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Amay Bhojani, student 0002 putting in a rowing shift with the support of Lucy and Arthur.

Head of Primary's Message

Dear DIA families,

Matilda The Musical – The Video Is Here!

I am thrilled to announce that the Matilda The Musical video is ready! 🎬 You can watch it here. I hope you enjoy reliving the magic as much as I did. For those of you with children considering trying out next year, this is a great glimpse into what we build towards—with plenty of time, dedication, and commitment. [CLICK HERE](#)

ChoirFestME & DIAMUN – A Week of Musical Excellence

It's been an incredible week for our 90 choir students!

- Our Upper School Choir competed for the first time at ChoirFestME, standing alongside 40+ of the most talented school choirs from the region. Their performance—featuring songs from Matilda—gave me goosebumps. 🎵🌟 Huge thanks to Ms. Lauren and Ms. Venisha for guiding the choir to such excellence, even with last-minute curveballs thrown their way over the past few days.
- Meanwhile, our Lower School Choir (as well as our DanceVersity Squad and Upper School Choir) had their first-ever public performance at DIAMUN—almost 30 of our youngest singers stood up in front of over 500 guests! 🎵 They bravely took the stage during the opening ceremony, and their beautiful singing was a real highlight. A massive thank you to Ms. Sarah and Ms. Maha for their dedication and hard work.

Junior DIAMUN & World Scholars Cup – Good Luck!

Best of luck to our Junior DIAMUN students participating in the senior school event this weekend! It's a fantastic opportunity to observe and prepare for their own conference later this year.

Also, a big cheer for our World Scholars Cup students, who are gearing up to compete in debating, history, general knowledge, literature, and more. 🏆📚 A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Lyndsey for her tireless work preparing the team!

Sky Garden Sleepover – Year 3 Adventures

If you saw some sleepy faces in Year 3 (especially the teachers! 😊), it's because they had their annual Sky Garden Sleepover—with over 170 excited children camping under the stars. 🌌 The night was filled with movies, pizza, hot chocolate, and lots of giggles, with the final few nodding off around 1am. This sleepover helps prepare students for their Year 4 residential, offering a gentle introduction to nights away from home. Huge thanks to Ms. Sinead, the Year 3 team, and Ms. Stephanie for leading this memorable night (and surviving the lack of sleep!).

Wellbeing Walks, Mother Tongue Day & Wonderful Assemblies

- Year 5 students enjoyed a calming Lakes Walk as part of their Wellbeing Unit—a perfect blend of learning and mindfulness. 🌳
- Year 2 wowed us with outstanding class assemblies, filled with energy, creativity, and confidence.
- We also celebrated Mother Tongue Day—highlighting the beauty of languages spoken in our community. One special moment? A student beaming with pride as she leapt on her dad, who was about to read to the class in their Italian mother tongue. Moments like these remind us of the power of language and family connections. ❤️📖

Head of Primary's Message

Tech & Uniform Reminders

I'd like to remind parents of the school's technology protocols:

- Mobile phones are not permitted during school hours. If they are brought, they must be switched off and securely stored. If phones are given for communication purposes after school, I strongly recommend that these are **not** smart phones.
- iPads must not have mobile data capabilities in school.
- iPads are not permitted unless directly supervised during lessons and all staff have been informed and reminded that they are not to be used as a reward.
- We strongly encourage parents to lock games in password-protected folders and activate parental controls.
- Misuse of devices may lead to confiscation, and parents may be contacted for support.


Please support the school in reinforcing these rules to ensure a safe learning environment and a collective community.

Ramadan Timings – Plan Ahead

Next week is the final week before Ramadan timings begin. Please review the adjusted schedules and plan accordingly:

- No CCAs during Ramadan.
- Prompt pick-ups are essential (as always)—thank you for your understanding.

Do you have a budding author who wants to compete?



Unleash your child's creativity!  The Voices of Future Generations writing competition is now open, giving young writers the chance to share their stories with the world. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore their imagination, develop their writing skills, and contribute to important conversations about sustainability and the future of our planet. Plus, they'll have the chance to be recognised as a published author!





Encourage your budding storyteller to submit their entry and let their voice be heard. For more details and how to enter, visit: [Voices of Future Generations Writing Competition](#).

- **Important** The participant child group age is between **8-12** years old. For children who are 12 years old, turning 13 before the competition deadline **31 May 2025** will disqualify their story.

Rowing Through the Night: Our 20-Hour Anniversary Challenge!

This week, we smashed another 20th Anniversary Challenge with an incredible 20-hour rowing marathon!   Parents, students, teachers—even Lucy and Arthur joined forces to keep the rowers moving non-stop. We kicked off on Wednesday evening with Hitesh leading the charge, and my shift (along with the pups) started at 11:30 PM, before leaving around 3 AM. A special shoutout to Ms. Poonam, our unstoppable CEO, who showed up at 1 AM to row—proving once again that she never backs down from a challenge! We even welcomed back student 0002 Amay Bhojani, Ms. Poonam's son who put in a great shift in the early hours. A special thank you to Mr. Mihail, and the wider PE team who were the organisers and pioneers of this event.

It was an amazing community effort, filled with determination and team spirit. Stay tuned for more exciting challenges coming your way soon—there's plenty more fun and teamwork ahead!  

Kind regards,
Tom

**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



Fully compliant uniform



Acceptable example of a non DIA jumper

As the colder months set in, please be reminded about uniform. If children are feeling the cold please ensure that they are sent in with clothing that meets the uniform standards.

Large branded hoodies, jumpers and colours that deviate from navy blue are not permitted. Please help teachers avoid conversations with students about this and support them in being dressed appropriately. This includes long hair being tied back.

**TURN
OVER**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
02 DANCE & CHEER TEAM PERFORMANCE AT DP WORLD ILT20 CRICKET	03 PS PHOTOS (MAKE UP) 3A & 3B ASSEMBLY L7 QUAD Y1 MEASLES VACCINATION 3-4 FEB	04 PS PHOTOS (MAKE UP) INNOVENTS FORWARD IDEAS Y5-12 AT RWA 3C & 3G CLASS ASSEMBLY L7 QUAD Y1 MEASLES VACCINATION 3-4 FEB	05 PS PHOTOS (MAKE UP) 3D & 3E CLASS ASSEMBLY L7 QUAD DANCE & CHEER TEAM PERFORMANCE AT DP WORLD ILT20 CRICKET UNIT 3 REPORTS (Y2-6) KG2 MEASLES VACCINATION 5-6 FEB WORLD READ ALOUD DAY AT THE LIBRARY	06 PS PHOTOS (MAKE UP) 3F CLASS ASSEMBLY L7 QUAD Y4 ARABIC A TRIP TO POTS & PAINTS CERAMIC CAFE SS WATER FOR LIFE CARNAVAL KG2 MEASLES VACCINATION 5-6 FEB	07 PS PHOTOS (MAKE UP)	08 PS SRI LANKA TRIP Y5-6 (8-12 FEB)
09 PS SRI LANKA TRIP Y5-6 (8-12 FEB)	10 PS SRI LANKA TRIP Y5-6 (8-12 FEB) Y1 PETTING ZOO (KISS & DROP) Y2 HABITATS EXHIBITION, SKY GARDEN 1.30-2.30 PM YEAR 5 MINI EXHIBITION SKY GARDEN L1-2 Y5-6 GIRLS INTL NETBALL & SWIM SHOWDOWN - DIA-EH, 9.30-4.00 PM Y4F SHARK TANK L7 PS214	11 PS SRI LANKA TRIP Y5-6 (8-12 FEB) KG1 TRIP TO GREEN PLANET ECO & ACTION AMBASSADORS TRIP 4G SHARK TANK L1 CLASSROOM 4C SHARK TANK L7 PS214 4A SHARK TANK L7 KG GYM	12 PS SRI LANKA TRIP Y5-6 (8-12 FEB) HAQ AL LAILA 4D SHARK TANK L7 PS214	13 MID TERM BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS)	14 MID TERM BREAK (NO SCHOOL FOR PS)	15
16	17	18 2D,2G CLASS ASSEMBLY L7 QUAD	19 CHOIRFESTIME - DIATONES CHOIR 19-20 FEB 2A & 2B ASSEMBLY L7 CANTEEN 4E SHARK TANK L1 KG GYM 4B SHARK TANK L1 PS214 PADIA 2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE 8-10 AM, FOYER	20 YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER, 6.00 PM, SKY GARDEN CHOIRFESTIME - DIATONES CHOIR 19-20 FEB Y5 LAKES WALK 9.30-10.40 AM 2E,2F CLASS ASSEMBLY L7 CANTEEN DIAMUN OPENING - DIATONES + LOWER CHOIR 4.15 PM Y6 SERVICE AS ACTION - TALK BY SS STUDENTS	21 INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY Y3 SLEEP OVER ENDS 7.30 AM DIAMUN Y8-13 AT DIAEH 21-23 FEB 2C CLASS ASSEMBLY L1 KG GYM	22 DIAMUN Y8-13 AT DIAEH 21-23 FEB WORLD SCHOLARS CUP 22ND & 24TH JAN - SUNMARKE SCHOOL
23 DIAMUN Y8-13 AT DIAEH 21-23 FEB	24 PS BOOK FAIR 24-27 FEB WORLD SCHOLARS CUP 22ND & 24TH JAN - SUNMARKE SCHOOL PS RAMADAN ASSEMBLY - Y2-6, L1 SS PE HALL	25 PS BOOK FAIR 24-27 FEB DHA ORAL SCREENING Y2 & Y5 PS WELLBEING + DEPUTY HEAD TRIP TO ABU DHABI WALES INTL SCHOOL	26 PS BOOK FAIR 24-27 FEB AR ASSEMBLY FOR STUDENTS - Y3-6 L7 PS GYM PADIA 2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE 8-10 AM, FOYER	27 PS BOOK FAIR 24-27 FEB INNOVENTS ARABIC WRITING COMPETITION AT RWA Y2-12 PADIA INTERNATIONAL EVENING PS EARLY FINISH AT 1.00 PM	28 ALL CCA TERM 2 ENDS	01 MAR RAMADAN BEGINS * TBC NO CCAS DURING RAMADAN

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MARCH

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
02	03	04	05	06 WORLD BOOK DAY DRESS UP KG1-Y6 <div>NEW!</div>	07 KG1-Y6 DIGITAL DETOX DAY. <div>NEW!</div>	08
09	10	11	12	13	14 INTERNATIONAL MATH DAY WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IFTAR T2 REPORTS TO PARENTS	15 PS SKI TRIP VERBIER Y5-6 (15-22 MAR)
16 PS SKI TRIP VERBIER Y5-6 (15-22 MAR)	17 PS SKI TRIP VERBIER Y5-6 (15-22 MAR) PS PTC (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)	18 PS SKI TRIP VERBIER Y5-6 (15-22 MAR)	19 PS SKI TRIP VERBIER Y5-6 (15-22 MAR)	20 PS SKI TRIP VERBIER Y5-6 (15-22 MAR)	21 PS SKI TRIP VERBIER Y5-6 (15-22 MAR) UNIT 4 REPORTS (Y2-6) <div>NEW!</div>	22 PS SKI TRIP VERBIER Y5-6 (15-22 MAR)
23	24 SPRING BREAK	25 SPRING BREAK	26 SPRING BREAK	27 SPRING BREAK	28 SPRING BREAK	29 EID AL FITR* 29 MAR -1 APRIL (TBC)
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RAMADAN Care Box

Following our cherished tradition, during the Holy Month of Ramadan, our community participates in a care box initiative. This year, we invite each Homeroom class to take the lead in preparing two care boxes (though additional contributions are always welcome). These boxes will be gifted to our dedicated support staff, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our school running smoothly.



Food:

- Basmati rice (1kg max)
- Tea bags (100 max)
- Sugar (1kg max) Dates
- (1kg max) Milk Powder
- Tang Biscuits packet
- Flour or Atta (1kg max)
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- Chick peas (cans)

Personal care items:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Tooth paste & brush
- Hair Brush or comb



Please be mindful of the size and weight of the items All Gift Boxes Handed to Homeroom teachers or security reception by **24th February**.



PS Bell Timings Ramadan

Monday - Thursday			Friday		
Registration	8:00	8:10	Registration	8:00	8:10
1	8:10	8:45	1	8:10	9:00
2	8:45	9:20	2	9:00	9:50
Snack	9:20	9:40	Snack	9:50	10:20
3	9:40	10:15	3	10:20	11:10
4	10:15	10:50	4	11:10	12:00
5	10:50	11:25	Buses leave at 12:15pm		
Lunch	11:25	11:50			
6	11:50	12:25			
7	12:25	13:00			
Buses leave at 1:15pm					

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



Ipek (5B) has been dedicating so much time into keeping her local community clean. Any plastic bottles or cans that she finds, she takes to recycle them at her local supermarket. She now sits in 330rd place in her points ranking in Dubai. An amazing effort and is aiming for the top 100 :)



Tia (5B) has been taking action by sorting through her unneeded toys. She then donated them to a local charity, which will make sure they go to a worthy home.



Roy (KG2E) has been showing his care and compassion on a weekly basis at the Stray Dogs Centre. Not only does he get to enjoy giving countless belly rubs and pats, but also takes time to give them a much needed feed and walk.



Anjaneya (KG2D) has been taking action in lots of different ways, showing amazing responsibility and thoughtfulness. In the above picture, he created a heartfelt card for an elderly neighbor to wish her safe travels as she returned home.

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International Evening

THURSDAY 27TH
FEBRUARY
5 PM - ONWARDS

WATCH A HOST OF STUDENT PERFORMANCES
TASTE FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD
CELEBRATE OUR MULTI-CULTURAL SCHOOL





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DC BOOKS

24-27 FEBRUARY
MAIN CAMPUS
8AM-3PM

BOOKFAIR

26 FEBRUARY
KG1 CAMPUS
8AM-2PM



grounding · focus · peace · nurturing
· breathe · connection · serenity
· inspiration
· balance · insight
· relaxation



MINDFULNESS MONDAY MORNINGS

AT THE LIBRARY

WHO: Parent + Child partners from Y6 & Y7

WHAT: Meditation, Mindfulness and the Magic of Words

WHEN: Every first Monday of the month, 7:15am–8:00am in March

NEXT EVENT IS ON 3RD OF MARCH - SIGN UP [HERE](#)



Come together for a peaceful meditation session* and start your month with mindfulness, connection, and calm.

*Led by a Certified Yoga Teacher (YTT) Specializing in Mindfulness & Meditation



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2ND HAND UNIFORM & TEXTBOOKS SALE

AED20/ITEM

(CASH ONLY, PLS BRING SMALL NOTES)

19TH & 26TH FEB 2025

8:00-10:00AM

@FRONT LOBBY

diarecycle@gmail.com

Preloved uniform contribution welcomed

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READ TO YOUR
CHILD DAY



INTERNATIONAL
MOTHER LANGUAGE
DAY



14 February

21 February

LANGUAGE ADVENTURES AT THE LIBRARY(17-21 FEB):

One week of travelling the world together with
the beauty of stories and home languages



KG2B



KG2E



Y1C



Y1B



Y1D



Y1G



Y2C



Y3A



Y3C



Y6D



DEAR PARENT VOLUNTEERS,

THANK YOU! GRAZIE MILLE! MERCI BEAUCOUP!
आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद! Много благодаря!
HARTELIJK DANK!