



# 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 March 2016

## From the Principal

### Shakespeare Rocks

This week Shakespeare Rocks hit the stage and what a magnificent spectacle it was. The sheer talent, enthusiasm and energy displayed by the students was amazing. The marvellous costumes, the superb singing, the delightful music and the amusing storyline resulted in an outstanding performance by one and all. I want to congratulate everyone involved, students, staff and parents. A special thank you must go to all the Key Stage 2 Students, the parents involved in creating the wonderful costumes, and to Ms Ku, Mr Gibson, Ms Winfieldale, Mrs Wallace, Mrs Lim, Ms Ashman, Mr Paul, Mrs Aryal and the fabulous Ms Cole, for all their efforts to bring such a thrilling production to the stage. Well done everyone. What a great way to end the term!



### ECAs Term 3

We are looking forward to starting our Term 3 ECA Programme on the first day of term 3, Monday 18th April. For students who will be joining an ECA which incurs a fee, please make payment to the School Office by the end of the day on Monday 18th to secure your child's place.

### Spring Holiday

On behalf of the school I would like to wish everyone a very pleasant, relaxing and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 18th April.

With warm regards,

**Alan Connah**  
Principal

# Dates for your Diary

<b>Monday 18th April:</b>	First Day of Term 3 ECA Programme Starts
<b>Fri 22nd April:</b>	PTA Coffee Morning, followed by PTASC Meeting
<b>Mon 25th April:</b>	Year 10 Parent / Teacher Meetings

## Primary News

### Translation Team in Action!

Ahead of the performances of Shakespeare Rocks, the Year 6 students decided to collaborate on their own welcome to the audience in the five main KIS community languages. Kon Yi and Gabrielle were working in Chinese, Sally in Korean, Iman and Ludivine in French, Hazig in Bahasa Malaysia and Sarah in English. They then took their finished speeches to the Sixth Form Translation Team, to polish them up ahead of showtime. It was wonderful to see the students take this initiative and the speeches delighted the audiences on both nights.



### Appeal from Year 4C

The students in Year 4C would be very grateful if you could collect your used tissue boxes and toilet rolls for them over the holiday. Please send your collection to their classroom at the beginning of next term. Thank you.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday and safe journeys, wherever they may take you.

### Maria Blake

Assistant Principal / Head of Primary

# Secondary News

## Farewell to Sixth Form Students

We took the opportunity to say a fond farewell and 'good luck' to our Sixth Form students yesterday as they commenced their study leave. Teachers joined together with the students to eat cake and enjoy a relaxed moment together! For our Year 13 students this was their last official day in school, although they will of course be returning for individually scheduled revision sessions with their teachers, and for their actual exams. This is a small group of students but they have each in their own way contributed to our school. We wish Seri, Jason, Chelsie, Vincent and Maxime all the very best as they enter into this important period of their lives. We will be marking their Graduation from KIS with a special ceremony on Friday 17th June. Year 12 students will be returning to school after their AS Level exams; they have a packed programme lined up that includes 3 days spent focusing on Careers, 10 days of work experience and 3 weeks of A2 lessons.



## Class of 2018 Begins to Take Shape!

This week our Year 11 student applicants to Year 12 moved one step closer to becoming our next cohort of Year 12 students, when they were individually interviewed by myself and either a BOM member or the Principal. It was a great opportunity for them to discuss their ambitions and plans for the future. I was struck by their high level of confidence and maturity, and also their very coherent ideas about things that impact them. We asked them to give us their thoughts about how KIS can be improved and also how they can contribute to the school and again, their comments were well thought through, perceptive and interesting, with some wonderful and specific ideas. We look forward to welcoming these young people into our Sixth Form in September.

# Sports News

## Swimming Gala

The annual Swim Gala is today. We look forward to seeing all students at 7.30am, ready for an 8am start. It would be great to see parents and supporters cheering for their children and their Houses, so please come along.

## House Day

On Monday we celebrated 'House Day' in the afternoon, which focused on the different Houses working together to improve their teamwork and develop team spirit in time for the Swim Gala. The students took part in a range of activities such as painting posters, creating chants and completing problem solving activities. Look out for their colourful team posters at the Swim Gala.

## U16 Sports Festival

Ten students from Year 10 and 11 visited the British International School in KL last weekend with Ms Slaats and Mr Bryant, where they enjoyed a variety of friendly games of football, basketball, dodgeball, water polo, volleyball and rounders. The students represented KIS perfectly in terms of their behavior and sportsmanship throughout the weekend. On the final evening they enjoyed a night out at the Escape Rooms where they had to work together to solve clues and win the game.



## U13 FOBISIA Assembly

Please note, the U13 FOBISIA assembly has been postponed and will be held in the first week after the holidays. The day and time is still to be confirmed.

**Natasha Hale**

Head of PE & Sport

# Board of Management Update

This is a gentle reminder from the KIS Board of Management.

We wish to remind parents and drivers to be respectful of our KIS community and neighbours during peak traffic times. The road area in front of the school and the surrounding area becomes very busy at pick-up and drop-off and as such we request that parents/caregivers:

- Do not park or wait in front of the entrance to the IAB building, next door to the school.
- Do not park or wait on the small road that goes into the new St. Francis construction site (across from the main entry gate to our school). Parking inside this area is acceptable for now. However please make sure that you do not block access for the construction vehicles to enter and exit their site.
- Always drive slowly and cautiously when driving through the mosque grounds. There are small children attending classes.
- If, as a last resort, you absolutely must double-park your vehicle, please remain in it at all times in order to keep the flow of traffic moving smoothly. Do not leave the car unattended.

## Board of Management Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on the 22nd March 2016 are available to [download here](#).

Thank you

**KIS Board of Management**

# Charity Committee

On Tuesday our group of volunteer students, who have been visiting at our sister school in Likas each week this term, rounded off their term of activities by holding a party for them. Our students arranged the party games, food and refreshments. Everyone had a great time, enjoying activities such as musical chairs, balloon races and even a singing competition. Our students have made good friends with the students in Likas and this term long ECA ended on a high note with a speech by one of the Likas students that was very heart warming.



Mr Alan Dighton  
Triple C Charity Committee

## PTA News

### Shakespeare Rocks!

#### Thank you!

Congratulations to the Key Stage 2 students on a fabulous performance of 'Shakespeare Rocks'!

The PTASC wishes to thank all the teachers and teacher assistants for leading our children in the production, the PTA mums who produced many of the main characters' costumes, the parents who assisted with food and beverage sales as well as Maria Blake and Alex Paul who kindly helped pack away after the event

#### Professional DVD Orders

If you have not already placed your order for the DVD, an additional order will be taken in the first week of next term.

### Whole School Swimming Gala

#### Parents Assistance

KIS will be holding it's annual swimming competition today. Our PE department requested parents to assist. Many thanks to those who volunteered to help today!



#### Refreshments



Our PTA member Maria, kindly offered to set up a coffee and tea table for parents and teachers at the swimming pool.

Please remember to be 'Green' and bring along a cup if you would like to enjoy a complimentary beverage. It would be great if you could bring a plate of finger food to share with fellow parents and KIS staff.