

TERM 2, 2012-13 – WEEK SEVEN AHEAD

Focus of the Week

International Mother Language Day: The 21st February has been observed every year since 2000 AD to celebrate the world's nearly 6000 languages. This UNESCO – sponsored event is aimed at promoting linguistic diversity and multilingual education. Today about half of the languages spoken in the world are under threat, providing a real challenge to countries worldwide to preserve these mother tongues. Being able to speak more than one language is a valuable skill. Using your mother tongue, as well as that of your friends, will make a great difference to your understanding of other cultures. Take every opportunity to learn and improve your language and cultural skills.

Sunday 19th February 2012	Monday 20th February 2012	Tuesday 21st February 2012	Wednesday 22nd February 2012	Thursday 23rd February 2012
TEACHER INSET DAY (No Students)	IB Assembly, 7:45 am, SS Cafeteria Netball 13A, vs EIS M	International Mother Language Day Wake Up, Shake Up, EY Playground, 7:50 am SRC meeting, Boardroom, 7:40 am ESLT, 10:30 am Netball 13B v SES (Home) Years 5 & 6 Football v Star (Home) Year 3, 4 & 5 Rugby v JESS AR	Wake Up, Shake Up, 7:50 am, EY Playground P2 Assembly, 8:00 am P1 Assembly 8:05 am Year 6 Netball v Star U13 Rugby v EC	SS Assembly, 7:55 am EY2 Assembly, 8:00 am, Rainbow Room EY1 Assembly, 8:15 am, Smart Room P1 'Open House' 1:00-1:30 pm Girls' Tag Rugby Tournament, (home).

Reminders & Announcements

- Welcome back** to the remaining seven weeks of a busy term. Best wishes for all the activities and experiences ahead for the DIS community.
- International Day:** We still would like parents to offer their help and support to classes doing displays for our International Day on March 3rd. Please do not be afraid to come forward even if you do not know the other parents. It is also a great way to make friends and meet other parents. Car Boot sites and market sites are still available. Please email Mr. Hare. AHare@disdubai.ae
- "Done in 60 seconds"...** is a Deira International School Film Competition open to students Year 6 and above. Remake your favourite movie but it can only last for 60 seconds!! "Do you have the skills to pay the bills?" Entries on DVD only to Mr Williams by February 21st 2012. The winner will be announced and presentations made at the Visual Arts Exhibition on February 29th 2012. Good Luck!
- Buckle Up:** We would ask families to stay safe and keep everyone Buckled Up when travelling in vehicles. Remember random spot checks will be on going in our campaign at DIS. Great family prizes to be won.
- Tanzania:** A dedicated group of students and staff last week conquered Africa's highest peak, Mt Kilimanjaro (5 895 metres). The week was challenging to say the very least but everyone reached their maximum potential. The New Zealand contingent of Martyn Clifford, Michael Orr and Brianna Snow managed to reach the absolute summit in -30degrees; an amazing feat. We were also privileged once again to visit the orphanage and school that we support. It was a humbling experience for all of us making us truly realize just how fortunate we are, and that we take so much for granted, (Mr Allan Hare). *A huge thank you to Mr Hare for his superb organization & leadership of this venture.*
- Remembering Robert:** Secondary School students paid tribute to Robert Milek who was tragically killed in Canada recently. Friendship Day honored him with music and flowers from his classmates and from his graduating class of 2011.
- INSET Day:** Thanks to presenters and leaders of sessions during a very valuable professional development day. (EMC/CMS 19.02.2012)