

RAHA REMINDERS

Gardens Campus

Whole School

Key Dates

- 9-13 Oct: World Space Week
Mental health week
- 11-13 Oct: University Visits
- 13 Oct: PINKTOBER Dress Down Day + Bake Sale
- 25 Oct: Reading at home for EY parents 8.10am

Pink Day

Students can wear pink on Friday or sports attire for fitness Friday they are invited to bring 5AED on Friday to buy a treat at the Pinktober Bake Sale. More information is in the Parent Team newsletter.

For EY Parents please be aware that we will not be able to attend the bake sale as a whole class but you are welcome to accompany your child from 11:45am on Friday (we will open our doors 5 minutes earlier only for this).



Three Way Conferences

We have applied to ADEK for Three Way Conferences to be held after school on Wednesday 15th November and all day Thursday 16th November. Pending ADEK approval, Thursday 16th November will be a student free day for EY1-G5. We will communicate confirmation once we hear from ADEK.



GC + KCC

Secondary Music Recital

On Wednesday October 25th, at 5pm in the Black Box at KCC, we will be holding a cross-campus Music Recital for secondary-aged students.

Please register your son/daughter's interest using [THIS FORM](#) if they would like to be considered to play a piece at this performance.

Fun for Raha Community Free Tickets

NBA Fan appreciation Day
ADEK extended the invitation of DCT for students to attend the game at Etihad Arena.

AL Jazzera FC Games
Enjoy a fun Sunday with family and friends, tickets for Raha Community able to collect at Gate 1



Food Nation Term 1 Menu

Food Nation Special Day

Parent Team Newsletter

Infinite + Hispanic Academy

Want to learn Spanish?
For more info, [click here](#)

Mid-Term Break

[Let's play tennis with CF Tennis Camp](#)

[Register here](#)



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Early Years



Stella the Starfish Poster design competition

Draw and design on A4 paper (portrait) a colourful poster for our EY2 and G1 production of Stella the Starfish. The deadline is the **9th of October 2023**.

Submit the original work at the Front Desk, or to the EY PA, Anne Raagas. If a student creates the poster digitally, then it can be sent to either Ms. Caroline (carolinekelly@ris.ae) or Anne Raagas (araagas@ris.ae).



Mystery Readers

Ms Pali our mystery reader for this week in penguins class. we are inviting parents to sign up directly with teachers to come into class and read a story to the children. 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.

Primary

Donations for Innovation Hub

WANTED

Please send donations of clean and safe items to be used in the Innovation Hub by our students' STEAM designs and construction. These can be dropped to the Innovation Hub by students in the morning.

Ideas include:

- Boxes
- Plastic bottles
- Popsicle sticks
- Drinking straws
- Kitchen towel rolls
- Newspaper



Inaugural Stay and Share

We're thrilled to share that our first morning of parent visits was a resounding success! We had an incredible turnout with high attendance as parents came to visit their children in their home classrooms.

It was a fantastic opportunity for parents to review all the learning and knowledge their children have acquired. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for this special event. We look forward to more exciting moments of learning and collaboration ahead!

Raha Riddles

What has to be broken before you can use it?

Last Week's Answer

Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?
Letter C

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Ivy League University Visits

Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins and the University of Chicago presented to the DP students on Wednesday afternoon. It was an absolute honour to hear them talk about their respective colleges and esteemed programs. There was a good turnout of students and promising engagement in the breakout sessions. We wish our students all the best with the forthcoming applications!



Mental health awareness week

Tuesday 10th October is World mental health day; students can wear green on this day, and Friday 13th Pinktober; students can wear pink on Friday or sports attire for fitness Friday. Please be reminded that clothing needs to be school appropriate.

Reminded to keep a look out on the student announcements and on Raha Secondary Students team for activities next week during break and lunchtimes.



Thought for the Week:

October's Learner Profile focus is knowledgeable. Next week, let's celebrate the power of knowledge in our students. Encourage your child to seek out new information, ask questions, and explore their interests. By nurturing their curiosity, we're shaping lifelong learners who are not just informed, but inspired to make a difference. Your role in fostering their hunger for knowledge is truly commendable. Wishing you and your child a week filled with enlightening discoveries!

CAT4 Tests

Students in G6 – 11 will be completing their CAT4 testing on Thursday, October 12 during Lessons 1 and 2. CAT4, or Cognitive Abilities Test 4, is an assessment tool widely used to evaluate a student's cognitive abilities in key areas such as verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and spatial ability.

Unlike traditional exams, CAT4 does not test acquired knowledge but rather measures a student's inherent thinking and problem-solving capabilities.

This information is invaluable for teachers, offering deep insights into each student's unique cognitive profile. By understanding a student's cognitive strengths and areas that may require additional support, our teachers can tailor their teaching strategies to suit individual needs, ultimately fostering a more inclusive and effective learning environment.

World Space Week

Trivias, dress up, treasure hunts, movie night
[Click here for more info](#)



Osrah Intermurals

The first Osrah Intermurals of the year will begin next week with Grade 6 Dodgeball and continue after the October break with grade 7-10. Osrahs will face off at lunch time in the MYP Gym Monday and Tuesday. Students have the choice to change into their PE kit during lunch break to participate in the games.

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Inclusive Insights

Reading is a vital skill that opens doors to knowledge and imagination, while also playing a crucial role in academic success. We understand that some students may encounter reading challenges, and as educators and parents, it's our shared responsibility to offer the support needed to help them become confident readers.

This week, we want to discuss dyslexia, a specific learning difficulty that some of our students may experience. It's essential to approach this topic with understanding and positivity.

Dyslexia primarily affects reading and writing skills, but it's more than that—it's about how information is processed. Dyslexic individuals may face challenges when processing and remembering information they see and hear, which can impact their learning and literacy skills, as well as organizational abilities.

However, it's crucial to remember that thinking differently comes with its own strengths. Many dyslexic individuals excel in reasoning, visual, and creative fields. We celebrate these unique talents at Raha International School.

If your child is struggling with reading, here are some helpful strategies you can try at home:

Audiobooks for Engagement: Consider getting audiobooks for your child and encourage them to read along. Audiobooks can make reading a more immersive and enjoyable experience.

Independent Reading Time: Ensure your child sets aside dedicated time for independent reading. This includes reading quietly and, at times, reading aloud to strengthen comprehension skills.

Meaningful Discussions: Engage in thoughtful conversations about the texts your child encounters in their coursework. Discussing literature enhances their understanding and critical thinking skills.

Diverse Reading Material: While school textbooks are essential, explore a variety of reading materials such as graphic novels, comic books, magazines, and other content aligned with your child's interests.

Seek Expert Guidance: Don't hesitate to reach out to the school for advice on reading strategies that you can implement at home. They can provide valuable insights tailored to your child's needs.

If you ever have concerns or questions about your child's reading progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated educators and support staff. We are here to provide guidance and assistance. Together, we can empower our secondary school students to overcome reading challenges and discover the immense joy that reading can bring.



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Diploma Programme

Student Representative Council (SRC) Update

This past week, we saw our SRC executive member candidates campaigning for their positions.

On Thursday, the 3 finalists for Vice President and 3 finalists for President shared speeches with students in Grades 3 – 5, detailing why they believe they are the right person for the job.

Students voting began on Friday and will continue throughout the weekend. We are excited to learn who will be leading our SRC next week!



Trips Information pay form

To find the link for online payment please follow [this link](#)



RAHA → NEPAL

GRADE: Grade 7-8 BOOKING CODE: 8673 18th – 25th February

RAHA → TANZANIA

GRADE: Grade 7-8 BOOKING CODE: 8674 25th March – 1st April

RAHA → THAILAND

GRADE: Grade 9-10 BOOKING CODE: 8675 21st June – 28th June

RAHA → KENYA

GRADE: Grade 9-10 BOOKING CODE: 8672 26th – 2nd April

RAHA → CAMBODIA

GRADE: Grade 11-12 BOOKING CODE: 8676 9th – 16th December

Amended dates

University Events

12:20 – 1:00 Wednesday, October 11th

NYUAD visit in DP Study Hall

Grade 10-12 students and parents welcome

9:00 am Friday, October 13th

LSE visit in DP Study Hall
Grade 10-12 students and parents welcome