

RAHA REMINDERS

Gardens Campus

Whole School

Key Dates

27 Nov:	Interactive workshop for G1-5 parents: What is PYP? G3 field trip to Heritage Village Red Crescent campaign "Tarahum for Gaza" starts
28 Nov:	Raptors Reps sign up at Raptors Nest Holiday Bazaar & Winter Concert
29 Nov:	National Day Celebration - wear national dress
30 Nov:	Martyr's Day (PYP wear national dress)
27 Nov-8 Dec:	Signing up of Parents for the ECP Term 2
1 Dec:	Distance learning for all students
2-4 Dec:	UAE National Day Holiday
5 Dec:	Tales of Narnia for EY1-G1
6-7 Dec:	EY2 Trip to Umm Al Emarat Park
7 Dec:	PYP Stay and Share morning for UOI 2
8 Dec:	Last day of school - Winter break holiday

National Day Holiday

The UAE's Union Day holiday will take place from 2nd to 4th December 2023, with the implementation of distance learning on 1st December 2023. All schools will resume operation on 5th December 2023.

Red Crescent Campaign

Starting Monday 27th Raha Community will start the campaign for donations "Tarahum for Ghaza", conducted in collaboration with the Emirates Red Crescent. We invite everyone to contribute by collecting items you can drop at the designated containers available at Raptors Nest.



National Day Celebration

It is our pleasure at Raha International School to cordially invite you to join us in the 52nd National Day celebration on Wednesday 29th November. Your attendance is highly appreciated!

We welcome the Raha GC Community to visit our Heritage Village from 12.00pm. Students, staff and parents are encouraged to wear UAE flag colours or national dress.

There will be many celebrations on campus and most will be free of charge, but we invite the community to bring a small amount of spending money for some optional extras.

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.

Mosquitos around campus

We have noticed an increase in mosquito activity in the Khalifa City area recently. This is due to multiple factors including the current weather conditions. In order to address this issue we have, and will continue to do, weekly fogging treatments of the campus and our facilities. If you want to take additional personal precautions, you are welcome to utilize natural, non-chemical insect repellents.

Holiday Bazaar

Just a few more days until the [Holiday Bazaar!](#) Join us on Tuesday 28th November from 5.00-8.00pm for a festive family evening filled with delicious food, our own Raha Choir, and a wide variety of vendors selling beautiful gift items which are perfect for the holiday season! There will be lots of activities for the kids to enjoy: slime-making, face painting, henna, cookie decorating and much more...

Friends and family are welcome!

Winter Concert

Please join us in the auditorium* for our annual Winter Concert taking place during the Holiday Bazaar. Performances by our Primary and Secondary Choirs, Orchestra, and a variety of instrumental soloists will be on show on Tuesday 28th November. Entry is free.



[Parent Team Newsletter](#)

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Events of the Week

Daniel Merza at Raha



Stella the Starfish



Raha Riddles

What did the mom and dad camel name their baby born without a hump?

Last Week's Answer

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



Bridging the Gap Between Raha Students and Parent Professionals

The School Advisory Board at Raha International School, Gardens Campus is spearheading an initiative to promote students' exposure to career opportunities, the work environment, and entrepreneurship. This initiative is intended to benefit all students from EY1 to Grade 12.

Leveraging the extensive professional skillset and network of our parent community would be especially beneficial to expose students to the broad range of professions that they may aspire to in the future.

This school year, possible functions for parent professionals will include speeches during student assemblies, thematic professional focus group workshops, a career fair, company visits, etc. The school will support participating parents in obtaining ADEK approval.

We would greatly appreciate the involvement of parent professionals who might be willing to support this venture. If you think that you could contribute, please complete [this form](#) by Wednesday 6th December.

New Raptors Reps

Do your kids play sports? If so, Raptors Reps is for you! We need moms and dads to help make our sports programs better than ever before.

Join us on 28th November at 2.30pm in Raptors Nest to find out more!

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



Winter Camps

Are you staying for the holidays?

Here we have the options offered for winter camps. Click to get more information about activities, times, dates and regular rates (early bird discounts are over).

[Arabian Swim & CF Tennis](#)

[Infinite Sports](#)

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Headshots for our athletes

We're excited to inform you that photographer Joy from Kurent Lifestyle will be joining us on Thursday 30th November to capture sports headshots for our athletes. Joy has over a decade of experience and has collaborated with prominent organizations such as Rugby 7s, NCAA, and the NBA. Now, she's eager to bring the distinctive Kurent style of headshots to our Raha athletes.

She will be in the Auditorium from 11.30-12.30pm and 1.00-3.00pm to take photos. Each slot is 3mins long and the booking process will be on Schoolsbuddy (the same format as parent conferences). Students must wear their team sports kit (swimmers/triathletes can wear their Raha shirts over swim kit).

All athletes are encouraged to participate in the photo session, but it is not mandatory. Following the session, parents will receive a gallery featuring their athlete's images. [Check here](#) for examples of her work.



Early Years

ECPs sign ups

Please be aware that Monday 27th and Thursday 30th will be the last day for teacher led ECP's for Term 1. There will be no ECP's in the last week of term. Keep an eye out for ECP sign ups for Term 2.

Stella the Starfish

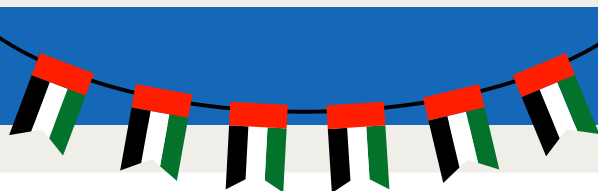
Huge congratulations to our fantastic sea creatures for an amazing performance of Stella the Starfish! We are so very proud of the effort and commitment, well done everyone.



National Day Celebration

Parents are invited to take part in National Day celebrations from 12.00pm. EY students will be back in class just before 12.00pm. Students can be collected from classrooms and parents will be given a National Day Exit Slip, they can explore the village under parental supervision. Teachers and any remaining students will stay in classrooms. Buses will run as normal and home time for any remaining students will be at 1.00pm and 2.00pm as normal.

On Thursday 30th November for Martyr's Day students can also wear national dress.



Primary

National Day Celebration

Join us in celebrating UAE National Day! Parents are invited to join the celebrations from 12.00pm. Students, staff and parents are encouraged to wear UAE flag colours or national dress. There will be many celebrations on campus and most will be free of charge. Students are also invited to bring a small amount of spending money for some optional extras. There will be a free shawarma for students from Food Nation.

G2-5 National Day assembly starts at 10.15am

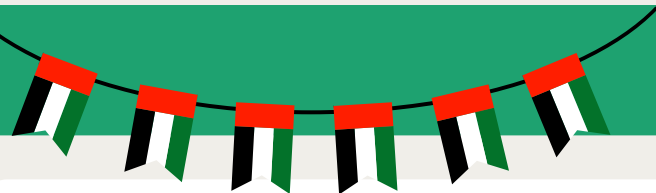
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What is the PYP?

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.

Ken Ken Open Competition

We invite our students to participate in this exciting event, which promises to enrich their mathematical skills and enhance their problem-solving abilities. [Registration is open until 25th November](#). More information [here](#).



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Secondary

National Day Celebration

Join us in celebrating UAE National Day! Parents are invited to join the celebrations from 12.00pm. Students, staff and parents are encouraged to wear UAE flag colours or national dress. There will be many celebrations on campus and most will be free of charge. Students are also invited to bring a small amount of spending money for some optional extras. there will be a free shawarma for the student from Food Nation.

Secondary Assemblies will take place as follows:

- G6-8 - 10.20am
- G9-12 - 11.20am

'Community of the Future' Initiative - COP 28

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude for your dedication, support, and contribution to the 'Community of the Future' initiative. Raha students demonstrated impressive efforts and outcomes on the initiative. We will share the finalized policy insights report once branding is finalized and approved.



The IB Learner Profile

The International Baccalaureate (IB) learner profile and inclusive principles share common ground in fostering a positive and holistic learning environment.

Inquirers	IB inquirers explore diverse learning needs in their class for a more enriching experience.
Knowledgeable	IB knowledge extends to understanding the unique learning styles within their school community.
Thinkers	As thinkers, students contribute thoughtful ideas to create a more inclusive classroom environment.
Communicators	IB communicators foster inclusivity by respecting and embracing the diverse ways their classmates express themselves.
Principled	Principled students promote fairness, equity, and ethical practices, contributing to a just and inclusive learning environment.
Open-Minded	Open-minded students actively contribute to creating a more inclusive and accepting school community.
Caring	IB caring extends to recognizing and addressing the unique needs of their peers, fostering inclusivity within their class and school.
Risk-Takers	IB risk-takers boldly adapt their approaches to support diverse needs, contributing to a more inclusive and supportive educational experience.
Balanced	Striving for balance, IB students enhance inclusivity by considering academic, social, and emotional needs within their class.
Reflective	Reflecting on inclusive practices aligns with the reflective aspect of the IB learner profile, contributing to continuous improvement and an inclusive atmosphere within their class and school.

Integrating these principles enhances the educational experience, fostering well-rounded, globally minded, and inclusive individuals.

MYP Decoded Podcast – Episode 14

This interview with Grade 8 students (and one Grade 7) focused on the World Scholar's Cup, with the students explaining about their experiences at the Tournament of Champions at Yale University recently, as well as their route to that final competition.

[Spotify web link](#)

[Apple Podcasts](#)

