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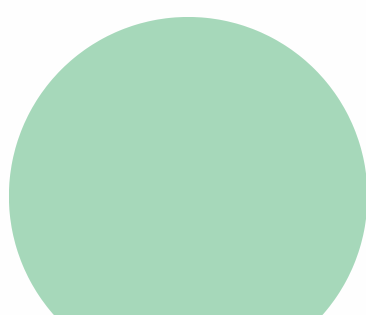
# Secondary School Newsletter



10 March 2023



2022-2023



# Head of Secondary Message



Hello all,

These last few weeks have been busy, especially with DIAMUN. This immense weekend saw over 500 delegates join us from 9 different countries from around the world. It started off with a wonderful opening ceremony, created by our students with the help of the Arts Department. The whole weekend was a huge success and many lifelong friendships were forged. WELL DONE to the DIAMUN team.



When it comes to competitions, DIA is blazing! From our talented dance troop who won the most prestigious Desert Dance Spirit Award at the recent Desert Dance competition against some of the best schools in Dubai, to our own Varshitaa Prasad, 1st Prize Winner in the Emirates Literature Final. And many more amazing accomplishments too.

This coming week sees the return of two giants back to DIA. We have the wonderful Water for Life Caravel, a student led initiative that will take place this Wednesday 15th March and will run all afternoon and for a few hours after school.



Then there is my favourite - DIA International Evening! This starts at 5pm on Friday 17th March and will be a celebration of the diversity of our school community - I cannot wait!

I hope to see you there. A big thank you to PADIA and the Parent community for making this happen!

Have a brilliant week,

Michelle



# Key Information

Friday 10 March

## **Year 11 Timeline Update**

Are you a parent of a Year 11 child? Please check your registered email for an update regarding the timeline for Year 11 as we progress towards the end of the year.

Tuesday 14 March

## **Year 7 - 13 Ramadan Assemblies**

Our Islamic department have planned an exciting event to launch Ramadan to our community and to make students aware of the importance of the holy month of Ramadan.

Tuesday 14th March

## **Inclusion coffee meeting**

### **ADHD Symptoms or Dopamine Dependency**

Join the Inclusion Team who will be discussing this key and very relevant condition. PS GYM. Sign up later in this Newsletter.

Wednesday 15 March

## **Water for Life Carnival**

Our Water for Life Club have planned an exciting event to raise money for our Give Charity. Information is provided later in this newsletter and will be sent to students ahead of time. Tell your child to get ready to dunk their favorite teacher in the Dunk Tank!

Friday 17 March

## **International Day**

We are excited for the return of this exciting event. Please see the information provided at the end of this newsletter for more specific details.

Friday 24 March

## **Spring Break Reminder**

Please note that there will be no school for students from Monday 27 March until Friday 07 April. We look forward to welcome all students back to school on Monday 10 April.

#opportunity

# Emirates Literature Festival

## Emirates Airline Festival of Literature celebrates young poets

This is sixth year in a row Emirates NBD sponsors the competition



Winners of the UAE's young poetry performers at the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature award ceremony in Dubai



Varshitaa Prasad,  
Dubai International Academy,  
1st Prize Winner of the  
Poetry Category 14-18

The Poetry for All competition attracted more than 1142 entrants in English and Arabic, which is an unprecedented number, competing across the two age group categories of the competition, 8-13 and 14-18. The 2023 edition also saw the inclusion of a separate category for Students of Determination and for Arabic the student performed both Fasih and Nabati poetry.

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DIA U19 boys Football Team through to the DASSA Final next week!



DIA U19 boys wins the SF of the DASSA U19 Hardball Cricket Tournament against Wellington International School.



Desert Dance competition

# DP Visual Arts



The Visual Arts IB Diploma Programme Exhibition showcased the work of 13 DP2 students, each presenting their unique perspective on a range of themes that are relevant to the world around us. With over 100 pieces of artwork on display, the exhibition was a true celebration of creativity and expression.

The themes explored in the exhibition were both personal and universal, with each student using their art to convey a powerful message. Fear, phobias, corruption in Lebanon and Syria, social issues, imperfection, family, Palestine, Urban India, Loss of memory, good and evil, literature, human interactions with the environment, and beauty standards were just a few of the thought-provoking topics that were explored.

The opening evening was a vibrant and engaging event, with students interacting with their audience and discussing their work. Visitors were able to view the artwork up close, engage with the artists and learn about the thought processes behind each piece.

The exhibition was a testament to the creativity and passion of the students, showcasing a wide range of mediums including painting, sculpture, photography and digital art. The artworks on display reflected the diversity and complexity of the world we live in and highlighted the importance of art in communicating important social and political messages.

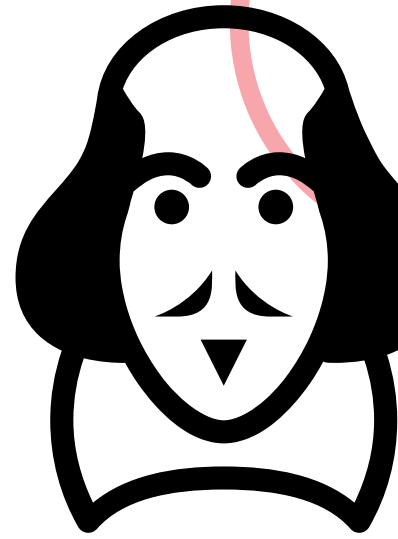
Overall, the Visual Arts IB Diploma Programme Exhibition was a truly inspiring event, showcasing the talent and creativity of the next generation of artists and providing a platform for important discussions around some of the most pressing issues facing our world today.



# Literacy Week #Community



The Secondary English Department organized a number of successful events for Literacy Week between February 28 and March 2nd. These events included exceptional student-led workshops, a visit by a celebrated children's book author, readings performed by accomplished secondary readers to primary students, and a Shakespeare-themed book day where students and teachers alike dressed up in their favorite characters!



Ms. Hilda Youssef, a renowned children's book author, visited the school and delivered an interactive writing workshop for Year 10 and Year 7 students where she helped students explore their creative writing abilities and possible aspirations as writers.



# DIAMUN 2023

DIAMUN 2023 was a thrilling experience for all those who attended. The annual Model United Nations conference was hosted by the Dubai International Academy, and it brought together talented young minds from all over the world to engage in diplomatic debates and discussions.

The conference spanned three days, during which delegates engaged in debates on a variety of topics related to global issues and COP 28. The participants brought a wealth of knowledge and diverse perspectives, and their passion for problem-solving was palpable throughout the event. The sessions were intense and often thought-provoking, as delegates collaborated to draft resolutions that addressed some of the world's most pressing problems.

In addition to the main conference sessions, delegates attended the social event, which was a great way to build relationships and learn about each other's cultures. There were also keynote speeches from distinguished speakers who shared their insights and experiences on a range of topics related to diplomacy and international relations such as Giuseppe Finocchiaro, the Consul General of Italy to Dubai and His Excellency Abdulla Al Awar, the CEO of the Dubai Government's Knowledge Fund Establishment.

Overall, DIAMUN 2023 was a memorable event that provided an invaluable learning experience for all those who participated. The conference inspired delegates to become global citizens and leaders, and it encouraged them to continue working towards a better, more equitable world.







# Innoventures Academic Olympiad

Students recently participated in the Innoventures Academic Olympiad at DIA Al Barsha. They were put through the paces in a series of challenges, including Science, Mathematics, Spelling, General Knowledge and a Murder Mystery task. Well done to all who participated - please see the results below:

## Primary School Team

1st - DIAAB  
2nd - DIAEH  
3rd - RWA

## Middle School Team

1st - DIAEH  
2nd - DIAAB  
3rd - RWA

## Senior School Team

1st - RWA  
2nd - RIS  
3rd - DIAAB

## Overall Winner

1st position - DIAAB  
2nd position - RWA  
3rd position - DIAEH





# Innoventures Science Fair



On Monday 27 February, Collegiate International School hosted the “Innovents Science Fair”. The concept/theme of the Fair is "The Scientific Method as a Scaffold to Enhance Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills in Real Life." The goal is to help students develop confidence in scientific communication and gain a more profound familiarity with the scientific method.

Six groups from DIA- Emirates Hills participated in this event (two groups from each: PYP, MYP, and DP). DIA -Emirates Hills won the prize for “The Best overall Champions” in science investigations.

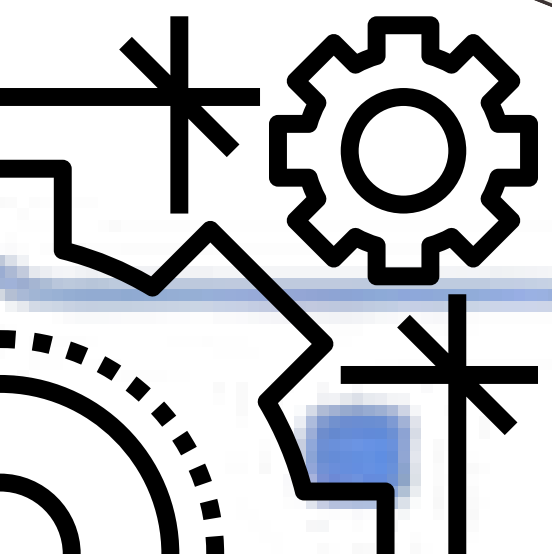
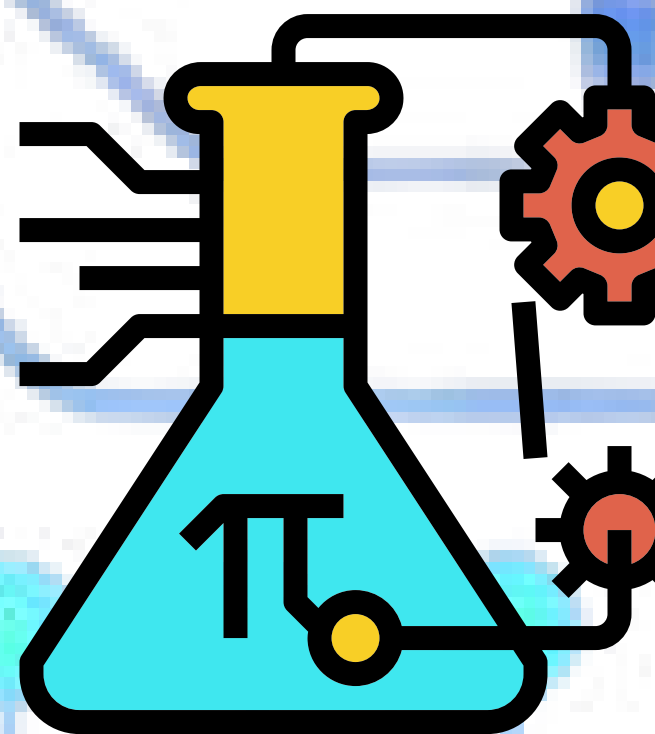
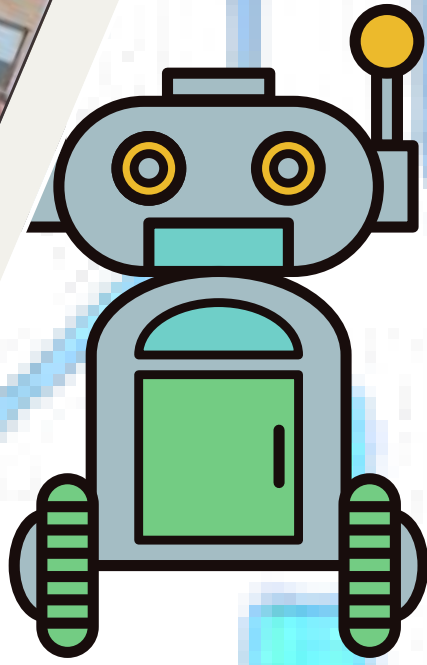
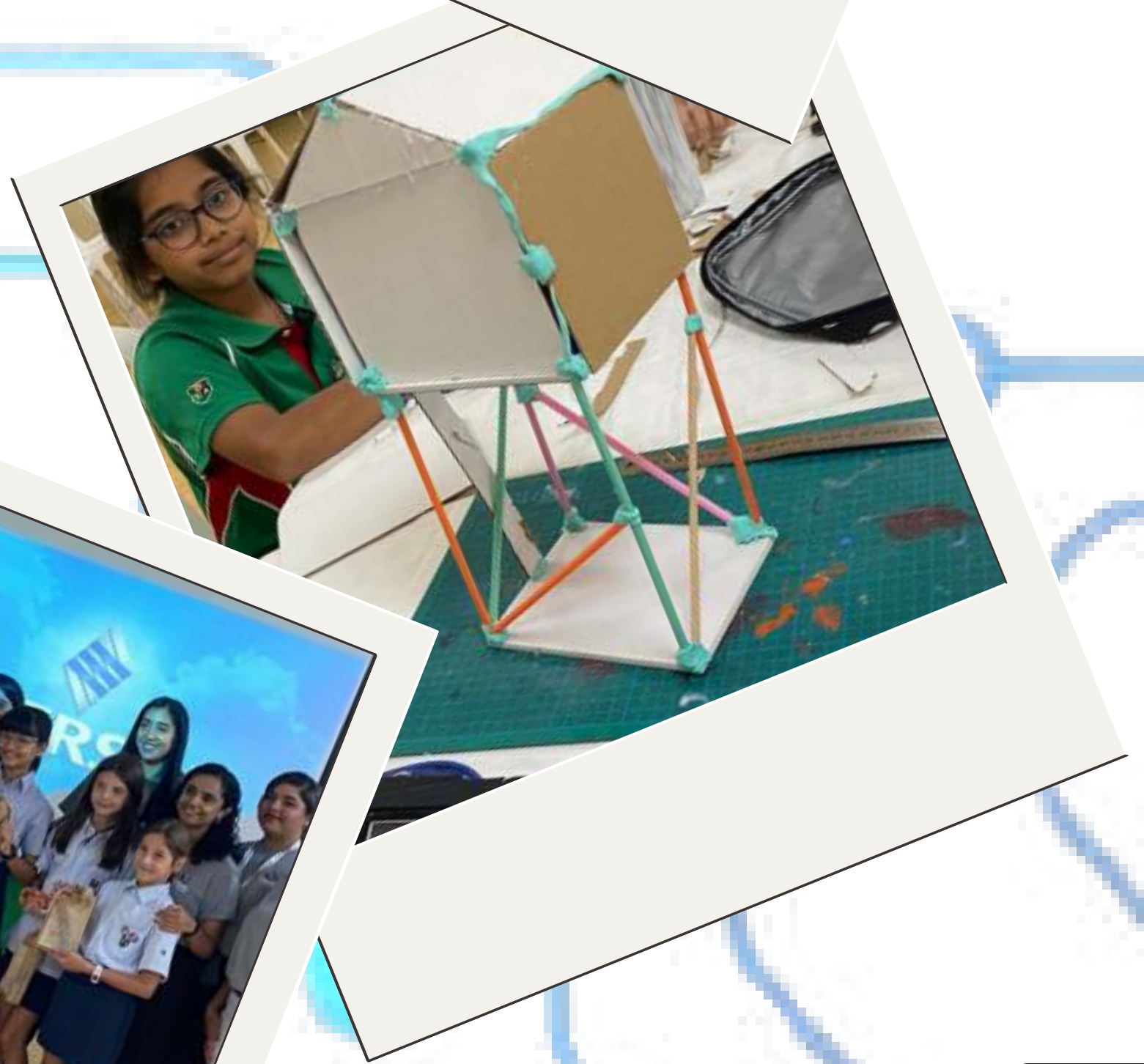
Three participating groups also won in the competition. One group won the first place in the DP level, another DP group won the second place alongside another PYP group. The first DP Group won the GOLD medal for investigating the efficiency of active ingredients in toothpastes, the second DP group won the SILVER medal for investigating “Optimizing Battery’s efficiency”. One PYP group won the SILVER medal for investigating best designs that can withstand sandstorms.



# EMPOWER

## STEM CLUB

Our STEM girls group had such a treat this week when Emerson, the global technology, software and engineering powerhouse came in to deliver a workshop. The session explained the SDG Climate Action with an interactive presentation & small activities, and followed up with the adverse effects of Climate Change and zone in on floods/hurricanes activity where our girls created a model structure with the aim of withstanding floods.



# #Opportunities



Khalid Al Ameri, an Emirati video creator and a humanitarian, visited our school on Tuesday, March 7.

The first part of his visit was an interactive presentation of his work with our year 10-13 students where he answered students' questions about video creation and what it means to balance work and life. The second part of his visit was with the Student Leadership Team (Student Council Representatives, House Committee, Head Team and Happiness Team). During that session, Khalid shared his expertise on leadership and the importance of teamwork. Khalid's experiences were truly inspiring, and our students gained a lot from his insights. It was a pleasure to have a guest speaker who is so knowledgeable and passionate about their field. The visit resonated with everyone involved.



# DIALECT

In honor of international writer's day, the DIAlect club invited students from years 7-9 to participate in a collection of fun activities such as trivia, mad libs and a photo booth!



DIAlect is a student-run club which strives to provide students with a platform where they can explore different aspects of literature and be a part of writing a monthly newsletter that is sent out to the entire student body.



# SWITZERLAND!



RSVP Link

# Inclusion Coffee Time



ADHD Symptoms or Dopamine  
Dependency

Tuesday, 14th March

Time: 2-3pm

Venue: PS Gym

Awareness and interest amongst teenagers towards ADHD and what the condition entails is growing. They may question if this is what is causing their inattention, lack of focus or unwillingness to see tasks through. Join Ms. Asha Karam as she explores this topic further and shares insights from current research. We will delve into how to support your child if they are exploring answers to certain questions about ADHD and what should you be looking to change in the first instance before considering further evaluation.



# Water for Life Carnival

The Water for Life Club announces with the greatest pleasure that the Water for Life Carnival is back this year! Join us on the 15th of March at the football field to enjoy the fun rides and tasty treats of Boon Coffee, Desert Chill and other various food chains. You don't want to miss out on the fun rides and the chance of seeing your favorite teachers get dunked!

The event is allowing us to fulfill our mission of promoting water conservation and increasing access to clean drinking water. All profits made at the carnival will be donated to Surge for Water to help disadvantages communities.

## Ticketing

Tickets of either 15AED or 25AED can be bought as a pass for a ride. Better yet, buy the 125AED day pass on the carnival day to have access to an unlimited number of rides and fast queue perks. Refer to the catalogue below.

## TICKETING

			
Bungee Run: 15 AED	The Challenger: 25 AED	Rodeo Bull: 25 AED	
			
Hamster Ball Race: 25 AED	Dunk Tank: 15 AED (for 3 balls)	Bouncy Castle: 15 AED	Double Wipe-out: 25 AED

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**13TH AND 14TH OF MARCH (CASH ONLY):**

DURING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY BREAK AND AFTER SCHOOL  
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.  
WRISTBANDS WILL NOT BE SOLD

**15TH OF MARCH (CARD AND CASH):**

ALL INDIVIDUAL TICKETS AS WELL AS WRISTBANDS WILL BE SOLD

**NOTE:** RESTAURANTS AND HENNA STALLS WILL NOT ACCEPT TICKETS  
AND MUST BE PURCHASED USING CASH OR CARD.



We are back!

# The Water for Life Carnival



(In the field)  
**GAMES / FOOD / FUN**

**Watch Our Video!**

<https://vimeo.com/794428912>





**PADIA**  
PASSIONATE ABOUT DIA 



DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

*DIA*  
*International*  
*Evening*

Friday 17th March 5pm onwards



# INTERNATIONAL DAY

# RAFFLE

**ENTER TO WIN  
EXCITING  
PRIZES!**

**SELLING IN THE QUAD  
AT LUNCH AND BREAK  
STARTING MONDAY 13**

**SPECIAL PRICE TO THE  
STUDENT WHO SELLS  
THE MOST TICKETS!**



**MONEY GOES TOWARDS  
YR13 PROM!**

# PRIZES

**APPLE IPAD 10TH GEN  
10.9" WIFI**



**JBL EXTREME 3  
PORTABLE BLUETOOTH  
SPEAKER**



**SENNHEISER HD 458 BT  
WIRELESS  
HEADPHONES**



**ALFA ROMEO ARO  
ELECTRIC SCOOTER**



**JUMBO GIFT CARD**

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