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Newsletter

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Head of Primary's Message

Dear DIA families,

TT Rockstars Champions! 💞

Following last week's excitement, we are thrilled to announce the final results from TT Rockstars Day:

🏅 DIA EH placed 3rd out of 55 primary schools in the UAE!

Top Student Rockstars:

- $\overline{\mathbf{3}}$ Rivaan (4F) 9th out of 14,956 students in the UAE! (1st in DIA)
- 🥈 Georgi (4A) 2nd in DIA
- 🅉 Adhit (6C) 3rd in DIA

Top Class Rockstars:

- 🏆 6C 1st place in top scorers
- 🏅 5A 2nd place in top points
- 🏅 4D 3rd place in top points

A huge well done to all our students for their incredible effort!

Wishing Our Sri Lanka Crew an Amazing Trip! 🗏 🏄 🖡

This weekend, Ms. Eimear and our Sri Lanka explorers embark on their action-packed adventure—learning to surf, trekking through the jungle, and exploring sea turtle conservation efforts. We can't wait to hear about their experiences!

Year 3 Assemblies – A Standing Ovation! 🐾 🔭

Our Year 3s took to the stage this week for their Class Assemblies and I want to share a heartwarming email I got from a parent:

"A quick note to say a big THANK YOU to Ms. Amanda and Ms. Emer for the incredible assembly yesterday! 3C and 3G students were outstanding and complemented each other so well. The performance was amazing and so well presented. I loved the song at the very end—this has by far been my favorite assembly ever! :)"

Thank you to all parents who take the time to share positive feedback—it means the world to our staff and helps us build on what works!

International Evening – Last Chance to Sign Up!

To ensure we have all the correct flags ready for International Evening, the Flag Parade sign-up form will close on Monday, 10th February. If your child would like to take part, please sign up before the deadline:

Thank you for your support—we can't wait for a fantastic celebration of our diverse community!

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DIA Takes Centre Stage at ILT20 & Beyond! ***

Our Dance and Cheer Squads put on a stunning performance at the ILT20 cricket league alongside many of our former PS Dancers who have continued this passion into their senior school years. Thank you to all of you who further strengthen DIA's reputation in the wider community.

Next up in The Arts:

JIA Choir – Performing at Choir Fest 2025

🜄 Innoventures Arts Competition – Don't forget to submit your entries before the deadline!

Mother Tongue Language Day – Calling All Parent Storytellers!

We would love to continue our tradition of parents sharing stories from around the world for Mother Tongue Language Day. If you'd like to get involved, please see the poster below for details. Let's keep celebrating our vibrant, global community!

Mindfulness Monday Magic! 🦖

Mindfulness Monday with Ms. Debony and Ms. Desi was a huge success! I hope those who attended felt the benefits of taking a moment to pause, relax, and be present. Please reminder that Ms. Debony is fully qualified in Yoga, and these sessions offer a wonderful FREE opportunity to connect with your children in a calming school environment.

Reading Aloud Day - A Story to Remember!

This week, senior leaders from across the school joined our students for Reading Aloud Day, sharing wonderful stories and fostering a love for books. Connecting over a good book is such a simple yet powerful experience, and it was lovely to see. A huge thank you to Ms. Desi for organising this lovely event for the second year running!

For more details, please see the poster below.

Kind regards,

Tom





Comm's Corner

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YEAR 3

THE ARTS

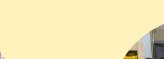
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NOTICES



Fully compliant uniform





Acceptable example of a non DIA jumper

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TURN OVER

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.

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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 CARNIVAL KG2 MEASLES VACCINATION 5-6 FEB	07 PS PHOTOS (MAKE UP)	08 PS SRI LANKA TRIP Y5-6 (8- 12 FEB)
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23 DIAMUN Y8-13 AT DIAEH 21-23 FEB	24 PS BOOK FAIR 24-28 FEB WORLD SCHOLARS CUP 22ND & 24TH JAN - SUNMARKE SCHOOL	25 PS BOOK FAIR 24-28 FEB DHA ORAL SCREENING Y2 & Y5 PS WELLBEING + DEPUTY HEAD TRIP TO ABU DHABI WALES INTL SCHOOL	26 PS BOOK FAIR 24-28 FEB AR ASSEMBLY FOR STUDENTS - Y3-6 L7 PS GYM	27 PS BOOK FAIR 24-28 FEB INNOVENTS ARABIC WRITING COMPETITION AT RWA Y2-12 PADIA INTERNATIONAL EVENING	28 PS BOOK FAIR 24-28 FEB ALL CCA TERM 2 ENDS	01 MAR RAMADAN BEGINS * TBC NO CCAS DURING RAMADAN

Ramadan Care Boxes

Dear Parents,

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. Below is a list of suggested items to include (please ensure all items are non- perishable):

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)
- Chick peas (cans)

Personal care items:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Tooth paste and brush
- · Hair Brush or comb



NB: please be mindful of the size and weight of the items

Deadline: All Gift Boxes Handed to Homeroom teachers or security reception by 21st February.

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:)



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.



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.



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.









READ TO YOUR CHILD DAY

14 February



INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

21 February





We are welcoming all

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

who would like to read a story from their home country to their child's class at the library

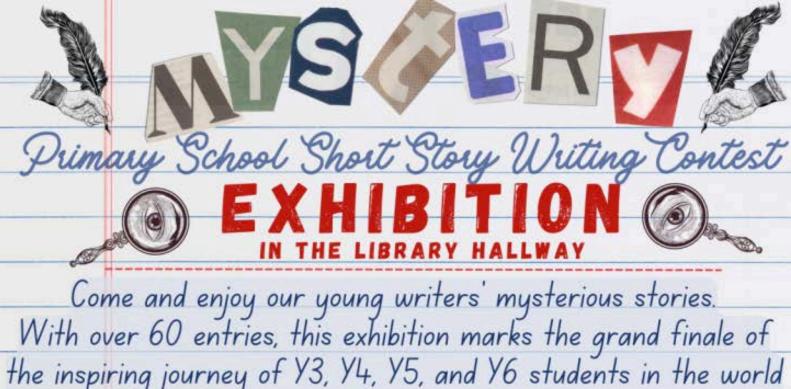
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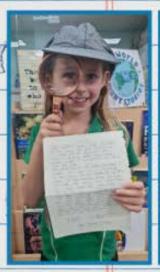
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the inspiring journey of Y3, Y4, Y5, and Y6 students in the world of wordcraft and storytelling.

Well done to all participants and Congratulations to the Winners!









I.Morgyn F.- 3E

1.Franchesca A.- 4A 1.Can U. - 5F

1.Hosu N.- 6E

2.Mia V.D.<mark>M</mark>.- 3E

2.Viaan Sh.- 4E 2.Zhaomu Ch.- 5E

2.Swara G.- 6E

3.Ryaan L.<mark>-</mark> 3D

3.Aditya N.& Hakan K.-4G 3.Edgar C. - 5E

3.Hrisha D.- 6F

*Kiaana K.- 3E

*Adrika B. - 4A

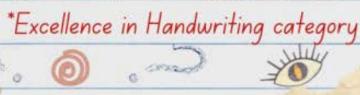
*Mateo L.- 5B

*Nicole L.- 6F













A KG Eco Initiative

SAVE THE LONELY SPOON!

The story:

Every home has one, that spoon which isn't like the other spoons. You don't remember where it came from and you don't let it mingle with the others. That poor lonely spoon never gets used.

DIA Early Years wants to help! As an Outstanding school committed to sustainability initiatives and community engagement, we are there for your lonely spoon. Send them in to us and we will play with them, use them, and help them make new friends. It is time to end the loneliness.

The meaning:

Of course the spoon is a metaphor for items that need a new home. Over the page is the Little Lonely Shopping list of items we can rescue, reuse and repurpose. Let's work together to turn "left behind" into "loved again!"









The little lonely shopping list

Old clothes: for dressing up and inspiring imagination

 Kitchen items: pots, pans, cutlery, containers, whisks, anything and everything

- Amazon boxes, packaging, tubes, foam,...
- Mirrors, Tables, Chairs (please email James to discuss)

If it is in good condition and you think we might like it, we probably will! And even if we don't we will find someone who does.

Sometimes the box is better than what was delivered in it. A child's imagination is the most powerful and wonderful gift. Together our team can turn older once loved items into moments of magic again. Let us re-use, recycle and repurpose. Don't throw away the chance for joy in that item again. Let's show our children that a sustainable future is made by us, the community.

If you have any questions, or think you can be of help please contact James at jamesh@diadubai.com





MEET & GREET SUPERHEROES | WORKSHOP FOR KIDS & FAMILIES | COMIC ARTIST EXHIBITION | FUNKO POPS & TOYS FOR COLLECTORS | GAMES | EXCITING PRIZES & MORE

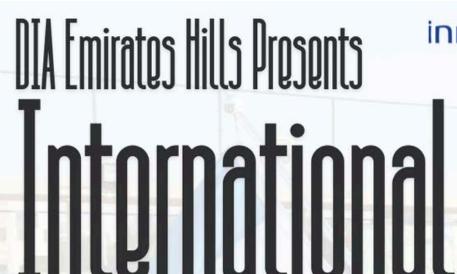


SPRINGS SOUK



Here are just a few of the fun and educational opportunities available:

- Trading Card Games including Pokémon, where families can learn and play together!
- Art & Craft activities
- Black + Decker free DIY woodwork activity for all the family, take away what you build!
 (Please sign up as limited availability <u>LINK HERE</u>)
- Baseball United come and meet Baseball United and learn more about the upcoming season!
- Sony enjoy a range of games and prizes!
- Pop Culture Market
- Artists Come and see what our talented artists are upto!
- Giveaways and many other surprises!



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Emirates Hills

Evening

THURSDAY 27TH
FEBRUARY
5 PM - ONWARDS

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





International Evening - Performance Sign up Information

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to announce further details regarding the upcoming International Day at Dubai International Academy Emirates Hills! As we prepare to celebrate the diverse cultures that make up our vibrant school community, we invite you to sign up for student performances.

Primary students will require the coordination and supervision of parent country representatives. Each country is able to coordinate outside of school for rehearsals, however we have also allocated afternoon and weekend slots that may prove useful. Senior students will be managing their own performances, however, can be drafted in to support primary school, or perform together with them. This decision we leave to the primary parents and senior school coordinators.

If you have already signed up on the previous Form, then you can book venue slots HERE



If you have not and would like to register a performance, then please reach out to PADIA on padialeadership@gmail.com. Please note that we recommend you resource your own performances e.g. speakers etc, as staff will not always be on hand to supply them. Please keep your email booking confirmation to present to security.

Kind regards,

International Day Committee

GENERAL RULES

- All artworks must be aligned with the competition themes, conceptual framework, and guidelines.
 - Each student may only submit one artwork per category.
- The submitted artworks will be used for display on websites, printed materials, newsletters, and press releases as deemed appropriate by Innoventures Education. All artworks should be original and not entered in any previous competitions. All participants must adhere to the sub-rules regarding size, format, material, and artwork count.
- All submissions must be appropriately labeled with the participation form affixed to the back of the artwork. Any artwork that is sent without proper identification will be disqualified.

INNOVENTS Art Exhibition









Celebrating 20 years of success in education, we at Innoventures Education are excited to announce that this year's **Innovents Annual Art Competition and** Exhibition will be dedicated to commemorating this special milestone. Over the past two decades, the Innoventures Education Group has remained committed to shaping the future of education, fostering creativity, and empowering students to reach their full potential.

This year's Art Competition will be a tribute to the journey we've embarked on together, highlighting the incredible growth, achievements, and lasting impact Innoventures Education has made on students, educators, and the wider community. We invite students to express their artistic talents by creating works that reflect their journey and special memories at our schools.

As we celebrate 20 years of excellence, we look forward to seeing how our students creatively interpret this significant moment in our history. Their unique perspectives and creativity will add a vibrant and meaningful layer to this celebration.

2024-2025

SUGGESTED THEMES

Nursery/ ECC

3 - 4 years old - PreK (CIS, DIAB, RWA) FS1 (RIS), KG1 (DIAEH) 4 - 6 years old -KG1 & KG2 (CIS, DIAB, RWA), FS2 and Year 1 (RIS), KG2 & Year 1 (DIAEH)

My Happy Place at School: Draw or paint what you love most about school, whether it's playing with friends, favorite teachers, or fun activities.

Dream School: Imagine and draw your perfect school filled with colours, shapes, and your favorite activities.

Innoventures Education Superheroes: Depict teachers, staff, or even classmates as real-life heroes who inspire them at school.

Lower Primary School (Gr 1 - 3/ Yr 2 - 4) Upper Primary School (Gr 4 - 5/ Yr 5 - 6)

A Day in My Life at My School: Students can Illustrate what a typical day at school looks like and what makes it special.

Happy Faces at School: Encourage students to focus on the emotions and joy of being with friends, teachers, and learning. Create a picture showing smiling faces, laughter, and fun activities

that make the school unique.

Innoventures Education Celebrations: Students can express how they would celebrate Innoventures Education's 20 years through art,

Middle School (Gr 6 - 9/ Yr 7 - 10)

Innoventures Education: My Second Home: Portray how the school feels like a second home, focusing on friendships,

The Innovators of Tomorrow: Imagine yourself as a future innovator, inventing new tools or systems to improve education.

Our Diverse World of Learning: Innoventures Education is home to a diverse community. Show how this diversity enriches your education and opens your mind to different perspectives.

High School (Gr 10 - 12/ Yr 11 - 13)

- Legacy of 20 Years: Represent the legacy of the Innoventures Education Group over the past two decades and how it has impacted the world of education.
- Innovation Meets Tradition: How do tradition and innovation coexist at Innoventures Education? Illustrate how the group combines its foundational values with forward-thinking practices.







The Judging Panel's decision is final.

the Art Exhibition held at RIS.

Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each of the five categories

of the competition for every Year/Grade level.

The exhibition will be an evening event for the

All the participants will receive a certificate of

Innoventures Education Community (winning students, their parents, and staff).

Winners will be announced on 13 May 2025. All artworks will be exhibited on 26 May 2025 at

6 COMPETITION CATEGORIES

2D Artwork – Each year group must follow one of the suggested themes as per the age range.
3-4 years olds: Prek (CIS, DIAB, RWA) FSI (RIS), KGI (DIAEH): Students can use pencil crayons, oil pastels, chalk pastels, and watercolours.
4-6 years olds: KGI & KG2 (CIS, DIAB, RWA), FS2 and Year I (RIS), KG2 & Year I (DIAEH): Students can use pencil crayons, oil pastels, chalk pastels and watercolours.

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Lower Primary: Gr 1 - 3/ Yr 2 - 4: Students can use pencil crayons, oil pastels, chalk pastels, and watercolours.

Upper Primary: Gr 4 - 5/ Yr 5 - 6: Students can use acrylic paints,

Middle School: Gr 6 - 9/ Yr 7 - 10: Students can use acrylic paints, empera paints, and watercolours. ligh School: Gr 10 - 12/ Yr 11 - 13: Students can use acrylic paints,

A maximum of 10 submissions to be submitted per year group from each school. A total of 50 entries can be submitted in this category in hard copy on 42 paper size to the RIS Art Department.

Textile and Fabric - Each year group must follow one of the

suggested themes as per the age range
Textile and fabric art is a creative discipline that involves designing and creating
art using fibers, yarns, and fabrics. This form of art can include a wide range of

Upper Primary: Gr 4 - 5/ Yr 5 - 6: Students may use any materials and fabrics that align with the selected concept.
Middle School: Gr 6 - 9/ Yr 7 - 10: Students may use any materials and fabrics that align with the selected concept.
High School: Gr 10 - 12/ Yr 11 - 13: Students may use any materials

A maximum of 10 submissions to be submitted per year group from each school. A total of 40 entries can be submitted in this category to the RIS Art Department in hard copy in A3 size.

3D Sculpture - Each year group must follow one of the suggested themes as per the age range.

Lower Primary: 6r1-3/ Yr2-4: Students can select from the following materials (Clay, Plaster, and Plastic).

Upper Primary: 6r4-5/ Yr5-6: Students can select from the following materials (Clay, Stone, Wood, Plaster, Wire, and Plastic). Middle School: Gr 6 - 9/Yr 7 - 10: Students can select from the following materials (Clay, Stone, Wood, Plaster, Wire, and Plastic). High School: Gr 10 - 12/Yr 11 - 13: Students can select from the

A maximum of 5 submissions (1 Scultpure per submission) to be submitted per year group from each school. A total of 20 entries can be submitted from this category. All artworks must be handmade by

Digital Art (Graphic Design, Video Art) - Each year group must follow one of the suggested themes as per the age

Upper Primary: Gr 4 - 5/ Yr 5 - 6: Students can use any technique/software not limited to animation, stop motion.

Middle School: Gr 6 - 9/ Yr 7 - 10: Students can use any technique/

software not limited to animation, stop motion.

High School: Gr 10 - 12/ Yr 11 - 13: Students can use any technique/

software not limited to animation, stop motion.

A maximum of 5 submissions to be submitted per year group from each school. A total of 20 entries can be submitted from this category. Students can select materials, measurements, and sizes that align with miniature art. All artworks must be handmade by students.

Photography - Each year group is required to follow one of the suggested themes as per the age range.

Lower Primary: Gr 3/ Yr 4: A photograph must be taken with a minimum resolution of 300 DPI.

Upper Primary: Gr 4 - 5/ Yr 5 - 6: A photograph must be taken with a minimum resolution of 300 DPI.

Middle School: Gr 6 - 9/ Yr 7 - 10: A photograph must be taken with a minimum resolution of 300 DPI.

High School: Gr 10 - 12/ Yr 11 - 13: A photograph must be taken with a minimum resolution of 300 DPI.

A maximum of 5 submissions will be accepted per year group; a total of 20 entries must be submitted from this category. All photographs must be submitted in JPEG format.

Installation - Each year group must follow one of the suggested themes as per the age range. The installation could be an immersive, multi-sensory piece that visually represents Innoventures Education's collective journey over the past twenty years. It would be a timeline-inspired walk-through that celebrates growth, milestones, and student stories, engaging viewers with a blend of art, technology, and interaction. Timeline Pathway: This winding pathway leads visitors through significant moments from Innoventures Education's history. Memory Tree' made of metal, wood, and fabric symbolizes Innoventures Education's roots and influence. Each branch displays hanging student art that reflects their personal experiences.

Interactive Digital Display: The installation could incorporate technology and include an interactive digital display that allows visitors to scroll through key achievements, student projects, and memories.





