

# Newsletter

7th March, 2025

Term 2, Issue 9



Photos courtesy of Pranshi, a gold medal KenKen Champion and World Book Day (but as it's digital detox day there were, of course, no photos). 😊



When you are taken to Iftar but the food  
is not for you.

# Head of Primary's Message

Dear DIA families,

## Ramadan Begins – Community & Service in Action

This week marked the start of Ramadan, and I want to thank everyone for ensuring a smooth adjustment to the new timings. To ease congestion, we have adjusted the gate timings by the bike area to 7:30am opening, and we trust this has helped with your morning routines.

As part of this Holy Month, we would love to celebrate acts of Community and Service—please send any stories or photos to Mr. Nick or me, and we will try to feature as many as possible!

## Our community Iftar is back

We will be holding our annual Community Iftar in school on Friday, 14 March. The cost is AED 80 per person and up to 6 people can attend per family through the link (1 person, 2 people or 3 people – any combination can be selected depending on the numbers you want up to 6 people).

Please confirm by completing the payment by today Friday, 7 March.

<https://payment.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/online/>

(Kindly login using your child's DIA ID and date of birth)

## World Book Day & A Month of Reading!

This week, we celebrated World Book Day, and it was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and engagement! The love for reading continues throughout the month with:

 Bedtime Reading – Next Tuesday, 11th April, children can wear their favourite comfy PJs to school for a cozy reading session.

 Reading Oasis Stations – Dotted around the school for students to enjoy throughout the day.

 Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) – A dedicated time where children stop and dive into a book at specific moments during the day.

## Digital Detox Day – A Step Back from Screens

This was a huge success, with all screens switched off and a focus on traditional activities. Thank you to the student leadership and to Rihanna and Ayaan for spot checking the classrooms. If you haven't read it already, I highly recommend 'The Anxious Generation', an eye-opening book that helps contextualise the digital landscape for children today.

For further insights and those who prefer audio books or podcasts, Dr. Becky's podcast on this book is a must-listen:

 The Anxious Generation Podcast – [Click here to listen](#)

Kind regards,  
Tom

# EXTRA EXTRA! EXTRA!



KG1

YEAR 3

THE ARTS

KG2

YEAR 4

STUDENT  
COUNCIL

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

YEAR 2

YEAR 6



## NOTICES

Dear Parents,

TURN  
OVER



SEPTEMBER							2023	
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Please be aware there are roadworks around the school that may impede some of our community's typical walking, scooting or cycling routes.

Please ensure additional vigilance while these are ongoing.

Kind regards,



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MARCH



2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
02	03	04	05	06 WORLD BOOK DAY DRESS UP KG1-Y6 <b>NEW!</b> PS SKI TRIP STUDENT INFORMATION SESSION (LUNCH TIME IN 6C)	07 KG1-Y6 DIGITAL DETOX DAY. <b>NEW!</b>	08
09	10 INNOVENTS ARABIC WRITING COMPETITION AT RWA Y2-12	11 BEDTIME READING DAY- WEAR YOUR PYJAMAS <b>NEW!</b>	12	13 READ-A-THON 13-14 MAR <b>NEW!</b>	14 PI DAY WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IFTAR T2 REPORTS TO PARENTS READ-A-THON 13-14 MAR <b>NEW!</b>	15 PS SKI TRIP VERBIER Y5-6 (15-22 MAR)
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# 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](mailto:nicholast@diadubai.com)



Our Primary Action and Eco Ambassadors recently had the opportunity of going on a desert clean and picnic to Al Qudra.

This amazing and humbling experience highlighted the need to ensure we all take responsibility to help keep our areas of natural beauty clean and free from litter.

As a result of their hard work, they were able to collect almost 10kg of litter, as well as almost 1kg of cigarette butts, which will now make their way to a recycling center to be transformed into a sustainable plywood. We also learnt that 50% of the camels that die here in the UAE is due to plastic consumption 🙄🐫

Together, let's make sure we keep striving to reduce, reuse, recycle and dispose of waste appropriately! ♻️🌍❤️

# CELEBRATING WORLD POETRY DAY!



**YEAR 2, YEAR 5** and **YEAR 6** students  
will be **poets for a day** on 19th & 20th of March

**WITH AUTHOR HIBA KHALIL**

and her inspiring books

## Hubble's Bubble & Hubble who? Dejavu?

**FOR Y2 STUDENTS**



**Hubble's Bubble** is a picture book of poems written to capture life's meaning and magic.

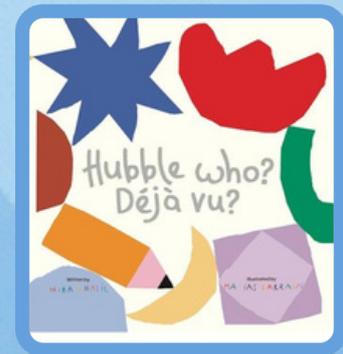
Through rhymes, children are taken on a colourful journey that helps them navigate their thoughts, hearts and minds around life's biggest themes and understand of themselves and their big little worlds.

As a little treat, the book includes an activity page and a set of thoughtful affirmation cards.



**Y5 & Y6 STUDENTS**

**Hubble's who? Dejavu?** is the second book in this poetry series. The collection explores themes of friendship, nature, growth, confidence, mindfulness, self-belief, and gratitude. Through heartfelt poetry and thought-provoking ideas, the book leads readers on an emotional journey of self-reflection and growth in a relatable and mindful way. This journey will grow with your children as they progress through life's adventures.

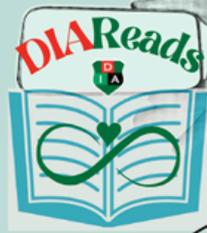


**TO ORDER YOUR BOOK: [CLICK HERE!](#)**

**FINAL ORDERS DATE: SUNDAY, 16TH OF MARCH**

**Hiba Khalil** has lived in Dubai for eleven years and is the mother to three sons; Safwan, Rayan and Sami. She has a big thing for the moon and the sky and a little thing for herbal teas. Prior to writing her books, Hiba spent many years working in news television in London; where she was born and raised and her passion for writing was first ignited.





# THE GREAT BOOK SWAP

the Month of Reading in the UAE

**WHO: DIA STUDENTS- PRIMARY & SECONDARY**

**WHEN: MARCH: 3RD-14TH**

**WHAT: 1. DROP OFF A BOOK\* IN THE SWAP BOX AT THE LIBRARY**

**2. WRITE YOUR DETAILS**

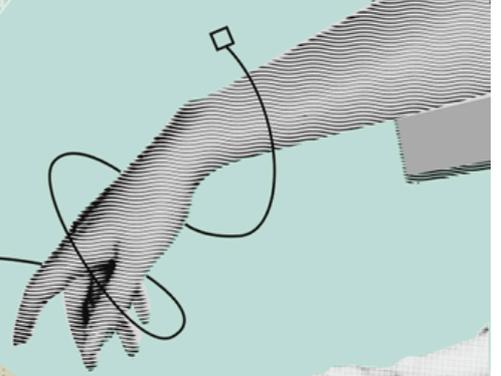
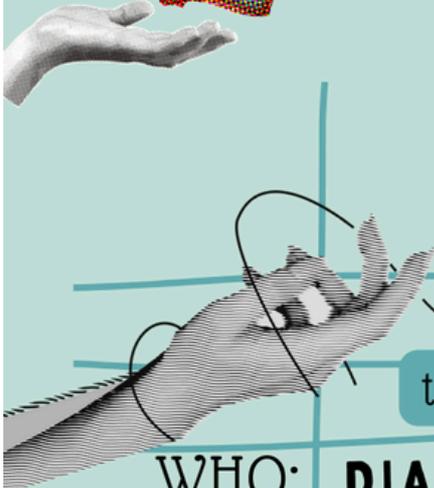
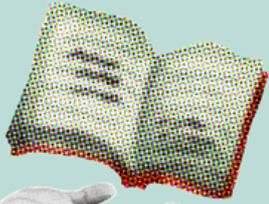
**3. TAKE A SWAP STAMP**

\*the book needs to be well-loved:  
good condition & appropriate content

**THEN: COME TO THE GREAT BOOK SWAP DAY\***

\*3rd week of March - details to follow

**AND: PICK A BOOK. READ, READ, READ...**





# BOOK WISH LIST

## DIA EH LIBRARY



Welcome to DIA BOOK WISH LIST!  
The suggestions on this list will be considered when placing book orders for DIA EH Library.

While we cannot guarantee that all wishes will come true, listing them increases the likelihood and helps us better serve and connect with our DIA community of readers.

### **STUDENTS**



### **PARENTS**



### **STAFF**



**Make a wish by March 31st!**

**PRESS THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE.**

March: the Month of Reading in the UAE



# DIA READING OASIS

## OUR FAVOURITE MINI LIBRARIES ARE BACK!

IMAGINE...

All over the school growing,  
students and parents exploring  
little Oases of learning & dreaming -  
the wonder of books & reading

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 **READING OASIS**



March 1st marks the start of the UAE Month of Reading and the 1st Year Anniversary of DIA “Reading Oasis”: a BOOKtastic collaboration of students, parents and teachers/staff united by our shared **love for reading!**

Throughout the month, you will see our Reading Oases appearing around the primary school areas for the entire DIA community to enjoy. Whether you are students and teachers on break or parents waiting for your children:

**Read, Enjoy, Return, Repeat!**

## DIA - Building a Mosque in Burkina Faso

Dear Parents,

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. We are reaching out to you with a heartfelt appeal to join us in a noble initiative: the construction of a mosque in Burkina Faso. This project aims to provide a place of worship, education, and community support for the local Muslim community in need.

We are pleased to share that we have received the necessary approvals from the relevant authorities, and we are now in the phase of gathering contributions to bring this vision to life. This initiative will be executed by the UAE Red Crescent, ensuring that your generous contributions are utilized efficiently and transparently to build a mosque that will serve as a beacon of hope, a center for learning, and a space for spiritual enrichment for many individuals.

We invite you to be part of this impactful initiative by contributing through the following payment options:

100 AED, 200 AED, 500 AED

(For those who wish to contribute a total of 800 AED, they may use all three links.)

Your generous contributions, regardless of the amount, will play a crucial role in making this initiative a reality. Together, we can create a lasting legacy that will benefit generations to come.

For any inquiries, please feel free to reach out to us at [Waleeda@diadubai.com].

We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity.

May this initiative bring blessings to all those involved.

Online: Please go to <https://payment.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/online/> payment portal. To login, use your child's student ID and date of birth detail



**Dear Teachers, Students, and Parents,**  
**Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,**  
**We are writing to you with a humble request to join us in supporting a noble initiative—building a mosque in Burkina Faso to serve the local Muslim community in need of a place for prayer, worship, and education. This mosque will not only provide a space for spiritual growth but will also become a center for learning and community support. It will play a key role in enriching the lives of countless individuals, offering religious education and a safe space for Muslims to gather.**

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**والعمل الخيري**  
**Islamic Affairs & Charitable**  
**Activities Department**



# CMA Drumming Workshop

STARTING APRIL 7TH

FOR YEARS 4 - 6

FOR OUR WORKSHOP TO HAPPEN, WE ARE SEEKING  
BUCKET DONATIONS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES  
KINDLY WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BUCKET AND BRING  
IT TO MS LAUREN'S MUSIC CLASSROOM