



# KIS News

At Kinabalu International School we are dedicated to providing an excellent education in a caring, respectful environment, challenging students to achieve their full potential as successful world citizens.

28th October 2016

## From the Principal

### KIS Logo Update - Community Approval Required

Thank you to everyone who took the time to feedback their thoughts on the proposed options for an updated KIS visual identity. The Branding Committee and Board of Management have reviewed your feedback in detail. The results indicated a strong preference for retaining a shield. Shields are commonly used within logos for educational establishments as they suggest heritage, tradition and quality. The preferred logo was the new shield design.



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Following your feedback we have made a minor amendment to the preferred logo (please see the above). Before we proceed any further, we now wish to seek final feedback from the KIS community that you are happy with the new logo. We would therefore, appreciate it if you could indicate your final preference by completing the attached survey by Friday 4th November: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KISLogoOct16> Thank you very much for your help and support.

### Early Years Open Morning

It is not too late to sign up for our Early Years Open Morning on Tuesday 1st November. If you, or a family you know, have a child between the ages of 18 months and 5 years and are interested in attending, please do register on our [website](#) or via the School Office. As well as enjoying tours of the school, families will have the opportunity to listen to informative talks from our Primary Senior Management Team and ask questions of our Teaching and Admissions staff.



### Secondary Sports Day

The Secondary School Sports Day is scheduled for today and should be an exciting day filled with sport, team spirit and some new school records! We hope to see many Secondary Parents at **Penampang Stadium** in support of their children. The Day will start at 7.45am and will finish by 1pm. May the best House win!

### International Day

Wow, what a wonderful celebration of our diversity and unity as a community. From the colourful international parade to the fantastic array of tasty cuisine, the fun activities and the entertainment. Our International Day celebrations provided an excellent opportunity for the KIS community to come together for a great family day. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank the PTA again for organising the festivities and all those parents, students and teachers who contributed in different ways to the celebration. I would also like to thank the KIS Ground Staff for all their assistance.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

**Alan Connah**

Principal

# Dates for your Diary

<b>Friday 28th October:</b>	Secondary Sports Day
<b>Monday 31st October:</b>	Year 9 Art Trip
<b>Tuesday 1st November:</b>	EYFS Open Morning for Prospective Parents
<b>Wednesday 2nd November:</b>	PTA AGM, 8am, Primary Multi Purpose Room
<b>Wednesday 2nd November:</b>	Year 5 Field Trip
<b>Thursday 3rd November:</b>	Year 9 Options Talk
<b>Friday 4th November:</b>	Year 4 Class Assembly
<b>Friday 4th - Sat 5th Nov</b>	DOE Bronze Training

## Primary News

### House Dance Competition

Wednesday morning saw the annual Primary House Dance event. With over 15 groups of children from Years 2 - 6 performing dance acts to music ranging from The Jungle book to See You Again, it was an amazing extravaganza. There were special guest appearances from the Year 2 and Year 4 Zumba kids as well as an entertaining dance-off between Mr Paul and Ms John.

Our judges this year were our very own Mr 'Simon Cowell' Green, Ms 'Sharon Osbourne' Jez and Ms 'Nicole Scherzinger' Woodland. They had a very difficult time considering the dance compositions, difficulty of moves and the overall team choreography. Eventually, after lots of debating, Gaya were announced as the champions. Gaya House Captains, Farah and Howard, proudly received the trophy on behalf of all the performers. A huge congratulations to all the performers who have spent a long time preparing all their dances.



Thank you to all the parents and friends who came to support this event and helped with the costumes. Thank you also to Ms Cole for organising the competition.

### Parent Teacher Meetings This Week

It was wonderful to see lots of parents at school this week for our Term One Parent - Teacher Meetings. If you were unable to make these meetings, please do contact your child's teacher either via email or the school office to arrange a suitable time to discuss how your child has settled in to their new class.

**Nicky Russell**

Acting Head of Primary

# Secondary News

This week we hear from Ms Laura Davies, Teacher of Biology, about the varied activities that have been happening in the Science Department this term.

## The Exciting World of Secondary Science

Science is a fascinating subject that helps us to understand the physical and natural world around us, ranging from the study of the universe itself to the smallest particles of matter contained within it. Chemistry studies the composition and structure of matter. Physics also involves the study of matter and its motion and behaviour through space and time. Biology is the study of living organisms on our planet; their structure, function, growth and evolution.

At KIS students improve their knowledge and understanding of the world around them, and the scientific concepts and processes that exist within it, through experimentation and observation. The KIS Science department is dedicated to teaching Science through inquiry; encouraging the natural curiosity of our teenagers and challenging their ability to describe, explain and predict natural phenomena.

What has been happening in Science lessons?

**Year 7** have started the year studying foundational concepts. They learned about cells, tissues and organ systems in Biology, then moved on to acids and bases in Chemistry. They all thoroughly enjoyed learning the test for hydrogen gas or the 'squeaky pop explosion'.

**Year 8** started the year with a unit called Life Support, and learned about the circulatory, respiratory and immune systems. They have learnt about different pathogens and all the horrible diseases they cause. Do you know that there are ten times more bacteria in the human body than normal cells?! Year 8 can tell you all about bacteria and the infections they create.

**Year 9** have learnt all about inheritance and variation. They understand Mendelian genetics and whether their own characteristics are inherited or environmental. If you are wondering why your teenager is so complicated then remember they have enough DNA to stretch from the Sun to Pluto and back 17 times!!

**Year 10** have been learning about classification of living organisms, cells and cellular processes in Biology. Particles, elements, compounds, separation techniques and the Periodic Table in Chemistry, and in Physics they have studied forces and motion. In regard to forces Stephen Hawking has stated that his goal is simple, he wants a complete understanding of the universe, why it is as it is and why it exists at all.

**Year 11** have studied light, The Electromagnetic Spectrum and electrostatics in Physics, and natural compounds and electrolysis in Chemistry. In Biology they have been studying homeostatic processes and the nervous system. They even braved a dissection to learn about the structure of a cow's eye. Do you know the name of the opalescent layer at the back of the cow's eye? If you don't, ask a Y11 Biologist.

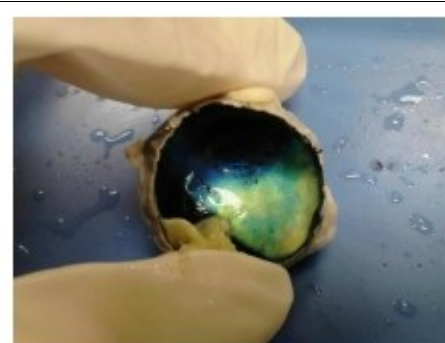
**Year 12** have started their AS courses with enthusiasm and determination to succeed. In Biology they have covered cells, macromolecules and metabolism, in Chemistry atomic structure and in Physics units, kinematics and dynamics.

**Year 13** are nearing the end of their course, and have started preparation for their final exams! They are studying the most complex of the Science topics; and have learned about oscillations, electric and gravitational fields, transition metals, electrochemistry and crystal field splitting, the Krebs Cycle, the Calvin Cycle and the Electron Transport Chain in their respective Sciences.

So if you want to learn an interesting fact about the universe we live in, just ask your son/daughter what they did in their Science lesson at school today.

**Margaret Renshaw**

Assistant Principal and Head of Secondary



# Board of Management Update

## Board of Management AGM

The next school AGM will be held at 8am on Tuesday 22nd November where a new Board will be elected. If you, or any other school parent you know, is interested in putting forward your skills and experience please contact us through our email address [bom@kis.edu.my](mailto:bom@kis.edu.my) or arrange a meeting with Mr Connah. Having a hand in guiding the school forwards is a very rewarding experience.

KIS Board of Management

# PTA News

## Secondary Sports Day - Today!

The PTASC will be selling cold mineral water and 100 Plus, as well as ice creams during the Secondary Sports Day today. Please remind your children to bring a small amount of money with them.

We are also appealing to members of the PTA, parents and teachers, to bring a small plate of finger food to share on the day.

Thank you for your support!

## International Day

The PTA Steering Committee wishes to thank our parents, teachers and students for all their contributions to a very successful International Day. The event was a resounding success and it's all due to our wonderful KIS community. We do hope that this event becomes an annual feature on the KIS calendar!



## Thank you from the PTASC 2015-16

The PTA AGM will be held on Wednesday 2nd November at 8am when a new Steering Committee will be elected.

This will be the last event that the current Steering Committee will be hosting. This will also be the last newsletter posting from the 6 of us.

As Chairperson I wish to say many thanks to all the PTA members for supporting the Steering Committee during the last year. So many of you have helped in so many different ways, thank you! I would also like to acknowledge the incredible team that have stood next to me and have served the school so well. Mary, Marjorie, So Young, Esther, Elmine, Aaron, Alan, Simone, Kirk and Sam, you are rock stars. Joseph, Naree, Maria and Caroline thank you for serving on the Committee and for continuing to contribute to KIS in different ways.

We need an entire new Steering Committee for 2016-2017. Please confirm your interest to stand for election via the form in the School Office. Further information is available below. The current Committee members will provide you with a detailed handover as well as support during the year should it be required.

**Amanda Garside**

PTA Chairperson

## PTA AGM - Steering Committee Members Needed

### What is the PTASC?

The Parent Teachers Association (PTA) comprises of all KIS parents and teachers and is administered by the PTA Steering Committee (PTASC). The members of the association elect Steering Committee members, during the annual AGM.

### What does the PTASC do?

The PTASC meets once a month to arrange social and fundraising events, suggest ideas and support school and parent initiatives.

### Why join?

You can be involved with events that enhance your child's education, arrange social opportunities for parents and teachers as well as play an important role in helping the school to gain new resources.

Being on the Steering Committee also provides opportunities to meet new friends, help out at events, use skills and hobbies as well as learning new ones. Most importantly have fun and be part of the KIS community.

The PTASC is extremely important to KIS and we would love this to continue. For parents, teachers and students to benefit from the PTA, we need an elected Steering Committee.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PTASC PLEASE COMPLETE THE NOMINATION FORM (AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE) BY MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER.**

If you need more information please do not hesitate to contact any of the current PTASC members or email [pta@kis.edu.my](mailto:pta@kis.edu.my)

### PTA Dates for your Calendar:

**Wednesday 2nd November 2016** - PTA Annual General Meeting

**Friday 4th November 2016** - PTA Meeting

PTA Steering Committee