



# 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.

**24th November 2018**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the AGM and for those that were able to show their support on Thursday. We had a very successful morning and it was a pleasure to meet so many of you. Thank you all for your support. A letter has been posted on the website (a link was sent to you) detailing the outcome of the voting. Please contact the main School Office if you have forgotten your password for the letters section.

Thursday turned into a long day, but it was well worth it, just after 6pm our Year 10 and 11 Drama students performed to a small crowd of parents, friends and staff. It was an intimate evening of compelling, thought provoking and very entertaining performances. Our students really are very talented and creative. Thank you to Mr Bryant for arranging and well done to your Drama students.

We enjoyed seeing many of our Year 2 students also use their imaginations to great effect as they turned themselves into Pirates for the day, and our Year 8 students experienced a field trip for Geography to the coast. All great learning experiences.

A reminder for parents dropping off their children early. School is not open to students before 7am and any students who are dropped off at this time are left unsupervised if they walk away from the front gate area. If you have to leave your child at school at this time please make sure they sit near to the Security Office.

If you are in the City Mall this weekend come by and say hello as we will be there in advance of our Open Day next week. Remember, we offer rebates if you introduce new families to join us at KIS.

This coming Monday we will be hosting our postponed celebration for Deepavali during the first break in the hall and you are more than welcome to come and watch.

I wish you a lovely weekend,

Yours faithfully,

Ian Gross  
Principal

## Dates For Your Diary

<b>Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th November:</b>	KIS Roadshow at City Mall
<b>Monday 26th November:</b>	Deepavali Celebration, 10am
<b>Tuesday 27th November:</b>	Open Day
<b>Tuesday 27th November:</b>	Secondary Student Leadership Assembly, 2pm
<b>Friday 30th November - Sunday 2nd December:</b>	PREPS U12 Swimming Competition
<b>Friday 30th November:</b>	4Fest
<b>Friday 30th November:</b>	Year 1 Trip

# December Menu for Catered Lunches

The December menu and order form for the Healthy Heart Canteen are now available to download here:

> [December Menu](#)

> [December Order Form](#)

## Primary News

Welcome back to school! It has been lovely seeing all the Primary students in school this week. Thank you to all the parents who have been so understanding over the past week while we have been screening students upon entry to school. Unfortunately, we will need to continue this screening for the foreseeable future. To help with the speed of screening, please can I ask for all students to come to school wearing slippers or crocs and for parents to wait past the screening area, at the low picnic benches to help put school socks and shoes on to the younger students.

### Year 6 Eye Dissections

Year 6 were again treated to a lesson in the Secondary Science labs earlier this week when Ms Davies helped the students learn more about the structure of the eye.

As part of the work set for Year 6 during the closure last week, the students had to produce a five minute presentation about the eye. They had to explain about the structure and purpose of an eye. To help with their understanding of the workings of an eye, the students were able to visit the Science lab and dissect a bull's eye under the supervision of Ms Davies, Ms Dursia (the Lab Technician) and the Year 6 team. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were able to identify all the main parts of the eye and found it fascinating using the lens to magnify print.

### Year 2 Class Assembly

Year 2 took to the high seas this week and transformed themselves in to Pirates for their class assembly on Thursday afternoon. It was lovely to see how hard the students had been working over the closure to learn their lines and songs. Considering that the students had only had a few days to practice this week, they did amazingly well and all looked fantastic in their costumes. A special mention of thanks needs to be said to the very accommodating father who was dressed up as a pirate too!

Mrs Nicky Russell

**Head of Primary**

### Year 6 AIMS Maths Competition

On Wednesday 14th November eight Year 6 students, accompanied by Mr Elver and myself, went to Kuala Lumpur to take part in the AIMS Maths competition.

The competition was held over two days and consisted of a range of individual and team challenges. These challenges included a STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) construction and a board game challenge, murder mysteries, logic problems, mental maths and an Amazing Race, which had the students running through Plaza Arcadia at Park City trying to work out who had kidnapped the goats!

The students from KIS represented the school in the best way possible. They were polite and well mannered. They worked extremely well in their teams and tried their hardest on each activity. They also had lots of fun! I want to thank them for their amazing team spirit and for making the trip so enjoyable for the adults as well.

### Primary Maths Challenge

A big well done to the following students who correctly completed last month's challenge and earned themselves some house points:

Y1K: Frankie, Sophia	Year 2K: Seoyun, Yoodam, Adithya
Y2S: Nathan, Zoe	Y3S: Janesse, Ada
Y3K: Fion	Y4S: Abraham, Sophie, Oscar
Y4K: Siwon, Eline, Amy	

The November challenges are available to download here and completed answers should be placed in the box outside of the Reception classroom.

> [Year 1 & 2 November Maths Challenge](#)

> [Years 3 & 4 November Maths Challenge](#)

> [Years 5 & 6 November Maths Challenge](#)

**Mrs Karen Wallace**, Head of Primary Mathematics



## Housepoint Totals

Primary is back and busy working hard, collecting housepoints. This week's school total was 190, with House Captains calculating the following totals for each House:

In 3rd place with 320 points is

In 2nd place with 364 points is

In 1st place with 406 points is Sapi.

Well done everyone!

## Bronze Awards

This week, we presented Bronze Awards for 40 housepoints to the following students:

F2: Ava, Alya	Y3K: Kayden, Nadeem, Senya & Seth
Y4K: Eline, Ethan & Siwon	Y5K: Sophie & Victor
Y5S: Riyad	Y6S: Maxine

Who will be on the honour roll for next week and will we reach our first Silver Award by the end of this first term? Let's see if we can do it! Well done everyone!

**Mrs Sarah Fletcher**

Year 5 Class Teacher

# Secondary News

## Professional Development for KIS Teachers

Teachers at KIS are life-long learners, and this is evidenced in the array of professional development courses that they take each year. We have several staff who are currently studying for their Masters Degrees and over the last week Mr Morgan attended an Inclusion Jobs Alike Workshop [JAWS] in Hong Kong, Mr Walker presented a paper at the Asia Pacific Physical Education Conference, also in Hong Kong, and Mr Kelly has just returned from a course entitled 'Practical Steps to High Quality Differentiation' in Bangkok. You will also be interested to know that in Secondary we are enjoying sharing expertise in 20 minute Teaching and Learning sessions where colleagues are presenting tips and hints that work well for them. So far we have heard from Mr Withers on 'Completing Activities Alongside Students - Creating Model Responses' and Mr Davis on 'Fermi Questioning Techniques'. Yesterday it was the turn of Ms Dobson as she shared her expertise in 'Graphic Organisers and the EAL Learner' and we have many other sessions to look forward to. Teachers can translate what they learn at these sessions to their own teaching to provide a better learning environment for the students. We can thank Mr Walker for coming up with the original idea.

In addition, Ms Laura Jane Service attended a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) workshop in Beijing this week and has returned invigorated and enthusiastic about the opportunities to incorporate more technology and forward thinking into her teaching and the Key Stage 3 Syllabus next year. The workshop highlighted many different educational apps including those that offer us the resources to look at the heart in 3D and add videos to posters through Augmented Reality. There were representatives from Raspberry Pi, who demonstrated how to use programmable robot cars for the ECA activity and many other exciting ideas.



## Student Leadership in Secondary

At KIS we aim to develop the kinds of skills in students that will support their growth and development in years to come. The understanding of student leadership has grown hugely over the last ten years in education and this has been reflected in the growing number of opportunities that are available for our students. On Tuesday the 27th at 2pm we will be celebrating our student leaders in an assembly where we will acknowledge our Prefects, Student Counsellors, House Captains, Sports Captains, Eco-Warriors and Library Cadets. Already this year these students have achieved a huge amount and I was impressed earlier this week when I had a visit from our leading student counsellors as they came to talk to me about their plans for the rest of the year. This is just one example of the efforts that our students go to provide wonderful experiences for others within KIS and also within the wider community. Although we must acknowledge the myriad of contributions of the students, they are mentored by some very dedicated staff. However, what I have seen over the years is that students are now 'leading' rather more than they did previously. There is now an ethic of responsible student leadership that is thriving and developing at KIS.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for further information about future student-led events and initiatives and do come along to the assembly next Tuesday at 2pm!

## Year 8 Geography Trips

This week students from 8S and 8K have participated in a fieldwork trip to the Marine Park to consolidate work they have been doing on their Adventurous Landscapes unit of investigation.

With the help of the team at Scuba Junkie KK, during two snorkeling activities they observed the contrasts in the coral reef environment at Sapi beach compared to a less frequented location. This allowed each student to develop observation as well as data collection and team work skills.

They also worked diligently to collect 91kg and 98kg of trash from a beach at Gaya island, as well as undertaking hypothesis testing at Padang Point beach.

A highly successful day with excellent weather and conditions made this a highly positive experience for all. Our students thought so too, read on to find out what a few of them had to say about it:

*At 7:20am we met at Jesselton Point, where we had a safety briefing from Mellie that works for Scuba Junkie. Then we made our way towards the boats and started heading out towards the islands. During the 45-minute beach cleanup we found many things, including a fridge! We beat 8S' Monday beach cleanup amount with little effort, sadly it was as if they had never been there...*

*After the beach cleanup we made our way towards Padang Point, where we had a short break and something to drink and eat. After we finished our break we headed towards Sapi Island to go snorkeling in the shallow waters. Once we finished doing some activities in the shallow waters we made our way to the deeper areas, which had lots of different kinds of coral and fish. Once we had finished collecting all the data on the deep snorkel we were able to jump off the boats a couple of times, which was very fun!*

*Next we had our lunch back at Padang Point and some free time. After having our lunch we went to do some research activities that were quite challenging. We finished just in time to take another boat ride around the island to look at the different caves and arches, we even saw some stacks. After a whole day we made our way back to Jesselton Point. Thank you to Miss McNutt for organising the trip and Mellie at Scubajunkie.*

Ricky, David, Jed, and Lucas, 8K

*First we met at Jesselton Point, then we left for the beach cleanup at Sapi. We found half a fridge and 98kg of trash in our 45 minutes there. After that we went snorkeling in a shallow spot to collect data. Then we went snorkeling at a deeper spot to compare the two sites. We saw carpets of sea urchins, schools of fish, and the highlight, a moray eel. After that we had some time to jump off the boat which was fun. We then proved and disproved hypotheses on the beach, looking for attrition, abrasion, hydraulic action and longshore drift. The favourite thing we did was the snorkeling and the free time after that. A great thanks to Scuba Junkie for guiding us around the island and for preparing the boat. Thanks to Miss McNutt for arranging and planning the trip for us.*

Marc and RJ, 8K

## Mrs Margaret Renshaw

Deputy Principal and Head of Secondary







Congratulations to Year 13 student Maisie John who is pictured here receiving her awards on Thursday for **Top in Malaysia in AS Level Business and Geography**. Congratulations Maisie!

## Eco Warriors

### Snack Box Challenge Update

Due to the school being closed for the last two Thursdays, this week was the first Thursday the Primary Eco Warriors were able to carry out the challenge. They headed out to the benches, baskets in hand, at snack time to count how much single-use plastic Primary had in their snack boxes.

The totals were as follows:

F1 + F2 = 20, Y1 = 15, Y2 = 12, Y3 = 24, Y4 = 20, Y5 = 9, Y6 = 20 and a grand total of: 120.

Well done to Year 5 for having the lowest amount of single-use plastic - a great effort! Let's see how we do next week!

**Ms Laura Marriott**

Eco Warriors Committee