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Holistic Calendar

Introducing TIAD Thrive 360°: Growing Beyond the Classroom

What if a school year wasn't just about academics, but about shaping confident, well-rounded individuals ready to take on the world? That's exactly what **TIAD Thrive 360°** is all about—a thoughtfully designed, year-long holistic calendar that nurtures every aspect of a child's growth.

At TIAD, we believe learning goes far beyond textbooks. Through Thrive 360°, our students will experience a rich blend of academic enrichment, wellbeing initiatives, life skills, student leadership opportunities, creative expression, and community engagement—all seamlessly woven into the school year. It's not just a calendar; it's a journey of discovery, balance, and purpose.

From celebrating global days and building social responsibility to encouraging student voice, choice, and real-world connections, every activity is designed with intention. We want our learners to not only excel academically but also develop confidence, empathy, resilience, and a strong sense of self.

Because at the heart of TIAD Thrive 360° is a simple belief—*when students are given the opportunity to grow in every direction, they truly thrive.*

A Message from the Leader's Desk

Dear Parents and Students,

As we welcome November, we encourage our students to embrace the weeks ahead with renewed purpose, intellectual curiosity and a determination to excel. Meaningful progress is built through consistent effort, thoughtful participation and a willingness to persevere when learning becomes challenging.

This week, we invite every student to identify a personal learning priority and take deliberate steps towards achieving it. Whether refining written expression, strengthening conceptual understanding or contributing more confidently to discussions, purposeful actions cultivate competence and self-belief. Students are encouraged to reflect on their teachers' feedback and translate it into visible improvements in their work.

Reading remains integral to this journey. Daily engagement with books enriches vocabulary, broadens perspectives and nurtures imagination. We encourage families to sustain a vibrant reading culture at home, allowing time for children to share their discoveries, express opinions and explore unfamiliar ideas through meaningful conversation.

Preparedness and personal responsibility are equally essential. Punctuality, regular attendance, neatly worn school uniforms and well-organised learning materials reflect readiness and respect for school expectations. Completing assignments conscientiously and meeting deadlines help students develop independence and take pride in their accomplishments.

Beyond academic achievement, we place great value on character and wellbeing. Courtesy, empathy and integrity should guide our students' interactions. By listening attentively, respecting differences and extending kindness, every child can contribute to an inclusive community where others feel valued and supported. Seeking guidance when needed is also an important part of growing in confidence and resilience.

We sincerely appreciate our parents' continued partnership in nurturing these qualities. Your encouragement, engagement with school communication and support for balanced routines reinforce the connection between home and school and contribute meaningfully to children's development.

May the coming week inspire our students to pursue excellence with diligence, approach challenges with optimism and enrich our school community through compassion and respect.

Fondly,

Ms. Anjana Menon

Head of Preparatory & Middle School



Read with Purpose, Rise Together! 5th Annual Achieve3000 Reading Competition for CBSE Schools



Dear Parents and Students,

We are delighted to announce The Indian Academy's participation in the **5th Annual Achieve3000 Reading Competition**, running from **9 November to 9 December 2026**. Having secured an impressive **8th position last year**, we look forward to building on this achievement through enthusiastic participation and purposeful reading.

This competition offers students an exciting opportunity to enrich their vocabulary, sharpen comprehension and broaden their understanding of the world. Every completed article contributes to our collective success:

- **2 points** for an article completed with a score of **75% or above**.
- **1 point** for an article completed with a score **below 75%**.

There are two awards to strive for: the **Top School Award**, presented to the three highest-performing schools, and the **Top Class Award**, recognising the highest-scoring class in each participating school with a trophy. Students in winning classes will also receive **certificates and badges** in recognition of their achievement.

We encourage students to read consistently, reflect carefully and prioritise understanding as they complete each article. Parents can support this endeavour by establishing a regular reading routine and celebrating their children's effort and progress.

Every article counts. Every reader contributes. Together, let us aim higher!

Warm regards,

Ms. Primi Prajith

Subject Coordinator – English

Learning In Action

This Week at TIAD Preparatory & Middle School: Discovering, Connecting and Creating Together

This week at The Indian Academy, Dubai, offered a vibrant blend of learning, wellbeing and achievement. Through **Red Ribbon Week**, students explored the importance of healthy choices and personal responsibility, while **Adopt a Class** continued to nurture meaningful connections, kindness and a shared sense of belonging.

Our **DEAR Time** provided a welcome opportunity to pause and immerse ourselves in books, cultivating curiosity and enriching our reading culture. The **Math Expo** and **NIMS Expo Luminova** brought exploration and creativity into focus, offering opportunities for students to share ideas, demonstrate understanding and appreciate learning beyond textbooks.

The **CBSE UAE Cluster Athletics Meet** provided a platform for sporting endeavour, celebrating perseverance, discipline and sportsmanship. Such experiences encourage students to embrace challenges, value teamwork and pursue their personal best.

Meaningful conversations also shaped the week. The motivational talk, **"Connect and then Correct,"** highlighted the importance of empathy and understanding in guiding positive behaviour. Our **Curriculum Café** strengthened dialogue between home and school, creating opportunities to deepen understanding of students' learning journeys.

Adding inspiration to these experiences, the **Alumni Talk** connected students with the aspirations and achievements of a former TIAD learner, encouraging them to recognise the possibilities that dedication and purposeful effort can create.

Together, these experiences reflect our commitment to nurturing confident learners, compassionate individuals and resilient young people who participate wholeheartedly in school life.

Beyond The Lessons

Connect First, Then Correct: Leading with Empathy

Understanding a child begins with looking beyond their behaviour. This meaningful message guided the session **"Connect First, Then Correct,"** led by **Sheikh Imam Ayaz Iftehar Housee** for our teachers at The Indian Academy, Dubai.

The session encouraged educators to consider the emotions behind students' actions and respond with empathy, patience and respect. It highlighted the importance of establishing trust and helping children feel heard as part of guiding them towards positive choices. The central message invited teachers to reflect on how compassionate communication can support both relationships and responsible behaviour.

The session reinforced our commitment to creating classrooms where clear expectations are accompanied by understanding. By connecting with students thoughtfully, teachers can build a supportive foundation for learning, personal growth and constructive guidance.











From TIAD to New Horizons: An Inspiring Alumni Interaction

The Indian Academy, Dubai, was delighted to welcome back **Sidrah Nihal**, our proud alumna from the **Class of 2025–2026**, for a meaningful alumni interaction session. Having achieved an impressive **92.4% in Grade 12**, Sidrah is currently **pursuing an LLB at Middlesex University Dubai**, where she has also been awarded a **university scholarship**.

Her journey from school to higher education offered students an inspiring example of academic dedication and purposeful ambition. The interaction connected their present learning experiences with the possibilities ahead, encouraging them to approach their goals with perseverance, curiosity and confidence.

Welcoming Sidrah back also celebrated the enduring bond between TIAD and its alumni. We congratulate her on her accomplishments, thank her for connecting with our students and wish her continued success as she embarks on her journey in law.

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Alumni Spotlight



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

SIDRAH NIHAL

From school dreams to university goals

Class of 2025–2026
The Indian Academy, Dubai

Learn from those who walked the path.

Currently pursuing
LLB at Middlesex University Dubai

Friday,
October 30, 2026

9:00 AM

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Dubai Fitness Challenge 30×30: Small Steps, Stronger Habits

The Indian Academy, Dubai, is ready to embrace the energy of the **Dubai Fitness Challenge 30×30**, encouraging our school community to make movement a daily priority. Running from **31 October to 29 November 2026**, the challenge calls on everyone to commit to **30 minutes of physical activity every day for 30 days**.

From walking and cycling to dancing, playing a sport or enjoying an active family outing, there are many enjoyable ways to participate. The challenge offers an opportunity for students, staff and families to encourage one another and discover activities that suit their interests and abilities.

At TIAD, we value the place of physical activity within a balanced lifestyle. We invite every member of our community to take part with enthusiasm, celebrate consistent effort and use these 30 days to establish habits that extend beyond the challenge.

Let us move together, motivate one another and make every day count!



DEAR Time: A Shared Pause, a World of Possibilities

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The **Department of English** continues to cultivate a vibrant reading culture through **DEAR—Drop Everything and Read**, observed every Friday during the first 15 minutes of the first period. Students, teachers and staff set aside their daily routines and immerse themselves in books,

transforming a quiet quarter of an hour into an opportunity for discovery, reflection and inspiration.

From captivating stories to thought-provoking nonfiction, reading invites us to encounter unfamiliar worlds, appreciate diverse perspectives and discover ideas beyond our everyday experiences. This dedicated weekly practice nurtures concentration, enriches vocabulary and strengthens comprehension, while giving readers the freedom to explore their interests and experience the pleasure of reading for its own sake.

The participation of teachers and staff adds special meaning to the initiative, demonstrating that reading remains a rewarding pursuit at every stage of life. Through this shared commitment, DEAR Time encourages curiosity, thoughtful engagement and a lasting appreciation for the written word.

With every page turned, we aspire to nurture confident readers, imaginative thinkers and lifelong learners who carry the joy of reading beyond the classroom.




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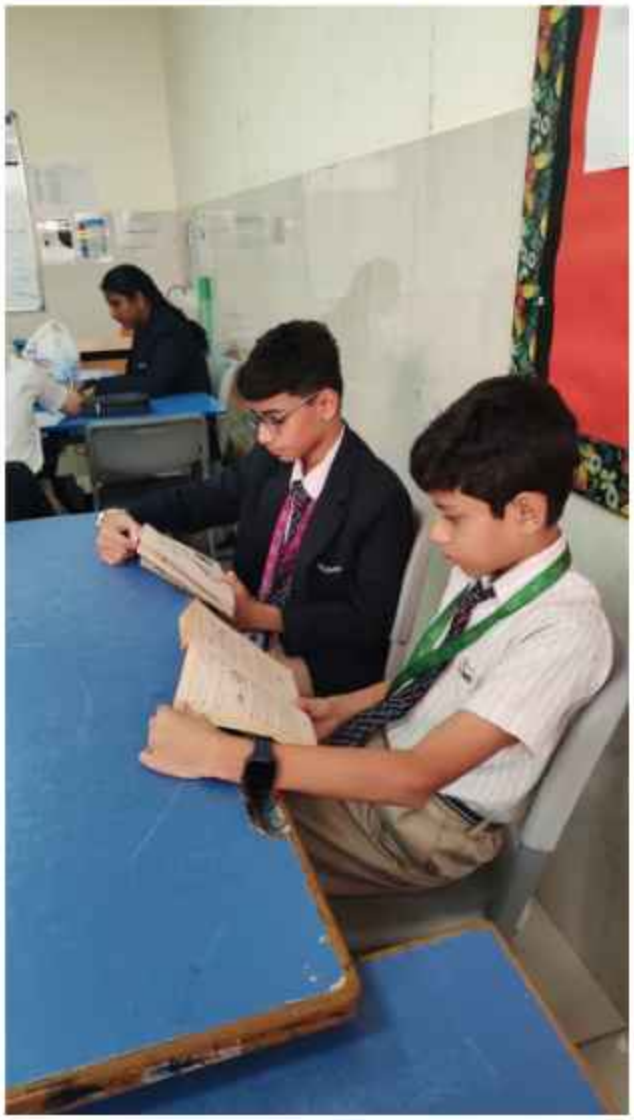

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Adopt a Class: Bridging Years, Building Belonging

Our classrooms welcomed senior students through the **Adopt a Class** initiative, bringing younger and older learners together in a spirit of friendship, encouragement and shared

responsibility. The visits created a valuable opportunity to connect across year groups and strengthen the relationships that make our school a caring, inclusive community.

For younger students, connecting with senior peers offers a sense of reassurance and an opportunity to look towards positive role models within their own school. These encounters open the door to meaningful conversations, allowing students to become more comfortable communicating with others beyond their immediate circle.

For our senior students, the initiative provides an opportunity to appreciate the responsibilities that accompany leadership. Spending time with younger learners encourages patience, attentive listening and sensitivity to others' needs. It reminds them that their words and actions can inspire confidence and help others feel recognised and included.

At its heart, Adopt a Class celebrates the value of companionship and learning from one another. By nurturing connections across year groups, the initiative encourages students to see themselves as members of a wider community in which everyone has something to contribute.

Through these visits, we continue to cultivate empathy, mutual respect and a lasting sense of belonging—values that enrich school life and extend well beyond the classroom.

Together for Every Child's Success: Parent–Teacher Meeting

Our **Parent–Teacher Meeting on 17 October** brought families and educators together for meaningful conversations about students' learning and development. It provided a valuable opportunity to share insights, recognise strengths and discuss areas requiring further attention.

The meeting strengthened the connection between children's experiences at home and in school. By listening to one another's perspectives, parents and teachers could develop a fuller understanding of each learner and consider how best to support their continuing progress. These conversations affirmed the value of open communication and shared responsibility.

We sincerely thank our parents for their time, engagement and continued trust. A strong partnership between home and school helps ensure that every child receives encouragement, guidance and a consistent foundation from which to grow.







From Nationals to Internationals: TIAD Teams Advance in ROBOTEX

The Indian Academy, Dubai, proudly celebrates the achievement of **two teams that have secured their places at the ROBOTEX International Finals 2026**. Their progression from the

national stage marks an exciting milestone for our young innovators and their journey in robotics.

From building robots to tackling technical challenges, the teams demonstrated creativity, precision and collaboration. Their achievement reflects the persistence needed to develop ideas, work through difficulties and bring a shared vision to life. It is a celebration of students applying their learning with purpose and enthusiasm.

We congratulate our talented participants and acknowledge the guidance and encouragement of everyone supporting them. As they prepare for the international finals, we wish both teams continued confidence, determination and success.

TIAD is proud to see its young innovators take their aspirations to an international platform!








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Buddy Bridges: Discovering Through Hands-on Learning

Exploration took a practical and creative turn through **Buddy Bridges**, a collaborative initiative led by the **R.I.S.E. Department in partnership with the Himalaya Global Research Centre**. Students participated in engaging **gummy-making and soap-making activities**, bringing learning to life through direct experience.

The activities offered opportunities to explore materials, follow processes and take an active role in creating something tangible. Such experiences give students different ways to engage with ideas, express curiosity and experience the satisfaction of making and discovering.

Buddy Bridges reflects the value of purposeful partnerships in enriching students' learning opportunities. By connecting practical experiences with exploration and creativity, the initiative celebrated participation and the many ways children can learn.









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Buddy BRIDGES

Supporting Every Strength
and Celebrating Every Step

In Collaboration

WITH
HIMALAYA GROUP RESEARCH CENTRE

A collaborative initiative by the R.I.S.E Department at TIAD in partnership with the Himalaya Global Research Centre (HGRC) to provide our students with engaging, hands-on activities designed to make learning interactive, inclusive and meaningful.



Safety First: Mock Fire Drill

The Indian Academy, Dubai conducted a mock fire drill to reinforce emergency preparedness and safety awareness among students and staff. The exercise focused on following evacuation procedures, responding calmly to instructions and moving safely to designated assembly points. It reinforced the importance of cooperation, alertness and shared responsibility in maintaining a safe school environment.







Excellence in Arabic: Celebrating Distinguished Achievement

The Indian Academy, Dubai, is proud to have been recognised among **270 distinguished schools in the A.B.T. Benchmark Test**, standing out among **more than 1,400 participating schools** for students' achievement levels in Arabic.

This recognition celebrates our learners' accomplishments and the dedication of the teachers who support their language development. It also affirms the importance we place on Arabic as an integral part of students' education and their connection with the language and culture of the UAE.

We congratulate our students and the Arabic Department on this achievement and thank our families for their continued encouragement. This milestone inspires us to sustain purposeful learning and help students develop greater confidence in their use and understanding of Arabic.





Curriculum Café: A Window into Our Children's Learning

Our **Curriculum Café** welcomed parents into the world of learning at The Indian Academy, Dubai, offering an opportunity to explore the experiences that shape their children's school day. It brought curiosity, creativity and collaboration into focus, making classroom learning more visible and accessible to families.

Parents explored engaging classroom activities and experienced the value of hands-on approaches. The event offered insight into how active participation can encourage children to investigate ideas, develop understanding and make meaningful connections in their learning.

By sharing these experiences with families, the Curriculum Café strengthened the partnership between home and school. We thank our parents for their enthusiastic involvement and for

joining us in celebrating the processes of discovery, thinking and collaboration that make learning meaningful.







World Mental Health Day: A Pause to Recharge and Reconnect

In recognition of **World Mental Health Day**, our teachers took a welcome break from their busy schedules to unwind, laugh, play and embrace their inner child. The occasion created space for shared enjoyment and connection beyond everyday responsibilities.

The celebration was a reminder that educators, too, need opportunities to pause and care for their wellbeing. Moments of recreation and companionship recognise the people behind the professional roles and the value of a caring, supportive workplace.

At The Indian Academy, Dubai, staff wellbeing is an important part of our school community. This occasion celebrated the simple joy of spending time together and reinforced the importance of making room for rest, connection and renewal.






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Real Voice, Real Change


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Athletic Excellence: Celebrating Allena and Diara

The Indian Academy, Dubai, proudly celebrates the sporting achievements of **Aleena and Diara**, whose performances reflect determination, discipline and a commitment to excellence.

Allena secured third place in the Under-19 discus throw at the CBSE Cluster Athletics Meet, demonstrating strength, technique and competitive spirit. Adding to our sporting pride, **Diara secured second place in the 200-metre event at the CBSE Nationals**, an outstanding achievement on the national stage.

These accomplishments celebrate the dedication and perseverance required to excel in athletics. Both students have brought honour to the school and inspired their peers to pursue their ambitions with confidence and resilience.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Allena and Diara and commend the coaches, teachers and families who supported their journeys. May these achievements inspire even greater success in the years ahead!


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Learning Preview (Coming Up Next)

As we look ahead to a new week, we encourage our students to embrace every learning opportunity with curiosity, confidence, and a positive mindset. Active participation, consistent effort, and regular revision will help them strengthen their understanding and make steady progress. A balanced routine, adequate rest, and good time management will support both their learning and wellbeing. We look forward to a productive week as our students explore new ideas, develop their skills, and grow together.

Voice That Matters!

Your Voice, Our Story: Share with Us!

We're excited to hear from YOU—our amazing students and parents! This is your space to share your voice, your ideas, your creativity, and your experiences with our school community.

Students, show us your imagination through poems, short stories, reflections, or anything you love creating! Parents, we'd love to hear your thoughts, experiences, and unique perspectives as partners in this journey of learning and growth.

Every voice matters, every story counts, and every contribution helps us celebrate the wonderful community we are building together. So go ahead—speak up, share freely, and let your voice shine! ✨

Click here to make your submission

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The school currently has a strong media presence on the platforms mentioned below. We encourage parents to 'Like, Share, Comment and Retweet' using the links:

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- Instagram

- Linkedin
- Tik Tok

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