



CHALLENGE



For those of you who know me well, you'll know I love a bit of cooking. So, I thought why not set a little challenge for our community?

Whether it's homemade pasta, a baked custard tart, or something a little more adventurous, I'd love for you to get involved. Send in your creations, share your masterpieces (and even the near misses!), but most importantly... enjoy the process and some delicious homemade food together as a family. Here are a few of my own attempts to get things started...



Head of Primary's Message

Arthur looking out at the thunder and lightning last night while Lucy was snoring next to him. Thankfully Arabella slept through.

Dear DIA families,

Moments That Matter – Conversations That Count

This week, we held our Parent-Teacher Conferences, and I genuinely feel they came at exactly the right time, all things considered.

There is something incredibly powerful about these moments. A pause. A chance to connect. To reflect not just on attainment, but on growth, effort, and the journey each child is on. I hope being able to share your voice, questions and thoughts with the staff helped further support you during this time.

A Few Words Go a Long Way

I know there are many teachers who left these PTC conversations feeling uplifted and deeply appreciated. The words and emails of gratitude shared do not go unnoticed. They matter. They always have and always will. Teaching, as we know, is so much more than what happens in front of the class, and it was wonderful to see that recognised, especially among the general challenges faced by families at this time.

Proud Moments (and a Few Honest Ones Too!)

From us to you, I have heard some truly incredible stories about your children. Stories of commitment, resilience, independence, and kindness. Of students stepping up, pushing through, and continuing to give their best despite everything going on around them.

And yes... a few inevitable challenges along the way too (it wouldn't be life otherwise!). But these moments are just as important, as they are where growth happens. I firmly believe that tough situations are what both create, and can demonstrate, great character.

Remember - Little Wins, Big Impact

Not every day will be perfect... and that's okay. When term starts at school, we always have to reestablish routine and expectation. Children thrive on routine, especially when learning from home. Creating a simple daily structure including wake up, learning blocks, breaks, outdoor time. This all helps children stay focused and reduces the need for constant prompting.

Celebrate the small wins and big wins will follow - completing a task independently, showing resilience, or helping a sibling. These moments build confidence and keep motivation high.

Eyes on the Horizon – What Comes Next

At this stage, we continue to await further guidance regarding next steps, and plans for next week are all in place for Distance Learning.

As you will have read from our communications, like several major school groups and many schools across Dubai, we have formally submitted the relevant documents to KHDA for approval to resume face-to-face learning.

Please note though, that all decisions regarding school operations will continue to be guided strictly by KHDA and Ministry of Education directives. As soon as we receive further guidance, we will communicate clearly and promptly, ensuring you have everything you need to prepare with confidence for the next phase.

Looking Ahead – The Sound of Footsteps Returning

We truly look forward to welcoming our students back and seeing our classrooms filled once again with the energy, curiosity, and laughter that define DIA.

Until then, thank you, for your belief in us, your partnership, and your continued support.

Kind regards,
Tom

**EXTRA
EXTRA!
EXTRA!**



KG1

YEAR 3

KG2

YEAR 4

YEAR 1

YEAR 5

YEAR 2

YEAR 6

**STUDENT
LEADERSHIP**



NOTICES

CCAs Term 3

CCA allocations are now live. Please use your SOCS Login to view the allocated CCA for your child. Please note that we will first prioritise children who were not allocated any CCA, including families who will be joining us in Term 3 and therefore were unable to register preferences.

If only one or two options were selected on any given day, the likelihood of securing a place is naturally lower, and you may need to wait until a space becomes available.

Waitlist order will be as follows:

- Children who selected preferences but were not allocated any CCA on any day.
- Children who will be joining Term 3 and those who did not select any preferences.
- Children who were allocated preferences on some days, but not all.

If you are hoping to match a CCA with a sibling, please be aware that this is most reliably achieved through a paid provider, where availability is more flexible.

Finally, we genuinely want to support families, but we also ask that expectations are kept in perspective. Your patience and understanding are very much appreciated.



2026							JANUARY						
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04 MARCH / APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	30 MARCH	31 MARCH	01 APRIL	02 APRIL	03 APRIL	04 APRIL
05	6 CCA TERM 3 BEGINS	7	8	9	10	11 JR DIAMUN YEARS 5-6 DIAEH, SS PE HALL (TBC)
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19	20 20 WORLD SCHOLARS CUP INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL	21 21 ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION Y2-12, FOYER 21-24 INNOVENTS ROBOTICS COMPETITION, YEARS 5-12 DIA-EH	22 22 ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION Y2-12, FOYER 21-24 EARTH DAY	23 23 ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION Y2-12, FOYER 21-24	24 24 ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION Y2-12, FOYER 21-24 INNOVENTS IVEI ARTS COMPETITION SUBMISSION DEADLINE (RIS)	25
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COMING TO DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL 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

**DON'T
MISS OUT!**

Payment deadline
Wednesday
8th April

POSTPONED

NO REFUNDS

**UGLY
DUCKLING**

Show times:

KG1, KG2 & Year 1 - TBC

Years 2-3 - 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 the below link

Online payment line:

<https://payment.innoventureseducation.com/diaeh/online/>
To login, use your child's "student ID number" and date of birth.



Click here to make
the payment

The online ticket payment
is non-refundable