Primary DIAlogue

Newsletter

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DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY
Emirates Hills

















That's right....
Ms. Desi's skirt is made of books









Courtesy of World Teachers Day, Jeeyansh's ranking as UAE No.1 for Badminton (a huge achievement and celebration of not just talent but dedication).

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PASSIONATE ABOUT DIA

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My first savoury pie from scratch - Slow braised beef bourguignon (thank you to the French for this treat of a recipe)

Head of Primary's Message

Dear DIA families,



Our Very Own Librarian of the Year! 🏆📚
There really is only one place to start this week's newsletter!

Our beloved librarian, Ms Desi, has officially been named the 2026 Dubai Librarian of the Year by the Emirates Literature Foundation! Having been shortlisted for this award previously, it is wonderful to see her incredible work recognised this year with the top prize.
Anyone who knows Ms Desi will know that our library is about so much more than books. Her enthusiasm, creativity and genuine love of reading have helped create a space that our children adore visiting and a culture where books, stories and reading are celebrated throughout the school.

I cannot express just how fortunate we are to have her as part of our community, and I know there will be an enormous number of children, colleagues and parents who will be delighted to see her receive this recognition.
If you find a moment this week, please do drop Ms Desi a message or stop by the library to congratulate her. I am sure she would love to hear from you.

Congratulations, Ms Desi – Dubai's Librarian of the Year! We couldn't be prouder. 📚🏆

House Spirit in Full Colour! 🔥💧🌍💨
This week we held our House Day, and Primary was certainly not short of colour! Children completed a range of fun challenges within their classes, while nominated students also competed in sporting events to earn those all-important House points.

A huge thank you to Ms Natalie (Head of Houses), our teachers and the PE Department, and particularly to Mr Mark, whose enthusiasm for the House basketball competition might just be slightly greater than that of the children!

What I enjoyed most, though, was seeing how completely the children embraced the day. House shirts were merely the starting point – we had capes, hats, face paint and some wonderfully creative additions. There was a real sense of fun, belonging and friendly competition throughout the school.

Thank you to everyone who got involved!

Coffee, Cupcakes and a Lot of Appreciation ☕🧁
Although World Teachers' Day is officially on 5 October, we started the celebrations a little early this morning – and what a lovely morning it was.

A huge thank you to PADIA, who created the most wonderful breakfast for our staff, complete with coffee, treats, a photo booth, nomination games, conversations, hugs and plenty of appreciation. Teaching is an enormously rewarding profession, but it also asks a great deal of the people who choose it, so moments when our community simply says “thank you” really do mean something.

As part of the morning, colleagues nominated members of staff who they felt make a significant difference day in, day out. From those nominations, PADIA selected Ms Dianne as our overall winner! She walked away with cupcakes, a Cutting Edge Salon hair voucher and a Dip Dash voucher.

Thank you to PADIA for making our teachers feel so valued, and to all of our staff for everything they give to our children each day.

PTO

Head of Primary's Message

A Little Patience Goes a Long Way 🚗

I have received a couple of reports recently of parents being unpleasant (as I was not there I have tired to use a word that encapsulates the feeling these parents shared) with one another during drop-off and collection. Over the many years of DIA, the school leaders have experimented with numerous approaches to traffic and, unfortunately, what solves one problem can quite easily create another. There isn't a perfect system and some suggestions are simply out of our control.

What we can control, however, is how we treat one another.

Please be patient, courteous and try not to assume the worst of others. Sometimes we have bad mornings. Sometimes a toddler decides that shoes are suddenly their greatest adversary. Sometimes an unexpected delay means somebody is more rushed than they would like to be. Approaching these moments with curiosity rather than judgement models exactly the kind of community-mindedness we want our children to develop.

My best advice remains fairly simple: leave plenty of time – we have a 35-minute drop-off window – make use of our carpooling initiative or organise one between friends, and at collection be mindful of those around you. Please don't block others unnecessarily and, once your child is safely with you, move on promptly where possible. With the cooler weather around the corner we will soon have a significant reduction in traffic for those who can walk and cycle. For our older and more independent children, families may also choose to arrange their own sensible meeting points outside the campus. Please remember, however, that once children leave the school site they are entering public areas and roads, so any arrangements should be age-appropriate and carefully considered by parents.
Traffic may test our patience occasionally. It shouldn't test our kindness.

Books Are Coming Home… Please Send Them Back! 📚

From Years 1–6, you will see your child's books coming home today. This is an opportunity for you to see some of the learning taking place in school and, importantly, to celebrate it with them.

You should find a small slip inviting you to leave a motivational comment. Please keep this firmly focused on encouragement and celebration – you can leave the next steps to us! A little "I loved seeing how much effort you put into this" can mean an enormous amount to a child.

We continue to place a firm emphasis on traditional approaches to learning, including plenty of writing, reading and work completed in books. Although iPads naturally feature more as children move through the Upper Years, seeing a device in use does not necessarily mean the final outcome is digital. Often it is simply being used as a resource for research, reference or another part of a task that ultimately ends up on paper.

There is just one important part of this initiative where we need your help: **please return the books on Monday**. Children need them back in school for their learning to continue, and the initiative can only work if we reliably get them back. We would really like to keep giving families this window into classroom learning, so please enjoy looking through them, add your message, celebrate the effort… and then pop them straight back into the school bag for Monday!

CAT4, NGRT, PASS, ACER… Alphabet Soup Explained! 🔤

A quick update for our Year 3–6 parents regarding CAT4 reports. We will shortly be reissuing these reports, as the versions previously shared did not include the UK indicators.

As an international IB school, these UK-specific indicators are less relevant to our educational context and are not something we use to inform our provision. However, we know that a number of parents have been keen to see this additional information, so we are happy to make it available. As it does not form part of how we use CAT4 at DIA, please understand that we may not further discuss this particular element of the report.

Next week, Years 3-6 will complete the PASS survey, which gives an insight into students' attitudes to school and themselves as learners. Like NGRT, there are no parent reports produced for these.

Standardised assessment reports can contain an extraordinary amount of numbers, abbreviations and unfamiliar terms. Knowing what actually matters is often far more useful than simply having more data. With this in mind, we will hold a Parent Information Session next Friday, 9 October at 7.45am in the canteen extension, where we will unpack CAT4 reporting, explain the different indicators and look at how the information helps us understand an individual child's learning profile. We will also explore NGRT, PASS and ACER, and explain how these different sources of information work together with what teachers see every day to build a much fuller picture of a child's learning, progress and wellbeing.

The aim isn't to turn everyone into an assessment expert in an hour! It is simply to help you understand what these assessments tell us, what they don't tell us, and how we actually use the information to support your children.

Kind regards,
Tom

Comm's Corner

EXTRA EXTRA!

KG1

KG2

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 4

YEAR 5

YEAR 6

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

NOTICES

TURN OVER

Ecoventures Online Parent Info Session

Year 4-6 Local Camps & Year 5-6 Sri Lanka Trip

Date: Thursday, 8th October

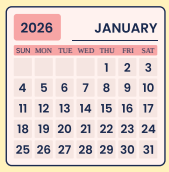
Time: 4:30PM

Join Zoom Meeting Link

Meeting ID: 894 7960 0752

Passcode: 940155

Year 4-6 Camps & Residentials Booklet



HOUSE DAY - WOLF PHOTOS

KG1 LUNCH PROVISION SURVEY

KALO KG 1 LUNCH DELIVERY INTEREST SURVEY - FILL OUT FORM

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10 OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01 OCT KG1-Y6 PS HOUSE DAY (WEAR HOUSE COLOURS)	02 OCT PADIA WORLD TEACHERS DAY FOOTLOOSE FRIDAY BEGINS, CHECK EMAIL COMMUNICATION FOR SIGN UP,	03 OCT PINK IS PUNK, ANANTARA PALM, BY IGNITE 6 AM ONWARDS
04	05 PASS TESTING 5-9 OCTOBER (PS & SS)	06 PASS TESTING 5-9 OCTOBER (PS & SS) Y6 ASSEMBLY REHEARSAL L6-7 QUAD PADIA CLAIM LOST ITEMS, QUAD 6-8 OCTOBER	07 PASS TESTING 5-9 OCTOBER (PS & SS) Y6 ASSEMBLY, L1-2, QUAD YEAR 5 AI TRAINING L3-4 (STUDENTS ONLY), CANTEEN EXTENSION PS THE WHITE CONCERT FAMILY EVENT - YEAR 1, KISS & DROP, 7.45 -9.00 AM PADIA CLAIM LOST ITEMS, QUAD 6-8 OCTOBER WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 7-8 OCTOBER NEW!	08 PASS TESTING 5-9 OCTOBER (PS & SS) ONLINE PARENT INFO SESSION - ECOVENTURES SRI LANKA AND LOCAL CAMPS KG1-Y6 PS DYSLEXIA AWARENESS DAY (WEAR RED) PS THE WHITE CONCERT FAMILY EVENT - YEAR 2 KISS & DROP, 7.45 -9.00 AM PADIA CLAIM LOST ITEMS, QUAD 6-8 OCTOBER WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 7-8 OCTOBER NEW!	09 PASS TESTING 5-9 OCTOBER (PS & SS) Y2-6 PARENT INFO SESSION, STANDARDIZED TESTING, 7.45 AM, CANTEEN EXTENSION PADIA LOST & FOUND UNCLIAMED ITEMS DONATED TO CHARITY NEW!	10
11	12 MID TERM BREAK 12-16 OCTOBER (NO SCHOOL FOR PS & SS)	13 MID TERM BREAK 12-16 OCTOBER (NO SCHOOL FOR PS & SS)	14 MID TERM BREAK 12-16 OCTOBER (NO SCHOOL FOR PS & SS)	15 MID TERM BREAK 12-16 OCTOBER (NO SCHOOL FOR PS & SS)	16 MID TERM BREAK 12-16 OCTOBER (NO SCHOOL FOR PS & SS)	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 PADIA GARAGE SALE, PS GYM, TIMINGS TBC	24 Y4-6 CAMPS PAYMENT DEADLINE DUE DATE
25	26 ARABIC ACER & IBT (26-30 OCT)	27 ARABIC ACER & IBT (26-30 OCT)	28 ARABIC ACER & IBT (26-30 OCT)	29 ARABIC ACER & IBT (26-30 OCT)	30 ARABIC ACER & IBT (26-30 OCT)	31

11 / 12 NEW! NOVEMBER / DECMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 PS BOOKFAIR BOOKTOPIA 2-6 NOVEMBER, FOYER KG1 MT BEGINS	03 PS BOOKFAIR BOOKTOPIA 2-6 NOVEMBER, FOYER PS PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATION (PTC) (NO SCHOOL FOR PS STUDENTS)	04 PS BOOKFAIR BOOKTOPIA 2-6 NOVEMBER, FOYER Y5-6 INNOVENTS MATH CHALLENGE, DIAAB	05 PS BOOKFAIR BOOKTOPIA 2-6 NOVEMBER, FOYER	06 PS BOOKFAIR BOOKTOPIA 2-6 NOVEMBER, FOYER	07
08	09	10 S4K PRODUCTION (WINTER) KG1-Y6 THE UGLY DUCKLING	11	12 KG2 TEACH REX DINASSOUR, DANCE ROOM Y4-6 INNOVENTS PS DEBATE, RWA	13 MT SPANISH MOVIE NIGHT, QUAD, 5 PM ONWARDS Y4-6 INNOVENTS PS DEBATE, RWA Y3-6 IVEI PS SWIMMING AT DIA-TS PADIA COOKING EVENT	14
15	16 PS WINTER CONCERT YEARS 1-6 (KG GYM & DANCE ROOM) 16-20 NOVEMBER	17 PS WINTER CONCERT YEARS 1-6 (KG GYM & DANCE ROOM) 16-20 NOVEMBER PRILS 2026	18 PS WINTER CONCERT YEARS 1-6 (KG GYM & DANCE ROOM) 16-20 NOVEMBER KG2 PICNIC, QUAD 18-19 NOV 4.30-6.00 PM (SECTIONS TBC)	19 PS WINTER CONCERT YEARS 1-6 (KG GYM & DANCE ROOM) 16-20 NOVEMBER KG2 PICNIC, QUAD 18-19 NOV 4.30-6.00 PM (SECTIONS TBC)	20 PS WINTER CONCERT YEARS 1-6 (KG GYM & DANCE ROOM) 16-20 NOVEMBER	21
22	23	24	25 Y4 CAMP (GROUP 1 - 25-26 NOV) Y5 CAMP 25-27 NOV Y6 CAMP 25-27 NOV	26 Y2 EXHIBITION, SKY GARDEN, 1.30 PM ONWARDS Y4 CAMP (GROUP 1 - 25-26 NOV) Y4 CAMP (GROUP 2 - 26-27 NOV) Y5 CAMP 25-27 NOV Y6 CAMP 25-27 NOV	27 WINTER SOUQ (PADIA) Y4 CAMP (GROUP 2 - 26-27 NOV) Y5 CAMP 25-27 NOV Y6 CAMP 25-27 NOV	28
29	30 PS NATIONAL DAY ASSEMBLY	01 DEC	02 DEC UAE NATIONAL DAY* 2-4 DEC (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF) TBC	03 DEC UAE NATIONAL DAY* 2-4 DEC (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF) TBC	04 DEC UAE NATIONAL DAY* 2-4 DEC (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF) TBC	05 DEC
06	07 PS ARABIC BOOK FAIR LUGHATI 7-11 DECEMBER	08 PS ARABIC BOOK FAIR LUGHATI 7-11 DECEMBER	09 PS ARABIC BOOK FAIR LUGHATI 7-11 DECEMBER	10 PS ARABIC BOOK FAIR LUGHATI 7-11 DECEMBER SWEDISH MT WINTER ASSEMBLY, L1, PS GYM Y4 WAX MUSEUM, SKY GARDEN L1-2 TERM 1 REPORTS TO PARENTS	11 PS ARABIC BOOK FAIR LUGHATI 7-11 DECEMBER	12 WINTER BREAK BEGINS

Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills Calendar Outline 2026 – 2027	
SMT return to School for Orientation and Training	19 August 2026
HODs, Subject leaders, HOYs and Year level leaders return to School for Orientation and Training	20 August 2026
Teachers return to School for Orientation and Training	24 August 2026
Prophet Mohammad's birthday* (No school for students and staff)	25 August 2026
Primary School 'Hopes & Dreams' KG1 – Year 6	31 August 2026
Secondary School new students' orientation - All Year 7, 11 and 13 students' orientation	31 August 2026
Lessons start for Year 1 – Year 13 students	1 September 2026
KG1 & KG2 settling in programme	1 - 4 September 2026
Mid-term Break	12 – 16 October 2026
Innoventures Education PD Day (Early dismissal for all students)	29 October 2026
Parent Teacher Consultations KG1 – Year 6 (No school for PS students)	3 November 2026
Parent Teacher Online Consultations Year 7 – 13 (No school for SS students)	10 November 2026
Parent Teacher Consultations Year 7 – 13 (No school for SS students)	20 November 2026
UAE National Day* (No school for students and staff)	2 – 4 December 2026
Winter Break	14 December 2026 – 3 January 2027
Lessons start for KG1 – Year 13 students	4 January 2027
Innoventures Education PD Day (Early dismissal for all students)	2 February 2027
Parent Teacher Consultations Year 11 – 13 (No school for SS students)	5 February 2027
Ramadan begins*	8 February 2027
Eid Al Fitr* (No school for students and staff)	8 – 12 March 2027
Innoventures Education PD Day (Early dismissal for all students)	25 March 2027
Parent Teacher Consultations KG1 – Year 6 (No school for PS students)	31 March 2027
Spring Break	5 – 9 April 2027
Parent Teacher Consultations Year 7 – 10 (No school for SS students)	22 April 2027
Eid Al Adha* (No school for students and staff)	15 – 18 May 2027
Parent Teacher Consultations KG1 – Year 6 (No school for PS students)	24 May 2027
Hijri New Year* (No school for students and staff)	6 June 2027
End of Year for Students and Teachers	2 July 2027
Please note that all dates are correct at the time of writing and could be subject to change owing to the lunar calendar and government announcements for public holidays	

World Mental Health Day
7th - 8th October

Dubai International Academy



Year 1 & 2 only
Mrs. Desi

Classroom Activities



Student Council Messages



Kindness Postbox



DREAM INSPIRE ACHIEVE

KG1-Y6
Dyslexia Awareness
8th October!

WEAR RED

Children will be doing Dyslexia Awareness Activities in the Quad / Classroom



INCLUSION TEAM

PARENT AWARENESS GUIDE

Every mind reads differently.

Dyslexia is a common learning difference. With understanding at home and support at school, children with dyslexia can thrive.

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY · INCLUSION DEPARTMENT



1 in 10
people have some degree of dyslexia — it often runs in families.

No link
to intelligence. Dyslexic children are just as bright as their peers.

Lifelong
but early, targeted support makes a real and lasting difference.

What you might notice at home

Early years ages 3–6
- Enjoys stories but struggles with rhymes
- Mixes up sounds in long words
- Slow to learn letter names & sounds

Primary ages 6–11
- Reading is slow, effortful or guessed
- Spells the same word several ways
- Finds times tables & sequences hard

Secondary ages 11+
- Takes much longer on homework
- Great ideas out loud, less on paper
- Avoids reading; struggles with notes

Five things you can do tonight

1. **Read to them** — books above their reading level build vocabulary and love of stories.
2. **Try audiobooks** — listening is real reading, and keeps them up with their friends.
3. **Chunk homework** — 15–20 minute bursts with movement breaks in between.
4. **Make it multi-sensory** — trace, say and build tricky words with magnets or sand.
5. **Notice effort** — praise how hard they tried, not just the mark.

Words that help

INSTEAD OF	TRY
"Just sound it out."	"Let's work it out together."
"You need to try harder."	"I can see how hard you're working."
"Your spelling is so messy."	"Your ideas here are brilliant."

Strengths to celebrate

Creative thinking	Big-picture ideas	Problem solving	Storytelling
Building & making	Empathy	Curiosity	Resilience

Concerned? Simple next steps

1. **Observe**
Note what you notice and when it happens.

2. **Talk**
Share what you've seen with your child's teacher.

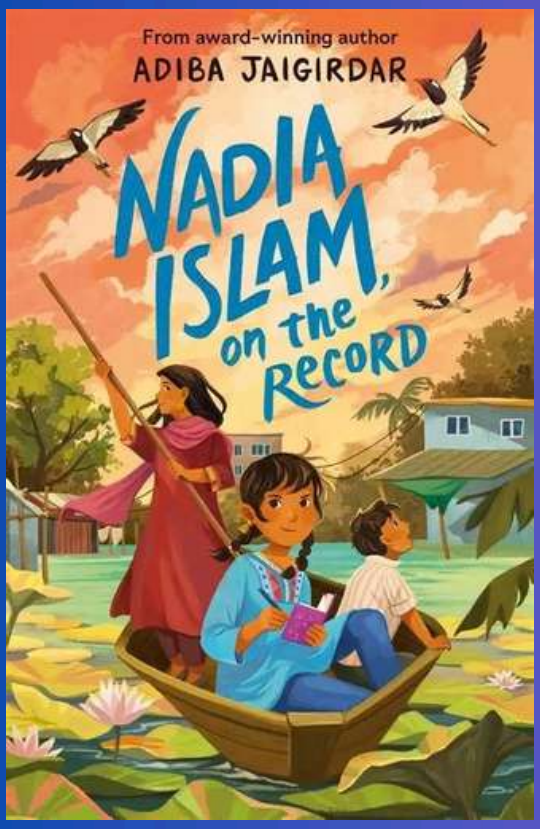
3. **Work together**
Agree on small, simple ways to support your child at home and at school.

Myth buster: Writing letters backwards (like **b** and **d**) is common in **all** young children and is not a sign of dyslexia on its own. Dyslexia is mainly about how the brain processes the **sounds** in words.

Questions? Contact the **Inclusion Department** — we're here to help.

ELF - Chevron Reader's Cup

Years 3-4-5-6



NADIA ISLAM IS LOOKING FOR A BIG STORY – THE KIND THAT WILL HELP HER PROVE THAT SHE'S A WORLD- CLASS JOURNALIST.

When her family travel to Bangladesh for the summer, she's upset about missing her first Ramadan fasting with her best friend, but she's determined to find something important to investigate. Luckily, her journalist aunt is working on a story about the country's climate crisis and she wants Nadia's help. But her cousins have challenged her to a Ramadan competition. And Nadia never backs down from a challenge...

Can she put aside her competitiveness to deliver the scoop?

Would you like to represent our school in the ELF Reader's Cup? Register your interest here by 2 October. Read Nadia Islam, on the Record and take the selection quiz on 21 or 22 October. The eight highest scorers will qualify for the final round.

Questions? Email Mr Jack at Jacky@diadubai.com or Ms. Aida at aidaa@diadubai.com

The EmiratesLiteratureFoundation organisesthe Readers' Cup competition each year. Find out more about it here.



IN HONOUR OF WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

THE WHITE CONCERT

World Mental Health Day
oct 10

Year 1
7th October
7:45 - 9:00

Year 2
8th October
7:45 - 9:00

A Family Picnic • Classical Music • Storytelling

Join us for a beautiful morning outdoors - a moment to pause, connect, listen,shareandcelebrate wellbeingtogether

Bring your picnic breakfast, dress in white,
and enjoy a special live performance of:

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

A unique and interactive musical storytelling experience, bringing a timeless fairy tale to life through the beautiful music of the Romantic era. Discover the music of Liszt, Chopin, Schumann, Schubert, Massenet and Elgar, performed live by the musicians and artists of Diggy Dinos Classical- music educators on a mission to inspire young minds & hearts through the magic of classical music.









Family Event
Students can attend with one or two parents present. Only siblings in Years 1 & 2 may attend.

Venue: Kiss & Drop Garden



Ticket Required
Book Your Family Ticket (1 per family=70.00 AED) by Sunday 4th October on the Zenda app

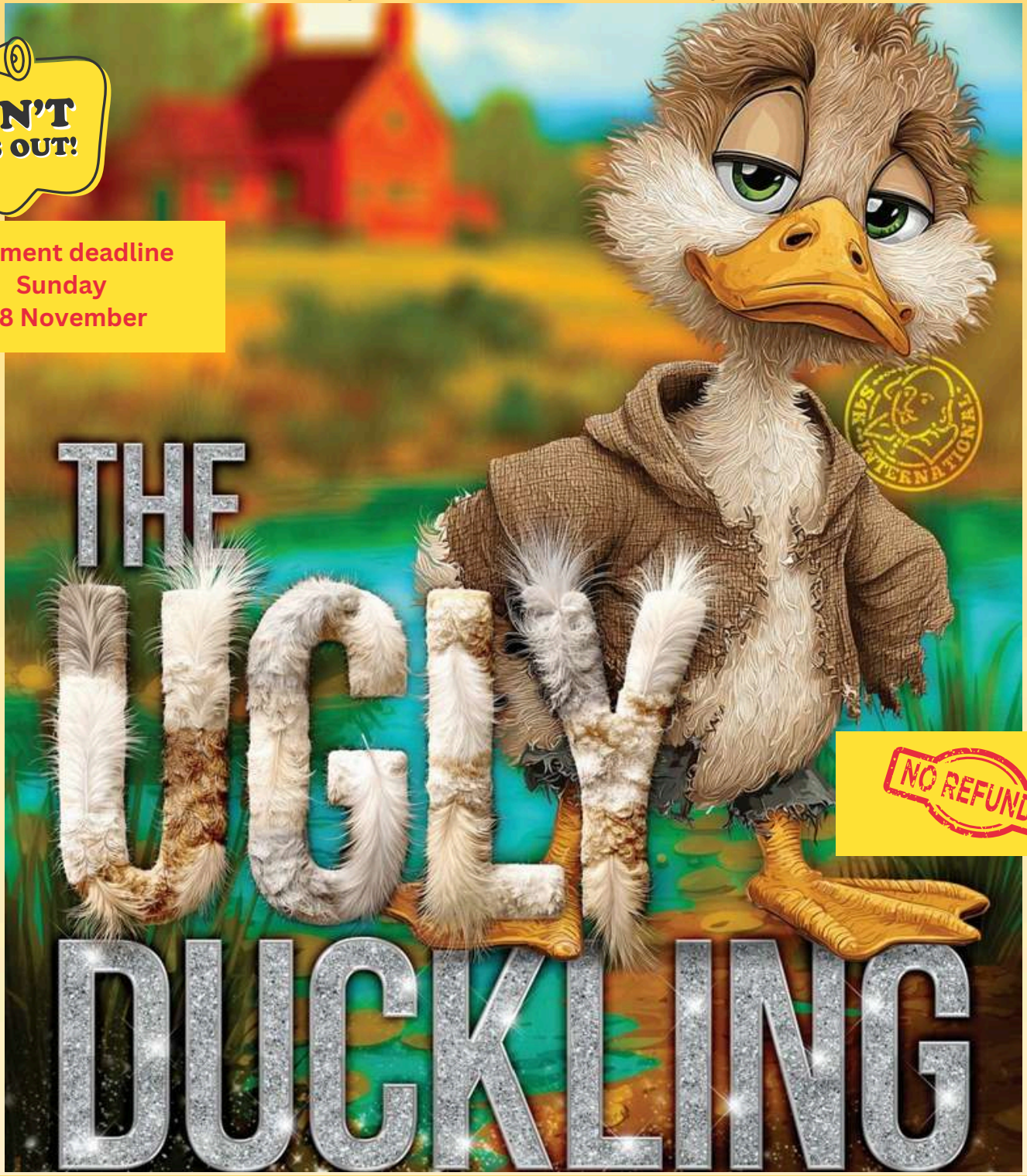
COMING TO DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY ON TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2026

Is Beauty only Feathers-Deep?

The Ugly Duckling is a musical comedy show written for young children and based on the famous fairytale by Hans Christian Anderson.

It is the story about a young bird who is mocked and bullied by his newly-hatched brother and sister ducklings because he is different from them. They think he is ugly! Even his mother thinks he is ugly! Feeling unwanted, unloved and alone he runs away - only to meet other farm animals who either reject him or want to eat him. Then the winter arrives - cold, freezing, icy and snowy. What is a young duck to do? How can our little guy survive? When spring arrives, he meets a flock of beautiful swans and has the surprise of his life! The Ugly Duckling is a delightful, musical comedy show with plenty of audience participation and interactive fun. Our young audiences will go on a journey with the characters where we explore themes of personal growth, discrimination, positivity, kindness and diversity.

This show is performed in English and sensitively adapted for young, international audience



Payment deadline Sunday 08 November

Show times:
KG1, KG2 & Year 1 - TBC
Years 2-3 - TBC
Year 5-6 - TBC
The show will take place in the SS PE Hall, where all students will be seated. Students who are not watching will remain in class with one of the year level team teachers.

If you wish your child to attend this fantastic performance then please arrange an online payment of AED 60 via Zenda using either of the following:
Zenda App through mobile: app.zenda.com/getstarted
Zenda webpage: https://innoventureseducation.zenda.com/

DIA Arts Presents

CLASSROOM CURTAIN CALL

NOV 16TH - 20TH

presentations will take place during your childs music and dance lesson this week

Classroom Curtain Call Timetable:

Years 1-6 **CLICK HERE TO VIEW**

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With Support From

WHERE WILL YOUR WORDS TAKE YOU?

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Spelling Bee Championship UAE 2026-27



FROM UAE CLASSROOMS TO THE WORLD STAGE

www.spellingbee.ae

Spelling Bee Championship UAE

We are delighted to announce that registrations for the **Spelling Bee Championship UAE 2026–2027** are now officially open for students in grades upto 8th (upto year 9) across the UAE.

Building on a successful season that engaged students from diverse curricula and schools across the Emirates and encouraged by the support and engagement of the UAE education community, including KHDA, we are excited to begin another year of celebrating literacy, language development, and academic excellence.

The championship aims to help students:
Strengthen vocabulary and spelling proficiency
Develop confidence in communication and public speaking
Improve reading comprehension and language skills
Foster curiosity about language, word origins, and etymology
Experience healthy academic competition in a positive environment

Registration Fee: AED 225 per student

Parents can learn more and register their child directly at www.spellingbee.ae

Each registered participant will receive:
Official 2,500-Word Preparation List
Etymology and Word Origin Support
Four Complimentary Quiz Test Sessions
Access to the LEARN Platform

Key Dates (Tentative)

Preliminary Rounds: October/November 2026
Semi-Finals: January 2027 (Tentative)
Grand Finals: February 2027 (Tentative)

Last season culminated in the UAE Champion representing the nation at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington DC, providing students with an opportunity to connect local achievement with global excellence.

Contact:
Team Spelling Bee Championship UAE - support@spellingbee.ae



We are pleased to share an exciting opportunity for students to take part in the International Mental Maths Olympiad (iMMO) 2026. Students from Kindergarten through to Grade 12 are invited to complete a free Mental Maths Eligibility Test, designed to identify and celebrate mathematical aptitude in young learners. The test also serves as the qualifying stage for the International Mental Maths Olympiad (iMMO) 2026.

Please note that this opportunity is not currently organised or run through the school.

We are sharing it with our families as an exciting opportunity for children who enjoy maths and would like to challenge themselves further. Please see the attached poster for further information, including registration details and relevant contact information.

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Emirates Hills

Lost and Found

Please claim your lost items
at the Quad between
6–8 October
before it goes to a good cause.

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