

Newsletter





Splash down at the new campus of Arthur and Lucy's day care, complete with its own little wadi.



Head of Primary's Message

Inaugural Olympic Week Success

This week marked a historic moment for our school with the launch of our very first Olympic Week. Our students had the fantastic opportunity to dive into the worlds of Hockey, Boxing, and Volleyball, sparking new interests and showcasing their athletic talents. For those looking to pursue these sports further, here are some recommended clubs in Dubai:

- **Volleyball:** Esperia Volleyball Academy (EVA)
- **Field Hockey:** Dubai Shams Hockey - dubaishamshockey@gmail.com OR +971 50 842 1596
- **Boxing:** Boxica - <https://boxica.ae/>

A heartfelt thanks to Ms. Sonia for her leadership and passion in bringing this Olympic spirit to DIA.

Year 3 Sleepover Fun

The Year 3 sleepover was a night to remember, proving to be one of the year's highlights. Judging by the teachers' exhausted yet happy expressions, it's clear the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Expect some well-deserved sofa naps at home!

Year 4 Camp Triumph

Congratulations to Year 4 for concluding their residential trip to UAQ and earning the title of the highest attended camp this year. Stay tuned for details on the 2024-2025 camps as we plan more unforgettable adventures.

Animals and the Lower School

Animals played a significant role in the lower school this week, which naturally I love to see. KG2's animal dress-up day was a delightful spectacle, with students parading their adorable costumes to the cheers of the school community. Their creativity and enthusiasm were truly infectious. Our KG1 students showed great empathy and curiosity as they learned about pet care from a visiting vet. Our Year 2 exhibition on habitats was an impressive display of their hard work and curiosity. The dedication to understanding our world is wonderful to be a part of and to see such young learners so engaged in understanding the needs of animals and our world. Arthur is now expecting his debut in school soon.



- Fully compliant uniform**
- Dark blue DIA jumper
 - Dark blue/white socks
 - DIA shorts
 - Black shoes



Acceptable example of a non DIA jumper

Uniform is improving but please continue to ensure children adhere to the above guidelines AND bring their hats to school to play outside in the sunshine.



Head of Primary's Message

Ramadan approaches (school timings are after the calendar below)

As per tradition, during The Holy Month of Ramadan, our community takes part in a care box initiative. This year we ask our Homeroom classes to take charge of making 1 care box each (though of course more will be accepted). These will be distributed to our beloved support staff, who work tirelessly behind the scenes of our school. Below are some items that have been included:

Food items

- 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



Please try to ensure the box is sturdy and lovingly presented. It is also a wonderful touch to include notes of thanks.

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

- Click for the [lanyards order form](#) - Kindly contact helpdesk@diadubai.com for any assistance.

FOOD PROVIDER:

All continues to go really well with our new food provider. This link will stay here for a few weeks to serve as a reminder.

- iOS (Apple) App Link: <https://apps.apple.com/ae/app/kalo-hospitality/id6461117251>
- Android App Link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=munch.kalo.delivery>



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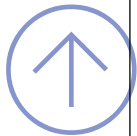
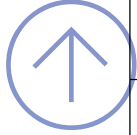
FEBRUARY



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
04 Beach clean up drive (refer comms from Mr. Nick)	05 PS Parent Teacher Consultation KG1-Y6 (No school for PS)	06 KG2 Trip to Oli Oli Y6 trip to the Louvre, Abu Dhabi	07 PS Sports Day Y6 trip to the Louvre, Abu Dhabi	08 Spanish MT Carnival	09 PS Sports Day Term 1 reports PS Ski Trip - Parent Info session (final) 11.15 am PS Gym	10
11	12 Mid Term Break (No school)	13 Mid Term Break (No school)	14 Mid Term Break (No school)	15 Mid Term Break (No school)	16 Mid Term Break (No school)	17
18	19 PS Olympic Week Year 4	20 PS Olympic Week Year 3 Author visit KG1-Y1 KG2 Animal Dress up day	21 PS Olympic Week- Year 5 Year 4B,E,F,G Camp Y2 & Y5 Dental Screening PADIA 2nd hand uniform sale	22 PS Olympic Week - Year 6 Year 4A,C,D Camp Y3 Sleepover Y2 & Y5 Dental screening KG1 Pet care visit	23 Year 4 Camp returns. Y2 Exhibition, Sky Garden. Comms to follow from HR.	24
25	26	27 PS Musical Hairspray Jr.	28 PS Musical Hairspray Jr. PADIA 2nd hand uniform sale	29	01 Reading Month	02

03. MARCH 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
03	04 PS DC Book Fair PS Coin Mural	05 DC Book Fair Innovents Science Fair Y2 Author visit Ramadan Assembly Y2-6	06 DC Book Fair KG1 Sports Day	07 DC Book Fair World Book day dress up	08 DC Book Fair PADIA International Day dress up Toddler Report Unit 3	09 <i>Ramadhan Mubarak</i>
10	11 Ramadan Times	12	13	14	15 PS Literacy Day	17
18	19	20 Community Iftar 6:30pm Details to follow	21	22	23	24 Spring Break begins
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Timings 10th March - 22nd March 2024

Following guidelines from the Ministry of Education and regional guidelines, we are required to comply with reduced hours during the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Monday to Thursday we will be starting at 08.15 and finishing at 13.15 promptly. The reduced hours will help those students fasting to have enough time to rest. If you son/daughter is fasting, please make sure to choose a well-balanced diet and keep them hydrated when permitted. It helps, of course, for children to get as much sleep as they can during this time as possible.

Please note that there are no CCAs during this time.

PS Ramadan Timings (Mon - Thurs) KG2 - Year 6			PS Ramadan Timings (Friday) KG2 - Year 6	
08:15 - 08:25	Registration		08:15 - 08:25	Registration
08:25 - 09:05	Lesson 1		08:25 - 09:15	Lesson 1
09:05 - 9:45	Lesson 2		09:15 - 10:05	Lesson 2
09:45 - 10:05	Snack		10:05 - 10:25	Snack
10:05 - 10:45	Lesson 3		10:25 - 11:15	Lesson 3
10:45 - 11:25	Lesson 4		11:15 - 12:00	Lesson 4
11:25 - 11:55	Lunch		12.15	Buses leave
11:55 - 12:35	Lesson 5			
12:35 - 13:15	Lesson 6			
13:30	Buses leave			
SS Ramadan Timings (Mon - Thurs) Year 7 - 13			SS Ramadan Timings (Friday) Year 7 - 13	
08:15 - 08:25	Registration		08:15 - 08:25	Registration
08:25 - 09:00	Lesson 1		08:25 - 09:05	Lesson 1
09:00 - 09:35	Lesson 2		09:05 - 09:45	Lesson 2
09:35 - 10:10	Lesson 3		09:45 - 10:25	Lesson 3
10:10 - 10:30	Snack		10:25 - 11:05	Lesson 4
10:30 - 11:05	Lesson 4		11:05 - 11:30	Snack
11:05 - 11:40	Lesson 5		11:30 - 12:00	Lesson 5
11:40 - 12:15	Lesson 6		12.15	Buses leave
12:15 - 12:40	Lunch			
12:40 - 13:15	Lesson 7			
13:30	Buses leave			

TAKING ACTION

Has your child been taking action out of school recently? Then we want to know all about it so we can celebrate it on our displays in school...
Please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/KW8tTenAY3>



A number of DIA families visited Kite Beach and took part in the Save the Butts campaign, an initiative led by Goumbook. The initiative aims to promote awareness about plastic pollution, ocean conservation and behavioral change. Thanks to all the volunteers that came, we were able to collect thousands of butts, which will be recycled into a sustainable plywood.

RECYCLING DRIVE

DIA-EH in Partnership with MEREX

Initiating Nature Green Revolution Among Students

We are proud to announce our upcoming sustainability partnership with The Beach, JBR, Dubai by Merex Investment.

As part of this exciting collaboration, DIA_EH will be a part of the art installation that will be displayed at The Beach, JBR in March 2024. This year the theme is "Ocean Pollution".

We invite parents to donate recyclable materials listed in the image below. These may be dropped off at the front security foyer of the school in the respective labelled boxes.

Nurturing a green revolution at The Beach, JBR

Below listed are the materials to be collected:



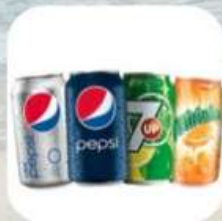
Glass bottles or jars



Plastic bottle lids



Plastic toys



Aluminium cans



Broken/unusable sunglasses

Please rinse the bottles, jars, plastic lids and cans ready for re-cycling.

Last date of collection is 23 February 2024.

INNOVENTURES EDUCATION SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION 2023 - 2024

1

SELECT YOUR CATEGORY

KG1, KG2 Year 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13

2D ARTWORK

Year: 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13

PRINT MAKING

Year: 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13

3D ARTWORK

Year: 6-7, 8-10, 11-13

DIGITAL ART

GROUP WORK

INSTALLATION

2

Print and complete a
submission form

3

Submit your entries to your
Art Teacher by 8th March 2024

Art Competition
May 18, 2024

Dear Parents,

The Innoventures Art Competition is dedicated to nurturing the artistic talents and creative expression of students of all ages and abilities. Our competition is designed to foster an understanding and appreciation of the visual arts while simultaneously developing essential skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, and digital media.

LAST DATE FOR FINAL SUBMISSION: 8th MARCH 2024

KG1, KG2 and Year 1:

CATEGORY 2D ARTWORK ON A3 SIZE PAPER- students can use pencil crayons, oil pastels, chalk pastels, and watercolours. Students may create collage with different materials while following the mentioned size.

Suggested topics:

- My Family Portrait: Create a unique family portrait that includes all family members, even pets.
- My Favorite Animal: Create an artwork featuring your favourite animals, whether real or imaginary.
- A World of Ice Cream: Create an artwork showcasing a world made of your favorite ice cream flavors and toppings.
- When I Grow Up: Create an artwork depicting what you want to be when you grow up.

Years 2 – 6:

CATEGORIES - Each year group must follow one of the suggested topics as per the age range. The student may choose to do more than one category (listed below), but the categories and topics must not be repeated.

Suggested topics:

- Cultural Kaleidoscope: Celebrate diversity by exploring and representing different cultures, traditions, and global perspectives.
- Life in Monochrome: Limit the color palette to black and white or shades of a single color, emphasizing contrast and tone.
- Wildlife Wonders: Depict the fascinating world of wildlife, from the tiniest insects to the mightiest mammals, and the breathtaking beauty of nature.
- Emotions Unleashed: Explore the diverse spectrum of emotions from joy and excitement to sadness and empathy.

2D ARTWORK ON A3 SIZE

- Years 2 - 4: students can use pencil crayons, oil pastels, chalk pastels, and watercolours
- Years 5 – 6: students can use acrylic paints, tempera paints, and watercolours.
- Students may create collage with different materials while following the mentioned size.

PRINTMAKING (Batik Printing, Lino Printing, Mono Printing, Styrofoam Printing)

- Students may use any materials and tools that align with the selected printmaking type.
- Students may do the batik on bags or t-shirts but please note the size of the item should be A3 or A4 paper size.

3D - MINIATURE ART

- Miniature art is any work of art produced in a size much smaller than the normal size for that type of work. (SIZE: A3 or A4 size)

Some examples for the miniature art:

- Wild Life wonder Topic- A cardboard giraffe
- Emotions Unleashed Topic- A clay portrait expressing happiness
- Cultural Kaleidoscope Topic: A dream catcher which aligns with the given size for the miniature artwork.
- Life in Monochrome Topic- An abstract sculpture in shades of blue only.

Materials for the 3D MINIATURE ART

- Students can use any available materials that align with the miniature art.

Year 5 - 6

Category- DIGITAL ARTS (Animation, Video, Stop Motion)

Suggested topics:

- Cultural Kaleidoscope: Celebrate diversity by exploring and representing different cultures, traditions, and global perspectives.
- Life in Monochrome: Limit the color palette to black and white or shades of a single color, emphasizing contrast and tone.
- Wildlife Wonders: Depict the fascinating world of wildlife, from the tiniest insects to the mightiest mammals, and the breathtaking beauty of nature.
- Emotions Unleashed: Explore the diverse spectrum of emotions from joy and excitement to sadness and empathy.

Follow the link below for submission.

<https://padlet.com/felipel2/digital-design-competition-bnkvx6ky07glfok>

Important rules:

1. All artworks must be aligned with the competition themes, conceptual framework, and guidelines.
2. Each student may only submit one artwork per category.
3. The submitted artworks will be used for display on websites, printed materials, newsletters, and press releases as deemed appropriate by Innoventures Education.
4. All artworks should be original and not entered in any previous competitions.
5. All participants must adhere to the sub- rules regarding size, format, material, and artwork count.
6. 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.

LAST DATE FOR FINAL SUBMISSION: 8th MARCH 2024



ARTWORK SUBMISSION TO THE RESPECTIVE TEACHERS: WITH A COMPLETED SUBMISSION FORM

Years 1, 3 and 5 students should submit their artwork to their art teacher Ms. Kiran Lakhiani
Years 2, 4 and 6 students should submit their artwork to their art teacher Ms. Iti Sethi
Year 5 and 6 Students to communicate with their ICT teacher Mr. Felipe San Juan De Leon for any queries related to the Digital Arts Category.

KG1 students may give their submissions to their respective class teachers.

For any questions, please contact:
Ms. Kiran - kiranl@diadubai.com
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Kind regards,
The PS Arts Team

Art Competition

DIA - PADIA International Day - Country Leadership

International Day- Friday March 8th 2024 - Country Heads Contact List

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to yet another evening filled with culture, tradition, music and delicacies from around the world.

Below is the list of the country heads with their contact details, please do reach out to them if you wish to support/volunteer for that specific country.

If the country you wish to support is NOT listed below, please do reach out to padiadubai@gmail.com with your request. However, please note, by doing so you are volunteering to be a LEAD for that country and we can then share your details to the rest of the school with the intention to collect more volunteers.

If you are a country HEAD, our PADIA members Gina, Pooja & Saba have divided the countries amongst themselves and created 3 WhatsApp groups in order to have more efficient support and ensure we are addressing your needs. So, if you are a country head you should have been added to a group by now. If you haven't then please email padiadubai@gmail.com.

Thank you and we look forward to a super productive event ahead of us.

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DC BOOKS

everyone has a good book



WELCOME TO DIA **BOOK FAIR**

Dubai International Academy EH
4TH – 8TH OF MARCH 2024
8 am – 3 pm

KG1 Campus
5TH OF MARCH
8 am – 2 pm



**CHILDREN'S
AUTHOR VISIT**

Hilda Youssef

**“SNOWY & ZOEY'S BIG LIFE LESSON”
IS A TALE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
BEING TOLD BY CHILDREN'S AUTHOR
HILDA YOUSSEF**

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TO MEET THE AUTHOR, READ, LISTEN, TALK,
LAUGH, LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER!**

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FINAL ORDERS DATE: WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEB



**5 MARCH
2024**

**YEAR 2
STUDENTS**

DIA EH

