

Primary

Newsletter

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Head of Primary's Message

Dear Parents,

A second incredible week has already passed. It is wonderful to walk around school and see so many children fully engaged: laughing, smiling, and, of course, learning. A personal highlight for me as I meet parents at the gates in the morning is seeing how many children, especially the youngest ones, already feel confident and comfortable enough to walk into school independently, truly excited for the day. The feeling of safety and confidence they exude is testament to the teamwork of our whole community in these opening weeks.

This week has also seen the start of team trials for our autumn sports. Trials have included Cross Country Running, Aquathon, Netball, Football, and Swimming. More than 600 of our incredible young "Wolves" have taken part in the selection process for these squads. The school spirit is back and so firmly in place. I wish every child who took part the very best of luck.

We have also seen sign-ups for our teacher led CCA's. I am happy to say that more than 1300 spaces have already been taken up. I know this extra provision is of huge value to so many children. I am certain that when they start next week your child is in for a fantastic experience and I look forward to building on this provision as the year continues. Several notices concerning Paid CCA's and our Junior Duke scheme have also been sent, please do look into these as they are a fantastic extra opportunity for all children.

You will see that next week the CAT4 (cognitive test Year 3+) and NGRT (reading test Year 2+) are scheduled (Tuesday and Thursday respectively). Please see attached documents for further information. Aside from this, all we need from families to ensure is that your children get a good nights sleep, hear positive affirmations ("you've got this!") and a calm start to the day. Please check the dates below for details.

Finally, thank you to all of you who came to the two welcome mornings (slides sent as an attachment). Myself and the management team thoroughly enjoyed seeing you all in the building. Both sessions had a great turn out, and I believe the conversations we started will help drive the school forward and invigorate our whole community. I am still collating the feedback from the Padlet and will consider the best way of sharing the summary. Over the coming days I will also send out details of more specific year group led events and I hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Tom Collar
Head of Primary

- ☑ CCA Begin
12th September 2022
- ☑ PYP Taster Session
'See How Your Children Learn'
Aimed at parents new to PYP
[SIGN UP HERE](#)
(link opens 9am tomorrow)
Tuesday 13th September 2022
Venue: Cafeteria
07:40 Meet and Greet
08:00 - 09:00 Session
- ☑ CAT 4 Tests
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 13th September 2022

- ☑ NGRT Tests
Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 15th September 2022
- ☑ World Peace Day
A chance to show unity and respect for all humanity
by wearing white
Wednesday 21st September 2022
- ☑ Year 2 Trip
Madame Tussauds to fact find and study about Heroes
Information to follow from Homeroom
Wednesday 28th September 2022
- ☑ Year 4 Trip
Pizza Express - The chef experience
Information to follow from Homeroom
11th, 12th or 13th October 2022



PADIA met this week to discuss events and the upcoming year.

Opportunities for year group coffee mornings will be shared next week.

Further calendar dates continue to be discussed and these will be shared at the earliest. We are now collating a contact list of all class reps, so if your class does not have one or you do not know who it is, please reach out to your Homeroom Teacher.

BREAKING LIVE

Year 3- 6 residential booklet to be shared next week.

This will confirm and share dates, deadlines and relevant information about our domestic and international opportunities.

REMINDERS

- As we continue to observe and look to support the drop off and pick up, I would like to suggest and remind on a few points:
 - Security guards and staff are there to keep us all safe. Please ensure we are modelling courteous behaviour for our children to learn from.
 - Please do not use phones while driving.
 - Try to sit children on the left of your car (if possible) with their bags in arms reach. This will allow the speediest exit from the car (drop off).
 - Staff are now positioned (Kiss and Drop) to help open car doors and guide children across the road, in an attempt to reduce the 'dropping' time. This means you may not even need to step out.
- A large batch of parent badges were shared this week. If you still do not have one please contact helpdesk@diadubai.com. Once received, please wear this at all times on site.
- [Sign up for a taster PYP session](#) aimed at those new to IB. 40 spaces available and the sign up will open at 9am tomorrow morning (Saturday). This session will be run by Ms. Ruchika.
- Don't miss out! [Sign up here for the Junior Duke award.](#)