

Message From The SLT

Peter Taylor – Principal

Dear KCC families,

I wanted to end this half term with input from our EY, PYP and Secondary Heads, I am sure you will agree with me when I say what is shared below reflects so many reasons for our whole community to feel that sense of Raha International KCC Pride.

Our children really do make our school what it is, a place of excellence, success, progression but most importantly of all, happiness. I am myself very proud of the start the students, staff and whole community has made to our school year, thank you and the holidays I hope will provide a welcome pause point for all to make some memories and slow down the pace of life.



Robert Paler – Vice Principal and Head of Secondary

It has been a purposeful and engaging first half of term in Secondary. In the MYP the Grade 10 students are now enjoying a new elective model which has allowed them to move beyond a broad Science and Arts experience to develop much greater subject-specific depth. For example, students choosing Biology, Chemistry or Physics are now engaging with more specialised content and approaches within those disciplines, while choices such as Visual Arts, Theatre and Music provide more sustained time to develop their creative practice. This is giving students an earlier opportunity to test their interests and strengths before making DP/CP pathway decisions.

In CP, we have had an excellent start to the programme, for example, in the Career Related Study (Business with Entrepreneurship BTEC) students have flourished in an exercise role-modelling consultancy impacts on business direction. Elsewhere, our CPI students have looked at concepts of language and culture, using the 'Cultural Iceberg' to understand visible and invisible aspects of culture and how different languages, cultures, and experiences shape our identity. This is all then relatable to the world of work and commerce.

In the DP, the recent Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Exhibition highlighted the level of thought and circumspection that is such a key feature of the Diploma Programme Experience. The DPI students, who are just starting their own TOK journey, visited the exhibition were suitably impressed!

Across the secondary school there has been so much that has happened the words above serve only to scratch the surface. What underpins it all and is a constant throughout is the shared sense of purpose we have as teachers and students to make the most of our opportunities.

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Anne Watkins – Head of Primary

Primary has had an excellent start to the school year, with students settling quickly into their new classes and routines and engaging purposefully in their learning from the outset. Following baseline assessments, we are already seeing strong progress across Primary, reflected in both classroom learning and the quality of students' notebooks. We have also welcomed a few new teachers, who have quickly become valued members of our team.

The Primary Leadership Team has spent significant time in classrooms as part of our ongoing quality assurance process, using both the ADEK framework and IB principles, and we are extremely proud of the professionalism and high standards demonstrated by our teachers. We have also welcomed colleagues from the Taaleem Central Office for learning walks and received very positive feedback.

It has been wonderful to connect with families through our Parent Information Sessions and settling-in meetings, where teachers have been able to share key information and individual feedback on how students have started the year. Students have enjoyed as much outdoor time as the weather has allowed, and we look forward to making even greater use of our outdoor spaces as the cooler months arrive. Our sports teams have also made a fantastic start, already celebrating a number of wins. This term, we have focused on the IB Learner Profile attributes of Principled and Balanced, with many students recognised for demonstrating these in action. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership



Louise Azode – Head of Early Years

We can hardly believe that six weeks have already passed since the start of the school year! We are so proud of how well the children have settled into their routines, built relationships and embraced school life. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence grow and see them arrive ready to explore, play and learn.

This week, we are celebrating the EY2 Action Piece, providing a wonderful opportunity to share the children's learning. Across Early Years this term, it has been a joy to see their growing love of writing, imagination and creativity.

In Minis, enhanced mark-making opportunities have supported the development of gross motor skills through playful experiences, both indoors and outdoors. These opportunities are woven into our classrooms and continuous provision, encouraging children to explore and express their ideas.

EY1 children have been exploring Drawing Club, developing their early writing skills while bringing their imaginations to life. In EY2, our Talk for Writing journey has inspired wonderful story maps, with children changing elements of familiar stories and making them their own.

Throughout the term, children have been encouraged to bring their own ideas and voices to their writing. As Ms Debbie and I have visited classrooms, their enthusiasm and pride have been clear to see. The energy across Early Years has been electric, with curiosity, creativity and joy shining through every day.

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited to build on this learning in Term 1B.



The KCC CATCH-UP.

Key Dates

October

- 12-16** Mid-Term Break
- 22** International Stuttering Awareness Day
- 23** Wear Pink Day (Whole School)
- 26- 6 Nov** School pictures PYP / MYP / DP
- 28** G9 + 10 Subject Choices

November

- 5** EY1 Who We Are Action Piece
- 18** 3-Way-Conference for Grade 10
- 19** Minis - Who We Are Picnic
- 20** ECP End date
- 20** Make-a-Wish Run
- 25** 3-Way-Conference for Grade 9
- 27** Eid Al Etihad Celebration
- 30** EY1 & EY2 Sports Day

December

- 1** Mini's Sports Day
- 7** Secondary Sports Day

UPDATE



Fixtures

Results



Parent Team – Important Dates



UPCOMING EVENTS – OCTOBER

Friday 23	Friday 23	Wednesday 28
Think Pink Day Breakfast	Think Pink Ice Lolly Charity Sale	International Day Meeting

SHUS

Second Hand Uniform Shop

October Opening Dates

Monday 19	2.40 - 3.10 pm
Tuesday 27	7.45 - 8.15 am

Cash
Only



WHOLE SCHOOL

School Photos

26 October– 6 November

Save the date! School Photos will take place from **26 October to 6 November**.



Further information, including the schedule and other important details, will be shared with you very soon.

Make-a-Wish T-shirt Design!

Deadline to enter: 20th October by 4pm

The time is coming for our Make-a-Wish run on 20th November and we need your help to design the shirts!

Spark your creativity and send your designs. All entries will be voted on by staff.

Guidelines:

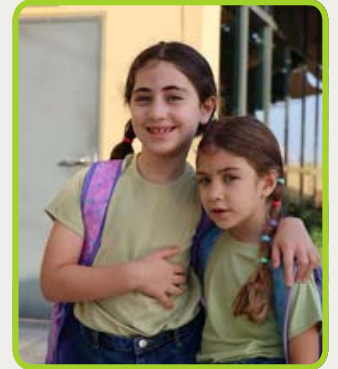
1. High resolution PDF file.
2. Deadline: 20th October by 4pm.
3. Email to: kcccommunications@ris.ae
4. Chosen design will be announced via Catch Up on the 23rd October.
5. Pre-orders will start from 23rd October.



DP Jackets!!



Mental Health Awareness Day



KCC International Day Logo Competition

Exciting opportunity for all students!

Design the next
KCC International Day Logo

1st Logo



2nd Logo



3rd Logo



Include the text "KCC International Day"



Deadline to submit: 13 November 2026
kccparentteam@ris.ae



ADCB ZSC **PINK RUN**



Let's show up as Raha KCC Community to support
Cancer Awareness!

Parents and kids can register to run or walk.



SATURDAY, 24 OCTOBER | 6:30 AM

Zayed Sports City

[JOIN THE WHATSAPP
GROUP TO
COORDINATE
CLICK HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER
FOR THE RUN](#)

***THIS IS EXTERNAL EVENT, WE ARE PROPOSING A KCC RAHA TEAM.**

The KCC CATCH-UP.

*This page will always be included in the weekly newsletter.

Quick Links



**Family
Handbook**



Term Dates



KCC Cobras



**KCC Parent
Team**



Toddler



KCC Website



Canteen Menu



SPARE App

How To Contact Us

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Admissions

Finance

Attendance

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MYP (Grade 6 - Grade 10)

DP (Grade 11 - Grade 12)

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