

Primary

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International Day of Peace 2022



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Head of Primary's Message

Dear Parents,

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it." —Eleanor Roosevelt

This week saw us pay tribute to peace, and what a wonderful day it was for our first whole school dress up. Though as the quote quite rightly reminds us, this is not something that should last a day, or simply be spoken about. We all have a responsibility to 'do our part' for peace; to do 'the right thing' whether others see it or not; to live with integrity. We repeatedly have chances to model this to our young children throughout our daily lives. Whether it is putting a shopping trolley back in the car park, leaving a thank you note, supporting a charity or thinking about where to leave your car during pick up and drop off.

"Peace Day formed part of our annual week of action, awareness, and accountability for the Sustainable Development Goals. Students collaborated with each other to identify what problems there are in the world and how we can combat them together. By wearing white on Wednesday and participating in class activities we shared a message of Peace across the school with the aim of spreading the message further to homes and communities. Passionate students from Year 5 prepared a brain break video to help students find Peace within themselves so that they can share Peace with others." - Ms. Barbara, Year 4 and Head of Sustainable Goals. Further to Ms Barbara, Aarna from Year 5 also shared that, "When planning for the Global Goals, I am helping DIA, and the world, move one step further to achieving the SDG's."

Emirates Literature Festival is calling for budding authors (Year 4 - 6). I am a huge believer in the power of words and the impact of a story. For those students inspired to etch their words in history, please take some time at home to think about the theme, write what it means to you and submit. The Theme is 'Old Friends'. "This theme encourages you to think if you have ever considered a book as an 'Old Friend'. Books stay with us once we read them. We remember parts of books that moved us – made us cry or laugh. We sometimes read books again to reignite our connection with them and they always stay our loyal companions for times when we most need them." We would also like to collect these stories and display some at school, so please do submit these here as well, though we will not pass these onto the competition.

Finally, it has been wonderful to see our PADIA coffee mornings bringing our community together. I would like to extend my thanks to Ms. Saba and the wider PADIA team for organising and hosting these events. Next week is the turn of Years 2, 3, 4 and 6. In addition, for those new to DIA, there is a new parents' coffee morning on Monday (details below). These events really do mark the start of a packed events calendar so please keep your eyes open for details.

Kind regards,

Tom Collar
Head of Primary

Monday 26th September 2022
PADIA New Parent Coffee Morning
Venue: Presentation Hall
Time: 7:45am
No need to book

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
Communication shared from Homeroom

5th October 2022
World Teacher Day

Comms to follow

6th October 2022
Staff INSET Training
12:35 finish for all students NO CCAs

11th, 12th or 13th October 2022
Year 4 Trip
Pizza Express - The chef experience
Communication shared from Homeroom

13th October 2022
Deadline for Year 5 Ecoventure Payment
Groups will be allocated after this date

14th October 2022
Performing Arts Day
Further comms to follow

PADIA

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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~~ 8 - 9am
~~21st September - KG2~~ The Coffee Club,
~~22nd September - Year 1~~ Springs Souq
~~23rd September - Year 5~~
27th September - Year 3
28th September - Year 6
29th September - Year 2
30th September - Year 4

REMINDERS

- Please ensure timely pick ups. Collections 10+ minutes after the intended slot impact on staff duties and responsibilities.
- Thank you to the Year 5 parents who joined for their info morning. Please continue to [CLICK HERE](#) to read the residential brochure and sign up to the relevant camps. A wait list will be added to all camps in the event they reach capacity.
- Please refrain from sending 'sweet treats' for children's birthdays. We always make a fuss and allow them to wear their home clothes, but the pressure felt in school by some families and young children to bring in treats is something we wish to avoid.
- As a school, our washrooms are cleaned every 30 minutes, please support us by speaking with your children about clean habits in washrooms. We, of course, will do the same.
- **NO CCAs** on Thursday 6th of October. 12:35pm collection for all students.

Comms Guide
Please use the linked guide to assist you with your communication needs.

We always aim to help streamline communication and put you in touch with the right person, so we hope this helps.

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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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Dates

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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

Have you ever considered a book as an Old Friend?



EMIRATES AIRLINE
FESTIVAL OF
LITERATURE

Year 4 - 6



maximum of 500 words

Winners will be honoured during the
Emirates Airline
Festival of Literature
in 2023

story writing COMPETITION

Your inspiration is

'Old Friends'

[CLICK HERE](#)

[for more information](#)

The deadline to submit your story
is 24 October 2022



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