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Photos courtesy of our wonderful community Iftar, parent readers in Year 2, our PYP Graduation t-shirt, Year 4 poetry recital and Aiden De Noronha, from Year 6, who helped by organising 40 goodie bags for his community cleaners and gardeners









Head of Primary's Message

Dear parents,

Artistic Celebrations - A Poetic Performance by Year 4

This week, our Year 4 students took us on a beautiful journey through poetry, showcasing their learning with heartfelt performances. For those who were able to attend, your presence meant a great deal. Inspired by their expression, I penned a Cinquain poem to capture the essence of what we witnessed:

Stars shine,
Admired by sight,
Every word a journey,
Growth, bravery, truly mutual,
Pride, ours.

The arts celebrations will continue on our return, in honor of World Art Day on April 15th. These celebrations are a tribute to the profound connection between art and society, aiming to foster appreciation for the diverse expressions of creativity. We are now planning a brand new Arts Awards Night that we hope to announce soon, for the end of the year.

Upcoming CCA Schedule

Please note, upon our return from the break, CCAs will commence immediately, diverging from our usual practice of starting in the second week. This adjustment allows us to then conclude 1 week earlier than usual to allow for a focus on end of year events.

Special Reading Session in Year 2

This week, Year 2 had the pleasure of welcoming 28 parents into the classroom for a special reading session. It was fabulous to see students captivated by the stories shared by our guest readers. Notably, the presence of many dads provided invaluable role modeling for our young boys, emphasising the joy and importance of reading. A big thank you to our class reps and teachers for their crucial role in organising this wonderful initiative.

Gratitude and Reflection: NPS Feedback

A big thank you to everyone who has participated in the NPS survey. Your feedback, both praises and constructive thoughts, is invaluable. We are committed to reflection and making meaningful adjustments where possible. I've also had the pleasure of sharing your positive remarks about our devoted teachers with them directly. I am a big believer that gratitude improves everyone's lives both as a giver and receiver. The survey remains open, so for those who have not yet had the chance to share their feedback, your insights play a crucial role in our continuous effort to celebrate and enhance our school community.

Inclusion Talks - Early Intervention and Identification

On Thursday, our heads of inclusion, Ms. Francesca and Ms. Asha held a parent talk delving into the significance of early intervention and identification of Special Educational Needs (SEN). They discussed the critical role that proactive measures play in ensuring every child receives the tailored support necessary for their educational journey. The session provided invaluable insights, empowering parents with knowledge and strategies to navigate the intricacies of SEN. The presentation also included valuable insights on how getting a diagnosis for their child impacted positively on their lives. Following this, they are going to start parent support groups for parents who have children in DIA with additional needs. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend and to the parents who contributed their experiences of going through the assessment process in the UAE. If you are interested in reading about this topic, here is the link to the presentation (click here). If you have any questions on this, please email francescae@diadubai.com.

Ramadan Kareem, Tom Collar





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NOTICES

We are pleased to share our Year Group Curriculum Handbooks which give you an overview of what we teach in the Units of Inquiry along with Maths, English and Science in Years 1-6. Click the links below to access the relevant year group.

These have been an ongoing project derived from parent focus groups to help create further transparence in the curriculum. We hope they prove useful. We will also be running parent workshops on these in Term 3, as part of transition.

Year 1	Year 4
Year 2	Year 5
Year 3	Year 6





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Spring break	01 Spring break	02 Spring break	03 Spring break	04 Spring break	04 Spring break	90
07	08 Spring break	09 Eid Al Fitr	10 Eid Al Fitr	11 Eid Al Fitr	12 Eid Al Fitr	13
14	15 Staff & Student return CCA Term 3 begins PS Art Week World Ar Day	Tentative date for a parent workshop on nutrition and behaviour @ 8am (this date may change)	17 PAID CCA begins	18	19 Y5 Exhibition (refer comms from Home room) Autism Awareness Day - wear or accessorize in blue	20
21	22 Earth Day Y5 Trip to Nature Reserve Ajman (Refer coms from HR)	23	24	25 Coin Mural KG2- Y6	26 Toddle Report Unit 4	27
28	29 Y6 Arabic A Trip to MBR Space Centre	30 Y3 + Y5 Arabic A Trip Chocolate Factory Warsan	01 Battle of houses KG2-Y2	02 Battle of houses Y3-6	03 Books Home	04



Reading Month Highlights Week 3







Secondary students reading with Year 2









Thank you so much to all of our Parent reader volunteers!
What a special way to end our Reading Month!









Friday 19th April 2024
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PARENT CIRCULAR (Age 6 & above)

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that the KenKen International Championship has opened its doors to our students with some exciting surprises for KIC 2024.

KenKen is the world's fastest-growing, most-played math and logic puzzle. Featured in over 150 newspapers worldwide, including The Times UK and NY Times. It is recognised by NCTM USA, the world's largest educational mathematics organisation, as a powerful tool to build reasoning skills, problem-solving aptitude, perseverance and stamina. Every year, participants from across the globe compete in the Kenken International Championship to win the title of Kenken World Champion. In UAE, more than 30,000 students from 200+ schools have participated in the championship since 2015, making it a vibrant and engaging event for math enthusiasts.

Exciting Surprises in KIC2024!

Free Registration* | Open for Adults & Students | Prizes worth AED 50,000 #KENKENFORALL #BACKTOKENKEN

- Two new competing categories **Foundation Category** for Age 6 & **Adults Category** for Adults.
- Free registration for Round 1 for a limited time*. (*Exclusively for a few selected schools, and our school is one of them.)
- SAVE AED 100 on the Practice Material Subscription for enhanced preparation with Ebooks & Mock practice tests.
- Prizes worth AED50,000 to be awarded. Everyone gets a prize! Participants will be recognised with trophies, certificates, medals, and exciting rewards as per their achievements.
- Special Awards for Schools & Teachers with the highest number of National & International winners and schools with the most active participation.

Benefits of KenKen include but are not limited to, improved critical thinking skills, better problem-solving abilities, enhanced cognitive abilities, increased stamina, higher self-confidence and perseverance. It also helps adults and seniors keep their brains sharp and alert. It is a puzzle everyone can enjoy at any time. So, we invite our students and their parents to register for the KIC2024, Round 1 by following the link below. This is the perfect opportunity to kick-start your Kenken's journey.

Register Here: https://kenkenuae.com/registration

Registration Deadline: 23 March, 2024

The **KenKen brain-development program** aims to harness these benefits while fostering healthy competition and a love for mathematics. It also prepares kids for healthy competition in the **KenKen International Championship** (KIC 2024). This championship will be an exciting platform for your child to showcase their talent and interact with like-minded peers. The championship will consist of three challenging rounds, stimulating activities, and recognition for outstanding achievements with exciting rewards.

The Round 1 exam will take place online tentatively after 30 days of registration. Unleash your potential by enrolling in the KIC2024, an engaging and wholesome competition to enhance your core skills. Qualifying is easy; all you need to know is the rules of Kenken and solve a few puzzles on the Kenken portal. Embrace the surge of confidence as you set the stage for a bright future. Boost your competitive spirit and get a chance to win exciting prizes, trophies, medals, and certificates worth AED 50,000. **Ready for KenKen?** Register today.

Eligibility & Fee Details (5% VAT is exclusive):

Who can participate?	Age 6*/Grade 2 – Grade 12/Year 13 & Adults *Must be 6 years on or before 31 Aug 2024	Register Online: https://kenkenuae.com/registration
ROUND 1 Round 1 Free for a limited time. Last date – 23 March 2024 (Mandatory)	AED 0.00 (AED 150)	Includes: Round 1 free Registration & free trial of practice subscription • 20PracticePuzzles(TwoPuzzlesDaily for 10 days) • TwoMockChallenges
Practice Material Subscription ADD ON. Practice Subscription will be available online on the KenKen Student Portal.	AED 200* (300) SAVE AED 100. Pay only AED 200* one-time fee for the whole year of 2024. *Offer valid only if purchased at the time of registration can also upgrade it later with a fee of AED 300.	Includes: Online Practice Subscription yearly plan valid till Dec 2024, which includes One eWorkbook with 60 puzzles every month till Dec 2024 25 Mock Challenges every month Detailed weekly practice reports Dashboard for tracking progress
ROUND 2 National Level Registration Fee Participants who qualify from Round 1 can choose to register for the National Level with a registration fee.	AED 350 (450)	The National Level registration can be completed after you have qualified from Round anytime between March - Aug 2024.
KenKen One-on-One Classes ADD ON (Optional)	Starting at AED 450 per month	 Flexible Schedule 1:1 Online Interactive Classes Personalised Training Strategies & Techniques to Improve Speed & Accuracy.
Exam Dates	*Kenken UAE reserves the right to change the exam mode, date, or venue of the competition in any unforeseen circumstances.	Round 1 – After 30 days of registration (tentative), the Round 1 will be held online. Round 2- National level – 19 or 20 October* 2024. The national level will be a CBT-based test. The exam will be hosted at a neutral centre in Dubai or Abu -Dhabi. Round 3 - International Level – 07 or 08 December* 2024 tentative) Further details will be shared closer to the exam.

If you have any queries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at +971 445519406 or info@kenkenuae.com.

Best Wishes,

Kenken UAE





We are creating a coin mural out of 1AED coins in the Quad, which will spell out the word 'GIVE'. We want it be huge, so we will need lots of coins... Start saving!



Coins to class teachers: from Wednesd 17th to Tuesday 23rd.

Coin Mural Creation: Thursday 25th Apri

money raised to support the GI



