

# RAHA REMINDERS

## Gardens Campus

## Whole School

### Key Dates

- 15 Jan:** ADEK Jobalike  
EY Music Recital – KCC Black Box
- 16 Jan:** Al Sultan Stable Trips for G9 Arabic
- 17 Jan:** Golf for G3 -12 at Abu Dhabi Golf Club starts
- 18 Jan:** Al Sultan Stable Trips for G8 Arabic  
Initial parents' conversational English meet up  
Parent workshop: Understanding Writers' Workshop  
and Self Regulation Skills at Home – Innovation Hub
- 22 Jan:** Picture Book donation ends
- 24 Jan:** Unpacking EdPsych Reports for Parents- Raptors Nest
- 27 Jan:** Raha Mums Heritage Walk
- 31 Jan:** Deadline for EY Music Recital
- 16 Feb:** MYP Semester 1 Reports available

## Picture Book Donation

Grade 4 is running a pre-loved book sale and kindly requests donations of PICTURE BOOKS from across the whole school community.

Picture books should be suitable for children aged 5-11. Please ensure books align with the values of the UAE and drop donations to tubs at the Primary Reception (L Block) by Monday 22nd January.

Note that funds raised at the sale will form our float for the upcoming Souq Day, with profits going to Red Crescent (pending ADEK approval).

## Looking for mentors for our Language Clubs

We are seeking members of our community to be mentors in our Language Clubs.

Language Clubs are a fun way for students with the same home language to come together and play games/ listen to a story/ have a chat. As a mentor you will lead a group of students in your home language. Please complete [THIS](#) form if you are interested.

G1-5 Language Clubs  
Thursday mornings @ 7.35am

For more information please  
contact [mairead.ryan@ris.ae](mailto:mairead.ryan@ris.ae)



## Hosting Jobalike for SEN/Inclusion

A message from Mrs. Carol, VP:

"We are delighted to be hosting an ADEK Jobalike for SEN/Inclusion leaders from across Abu Dhabi, on Monday 15th January. Approximately 80 teachers and school leaders will be visiting our campus from 2pm – 4.30pm that day, which will naturally have an impact on our community.

To this end, can we advise you that the traffic from 2pm may be heavier than usual, and parking spaces will be at a premium, so please consider this in your journey on Monday. Any opportunities for carpooling will support the process of ensuring a safe and timely journey, and we ask for your patience and extra vigilance if you are driving to school that day."



## EY Music Recital

On Wednesday 14th February at 5.00pm in the KCC Black Box we will hold our first ever cross-campus Music Recital for students in EY. Please complete [THIS](#) [signup form](#) to apply for your child to perform at it (please make sure they can play a piece confidently all the way through!)

The deadline for applications is  
Wednesday 31st January at 3.00pm.

## Parent Team Newsletter

## Food Nation Menu

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### Events of the Week

#### STEM Week



#### Fitness Friday



Follow our social media accounts for Gardens updates and campus life!

#### Raha Mums Heritage Walk

Join us for an invigorating morning 5-7km beginners' walk around a scenic hidden gem desert camp. Led by expert female guides fluent in Arabic and English, we'll conquer the dunes of Al Khatim. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Save the date: Saturday 27th January. The school subsidizes part of the walk – final pricing pending approval. We start at the school or meet us at the camp. Return by 12.30pm, leaving ample time for Saturday family fun.

Places are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Female DP students, you're invited too. Stay tuned for more details, or express your interest by reaching out to our Parent Champion [salmansoori@ris.ae](mailto:salmansoori@ris.ae). Adventure awaits!



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### Unpacking an EdPsych Report

The Student Support Team invites all interested parents to join us for a workshop on unpacking an EdPsych Report. We understand that many of you have undergone the comprehensive process of meeting with paediatricians and Education Psychologists to gain a deeper understanding of how your child can learn best, as well as to identify potential barriers they may face. We are also aware that the reports generated from these meetings can be extensive and filled with technical jargon.

On 24th January, we would like to support you to demystify these reports. During the workshop, we will break down the reports, highlighting key areas to focus on, explaining essential terminology, and providing guidance on actions you can take after receiving an EdPsych report.

We look forward to your participation and to supporting you in navigating this important aspect of your child's educational journey.

What: Unpacking EdPsych Reports for Parents

Where: Raptors Nest

When: 8.30-9.30am, Wednesday 24th January

If you have any questions, please contact Ben ([bcrosby@ris.ae](mailto:bcrosby@ris.ae)) or Mairéad ([mairéad.Ryan@ris.ae](mailto:mairéad.Ryan@ris.ae)).

### Parents' Conversational English

Beginning Wednesday 17th January, Parents' Conversational English will take place at the Raptor's Nest.

It will run every Wednesday from 7:45am until approximately 8:15am.

This is a very informal 'class' for any parents who wish to practice their day-to-day English skills outside while the weather is cool. We will sit together each week and discuss how to use / grow our English skills to better help with booking flights, shopping, hospitals, dentists, airports and other situations that we might experience in our day-to-day lives. Any parents who take part are always encouraged to suggest a topic or issue they would like to discuss as well.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Reid Mcleod [rmcleod@ris.ae](mailto:rmcleod@ris.ae). See you next Wednesday morning at 7.45 am.



### Golf registration still open

Golf Lessons- Beginner, intermediate, advanced at the Abu Dhabi Golf Club. Transport to and from school available, or parents can also collect from the club. This will run from Tuesday 16th January (every week for 8 weeks). For more information email: [nspendlovedawber@ris.ae](mailto:nspendlovedawber@ris.ae) or [dblighe@ris.ae](mailto:dblighe@ris.ae)

Time: 3.45-4.45pm

Price is 795 per student

Grade 6-12 MYP

PYP Grade 3-5

[Golf Raha Community](#)

### Raha Riddles

I can be hot, I can be cold,  
I can run and I can be still,  
I can be hard and I can be soft.  
What am I?

### Last Week's Answer

One lady ordered a fast delivery pizza and her order came the next year. How is this possible?  
She order it on New Year

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### Primary

#### CleverTech Reading Competition for Grades 1-5

"Who Will Be the UAE's Next Top Reader?"

Raz Kids hosting their fourth annual Reading Competition to motivate kids across the UAE to read more! Students will go head-to-head with their peers, as well as with students from other International schools across the Emirates, in a competition to become... "The Next Top Reader!"

Start Date: Monday 29th January

End Date: Thursday 29th February

Students will earn STARS by completing various reading activities on Raz-Kids & Vocabulary A-Z. The more age-appropriate reading activities you complete, the more STARS you earn... the greater your chances will be at winning the GRAND PRIZE! Winners will be announced on March 20, 2024 and prizes will be awarded for the following:

TOP READERS: Highest Number of Stars Earned within the duration of the competition:

#### PARENT INFORMATION VIDEO

This [video](#) will guide you in supporting your child(ren) at home throughout the competition and will answer the following questions:

1. How does my child earn Stars for reading?
2. How does my child login to the [Kids A-Z platform](#) via computer or app?
3. Where can my child access books that will count towards the competition?
4. How do I access the Parent Dashboard to monitor my child's progress?

On Your Marks... Get Set... READ!

#### 1st Place

One night hotel stay with family Atlantis The Palm Resort, Dubai: Half Board Package, including complimentary access to Aquaventure Waterpark or Hilton Warner Brothers, Abu Dhabi: Half Board Package, including complimentary access to any of the Yas Theme parks.

Personalised engraved trophy: "UAE Top Reader 2024"

#### 2nd Place

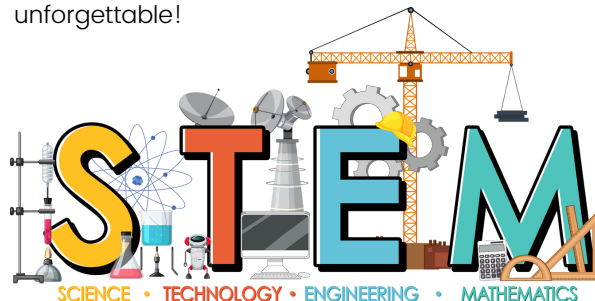
Two passes to Wild Wadi or Yas Waterpark.

#### 3rd Place

Two 60-minute sessions at Adventure Zone by Adventure HQ

#### Seeking for Speakers

Be a superhero at EY-G5 STEAM Week from 18th-22nd March! We're seeking community members as guest speakers, experiment leaders, and workshop experts. Spark curiosity in young minds and join the league of extraordinary volunteers. Email Ms. Alecia at [akirby@ris.ae](mailto:akirby@ris.ae) or Ms. Angie at [abarnes@ris.ae](mailto:abarnes@ris.ae) to make STEAM Week unforgettable!



#### Parent Workshop: The WHY and WHAT of Writer's Workshop and How to Support Self-Regulation and Agency at Home

Tonya Gilchrist, an international learning strategist who specializes in helping schools around the world amplify inquiry and honor agency for deep learning will be in Raha on 18th January to deliver this wonderful parent workshop for our PYP community. Join us in the Innovation Hub (L-42) from 8.00 to 9.00am.



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### Secondary

#### The IB Learner Profile: Risk Taker

This month, we spotlight the IB Learner Profile trait of being a 'risk-taker'. In our school, this means encouraging our students and teachers to step out of their comfort zones. Risk-taking here is about embracing new ideas, asking challenging questions, and viewing failures as learning opportunities. This approach is in line with the IB philosophy of fostering inquiry, critical thinking, and a global perspective. By promoting a safe environment where taking calculated risks is valued, we help our students develop resilience, confidence, and creativity. Let's encourage them to be bold in their learning, embrace different perspectives, and not fear the unknown. In doing so, we prepare them for a complex world, making risk-taking a key part of our educational approach.



#### Scooters to school

We've noticed an increase in students using motorized scooters to school. While convenient, it's crucial to prioritize safety. UAE laws require helmet use and safe riding practices, and we've seen concerning instances of less than safe driving among students. Please ensure your child wears a helmet and follows safety guidelines. Discuss the importance of road safety with them.

Together, let's keep our students safe.



#### Trip to Kalba Camp

Thursday 7th March to Sunday 10th March

Grade 7 and Grade 10 have a planned field trip to Kalba Camp, located at a two-hour distance from Dubai.

It offers a variety of land-based as well as water-based activities such as trekking, mountain biking, orienteering, archery, bushcraft, mangrove exploration, kayaking, canoeing, snorkeling, and paddle boarding.



**STEM Week**  
**G10-11 Teaching & Mentoring**