

# RAHA REMINDERS

## Gardens Campus

### Whole School

#### Key Dates

- 8 Sept: International Literacy Day
- 11 Sept: Teacher-Led ECP Sign-Ups open  
Secondary Trip Information Evening
- 11-14 Sept: EY1 & EY2 Settling in Meetings
- 12-13 Sept: Grade 1 - 5 Settling in Meetings
- 13 Sept: 'Sharing the Secondary' Parent Info Evening
- 15 Sept: EY Dot Day
- 25 Sept: Teacher-led ECPs start
- 4 Oct: Grade 12 Three-Way Conferences
- 8-9 Nov: Grade 6-11 Three-Way Conferences

#### Teacher-Led ECPs

Our teacher-led ECPs will begin on 25 September and will run until 24 November. [Please see the list of ECPs available HERE.](#) Sign-ups will open on 11 September on SchoolsBuddy. Please contact our database administrator at [dbadmin@ris.ae](mailto:dbadmin@ris.ae) if you have any trouble accessing your SchoolsBuddy account.

#### Infinite Sports

Sign ups are open on SchoolsBuddy! The payment link is each activity description. [See what's on offer HERE.](#)

#### 2024-25 Sibling Applications

2024-25 applications are now open! Families are invited to submit applications for siblings [through the website](#). Please ensure you submit the application before 30 September 2023 so that we can apply the sibling priority.

#### Raha Raptors Sport Sign-Ups

We have an action-packed term ahead for our Raha Raptors sports teams in the ADISSA league and most practices begin next week. Sign-ups finish at the end of the day Friday Sept. 8th. If you didn't sign-up through SchoolsBuddy please email [amckinnon@ris.ae](mailto:amckinnon@ris.ae) so we are aware that your child will be attending the practice. See the schedule [here](#) for a full list of Primary and Secondary Sports Teams available throughout the year. Signups will open on SchoolsBuddy on Friday 1 September. Please contact our database administrator at [dbadmin@ris.ae](mailto:dbadmin@ris.ae) if you have any trouble accessing your SchoolsBuddy account.



#### FourNotes Instrument Lessons

Students of all ages can learn a wide variety of instruments through our instrumental lesson provider FourNotes. For more information and to register, visit their website [here](#).



#### Teacher and Parent Recital

The first installment of our cross-campus Black Box Recital Series this year will be delivered by the teachers and parents of our Raha community on Wednesday 27 September. Applications for performances (music, dance or drama) are now open. Please complete the form [here](#) to sign up

#### [Food Nation Term 1 Menu](#)

#### [Food Nation Parent Pack](#)

#### [Parent Team Newsletter](#)



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

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### Sunsmart and Heat Policy

**Heat Index:** We will continue to operate under our Heat Policy for the upcoming week before we reevaluate based on the weather. This means that our MYP pitch will be closed at lunch and outdoor activities that are performed in areas that are not shaded will not be permitted. The MYP gymnasium will be open for students at lunch, based on a schedule. Students have a number of indoor areas available to them that include the canteen, library and the ground floor of G block.



Important  
procedures  
to remember



### Student Absenteeism

School attendance is critical in supporting our students to achieve to the best of their ability. Missing 2 - 3 days of school a term might not seem like a big deal, but it adds up to 10 - 15 days a year, which is the equivalent of missing a month of school. Over the course of a student's K-12 education, that's like missing an entire year of school.

If your child will be absent, please ensure that you email all the below individuals. If your child is sick for 3 consecutive days, a medical certificate will be required to authorize the absence.

- Advisory Teacher
- Head of Grade
- RIS Absent: [absent@ris.ae](mailto:absent@ris.ae)

### Early Pickups

If your child must be collected from school before 3:00 pm, please ensure that you email the below individuals and include the reason for the early pickup. It is important to note that you cannot collect your child 30 minutes before dismissal.

- Advisory Teacher
- Head of Grade
- RIS Absent: [absent@ris.ae](mailto:absent@ris.ae)

### Thought for the Week:

Encourage your child to embrace challenges. The IB program thrives on curiosity and resilience. Let your child know that it is okay to struggle at times; that's when they learn and grow the most! Help your child understand that challenges and obstacles are opportunities in disguise!

Look out for the  
answer in next  
week's issue!



### Riddle Me This

What kind of tree can you  
carry in your hand?

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## Early Years



### Stella the Starfish

Signups for the EY2/G1 Musical "Stella the Starfish" are still open on SchoolsBuddy. Stella the Starfish is a magical underwater tale with an important message about being helpful to others. Signups close on 12th September at 3pm.

### Settling In Meetings

Settling In Meetings will be held the week beginning 11 September. This is a great opportunity for parents to share important information about their child and to hear about the first few weeks of school. Signups are on SchoolsBuddy and open close 11 September, 8am. Please contact [dbadmin@ris.ae](mailto:dbadmin@ris.ae) if you need assistance with SchoolsBuddy.

### EY1 and EY2 Coffee Morning

Come and join Emily & Kerry in the canteen for a coffee and catch up about the first few weeks at school on Wednesday 13th September from 7:45am to 8:15am. We look forward to seeing you there!

### No Hat, No Play

As we are heading outside to play for short periods of time, please remember to send your child to school with a hat. Sun safety is a priority.

### Splish, Splash

EY1 and EY2 swimming starts this week, each class will have 2 swimming lessons per week. Don't forget goggles and swimming caps and please ensure all clothing items are labelled clearly with your child's name.

### EY Dot Day

Friday 15 September will be EY Dot Day! We invited students to dress up in their dottiest, spottiest clothing. More info will be shared soon.

### Toddle

Toddle posts will be coming your way next week, if you haven't already received an invitation, please contact your class teacher to support.

We use Toddle to record and communicate student learning

### Mystery Readers

Keep your eyes peeled for EY Mystery Reader sign ups coming next week. More information to follow soon!

### School Day Timings

Monday to Thursday:  
7:30am: class doors open  
8:00am: registration closes  
1:00pm: EY1 end of day  
2:00pm: EY2 end of day

Friday:  
7:30am: class doors open  
8:00am: registration closes  
12:00pm: EY1-G12 end of day



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#### Settling In Meetings

Settling In Meetings will be held online, after school hours for Grades 1 to 5 on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12-13 September. This is a great opportunity for parents to share important information about their child and to hear about the first few weeks of school. Signups are on SchoolsBuddy and open until 8am Monday.

#### Moana Jr.

Signups for the G2-5 musical "Moana Jr" are now open on SchoolsBuddy. Any students wishing to audition for a lead role must sign up to both the "auditions" and "cast" groups. Students do not need to audition if they wish to be in the ensemble – simply join the "cast" group only. Signups close on 21 September at 3pm.

#### Matilda Workshop

A unique opportunity for G5-7 students to take part in a music and choreography workshop led by actors from the Matilda cast. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. **26 September, 8am-11am.** AED130. Sign up on SchoolsBuddy.



#### PYP Curriculum Newsletter

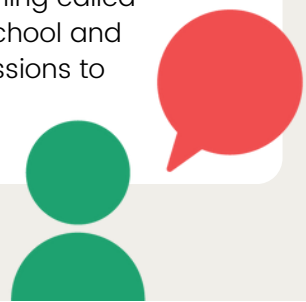
Each grade's first curriculum newsletter was published to Toddle on Thursday. The first page of the newsletter contains an explanation of the current Unit of Inquiry along with the specific content to be developed across all subject areas. The second page of the newsletter presents some suggested home learning ideas, which are optional to complete but complement in class learning.



### Secondary

#### Sharing our Secondary Programme

On 13 September from 5pm-7pm our Secondary School will host a parent information evening called "Sharing our Secondary Programme". This is an opportunity for all parents to come to the school and meet the secondary school team! Additionally, we will provide a number of information sessions to support you in better understanding our programme. An email with the schedule has been shared with parents.



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### Secondary Trip Information Evening

We are so excited to share that our secondary students in Grades 7 – 12 will have opportunities to participate in international trips throughout the year, and these are in addition to the number of local field trips our students will take in the UAE. Students will have the opportunity to travel to places such as Cambodia, Kenya, Tanzania, Nepal, and Thailand! Students will be learning the finer details of these trips next week and a Parent session run by our camps provider Camps International will be on 11 September 4pm-5pm.



### International Literacy Day

We are thrilled to celebrate International Literacy Day on 8 September. Students are invited to join the excitement by participating in competitions like SpellQuest, Bookworm Kahoot, Wordles, and more, with a chance to earn Osrah points or achieve a "Dedicated Reader" certificate through our 30-day reading challenge! For more information about these opportunities, students should look for promotions and information posted in their Grade Teams.



### Managebac Parent Zoom Session

Managebac are providing a parent induction session on Zoom, covering the basics of navigation and supporting your child's academic progress. Register to [watch live or to receive the recording HERE](#).

### Secondary Website

In order to streamline our communication and to provide one central location for parents to access information about our secondary school, we are pleased to share our [Secondary School Website](#). We are currently updating the information and hope to complete this by early next week. If there is information you would like to see on this website, please contact us and we will do our best to support you.



## International Literacy Day

September 8, 2022

*Get involved! - more details in Teams on the 8th*

<h3>SpellQuest Challenge</h3> <p>Learn the 20 words posted in Teams. Take the Quiz (Tue 12 &amp; Thurs 14, lunch) to gain Osrah pts.</p>	<h3>BOGGLE Board</h3> <p>See the launch of our interactive Boggle Board and take part in our weekly challenge for Osrah points &amp; chocolate!</p>
<h3>QUIZZES</h3> <p>Take the Osrah Bookworm Kahoot promoting trending titles (tutorial) &amp; solve the Wordle (posted in Teams) to gain Osrah pts.</p>	<h3>30 Day Challenge</h3> <p>Read for at least 10 mins per day in school for 30 days and gain 20 Osrah points &amp; a 'Dedicated Reader' certificate</p>

*Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.*

### AIM

Students in Grades 11 and 12 have a new and exciting opportunity to engage with an academic supervisor through our Academic Intervention Model. Students will meet with their supervisor on a termly basis to discuss their progress, time-management, goals, university plans, and more. Grade 12's will be meeting with their supervisors on Thursday 14 September, and Grade 11 will follow in the weeks to come.