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Primary Week Ending 28th January 2022

Dear Community,

Well, just like that... January is over and we are heading into a new month. It is safe to say that this is not the start to the new year and term we had hoped for with a number of children having to revert to distance learning, but despite the many challenges many of us have faced, we have tried very hard to keep the school running as normal, where possible, and ensure the safety of all children. We are still awaiting official comms from KHDA; However, we anticipate that activities will resume next week. We will email you as soon as we have any updates.

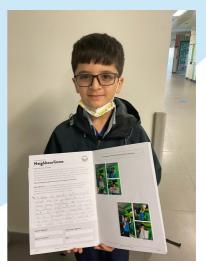
KHDA Update:

The latest advice from Dubai Government authorities is that PE lessons, gatherings, performances, school trips and extra-curricular activities can resume from **Monday January 31.** The Parent Cafeteria will also be open.

What Have You Done To Make You Feel Proud?

Junior Duke

Well done to all of the children who have completed some of their Junior Duke challenges. Today I met with Aarav Bhatia from 4A who has been completing his tasks with great enthusiasm and learning skills that will serve him well for life. He told me of how he had proudly donated clothes and toys for people less fortunate than him. Well done to all of the students involved in this initiative.





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Happy Meet

This week we welcomed the opportunity to host our monthly "Happy Meet". The purpose of the "Happy Meets" are to receive your feedback through parent "Stars & Wishes". It's crucial for us to get your feedback; we listen carefully, record it down and share it with the entire school community. During each meeting, we go through the action points that we have addressed from the previous meeting to ensure we are always improving. We are trying to progress and striving for excellence. This year and next year there will be far more developments and upgrades. Thank you for you positive & constructive feedback, it is highly valued.



Sustainability Week

Last week we celebrated Sustainability Week. Throughout all year groups there was a fantastic effort made by our pupils to come together and get involved in the projects. Students were involved in activities that ranged from making bird feeders in our School Farm to creating handy tools they can use in class such as desk organisers made from 100% recyclable material. I was lucky enough to attend a year 3 assembly where students shared their learning from the week. I am so proud of how our students understand the importance of looking after the environment and also looking after our school facilities.

Our next big focus will be Eco Art Month and I look forward to seeing what fantastic projects our pupils create.



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Covid Confidentiality

At this time when Covid cases in the UAE are high, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we, as a school, treat all information about cases confidentiality and information is shared on a 'need to know' basis. With this in mind can I please ask that you do not discuss cases and close contacts within the parent WhatsApp groups to ensure we do not cause any unnecessary concern or alarm. Your support and understanding with this matter is much appreciated.

Term 2 Key Dates

Date	Activity
01.02.22	ECO art month
06.02.22	Early finish PD day for staff
08.02.22	Safer internet day
08.02.22	Parents evening
09.02.22	Parents evening
13.02.22	Mid-term break

Kind Regards,

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