

Primary

# Newsletter

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Photos courtesy of Junk Kouture club and Year 1 bread making





Arthur went to his friend's birthday (Lucy not pictured as she chewed her hat).

# Head of Primary's Message

Dear Parents,

Week 2 saw our CCA's begin and 100's of children attend additional sessions every day. A highlight for me was a new CCA focused on sustainable fashion that saw the club members, along with Ms. Sinead and Ms. Arlinda, drive to Abu Dhabi to attend the World Final of Junk Kouture, the world's largest sustainable fashion youth competition. After being inspired by all they saw, I look forward to seeing what they produce. This club illustrates our commitment to continually develop and enhance our co-curricular provision.

Mini and Junior Dukes is a staple part of the DIA diet and this week the children attended an assembly, hosted by Mr. Damien. We celebrated some of our first finishers, explored tasks that can be completed and hopefully inspired more children to either take part in the scheme or simply look for opportunities to contribute to their community. As an IB student, 'Taking Action' is a crucial focus and we thank you for encouraging and supporting your children's curiosity.

Another highlight this week had to be Year 1, who were filling our corridors with the delicious smell of freshly baked bread. I witnessed many a teacher running for the butter and jam (myself included). This was all part of bringing their instructional writing to life. I have already enquired about some baking classes for adults.

Kind regards,  
Tom Collar

✓ 9th - 19th January  
Class photos  
See comms from Homeroom

✓ 9th - 13th January  
NGRT Reading tests (1 test of 30 mins per pupil)  
Year 2 - 6  
No preparation required from home (see info above)

✓ 16th January D, E, F & G  
Year 3 trip to Lego Land  
Information communicated by Homeroom

✓ 17th January A, B, & C  
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✓ 20th January D, E, F & G  
Year 5 Ecoventure Trip  
Departure: 8-8:30  
Venue: Rear Car Park

✓ 20th January  
Spirit Day KG1 - Year 6  
Dress in House colours

## REMINDER

Please remember to fill in your Parent and Child Information Update Form.



# CCA

We are pleased to be able to offer 2 additional football CCAs. Please click below to register your interest.

## Year 3-4

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER INTEREST](#)

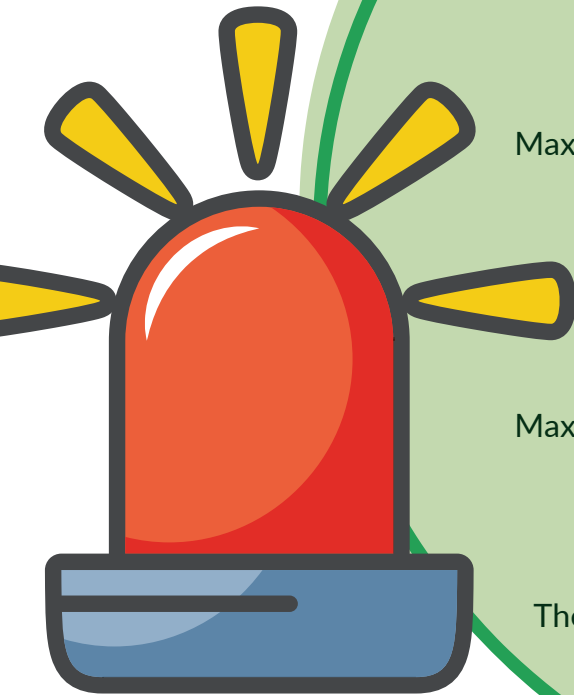
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Link opens: Saturday 14th January 9 am.  
Link closes: Monday 16th January 9 am

## Year 5-6

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Link opens: Saturday 14th January 9 am.  
Link closes: Monday 16th January 9 am

These CCAs will start week beginning 22nd January.





## PRIMARY SPIRIT DAY!



**Date: Friday 20th January 2023**

Support your house by wearing/decorating yourself in your house colors!



face paint, hairbands, etc.



Be ready to have fun with friends in house activities and competition.



# GOOD LUCK!

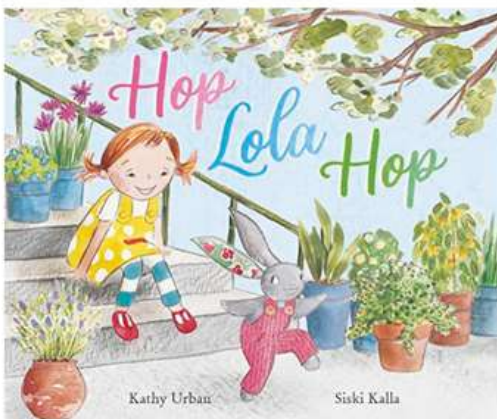
**SATURDAY, FEB 4 AND SUNDAY, FEB 5**

I am pleased to share with you that one of community role models, Kathy Urban, who is an accomplished author, will be at the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature this year.

The details are below and should you wish to attend then please follow [this link](#) for either or both of the two sessions.



## Join local children's author Kathy Urban at LitFest 2023



**Sunday 5 February**  
**13:00-13:45**

Venue: Al Amwaj II,  
InterContinental, Dubai  
Festival City

Age: 3+  
Session No: 233  
AED40



Includes a fun crafts  
workshop

**Saturday 4 February**  
**16:15-17:00**

Venue: Al Riwaq I,  
InterContinental, Dubai  
Festival City

Age: 3+  
Session No: 192  
Free Entry