



Raha Reminders

Issue 31

Key Dates

- **27-28 May:** Introduction to Dr. Mohamed, our new Director of Arabic
- **28 May:** Primary Sports Awards Evening
- **29 May:** Primary Music Recital (5:00pm @ KCC)
- **30 May:** G1-5 Student-led Conferences
- **3 June:** Favorite colour dress-down day

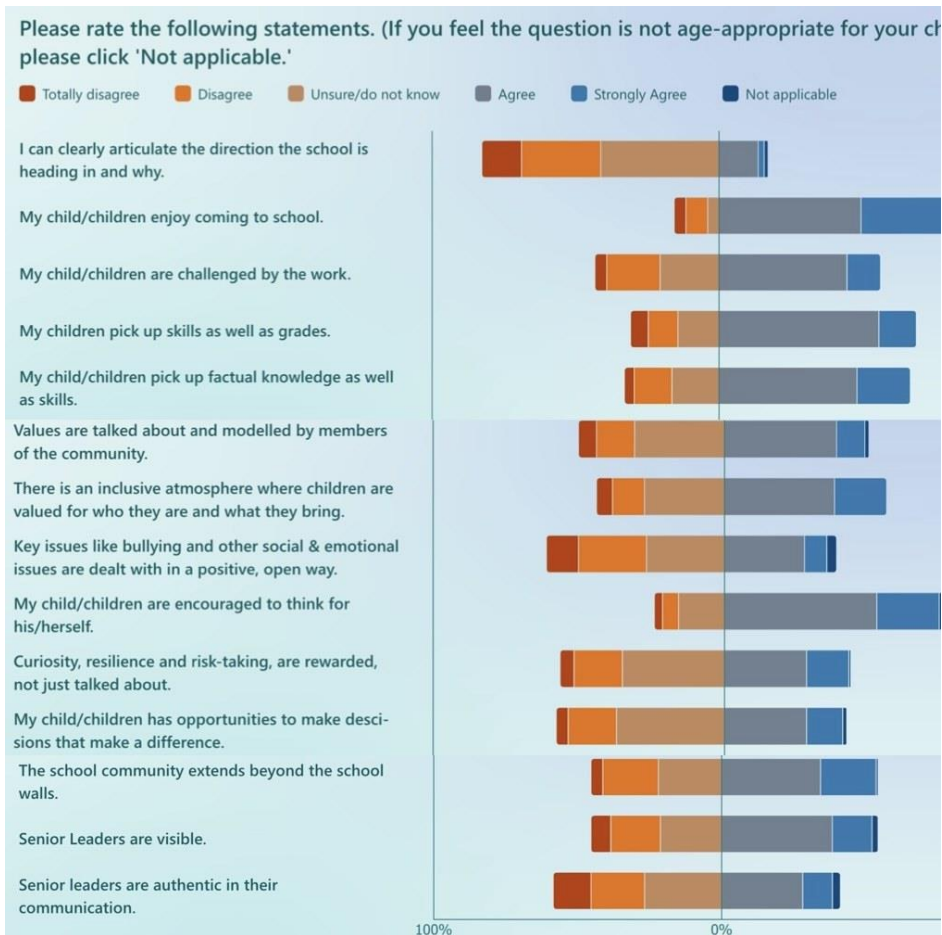
Principal's Message





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1 - <https://youtu.be/hQSWwk7F1uA>



2 - Overview of the Parent Survey, we need more entries!

3 - Parent Manifesto



4 - Parent Survey

Dear Parents (full video message [HERE](#))

Salesclothes are back, we already started with the pool, EY areas, and later at the playgrounds, works are taking some time, hopefully, they will finish in a week or two.

It's been a busy week, I was in particular touch at the sports award with the students mentoring other students reflecting on true connections and community stories, and how our children go beyond.

PYP exhibition, SpongeBob musical, and Graduation on the weekend I will be giving feedback next week.

Parent Survey and Manifesto

I want to thank everyone who participated, Got a 100+ entries, here is a sample of the replies (above), but it is only about 8% of our community. I am keeping open the link one more week to have a real representation and authenticity, please we need your input. From the parent manifesto, we will start some workshops in different languages (Arabic, Spanish and English) these will refine what we mean and become an active document to hold me accountable. Let's refresh our idea of what makes Raha a special place.

I'm sending out the materials:

- [Manifesto Presentation](#)
- [Parent survey](#)
- Manifesto [Padlet](#)

If you want to watch the first meeting with parents explaining the manifesto, [click HERE](#).

New Director of Arabic: Dr. Mohamed Salameh



We are excited to introduce Dr. Mohamed, our new Director of Arabic. He will join us on Monday 27th at 5:00pm and Tuesday 28th at 8:00am in the Auditorium. Dr. Mohamed will share his experience, ambitions and the next steps for Arabic at Gardens Campus. We would greatly appreciate your presence and input at either of the meetings.

General

Thank you! Raha Reads

To celebrate the UAE month of reading this year our Raha Reads Competition coupled with a community desire to support aid work. Reading to **Actively Help Aid-** work, students gained sponsorship from their friends and families to read a bit more than usual, and get back into good reading habits. If they completed their reading challenge, donations were made by the sponsors to the Red Crescent. The students in secondary raised AED6,600 in cash, yet it is estimated the initiative raised much more (over AED10,000), with many sponsors opting to pay directly online.

We are proud of all of our students who participated in this event and the members of the wider community who supported them.



5 - PYP students with their sponsorship certificate.

Building the Raha Alumni Network

Secondary and the Raha Parent Team want to help lay the foundation for a strong alumni network at Raha. The first step is collecting a database of ex-students who are interested in being part of the network. The goal is to establish a strong bond with our community hosting talks related to university life, careers, celebrating memories, and pathways to go beyond.

Please click the [LINK](#) to start connecting or share it with any alumni.



6 - Where are they today? Class of 2011

Enhancing Wellbeing Practices

Recently, members of our Senior Leadership Team, Inclusion Teachers, Counsellors, and Learning Support Assistants attended the MENA Inclusion and Wellbeing Conference, a two-day event dedicated to exploring and enhancing inclusive practices and wellbeing in education. Our team participated in a variety of workshops designed to equip them with innovative strategies and practical tools for supporting our diverse student body. These learnings reflect Raha's commitment to continuous professional development and the implementation of best practices in inclusive education. By attending such events, our staff are better equipped to support our students, ensuring that each individual's unique needs are met, and their potential fully realized.



7 - Great workshops to support our students!

DP Pre-loved Textbooks Sale

This week, Grade 10 students began preparing for next year's Diploma Programme by purchasing pre-loved textbooks and notes from the graduating Grade 12s. This initiative not only offered students the chance to secure some great deals but also aligned with our school's commitment to sustainability. By opting to reuse textbooks, we take a step towards a greener, more sustainable future, rather than continually buying new materials.





A Culturally Considerate Community at Gardens Campus

A friendly reminder to families and visitors to ensure all members are culturally considerate when accessing our campus.

Parents and visitors who access our campus or use our sports facilities throughout the day (e.g., tennis lessons) and want to avail the use of a thobe can now do so from the main gate.



8 - Thobes at Gate 1

Parent Team Newsletter



Early Years



- **30 May:** Student-led Conferences 10:00am – 6:00pm
- **3 June, 10 June, 24 June, 1 July:** Monday Madness Days!
- **27 June:** EY2 Graduation Ceremony 8:10am - More information to follow soon!

Student-led conference bookings are open

EY1 & EY2 Student-led conference bookings are open. Please sign up via SchoolsBuddy for Homeroom teacher bookings. Specialists will be available on a walk-in basis.

EY Graduation!

Save the Date: Thursday 27th June at 8:10am. More information to follow soon!

Primary



- **28 May:** Primary Sports Awards Evening
- **29 May:** Primary Music Recital (5:00pm @ KCC)
- **30 May:** Student-led Conferences (10:00am-6:00pm)
- **31 May:** G2-5 PYP choir hosting Singing for Fun festival
- **3 June:** G1-5- Favorite colour dress-down day
- **4 June:** G1 field trip to Fontana Circus

Assessment Days

- **22 May-3 June:** G3 PT assessments
- **4-12 June:** G5 PT assessments
- **3 June:** G3-5 PT Make-up assessments

EY1-G5 Student-led Conference Day

Student-led Conferences are on Thursday! Please remember to book your time with your child's homeroom teacher and Arabic/Islamic/UAE Social Studies teachers on Schools Buddy. PE, Art, Music and STEAM teachers will not have bookings but families are invited to drop into those areas for students to share their learning. Students should wear school uniform and only attend school, with their parents, at their booked times. We look forward to welcoming you!

Secondary



- **30 May:** Personal Project "Parent Coffee and Biscuit" (8:00am)
- **3 June:** G6 Cosmic Dome Experience
- **5 June:** G7 SeaWorld Excursion
- **7 June:** G9 Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
- **10 June:** G11 Collaborative Sciences Project Excursion to Yas WaterWorld

Grade 9 Parents Personal Project "Parent Coffee and Biscuit"

The Personal Project is a mandatory and independent component of the MYP which is undertaken in Grade 10. For a successful project experience, students are recommended to organize their resources over the summer months. In addition to workshops throughout the month with all Grade 9 students, Mrs. Teejay (the school's Personal Project Coordinator) invites parents to a 'coffee and biscuit session' in the MYP library on Thursday 30th May (8:00am), for an informal Q&A to learn more about the project best ways to support your child.

[Secondary Newsletter:](#)

A glance at the activities and students' projects for Term 2: This edition of the newsletter has been produced by two very conscientious Grade 9 students, thank you for the great job:

Click the [LINK](#) for Issue 4.

Bee & Bowl: Incredible Journey to Success

Congratulations to Grade 7 and 8 students for participating in the International History Bee and Bowl competition held at Dubai College on 3 February 2024. Students answered multiple batteries of fast-paced history questions covering all continents and a vast array of cultures, from ancient civilizations to the 2020s.

Three Raha students placed in the top eight out of 50+ middle-school-aged competitors in the singles division, and one of the Raha teams placed 4th overall in the teams division and 7th overall in the singles division.

The most exciting news is that all eight students qualified for the 2024 European Championships, which will be held in London on the weekend of 31 May - 2 June 2024.

We congratulate these students for all their hard work and effort over the past several months in preparing for the achievement of these great successes and look forward to London, 2024. Read the full article [HERE](#).



9 - Congrats to the students who qualified for London 2024 European Championships!

Events This Week



10 - G10 Parent meeting, an interesting discussion about the needs for a smoother transition to DP.



11 - We are recognized our volunteer parents at the PT General Meeting.



12 - Amazing performances at the SpongeBob Musical











13 - PYPx Team!





14 - Parents were here last week to help.



15 - What is your PYPx about?





Sports











Raha Raptors Parent Group

Every flock needs leaders... Become a guiding raptor in our pack!

We are excited to invite you to join the Raptors Parent Group, a dedicated parent group committed to supporting our young athletes by creating more community, official cheering, organizing engaging activities, and raising funds to ensure our sports program's continued success and growth. Please fill out the [FORM](#) if you are interested in participating.



Primary Sports Awards Evenings: 28 May (Primary)

All students who 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 Auditorium then you are welcome to join the coaches in the canteen for a treat and refreshments with your fellow Raha Raptors athletes!

[Invitation and Program](#)

ECPs

[Children's Play: The Alhambra: A Bridge Between Cultures](#)



Discover the magic of the Alhambra in a unique and exciting story! Join a group of Emirati friends on their trip to Spain as they explore the fascinating history of the Alhambra and share unforgettable cultural experiences. It is a work full of adventures, friendship, and discoveries that you won't want to miss. The Alhambra: A Journey of Friendship and Culture. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Date: 11 June 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Auditorium, Raha International School, Gardens Campus!

Hurry and book your tickets today! Don't miss this beautiful adventure, full of history, culture, and dance! contact us at hola@hispaniaacademy.com or by phone to 0585194974

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