



# 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.

18th November 2016

## From the Principal

### Under 15 FOBISIA Games Success

Last weekend our Under 15 FOBISIA Team achieved great success at the games hosted in Nepal by the British School Kathmandu. The games involved Athletics, Rounders, Football and Basketball. The overall results were:

- Athletics - 1st place
- Rounders A team - 3rd place
- Rounders B team - 4th place
- Girls basketball - 2nd place
- Boys basketball A team - 1st place
- Boys basketball B team - 4th place
- Girls football - 1st place
- Boys football A team - 3rd place
- Boys football B team - 5th place

At the end of the games the KIS team won overall 2nd place (by 1 point!) and we were the smallest team attending.



Following the games, I received a wonderful email from the Principal of the British School Kathmandu from which I would like to quote the following comments:

*The students have been a pleasure to host and they seem to have had a great time. You will be pleased to hear that a friendly atmosphere and excellent sportsmanship has been a feature of the last few days and at the evening events. It has been nice to see students from the different schools mixing well. Your PE teachers have also been really positive and flexible and have also been a pleasure to work with - it has been a really uplifting few days watching the students compete in this friendly way. Thanks again for sending them all.*

I would like to congratulate all those students who were part of the team, on their sportsmanship and success. I would also like to thank Natasha Hale and Sam Watson for organising, training and accompanying the team. Well done everyone! Further information and photographs about the games can be found further on in this newsletter.

### CIS 5 Year Review Visit

This week we hosted two representatives from the Council of International Schools, Dr Graham Ranger and Mr Richard Bennetts. They were here to conduct the CIS 5 Year Review Visit of the school. Dr Ranger and Mr Bennetts spent Monday to Wednesday in the school, meeting with students, staff, parents and BoM members, observing lessons and inspecting the school generally. They were particularly interested in looking at how we have grown and developed since their last visit in 2012. At the end of their visit they were very complimentary about the school as a whole. Within the next 6 weeks we expect to receive their 5 Year Report, which will outline their findings from the visit. The report will be reviewed by the Senior Management Team and the Board of Management, and will feed into the School's Development Plan.

### Board of Management AGM - 8am, Tuesday 22nd November

The school's AGM will be held at 8am next Tuesday, 22nd November, in the School Hall. I would like to strongly encourage all parents to attend this very important meeting. As a parent-run, not for profit school, it is essential that parents attend this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is twofold: Firstly, to hear from serving Board Members as they report on the past year's achievements and activities, and Secondly, to elect new Board Members for the coming year. For the meeting to proceed we need a quorum of 164 parents, so please do come along and support this important event on our calendar.

### Term 2 Invoices

Invoices for Term 2 will shortly be sent home with students and payment is due on or before Wednesday 4th January. Please contact [finance@kis.edu.my](mailto:finance@kis.edu.my) if you have not received your invoice by the end of November.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

**Alan Connah**  
Principal

# Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th Nov:	Year 1 Trip
Tuesday 22nd Nov:	Board of Management AGM, 8am
Tuesday 22nd Nov:	PTA Christmas Decorations, after the BoM
Friday 25th Nov:	Y3 Assembly
Friday 25th Nov:	Y10 - 13 Art Field Trip
Friday 25th and Saturday 26th Nov:	4Fest

## Primary News

### Remembering Heroes

Remembrance Day (sometimes known informally as Poppy Day) is a memorial day that has been observed in member states of the Commonwealth since the end of the First World War to remember those members of their armed forces who died in the line of duty. Following a tradition inaugurated by the British King, George V, in 1919, the day is also marked by war remembrances in many non-Commonwealth countries. Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November in most countries to recall the end of hostilities of World War I on that date in 1918. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month", in accordance with the armistice signed by representatives of Germany and the Allies.

Last Friday Primary School students were treated to a special assembly starting at 11:00am by Ms Cole and the Performing Arts Club, to help commemorate this day. Ms Cole asked the children to think about one hero that they knew of and to think why that person was a hero. The children thought about a wide range of people, some of which had fought in wars around the world or are still in the armed forces now. When it was 11.11am the whole of Primary fell silent for a minute to think about these heroes and how they have helped improve our lives.

The Performing Arts Club finished the assembly by reciting the poem "For the Fallen" by Robert Laurence Binyon and performing a dance to the song In Flanders Fields sung by the RHS Choir.

### Nicky Russell

Head of Primary



# Sports News

## U15 FOBISIA Games

I have just returned from a fantastic trip with the U15 FOBISIA Games team and Mr Watson to Kathmandu, Nepal. This trip was great for many reasons including the beautiful location, the outstanding sporting performances and the exemplary behaviour demonstrated by the KIS team. The team included the following students from the Secondary school: Rose, Hippolyte, Iman, Pauline, Bastien, Suraj, Marwan, Kelly, Giselle, Dania, Isabella, Ivan, Howard, Bobby, Royce, Gerard, Natalie, Kooberan, Lezlee and Marcus.

**Day 1:** The first day of competition started with Athletics at the Armed Police Force stadium in Halchowk. The students took part in the opening ceremony parade and sang the Malaysian national anthem with pride. Overall we finished top in the girls' and the boys' competition and came 1st place in athletics. After a quick lunch the students then took part in a rounders tournament. This British sport was new to our team only 6 weeks ago and they performed excellently in both batting and fielding. The final game was KIS A v KIS B teams playing for 3rd place medal – the game was very close and the score ended on 11.5 runs each! The 3rd place winners were then decided on total points scored and the A team came away with the trophy.

**Day 2:** On day 2 the boys took part in the football tournament and girls played basketball. The girls played well throughout the competition and demonstrated some excellent technical and tactical ability which really impressed me. We won our first game comfortably with a score of 17 – 4 and the girls were in high spirits. The second game was a lot tougher and we lost to the TBS A team by just 3 points. However, we won the final game, which meant that we came out with a well-deserved 2nd place trophy. In the football competition, there were 6 boys' teams in total, playing for just 3 trophies. Both teams worked hard throughout the day as they only had 1 sub in each team. Howard showed excellent goal keeping skills for the B team and saved many shots in the games. Lezlee and Gerard demonstrated some great skills in the A team to create chances for their team mates. In the end, the A team came in 3rd place and the B team finished 5th.

**Day 3:** On the final day of competition, the sports changed and the girls took part in their football tournament. All 8 girls worked fantastically as a team and they won all games in the tournament. Special mention must go to Iman and Isabella for scoring over 5 goals each throughout their games (which meant that Mr Watson had to dance at the disco!). The girls comfortably won 1st place in football. In the boys' basketball we had 2 teams again – the A team started strong with a 31-0 win against BIS and continued with this performance, winning all of their games in the tournament and finishing in 1st position. This was an amazing achievement considering the team only had 5 players and no subs – a fantastic effort! The B team started equally strong with a 17-4 win and a great performance from the team. Unfortunately, they did lose two games later in the day and came out in 4th position overall. A special mention must go to all 6 players in the B team though, as they continued to play with commendable effort until the final whistle was blown.

**Day 4:** The team enjoyed a late breakfast at the hotel and then we met our tour guide, Kumar, and headed to Bungamati village for the first stop of our tour. This was a traditional Nepalese village where the Newari people live. We were lucky enough to see the celebrations in the village after a good harvest and witnessed bands playing, ceremonial parades and sheep racing. It was very interesting to see their way of life and it was evident that there is still a lot of damage from the earthquake that is yet to be repaired. Next stop was lunch, and we had some traditional Nepalese food including lots of rice, dahl, chicken curry and poppadum. After lunch we visited the oldest stupa in the world called Swayambhunath temple – also known as monkey temple – due to the many macaques that roam around. There were 360 steps to the top which was difficult for the students with aching legs after all of the sport over the last few days! But we were rewarded with amazing views at the top. A special well done to Rose and Lezlee for making it up to the top on crutches after sustaining sports injuries in the competition. We visited an art school on the way down and learnt about Nepalese art forms linked to Buddhism and Hinduism. It was interesting to learn about the skill of the Masters and many of us purchased some beautiful paintings from the shop. Our final stop was Boudhanath temple, which is one of the largest stupas in Nepal. Once inside the grounds the students could explore the temple and shopped for souvenirs to take home.

Mr Watson and I felt very lucky to attend this trip with such a hard-working, friendly and fun group of students. Everyone had a fantastic time and I want to congratulate the students again on their outstanding sports performance and model behavior. We will be having a celebration assembly to recognise their achievements, so please watch out for the date.

**Natasha Hale**  
Head of PE



# Charity Committee

## KIS Christmas Fair - Monday 5th December, 2pm - 4pm

We still have a number of stalls available to hire at the KIS Christmas Fair. 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. Each table costs RM100 to rent. (N.B. no HOT food or drink items may be sold).

If you would like to run a stall or you know of somebody who you think would be interested, can you please contact Ms. Maria Taib, [mariataib@yahoo.com](mailto:mariataib@yahoo.com) 0178066172 or Ms. Laura Davies, [lauradavies@kis.edu.my](mailto:lauradavies@kis.edu.my).

Many thanks,

KIS Charity Committee

# Board of Management Update

## Board of Management AGM - 8am, 22nd November

We look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible to next Tuesday's AGM, which will be held in the School Hall at 8am. It is essential that all parents demonstrate their support by attending this important meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is two fold: to hear from serving Board Members as they report upon the past year's achievements and activities, and to elect new Board Members for the coming year.

Thank you to those parents who have already confirmed their willingness to stand as a member of the Board of Management. If you have not lodged your nomination, please do so as soon as possible. Please find below a reminder of the process:

As per Article IX Clause 9 (a) and (b) of the Constitution please complete a " [Nomination Form](#) " to indicate your willingness to stand for election to serve for a 2-year period.

Provide a biography with a passport and family photo to Elis Ho (Office Manager) at [officemanager@kis.edu.my](mailto:officemanager@kis.edu.my)

- At the AGM all the candidates will have the opportunity to address the parent body with a short introduction outlining what they can offer that makes them a preferred candidate to vote for. The vote will then take place.
- After the AGM, the elected Board Members will elect the Office Bearers.
- There are a few formalities that have to be completed with Ministry of Education and our financial institution, Maybank, depending on your position on the Board. These are managed by the Office Manager on your behalf.
- Once all the formalities are completed there is a Board Training Pack and induction period to familiarise new Board Members with their role.

We hope to see you at the AGM on Tuesday and look forward to your participation in this important event.

KIS Board of Management

# PTA News

## Members of the PTA Steering Committee 2016/17

Chairperson: **Mani Kadali**

Mani is from India and she has lived in Sabah since 1996. Her daughter is in Y7C and in her fourth year in KIS.

Treasurer: **Yee Ting Tan**

Yee Ting Tan is Malaysian Chinese from KK. Her son is in Y9S, he joined KIS in 2014.

Secretary: **Florence Deschamps**

Florence is French and has two children, a son in Y8B and a daughter in Y6W. They joined KIS in September.

### Committee Members:

**Lee Yee Wuen**, who is Malaysian but has lived abroad since her childhood. She is married to a Frenchman and has a son in Y1 who started at KIS last September

**Lim Poh Choo**, who is Malaysian Chinese from Sabah. Her son is in Y9S and he joined last September.

**Lo Yeuh Rou**, who is from KK. Her daughter is in F1H and she started in KIS in September

**Norain**, who is from Raub, Pahang Malaysia. Her son is in F1H and started in KIS in September.

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# PTA News

## **New Friends of KIS Coffee Morning**

The New Friends Team are organising the final coffee morning for Term 1 new parents on Monday 28th November at Cafe Haru from 8am onwards. For more info please contact Naree Blackie, Tel 012 811 3147. We look forward to meeting you again soon.

## **Christmas Events**

The Christmas decorations are now complete. We would like to thank all those parents who helped to put up the decorations around the school.

We will be collecting the home made cookies on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December during drop off. We wish to thank the parents for their contributions. During the day on the 2nd of December all students will be offered a bag of cookies and Santa will come to school to deliver them to the younger students.

We are looking forward to the Christmas Mufti day on Thursday 1st December. Many children have already chosen to wear casual or Christmas clothes, the money collected (RM 5 per student) will be handed to the Chairty Committee for distribution to the charities that KIS support. The special lunch will be provided to the students and parents who wish to participate.

We have no doubt that it will be a day of great fun.

## **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 28th November** - New Friends of KIS Coffee Morning

**Thursday 1st December** - Christmas Mufti Day

**Thursday 1st - Friday 2nd December** - Collection of cookies, packing and delivery to all students

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