

RAHA REMINDERS

Gardens Campus

Whole School

Key Dates

- 5-12 Feb:** Secondary school photos
- 9 -11 Feb:** Grade 11-12 Duke of Edinburgh Excursion
- 10 Feb:** Global Village - International Day
- 12-19 Feb:** PYP school photos
- 13 Feb:** Souq Day
- 13-16Feb:** EY1 and EY2 school photos
- 14 Feb** Grade 9 & 10 Desert Safari Trip
Monthly Parents Assembly in the Auditorium
- 15 Feb:** Grade 1 National Aquarium Trip
- 16 Feb:** MYP Reports
EY1 and EY2 stay and share (see weekly Toddle post for timings)
Grade 6 Science Fair
Career Day
- 19-21 Feb:** Mid-Term Break
- 22 Feb:** G2-5 Sports Extravaganza
Secondary Sports Extravaganza
- 23 Feb:** EY1 & EY2 Sports Day & Picnic, and G1 sports Extravaganza
- 26 Feb:** 100th Day Celebration (changed due to school photos)

Magrudy's single uniform provider

We are happy to announce that we will be transferring the provision of our school uniforms from Zaks to Magrudy's. This will allow parents to buy all garments for school from one store, whether that be the physical Magrudy's store in Forsan Central Mall or through their online shop. We have taken measures to maintain uniform design consistency so there is no need for parents to replace existing uniforms. Both old and new uniforms will be acceptable.

Zaks will continue selling Raha uniforms until 18th February. We are working on arrangements to minimize the impact of the transition and will share details as they are confirmed. We recommend that parents who anticipate needing uniform for their children in the coming weeks try to get these from Zaks before the end of next week.

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. Please check the weeks calendar [HERE](#).

Global Village

It's finally here! Global Village will take place tomorrow, **Saturday 10th February from 10am to 1pm**. This absolutely incredible community event celebrates Raha's rich and diverse community through food, music and dance. There is a new record of **56** countries participating this year! You can find the map [HERE](#) to locate the countries and the list of performances [HERE](#).

Please bring your parent badges, or appropriate IDs, a water bottle, small bills, and sunblock. Make more fun and memorable the experience by using our Digital Passport [App](#) or the printed version to collect the 56 stickers of each stand.

TF and Rangers Football will be on the MYP pitch to keep the little ones busy and active. Desert Chill will be setting up the ice cream truck by the MYP pitch. Enjoy the event and let's show the spirit of our community. Please read more about the event in the Parent Team Newsletter.

Monthly Assembly

Starting 14th February at 8.00am, there will be a monthly parents' assembly in the auditorium led by our Acting Principal, Ms. Carol.



Parent Team Newsletter

[Food Nation Spare App](#)

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Events of the Week

Urban Farming

We are on our final push! We looked at the different parts of what is in the soil and the types of soil that will help our plants grow. We will be planting our crops today and will once again be collaborating and mentoring with students from the PYP.



G10 Exhibition



Moana



Raha Riddles

What runs all around a backyard but never moves?

Last Week's Answer

What goes up and down but doesn't move?
A STAIRCASE



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

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Raptors Round Up!

Special thanks to our invaluable coaches for all their efforts and dedication! It has been a busy Term - Check out our weekly schedule and come support our teams!



follow us on Instagram
#raharaptors

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



"bump, set, spike! great teamwork from our U15 team!"

Half-Term Camp

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

[Infinite Sports Camp](#)

[CF Tennis](#)

[IJF Academy](#)



U13 Boys football team with another ADEK Cup win!



Our Raptors U9 Football teams working on developing teamwork with Coach Darren and Ashley



Another 1st for our awesome Secondary Swim Squad! A great display of team spirit!

3rd in ADISSA Swim Gala for Primary Swim Squad! Special thanks to coaches & volunteers that helped at the gala! All the training is paying off! Keep it up :)



U19 Boys Rugby are developing so well as a team! Great coaching sessions held by Coach Ben and Yasmina school!



Amazing turnout for our Girls U19 Rugby team! Great to see over 18 girls on the pitch!



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



U9 football



“[Raptors Reels](#)” stay tuned as we cover all of our Raptors teams and showcase the talent of our students and coaches!

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



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Early Years

Primary

Souq Day

Souq Day is an annual event run by Grade Four as part of their How We Organise Ourselves unit about economics. Groups of Grade Four students run market stalls, and the rest of the primary school is invited to visit for shopping and fun!

Therefore, students EY2-G5 may bring some spending money on Tuesday. 20AED is the suggested amount per student and we appreciate coins and small notes.



Secondary

Science Fair

Starting this month, the Science Department is thrilled to announce the upcoming science fair project for Grade 6 students. This four-week journey emphasizes student agency, choice, and voice, allowing students to enhance their scientific inquiry and investigation skills as outlined in Sciences Criterion B and C.

We encourage you to discuss potential topics with your child, drawing from past units like Matter or Forces or exploring new interests. For inspiration, check out this [website](#).

The culmination of these efforts will be showcased at the science fair exhibition on 15th March 2024, where we invite parents to celebrate our students' achievements.

Annual Career Day

Join us for our Annual Career Day on 16th February from 8:30-11:30am! It's a chance for students to explore diverse career paths and think ahead about their future. We're inviting parents from all professions to share their experiences and inspire our young learners. You'll have a table, chair, and a banner for your presentation. Interested? Please contact Ms. Jen at jleather@ris.ae to participate. Your insights could profoundly impact our students' career choices! (You do not have to have a child in Secondary School to participate!)

Personal Project Exhibition

We are thrilled to celebrate the tremendous success of our Grade 10 Personal Project Exhibition! The dedication, creativity, and innovation our students demonstrated were truly inspiring. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents and members of our community for their unwavering support and involvement. From assisting with project preparations to sharing in the pride of accomplishment, your contribution has been invaluable. An extra special thank you to Ms. Teejay, the Personal Project Coordinator, for her dedication and commitment to our students' growth and achievement. Congratulations to our students for achieving this significant milestone. Your hard work and passion have not only made this exhibition a success but have also set a remarkable standard for future classes. Together, we've showcased the strength of our community and the exceptional potential of our students.

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SRC Initiative



We Are All Ears

The Student Representative Council has been hard at work to ensure the satisfaction of students at Raha International School. The issues the council has been focusing on are as follows:

To promote healthy eating, the SRC has organized a healthy eating campaign on the week of the 5th of February, where students are able to show their meals to promote healthy diets in the school whilst winning Osrath points. The class with the most appropriate posts pertaining to each theme is awarded with a trip to horse stables.

Following the same theme, they organized an SRC day on 2nd February, by which healthy ice pops would be sold in the canteen to all the students to promote healthy eating in Raha while also gathering funds for the SRC that will be used for future projects.

The SRC has also discussed how Fitness Fridays to be more inclusive to increase student participation by incorporating team sports as part of the morning ritual. There was also discussion regarding the facilities of the school and how they can be improved.

We are looking forward to hearing more suggestions from students and parents on the ways in which the school can be improved for the students of Raha!

Ruth Lewis, Secretary of the SCI

History Bee and Bowl competition

Congratulations to MYP students Bhairavi Bharath (G8), Gabriel Gougenheim (G8), Jan Kaminski (G8), Murtaza Malik (G8), Ruth Idicula (G8), Vaidehi Agnihotri (G8), Wareesha Iqbal (G8), and Zakarya Dabbous (G7) for participating in the International History Bee and Bowl competition held at Dubai College on Saturday (3rd Feb)! The students answered multiple batteries of fast-paced history questions ranging from ancient civilizations to the 2020's, covering all continents and a vast array of cultures.

Three Raha students made it to the top eight out of 50+ middle-school aged competitors in the singles division, and one of the Raha teams made it to 4th place overall in the teams division. The most exciting news is that all eight students qualified for the 2024 European Championships, which will be held in London on the weekend of May 31 - June 2!

We congratulate these students in all their hard work and efforts over the last several months in preparing for the achievement of these great successes and look forward to London, 2024!

Thought for the Week:

This week's thought revolves around the Approaches to Learning (ATLs) skills, which are at the heart of the IB philosophy. ATLs encourage students not just to learn, but to learn how to learn by developing skills across communication, social interaction, self-management, research, and thinking. Emphasizing ATLs in our daily educational journey empowers our students to become more effective learners, ready to tackle complex challenges with a toolkit of strategies that foster lifelong learning. Let's encourage our students to reflect on these skills and integrate them into all aspects of their learning!

Tutoring Program

A reminder of this opportunity.

Any MYP students who are seeking support with any subject and could do with some help/support/guidance, the Centre of Excellence team will pair you up with a student tutor (and it's free, of course!). These sessions take place on Teams, in the afternoon/evening. Sign up using [THIS](#) form.

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Inclusion in our G10 Exhibition

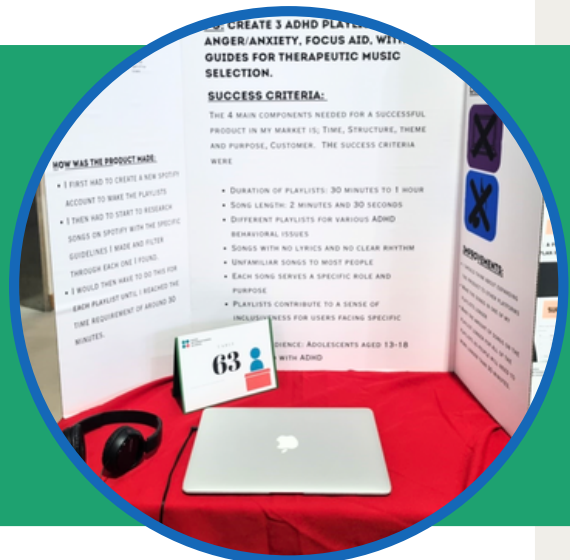
At Raha International School our Grade 10 students have just completed their personal projects. Walking around and exploring the projects, seeing our student's creativity I was struck by two projects in particular. Both of these projects came from a place of empathy, and connection and truly displayed the spirit of inclusivity. It is with great pride that we shine a spotlight on two exceptional Grade 10 students who embarked on projects aimed at understanding and supporting neurodiversity in our community.



Wayra Soria Cordova's project 'Designing Diversly' delved into the connection between architecture and human psychology, fuelled by her personal experiences and observations of friends and family with ADHD and autism, she witnessed firsthand the struggles they faced in everyday environments. This led her to question conventional approaches to design and sparked her exploration into creating spaces that cater to neurodivergent needs. Through her project, Wayra aimed to bridge the gap between architectural design and human biology, highlighting the profound impact of inclusive spaces on individual well-being and quality of life. Her project culminated in the construction of two unique rooms to showcase how design can positively impact neurodivergent individuals.

Drawing from his passion for music and inspired by his brother's challenges with focus, Thomas Marvik set out to explore the therapeutic potential of music. Thomas crafted a specific learning goal: to understand how music aids teens with ADHD in managing behavioural challenges. His project took shape as he conceptualized three distinct Spotify playlists tailored to calm anger/anxiety and aid focus for adolescents aged 13 to 18 with ADHD.

Through his dedication and creativity, Thomas's project not only serves as a valuable tool for students with ADHD but also embodies the power of combining personal interests with social impact.



These remarkable students exemplify the spirit of inquiry, empathy, and social responsibility that we strive to cultivate at Raha International School. Their dedication to understanding and supporting neurodivergent peers not only enriches our community but also paves the way for a more inclusive and equitable future.