

RAHA REMINDERS

Gardens Campus

Whole School

Key Dates

- 30 Jan:** Pre Departure Meeting for Nepal Trip at Raha 4:30pm
- 31 Jan:** G12 3-Way Conferences
G12 Diploma Presentation – 6.30pm Auditorium
- 1 Feb:** Stay and Share for UOI 3 (Grades 1, 2, 3 and 5)
Responsive Classroom parent workshop–Auditorium
G10 Exhibition –4:30pm to 6:00pm for parents
- 3 Feb:** Grade 7 – 8 History Bee Excursion
- 6 Feb:** Grade 10 NYUAD Arts Excursion
Grade 9 Tennis Excursion
- 7,8 Feb:** Moana
- 8 Feb:** EY1 Kidzania Trip
- 9–11 Feb:** Grade 11–12 Duke of Edinburgh Excursion
- 13–15 Feb:** School photos
- 14 Feb:** 100 days at school celebration!
- 16 Feb:** EY1 and EY2 Stay and Share for UOI 2
MYP Reports
- 22 Feb:** Grades 6 – 12 Sports Extravaganza!
- 23 Feb:** EY1 and EY2 Sports Day

Abu Dhabi Young Musician Competition

This Abu Dhabi-wide competition for more advanced musicians (ABRSM G5+) is now open for signup and payment directly on the [website](#). At Raha we have witnessed great success in this competition over the past couple of years with students winning their classes in both the Intermediate and Advanced categories, and one even crowned overall Runner-Up of the Intermediate category!

This year there is also an 'Emerging' category for less experienced musicians who are currently working at a Grade 1–3 standard. Please complete the form on [this link](#) to apply for this category: Please note, we have a limited number of places per school for this category so not all students may be chosen. Students who are chosen will be notified in due course and an entry fee of AED150pp will then be payable (information will be shared on how to pay to those who are selected). Deadline for entries is 11th February.

Whole School Piano Recital

Get ready for a musical extravaganza! Join us on Thursday, February 1st, starting at 5pm in the KCC Black Box for our second whole school piano recital. Raha is bursting with incredible piano talent, and we can't wait to showcase it once again. Admission is free, so come and be a part of the magic!

School Photos

School photos will take place from **5th –16th February**. Teachers will let you know when your child's class are scheduled for their photos. Students are to wear their school uniforms, not their PE kits on their schedule day.

Sibling photos will be happening on campus **Friday 9th & Saturday 24th February**. This time is for sibling photos only, individual photos are taken during class photo sessions. Please signup at this [link](#). Please note that only one signup is required for your siblings.

Alternatively, you can contact Stu Williamson head office on 04 388 3382 to arrange a session at their location in Dubai.



Labelling Belongings

A reminder that all uniform items and other belongings brought to school should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Food Nation Spare App

From 1st February 2024 Food Nation will completely transition to the new SPARE application and close the old software Payment. After the transition the old Payment cards will no longer work. We kindly request to register on the SPARE app before this time to avoid any issues when paying for your meals. Click [HERE](#) to register.

[Food Nation Spare App](#)

[Parent Team Newsletter](#)

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Events of the Week

Unpacking EdPsych Reports for Parents



PYP Field Trips



Mazaara Farm



Raha Riddles

What kind of music can you hear in space?

Last Week's Answer

What can be lost, but not returned?
LIFE



Circuit X



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

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Raptors Round Up!

A bi-weekly review of our Raha Raptors sports teams!



JrNBA Girls and Boys teams qualified for the tournament!



1st place in ADISSA Swimming!



U11's first netball games - coming out with 2 wins!



72 Raha Triathletes participated in the ADEK cup! Over 21 podium finishes!



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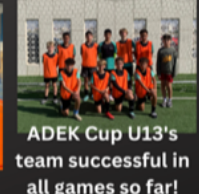
ADEK Cup, JrNBA, Rugby, Football, Netball, Swimming, Triathlon, Waterpolo and Cricket - our Raha Raptors have been busy this term!



Our Raptors 1st U15 and U19 rugby teams in over 3 years!



"bump, set, spike! great teamwork from our U13 team!"



ADEK Cup U13's team successful in all games so far!



Our U11 boys cricket team with the win!



U13 Volleyball team

Half-Term Camp

Sign-up is live! Register today to take advantage of the Early Bird offer.

[Infinite Sports Camp](#)

Golf for Raha mums

Sign-up for a 6 week program to empower mum golfers to elevate their game.

[Golf Program](#)



ADISSA Games

We are proud of these boys on the U19 and U15 rugby teams as they played their first ADISSA games this week

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



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Early Years

EY Music Recital

On Wednesday 14th February at 5pm we will hold our first ever cross-campus music recital for students in EY. Sign up to register your interest [HERE](#). Please note that students should be confident in performing a piece all the way through. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday 31st January at 3pm.

Sports Day

Friday 23rd February
EY1 & EY2 8-9.20
Picnic after!



Primary

Stay and Share

Parents from Grades 1, 2, 3 & 5 are invited to our third Stay and Share on Thursday 1st February from 7:55am to 8:15am in your child's classroom. Please refer to the Toddle announcement sent to all families for more details. Please note that Grade 4 will not be taking part this time because parents will instead be invited to the upcoming Souq Day.

Communication During the School Day

Parents are respectfully asked to avoid sending emails and other digital messages to their children during the school day. Safety and learning can be compromised when students are distracted by these interruptions. Staff members need to be aware of any changes to after school routines and this is difficult to track if the proper channels are not used. Should you have an urgent message for your child please contact Shawna Pope, Assistant to the Head of Primary, risprimaryreception@ris.ae and it will be passed on.



Responsive Classroom Parent Workshop

Grade 1-5 Parents are invited to our Responsive Classroom Workshop!

Date: Thursday Feb 1
Time: 8:30 - 9:30
Place: Auditorium

Discover and learn about Morning Meeting, communication, problem-solving, and building a strong school community. Click [HERE](#) to reserve. Please RSVP by 31st January.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sports Day

Thursday 22nd February
Grade 2 & 3 8.10-10.10
Grade 4 & 5 10.50-12.50



Moana Jr. tickets on sale

From Monday 29th January, tickets for the G2-5 production of Moana Jr will be on sale before school in the Raptor's Nest. They cost AED30 and payment is by cash only. The performances will be on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February beginning at 6pm.

RIS PYP STEAM WEEK
WHERE CURIOSITY MEETS CREATIVITY
March 18th-22nd

STEAM Poster Contest
Submit your STEAM Posters by February 1st to Ms. Alecia or Ms. Angie or on the Padlet.

Requirements:

- Title & Date
- Motto 'where curiosity meets creativity'
- Powered by the Innovation Hub
- Hand-drawn or digital

What is STEAM Week?
A week full of messy, fun and explosive activities!
You can look forward to:

- STEAM Shows
- Guest Speakers
- Dress-up day
- Sustainable door contest

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Secondary

HMC Young Global Leaders Program

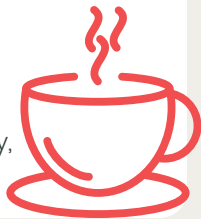
We're thrilled to announce the upcoming in-person HMC Young Global Leaders Program, hosted by our school. This 3-day event, from 25th to 27th June 2024, is designed for students in Grades 6 to 12. It aims to develop leadership, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills through engaging activities and mentorship from Harvard Model Congress mentors.

Students will participate in collaborative projects addressing real-world challenges, enhancing their analytical and communication abilities. Additionally, participants will receive a certificate from Harvard Model Congress, adding significant value to their portfolios.

More detailed information, including registration and program fees, will be shared via email soon.

Tea & Coffee morning for New Secondary Families

A reminder that Heads of Grade and curriculum leads will be available in the canteen at 8am on Tuesday 30 January. If you have missed the sign-up, don't worry, you are more than welcome to join us!



Musicians wanted!

We relish giving student musicians a chance to showcase their talents and events to practice toward. We are looking for talented musicians to play for 5 mins in 3 sets, during our evening exhibition on 7th February so as to provide ambient music. Students should be G7-12. Please contact Ms. Teejay (tbutton@ris.ae) for more details.

Talk it out Tuesdays

A big thank you to MYP & DP students who have joined our Talk it Out Tuesday sessions over the past few weeks with members of our Senior Leadership team. We are happy to hear that MYP students are enjoying their PE skills classes and value suggestions put forward for Learning skills and Core classes. We look forward to continuing conversations about curriculum, study habits and student life throughout the rest of term.

Big Brother Big Sister Peer Mentors

The RIS student wellbeing team is proud to be launching our own Big Brother Big Sister Peer Mentoring Program.

Students from Grade 9 to Grade 11 are eager to support their younger peers with developing the flexibility, perseverance and confidence they need to bring about positive change in the wider community and beyond.

Osrah Football Intermurals

Congratulations to Grade 6 Orange and Blue who will go head-to-head at the Osrah Football Intermurals Final on 12th February. The Grade 8 Final will see Yellow take on Red on 14th February.

Up next to book their place in the finals are Grade 9 on Monday (Jan 29th) and Grade 10 on Wednesday (Jan 31st), Grade 7s will follow. Further details can be found on Teams.

Grade 12 Diploma Presentation

31st January 6.30 pm Auditorium – as we near the end of the DP journey, Mr Andy will be giving a presentation on what to expect for the next few months, including exam preparation, university and legal requirements.



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SRC Initiative



Healthy Eating Week

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) meet weekly to discuss the ways in which they can enhance the overall experience for students at Raha International School.

They are currently working on a number of initiatives, including a Healthy Living Campaign. We are still looking for guest speakers to come to school and facilitate learning on healthy eating such as nutritionists or athletes within the community.

If you or someone you know might fit this role, please contact Ms. Tara (tmanson@ris.ae)

Thought for the Week:

As we navigate another week in our dynamic learning environment, let's embrace the IB's core principle of intercultural understanding and respect. In our MYP and DP programs, we not only educate academically but also strive to cultivate open-mindedness and empathy in our students. This week, let's encourage our school community to appreciate diverse perspectives, engage in meaningful conversations, and build connections that transcend cultural boundaries. By doing so, we become not just knowledgeable but also compassionate global citizens.

Embracing dyslexia

Embracing dyslexia at Raha International School means recognizing that your child possesses a unique and creative way of thinking. Having dyslexia empowers students with unique skills that align perfectly with the demands of the future. Dyslexia equips our students with extraordinary strengths, often surpassing their non-dyslexic peers in certain areas. However, they may face challenges in other areas, such as reading, writing, spelling, following complex instructions, and staying organized. To support your child at home, consider the following strategies:

Encourage Their Strengths:

Nurture the areas where your child excels. Whether it's creativity, lateral thinking, the arts, or problem-solving, celebrate and encourage their unique talents.

Use Assistive Technology:

Technology is a valuable tool for supporting dyslexic learners, allowing them to concentrate on strengths free from spelling and grammar obstacles. Encourage your child to use Microsoft's free Immersive Reader, predictive text and spell check, and use voice notes when studying.

Promote a Positive Mindset:

Encourage a positive attitude towards challenges. Talk about the importance of perseverance and resilience. Fostering a mindset that views challenge as an opportunity for growth.

Establish a Routine:

Create a structured daily routine to help your child stay organized and manage their time effectively.

Be understanding:

Some things are going to be difficult, and the feeling of failing can be demotivating, not to mention painful. Acknowledge that it's difficult, acknowledge your child's effort, listen to them, and support them to try again.