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Secondary School Newsletter



28 October 2022



2022-2023

Head of Secondary Message



Hello all,

An incredibly proud moment for Innoventures Education (and a personal bucket list moment) was achieved when we manage the Guinness World Record for the largest Space Exploration lesson! Well done to all involved.

Again the school has been busy with many opportunities for the students and community to get involved in. From Focus group sessions to Duke of Edinburgh trip, and many more in between. It was wonderful to see our student performances during Diwali and a special thank you for the parents who brought in treats for our support staff. On this point, I would like to say a big thank you to our school facilities staff, who continually support every event we ask and are the backbone of keeping this amazing school moving.

In this edition, I would like to introduce our IB Coordinators who work tirelessly to ensure we provide the holistic IB learning experience across the school.

Just a heads up, in order to plan the logistics of the local camps effectively, we will be closing the link shortly in order to have a final count of students. Therefore, if you are yet to sign up your child, please do so quickly. You can find the camps link in this edition.



Also, one last shout out to the Prefects who are supporting the student movement around school through a duty system.

Key Information

CA1 Reports Available

Monday 31 October

Please access reports through the iSAMS Parent Portal. Contact helpdesk@diadubai.com with any issues.

Y7/8 Fontana Circus Trip, Y9-11 Careers Fair, and Y12/13 Core Day

Tuesday 01 November

An exciting day for the DIA community. Students are asked to wear normal uniform and be on-time to school this day!

MYP Assessment Session

Wednesday 02 November, 07.45am

A chance for parents to participate in a workshop about assessment in the MYP. New parents are encouraged, but returning parents are more than welcome to attend! Check emails for sign-up information.

UAE Flag Day

Thursday 03 November

Attempt to recreate the UAE flag - more information with the colours to follow.

Year 9 into 10 Subject Options Evening

Monday 07 November, 16.30-19.00

Join us to learn more about the subjects that are available to our Year 10 students, and to better understand their journey into DP/CP and beyond. Check emails for sign-up information.

Year 3-9 Accelerated Reader Information Session

Monday 07 November, 07.45

Join us to learn more about the Accelerated Reader Program. Check emails and see page ahead for sign-up information.

Year 11 into 12 Subject Options Evening

Thursday 10 November, 16.30 - 19.00

Join us to learn more about the subjects that are available to our Year 12 students, and to better understand the pathways available after DIA.

Meet the Team



MYP Coordinator: Ms. Ruba Jeshi

My name is Ruba Jeshi. I am coming from an engineering background followed by a Master's degree in Education Curriculum & Instruction. I have been in DIA since 2006 and I have held many roles during my exciting journey.

In my classes, I always aim to frame the curriculum in ways that feel authentic to my students and seek to challenge them. I strongly believe that teachers' primary job is to empower students to be independent and lifelong learners and the content taught is just a vehicle to help get the students thinking.

This year, in my role as the MYP coordinator, I endeavor to prepare our students from year 7 to 11 for a challenging changing world, ensuring that they are equipped with the needed knowledge and skills. I Look forward to working with students, teachers and parents to achieve our school's ultimate mission: "to empower students with a holistic, rigorous and international education for success in an ever-changing world."





CP Coordinator: Ms. Neetu Rathore

September and October have been exciting months for our CP students. They have been busy developing team-building and problem-solving skills whilst organising a range of exciting events in the Secondary School, this will include a Winter Souk and a Charity Football Tournament leading up to the World Cup. The students have also been involved in fantastic Service-Learning opportunities in the Primary School. They have been busy preparing to run their very own student lead CCA, from Arts & Craft Clubs, Creative Writing, Fitness and Just Dance! November will be just as exciting for the CP students, as they will be pitching their unique business ideas to a panel of judges and hosting their specular events!

DP Coordinator: Dr. Kanchi Das

Hello! I am Dr. Kanchi Das, your new Diploma Programme Coordinator. I bring over 20 years of teaching and leadership experience in International Schools and have taught the MYP and DP programme for over 15 years. I was Head of the Outstanding English Department at DIA for the last 6 years and am an IB English HL and EE Senior Examiner. My role is varied and throws up new challenges on any given day and it has been a great learning journey for me.

As DP Coordinator, I lead the curriculum through working with, and supporting, teachers in the planning and teaching of subjects within the six groups, as well as the core of CAS, Extended Essay and TOK. My role extends to ensuring that our students are placed within subjects which match their academic pathway and mentor them throughout their DP journey.

The last few weeks I have been busy working on the Early Decision applications, I have been writing personalised Counselor references for these students and collaborating with the Writing Coaches for guiding students in crafting meaningful and engaging University Application essays. Students are also being registered for the IB May 2023 examinations.

November will be an exciting month as we have planned a couple of new initiatives to help students access the DP curriculum in a more informed manner. I am looking forward to meeting the Year 9 and Year 11 students and parents during the Subject Options evening to answer all their questions on academic pathways.

In journeys begin responsibilities. I feel privileged to be a part of the journey of our students as these lifelong learners grow into model global citizens with the ability to collaborate, be creative, think critically, and communicate clearly.



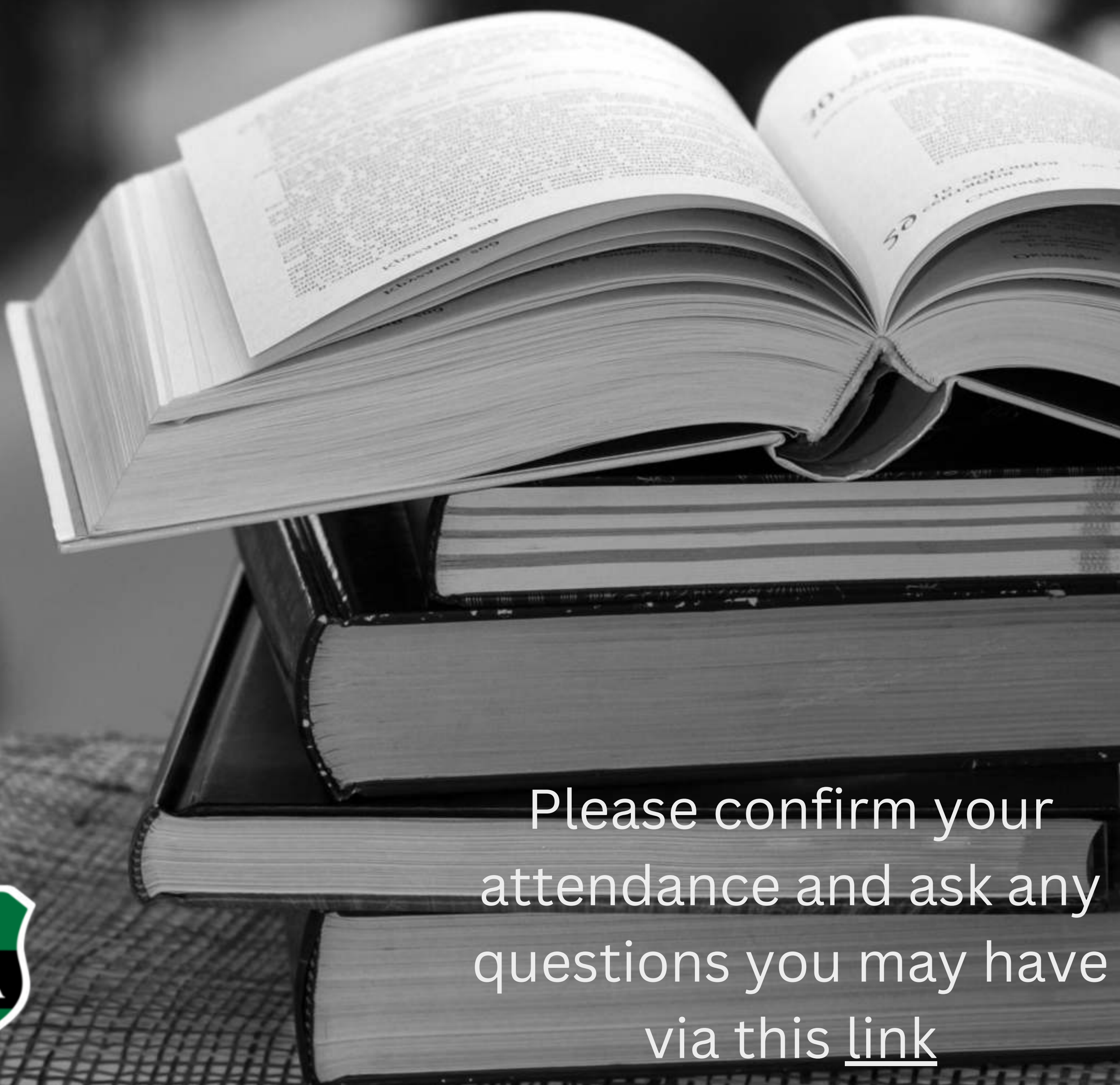
ACCELERATED READER PARENT INFO SESSION YEARS 3 – 9

DATE: MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 7:45 - 8:30AM

VENUE: PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM

Find out about our new Reading Programme



Please confirm your attendance and ask any questions you may have via this [link](#)



Want to know more? Visit www.goodreads.com/book/show/60552718-teenage-dream to find out about the book!

#Opportunity

YEAR 7 & 8 AUTHOR VISIT

EX-DIA student & author of
'Teenage Dream'

Varvara Krasneva



returns to school this November to share her experience of becoming an author and tell us more about her book.

When & Where?

- Thursday 10th November 2022
- Period 6
- SS PE Hall

Buy a copy of 'Teenage Dream' to bring and Varvara will sign your copy!



Find out how you could be an author too!

Available to buy in Kinokuniya, on Amazon and direct from the publisher:

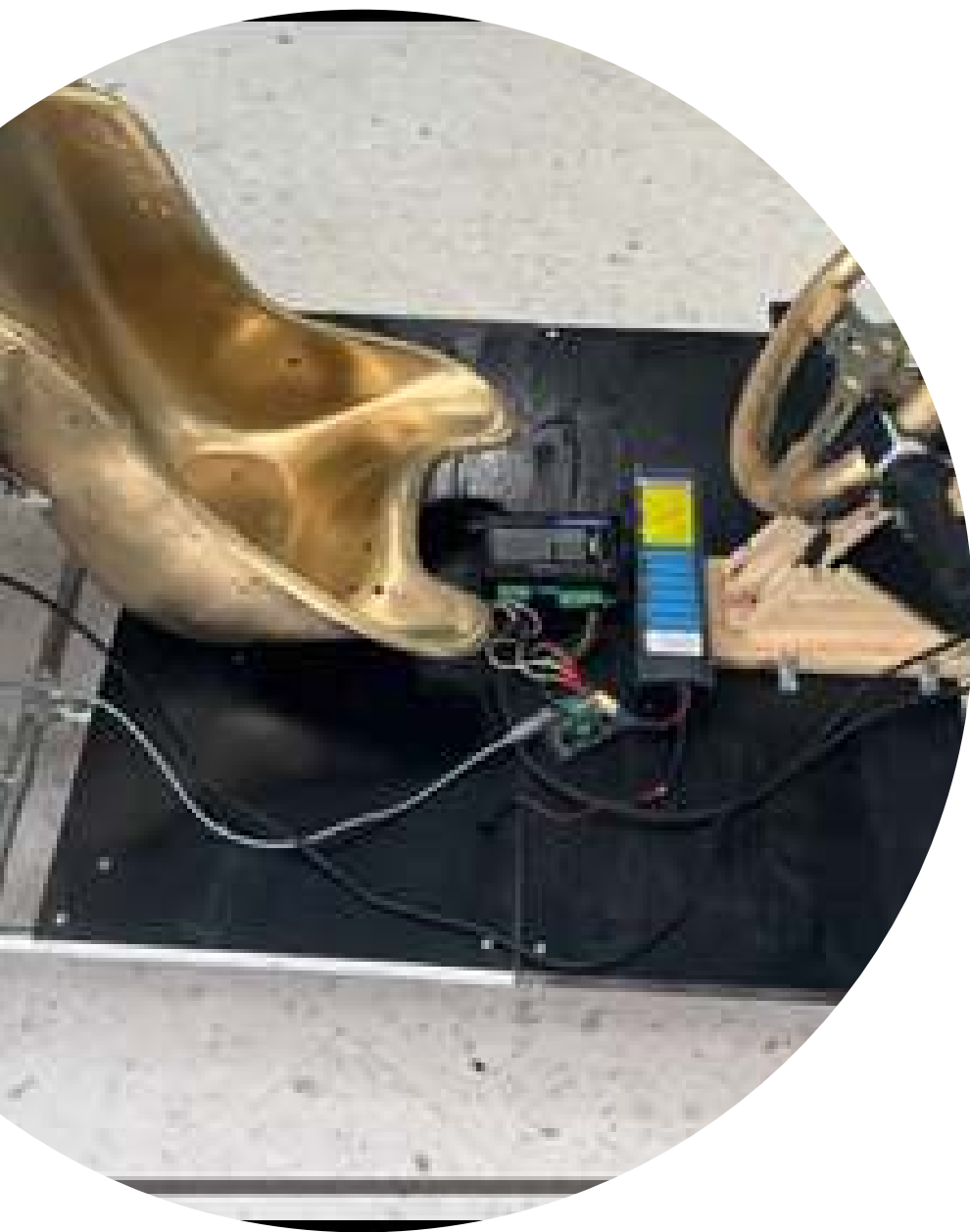


To win a copy of 'Teenage Dream', simply scan the QR code, ask a question and the winner will receive a copy during homeroom on Friday 4th November (enter by 4pm, 3rd November).



#OPPORTUNITY

A group of 5 senior students (Mehul Vemareddy, Prateeti Saran, Umar Ingalls, Soumyo Satyanarayanan, and Kshiteez Panigrahi) decided to reach for the sky with their innovative ideas by constructing an in-house lunar rover prototype from scratch as a part of the Maker's Movement—a popular engineering subculture in the US. Taking guidance from the Dubai Future Labs and UAE's AI Ministry, the students assembled their project in just 3 months.



Inspired by the NASA Artemis Mission, these seniors constructed a lightweight kart-like frame for the rover using pipes and connectors. The rover is electrically powered, and even has the capability to be remote controlled using a laptop. The students even built the rover accessories: a robotic arm to collect samples and a solar panel for renewable energy on the moon. Moving forward, they will even be integrating AI into the rover to allow for self-driving capabilities.



Diwali

#wellbeing & Community



World Scholar's Cup



Congratulations to the Team who represented DIA at the Global Round in South Africa. We wish them luck for the Tournament of Champions at Yale in a few weeks.

#Opportunity

QUALIFIERS!

1st Place Senior

Dubai International Academy



DUKE OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL AWARD



Year 10 Bronze Practice Adventurous Journey



#Opportunity

UN Assembly & Show casing the MUN to the Government Knowledge Fund.



#Opportunity



International Guest speaker,
Christopher O'Shaughnessy
speaking to our ALPHA students
about being third culture kids.

Competitive Sport & PHE

Innoventures Education Football Championships

- U12 Girls Champions
- U14 Girls Champions
- U16 Girls 2 Place



Cross Country Team
Brilliant performances by the entire Secondary Cross Country team. We can't express how proud we are of our team's commitment and dedication. Congratulations to the U13 team for finishing overall 5 out of 56 teams.

Overall standings:

U13: 5 Place

U15 - 16 Place

U19: 7 Place

U15 Cricket Team qualified to the finals during the Rugby 7 weekend



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#DIADubai30x30



DIA #Dubai30x30 Schedule of Activities

TAKE THE CHALLENGE DUBAI30x30 29 OCT TO 27 NOV 2022						
Secondary School						
Day	Date	Time	Activity	Provided By	Venue	Open to
Monday	31-Oct-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Yoga - Whole School	YoFit	Quadrangle	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Tuesday	1-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Table Tennis	PE Department	Table Tennis Area	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Wednesday	2-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Volleyball	PE Department	SS PE Hall	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Thursday	3-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Badminton	PE Department	SS PE Hall	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Friday	4-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Tennis	PE Department	Tennis Courts	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Monday	7-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Yoga - Whole School	YoFit	Quadrangle	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Tuesday	8-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Badminton	PE Department	SS PE Hall	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Wednesday	9-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Table Tennis	PE Department	Table Tennis Area	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Thursday	10-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Morning walk/jog/run	PE Department	Field	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Friday	11-Nov-22	8:00am - 11:00am	Dubai Fitness Challenge 2022 – Schools' Fitness Village Visit Program	PE Department	Kite Beach	Year 7
Friday	11-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Tennis	PE Department	Tennis Courts	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Monday	14-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Yoga - Whole School	YoFit	Quadrangle	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Tuesday	15-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Table Tennis	PE Department	Table Tennis Area	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Wednesday	16-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Morning walk/jog/run	PE Department	Field	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Thursday	17-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Badminton	PE Department	SS PE Hall	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Friday	18-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Tennis	PE Department	Tennis Courts	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Monday	21-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Yoga - Whole School	YoFit	SS PE Hall	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Tuesday	22-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Volleyball	PE Department	SS PE Hall	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Wednesday	23-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Morning walk/jog/run	PE Department	Field	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Thursday	24-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Table Tennis	PE Department	Table Tennis Area	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Friday	25-Nov-22	12:15pm - 2:30pm	Family Sport Day - Whole School	Whole School	All Sports venues	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)



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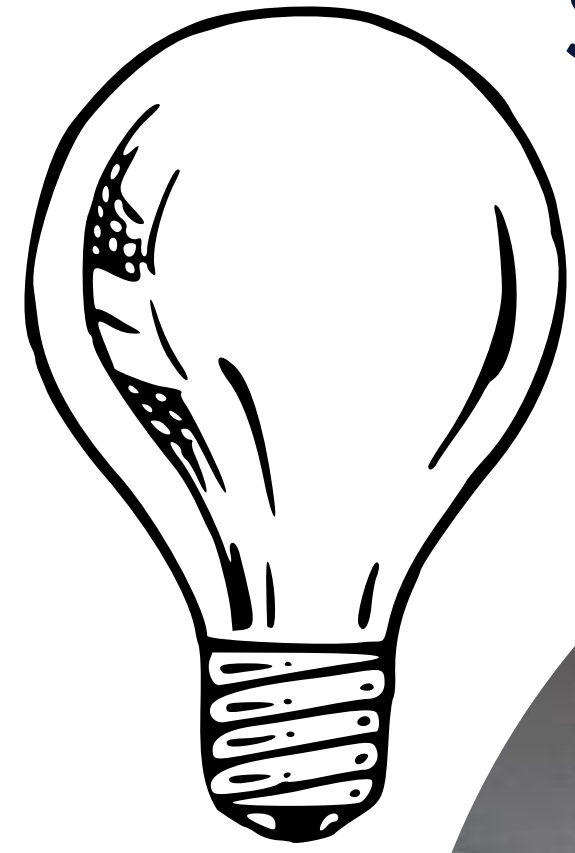
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Tuesday	1-Nov-22	7:00am - 7:30am	Fitness - Open to all	PE Department	PS Gym	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Wednesday	2-Nov-22	7:45am - 8:15am	Walkathon - Y4	PE Department	Field	Y4
Friday	4-Nov-22	7:45am - 10:45am	Walkathon - Y6, Y2, Y5 & Y1	PE Department	Field	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Saturday	5-Nov-22	6:15am - 7:30am	DIA Staff Bike Ride	PE Department	DXBike Car Park	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Monday	7-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Yoga - Whole School	YoFit	Quadrangle	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Monday	7-Nov-22	8:00am - 1:00am	Parkour DXB Trip - Y6 A & B	Parkour DXB	Al Quoz	Y6 A & B
Monday	7-Nov-22	8:00am - 1:00am	Parkour DXB Trip - Y6 C & D	Parkour DXB	JVC	Y6 C & D
Monday	7-Nov-22	8:20am - 9:00am	Walkathon - KG2	PE Department	Field	KG2
Tuesday	8-Nov-22	7:00am - 7:30am	Fitness - Open to all	PE Department	PS Gym	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
Wednesday	9-Nov-22	7:45am - 8:15am	Walkathon - Y4	PE Department	Field	Y4
Wednesday	9-Nov-22	8:00am - 1:00am	Parkour DXB Trip - Y6 E & F	Parkour DXB	Al Quoz	Y6 E & F
Wednesday	9-Nov-22	8:00am - 11:00am	Parkour DXB Trip - Y6 G	Parkour DXB	JVC	Y6 G
Friday	11-Nov-22	9:50am - 10:45am	Walkathon - Y3 & Y1	PE Department	Field	Y3 & Y1
Monday	14-Nov-22	6:50am - 7:20am	Yoga - Whole School	YoFit	Quadrangle	DIA Community (students, parents & faculty)
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#Wellbeing

Sustainability & Earth Hour



#Teaching & Learning

IBCP Student Event Planning Presentation





PADIA

Winter Souk

Friday November 18th 2022
10-5pm

Dubai International Academy
Emirates Hills



Arts & Craft - Books - Toys - Gifts - Clothes - Jewellery
Electronics – Sustainable Vendors - Food & Drinks – Music
Raffle Draw

For sponsor opportunity please email
padiadubai@gmail.com

To book a stall please click on the link to complete this
[form](#)

Local Camps



#Opportunity

- **Local Camps (28 – 30 Nov, 2022): Open to all students in Years 7 to 11**
- **IB retreat (28 – 30 Nov, 2022): Open to all students in Years 12 and 13**



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**RECORD
HOLDER**

**THE LARGEST SPACE
EXPLORATION LESSON
(MULTIPLE VENUES)**

18TH OCTOBER, 2022. 9AM.

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