



# 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.

**10th November 2018**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to thank all of our community for their patience and understanding whilst we have been dealing with incidents of Hand, Foot and Mouth in our Primary School. As you know, the health and safety of our children is one of our priorities. Working with the Ministry, we are following their guidance and expectations and they have been very supportive and complimentary on the measures we are taking. Health checks will continue for all Secondary students until further notice.

Whilst we have endeavoured to keep the Primary school open this past week, you will know now we have taken the decision to close this section for ten days (as per Ministry rules). During the Primary school closure please check your emails and Class Dojo regularly as staff will be sending work home for your children and will also feedback to those that have questions or who need support. If you are not receiving any emails, please check the school has your correct email address and contact Mrs Russell.

We hope to re-open the Primary section on Monday 19th and this is dependent on no further cases of HFMD being identified. Due to the closure of the Primary school, we will be postponing the forthcoming Coffee Morning and the Deepavali celebration that were both planned for next week. We will inform you in the near future when these are to be re-scheduled. The Board of Management AGM meeting for November 22nd will still go ahead as planned.

I have just returned from the FOBISIA Heads Conference where I learned that KIS was one of the original six founding members of the federation thirty years ago. It is excellent to know that even back then KIS was at the forefront of development and collegiality. Thirty years on and the progress continues as we look forward to further advances and improve upon what we do so that we can offer more for your children.

I am sorry to say that one of our parent's cars was damaged by another car during the pick-up time last Thursday, around 2pm. If anyone saw a parked red BMW being hit by another car please speak with a member of our staff, or if you have the time, come and see me. Again, I remind all parents to be careful and vigilant at drop-off and pick-up for the safety of all of our community.

As many of you may know, this Sunday is the 100th anniversary for the end of World War I. Remembrance Day is a time that we remember all of those men and women who have fallen during conflicts around the world and the sacrifice they made for us. All monies raised from the recent Poppy Appeal will go to help the upkeep of the Sabah and Labuan Memorials.

Finally, a letter will be sent home next week explaining a sale of uniform at school as we are approaching the final year of our old logo. Keep an eye out in your emails.

I wish you a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Gross  
**Principal**

# Dates For Your Diary

<b>Monday 12th - Friday 16th November:</b>	Primary school closed
<b>Monday 12th November:</b>	Year 6 Penang Trip Talk, 2:15pm
<b>Tuesday 13th November:</b>	Year 7 Parents Afternoon
<b>Tuesday 13th November:</b>	Board of Management Meeting

## Primary News

### Year 2 Pirate Day

Ahoy, me hearties! Last Friday was a jolly old Pirate Day for Year 2. The landlubber parents were extremely trusting to leave their children with the Year 2 teaching team who were looking especially fierce during drop off!

The day was kick started with a pirate sing off, as the children are learning songs about pirate life ready for their class assembly. They then continued the day with pirate arts and crafts, creating their own pirate portraits and character profiles. In Maths they were counting coins for their treasure chests. Although a fun day was had by all, it's far from over. The students will continue to look at pirate ships, diets and famous pirates throughout history over the coming weeks. So watch out KIS community, there are pirates about. Make sure you keep your treasure hidden!

**Ms Becci Holmes**

Year 2S Class Teacher

### Year 5 Trip to the Sabah Museum and D'Place

As part of our work on Tribes, Year 5 went on a fascinating trip to the Sabah Museum recently. Whilst there we had the opportunity to explore the exhibits within the museum, learning more about local tribes of Sabah. Students were kept busy and focussed throughout the visit, as they had to find specific information and key facts to help them answer the many questions in their Tribe information booklet.

As part of our visit to the museum we also had the chance to explore the Heritage Village and get a first hand look at the different tribal houses. We had to use our inference skills to help us work out why we thought houses were built in the ways they were and what rooms were used for. It was a fascinating insight into the lives of each of the different tribes.

To end our visit we went to D'Place at Shell Plaza where we enjoyed a feast of local foods, as well as the opportunity to watch the different tribal dances. Many of us enjoyed having a go at the different dances, especially the bamboo stick dance! We were able to use the blow pipe and attempted to pop a balloon with one shot of a dart! Those full of lots of puff and hot air (the students always chatting!) were very successful in particular!

Back in school we look forward to using what we have learned from this trip to support the rest of our half term's work on Local Tribes.

**Mrs Karen Wallace and Mrs Sarah Fletcher**

Year 5 Class Teachers



# Christmas Card Competition

It is finally time to reveal the long awaited news of the winners for the Christmas Card competition!

Last week, our 3 judges; Mr Gross, Mrs Renshaw and Mrs Russell found themselves tasked with the extremely difficult job of choosing the winning design from each year group. There were so many wonderful designs that choosing one winner was certainly challenging! However, after careful deliberations and much discussion, the judges have chosen 10 designs in total; 1 from each year group throughout Primary and two Secondary designs. These will form the pack of 10 Christmas cards that will be professionally printed and available for purchase from school. More details of this to follow soon!

To recognise those designs that particularly impressed the judges with their creativity, three Highly Commended card designs were chosen from each year group as well. If you would like to see the Winning and Highly Commended designs, please do take time to look at the display boards under the stairs near the F2 classroom where all the designs are on display. Alternatively, click here to see the [Winning Designs](#) and here to see the [Highly Commended](#) Designs. Our congratulations go to all students who entered, especially to those with the winning and highly commended designs:

Year Group	Winner	Highly Commended
F1	Ollie	Wesley, Casper, Hazzel
F2	Ava	Ryan, Leo, Alya
Year 1	Maddie	Charlotte, Clemence, SeungMin
Year 2	Zhang	Enzo, Tapashya,
Year 3	Seth	Kayden, Ada, Oli
Year 4	Siwon	Nayeon, Kevin,
Year 5	Thilal	Nixon, Riyad,
Year 6	Adam	Amiel, PikYen,
Secondary	Debbie (Y7) Sara (Y9)	Moksha (Y9) Ling (Y10) Jesse (Y11)

The judges commented that the quantity **and** quality of design entries was truly spectacular. They were particularly impressed by the enthusiasm with which students had responded to this competition and loved looking at all the different designs! A common theme to the card designs was snowmen, making our judges wonder if we are missing the cold weather that Christmas brings to other countries?! Mr Gross made a special point of commenting on everyone's creativity and wondered if next year, we should have a special parent category for our very talented parents to enter.

Finally, my thanks again goes to all students who entered the competition. I must also take a moment to thank all staff in school who supported with the running of the competition; to our three judges for their work and to all parents at home. Without all this, the competition would not have been as successful as it was.

All Winning and Highly Commended designs will receive a special competition certificate and students will earn extra house-points for their individual and team total. Well done to all.

**Mrs Sarah Fletcher**

Primary House System Coordinator and Year 5 Class Teacher



# Secondary News

## KIS Global Citizen Window Design Competition

In conjunction with KIS' International Day, a 'Global Citizen Window' design competition was held to promote global awareness among students, urging them to go beyond their nationalities, think globally and see how they can fulfill their global citizenship responsibilities.

The competition required Secondary students to team up within their Year group and create a 'Global Citizen Window' Photo Prop Frame Design to enable them to "SEE globally" through the window. Biodegradable and/or upcycled materials could be used.

The winning team in KS3 was Year 7K's group "The Earth" and in KS4 it was Year 10S' group "Nature and Us". The 1st Runner up award for KS3 went to Year 7K "Planet Reset" and the 1st Runner up for KS4 went to Year 11K "Diversity". Congratulations to all winning teams.

### Winning Teams:

Year 7K: Kon Han, Grace & Calista

Year 10S: Cherise, Helen, Nikita, Shim, Ling Qian, & Qawiemah



### 1st Runners Up:

Year 7K: Christian, Shotaro, Aisha

Year 11K: Tina, Tazkhiya, Gabrielle and Eric



Special mentions were for Year 9K's design for 'Team Spirit' and for Year 11S being awarded 'The most photogenic'. Thank you to all Secondary students for their enthusiastic participation and commendable effort. Students from different nationalities came to agreements on their final designs and had fun throughout the process of generation of ideas, decision-making and problem-solving. Well done all!

A word of thanks to Secondary Form Tutors the and PSHE Coordinator, Ms Dobson, for their support and collaboration in making this activity a great success.

### Ms Damein Yuen

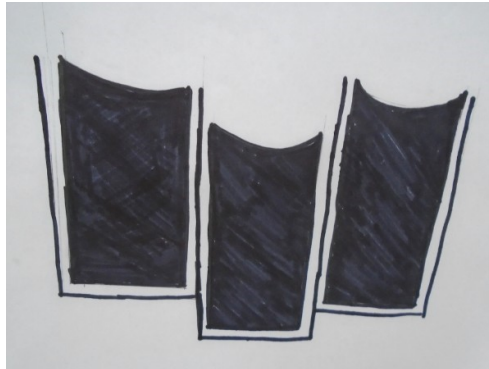
Head of Creative and Performing Arts Department

## Year 7 Geography

Year 7 has been learning basic map skills which involves recognising height on maps, direction and symbols. 7K was tasked with designing new symbols for maps and came up with many practical and creative designs. Can you guess, like 7K, what these examples represent?

### Mrs Margaret Renshaw

Deputy Principal and Head of Secondary



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## SECONDARY MATHS CHALLENGE

The Secondary Weekly Maths Challenge can be found here:

<http://kismaths.pbworks.com/w/page/125944556/Weekly%20Maths%20Challenge>

## PE & Sport

### U15 FOBISIA Games

Please take a moment to read the full report from the U15 FOBISIA Games on our website: <http://www.kis.edu.my/u15-fobisia-games/>

Photos from the Games are available to view on our Flickr account: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/kisweb/albums/72157673278760277>

Miss Catriona Watt  
Head of PE and Sport





## Christmas Fair

We are pleased to announce that this year's KIS Christmas Fair will be organised in partnership with the Primary and Secondary School Councils to raise funds for the KIS charities. The Christmas market will sell a wide range of festive fare and gifts, Santa will be stopping by to say 'hello' and we will be treated to a performance from the Primary school choir.

### Christmas Market:

We are looking for stalls that will make this a special day for the children as well the parents. Table rental costs RM100 each and community partners will be free to sell their choice of gifts, handicrafts, decorations, ornaments, cookies, cards, cakes, games, jewellery or any other festive goods for their own profit.

If you would like to run a stall or you know of somebody who you think would be interested, can you please contact Ms Sharon Rose, Email: [srose@kis.edu.my](mailto:srose@kis.edu.my)

*N.B. The KIS leadership team has asked that no hot food or drink items are sold.*

### Christmas Tombola Prize Donation:

In order to help make this an enjoyable event for all this year we will have two tombolas - one for children and one for adults. We would be grateful for suitable donations for each tombola stall, which could include fancy foodstuffs, boxes of chocolates, toiletries, unwanted gifts etc. Donated prizes can be given to Ms Rose. Thank you for your support with this and we are grateful for all donated prizes received.

We are looking forward to another great KIS Christmas Fair and thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Sharon Rose  
Year 3 Class Teacher

