

Primary

Newsletter

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Head of Primary's Message

Dear Parents,

This week saw the return of CCAs, with 100's of children each day, enriching their time at DIA with Co Curricular Activities. From drawing, cooking, sports and games, it is not only club specific skills they develop, but social skills too. Seeing every child engage in activities and make new friends was a moment of real delight for me.

It made me reflect that in a busy world it's so easy to do things for children, but when should they begin to take responsibility for themselves? This is the question to be asked when considering whether to sign up for the Junior Duke scheme. Mr. Damien (Year 3 Teacher) is busy collating all of the children who wish to take part in this wonderful initiative. Please do look into this as it is a fantastic enriching opportunity for your children. For clarity, please refer to the letter for Junior Dukes.

Following nicely on from the Junior Dukes, I am pleased to say our residential program, both domestically and internationally, is confirmed for the year. With large cohorts, we have needed to split some trips and add caps based on camp capacity and instructor allocations. After the sign ups, we will review these allocations, based on demand.

Sports trials this week focused on swimming, and after speaking with the team, the breadth of talent across a range of disciplines will see us competitively compete on a wider scale than ever before. All squads will begin training from Monday, in line with the training schedules that have been shared. Fixtures will be shared and those able to support will be most welcome.

A number of Year 5 parents kindly volunteered their time this week to speak about their own personal migration stories. The power and impact many of these highly personal stories had on the children was incredible. Learning truly is a community process and as they say 'it takes a village to raise a child'.

Thank you to the parents who took the time to attend the Primary Years Program (PYP) taster session. The PYP focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in school and in the world beyond and this was a great opportunity to contextualise how the school delivers this. Further sessions for the community will be organised and announced in due course.

As our community comes together again PADIA would like to invite all parents to year group coffee mornings in the coming weeks, please refer to the flyer below. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents from your year group over your favourite 'cuppa' and maybe a slice of cake.

Kind regards,

Tom Collar
Head of Primary

☑ Wednesday 21st September 2022

Whole school World Peace Day

A chance to show unity and respect for all humanity by wearing white

☑ Thursday 22nd September 2022

Year 5 ONLY Ecoventure (Residential Provider)

Information morning for parents.

Venue: Cafeteria

Time: 7:40am meet and greet

8:00 - 8:45am presentation and Q&A

☑ Wednesday 28th September 2022

Year 2 Trip

Madame Tussauds to fact find and study about Heroes

Communication shared from Homeroom

☑ 4th October 2022

Year 6 A,B,C and D Trip

Museum of the Future

Communication shared from Homeroom

☑ 5th October 2022

Year 6 E, F and G Trip

Museum of the Future

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World Teacher Day

Comms to follow

☑ 11th, 12th or 13th October 2022

Year 4 Trip

Pizza Express - The chef experience

Communication shared from Homeroom

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Calling all parents. PADIA would like to invite you to a coffee morning at The Coffee Cub, Springs Souq. You will be able to meet other parents from the year group and hear more about how to benefit from our community.

20th September - KG1
21st September - KG2
22nd September - Year 1
23rd September - Year 5
27th September - Year 3
28th September - Year 6
29th September - Year 2
30th September - Year 4

8 - 9am
The Coffee Club,
Springs Souq

REMINDERS

- Don't miss out! Sign up here for the Junior Duke award.
- CLICK HERE to read the residential brochure.
- Anything underlined in my newsletter refers you to a link. Simply click on it.
- Competitive Sports Team training begins for all squads from Monday 19th September
- Please send your child in with a hat for breaktimes.
- A communication guideline for Primary will be shared next week to help parents know who to contact.

Residentials

Year 3 - 6 Parents. Ms. Stephanie is pleased to share with you the residential programme for this year [here](#).

Year 5 are up first and must read carefully.



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Join Us

Are you passionate about community spirit? Our parents' group, PADIA (Passionate About DIA) would like to invite you to our first parents coffee morning of the year. A chance to meet, greet and find out about how to enjoy life with DIA EH. No need to sign up. See you there at 8am on the dates below.



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Support



Meet the Year/Class Reps

Extend your circle



Enjoy the community

Timing: 8 - 9am

Venue: The Coffee Club in Springs Souq

International

Day of Peace

21st September



Students to wear white