



# 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 May 2018

## From the Principal

### Kaamatan Festival

This morning the school will celebrate 'Pesta Kaamatan' between 8.30am and 9.30am. The PTA have very kindly arranged for a local cultural dance troupe to perform a number of traditional dances such as the 'Anggalang Magunatip', 'Sumazau' and the incredible 'Bamboo Dance'. The PTA will also be running a Sabahan Snack and Handicraft Stall for students, parents and staff. Parents are warmly invited to join us for the dancing, which will be held on the school playground, and the Hinava demonstration, which will follow immediately afterwards. On behalf of the school I would like to thank the PTA for kindly sponsoring the dancing and for hosting the celebrations.

### Hari Raya Aidilfitri

As we come to the end of Ramadan I would like to extend warmest Hari Raya Aidilfitri greetings to all the KIS community. Next Friday, 15th June, the school will be closed for the Hari Raya celebrations. This is a special time of year in Malaysia where it is tradition to hold an "open house" and to invite family and friends to celebrate and share together. On behalf of the school, I wish everyone a very pleasant and festive holiday.



### Parent Teacher Association

On behalf of the KIS community I would like to thank the outgoing 2017-18 PTA Steering Committee for all their efforts over the last year. This year's committee consisted of Nicole Gervasi (Chair) Martini Tahir and Milena Salgado Lynn (Co-Vice Chairs), Kelly Chin (Secretary), Jenny Ngu and Ivy Yap (Co-Treasurers), Brigitte Le Meur and Anne Le Goff (Class Ambassador Representatives), and Pauline Ma and Mary Tek. During the year, they have been very ably supported by Gina Pang (Board of Management Representative) and Karen Wallace (Teacher Representative).

While only a small committee they have undertaken a very busy calendar of successful events and activities in support of our school. In addition, they have supported the New Friends of KIS Team and the Story Sacks Group. Furthermore, during the year the PTA have generously funded many events, while at the same time raising over RM15,000.

Apart from those people already mentioned, I would like to thank Ratna Powell and Gina Pang for coordinating the New Friends of KIS Team and Liz Wu for coordinating the Story Sacks Group.

Details about the newly elected PTA Steering Committee for 2018-19 will be published in a future Newsletter.

### 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.

### Lost and Found

We have an increasing number of items in our Lost and Found box. If your child is missing any items (lunch boxes, water bottles, school uniform, swimming towels etc) we will be displaying them at the front of school this Friday afternoon between 2pm and 3pm. It would be great to see all these items returned to their rightful homes.

### 2017-18 Yearbook

The much awaited 2017-18 KIS Yearbook is now available and is being distributed to families. Should you require an additional copy these are available to purchase from the School Office at a cost of RM 50 per book.

## New Staff Introductions

**Toby Bowles – Individual Needs Teacher**

Warm greetings to all the KIS community! My name is Toby Bowles and I am originally from Dorset, England. I studied Criminology at Cardiff University and after finishing my degree, I completed a PGCE in Primary Education specialising in Special Educational Needs. I then moved to Exeter, where I was a Year 2 Teacher before returning to Dorset where I worked as a Year 2, 3 and 4 Teacher.

I really enjoy travelling and learning about different cultures. This led me to spend some time living alongside the Maasai Tribe in Tanzania. I have spent the last two years teaching in the Cayman Islands as a Support for Learning Teacher, which has been a wonderful experience.

I like to keep fit and healthy and love being outdoors. I am extremely excited to be joining KIS and look forward to supporting the children as part of the Individual Learning Needs team.

Toby Bowles

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend

**Alan Connah**  
Principal



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Friday 8th June:</b>	Harvest Festival Celebration
<b>Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June:</b>	KIS Roadshow at City Mall
<b>Monday 11th June:</b>	Year 13 Graduation
<b>Tuesday 12th June:</b>	Board of Management Meeting
<b>Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th June:</b>	Year 12 Careers Days
<b>Thursday 14th June:</b>	Years 11, 12 and 13 Prom
<b>Friday 15th June:</b>	Public Holiday - School Closed

# PRIMARY NEWS

## Reading Book Collection

To enable staff to ensure we have enough quality home reading books for all students, we will be collecting all books in by Friday 22nd June. Please ensure that your child returns their home reader by this time, thank you.

## Leaving Early for the Holiday

It is getting very close to the end of the school year now, and your child's class teacher is already working on their End of Year Report. Reports will be issued on Monday 2nd July. If you are leaving school before this time, please send an email to me at: [nickyrussell@kis.edu.my](mailto:nickyrussell@kis.edu.my) and I will email you your child's school report and Progress Test results during the final week of term. Hard copies of the reports will be available for collection from the school office upon your return to KK.

## Uniform Reminders

A gentle reminder that at KIS we request students to be in full uniform all the time unless otherwise advised. This includes foot ware. Parents and students are reminded that the correct footwear is predominantly black or white shoes or trainers. Shoes with colourful laces or pictures are strongly discouraged. Also, other than a single pair of stud earrings for girls, jewellery, unless it is of a religious nature is not to be worn. Thank you ever so much for your support with this.

## Request for Role-Play Costumes

Key Stage One are trying to extend their continuous provision resources and are on the hunt for role-play costumes. If you have any old role-play, character or fancy dress costumes at home that are no longer used by your child or no longer fit your child; please donate them to the Key Stage One department via Mrs Walker. Many thanks.

**Mrs Nicky Russell**

Head of Primary

# SECONDARY NEWS

## Global Citizenship - FIFA World Cup 2018

From 14th June, 32 countries from around the world will go head-to-head in Russia to contest who will have the right to hoist aloft the FIFA World Cup Trophy at the culmination of the biggest tournament on the planet on 15th July. Four years ago, Germany reigned supreme in the Maracanã Stadium in Brazil after conquering Lionel Messi's Argentina, and this year's competition looks to be just as thrilling, with big teams and megastars competing on the World's biggest stage – 695 million people tuned in to watch the final in 2014! How many will this time?

The Football FIFA World Cup allows for countries of vastly differing populations, cultures and landscapes to come together in the name of competition, and as such, provides a fantastic opportunity to learn about other nations. In accordance with this chance to engage with global citizenship and understanding, each Secondary Tutor Group from Year 7 to Year 10 will be allocated four teams from this year's tournament which they will 'adopt' for the duration of their stay in Russia.

Once allocated, each mini-team within each Tutor Group will be given time to research, investigate and discover as much information about their adopted country as possible, with the aim being to enhance global awareness of other cultures, traditions, and even potential issues which may be present and ongoing in their respective countries. The expansion of knowledge about the world as a whole can only be a good thing, and why not use this exciting occasion to do so?

Alongside the educational aspect, there may also be a selection of prizes available for those mini-groups lucky enough to have adopted the winners, runners-up and third-place-playoff teams too! So it really is all to play for! As 7K Tutor, I have already convinced myself that Iceland are without a doubt going to emerge victorious after defeating Brazil 7-6 in the final...

The random draw of teams is as follows:

7K - Iceland, Croatia, Germany, Australia

7S - Morocco, Egypt, Panama, Colombia

8K - Spain, Nigeria, England, Costa Rica

8S - Japan, Switzerland, South Korea, Tunisia

9K - France, Denmark, Serbia, Russia

9S - Uruguay, Saudi Arabia, Poland, Peru

10K - Iran, Mexico, Senegal, Argentina

10S - Brazil, Belgium, Sweden, Portugal

Good luck to all, and enjoy cheering on your new teams in the beautiful game!

**Mr Andy Withers**

Teacher of English and Year 7 Form Tutor

# CHARITY COMMITTEE

## Summer Fair - Friday 29th June

The KIS Charity Committee's Summer Fair will raise funds for UNICEF through an afternoon of fun activities for students, parents and staff.

We have organised many entertaining games! Back by popular demand is Wet Sponge Throwing, where members of our teaching team will line up for a soaking by the most accurate aims! There's going to be 'Hoop Shoot' - how many baskets can you get in one minute? We'll also have 'Penalty Shoot Out' and 'Beat the Teacher Ping Pong'.

The Summer Fair is a games and activities afternoon dedicated to having fun! There are no prizes to be won; the objective is to have a great family afternoon and raise money for a very worthy cause. Those who score top in specific activities, like 'Hoop Shoot' can earn house points. More details about this and how many house points can be earned will be released closer to the date.

All games and activities will be paid for using tickets and cost RM 1 each. Books of tickets in sets of RM 5, RM 10 and RM 20 will go on sale on Monday 25th June.

Refreshments: The Primary School Council are preparing the Cake Stall, as no Summer Fair is complete without one! The Secondary School Student Council are getting all the goodies ready for the BBQ, and the PTA are stocking up the fridge and freezer with drinks and ice cream.

We look forward to seeing you there to support our event.

Please note that on the day of the Fair school will finish at 1pm for Early Years, Primary and Secondary. All students need to be collected and accompanied by a parent or guardian during the Summer Fair.

The KIS Charity Committee

Ms Sharon Rose

Charity Liaison Officer

# BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UPDATE

## Board of Management Meeting - 12th June

The Board will be meeting this Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June at 6pm for the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the 2017-2018 period. If you have any matter that you would like to bring up at this meeting, please contact us at [bom@kis.edu.my](mailto:bom@kis.edu.my). We would love to hear from you and take on board your input.

KIS Board of Management

# PTA NEWS

## Thank you from the Outgoing PTASC

We would like to thank all of the parents who attended the AGM yesterday. Details will follow in the next newsletter introducing your new PTASC for 2018-2019.

We would also like to thank the tireless work of the parents who have organised today's Harvest Festival celebration, which we are sure will be a great success.

Finally, the PTASC this year has had an incredibly successful year, celebrating the diversity of KIS through numerous events. We would like to thank all of the parents, teachers and staff for always helping us make these events happen. As Chairperson, I would personally like to thank the PTASC team for their tremendous support, ideas and energy throughout the year and for the laughter and friendship we have shared along the way.

Nicole Gervasi  
PTASC