



# 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.

1st December 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

At the start of the week our Secondary students had a wonderful **Leadership Assembly** and it was an excellent opportunity for our students to showcase what they had been doing and are working on for the near future. I was delighted to see our students at the heart of the school and leading others to support our community.

On the same day we had our **Open Day** and thank you to Ms Burns for organising, along with the support of our parents. We had quite some interest for the Secondary school and later on in the morning some late arrivals for the Primary school. We look forward, as always, to welcoming new families.

Whilst it was unfortunate that we were unable to celebrate **Deepavali** with dance, I would like to thank our Hindu community for their presentation of a shawl this week to mark and honour the recent festival, it was very much appreciated.

Our parents continue to support KIS in so many ways and we are very grateful for their involvement. I had the wonderful opportunity to pop in on our **Story Sack group** who have been working industriously on a new project involving bean bags and cushions. Collectively they have produced a wonderful and fantastic range of soft furnishings for use in the school. I can't wait to see the children using them, they will be delighted. Many, many thanks to our Story Sack Mums, great job.



Starting yesterday, and throughout the weekend, our young swimmers are taking part in a swim meet. Over twenty of our younger students will be competing in the **PREPS Swimming Competition** at Penampang Sports Complex. Go Stingrays! We wish them all the very best and look forward to the results.

Swimming is a great form of exercise and helps keep young (and old) bodies healthy, I have no doubt that all of us are aware of the benefit of exercise. I am sure we are all aware of the need for children to have a **healthy diet** to complement the benefits of exercise. So, I was somewhat surprised to learn that a number of our younger students are bringing in fast food burgers and fries for their lunch. I understand that children (and some adults) like fast food, but it should not be part of their school lunches on a regular basis. On occasion it may be OK, but not all the time.

Next Wednesday, will be the first of the **Coffee Mornings** in the MPR after drop off. This will be an opportunity to meet the School Leadership Team and discuss the development taking place at school and also a chance for us to listen to your thoughts about KIS. Look out for the posters around school for further details.

Further on in this week's newsletter you can find more information about our **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 8th December. There are many ways you can get involved and we look forward to seeing you and your families on the day. To help us get into the Christmas spirit we have a number of occasions coming up to see and hear your little angels singing **Christmas Carols**. Do check your emails regularly for further information.

Please be advised that **invoices** for Term 2 will be sent home with students next week. Please do contact the Finance Department ([finance@kis.edu.my](mailto:finance@kis.edu.my)) if you do not receive yours.

Finally, the news you have all been waiting for. If you didn't receive the letter yesterday, we will no longer be continuing the daily health check for **HFMD**, however I do urge you to continue checking your own children before you bring them to school. My sincere thanks to all of our staff who have been partaking in the morning ritual. To our parents, students and staff, your patience and support during this time was very much appreciated.

I wish you a lovely weekend,

Yours faithfully,

Ian Gross, Principal



# Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd December:	PREPS U12 Swimming Competition
Tuesday 4th December:	Year 12 & 13 Parents Afternoon
Wednesday 5th December:	Drop Off & Drop In Coffee Morning, 8am MPR Year 7 History Trip Y9 Sabah State Art Gallery Visit Year 4 Residential Meeting Le Meridien Choir Performance
Thursday 6th December:	EYFS Christmas Carols Performance (8:30am)
Friday 7th December:	Year 1 Class Assembly
Saturday 8th December:	Christmas Fair, 10am - 12pm

## Primary News

This week, the Early Years students have been busy rehearsing for their concert next week. As I have walked around Primary I have heard the students singing Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and getting very excited about the upcoming festive season. I hope that as many EYFS parents, families and friends as possible can join us next Thursday morning for the performance.

Years 3-5 are also working hard to prepare for their evening Christmas Sing-a-long on Wednesday 12th December. Please do not forget that all costumes are due in to school by Thursday 6th December.



### PREPS Swimming Competition

Yesterday morning I was out of school supporting our students at the 10th Preps Swimming Competition, hosted at Penampang Swimming Pool. It was lovely to see so many of our students trying their hardest and swimming well in their heats against some very tough competition. I would like to wish our team, and all other KIS swimmers who are swimming for their own club teams, all the best this weekend as the competition continues today and tomorrow.

### Y1 MERC Trip

School was a very quiet place yesterday as Year 1 were out of school all day yesterday at Gaya Island. They visited the Marine Ecology Research Center at Gayana Eco-Resort to learn more about the Giant Clams that inhabit the seas near here, as well as to help in the rebuilding of the coral reefs by planting their own pieces of coral. This is a tradition that was started some years ago by our current Year 5 students when they were in Year 1 and I am very pleased to see that it has continued and that some of our students are trying hard to help rebuild our marine habitats.

Mrs Nicky Russell  
**Head of Primary**

### Year 6 AIMS Maths Competition Update

At the end of last week I received all the results for the AIMS Maths Competition. I am very pleased to announce that out of 33 teams 'The Maths Wizards' (made up of Amanda, Yi Chen, Celine and Aaron) came 20th and 'School of Victory' (made up of Sunny, Pik Yen, Amy and Amiel) came 12th.

A massive congratulations to both teams!

Mrs Karen Wallace  
Head of Primary Mathematics

### Housepoint Totals

Another exciting week of hard work and learning has come to an end across Primary and it is reflected in the Housepoint Totals that were collected by our House Captains. Overall, the Primary Houses collected a massive 745 points which gave the following totals:

In 3rd place with 229 points is .  
In 2nd place with 230 points is  
In 1st place with 286 points is Sapi.

Congratulations to Sapi who retain the top spot this week! Keep working hard for those housepoints everyone and see if you can get your House on top next week

### Bronze Awards

As we near the end of the term, it is lovely to see so many students across all of Primary earning their Bronze Awards for 40 housepoints. This week, we awarded a massive 32 certificates and saw our very first F1 pupil achieve their Bronze Award! This is the highest number of certificates I have ever had to present and I am so proud of all our students for their hard work and continued efforts. You are all truly an inspiration!

F1: Ollie	F2: Feyra, Christopher and Aisyah
Year 1S: Kaye	Year 2K: Blossom, Kayleen, Seoyun, Shenee, Tapashya and Aidan
Year 3K: Alden, Bryan, Helena, Oliver, Theophile and Yi Han,	Year 3S: Ada, Boey, Janesse, Lucas, Lung Ip, Marsya, Princexx and Zidane
Year 5S: Sarah, Marco and Ana	Year 6K: Adam, Amiel and Miqail
Year 6S: Krish	

Who will be on the honour roll for next week?

Mrs Sarah Fletcher  
Year 5 Class Teacher

## Secondary News

### A Level Biology Field Trip

This week we hear from one of our Year 13 students:

*As A level Biology students we were given the incredible opportunity to visit Dr Nicholas Pilcher’s Marine Research Foundation last weekend. This trip helped consolidate our learning about Ecology and Conservation, a chapter we study in this year’s syllabus. The research on marine turtles was being conducted on Mantanani Island, where we met up with Dr Pilcher and his team. We were fortunate enough to interact with the turtles and record data on the weight and size of each of the turtles. We also observed the laparoscopy procedure being done to determine the gender of the turtle, as there is a rising problem in the sex ratio imbalance. Being able to observe how meticulously the team analysed and handled the turtles gave us an insight into research techniques and the importance of conservation and marine biology today. Dr Pilcher also explained the importance of research and how it has impacted global policies for conservation.*

*As well as visiting the research team, we took advantage of the being on Mantanani and conducted several investigations on coral reefs, litter and algae concentration on the beach. We collected some interesting data to find correlations and analysed it using key statistical tests which is a skill required for A Level Biology.*

*Overall it was an unforgettable trip and we are very grateful to Ms Service, Dr Pilcher and his team for allowing us to visit his research centre.*

Nishita

Mrs Margaret Renshaw  
Deputy Principal and Head of Secondary





## Secondary Maths Challenge

The Secondary Weekly Maths Challenge can be found here:

<http://kismaths.pbworks.com/w/page/125944556/Weekly%20Maths%20Challenge>

## PE and Sports News

### Badminton Success

A huge congratulations to Kon Han from 7K, who last weekend represented Sabah in the U12 age group of the 100PLUS National Inter State Championships held in Kelantan. Together with her doubles partner, Kon Han took out 3rd place in a very competitive tournament.

Kon Han regularly competes in National level competitions for Badminton and so I am sure this will not be the last news of her successes we are able to write about. Congratulations Kon Han!

### Golfers in Kuching

During the week, four students from Year 5 to Year 9 have been teeing off on the golf course taking part in the Chief Minister's Cup in Kuching. Whilst first reports are that all four boys are playing very well, we will have to wait till next week for a full report of their achievements.

The students taking part are Caleb (5S), David (8K), Benedict (8K) and Timothy (9S). All four boys will also form part of the KIS FOBISIA Golf Team who will travel to Hua Hin in Thailand for the competition in March, 2019. Valuable competition practice for all involved!

### PREPS Swim Meet

Over the course of 3 days from Friday 30th November to Sunday 2nd December, 21 students from Year 2 to Year 7 will be diving into action representing the KIS Stingrays at the Preps Swim competition being held at Penampang Pool. Our Stingrays are taking part in a very full swim schedule over the 3 days and I am sure we will hear many reports of personal bests and maybe even some winners on the podium as they compete against swimmers from other regional swim clubs.

Best of luck to all our Stingrays and stay tuned next week for a full report of all the action!

Ms Catriona Watt  
Head of PE and Sport



# Christmas Fair

## KIS Christmas Fair 8th December 10am - 12pm

We are delighted to announce that Santa has accepted our invitation to the KIS Christmas Fair. HOORAY!!! For only RM10 children can meet Santa in his new and improved secret Christmas Grotto, where he will give them a small gift. Parents may go into the Grotto with their child and take a photo.

The Christmas Market will also have lots of wonderful goodies for sale. Here is just a taster:

Handmade pouches and pencil cases  
Cakes, cookies, cupcakes and sweets  
Books for all ages  
Christmas candles and family portraits  
Borneo Tribal Inspired - scarves, handbags, shirts  
Essential oils and accessories  
Christmas decorations  
... and many more gift ideas

There will be lots of games and activities for the children. Games and activities will cost between RM1 to RM5. Starting on Monday 3rd December, you will be able to guess the name of the teddy, guess how many sweets are in the jar and choose a square on the treasure map. You will find these activities by the ice cream stall near the lunch benches. The winners will be announced on Saturday 8th December at the end of the Christmas Fair. (We are still accepting gifts for the Tombola.)

We look forward to seeing all of KIS there to enjoy a morning of festive fun.

Sharon Rose  
**Fair Coordinator**



# Eco Warriors

## Snack Box Challenge Update

This Thursday our KIS Eco Warriors were out in the playground again collecting in our single-use waste at snack time. It was counted up during the lunch break and the students were very pleased to see a reduction in this week's total:

The totals were as follows:

F1 + F2 = 9, Y1 = 9, Y2 = 14, Y3 = 16, Y4 = 18, Y5 = 14, Y6 = 12 and a grand total of 92.

Well done to F1/F2 and Y1 for having the lowest amount of single-use plastic - a great effort!  
Let's see if we can reduce it even further by next week!

Ms Laura Marriott  
**Eco Warriors Committee**

# PTA News

## KIS Christmas Fair 8th December 10am - 12pm

Christmas is a special time at KIS, it is lovely to see students, our children, actively participating in charitable causes. The Student Council is collecting gifts again this year, please do support them by collecting one paper angel or more from the Christmas tree in the covered walkway. This year's Christmas Fair is on Saturday, 8th December, we would like to appeal to everyone's generosity by donating prizes to the Student Council to make this event a success.

Years 3 to 5 will have a Christmas Sing-A-Long on the evening of Tuesday, 12th December, at the School Hall. There will be a Christmas get-together after their performance, it will be wonderful if parents can bring a plate of festive treats or drinks to share. More details will be communicated via Class Ambassadors soon.

The PTA would like to invite parents to help decorate the school and hand out cookies to students and staff:

**Decorating the School**

Date: Monday, 3rd December

Time: 7:30am (at drop off time) onwards

Place: Covered walkway

**Santa Cookies Delivery**

Date: Wednesday, 12th December

Time: 7:30am (at drop off time) onwards

Place: Covered walkway

Thank you and have a great weekend.

**PTASC**