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DEAR CHILDREN AND PARENTS OF DUBAI HEIGHTS ACADEMY:

MR. ANDREW PROSSER, PRINCIPAL

It fills me with pride that I can greet you on the first page of our very first yearbook. As our opening year together draws to a close we can reflect on all of the wonderful things we have achieved. It has been a great year and all of you have worked so hard, I have enjoyed walking around the school and seeing you all working together on all of the fabulous topics we have covered,

We have been a very busy new school with whole school trips to the Burj Khalifa and the beach. We have embraced our inner scientist during science week and read our hearts out during reading month. We have dressed up and down for many occasions, but most of all we have had fun!

You have amazed me with the wealth of talent on display during our performances at 'Choir Fest' and our 'Winter Concert'. Our end of year production was an extravaganza of epic proportion. It was lovely to see so many children performing with such confidence and passion.

Not only have you excelled on the stage this year, but on the sports field as well. Sports day at Sports City was a great deal of fun with all of you trying your best at the variety of events. Parents, beware as I am currently preparing a Tug of War team, we will not lose again!

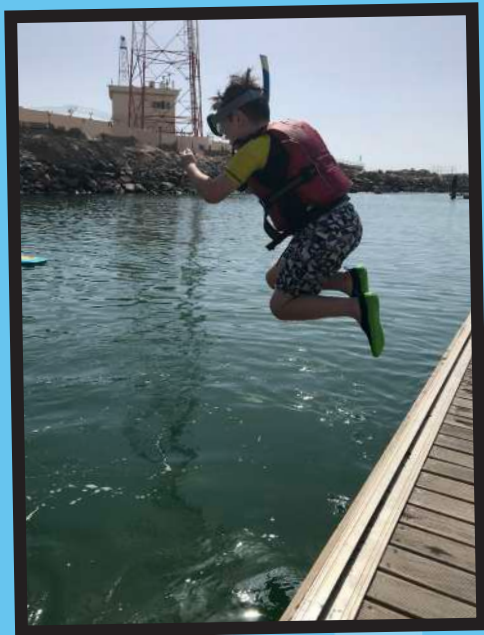
I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with Dubai Heights Academy, staff, parents and the children for making all of these DHA moments into wonderful learning experiences which we will remember well into the future.



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FS1



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FS1 CLASS (L TO R):

Yehia Soliman, Riccardo Beretta, Danilo Shehata, Elena Hussain, Zayed Rashed, Nina Bogoeva, Mika Hansske, Joe McAndie, Sarah Imam, Alexia Sultan, Sveva Beretta, Gabe McAndie, Asia Abdelrahman, Yoon Choi, Layaal Khokher



**NORWINA
AHARAD**
Learning Support
Assistant



**CRISTINA
DAYOSO**
Learning Support
Assistant



MRS. DOLLY BRADLEY BARNARD – FS1 TEACHER

What a wonderful year we have had in FS1. It has been an absolute pleasure to see the children grow, explore and learn. We have formed great friendships and shared experiences from visiting the tallest building in the world, planting our own beanstalks and listening to stories by the firelight. It has certainly been a year to remember for all of us. FS1 are so excited about the next leg of their journey into FS2.



FS2 CLASS (L TO R):

Jad Allahham, Faris Al Banna, Hamdan Srambiakkal, Anam Nahid, Emily Marie, Leah Sharif, Noor Lalmi, Stefan Almeida, Capucine Coffart, Tala Almasri, Poppy Simpson, Cara Hartt



**NISHA
CHILDS**
Learning Support
Assistant



**MARY
KIMENDE**
Learning Support
Assistant



MS. HAYLEY SHAW - FS2 TEACHER

FS2 have had a fantastic year. We began the year with learning sounds and progressed to writing sentences and stories. We loved our Maths challenges that taught us to solve tricky number problems. We've taken trips to the sunny beach and to the freezing winter wonderland in Ski Dubai. We have all grown together and made some very special friendships. I know all the students are looking forward to going into Year 1.

YEAR 1



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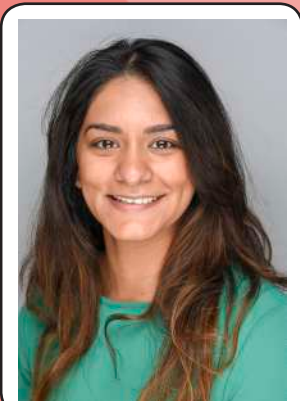


YEAR 1 CLASS (L TO R):

Christian Ruel, Sam Thornton, Rayyan Ahmed, Ali Sharif, Jack Cain, Ebrahim Hussain, Xania Llaneta, Evelina Powell, Amara Ali, Jasmine Ghaly, Sennen Billson, Ronan Bingham, Yusuf Afzal, Filipe Quesado, Julieta Quesado, Lukas Lofqvist, Vegard Hansske, Summer Clarke, Annika Chavez



GEMMA CRIBBIN
Learning Support Assistant



MS. EISHA MEHTA - YEAR 1 TEACHER

What an excellent year we have had in Year 1. We have had so many adventures but we all agree "Superhero Day" was the best. We had so much fun rescuing Fred and George from the evil Darth Vader and then building a den to keep them safe. Year 1 have been on so many wonderful trips this year such as the Burj Khalifa, the beach, Green Planet and the theater to watch The Gruffalo. Through all these wonderful learning experiences the children have grown together to form a team, who will continue to blossom and develop as they progress through DHA.

YEAR 2



YEAR 2 CLASS (L TO R):

Adam Attaallah, Dario Pedari, Ahil Riaz, Sophia Imam, Eireann Bryan, Ekin Kucukkaya, Layla Sangster, Jake Upson, Harri Childs, Aydean Saidi



MRS. NATALIE HUTCHISON – YEAR 2 TEACHER

What a fabulous year we have had in Year Two! We have so many fun memories but we all agree the best memory was 'Superhero Day' where we had to rescue Squiggles from a vile villain, test our own powers and survive the laser beam challenge. Thinking back on all your achievements, there are so many to be proud of, from sharing your love of reading during book month, for being super scientists during science week and eagerly participating in our weekly 'Maths Champion' competition. Year Two have been on so many wonderful trips this year, such as the Burj Khalifa, Green Planet and the beach, but they couldn't decide on their favourite! As your teacher, my favourite part of the year has been reading all your wonderful writing, especially your reports where you have taught me so much about Space, sharks and tigers! Well done to everyone for all your hard work and positive attitude towards learning. You should all be proud of your achievements this year!

YEAR 3



YEAR 3 CLASS (L TO R):

Sami Abdelrhman, Gianluca Vetere, Maya Ali, Zahra Malik, Shamsah Bin Sulayem, Olivia Westley, Mariam Eissa, Logan Billson, Konstantin Yordanov, Rochelle Aswani, Meher Aswani



**DEBBIE
CAIN**
*Learning Support
Assistant*



MS. SUZANNE DOYLE - YEAR 3 & 4 TEACHER

What an amazing year we have had in Year 3 and 4. There have been so many highlights this year that it is hard to name just a few. One of the children's favourite moments was back at the start of the year when we had a huge dinosaur invasion! This caused lots of excitement and curiosity to start our year together. Many other moments made our year very special this year including some of my favourite days – Diversity Day, the chocolate trip and experiencing what it felt like to be at the top of the tallest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa. The Eco-venture trip was an amazing experience where the children were really brave and completed their first overnight trip. I loved seeing the children develop their independence, experience a new adventure and especially when they all fell into the water from their kayaks! I am really proud of all of the hard work and achievements that the children have made this year. I am looking forward to seeing the children continue to flourish as learners next year.



YEAR 4



YEAR 4 CLASS (L TO R):

Suhail Al Banna, Abdulaziz Eid, Rashid Bin Sulayem, Rebecca Williams, So Hee Ahn, Tamieka Boon, Ridley Hooper-Robson, Thor Arne Hansske, Shaikha Bin Sulayem, Brooke Upson, Nora Lofqvist, Aimee Wafola



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P.E.

MR. PAUL KING – P.E. TEACHER

What a great year it has been in the PE department. Although this was our first year, the PE programme has grown and developed substantially alongside the students.

At Foundation level, the children thoroughly enjoyed the fun games and challenges during lessons. These activities focused on improving their fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, throwing, catching and striking – and mastering these basic skills has laid the ideal foundations in preparing the children for Primary school sport.

At Primary stage we covered several sports and activities including dance, gymnastics, hockey, athletics, netball, dodgeball and football. The students' progress in these areas have been outstanding and I suspect we have a few future sports stars among us!



MUSIC

MR. YOUSEF KHAN – MUSIC TEACHER

We have had a fantastic and very musical year at DHA! Apart from all the composing, performing, and playing in groups during our music classes, we were also able to participate in two major choir events.

The Festival of School Choirs in December 2017, at Kent College, was such a wonderful event that we performed at, we participated alongside 8 other schools, and it was such a cozy community style event! DHA got the loudest applause and a special commendation from the Principal of the host school. December also had our very own event, 'Winter Wonderland' where every year group was able to put on a performance. We had children dressed as reindeers, snowflakes and Ridley was even dressed as a very grumpy Santa! We also participated at Choir Fest, and really got to see other schools perform, and could see different styles of singing. DHA once again left with such positive comments from the judges, who were all from the Australian band, 'The Idea of North'. We finally ended the year with 'A Million Dreams' on June 21st, as this is World Music Day, All year groups again, were able to put on a class performance in singing, orchestra, and we even had a selection of soloists singing some amazing popular songs!



ARABIC

MRS. NADA AL MASRI – ARABIC TEACHER

We have had a wonderful time this year learning Arabic. The students have learned how to introduce themselves and how to greet others in formal and informal situations. We have practiced forming letters, writing sentences and reading Arabic texts. The students have learnt about our school, our homes, parts of the body, our families and many more great topics and have completed many fun activities related to these.

It has been wonderful to watch their love of the language grow and to see the progress they have made over the year. I am looking forward to next year when we can further develop the curriculum and take Arabic to new heights at DHA.



S.E.N.D

MRS. KATIE SAUNDERS – S.E.N.D TEACHER

We have had an excellent year in our Learning Hub, supporting children across the school with all aspects of their learning. There have been some wonderful memories, Crazy Sock Day and our Makaton sing along are some of the fantastic events that have taken place over the year.

It has been fantastic to see our students develop and thrive with support, something that we look forward to continuing over the years ahead. We are extremely proud of all your achievements and hope that you continue to reach new heights as you progress through the school!

We would like to thank all the parents who have supported the Learning Hub over the year, attending our parent meetings and coffee mornings. Your continued support and enthusiasm contributes to the success of every child in reaching their targets.



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR ADMIN STAFF!



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WORLD BOOK CHARACTER DAY

We had so much fun celebrating World Book Character Day at Dubai Heights Academy and our motto was to “pick up a book anywhere and get reading”. Our students dressed as their favorite book characters, our parents came to read to our students and enjoyed the character day parade and our teachers had many reading activities with their classes throughout the week.

Mr. Prosser spent a lot of time making his “Stick Man” costume and the children were very impressed. Our Librarian Mrs. Walne has been very busy all year ensuring our new library in the Primary building is ready and the children have all the books they enjoy reading.



SPORTS DAY

Well what can I say – it was the first Sports Day at DHA and it did not disappoint! It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone involved.

The different activities included the sack race, egg and spoon race, tennis, football, basketball, target, an obstacle course, long jump and the javelin. One particular highlight was the tug-o-war which the children loved!

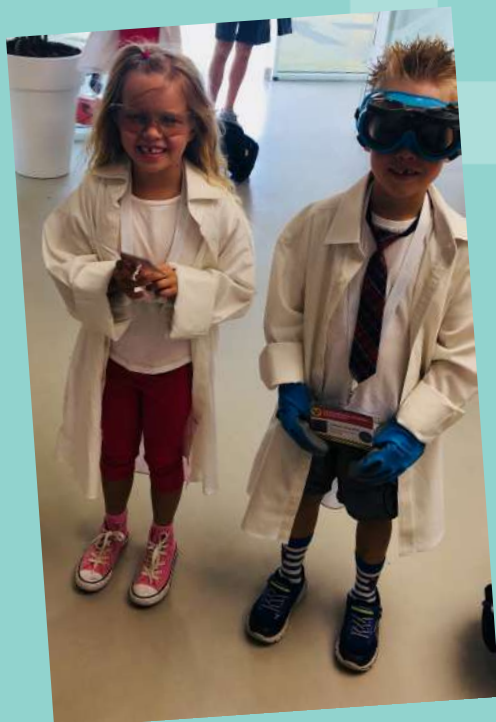
A massive well done to all of the day's participants and congratulations to the winners! Each and every child gave their all and did so with a huge smile on their faces. The children's determination, teamwork, effort and skill was outstanding. Parents should be proud! Many thanks to the teachers and parents for their continued hard work and support. I hope the adult events weren't too strenuous! We look forward DHA Sports Day 2019.



SCIENCE WEEK

We celebrated Earth Day and Science Week in Term 3. The children were involved in science related activities all week and on the last day of Science Week all of the children and staff at Dubai Heights Academy dressed up as their favorite Scientists. To end the week Mr. Prosser carried out some impressive experiments with his amazing assistant Mrs. Childs.

In the words of Albert Einstein “ Play is the highest form of research “ and we sure had fun celebrating Science week.



A LOOK AT OUR NEW PRIMARY BUILDING

Our new building is up and running and we have all been really excited to use the new facilities. The library is all set and the children and Mrs Walne have been making the most of the new space. The children have found many little nooks and corners to read in and have been using the soft furnishing in some unusual ways.

The music room is in full swing with the sound of singing and instruments vibrating around the school. The IT room is all connected and the children will be coding and creating solutions to technological problems. The science and art rooms are ready for the creation of master pieces and the answering of those questions on how the world works.

Mr King and the children have been very active in the Primary sports hall and some of our younger learners have found the extra space very tiring.



AUTOGRAPHS...



FROM FRIENDS...



AUTOGRAPHS...



FROM TEACHERS...



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