

RAHA REMINDERS

Gardens Campus

Whole School

Key Dates

20 Sept:	Primary Arabic Parent Workshop: 8.00am
25 Sept:	Teacher-led ECPs start EY1 RWI Parent Workshop: 8.15am
26 Sept:	EY2 RWI Parent Workshop: 8.15am
27 Sept:	Teacher & Parent Recital
28 Sept:	G1-2 RWI Parent Workshop: 8.00am
4 Oct:	G12 Three-Way Conferences: 3pm-6.30pm
8-9 Nov:	G6-11 Three-Way Conferences: 10am-6pm

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.

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

Executive Leadership Team - Parent Meetings

Ms Pali, Ms Carol, Ms Tara, and Mr Matt will be available every Thursday morning from 7.45 - 8.30am in the school canteen until October half term, if you would like to meet them or share any concerns you have. We look forward to seeing you!

Gate Timings

To support parents during the morning drop off, and to ease the traffic outside school, gates will be open from 7.20am next week. However, ALL EY and Primary students MUST be supervised by parents until 7.30am.

Punctuality

We will begin monitoring students who arrive late. Please help us in ensuring students are on time.

Teacher-Led ECPs

Our teacher-led ECPs will begin on 25 September and will run until 24 November.

Theme Lunch Thursday!

Food Nation are excited to introduce Theme Lunch Thursday on 21 September!

First Theme: Pad Thai! [Click here](#) for more information and bookings.

National Anthem

From next week we will be playing the national anthem at 7.40am. After the national anthem is played, students will go to their class/Advisory.

[Food Nation Term 1 Menu](#)

[Food Nation Parent Pack](#)

[Parent Team Newsletter](#)

Thought for the Week:

At Raha International School, effective communication is a cornerstone of success. Take a moment this week to practice active listening, articulate your thoughts clearly, and appreciate the power of meaningful conversations. Together, we strengthen our ability to connect, learn, and grow!

Raha Riddles

I am full of keys but I can't open any doors. What am I?

Last Week's Answer

What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?

A Palm Tree!

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Early Years

EY Dot Day

We had a wonderful spotty, dotty day across EY today! A dot may be small, but it's a powerful way to show our individuality and creativity.



Mystery Readers

Mystery reader has kicked off in EY this week! Ms Emily was the first mystery reader in a few of the classes and our leadership team will be dropping in for story times throughout the year.

Now we are inviting parents to sign up directly with teachers to come into class and read a story to the children. Remember - it's 'Mystery reader' so please don't tell your child you are coming! If you can't make it into school but would still like to read to the children we will also be offering reading slots via teams. We cannot wait to see who our next Mystery Readers will be!



RWI Parent Workshops

Miss Kerry will be hosting an interactive parent workshop all about our RWI Phonics programme. Parents will have a chance to experience how our EY students learn to read and the best ways to support at home. Workshops will be split for EY1 and EY2 as the sessions are specifically tailored to each grade.

EY1: 25 September at 8.15am in the Black Box
EY1: 26 September at 8.15am in the Black Box

End of Day Procedures

Parents will be able to collect EY1 and EY2 students from 11.50am on Fridays from their classroom doors to help ease the flow and congestion of traffic. Please be reminded that Monday to Thursday EY1 ends at 1pm and EY2 ends at 2pm.

EY Bus Updates

We are very happy to share that EY2 bus service will resume next week. EY1 buses will run as scheduled at 1pm. To support with transitions, EY2 students will be leaving slightly earlier at 1:40pm next week only.

Please be aware of the following:

- Your child's afternoon bus route may be different from the morning route, this also means they may have a different bus assistant for this journey.
- Bus assistants will contact you with a drop-off time, if you haven't heard from them by Sunday, please email transportation@ris.ae and we will follow up on Monday morning.
- If you need to make any changes to bus arrangements, you must inform the school by contacting the homeroom teacher or Anne Raagas (Early Years Assistant), as we will not make any changes if we are only informed by the bus assistants.
- There will no longer be provision for EY1 and EY2 bus students until 3pm, as we have now commenced full services for EY students. Therefore, EY students will not be able to depart on the 3pm bus.
- Please note, as per the ECP procedures, if your child is attending an ECP, you must collect your child as there will be no bus service.

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Primary



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.

Ken Ken (Grade 3+)

Please see [THIS LINK](#) to a circular inviting sign ups for the Ken Ken competition. Registration closes Saturday 16th September so please act quickly if your child wishes to participate!

National Anthem

From next week, when the National Anthem plays in the morning, Grade 1 & 2 students should line up at their classroom door, Grade 3 will continue to line up in the piazza, Grade 4 will continue to line up on the primary pitch, and Grade Five will pause outside D block before entering for Morning Meeting.

Arabic Workshop for Parents

The Heads of Arabic subjects will be talking about the Arabic A&B, Islamic A&B and SSA covering the Vision and Philosophy, Curriculum, Activities, learning Apps/platforms, Assessments, Communication and expectations, how to support at home and how to contact them.

On 20 September from 8.00-9.00am and 3.00-4.00pm in the Auditorium

RWI Parent Workshops

We will be hosting an interactive G1-2 parent workshop all about our RWI Phonics programme. Parents will have a chance to experience how our students learn to read and the best ways to support at home.

Join us on 28 September from 8.00am in the Black Box Theatre.



Secondary

Three-Way Conferences

Three-Way Conferences will take place for:

- Grade 12 on 4 October from 3.00pm-6.30pm.
- Grades 6-11 on 8-9 November from 10.00am-6.00pm.

30 Day Reading Challenge

The 30 Day Reading Challenge kicked off on September 11, Students wanting to join late should contact Ms. Teejay (tbutton@ris.ae) directly.



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A Midsummer Night's Dream

Signups to audition for the G9-12 production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" are open now on SchoolsBuddy. Auditions will be held on Wednesday 20th September from 3-4.30pm. Audition material can be found [HERE](#).

Secondary Website

We are pleased to share our [Secondary School Website](#) to streamline communication and provide a central location for parents to access information. We will continue to update it through the year and if there is information you would like to see please contact us.

Centre of Excellence/Student Leadership

Run by our amazing DP CAS students the COE will be continuing to support MYP students across a range of subjects. Tutoring will take place as one-on-one 1h lessons after school through video-call. Students can choose which subjects they would like to get help in and the times they are available (choose 1 hour time between 4:00 to 6:30pm on school days). Any student who would like to sign-up can do so via [THIS LINK](#).

Diploma Programme

Diploma Programme Newsletter:
[DP NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023 \(1\).pdf](#)

Diploma Programme Calendar of Deadlines:
[Student DP Calendar of Deadlines 2023-2024.pdf](#)

School Calendar

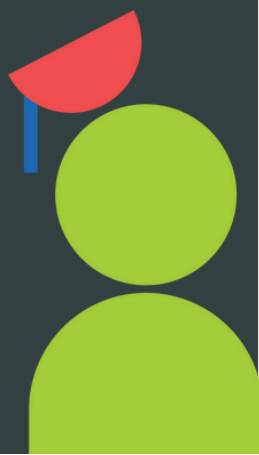
There have been inquiries about the school calendar, specifically the Spring Break being 3 weeks and occurring during the Holy Month of Ramadan. Please note that Spring Break is not determined at a school level, rather by ADEK for all schools in Abu Dhabi. ADEK has constraints on the school calendar and selects the Winter Break and Spring Break dates.

ECPs

We are excited to kick off both our internal and external ECPs. There has been a great response from students, and we are pleased to be able to offer a wide range of activities. After receiving feedback from parents last year, we scheduled the ECPs for the entire year to ensure consistency in offering a wide range of activities throughout the school year. Please understand that it is a very complex process in scheduling the ECPs in terms of the day of the week and the timing. We are working around the schedules of our staff, external staff and companies, availability of limited facilities, school meetings, and more. Our team has worked very hard to minimize overlap, but it is inevitable that there will be overlap for some clubs.

AIM

Students in Grades 11-12 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 12s met with their supervisors on 14 September, and Grade 11 students will meet with their supervisors in the following weeks.



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Supporting Your Child

Please remember that one of our priorities at Raha International School is to support and foster student agency, self-reliance, and independence. Parents can join us in these efforts by supporting their child/children in resolving their concerns independently. If your child shares a concern with you, rather than seeking out the school, provide your child with an opportunity to practice independence by discussing the concern with you and providing you with their plan to resolution. Parents can guide their children by asking "Have you considered _ _ _ _ _?" Together, you and your child can come up with an effective plan. However, if your child is not able to resolve the concern or you feel the concern is of a greater magnitude, you should also contact the appropriate individuals at the school. Together, we can support our secondary students in living out the Learner Profile Attributes!

International Trips for Secondary Students

Use the QR Code and the information below to register your interest for a specific trip.

Or visit the website here



Camps International Trips Update

Thank you to the parents who attended the session on Tuesday 12 September. We have received your feedback regarding the Spring trips occurring during the Holy Month of Ramadan. We are now working with Camps International to see if we can arrange an alternative date so that it will not coincide with Ramadan. As soon as we have confirmation, we will update you accordingly.

Please note there may be a change to dates so some trips are not during Ramadan. We will keep you updated.

RAHA ✈️ NEPAL

GRADE: Grade 7-8
BOOKING CODE: 8673

RAHA ✈️ TANZANIA

GRADE: Grade 7-8
BOOKING CODE: 8674

RAHA ✈️ THAILAND

GRADE: Grade 9-10
BOOKING CODE: 8675

RAHA ✈️ KENYA

GRADE: Grade 9-10
BOOKING CODE: 8672

RAHA ✈️ CAMBODIA

GRADE: Grade 11-12
BOOKING CODE: 8676

