

RAHA REMINDERS

Gardens Campus

Whole School

Key Dates

- 5-12 Feb:** Secondary school photos
- 6 Feb:** Grade 9 Tennis Excursion
Grade 10 NYUAD Arts Excursion
- 7 Feb:** World Read Aloud Day
Grade 10 Exhibition (Community 4:30-6:00pm)
- 7-8 Feb:** Moana Performances.
- 8 Feb:** Meet the Team Session (7:45am)
EY1 Kidzania Trip
- 9-11 Feb:** Grade 11-12 Duke of Edinburgh Excursion
- 10 Feb:** Global Village - International Day
- 12-16 Feb:** PYP school photos
- 13-16 Feb:** EY1 and EY2 school photos
- 16 Feb:** MYP Reports
EY1 and EY2 stay and share (see weekly Toddle post for timings)
- 19-21 Feb:** Mid-Term Break
- 22 Feb:** Grades 6- 12 Sports Extravaganza!
- 23 Feb:** EY1 & EY2 Sports Day and Picnic
- 26 Feb:** 100th Day Celebration (changed due to school photos)

Read Aloud Day

World Read Aloud Day on 7th February, is a special day that encourages people of all ages to read out loud to promote the joy of reading and the importance of literacy. Reading aloud helps develop reading, comprehension, vocabulary and empathy. It's a great way to connect with others. We have some exciting activities planned in school, so why not make a pledge to read a short story with your child and get involved at home too!



Global Village

International Day will be Saturday 10th February, This time we have 50+ countries participating. Please stay tuned for more details that will be communicated soon. There are new ADEK policies we must follow this year.



Urban Farming

A week buzzing with green enthusiasm, our students took a giant leap. Compost, fertilizer, and perlite for planting have been delivered. Friday morning PYP assembly showcased our collective effort in presenting upcycled bins.



Farewell to the Principal

We wish Mrs. Pali the very best in her new role at Taaleem and success in her future endeavors.

Thank you for your time at Raha.

As we navigate this period of change, starting 5th February, Mrs. Carol will be the Acting Principal, supported by the Raha Leadership Team.

Meet the Team

Commencing on Thursday 8th February, a weekly "Meet the Team" session will take place in the canteen from 7:45 am to 8:15 am.



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.

Parent Team Newsletter

Food Nation Menu

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Events of the Week

Stay & Share



Parent Workshop



Raha Riddles

What goes up and down but doesn't move?

Last Week's Answer

What kind of music can you hear in space?
A NEP-TUNE



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

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



Unsure what to do during half-term?
Why not sign up for camp!

Half-Term Camp

Sign-up is live! Register today, more options available for different camps.

[Infinite Sports Camp](#)

[CF Tennis](#)

[IJF Academy](#)

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Early Years

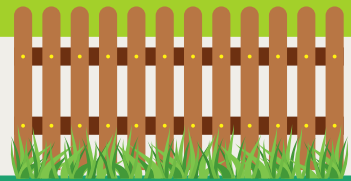


EY1 Kidzania Trip

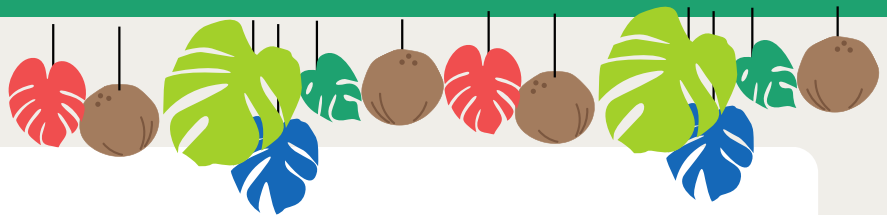
We are so very excited to be taking EY1 on their first trip of the year! Please be reminded children should only bring a small bag with a water bottle inside. Children will have snack in class before going to Kidzania and we will return in time for them to eat lunch back in the classroom. We cannot wait for lots of fun and even more learning all about community helpers!

EY Outdoor Area Reminder

Please be aware fenced playgrounds and outdoor classroom areas in EY should only be used during school hours under staff supervision. Please stay safe, respect our outdoor environments and resources. We appreciate your support on this matter.



Primary



Moana Jr

Come one, come all! Tickets are available from Raptor's Nest for evening performances of Moana Jr. Note that G1-5 students will watch the show, free of charge, during the school day. More details can be found [HERE](#).

Lost Property



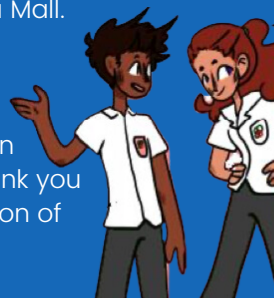
The first step for finding lost property is ensuring that all belongings have your child's name clearly written on them. If your child loses something at school they are encouraged first to look for it themselves, then check the lost property collection in the dining hall. Efforts are made to return labeled items to students, with a big clear out organised at the end of each term. Thank you to our Parent Team for coordinating the lost property at Raha.

Uniform

A kind reminder that Raha branded items only should be worn as uniform.

Daily uniforms are available at Zaks in Raha Mall. Hoodies and the PE kit are available at Magrudy's in Al Forsan Mall.

The second-hand uniform shop operates on campus on Mondays, 2:30pm-3:30pm. Thank you again to the Parent Team for the coordination of the SHUS.



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Secondary

MYP – PYP Collaborations

On Thursday 1st February, approximately 130 students from G9-10 helped out at the PYP's 'Stay & Share' initiative. They displayed the Learner Profile traits of being Caring and Principled, whilst the PYP students were being Communicators and Reflective students. Wonderful to see!

Next week, the first Maths Tutoring session between G7 and G5 kicks off, to add to the numerous collaborations which have been taking place between the two sections of the school.



World Read Aloud Day

Our Secondary School "Drop and Read" with our classes is a wonderful short story "Because of Me" written by former Raha student Lucia de Quesada. It is a beautiful short story with a moral message centered on the theme of sustainability; the book launch is on Sunday (4th) look out for a link to it in next week's Raha Reminders.

SRC Initiative



Healthy Eating Week

Starting 5th – 9th of February, is Health Week at Raha. Students will be encouraged to eat healthily and the Student Representative Council (SRC) is organizing a competition where students will be able to upload pictures of their healthy meals in order to gain Osrah points and a prize for their Osrah if they gather the most points. You may see the attached [poster](#) for more details and to see the themes of each day. The Friday during Health Week will also be a Dress Down day where students may wear green to represent health or they can wear their PHE kit/appropriate sporting attire in line with Fitness Friday.

On another note, we are hoping to organize a presentation from a guest speaker who can come in during Health Week to discuss the importance of healthy eating, a balanced diet and lifestyle, nutrition, or a similar topic. If you have a background in a relevant field such as nutrition or have experience with such topics, and are interested in giving a speech, please contact Tristan.lauer@ris.ae and klonergan@ris.ae.

G10 Exhibition

Our Grade 10 students have dedicated the first semester to independently working on learning projects. They are now prepared to present their knowledge in an engaging exhibition. Exhibition is an interactive demonstration of their learning journey, a show-casing of their creations.

Prepare to be impressed by the remarkable skills of these students when left to their own devices! Mark your calendar to join us and be entertained on Wednesday 7th February from 4:30-6:00pm.

Thought for the Week:

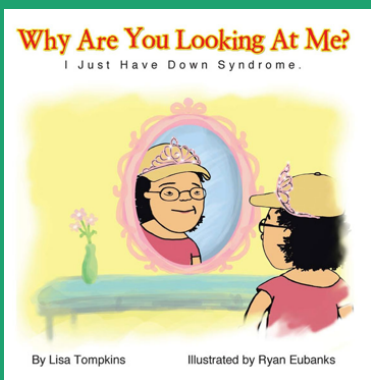
Our IB Learner Profile focus for February is "Balanced". Balance is essential not just for academic success but for our overall wellbeing. It's about finding harmony between work, play, and health. Remember, a balanced life is a foundation for growth and happiness! At Raha International School, we encourage our school community to strive for balance in all that we do!

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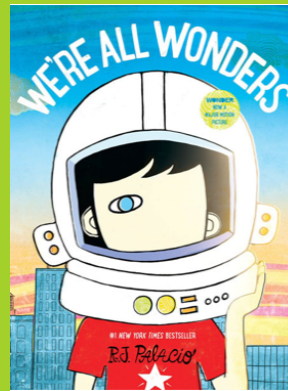
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Books about Inclusion

With World Read Aloud Day coming up on February 7th, we wanted to explore some of the many great books out there with protagonists that have learning differences. These books are great for students of all ages and enable them to delve into stories that not only entertain but also impart valuable lessons about understanding and embracing diversity. We hope these books can spark conversations at home and in the classroom about diversity, acceptance, inclusion, and understanding others that may think, look, or learn differently.



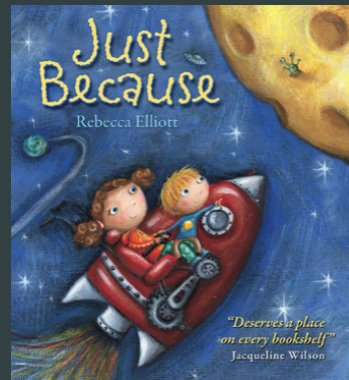
This book tells the story of a little girl named Lynn, who has Down Syndrome. Lynn talks about how she may look different, but she does all the normal things that other kids do too. She wonders why other people stare at her. It's a wonderful book for young learners to understand that we're much more similar than we are different.



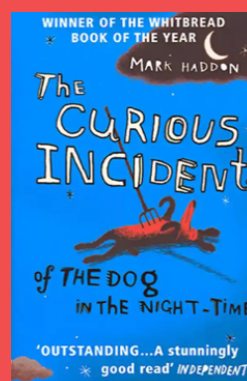
A story that centres around a child named Auggie, who was born with no facial features except one eye. Auggie is mocked by his peers for looking unusual. *We're All Wonders* is a beautiful story book for young readers that touches on diversity and the issue of bullying.



A beautiful picture book about diversity and differences in abilities. The book carefully explores the different challenges many kids face using child friendly language.



Just Because shares the story of a young boy's older sister, Clemmie, who is his best friend. Through his voice, the reader learns that she can't walk, talk or move around much. It is a book about disabilities and sibling friendship, written in a sensitive and touching way for young readers.



In this story for young adults, a young boy with autism embarks on a journey to unravel the mystery surrounding his neighbour's dog's murder. Along the way, he learns an awful lot about both himself and the world around him.