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MESSAGE FROM The Principal

Dear KCC Families,

What another fantastic week we have enjoyed here at Raha International, KCC. There is a clear sense of purpose as we set the direction for the term ahead. As part of this update, I would like to share some insights into educational matters, since our core purpose remains the delivery of excellent teaching and learning for everyone.



On Saturday, our EY colleagues came together to focus on a variety of educational areas tailored specifically to their provision. With participants from across all Taaleem schools, the event provided an excellent opportunity for high-quality professional dialogue, collaboration, and mutual support. Engaging in professional development is an essential factor in enhancing classroom practice, and our colleagues continue to demonstrate a real sense of commitment to lifelong learning. I would like to thank them for their time and energy, which contributed to what was a fantastic day for all involved.

Last week, I mentioned our DP2 - Grade 12 student cohort as part of my welcome back to term 2 speech. I want to reiterate how impressed we have been by their conduct, organisation, and, positive attitude as they progress through the mock assessment series. This marks a significant milestone in their final phase at Raha International KCC, and we are here to support and champion them as they take on the challenges ahead.

We also welcomed over 15 educational leaders from across the Taaleem group to KCC this past week. They spent two days working with our staff, students, and leadership teams to review our educational provision. Each year, all Taaleem schools benefit from this thorough review, which demonstrates our shared commitment to best practice and continuous improvement in all that we do. Being part of such a well-established and high-quality educational school group company as Taaleem brings many professional and educational advantages, and this process is a prime example of just that.

Our Director of Education led a robust and comprehensive review, which gave us the opportunity to validate the many strengths that exist here at Raha International KCC. It also provided valuable feedback in key areas that will support our ongoing journey towards excellence. One phrase I heard repeatedly during the visit was how exceptional our students are, whether it be their attitude, behaviour, or just simply their motivation for learning that truly stands out. We remain incredibly proud of every student.

We are looking forward to what will be my first International Day here at KCC. I am excited to witness the cultural richness that defines our community. This event will be a wonderful opportunity for our school to celebrate the diverse cultural heritage of so many proud nations that come together each day as part of our global educational offer here at Raha International, KCC.

I wish you all a lovely end to the week. Please do come and say hello to me and my family, here at KCC on Saturday, it's always a delight to speak to our parents and families.

Mr Peter Taylor
Principal

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KEY Dates

January

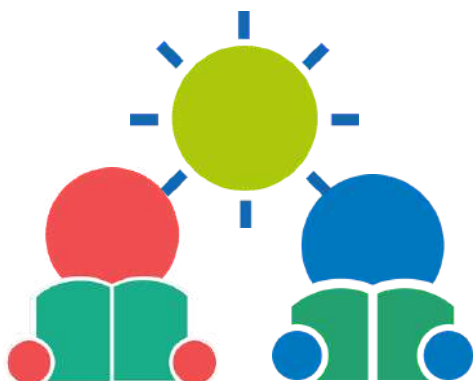
24	International Day
26	MYP/DP Sports Day
27	iStart Arabic Online Workshop
27-29	Grade 4 Cultural Show
29	EY1 and EY2 Sports Day
30	Minis Sports Day (10-11am)
30	Grade 5 Migration Museum

February

2-6	Arabic Book Fair – Knowledge Hub
3-5	G2 Patterns Concert
4	Coffee and Connect- Fuel for Success: Building Healthy Lunchboxes
6	G4 Sports Day
6	Last Day of Term 2 Teacher-Led ECP
9	G1 and G2 Sports Day
10	G3 and G5 Sports Day
10	Grade 1 Sharing the Planet Expo
10	PYP Reports sent to parents
11-13	Mid-Term Break
16	Ramadan Begins (To be confirmed)

March

9 – 13	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
13	End of Term 2
16-27	Spring Break




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second hand uniform shop

January Opening Dates

**Monday
28**
7.45 - 8.15 am
Cash Only

Lost & Found

Results

Fixtures



Are you an author?



As March is the UAE Month of Reading, we would like to celebrate and highlight any published authors within the KCC community.

If you are a published author, or if you know of a published author in our community, we kindly invite you to complete the form [here](#).

The deadline for submissions is 31st January.

Thank you for your support in helping us celebrate reading and creativity at KCC.

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EY, PYP, MYP

Balanced Eating, Better Lunchboxes

4th February from 8–9am

Join this hands-on parent workshop led by Dr. Samar Issa, Head of Nutrition, to learn how to create balanced, nutritious, and appealing lunchboxes for your children. The session will cover key healthy eating principles, portion sizes, creative lunchbox ideas, and common nutrition myths, with practical tips to encourage healthy eating habits at home.

PYP

EY Sports Days

Our Early Years Sports Days are fast approaching! The children (and staff) have been busy practicing and are looking forward to what is always a busy and fun filled day. Families are welcome to **create signs and banners** to cheer on and support the children during the sessions. Homeroom teachers will share further details about your child's team and the colour top that they should wear.

EY1 – Thursday 29th January, 8.15am to 9.30am

Please drop your child to their homeroom class and then make your way to the small field. At 8.15am there will be a whole grade warm up and then activities will begin. Once Sports Day has finished, parents will wave goodbye children will go back to their homeroom classes.

Please note that parents should **arrive and exit through Gate 2.**

EY2 – Thursday 29th January, 11.15am to 1pm

Please arrive at Gate 4 where you will be shown to the small field. At 11.15am there will be a whole grade warm up and then activities will begin. Once Sports Day has finished, children will walk back to their homeroom classes.

Please note that parents should **arrive and exit through Gate 4.**

Minis – Friday 30th January, 10am – 11.15am

Please arrive at Gate 2 where you will be shown to the small field. At 10am there will be a whole grade warm up and then activities will begin. Once Sports Day has finished, children will walk back to their homeroom classes where they will be dismissed from their homeroom classes.

Please note that parents should **arrive and exit through Gate 2.**

PYP iStart Arabic Workshop

27th January from 9am–10am

A comprehensive program designed by literacy experts to learn Arabic as a second language in a fun and effective way through a leveled journey. Arabic B parents, join us for an online workshop on how to use the platform. Workshop link will be shared on Toddle.

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International Day – Entry Reminder

We're excited to welcome our school community this Saturday for International Day!

Please remember that **a red lanyard is required for entry**. Visitors are welcome but must be accompanied by a lanyard holder at all times.

For marketing purposes, photographers will be present during the event. If you prefer not to be photographed, please inform our team at the gate on the day.



International Day

24th January

We are excited to welcome our KCC community to one of our most anticipated events of the year organised by the brilliant KCC Parent Team.

Parents and families are warmly invited to join us, take part in the celebrations, and enjoy a day filled with joy, learning, and togetherness. This special day is an opportunity for our community to come together, celebrate different cultures, and appreciate the rich diversity that makes Raha KCC unique.

For more information about the event, please find the detail [here](#)




Sat Jan 24th, 2026
9.30-1.00pm



2026 PARTICIPANTS

Armenia	France	Netherlands	Spain	The Philippines	The GCC Region: Bahrain Kuwait Oman Qatar Saudi Arabia UAE
Australia	Germany	New Zealand	Somalia	United Kingdom	
Brasil	India	Pakistan	South Korea	Ukraine	
Bulgaria	Iran	Palestine	South Africa	USA	
Canada	Iraq	Poland	Sudan	Venezuela	
China	Ireland	Portugal	Sweden	Vietnam	Caribbean Region: Barbados Haiti Jamaica Puerto Rico St. Lucia Trinidad and Tobago
Colombia	Jordan	Romania	Turkiye	Zimbabwe	
Denmark	Kazakhstan	Russia			
Egypt	Lebanon	Scotland			
Finland	Mexico	Serbia			

56 Countries

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Wellness Walks

We are continuing to enjoy the beautiful weather with our Friday Walks, bringing energy and positivity to our school community. This week, we were delighted to have our Gr3–Gr5 parents join us for a fun and refreshing walk together.



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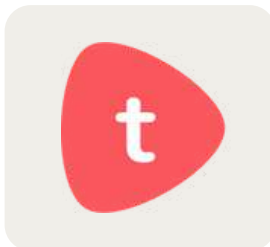
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**KCC Parent
Team**



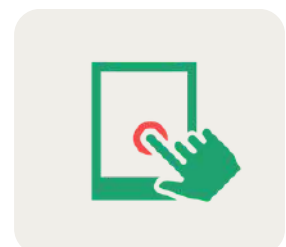
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**Canteen
Menu**



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