



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.

25th November 2016

From the Principal

Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards

We are delighted to report that two of our students have recently been awarded Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards for achieving exceptional results in their examinations in June 2016. They are Laili Rozman and Clemence Barriere. Laili received a High Achievement in AS Level Applied ICT and Clemence received a High Achievement award in IGCSE First Language French. Laili and Clemence's achievements were recognised at a special ceremony held in Kuala Lumpur late last week. On behalf of the school I would like to congratulate both Laili and Clemence on their awards, along with their parents and their teachers.

Christmas is Coming...

With the end of term only two weeks away we have a number of special events coming up. Next Thursday, 1st December, the PTA are hosting their annual Christmas Mufti Day and Lunch. Parents should have already received information about this last week. Then on Friday, 2nd December, the Primary School Choir will be singing Christmas Carols at Le Meridien Hotel at 7pm. This will be followed on Monday, 5th December, from 2pm to 4pm by the Christmas Fair, which is being organised by the School Charity Committee. We then have our Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas production of Sugar Plum, which will be staged on Tuesday 6th December at 10.30am and Wednesday 7th December at 6pm. This will be followed by another evening of carols with our Primary Choir at the Tanjung Aru Beach Resort at 7pm on Thursday 8th December. Finally we have our Secondary Celebration Assembly at 2pm on Tuesday 6th December and our Primary Celebration Assembly at 8am on Thursday 8th December. Please be informed that as is normal tradition, school will finish at 12 midday on 9th December, the last day of term.

Board of Management AGM Rescheduled for 8am on Tuesday 6th December

I want to thank all those parents who came along last Tuesday morning for our school's AGM. Unfortunately, we were unable to proceed with the meeting as we did not quite reach the required quorum of 164 parents. The AGM has now been rescheduled for 8am on Tuesday 6th December. I would like to encourage all parents to attend the meeting if they are able. At the meeting the current Board Members will report on the past year's achievements and activities, and we will hold elections for seven new Board Members for the coming year.

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 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 25th Nov:	Y3 Assembly
Friday 25th Nov:	Y10 - 13 Art Field Trip
Friday 25th and Saturday 26th Nov:	4Fest
Mon 28th Nov:	New Friends of KIS Coffee Morning
Weds 30th Nov and Thurs 1st Dec:	Year 11 and Sixth Form Drama Showcase
Thurs 1st Dec:	PTA Mufti Day and Christmas Lunch
Fri 2nd Dec:	PTA Christmas Cookie Distribution
Fri 2nd Dec:	Christmas Caroling at Le Meridien

Primary News

Year 1 Trip to the Green Connection

Last Friday saw Year 1 heading out for a fun filled day at the Green Connection off Jalan Tuaran. The students were able to observe fish and other aquatic animals in their enclosures and since being back in school this week they have produced some amazing work detailing what they saw and observed while on their field trip.

Year 3 Assembly

Following on from their very successful trip to Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park recently, Year 3 are hosting their class assembly this morning in the Multipurpose Room at 8am. I hope that as many parents as possible will be able to join us. The students have been working very hard to put together an informative and enjoyable presentation about the state of the seas around Sabah, focusing on Kota Kinabalu in particular.

Early Arrival in School

It has come to my attention recently that a number of Primary children are arriving in school very early in the morning. While we understand that for some families the morning drive can be long, we respectfully ask that if families arrive at school before 7.15am parents remain with their children, until a school staff member comes on duty.

A Few Reminders

With the holidays fast approaching, we would greatly appreciate it if parents could inform their child's class teacher at the earliest opportunity if they are leaving early for the December break. If you are going to be purchasing new school shoes for your child during the break, please keep in mind that these should be black or white. Lastly, parents are asked to ensure that their children do not wear jewellery and nail polish to school. Many thanks for your support.

Nicky Russell
Head of Primary

Secondary News

Magic at KIS!

It is the firm belief of the Modern Foreign Language Department at Kinabalu International School that studying a Foreign Language enables students to acquire mutual understanding, a sense of global citizenship and personal fulfillment. Students appreciate different countries, cultures, communities and people. By making comparisons, they also gain insight into their own language, culture and society.

This is in line with our mission statement, as we are dedicated to making our students successful world citizens. Our statement also reads, "We aim to provide a caring and respectful environment" for our students. Now, if you walk along the corridors and take a few minutes to look at the various displays, tucked away among the Secondary School lockers, you will see the MFL Department's contribution. We feel that it is good to be reminded that simple little things like

- Hi,
- How are you?
- Please,
- Thank you,

go a long way to get things done and make people feel good.

Hence the term "Magic Words." So why don't you learn them in French, Bahasa Malaysia and Mandarin and start using them on a daily basis. You will see, they really are MAGIC!!



KIS High Achieving Students Recognised by the Cambridge Examination Board (CIE)

On Thursday 17th November two students followed in the footsteps of their KIS predecessors when they were awarded certificates at the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards in Kualur Lumpur. Mrs Lucy Bernard [ICT Teacher] attended the event to represent the school and went up onto the stage to receive Laili Rozman's certificate on her behalf, as Laili could not be present. Clemence Barriere was awarded the 'High Achievement Award' in First Language French IGCSE and Laili received her award for High Achievement in Applied ICT. We are very proud of both of these young ladies and congratulate them on their awards!

Margaret Rensaw

Assistant Principal / Head of Secondary



Facing One Direction: Upcycling

JF Production KK was founded in December 2014 by a group of passionate people of different professions and backgrounds. Their mission is to make wonderful objects to beautify North Borneo, through up-cycling. They reuse and repurpose old and unwanted 'junk'.

Mr. Japson Wong is a marine biologist by training, but is now focusing full time on this upcycling venture. JF production collects unwanted materials to be used in upcycling and creates unique products, gifts, beautiful art and awesome collectables.



We now have in KIS one of his landmark structures, located near the swing playground. It is made from up-cycled materials. Normally statues face one direction; Japson's intention is to ask all people in Kota Kinabalu to stay focused in one direction: to tackle the waste issue.

At KIS, we are committed to providing a global education that creates dynamic and critically reflective learners, who work cooperatively together to create a more just, peaceful and environmentally sustainable world. In line with this goal Mr. Japson Wong was invited to share his works with our Year 9 students, bringing awareness to them on how, within the local scene, there are ongoing efforts to promote an environmentally sustainable world. The landmark structure is on exhibit in school until the end of this term. All are welcome to view this up-cycled sculpture, though we ask that all students, teachers, parents and visitors, observe conventional etiquette when viewing the outdoor exhibit.

Ms Damein Yuen

Head of the Creative & Performing Arts Department

Charity Committee

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

We are delighted to announce that Father Christmas has accepted our invitation to the KIS Christmas Fair! Hurray!

There will be a fee of RM10 to enter the Christmas Grotto where you can meet Father Christmas and receive a small gift. All proceeds from the grotto will go to the KIS charities. Parents may go into the grotto with their child and take a photograph.

The Christmas Market will also have lots of wonderful goodies for sale, ideal for Christmas gifts! A taster of the goods on sale:

- Hand crafted cards and decorations
- Christmas cake, cookies and jams
- Baskets from Penan
- Personalised pendants
- Pashminas from Nepal
- Pacos from indigenous Sabah communities
- Silver from Miri

We look forward to seeing you there!

KIS Charity Committee



Student Council Update

Student Council Christmas Angels

Dear KIS Community

Thank you to everybody who has taken an angel from our Christmas Tree. We are delighted at the quick response from the KIS family and will consider gathering more wishes from our local communities next year. This year there will be 81 individuals who will have a smile on their face when they receive your gifts.

Please return the gift, with the angel attached, to the box underneath the tree no later than Friday 2nd of December. The Student Council will then deliver all the gifts to the Care Haven Day Care Centre and the Sabah Cheshire Home before Christmas.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas.

KIS Student Council



Board of Management Update

Board of Management AGM

The Board would like to sincerely thank the 137 parents who took time out of their busy mornings on Tuesday to attend the Annual General Meeting for 2016. Unfortunately, the required quorum of 25% of eligible School Association members, which in real terms means 164 parents, was not achieved. As such, the AGM has been rescheduled to **8am on Tuesday 6th December 2016**.

A quorum is not required for this rescheduled meeting, per the Constitution, but the Board believes that it is vital that everyone who is able to attend should attend. We have eleven excellent candidates running for seven seats on the Board of Management so if you would like to have input in the direction of the school then this is an excellent opportunity to have your say. This is a parent run school and the AGM is the perfect time to have your voice heard.

At the meeting, the Chairperson's report will be presented, along with the Principal's report and a report from the Treasurer. The audited financial reports from the past year have been circulated, and these also will be presented to the parent body.

If you cannot attend the rescheduled AGM then please take the time to pick up a proxy voting form from the School Office. You can ask a fellow parent who will be attending the meeting to cast your vote for you. Please note that only two proxy votes are allowed per eligible voting member of the School Association.

For further information or for any questions that you as a parent may have about the Board, please feel free to contact the Board through our email address at: bom@kis.edu.my

KIS Board of Management

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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