



# 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.

19th January 2018

## From the Principal

### FOBISIA Swimming Competition

This weekend our FOBISIA Swimming Team are representing the school in Bangkok. We have 8 swimmers from across the school competing, 5 from the Primary Section and 3 from the Secondary Section. We wish them all the very best for the competition and look forward to hearing of their exploits on their return. I would like to thank Ms Beltran and Mr Morgan for accompanying the team.

### KIS Book Week 2018

We are now in the final countdown to this year's Book Week, which will take place from Monday 29th January to Friday 2nd February. This year's theme is: 'Folklore and Fairy Tales'. Teachers are very busy at the moment planning a host of wonderful events and literary sessions for your children and there is much excitement amongst the students as to who/what they are going to dress up as for the character Parade. A detailed letter outlining the programme for the week was sent out to parents last Friday. If you did not receive a copy please contact the School Office. I want to thank Mrs Colbeck and Ms Walker in advance for all their efforts in organising the week, and all the teachers and teaching assistants who are supporting this wonderful event. Reading is such an important skill for life and can also provide huge enjoyment, opening windows to many different worlds and areas of interest.



### Annual KIS Community Survey

In keeping with our School Mission, our goal is to provide the best possible education for your children in a caring and supportive environment. To help us evaluate how successfully we are doing this, we would appreciate your feedback through our Annual Community Survey. Parents should receive a letter from the school today (by email) regarding the survey. If you do not receive the letter please contact the School Office. Parents are kindly asked to complete the survey by clicking on the link in the letter. The survey is open until **Monday 29th January**. Thank you in advance for your support.

### ECAs / Clubs

This is just a gentle reminder that payment of all ECA fees is now due at the School Office. We appreciate your prompt assistance with this.

### Afternoon Pick Up

Parents are kindly reminded to ensure that their children are collected as soon as possible after school / ECAs finish in the afternoon and that no student supervision is provided after 4.30pm (unless arranged for a specific activity).

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Mr Alan Connah  
Principal

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Fri 19th - Mon 22nd January:</b>	FOBISIA Swimming Competition, Bangkok
<b>Mon 22nd January:</b>	Year 2 Trip
<b>Weds 24th January:</b>	Year 10 Parents Afternoon
<b>Fri 26th - Mon 28th January:</b>	Model United Nations Trip

## PRIMARY NEWS

### **Absence and Illness**

Unfortunately this week has seen many of our students and staff fall ill. If your child has a fever and/or is unwell, please do not send them to school. Also if your child is showing any signs of 'Pink Eye' or an eye infection, please take them to a doctor straight away and gain medical advice as to how to treat the condition. Please only send your child back to school once they have been clear of any illness or infection for 24 hours.

If your child is found to have any symptoms of illness or infection while they are at school, we will contact you to come and collect your child as soon as possible.

### **Toys and Pencil Cases in School**

It has been lovely to see the recent craze of Beyblades taking hold across the playground. We have now made a safe area for the children to play so that they will not get in the way of others.

Please remind your children that if they bring any toys or pencil-cases in to school, it is their responsibility to look after them. Class teachers and TA's priorities need to be the education of the children under their care. If something goes missing, children will be encouraged to look for the items themselves.

### **Swimming in Primary**

It has been lovely seeing the children so excited about starting their swimming lessons again this term. Last weekend, many of our student competed in the SAG Swimming Competition at Likas and had great success. This weekend sees more of our students travelling to Bangkok for the FOBISIA Swimming Competition. Just a gentle reminder, If your child cannot swim, they should not be brought to school before 10.00am (unless they are in Year 3). If your child forgets their swimming kit, you will be asked to come and collect your child and bring them back to school for 10.00am. Many thanks for your understanding with this.

**Mrs Nicky Russell**

Head of Primary

## SPORTS NEWS

### **Welcome to Term 2**

Happy New Year from the PE department; we all hope you had a great holiday and enjoyed yourselves. Term 2's numerous and varied PE activities have all started well. KS2, KS3 and KS4 are all attending weekly Swimming lessons, developing their skills and preparing for the KIS Gala coming up at the end of the Term. Sport Education lessons have been running in Secondary and the Primary students have all started new units, including Dance. We have lots of exciting sporting events happening this term and look forward to reporting to you all.

PE Department

### Sabah Age Group Swimming Championship

On 12-14th January, 14 students from KIS participated in the 51st SAG (Sabah Age Group) Swimming Championships at Likas pool. All of our competing students competed for the Clubs they belong to outside of school and performed really well. Congratulations to all the swimmers for a successful competition with many PBs and medals won! The students who attended were: Leo, Imogen, Jayden, Timothy, Sophie, Nicholas, Zenia, Thor, Pui San, Pui Mun, Caleb, Hope, Brandon and Destinee.



### FOIBISIA Swimming Competition

8 students will be travelling to Bangkok Patana International School today for the FOIBISIA Swimming Championships. The students will take part in different races against a range of international schools in Asia. We wish the team the best of luck and will report more next week. The students taking part are: Hope (5K), Amanda (5K), Sofia (5S), Destiny (7K), Tony (4K), Nicholas (6S), Justin (9K) and Hitoushi (9S).



**Ms Beltran**

Head of Aquatics

### Year 6 Ultimate Frisbee House Competition

On the first day of term the sun was shining again so Year 6 were able to enjoy their postponed Ultimate Frisbee House Games competition. Year 6 had honed their throwing and catching skills as well as their understanding of the rules and tactics for the game during Term 1 and were excited to put their skills to the test.

Students were also able to demonstrate their fair play and sportsmanship qualities by refereeing their own games. Competition was close and the final positions came down to the last games between Sulug and Gaya. One extra win to Sulug meant that they finished 1st this time, earning their House 30 points. Congratulations to all of Year 6 and we look forward to more competitions this term.



### FOBISIA Primary Games

In Primary we have had a lot of interest in the Primary FOBISIA, which take place from 5th -9th May. Currently we have a strong boys team but we would like to try and get two more girls to join the team if possible. If you have any questions about FOBISIA or are interested please come and see Ms Watt directly or email [cwatt@kis.edu.my](mailto:cwatt@kis.edu.my). Many thanks.