



Photos courtesy of the Winter Concerts, some of our Cross Country stars and the PS Choir's anual 'Lighting of the Christmas Tree' concert at Swissotel



Happy Holidays - Lucy does not like suitcase day

Heads of Primary's Message

Dear DIA families,

As we near the end of this term, I want to revisit a key messages shared during the Winter Concerts. Your children truly are extraordinary, and it's a privilege to support their growth alongside your parenting.

Disney Magic - Twirls and Tunes

The concerts were nothing short of spectacular, showcasing our vibrant school community. A huge thanks goes to Ms. Rini and Ms. Lauren for their tireless dedication in making these events unforgettable for our Year 1-6 students and to the KG teachers, for amazing efforts with our KG. I know Mr. James really enjoyed the moment a bird starting flying around the school gym while our 3-5 year olds were trying to settle on stage. From dancing, singing, speeches, various masters of ceremony and individual showcases it was incredible. Thank you to Afsah, Mai and Vinita for their support in decorating the hall. We are always in need of parental support for these events and so please reach out to the parents mentioned or Ms. Rini or Ms. Lauren if you want to be more involved at these times. I know we had some parents needing to stand, and this is testament to your dedication. I will keep looking at ways to manage the seating. Finally, I meant every word I shared after each of the shows, your children are wonderful and it is a privilege to have them at the heart of our incredible school.

PE Department Soars to New Heights!

This term marked a leadership transition in the PE department, with Ms. Katie taking the reins and the addition of Mr. Brady to the already incredible team. Ms. Katie's innovative approach has made a remarkable impact, particularly through the introduction of open clubs, which have increased student participation alongside our competitive and developmental squads. Here are some highlights from our sports program:

- Netball Squads: All age groups qualified for the DASSA finals for the first time, with Year 5 and Year 6 A Teams achieving 1st place overall.
- Football Teams: Out of our eight DASSA teams, five won their leagues, making this our most successful season yet!
- Cross Country: We ranked 2nd overall in Dubai for the first time, with outstanding individual performances by Rose, Ameli, Thijs and Tomas, who placed 1st in his last ever race for DIA before his move to Spain. We will miss you!
- Aquathon and Swimming: From Aquathon championships to DASSA Sprint Galas, our swimmers and runners excelled, with DIA placing 1st in Division 6 Swimming and multiple podium finishes across the board.

A huge well done to the students and our collective PE and Competitive Sports Department.

Reports

Reports are coming out today. I hope that you have felt informed about the changes from the welcome meetings at the start of the year, the assessment workshop led by Mr. James and Ms. Steph as well as the information below that has been shared in the last 2 newsletters. Our aim was to create a report that showcases the full year and provides in depth and highly personalised accounts of your children in the school. As always we hope there are no surprises and if you wish to speak to the teacher's about any of the content then please reach out after the holidays.

The Power of Gratitude

This time of year encourages goodwill and love. We marked this as a community by gifting winter boxes to our support staff, filled with consumables from you, designed to bring a smile and sense of appreciation to all who keep our school safe. Further to this, if a recent moment has made a difference to you or your children and you want to see more of it, I encourage you to share it. Gratitude can go a long way and offers a wonderful opportunity to model positive behaviours for our children. Whether it is a teacher, CRA, or a community member, involving children in a small thank-you can mean and come to shape the world.

Happy Holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in 2025,

Tom



New Report Format for 2024-25

Our end of term report will be sent out on Friday December 13th. This year we have improved the main report format. As was explained in the talks about *Data and Assessment* our hope is that they give a clearer insight into your child. There is an extra report added, so now there will be one at the end of every term. Below is a guide to what the report will look like and the information it will contain.



The first two pages of the report explains the IB philosophy and our curriculum.

On page 3, you will find a breakdown of what the grades 1 to 7 mean in terms of the subject and teacher expectations.

Beneath this, there is a guide to Attitude in Learning. This is a change from previous marks which were around perceptions of effort. The school believes that Attitude to Learning is a better reflection of how children are approaching their learning.

From page 4 onwards you will find the grades in each subject for your child. Across the year, the three termly reports will feature slightly different information:

- Term 1: A grade and attitude mark in all subjects (KG parents we do not include grades for your children) with a next step, and a pastoral comment from the homeroom teacher.
- Term 2: A grade and attitude mark in all subjects (KG parents we do not include grades for your children) with a next step, and a mid year comment from specialist teachers.
- Term 3: Grades and attitude mark in all subjects and an end of year pastoral comment from the homeroom teacher.

Each report will feature the grade that was contained in the last report. By the end of the year you will be able to see your child's journey through a subject and have a better overall view of their progress.

The termly report will now feature the information that is sent in our UOI reports. KG1 to Year 1 get four UOI reports and Year 2 to 6 get six across the year. This accumulated information will be on the final page of the report. UOI reports will continue to be sent separately throughout the year.

I hope you find the new report format as easy, accessible and insightful as we do. If you have any feedback once you have received it please do email me at jamesh@diadubai.com.

**EXTRA
EXTRA!
EXTRA!**



Comm's Corner

KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

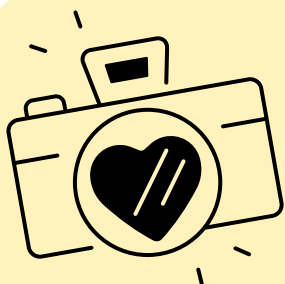
**STUDENT
COUNCIL**

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

YEAR 2

YEAR 6



NOTICES



**TURN
OVER**



Winter Concert Media

Year Y1-6 Photos

Y1-6 Videos

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	31 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	01 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	02 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	03 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	04
05	06 STAFF & STUDENTS RETURN CCA TERM 2 BEGINS	07	08 Y4-6 ISLAMIC AB TRIP TO AL ETIHAD MUSEUM Y2 MEASLES VACCINATION, CLINIC	09 Y2 MEASLES VACCINATION, CLINIC 8-9 JAN	10	11
12	13 PS KG1-2 SPORTS DAY Y1 MEASLES VACCINATION, CLINIC	14 PS Y5-6 SPORTS DAY Y1 MEASLES VACCINATION, CLINIC KG2 TRIP TO OLI OLI	15 PS Y3-4 SPORTS DAY KG2 MEASLES VACCINATION	16 PS Y1-2 SPORTS DAY KG2 MEASLES VACCINATION Y6-7 MOVIE NIGHT (PADIA)	17 PS SPORTS DAY 13-17 JAN GIVE WALKATHON	18
19	20 PS PHOTOS PS SKI-TRIP STUDENT INFO SESSION SPANISH MT ASSEMBLY L1 PRESENTATION HALL	21 PS PHOTOS PS Y5 GAME EXHIBIT	22 PS PHOTOS INNOVENTS ACADEMIC OLYMPIAD Y5-13 DIA-AB PS MUSICAL DRESS & TECH REHEARSAL	23 PS PHOTOS PS MUSICAL MATILDA SHOWCASE (EVENING) Y2-3 ISLAMIC A/B TRIP TO QURAN PARK	24 PS PHOTOS PS MUSICAL MATILDA SHOWCASE (EVENING)	25
26	27 PS PHOTOS	28 PS PHOTOS Y3 TRIP TO LEGOLAND PS Y6 APP EXHIBITIONB	29 PS PHOTOS	30 PS PHOTOS DASSA ATHLETICS COMPETITION FOR Y3-6	31 PS PHOTOS Y1-6 HINDI MT ASSEMBLY Y6 TRANSITION COFFEE MORNING	01

TAKING ACTION

Has your child been taking action out of school? Then we want to know all about it so we can celebrate it on our posters and displays in school...

Please email Mr Nick with any details at nicholast@diadubai.com



Thea (2B) designated time during her weekend to go and clear the rocks and sand clear of litter at Kite Beach. Keep up the awesome job Thea :)



Marko (1F) was incredibly caring recently, taking time to rescue star fish washed up on the beach. Top work Marko :)



Karl (2F) took time out of his Saturday afternoon to go and participate in a beach clean organised by Azraq. Amazing to see Karl :)

JUNIOR DUKE

EST. 2006



HAYA
in 5F



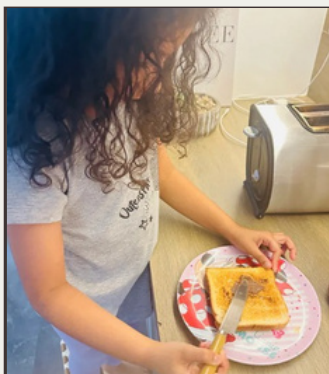
MATEO
in 4G



RYAAN
in 3U



KEREM
in 2U



RIDDHITA
in 1E



RAVISH
in KG21

Send more pictures to Mr Damien: damiens@diadubai.com
or add more images to the Junior Duke Padlets!

DUBAI MARATHON 4K FUN RUN

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY

PUPILS AND PARENTS - WE NEED YOU!

Calling all **pupils** and **parents**. Mr Nick needs you! As a school community, we would love as many parent/children combinations as possible to sign up and join Mr Nick for the 4km Fun Run at the Dubai Marathon event! Please see the links below and if you have any queries, please email nicholast@diadubai.com.



Register Here!

**Complete the form once you
have signed up you and
your child/ren.**



Dubai Marathon 4k Fun
Run - Sign Up
Confirmation

Starts At 10AM



Instrumental Music Lessons at **Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills**

Centre for Musical Arts is proud to bring its expert instrumental music lessons to students at Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills. Registrations are open for lessons in a variety of instruments taught by our highly skilled teachers on an individual or group basis.
Lessons are available to students in Year 3 and above.

For more details and information please visit our website at the link below or to register, scan the QR code with your smartphone:

www.cmadubai.com/en/diaemirateshills

Registration does not guarantee a place on the instrumental programme. You will be contacted when a space becomes available for your child. Lessons take place during the school day and are subject to terms and conditions agreed upon at registration.



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Step out changed forever.



THE HIVE

WINTER FESTIVAL 2024-2025

Dear DIA students, parents and teachers,
You are invited to the **BIGGEST**
theatre festival by and for children!



Live December & January

📍 @PLAY 24B Street - Al Quoz - Dubai

FREE ENTRY

Reserve your seats

hivesocial@liveathive.ae


 THE HIVE THEATRE FESTIVAL 2024 

WHY DOES HE ROAR?

AGE 5-7 YEARS

DATE- 8th December
TIME- 6PM

LOCATION- @PLAY, AL QUOZ



 THE HIVE THEATRE FESTIVAL 2024 

DELICIOUS TEACHERS

AGE 5-7 YEARS

DATE- 8TH DECEMBER
TIME- 10AM | 12:30PM | 4PM

LOCATION- @PLAY, AL QUOZ



THE HIVE THEATRE FESTIVAL 2024 & 25

Santa Interviews

DATE- 14th December
TIME- 10AM | 12PM | 2PM | 4PM | 6PM

DATE- 15th December
TIME- 12PM | 2:30PM | 4:30PM

DATE- 19th January
TIME- 10AM | 12PM

LOCATION
@PLAY, AL QUOZ




THE HIVE THEATRE
FESTIVAL 2025

THE MURDER WAS STAGED

DATE- 18th January
TIME- 10AM | 12PM | 2PM | 4PM | 6PM

LOCATION- @PLAY, AL QUOZ



 THE HIVE THEATRE
FESTIVAL 2025 

ONCE UPON A MURDER

LOCATION- @PLAY, AL QUOZ

DATE- 11TH JANUARY
TIME- 10AM | 12PM | 2PM | 4PM | 6PM



 @play

THE HIVE THEATRE FESTIVAL 2025

ABSOLUTELY TRUE STORIES

DATE- 12th January
TIME- 10AM | 12PM | 2PM | 4PM | 6PM

LOCATION- @PLAY, AL QUOZ

