

RAHA REMINDERS

Khalifa City Campus

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic week it's been at Raha. The energy around the school has been so positive, with joyful learning in every corner and a real sense of community spirit. Whether in classrooms, on the sports field, or during special events, there has been so much to celebrate.



Ms. Abi
Principal

Last Friday's school bazaar was a real highlight. Thank you to our wonderful parent team for organising such a warm, welcoming event, and to our incredible facilities staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to set everything up and pack it all away. It was lovely to see such enterprising students and families running stalls and sharing their creativity. I thoroughly enjoyed browsing and buying, and I'm looking forward to giving the gifts I picked up to my children and grandsons.

Another highlight was last weekend's Model United Nations event, led by Ms Ashli. It was a genuine success and a wonderful showcase of student voice, diplomacy and global thinking. MUN is not just about debate, it teaches our young people how to see the world from different perspectives, to listen deeply, reflect critically, and even change their own minds. It also teaches them how to navigate formal spaces with confidence and respect, all vital skills for the future.

On the professional learning front, I'd like to thank Ms Anna, Ms Rachel, Mr Michael, Ms Carolina and the group of dedicated teachers who took part in IB training with Ali last weekend. At Raha, we believe in nurturing the growth of our staff just as much as we do our students. Professional development is vital in every good school, it sharpens our thinking, keeps us current, and strengthens our practice. It's also part of our SPIRE curriculum, where we recognise intellectual wellbeing as a key component of a balanced life.

As you'll have read in the letter from our CEO, Mr Allan, I'll be moving on from Raha KCC at the end of this academic year. In the weeks ahead, I'll be working closely with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure a complete and smooth handover to Robert and Peter. I'll also remain in touch after the term ends in case they need anything further from me. Change is always a mixture of emotion and excitement, but as we so often tell our students, change is also where growth begins.

As we look ahead, I'm pleased to share some leadership updates for the coming year.

We are very fortunate that Anna will remain part of the Senior Leadership Team. For those newer to KCC, it's important to know that Anna has been instrumental in the very foundation of the school. She was part of the original leadership team who set up KCC from the ground up, helping to shape its vision, values, and culture. Those early decisions continue to shape the school we are today.

Earlier this year, Ms Anna expressed her wish to return her full focus to the Early Years, her greatest professional passion. Because she shared this decision early, we've had ample time to plan the appointment of a new Vice Principal. Her depth of experience, wisdom, and commitment to the community make her an anchor for the school. She has led the Early Years with incredible care and clarity, and her work in developing Pre-KG (Minis) into a thriving, joyful part of the school has been a real success. Her continued leadership in Early Years is a gift to our youngest learners and their families.



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I also want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to Ms Monica, who has done an outstanding job as Acting Head of Secondary since November. Monica has led with calm, clarity and care, keeping the secondary school running smoothly and supporting students and staff with grace and professionalism. I know many of you have experienced her thoughtful leadership first-hand. I'm pleased to confirm that in the coming academic year, Monica will continue as Deputy Head of Secondary. We are truly grateful for her ongoing commitment and the strength she brings to the team.

We also say goodbye this year to Ms Melissa, who has served as our Deputy Head of Primary and the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Melissa has led with deep care for our students and a clear commitment to wellbeing across the school. She has played a key role in embedding an understanding of how wellbeing supports academic progress, not as something extra, but as something essential to every child's development. She has also been instrumental in the development of our SPIRE curriculum, ensuring that the emotional, social, physical, intellectual and reflective dimensions of learning are meaningfully woven into school life. Melissa and her family will be returning home, and while we'll miss her greatly, we are deeply thankful for the care and vision she has shared with Raha.

Taking on the role of Deputy Head of Primary next year will be Mr Michael. Michael is a calm and thoughtful leader who knows our children and families well. He brings strength in building relationships, a deep understanding of effective teaching, and a warm, measured approach to leadership. I know the primary team will continue to thrive under his guidance.

Ms Rachel will be stepping into a new leadership role next year as, Assistant Head of Primary - PYP Coordinator. Rachel's energy, commitment, and focus on curriculum, teaching, learning and wellbeing have made a strong impact in the EY, and I know she'll bring insight and care to her new position.

Mr Barry will take on the role of MYP Coordinator. Barry's steady leadership as acting CP coordinator during this year's candidacy phase, strong understanding of the IB philosophy, and thoughtful, student-centred approach make him ideally placed to guide the Middle Years Programme into its next phase.

These appointments reflect the strength and depth of leadership already within our school. Each one of these individuals brings not only skill and experience, but a deep commitment to our shared values and to the wellbeing and academic success of every student.

Thank you for the trust and support you give us every day. These final weeks of term will be full of learning, celebration, and connection. I look forward to sharing them with you.

Best wishes,

Abi

Performance Standard 3: Teaching & Assessment

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Key Dates

May

21 G5 PYPX Parent Evening

30 Career Fair

June

3 KCC Cobra's Sports Awards (Secondary)

4 KCC Cobra's Sports Awards (Primary)

4 EY2 into G1 Transition Parents' Meeting

5-8 Eid Al Adha (To be confirmed)

13-20 UK University Trip G9-11

15-21 CAS Mauritius Trip G11

20 Grade 5 Graduation

23 Grade 10 Graduation

26 Islamic New Year

27 Last day of school



Term 3 Menu

Results



Fixtures

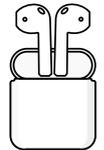
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Student Headsets

Reminder:

We need your support - please ensure all student phones and headphones are in their bags when you drop them at school in the morning.



Yearbook Pre-orders

A link will be sent soon to pay online to pre-order the yearbook. This year, NO cash payments will be collected.

We are working with our vendor to have the yearbooks ready to be delivered the first week after the EID break.



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EY2

EY2-Grade 1 Parent Transition Meeting: 4th June at 8am

EY2 parents are invited to join the Primary leadership team for an information session about the transition into the Primary. This will take place on Wednesday 4th June at 8.00am in the Blackbox.

Grade 5

Grade 5 to 6 Transition: Dates to remember

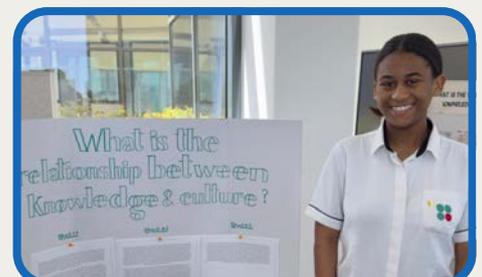
- **Grade 5 transition lessons:** Week beginning June 2nd & 9th: Grade 6 team to deliver sessions on MYP to Grade 5 classes.
- **Coffee and Connect with KCC Parent team:** 11th June Grade 5 parents invited to connect with Grade 6 parents on what it is like to be an MYP parent.
- **Grade 5 Team Building:** 12th June: Grade 5 students will participate in their first Osrah Competition with Mr. Miles.
- **Grade 6 Shadow Day:** 17th June: Grade 5 students will experience what it is like to be a Grade 6 student for day.
- **G5 to 6 Parent Evening:** 17th June 3.30-5pm in the Black Box

If you have any questions please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher or Ms. Eileen G6 LTL (emccrea@ris.ae)

KCC Cobras' Sport Awards

Join us for our annual KCC Cobra's Sport awards. All students who represented KCC Cobras, along with their parents, are invited to join. The ceremony will take place in the Black Box Theatre.

- Tuesday 3rd June at 6.00pm - Secondary (U13, U15, U19).
- Wednesday 4th June at 6.00pm - Primary (U9 and U11)



WEEKLY HSE BULLETIN

May 12th, 2025 | Raha International School, Khalifa City Campus, Abu Dhabi

Playground Safety Posters

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and well-being, we are pleased to share that safety posters have been installed across key outdoor play areas. These vibrant and engaging posters are designed to serve as visual reminders, encouraging students to make safe choices during their playtime.

The initiative aligns with our HSE action plan, which emphasizes the importance of promoting safe behaviors through consistent messaging in the environments where students are most active. By placing these reminders directly in and around the playgrounds, we aim to reinforce the values of caution, cooperation, and responsibility in a way that is accessible and age-appropriate.

Over the coming weeks, additional posters will be installed to ensure that all play zones—not just the main playgrounds—are covered. Our goal is to create a comprehensive visual network of safety cues that children can easily recognize and internalize.

To reinforce the messages, we kindly ask Early Years and Primary teachers/ staff on break duty to take a moment, when passing by or during outdoor sessions, to read these posters aloud and briefly discuss them with students. A short explanation of why safe play matters can have a lasting impact, helping children understand not just what to do, but why it's important.

Your support in delivering this message will help embed a culture of safety from the earliest years and make our school a safer, more mindful place to play and grow.

This is a reminder for staff that playground equipment and play areas (e.g. the pitch) must not be used by students before and after school hours.

Stay Safe, Play Smart



- Always take turns on the swings and slides to make sure everyone has a chance to play safely.
- Wait for your turn and be patient so everyone can enjoy the playtime safely.
- Climb only on the equipment meant for climbing—avoid climbing on fences or other structures.
- Look before you leap! Make sure the area is clear before jumping or sliding.
- Use the playground equipment properly—don't run up slides or use swings the wrong way.

Stay Safe, Play Smart



- Keep your hands to yourself and play kindly with others.
- Choose safe and gentle play to keep everyone happy and injury-free.
- Stay where an adult can see you, so they can support you when needed.



Stay Safe, Play Smart



- Wear appropriate shoes—avoid sandals or flip-flops to prevent slipping or getting hurt.
- Always tie your shoelaces tightly if you're wearing trainers to avoid tripping or falling while playing.
- Watch your steps when running to avoid tripping or falling.



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REMINDER – Summer’s Here, Take Care of You and Others

As the weather gets warmer, here’s your friendly reminder to take care of yourself and those around you:

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day—stay hydrated even if you’re not thirsty.
- Eat light, healthy meals to keep your energy up and help your body cope with the heat.
- Avoid long exposure to the sun—stay in shaded areas whenever possible.
- Be alert to how you feel—if you experience sudden dizziness, nausea, or feel unwell, visit the school clinic immediately.
- Check in on others—remind your students and colleagues to take care too.

As a school we continue to monitor daily temperature levels and make informed decisions regarding outdoor activities in line with Taaleem’s **Severe Weather and Red Breaks Policy**. All measures are taken to ensure student safety and comfort, and are fully aligned with applicable health and safety regulations.

Let’s work together to stay safe, healthy, and mindful this summer.

Take care of yourself, and take care of others.

REMINDER– Epipen Administration & AED Use Training

All staff are reminded to complete the mandatory training videos on AED use and EpiPen administration linked [Here](#).

After watching both videos, please ensure you complete the acknowledgment survey to confirm your attendance [Here](#).

Kindly complete this task as soon as possible to stay compliant with our health and safety requirements.

Health and Safety Reminders

Safety First: Think Hazards, Think Control

When planning any school event, trip, or activity, remember to:

- Identify potential hazards associated with the activity.
- Consult the hierarchy of control to mitigate risks effectively.
- Let’s prioritize safety in every stage of planning to ensure a secure and successful event.



Monthly Meeting with Emirates Transport

Last week, we held our regular monthly meeting with Emirates Transport to review the overall performance and coordination of school transportation services.

The meeting focused on maintaining high service standards and reinforcing the importance of clear, timely communication and effective problem-solving.

Our shared goal remains to ensure a smooth, safe, and reliable transport experience for all students.

Ongoing Monthly Comprehensive Facilities Inspection

Our monthly comprehensive facilities inspection is currently underway as part of our commitment to maintaining a safe, healthy, and high-standard learning environment for all.

This detailed inspection covers all key areas of the school, including:

- Canteen – assessing compliance with food safety regulations, hygiene standards, and safe food handling practices.
- Science Laboratories – evaluating chemical safety, equipment conditions, and overall lab readiness.
- Playgrounds, Gyms, and Sports Areas – ensuring surfaces, structures, and equipment are safe and well-maintained.
- Clinic, Corridors, Storerooms, and the Black Box – checking accessibility, cleanliness, ventilation, and general safety.
- Building Structure & Environment – inspecting flooring, ceilings, ventilation systems, potential mold, noise pollution, and overall air quality.

Each facility is assessed not only for functionality but also for cleanliness, structural integrity, and adherence to safety standards.

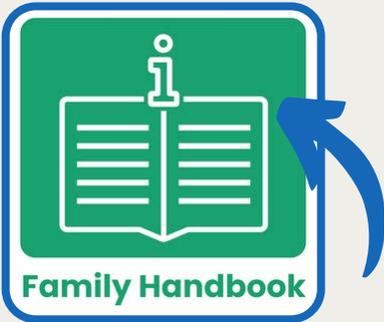
Following the inspection, a detailed action plan is developed to address any comments or findings. This allows us to respond promptly and proactively to any issues, ensuring that all school facilities meet or exceed required standards.

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