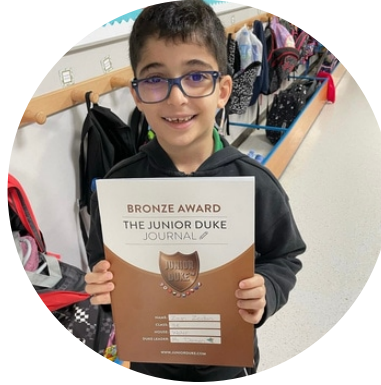


Primary

# Newsletter

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Photos courtesy of Buddy Classes, Junior Duke, Olivers Bee Farm and the World School Games

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Lucy has taken to sitting on the back of the sofa and judging those beneath her.

# Head of Primary's Message

Dear Parents,

#RainDays - I would like to thank the community for their understanding and flexibility with regards to the rain days. Managing the safety of the community and ensuring all are able to arrive and depart the school safely is our main priority I am grateful for the support of our community with this.

Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Oliver's Bee Farm. Learning about these fabulous creatures was a real treat. They were immersed in the importance that bees play in our ecosystem and enjoyed some the amazing enterprising products we can make such as candles and honey. We hope this inspires the children to take care of the natural world and protect our insects.

Buddy classes continue to play a integral part of our curriculum and Year 6 enjoyed working with Year 3 on their descriptive writing. Peer to peer feedback builds powerful relationships within our school community and further develop communication skills.

## Student led conferences:

Speaking of communication, you are invited to our Student Led Conferences on the 8th of February. Below is a guide written by our PYP Co-Ordinator, Ms. Ruchika. This guide is aimed at helping ensure you get the most from this experience. You can also [CLICK HERE](#) to access support on how to book. Booking opens at 7pm on Saturday 28th January and closes on Monday 6th February at 7pm.

Kind regards,  
Tom Collar

[BOOK NOW](#)



# Student Led Conference Guidance

Student-led conferences are a way to engage with your child in a conversation about their learning. It goes beyond academics to include your child's engagement, interest and attitude towards their learning. It is a culmination of a process of self-evaluation, reflection, goal setting and ownership of learning.

Students choose snap-shots of their learning journey and present these to you. This may not be their 'best' work according to adults, but it is their best work in terms of their recognition of their learning from it. They have spent time identifying the work they want to discuss with you, to share with you their reasons for choosing their work and how they see it as an achievement. They will also demonstrate their learning at stations set up around the room.

Please be reminded this is a 'Student Led' conference and although class teachers will be facilitating the activities this is not a formal discussion between yourself and the teacher.

## The purpose of Student-led conferences:

- To put students at the center of their learning by allowing them to own it
- To celebrate their learning
- To facilitate critical thinking skills in evaluating their work
- To develop communication skills and confidence in presenting themselves and their work
- To encourage an open and honest dialogue between parents and children
- To help students accept responsibility for their work and learning
- To help parents see how their children learn in an inquiry-based, hands-on classroom

## Parents role:

- Be the audience
- Celebrate your child's learning
- Support them in their effort to explain their work by asking guiding questions
- Listen patiently and allow them to make mistakes
- Encourage and motivate to talk and demonstrate
- Participate in their engagements
- Be mindful of your time allocation

## Some questions you could ask your child:

- Show me how you did that?
- What did you find most challenging in this unit?
- What did you enjoy the most?
- How can I help you in achieving your goal in reading/writing/math?
- Why did you choose this work?
- What did you learn from this?
- Did you use any strategies to solve this?

## What not to say and do at the SLC:

- Turn up without your child
- Compare your child with another
- Give negative comments work e.g.; Why is your handwriting untidy? Why did you get this wrong? I know you can do better than this.
- Ask teachers about the progress of your child- 'So tell me how my child is doing in English/Math/Science', or 'What can my child do to get a better grade?'



**BOOK NOW**

✓ 30th January  
Innovents Walkathon for GIVE

✓ 30th January- 1st February  
KG2 Jam Jar Trips  
Communication from Homeroom

✓ 31st January  
Early finish 12pm  
Staff Training

✓ 2nd February  
Year 2 Trip  
Dubai Safari Park  
Communication from Homeroom

✓ 2nd February  
Year 3 School Sleepover  
Communication from Homeroom

✓ 3rd February  
Year 5 A, B, C, Camp  
Communication from Homeroom

✓ 6th February  
Year 5 Trip to Emirates Literature Festival  
Communication from Homeroom

✓ 7th and 9th February  
Year 6 Trip to Sharjah Museum  
Communication from Homeroom

✓ 8th February  
Student Led Conferences  
School Closed for Primary School Students

✓ 9th February  
KG1 Trip to Green Planet  
Communication from Homeroom

✓ 10th-18th February  
Year 5 & 6 Trip to Borneo

## REMINDERS

- **Student Led Conference Guidance Included**
- **School closed from 12pm on Tuesday 31st for staff training**
- **We are currently experiencing high numbers of children having to call home due to forgetting items such as lunch, PE kit, iPads etc. Please can you remind your child to pack their bags the night before.**
- **Please sign up [here](#) if you wish to take part in the GIVE Walkathon with your child**

### The Walkathon schedule will be as follows:

- 7:45am – 8:05am: KG & Year 1 + parents (if registered)
- 8:10am – 8:30am: Year -2 & 3 + parents (if registered)
- 8:35am – 8:55am: Year 4 , 5 & 6 + parents (if registered)
- 9:00am – 9:20am: Year 7 & 8 + parents (if registered)
- 9:25am – 9:45am: Year 9-10 + parents (if registered)
- 9:50am – 10:10am: Year 11, 12 & 13 + parents (if registered)
- 10:15am event ends

# PADIA Presents the...



## *DIA Coffee Morning*

KG1 : 1st February  
KG2: 24th January  
Year 1: 26th January  
Year 2: 23rd January  
Year 3 : 25th January  
Year 4: 31st January  
Year 5: 27th January  
Year 6: 2nd February

Calling all new and existing parents. PADIA would love to welcome you to our 2nd Coffee Morning of the year. Aimed at introducing parents (especially new ones) to one another and building strong community links.

**8-9am**

**Coffee Club**

Ground Floor  
Springs Souq

*"See you there"*

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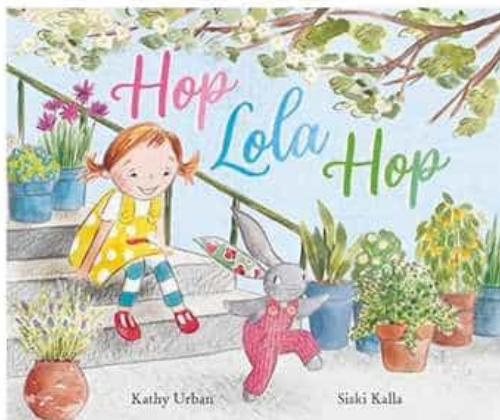
**SATURDAY, FEB 4 AND SUNDAY, FEB 5**

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

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**Saturday 4 February**

**16:15-17:00**

Venue: Al Riwaq I,  
InterContinental, Dubai  
Festival City

Age: 3+

Session No: 192

Free Entry