



Raha Reminders

Issue 29

Key Dates

- **13 May:** Manifesto Workshop for Parents with Mr. Mike (2:00-3:00pm)
- **13 May-13 Jun:** G3-5 PT assessments
- **21 May:** Secondary Sports Award Evening
- **23 May:** G5 PYP Exhibition (5:00pm)
- **28 May:** Primary Sports Awards Evening
- **29 May:** Primary Music Recital (5:00pm @ KCC)
- **30 May:** G1-5 Student-Led Conferences

Principal's Message



Dear Parents

I hope you are well and have had a good week.

We had a very positive week here at Raha. Firstly, our Raptors won the Jr. NBA Championship basketball tournament over the weekend! Congratulations to the team and all our proud parents! You did Raha proud! We also welcomed inspectors from the Visible Learning¹ programme to Raha, who were beginning our journey with them to turn us into a "Visible Learning" school. This approach sits alongside the IB philosophy of giving children agency over their learning. The Visible Learning programme is a professional development programme that all leaders and teachers will undertake. It aims to ensure we understand what our children are learning and the impact we are having as teachers.

Seeing the inspectors paint a picture of the school I see as a newcomer was reassuring, and they are already pointing out areas for us to "maximise our potential." We will receive written feedback soon, which I will share, but know they were highly complementary of the following:

- The ability of our children to describe good learning
- The level of dialogue between the children regarding their learning
- The level of support from staff to children on a 1-to-1 basis and how much of themselves they give to children in class.

I am very excited about our next steps, as this will enhance our practices and reinforce our approaches as a full IB school. Visible Learning² Building the capacity of learners to learn, teachers to teach, leaders to lead and systems to improve.

Parent Team Newsletter ³



General

Mosquitos

¹<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.visiblelearning.com%2F&data=05|02|communications%40ris.ae|e8625daa8a0043b7212808dc6fee93ac|1d4ad205f61e404c9c5a80c28e78ac38|0|0|638508317671615443|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|0||&sdata=G0dN1ieBM5yeBppXm4CtRwv2WQQzUlz4EiLr130pZZ8%3D&reserved=0>

²<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.visiblelearning.com%2F&data=05|02|communications%40ris.ae|e8625daa8a0043b7212808dc6fee93ac|1d4ad205f61e404c9c5a80c28e78ac38|0|0|638508317671625802|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|0||&sdata=Um8l2D14aE8SXlqBR4F6m0Ya8wONaig%2Bhd51PLDQlcg%3D&reserved=0>

³[https://www.ris.ae/userfiles/dba-rismvc/02-documents/05-our-community/Parents/gc-raha-reminders/Parent Team for Raha Reminders \(31\).pdf](https://www.ris.ae/userfiles/dba-rismvc/02-documents/05-our-community/Parents/gc-raha-reminders/Parent Team for Raha Reminders (31).pdf)

They are everywhere (Not just Raha Campus)! We are currently doing all we can to limit mosquitos. This includes fogging weekly and misting twice weekly, and our cleaning team is now armed with electric 'tennis bats' as well. We are also working with the broader community around the school, and we are moving the fogging around the outside of the campus from once a month to every two weeks. The 'lake' at the back of the school still remains an issue. We are in regular contact with the municipality; however, this has yet to be solved. This

Moving into the summer months

Just in case you had not noticed, it is getting hot... As our Australian community would say, we are entering into the "*Slip, Slop, Slap*" season, so this is a polite reminder to ensure our children and ourselves are slipping into protective clothing, slopping on the sunscreen, and slapping on a hat for school.

Replacing the Sailcloth

We have completed all the audits with our insurance company; however, rather than waiting for them to provide the expected payout, we are replacing the shading in key areas in the Early Years and Primary playgrounds. We aim to do this in the next few weeks.

Food Nation

- Themed Lunch Menu - Summer Food Festival⁴

Early Years



- **20 May:** EY Swimming begins
- **22-23 May:** EY1-EY2 Gruffalo's child theatre trip

⁴https://www.ris.ae/userfiles/dba-rismvc/02-documents/05-our-community/Parents/gc-raha-reminders/FN-RIS Theme Lunch 14_05_24.pdf

- **30 May:** Student-led conferences
- **3 June, 10 June, 24 June, 1 July:** Monday Madness Days!
- **27 June:** EY2 Graduation Ceremony

EY Swimming

Swimming will resume for our EY students on **20 May**. Your child will require their swimming kit for both PE lessons. Please refer to the email from Ms Louise.

EY & Primary Upcoming Monday Madness Days!

This is a heads-up to our parents: throughout June and July, we will be inviting students across EY and Primary to dress up for Monday Madness.

- **3 June:** Favorite Colour Day
- **10 June:** Pajama Day
- **24 June:** Crazy Hair Day
- **1 July:** Dress Like A Teacher

EY1-G5 Student-Led Conference Day

Save the Date! May 30th is 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 parents during their booked appointment times. Appointments will be open for booking in the coming weeks.

Primary



All Week: Final swimming lesson for all primary classes (parents invited)

- **14 May:** Grade 1 Bounce Excursion
- **28 May:** Primary Sports Awards Evening

- **29 May:** Primary Music Recital (5:00 pm @ KCC)
- **30 May:** Student-led conferences

PT Testing in the Primary

ADEK requires all schools to administer an annual attainment test in Mathematics, English, and Science from Grades 3-9. As such, we will be running PT assessments over the next several weeks.

- **13-21 May:** G4
- **22 May-3 June:** G3
- **4-12 June:** G5

Final Swimming Lessons

Our final swimming lessons in Primary are next week. Families are invited to attend their children's final lesson to celebrate children's progress during the unit. Please see the communication from Miss Elaine sent this week for timings. Families who attend, please use the side gate entrance to the pool rather than passing through the changing rooms at the main entrance. Any younger siblings must be supervised in the pool area, and please bring water and wear sunscreen to fight the heat!

Primary Music Recital

Young musicians in G1-5 are invited to sign up [HERE](#) for the Primary Music Recital, which will be held in the KCC Black Box on Wednesday, 29 May, at 5:00pm. The deadline for applying is Friday 17 May, at 12:00pm.

EY1-G5 Student-Led Conference Day

We will hold our Student-Led Conferences for all students from EY1 to Grade 5 on Thursday, 30 May 2024. Please note that this day will be student-free; students attend only at their appointment time with parents. Bookings will be on Schools Buddy—please keep an eye out for further communication.

Secondary



22-23 May: SpongeBob the Musical

Mentors for PYPX

On Friday, our G10 students (who have recently completed their Personal Project), will become mentors for our G5 students. The G10 students have become experts in independent learning through their inquiries, and they will be guiding the G5 students as they embark on their first independent exhibition, the PYPX.

During this event, Grade 10 students will provide guidance on such topics as ‘scope’ and ‘where to find resources’. This collaboration fosters a sense of community and support within our school and marks the beginning of a transition period for our PYP students as they prepare for the next phase of their academic journey.

Personal Project

Ms Teejay is excited to announce the launch of the ‘Personal Project’ with our Grade 9 students this week. The Personal Project is an independent learning experience that serves as a culmination of the MYP experience. Over the next month, we will be conducting workshops to assist students in organizing their ideas so they can start gathering resources over the summer break. Some students may even choose to begin working on their projects during this extended break. We encourage you to stay tuned for an upcoming Parent Session, where we will provide more information and insights into the Personal Project journey.

SpongeBob the Musical

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 13 May and available for purchase in the lobby of Building A (Admin) before school.

- **Cost:** AED30 - cash only
- **When:** 22-23 May

- **Time:** 7:00pm

PT Assessments Update

G6-9 students have been demonstrating their knowledge in Maths, Science and English external assessments this week. This gives them an opportunity to confirm that they have indeed reached a particular level of competency when compared with their international counterparts.

A quick clarification regarding Grade 6:

There is no PTS (Progress Test in Science) for Grade 6. GL (the company) offers an optional 'transitional test' for Grade 6, which can be administered at the start of Grade 6. We have not signed up for this since the 'testing window' is only utilised annually by Raha, so we administer all the assessments during that one opportunity (except PTS).

Results of the assessments:

These will be available within the next week, and the equivalent MYP Criterion Level will be published on ManageBac. As was explained in an email, the grade will not adversely influence the best-fit score in any of the three subjects for the assessed Criterion; however, it may have a positive effect!

Events This Week



1 - Urban Farming composting at Craig's Playground with our Secondary and Primary students



2 - Harvesting tomatoes



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/7zcxQXM47zmMuuHN#content=LE1LBjn5hdEU7Q>

3 - Ma'an visiting the EY urban farming project



4 - PYP Parent meeting

Sports



5 - CHAMPIONS! Congratulations on First Place!



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/7zcxQXM47zmMuuHN#content=1kroe6n0RcOWCk>



6 - U13 girls won their first basketball game!





Secondary Sports Awards Evenings: 21 May (Secondary) and 28 May (Primary)

All students that played on a Raha Raptors team this year are invited, along with their parents, to the Sports Awards Presentation. All the teams will be recognized in the the Auditorium from 5:00-6:30pm, then you are welcome to join the coaches in the canteen for a treat and refreshments with your fellow Raha Raptors athletes!

Invitation and Program⁵

- **13 May:** U15 Boys Basketball - Cranleigh 4:00pm
- **13 May:** U15 Girls Basketball - Raha 4:00pm
- **13 May:** ADISSA Sec Swim Gala – Erth Pool 7:45 am-3:00pm
- **14 May:** U11 Girls Basketball Games at Raha (PYP Gym) 4:00pm
- **15 May:** U13 Girls Basketball - Raha 4:00pm
- **20 May:** U15 Boys Basketball - KCC
- **20 May:** U15 Girls Basketball - Raha 4:00pm
- **22 May:** U13 Girls Basketball - Raha 4:00pm

⁵<https://www.ris.ae/userfiles/dbz-rismvc/02-documents/05-our-community/Parents/gc-raha-reminders/Sports Awards Presentation 2023 1.pdf>