



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.

30th June 2017

From the Principal

Grateful Thanks!

Late last week there was terrific excitement in the Primary School as the new Pirate Ship climbing frame was opened in the Primary Playground for students to enjoy. The new Pirate Ship replaces an old well-loved climbing frame that had to be removed last December for health and safety reasons. The school would like to thank the PTA Steering Committee (both this year's and last year's) for generously helping to fund the Pirate Ship. Without the wonderful support of the PTA the new climbing frame would not have been possible.

Hari Raya Coffee Morning

Next Tuesday morning, 4th July, a group of parents along with the PTA will be hosting a Hari Raya Coffee Morning from 8am to 10.30am in the Multi-Purpose Room. All KIS parents and staff are warmly invited to attend. On the same day, KIS students are welcome to wear traditional Hari Raya dress to school.

Competition to Name our New School Canteen

All KIS students are invited to submit a suggested name and logo for our new school canteen, which is due to open at the start of next academic year. All entries should be submitted to class teachers or tutors by Friday 7th July.

ECAs & Clubs

Parents are advised that unless otherwise communicated, **all Extra Curricular Activities and Clubs will finish for the term on Friday 7th July.**

Requests for Student Testimonials

Families who are leaving KIS at the end of the academic year are kindly asked to contact Mrs Thecla Thomas in the school office at: thecla@kis.edu.my if their son/daughter requires a testimonial. **Please understand that it takes at least a full week to prepare such documents, so please request them early.** As soon as the end of year examinations have been marked and grades have been finalised, we will start preparing documents for those students who require them. **These will be available for collection during the last week of term.**

In order to finalise your exit documentation and any deposit refunds, please also ensure you have completed the Leavers Form ([downloadable here](#)) and submitted it to Ms Tina Koroh (admissions@kis.edu.my) as soon as possible.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Alan Connah
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 29th June - Sat 1st July:	Year 4 Residential Trip
Fri 30th June:	Year 1 Trip
Sat 1st July:	Sutera 7KM Run
Mon 3rd - Weds 5th July:	Year 6 to 7 Transition Programme
Tues 4th July:	Hari Raya Coffee Morning
Fri 7th July:	Final Day of Term 3 ECAs

PRIMARY NEWS

Story Sacks

The Story Sacks Team have been working very hard this year and would like to showcase their work to the Primary classes and the KIS community on Wednesday 5th July. Everybody is welcome to drop in to the Multipurpose Room from 8.00am onwards to look at the sacks made this term. The ladies have been concentrating on the authors Eric Carle and Roald Dahl. If you are interested in finding out more about the Story Sacks Team and volunteering for next year, please do pop along next Wednesday to find out more.

Primary End of Year Reports

The Primary teachers are currently busy compiling your child's end of year reports. These will be sent home during the last week of term. They will give a comprehensive overview of how your child has progressed academically this year as well as reviewing your child's next steps with their learning. If you are leaving early for the holiday, please email me (nickyrussell@kis.edu.my) by Friday 7th July to have your reports sent to you electronically during the final week of term. Alternatively, they will be available for collection from the school office on your return to KK.

Reading Books

As the end of the academic year is approaching we need to collect in all home reading books. Please can you ensure that your child has handed in their book to their class teacher by Wednesday 5th July. Many thanks.

Foundation 2 Visit Le Meridien

On Thursday 15th June, Foundation 2 went on an excursion to Le Meridien hotel in Kota Kinabalu's city centre. The objective of the trip was to learn about different types of jobs that people in the community do and to gain a hands on insight into how an organisation operates behind the scenes. The students had prepared their own questions ahead of the trip and were able to ask staff their questions during the visit. Activities included:

- going behind the reception desk and getting their own key cards
- listening to how calls are received in the call centre
- viewing the hotel CCTV screens and learning about security
- looking at fire safety equipment and learning what happens in the event of an emergency
- learning how a bed is fully made up (we can practise at home!)
- learning how the laundry is sorted and viewing the different machines that are used
- visiting the engineering room and seeing a robot that they invented!
- watching a smoothie making demonstration and sampling the results
- touring the kitchen and pastry/cupcake decorating
- filling out an application form and writing their own staff name badge
- learning about the role of HR staff



After a lot of walking around and speaking to so many different people, it was time to rest and refuel with a delicious lunch. The students were also treated to a wonderful magic show!

The students had such a great trip, and were lucky to have had the chance to find out about so many different jobs that people do. It was both interesting and educational. Thank you Le Meridien!

Mrs Nicky Russell
Head of Primary

SECONDARY NEWS

Mathematics Day - 7th July 2017, Years 6 - 9

Following on from the Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Days next week, there is going to be an Inter-House Mathematics competition on Friday 7th July involving all students in Years 6 to 9.

Students will be working in mixed year group teams on a variety of exciting mathematical activities and challenges throughout the day and working together to earn points for their house.

Students from these year groups should come to school wearing their house t-shirts.

Mrs Sue Taylor

Head of Secondary Mathematics

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Fundraising Committee

As we approach the end of the academic year we would like to inform you of the BoM's recent decision to establish a Fundraising Committee for the 2017-2018 school year. This committee will work alongside the BoM and the PTA Steering Committee, and will raise funds for large capital expenditure projects at the school. There will be members from the BoM and the PTA Steering Committee on the new committee, as well as teaching staff. However, the Fundraising Committee's sole aim and purpose will purely be to fundraise.

To help clarify the need for this new committee, it is important to stress that our PTA Steering Committee's vision is to foster a welcoming and united International community which celebrates its diversity; enriches the lives of those in the KIS family; and champions progress and improvements. It is not to try and raise large sums of money towards major projects.

We have been approached by numerous parents within our diverse KIS community who are both enthusiastic and passionate about wanting to fundraise and who have already gained some promises of company sponsorship towards large capital project ideas. One of these is for a rooftop to be placed over our Basketball Court area. As you are aware our school's enrolment has grown over recent years but our outdoor space is limited in both size and usable space, especially during inclement weather conditions. Many of our community feel that by providing a cover to our Basketball Court area we will be able to utilise this limited space more fully, irrespective of the changeable weather conditions.

Many International and local schools already have fundraising committees and with the passionate support of our KIS community as the driving force behind this committee, we feel it is essential that we build on this momentum as a way of achieving some of the major infrastructure projects on our school's wish list. That list includes, but is not limited to, a Swimming Pool, a fully enclosed Hall and an additional Secondary Science Lab.

If you feel you have experience in this field, a little time, and some energy and enthusiasm, please get in touch as we would very much welcome your involvement in this new committee.

Thank you.

Board of Management Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the Board of Management meeting held on the 17th May are now available to download from the Letters for Parents section of the website: [Letters for Parents](#)

Cindy Reynolds

Community Liaison

PTA NEWS

Hari Raya Coffee Morning

For the first time at KIS, our Muslim parent body will be hosting a Hari Raya Coffee Morning. Parents and staff are warmly invited to join the Muslim community for a little treat on Tuesday July 4th, in the Multi-Purpose Room from 8am to 10:30am.

We do hope many of you will join us and help our Muslim community celebrate Hari Raya at KIS.

PTASC

