



# 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.

20th April 2018

## From the Principal

### Welcome to Term 3!

I do hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday with family and friends. I would also like to welcome those families who are new to KIS. Please do make yourself known to your son/daughter's teachers and to other parents. We hope that you will settle into the KIS family very quickly. If there is anything we can do help, please do not hesitate to ask.

The term ahead promises to be another very busy one, with lots of different learning activities taking place, along with IGCSE, AS and A Level Examinations for students in Years 11, 12 and 13 respectively. Please do check your email regularly for communication from the school, along with the school calendar which can be found online at: [www.kis.edu.my](http://www.kis.edu.my).

### Malaysian General Elections

The Malaysian Elections will take place on Wednesday 9th May. As a consequence, a public holiday has been declared for the day and the school will therefore be closed. Parents are asked to note this on their calendar.

### ECAs

ECAs will begin next Monday, 23rd April. Selections have been confirmed through the SchoolsBuddy system and the lists have been posted on the ECA Noticeboard, and will be there for all of next week. Payment for ECA fees is now due at the School Office. Your prompt assistance to settle these accounts would be greatly appreciated.

Parents wishing to request changes to their child(ren)'s ECAs, are kindly asked to contact the ECA Coordinator at: [eca@kis.edu.my](mailto:eca@kis.edu.my). Please note that refunds for 'Paid ECAs' can only be given for withdrawals notified on or before Friday 26th April, as we then have to pay the activity providers for the children who have registered for each club.

One late change – Unfortunately we have had to cancel all Archery Clubs as the Archery Coach is no longer available due to a family illness. We apologise for this change. We will endeavour to offer Archery again next term.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Alan Connah  
Principal

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 20th April:	Secondary Sportathon
Fri 20th April:	EYFS & KS1 Eye Screening
Sun 22nd April:	KIS booth at the Private & International School Fair,
Mon 23rd April:	ECAs commence
Mon 23rd April:	Year 11 Study Leave commences
Tues 24th April:	Year 7 Parent / Teacher Afternoon
Weds 25th April:	Primary Story Sacks Information Meeting, 8am, MPR
Fri 27th April:	EYFS & KS1 Eye Screening

# PRIMARY NEWS

## Welcome Back to Term 3

I hope that you all had a relaxing Spring Break. It was lovely to see so many parents attend the Term 3 Curriculum afternoon this week. During the talk I explained to parents the purpose of assessment and how effective assessment works in a cycle. This was followed by an explanation of the different types of assessment we use at KIS and how it helps inform your child's teaching and learning. Finally, I showed examples of the Progress Tests your children will be sitting this half term and information these results give to the teachers. If you were unable to make this talk, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me to find out more.

## Bomba Visit

Our Early Years and KS1 children were visited earlier this week by the Bomba. All the children had a lovely time looking inside the firetruck and squirting the hoses. Some lucky children were even able to wear the firemen's helmets!

## Year 3 Visit to UMS

At the end of last term Year 3 visited UMS to learn more about food and nutrition. A write up of this trip can be found on the [school website](#).

## Science Day - 2nd May

Following on from last year's successful Primary Science Day, this year is going to be even bigger and better! It will involve Secondary students too and will be on Wednesday 2nd May. Can I please ask that every Primary child (Year 1-6) brings in an empty 1.5 litre plastic bottle and gives it to their class teacher. Your child will need a bottle for one experiment so please make sure you bring one in before the 2nd of May. Thank you, Mr Green.

## Telling it Together: Reading it Together - Wednesday 25th April, 8am, MPR

Mrs Walker would like to invite Primary parents to a reading workshop, next week, focusing on Story Sacks and different ways in which you can make reading more enjoyable at home. Please join us for an informative morning designed to help you help your child.

Mrs Nicky Russell

# SPORTS NEWS

## KIS Sports Relief

Before the holidays the PE department organised the first KIS Sports Relief to raise money for The Care Haven Day Care Center. Throughout the week there were many activities during lunch time for all students to take part in for a small donation. The highlight was on Wednesday afternoon when 30 Primary students took on the staff at Kwik Cricket. Fun was had by all students as well as the teachers who, unfortunately, lost this time. A rematch is in the process of being arranged for Term 3!

During Secondary lunch on Wednesday the Secondary students played the teachers in a 7 aside football match. Teachers from both Primary and Secondary showed off their football skills against the Y9-11 team. Unfortunately for the students, goals from Mr Colbeck and Mr Walker saw the teachers win 3-1.

The KIS Sports Relief concluded on Thursday at break time, with a dance to 'This is Me' from The Greatest Showman. Students as young as F2, all the way up to Year 10, came together to perform the dance alongside teachers. It was personally the highlight for me; to see students of all ages and abilities come together to perform a powerful and very poignant song.

Two weeks prior to KIS Sports Relief the PE Department challenged everyone to total their kilometres travelled (on foot and through sport) to see if we could collectively travel around the island of Borneo. We managed to travel just over 2,000km, which was half way!

The main reason behind these fun activities and collection of sponsorship was to raise money for others less fortunate than us and as a school we managed to raise just over RM1,900! Well done to all the students who participated in the activities, collected sponsorship money or made a donation. It is greatly appreciated and will go to a good cause.

Miss Woodland

## Swimming Gala

On Thursday 22nd of March around 350 students from Year 3 to Year 13 gathered together at the Likas Sports Complex for the 2018 KIS Swimming Gala!

All the students had been practising their swimming strokes, technique and improving their stamina throughout Term 2 and were prepared to demonstrate the skills they had learnt. The atmosphere was full of excitement and apprehension. Everyone was ready to do their best in their individual and relay races to try and win as many points for their House. As a result, several school records were broken, in some races not only once but twice! The school record for Girls 50m Backstroke was broken by Destinee. She also broke the school record for Girls 50m Breaststroke, along with Nikita. On the boys' side, Dean improved his own two-year-old record in Boys 50m Butterfly. The points were accumulated throughout the whole competition, including the teacher relays and water polo games. This year it was very tight with only two points between first and second position. Sulug were once again the victors!

Thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer for their children, the PTA for their help with the medals and snacks and to all staff for their support during the day! And, most importantly, the real heroes of the day; all the students who participated and competed in various races and made the 2018 KIS Swimming Gala as special and successful as it was!

Mrs Beltran

## PE Department

