowledge and integrity. Treasure Island is a delightful, musical comedy show with plenty of audience participation and interactive fun. Treasure Island is the original Pirates of the Caribbean adventure.*



Little Red Riding Hood is a 40-minute musical show for KG1-2 and Years 1-2 magically brought to life.

*LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD is a story about a red-cloaked young girl who meets a Big Bad (and very hungry) Wolf in the woods, while delivering food to her sick grandmother. Befriending "Little Red", the wolf tricks her into telling him where the grandmother lives; then tricks her into taking long path to her grandmother's house; then tries to trick her again when she gets there. Little Red learns the hard way that you shouldn't talk to strangers... especially those with big eyes, big ears, and big teeth.*

*Little Red Riding Hood is a delightful, musical comedy show with plenty of audience participation and interactive fun.*

These shows are performed in English and sensitively adapted for UAE audiences and will take place in the SS gym.

If you wish your child to attend this fantastic performance then please arrange an online payment of via the below online

AED 50 payment line:

<https://payment.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/online/>

To login, use your child's "student ID number" and date of birth.

The online ticket payment is non-refundable. If your child is sick on the day, please inform before 8.00 am on the day.

**Payment deadline: Thursday 17th November 2022.**

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Should students not be attending, they will remain in class with one of the year team teachers.