

RAHA REMINDERS

Gardens Campus

Whole School

Key Dates

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
24 Feb:	Grade 6 Sheik Zayed Festival Trip
26 Feb:	100th Day Celebration (changed for school photos) Grade 12 Spanish Trip
26 Feb- Mar 18:	Grade 10CD Boys F45 Fitness Trip
26-29 Feb:	Secondary Arabic Book Fair
27 Feb- Mar 19:	Grade 10AB,EF Boys F45 Fitness Trip
27 Feb:	Grade 11 French Festival Trip DP Visual Arts Exhibition opening
27 -28 Feb:	Grade 11 NYUAD Research Trip
29 Feb:	Arabic Department Meeting with Parents
29 Feb, 6&11 Mar:	Grade 11 NYUAD Research Trip

Sports Days

The long-awaited tradition of Sports Day is finally here! Get ready for a day packed with thrilling sports activities, where students from Early Years through Secondary will showcase their talents and spirit of sportsmanship. It's not just about competition; it's about fostering a sense of camaraderie, pushing boundaries, and promoting well-being. Parents, come join us and cheer on our young athletes at Gardens Campus.

Check out your section for more specific event details date, time and location. Let's make this Sports Day one to remember!



Arabic Book Fair

The Arabic Book Fair is returning with an incredible selection of books! Let's continue spreading the love for this beautiful language. Don't miss out! Check more details for every section of the school.



Mid-Term Break

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our families for the incredible support throughout the recent school events, including Moana, G10 Exhibition, Souq Day, and International Day. These past weeks have been truly wonderful. As the Mid-Term Break approaches, we hope you make the most of this time for relaxation and rejuvenation. The break will run from Monday 19th February to Wednesday 21st February. We look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 22nd February, refreshed and ready to embark on the next leg of our learning journey together.

Meet the Team dates

Next Thursday will be Sports Day, so we will move our dates. The next dates for "Meet the Team" mornings in the Canteen are as follows:

- 29th February
- 7th March
- 19th April



Parent Team Newsletter

Food Nation Spare App

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Events of the Week

Souq Day



International Day



Urban Farming

We are on our final push! Grades 2 and 5 helped by planting crops. Grades 1 and 2 were presented with up-cycled bins by Secondary students.



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“Raptors Reels”

Stay tuned as we cover all of our Raptors teams and showcase the talent of our students and coaches!



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](#)

Raha Riddles

What word is always pronounced wrong?

Last Week's Answer

What runs all around a backyard but never moves?
A staircae



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

Early Years

Arabic Department Meeting

EY and PYP Parents are invited to join us.

Date: 29th February

Venue: H Block, Second Floor

Time: Arabic B parents 3:00-3:30pm
Arabic A parents 3:30- 4:00pm

Sports Days

Please join us on the PYP pitch! Look at the poster [HERE](#).

Friday 23rd February
EY 1-2 8.00- 9.20 am
G 1 10.00-11.20 am

Students need to bring: Water bottle, hat and wear team colour. Check toddle for your colour.



Rocket Day

Save the date!
Wednesday 6th March. See Toddle post from Ms Angie

PYP Reports

Mid Year reports will be released this afternoon, on Toddle. Congratulations to all our students on a great start to the year!

100 Days Celebration

We are so excited to celebrate 100 days of learning in EY on Monday 26th February. To help celebrate please create a t-shirt with 100 things e.g. 100 dots, 100 stickers, 100 pompoms etc, be as creative as you can! Children will have the opportunity to participate in lots of fun 100 day activities - more information to follow from your homeroom teacher.

Before School Reminders

Reminder: EY's day begins at 7:30am, please do not enter the classroom or outdoor areas/ playgrounds before this time. Playgrounds are in use during the school day and after school they are closed. Thank you for your co-operation.

Arabic Fair Book

We wait for you in the PYP Library- First floor Block L

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Primary

Seeking cardboard donations

The Primary Innovation Hub is seeking cardboard donations to fuel the creativity! Any spare cardboard boxes or shoe boxes you have at home can make a significant impact on what we can do. Please have your child drop off any donations to the Innovation Hub to receive an entry into the weekly E-Sports raffle!

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100 Days Celebration

The 100 Days of School Celebration will take place on Monday 26th February.

Students are invited to dress in the theme "One Hundred". Perhaps a 100-year-old person? Perhaps 100 of something stuck on your outfit? Perhaps '100' written on an old T-shirt? Start planning your costume!

Sports Days

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G 2-3 8.10-10.00am
G 4-5 10.50-12.50pm

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G 1 10.00-11.20am

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Arabic A parents 3:30- 4:00pm

Abu Dhabi Young Musician Competition

Last chance for talented performers to sign up to this prestigious music competition!

The deadline has been extended to 18th February. For all students currently working at ABRSM G5+ standard.

Sign up directly on the website:
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Any questions, please contact
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Secondary Sportz Extravaganza

Thursday 22nd February 2024 | 9.00am to 1.00pm

This annual event offers students a day filled with diverse sports activities, promoting both competition and fun. It will be followed by an awards ceremony.

Please note, for safety and attendance reasons, students must arrive at school on time, attend their Advisory lesson, and use the school bus transportation provided to and from the event. Attendance is mandatory for participation, and students cannot arrive independently or leave the event early. Your cooperation ensures a safe and successful day for all. Thank you for your support!



A Midsummer Night's Dream (Abridged version)

The G9-12 production is almost upon us! On 27-28th February beginning at 7pm you can catch our students performing this abridged classic Shakespearean tale. Tickets cost AED30 (cash only) and are for sale before and after school in Raptor's Nest every day after the mid-term break, as well as on the door 1 hour before the start of the evening performance.



Tennis Trip

Our innovation hub recently teamed up with the Secondary PE department to design a flag for the finals of the Mubadala Abu Dhabi Tennis Open. This collaborative effort not only showcased the creativity and teamwork of our PYP students but also strengthened bonds between different departments and engaged the wider community.

Shout-out to Ms Tamara for leading the design of the flag and Ms Andrea for organising the tennis experience.

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Secondary Parents are invited to join us.

Date: 28th February
Venue: H Block, Second Floor
Time: Arabic B parents 3:00-3:30pm
Arabic A parents 3:30-4:00pm

Arabic Fair Book

26th - 29th February
H Block Second Floor



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SRC Initiative



Fitness Fridays

Get ready to break a sweat and have a blast because our first Fitness Friday event, expertly organised and hosted by the SCR, was an absolute hit! Students from all grades turned up in full force, ready to tackle a medley of fitness challenges. From the pulsating beats of the DJ to the adrenaline-pumping rope jumping, basketball showdowns, spike ball duels, and nail-biting crossbar challenges, there was never a dull moment to pump your weekend. For more details click [HERE](#).

Raha to the Swim Finals

Congratulations to 27 of our Secondary Swim Squad members to make it through to the ADEK Abu Dhabi Sports Championship Finals on March 2nd! We wish you the best of luck!!

Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to the 45 Silver Duke of Edinburgh International Award Participants who successfully passed their qualifying adventurous journey last weekend. Students hiked more than 50 km over three days, carrying all resources to be completely self-sufficient, demonstrating excellent navigational skills and teamwork. We are super proud of their achievement. Thank you to the accompanying teachers!



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Thought for the Week:

This week, I'd like to highlight the wonderful interactions between our MYP/DP students and our younger PYP learners. Our older students have been actively involved in various activities, such as helping with Souq Day, contributing to Grade 1's unit on Transportation, and supporting the PYP students during their breaks. These actions reflect the core values of our IB philosophy.

The collaboration between different grade levels goes beyond just helping out. It's about building a caring and understanding community, where students learn from each other. Through these activities, our students not only share their knowledge but also develop empathy and global awareness. It's a practical way to prepare them for a world that values cooperation and mutual respect.