

# RAHA REMINDERS

## Gardens Campus

### Whole School

#### Key Dates

- 29 April: G12 MoE Final Exam (Arabic A/B - R&W)  
 30 April: G12 MoE Final Exam (Islamic A/B)  
[Art in the Gardens \(4:30-6:30\)](#)
- 6 May: Raha Raptors Sports U13 Boys Basketball starts  
 6-10 May: PT assessments G3-9  
 7 May: G10 ABEF F45 Fitness Trip  
 8 May: G8 Parkour Trip  
 8&9 May: G2 Manarat Al Saadiyat Trip  
 23 May: Grade 5 PYP Exhibition (5:00pm)  
 30 May: Grade 1 to 5 Student-Led Conferences

#### Parent Team Newsletter

#### The Raptor Reporter T2

#### Parent Meetings

I am keen to meet with parents over the coming weeks to share my thoughts on our next steps and to get your perspectives on what matters, what can be improved and what we can leave behind. We will start the meetings next week on Wednesday from 8:00am to 9:00am.

[Full schedule](#)  
[please fill the form](#)  
[to RSVP](#)



### Principal's Message

I hope you have enjoyed a much better week. The sight of our children back in their classrooms has definitely brought a collective sigh of relief. It's hard to believe that we were still clearing debris from the site just a week ago. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Rudi and the team for their effort in restoring our school to what we are all used to. We still have some work to do, which is explained below.

#### Site damage and repairs

- We have completed the process of getting quotes for replacing the damaged shading, and we hope to have the new shades fitted by the end of next month at the very latest.
- We are discussing with the Parents Team about using the storm damage as an opportunity to reimagine some of our areas and extend the 'gardens' feel to other parts of the school; watch this space for news.
- We are in touch with the authorities about draining the water behind the school over the next few weeks to try to prevent it from becoming a breeding ground for insects.

#### No Fee Increase for 2024/25

I am sure you will be delighted to learn there will be no fee increase for the school next academic year. The school is in a very strong position moving; we are already at 95% re-enrolled for 2024/25, which is up from this time next year, and wait lists across all grades, allowing us to keep fees at the same levels for next year.

#### School Photos

The recent photographs of your child are now available for ordering through the Stu Schools website. Please visit [www.swschoolphotos.com](http://www.swschoolphotos.com), go to the School Ordering section, choose your country, and enter the password provided. If you have not received the password or have misplaced it, please don't hesitate to contact the Stu Schools Head Office at 04 388 3382 for assistance. Should you have any further inquiries, the Stu Schools team stands ready to assist you at the aforementioned number.

#### Authorised Absences

We are now entering the time of year when many of you are looking to the summer and starting to book flights. Please note that we cannot provide an authorised absence should you need to remove your child from school early to travel. We understand the reasons for this. However, the policy is designed to support and protect our educational provision.

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[Food Nation T2 Menu](#)



### Bus Survey

It is important for us to hear from our families. If you have a child that takes the bus for school, please complete the short survey [HERE](#).



### Yearbook 23/24 Sale Extended

The sale has been extended!. Cost is 160 AED (cash only). Swing by the Raptors Nest before and after school from 1st-3rd May to purchase yours!

### FAB Cycling Festival

Join us for a thrilling ride at the FAB Cycling Festival on Hudayriyat Island from 26 to 28 April! As the Raha community, let's pedal together for fun and fitness. Plus, the school with the most participation stands to win a fantastic Wolfi's Cycling Academy experience worth AED6000! Don't miss out, sign up now and let's race towards victory together click [HERE](#).



Don't forget your hat! We're rebuilding our campus shade. Stay cool!



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

### Paid ECPs

Does your kid like chocolate or making desserts?

[Making Chocolate](#)

## EY & Primary

### Trip to see Matilda the Musical at Etihad Arena

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a group of students to take a trip to Etihad Arena to see a special performance of the upcoming professional production of *Matilda the Musical*, which will be followed by Q&A with members of the cast and crew. This is particularly exciting as *Matilda* is the planned Primary production on our Performing Arts season calendar for next academic year! The trip will cost around AED180 and is still subject to ADEK approval, however, to express your interest for your son/daughter to attend this trip, please complete the form on [THIS LINK](#) before Wednesday 1st May. Further details will then be sent directly to those families. **Students in Grade 2 and above can register for the trip.**



### EY1-G5 Student Led Conference Day

Normal school hours will not apply for EY and Primary students so please plan accordingly. Students only attend school, with their parent, during their booked appointment times. Appointments will be open for booking in coming weeks.

**MAY 30**

Sign ups to follow for appointment times between 10:00 am-6:00 pm

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### Secondary

#### Thought for the Week

This past week, our school campus was transformed as our secondary students enthusiastically participated in Book Character Day. Even our staff took part, walking around as Professor Snape, Lady Macbeth, and more! Seeing our students dressed as their favourite literary characters brought a wonderful vibrancy to the school! It was a heartwarming reminder that, although our students are maturing, they still cherish moments of childhood. These lively and joyful expressions are essential – they keep the spirit of youthfulness and imagination alive in our academic environment. Book Character Day was a fun way to foster a love of reading while allowing our students to express themselves creatively!

#### Unit Overviews on ManageBac

Our teachers have been working to improve the ways in which we share our learning with parents. Our unit overviews on ManageBac are being updated. Moving forward, unit overviews will be prepared in detail at least one week before the unit starts. This [LINK](#) explains how parents can access the unit overview through ManageBac.

We look forward to hearing your feedback on this, particularly for ways in which we can improve how we share our learning with our parent community.

[TERM 2 MEX Draft](#)

[Conscious Counselling Tips:  
Intentional Parenting](#)

### Events of the Week

#### G5 Symposium



#### PYP-MYP learning collaboration

Secondary student, Riyad Rzayev, created an innovative app for Grade 5 students as part of his Computer Science Internal Assessment. Grade 5s used his app to select activities for the PYPx Symposium Day, showcasing our school's commitment to engaging, active learning. This project enriched students' education by bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world applications.

#### World Book Day



#### Emirates Zoo Trip

