

RAHA REMINDERS

Gardens Campus

Whole School

Key Dates

17 Nov:	Sign up for Term 2 Sports Team Tryouts
20-22 Nov:	G5 Field trips
22 Nov:	G2 Air Maniax field trip
22-23 Nov:	Stella Starfish Musical at 5pm
24 Nov	F1 Dress Down Day
27 Nov:	Interactive workshop for G1-5 parents: What is PYP?
28 Nov:	Raptors Reps sign up at Raptors Nest
29 Nov:	National Day Celebration
27 Nov-8 Dec:	Signing up of Parents for the ECP Term 2
5 Dec:	Tales of Narnia for EY1-G1
4 Dec:	Winter Concert
4, 6-7 Dec:	EY2 Trip to Umm Al Emarat Park
7 Dec:	PYP Stay and Share morning
8 Dec:	Last day of school - Winter break holiday

F1 Dress Down Day

All students EY1-G12 and staff are invited to celebrate the F1 on Friday 24th November by wearing team colours, F1 or car themed items etc. Please be reminded that outfits must be culturally respectful.

Winter Camps

Are you staying for the holidays?

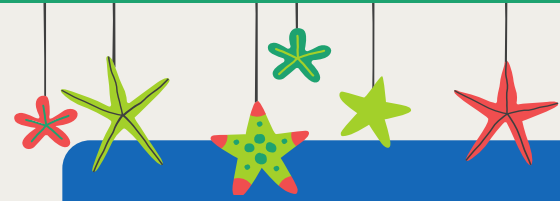
Here we have the options offered for winter camps. Take advantage of early bird discounts. Click to get more information about activities, times, dates and rates.

[Arabian Swim & CF Tennis](#)

[Infinite Sports](#)

Community Fitness Fridays 4rd Walk

On November 24, to continue with our Community Fitness Fridays, please join us for our fourth walk on the football MYP pitch. Bring your kids along and see how many laps you can do together. Afterwards, share your steps!



Stella the Starfish

Tickets are on sale every morning before school in the Raptor's Nest for the EY2 and G1 production, Stella the Starfish. The show will be performed on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November at 5pm.

Tickets cost AED30, cash only.

National Identity Arts Competition

Raha has been invited to take part in the National Identity Arts competition happening at Manarat Al Saadiyat between February and March. This is an initiative from ADEK and we will submit up to 30 pieces of student artwork inspired by local heritage.

We are calling on any parents from our Raha Community to participate with our students, running a workshop in Arabic calligraphy, or any other National Identity Art that you could share.

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Leaving Families

If your family is leaving during the academic year, please email admissions@ris.ae for the withdrawal form so that we can assist you with any leaving documentation.

[Parent Team Newsletter](#)

[Food Nation Menu](#)

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Events of the Week

EY Curriculum Coffee Morning



Three Way Conferences



Raha Riddles

I'm a three letter word
That can get you very far
As I have four wheels.
Which means that I am a...

Last Week's Answer

I do not eat food. But I do
enjoy a light meal everyday.
What I am?
I am a Plant

Tournament of Champions of the World Scholar's Cup

A team of seven students in G7-8 have participated this past week in the Tournament of Champions of the World Scholar's Cup, held at Yale University in the United States.

They qualified for this academic tournament after successfully competing in the regional round in Dubai, and in the global rounds in Doha and Bangkok. The students won all of their respective debates, worked on collaborative writings, and completed general knowledge quizzes on the topic of "Reconstructing the Past."

The students brought home a plethora of medals, the result of their continued hard work and academic commitment.

New Raptors Reps

Do your kids play sports? If so, Raptor Reps is for you! We need moms and dads to help make our sports programs better than ever before. Join us on Nov 28th at 2.30pm in the Raptors Nest to find out more!

List of the upcoming matches: [click here](#)



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Early Years

Stella the Starfish -rehearsal reminder

Monday 20th November - EY2 and Grade 1 rehearsal from 1pm to 3.30pm. There will be no bus service for EY2 or Grade 1 students, as previously communicated please ensure alternative arrangements are made for collection.



Primary

What is the PYP?

Ms. Pilar, PYP Coordinator, will host an interactive workshop for G1-5 parents in the Auditorium on Monday 27th November, 8.10-9.00 am. Please refer to the email sent this week for further details and to register your interest.

Save the Date!
Our next Stay and Share morning will be Thursday 7th December.

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Ken Ken Open Round Competition

We are pleased to announce the KenKen Open Round Competition for ALL-AGES, organised by KenKen, the world's largest mathematics puzzle championship. We invite our students to participate in this exciting event, which promises to enrich their mathematical skills and enhance their problem-solving abilities. The Open Round competition is open to students in Grade 3 and above, as well as parents and teachers, making it a fun and engaging experience for all. KenKen puzzles have a remarkable impact on a child's brain development, providing numerous benefits critical to building intellectual power.

For more information [here](#).

Schoolsbuddy – Excursion Consent

It's school trip season! We use Schoolsbuddy to share information and take consent for our School trips. We ask that all parents provide a reply as to whether their child will be attending or not.

When the consent opens, you will receive an email from Schoolsbuddy to notify you of the trip information and to request consent. Follow the link to Schoolsbuddy, you will see the consent request under "Actioned Required" or "Invitations" on your main dashboard.

Clicking here will bring you to the consent page where you can give your consent, which will then put the trip in your diary. Here are two Schoolsbuddy support articles that show the process for [Web browser](#) and for the [Schoolsbuddy App](#)

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Schoolsbuddy FAQ

[I've forgotten my Schoolsbuddy password or can't log in](#)

See this Schoolsbuddy article on how to [reset your password](#). If this doesn't work, reach out to dbadmin@ris.ae

[I've received the email, but I don't have the request on my dashboard](#)

Check "My Diary" to see if the trip has been added to your child's diary. If it is in the diary, consent has been given. If you still don't see the trip in your diary, email the school assistant and the lead organizer for the trip.

[I didn't receive an email to notify me of a trip, but I know my child's class has been invited](#)

Email the School assistant and the Lead organizer for the trip

[I need to change the consent for my child](#)

Email the School assistant and the Lead organizer for the trip

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Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey is taking place from 18th – 19th November, registered students should arrive at 5:45 am at gate 8 for a prompt 6:00 am departure.

The Bronze Award helps students develop campcraft, navigation, and survival skills in a 2-days/1-night journey. Participants learn a plethora of new skills with a careful balance of instructions and independence. We wish our participants the best luck for an enjoyable adventure!

Raha's finalist Voices of Generation Competition

In the UAE's Year of Sustainability, we proudly celebrated Raha's Lucia De Quesada Martin as a finalist in the Voices of the Future Generation Competition, receiving her prize in a ceremony with Her Highness Sheikha Hissa bint Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. View the children's sustainability promo [here](#). This year, we aim for greater success, inviting judges to Raha in January for a workshop providing direct feedback to students on their story drafts. Limited spots available; contact Ms. Teejay and join the Team using code jut3882 if your child is under 13 by 31st May.

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

Trips coming up this week

Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd: F1 Yas Marina Trip for G8's and the F1 in schools ECP

Tuesday 21st: G9 B&E Physics Ferrari World

Wednesday 22nd: G11 Theory of Knowledge Louvre Abu Dhabi trip

Book Fair – Thank you

Thank you for supporting our Bookfair last week. All students now have access to a fabulous selection of titles that we received as commission. First to read has their name permanently written into the book – please encourage your child to come, "check it out!"



Daniel Merza – a motivational speaker

We are very excited to welcome Daniel Merza – a Motivational speaker to our campus on Thursday 23rd November ([link to website](#)).

Grade 6-8 Topic: Beat Bullying

Grade 9-10 Topic: Leader of Your Life.

The timings of the sessions are below:

- Grade 6: 8 – 9am
- Grade 7: 9.15 – 10.15am
- Grade 8: 11.20 – 12.20pm
- Grade 9 & 10: 1 – 2pm (G9 will be live and G10 will be streamed to classes)



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“All About Bullying” presentation

During Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th, we held a presentation for parents around ‘All about bullying’. This was an informative workshop aimed at providing parents with further information around what bullying may look like and some of the root causes and effects of bullying. Some of the topics covered were:

- Definition of bullying and where it may take place
- Why children may bully, which includes a person being ‘different’ due to disabilities, race, situations at home etc.
- Signs to look out for if your child may be bullied.
- The importance of us as parents to model respectful and tolerant behaviours for our children.
- Questions to ask and reasons for why your child may be bullying others, along with conversation starters.
- Our values and the preventative measures we adopt at Raha to foster an inclusive environment.

For those that attended the presentation, we hope you found it informative and useful. For those that were unable to attend, please feel free to contact us.

We have attached a [link to my presentation](#), along with some activities and conversation starters you can do with your child/ren. This also includes a short film and a 5-minute mediation video. I implore you to watch this video which highlights the importance of simply being kind and the positive impact it can have of just being ‘heard’.

As for the meditation video, I would encourage you to do this with your child prior to starting any discussion around bullying, which can be divisive and evoke many feelings.

Thought for the Week:

Reflecting on the successful completion of our recent three-way conferences, we are filled with gratitude for the vibrant community spirit that defines our school. These conferences are a testament to the collaborative effort of students, teachers, and parents in forging a path towards academic excellence and personal growth.

As we move forward, let’s carry with us the insights and goals discussed during these meetings. Remember, the journey of education is a continuous partnership, and every step we take together brings our students closer to realizing their fullest potential.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement.
Here’s to a week filled with learning and growth!