



**NEWSLETTER (60) TO PARENTS**

**April 2010**

**Dear Parents,**

**Dates for Your Diary**

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| Wesak Day Holiday                | : Friday 28.05.10.                       |
| School Holiday                   | : Monday 31.05.10.                       |
| School Holiday                   | : Monday 07.06.10. – Wednesday 09.06.10. |
| End of Term 3 (TIS)              | : Wednesday 21.07.10.                    |
| End of Term 2 (SST)              | : Wednesday 28.07.10.                    |
| Start of Term 3 (SST)            | : Monday 16.08.10.                       |
| Start of Term 1, 2010/11 (TIS)   | : Wednesday 25.08.10.                    |
| Merdeka Holiday                  | : Tuesday 31.08.10.                      |
| End of Term 3 (SST)/Term 1 (TIS) | : Tuesday 30.11.10.                      |

**Environment Week**

The school had its first 'Environment Week' this week. Activities on this theme varied across the school, with students in the primary school looking at areas such as deforestation, recycling, the Greenhouse



Effect, protecting the ocean, disappearing habitats and endangered animals. Dato' Dr. Dionysius Sharma, CEO of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) gave a talk in assembly to secondary students, raising awareness of endangered animals and the impact that humans have on their environment. All students were given the



opportunity to enter two competitions, one for an information poster and the other for an essay writing competition based on environmental issues. The winners will be announced at a later date. The Year 4 and Standard 4 students did a wonderful performance to the school and their parents about the value of the planet's natural environment and its resources. Year 4 students also attended a talk led by the WWF in relation to their IPC topic of 'Rainforests'.

**Next "Recycle for Merits" Campaign – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May (From Ms. Lai Ken: Earth Club Coordinator)**

The Earth Club wishes to thank the Tenby community for participating in our Recycle for Merits campaign last month. It is uplifting to see the level of enthusiasm amongst Tenby students who wholeheartedly joined in the effort.

Results of the Recycle for Merits Campaign by Houses:

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Winning House    | : Tiger   |
| First Runner-Up  | : Falcon  |
| Second Runner-Up | : Phoenix |
| Third Runner-Up  | : Dragon  |

To continue with our aim to cultivate greener living practices, we will be having another collection drive on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. So remember to save your recyclables and deliver them to school! See you – same time, same place!!



## **Points to Note for Parents...**

### Identity Tags

As mentioned in the newsletter at the end of last term, parents were asked to ensure that their identity cards were worn visibly whilst on campus so that unauthorised persons can be identified at a glance. Checks so far this term have found that parents had forgotten to bring their identity cards to school, left them in the car, put them in their handbags/pockets and a few did not have one at all!

Therefore, we appeal to ALL parents, drivers, maids and those who are part of our school community to wear their identity cards visibly whilst on campus. Those who do not have an identity card need to go to the Reception Desk to apply for one as a matter of urgency. We are doing our part to try to improve security within the campus, so please help us to help you.

### Parents of Early Years and Key Stage 1

Please be clear that classes for Early Years and Key Stage 1 students start at 08:30hrs and 07:45hrs respectively. Once you have dropped off your child, please make it a point to leave the campus thereafter. Lingering in the Early Years Block or on campus is disruptive to lessons. All parents should be off-site by 08:00hrs (Key Stage 1) and 08:30hrs (Early Years).

### Cafeteria

If you choose to eat or drink in the Cafeteria, please remember to clear your plates, cutlery, cups and rubbish. There is a place for used items and rubbish by the 'Pick-up/Drop-off' area. It is important that we all model a good example for our students.

### Parking Bays in Front of the Foyer

Please note that only staff cars are allowed to drive into the Foyer and park in the bays directly in front of it.

### Driving on Campus

Please can the drivers of the following vehicles be aware of their speed whilst driving on campus. Vehicle Registration Nos.: RD7777 & BKP2623

### Car Pooling

If you bring your child(ren) to school and are willing to help another parent with transport, please contact Mrs. Low 012-3770908 for Sierramas West (Sungei Buloh) area and Ms. Samana Khan 016-206 8109 for Section 13 Shah Alam.

### **Swimming Costumes**

Tenby Swimming costumes, caps and goggles have finally arrived and are available for purchase from the school shop.

### **Sports Updates**

#### Saturday Sports Coaching

We will be offering extra football coaching for Primary students and extra swimming training for Primary and Secondary students on Saturday mornings.

*Pupils interested in either of the above should collect a registration form from the respective school office. Completed forms along with cheques (made payable to 'Tenby World Sdn Bhd') should be handed to the respective coach at the first session, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Details of the exact amount for the sessions are on the respective forms.*

#### Upcoming Events

- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Boys' and Girls' U9 football tournament @ elc
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – KS3 Inter-house Softball competition. This is during class time and all Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils must bring their PE kit, sunscreen, hat and water bottle.

### **MSSD Tennis Championship**

The MSSD Tennis Championship was held in Kelana Jaya from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April. The contestants from the school did incredibly well, with all singles champions qualifying to represent the district of Petaling Perdana in the MSS Selangor (MSSS, state level Championship). MSSS will be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at MBPJ, Kelana Jaya. We are proud to announce the results as follows:

### **Group P12**

1. Sasha Nair (6N) – Singles Silver Medallist
2. Sasha Nair (6N) & Sophia (5S) – Doubles Silver Medallists

### **Group Girls Under 15**

1. Hiroki (9N) – Singles Bronze Medallist
2. Michael (8E) & Brandon (8N) - Doubles Silver Medallists

### **Group P15**

1. Jia Xin (8E) – Singles Silver Medallist
2. Jia Xin (8E) & Li Shyen (8E) – Doubles Gold Medallists

### **Group L18**

1. Kieron (10N) – Singles Gold Medallist

### **Group P18**

1. Sue May (10T) – Singles Bronze Medallist
2. Sue May (10T) & Mei-Li (10N) – Doubles Bronze Medallists

### **The International Competition & Assessment for Schools (ICAS) for Science (From Mrs Lim: Acting Head of Science)**

The ICAS for Science competition will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Students will need to bring along 2B pencils, ruler, eraser and calculator for the competition.

### **Maybank- Money Tree Scholarship (SST)**

We are happy to announce that we are one of the fifteen schools selected to participate in this programme.

The objectives of this initiative are as follows:-

- To promote awareness amongst students on the importance of financial literacy
- To help students develop the right money habits & mindset
- To help students develop entrepreneurial mindset & skills

The benefits of this initiative are as follows:-

- Free introductory lessons for selected Form1, 2 & 4 students  
There will be four one hour sessions, conducted on a weekly basis and a certificate of participation will be given to students completing the programme
- Lively & 'hands-on' lessons
- Scholarship for continuity programmes in Moneytree. Maybank will offer up to a 30% scholarship for students who wish to continue with Moneytree's programmes like Moneytree CCA at school, Moneytree Holiday Camps and Moneytree Academy Programmes. Interested students can apply for this scholarship when the application forms are released at the end of the month.

### **Tenby's Biological Science Garden**

We are in the process of setting up two areas to be used as Science Gardens. The aim of these gardens is to encourage and help our students in the study of plant species and natural habitats.

### **Prize giving ceremonies for Language Week's Competitions & World Maths Day Medallists (SST)**



Primary Prize Winners



The above prizes for the various competitions held during the Language Week (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March) and World Mathematics Day competition were presented to the children in two separate ceremonies. Students were given books or book vouchers as prizes. Congratulations to all the winners for Bahasa

Melayu, English and Chinese Language. It is great to see many children speaking confidently in front of an audience during this week.

Appreciation is also given to all the teachers who contributed to the children's successes and for all the preparation done for the competitions.



Secondary Prize Winners



World Maths Day Competition Winners

### **Relay for Life KL, 2010 – From the National Cancer Society of Malaysia (NCSM)**

NCSM will be staging its 4<sup>th</sup> Relay for life (RFL) on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the MSN Training Stadium Bukit Jalil from 6.00pm to 10.00am the next day. RFL is an overnight community-based, fundraising and awareness event; uniting millions of people across six continents in the fight against cancer. With the tagline, *Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back!* RFL KL 2010 offers everyone the opportunity to:

- *Celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer and find inspiration in the strength of the survivors as they continue the fight*
- *Remember loved ones who have fallen in their fight. At the Relay we walk side by side with people affected by cancer to find healing and solace*
- *Fight Back! By participating in the Relay we aim to raise the bar on the awareness of cancer and put an end to the disease.*

You can be involved in the following ways:

1. Team Recruitment

We welcome teams to RFL. Registration fee is RM15.00 for individual participation and RM150.00 for a team of 10 people. A free RFL T-shirt is given upon registration. Teams can walk around the track with their organisation banner and participate in the most-creatively-dressed-team competition and other activities. **PRE-REGISTER IN MAY 2010 TO BEAT THE CROWD.**

2. Camping Out

As RFL is an overnight event there will be tents available at RM50.00 per tent. Why not join in the best decorated tent competition? There are attractive prizes up for grabs.

3. Luminaria Ceremony

The Luminaria Ceremony is the essence of RFL. Come and experience this magical and inspirational moment which happens at dusk. It is a time when we honour cancer survivors and remember those lost to the disease. Luminaria Bags are sold at RM1.00 each. Decorate the bag, write your message of hope on it, hand it in at the Luminaria counter on May 29<sup>th</sup> and we will do the rest.

4. Activities, Games and Competitions

There will be various activities, fun games and competitions for all throughout the event. Theme laps will be included where participants join in mass movement and get to feel a little bit of what the cancer journey involves.

Registration forms are available from the Tenby Reception Desk for those who are interested in participating. For more information on RFL KL and to view photos of last year's event please visit the website at [www.cancer.org.my](http://www.cancer.org.my). Should you require further clarification, contact Elizabeth/Rozi at 03-26987300 or email [rfl@cancer.org.my](mailto:rfl@cancer.org.my)

### **TIS: Fees for the School Year Beginning September, 2010 (From Mr. Chua, Director of Schools)**

It is our policy at Tenby Schools to provide high quality international education whilst maintaining school fees at an affordable level. Since the school opened in September 2008, we have worked hard to improve the school facilities, to purchase teaching resources and equipment, especially for subjects such as music, science, design-technology and PE and most importantly to recruit good quality teachers, both Malaysians and expatriates. In doing so we have absorbed most of the costs that have been incurred, with only a small increase in fees for the primary year groups in 2009 and no increases in either early years or secondary years.

We wish to continue to improve the school and the quality of education that we provide. We want to continue to recruit teachers of high quality and, of equal importance, to retain those we have.

We have over the past few months been looking very closely at our budget and plans for the next year. It has become clear that we can only continue to develop the school and improve the quality of education at Tenby International School with an increase in fees for most year groups from September.

The school fees for the 2010-2011 school year at Tenby International School will therefore be as follows:

| <b>Level</b> | <b>Term Fee (RM)</b> |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Nursery      | RM 3,200             |
| Reception    | RM 3,200             |
| Year 1       | RM 3,500             |
| Year 2       | RM 4,200             |
| Year 3       | RM 4,900             |
| Year 4       | RM 5,300             |
| Year 5       | RM 5,700             |
| Year 6       | RM 6,000             |
| Year 7       | RM 7,000             |
| Year 8       | RM 7,000             |
| Year 9       | RM 8,000             |
| Year 10      | RM 8,600             |
| Year 11      | RM 8,600             |

We have tried to keep the increases to a minimum but we are confident that with careful budgeting and control of expenditure these fees will enable us to continue to develop the school and provide a high quality international education at less cost to parents than at comparable international schools in Kuala Lumpur and the Klang Valley.

#### **Future Newsletters**

This will be the last newsletter that is e-mailed out to parents. From next week, the newsletter will be uploaded onto the school's website and will only be accessible via the following link: <http://www.tenby.edu.my/setiaecopark/newsletter>. Newsletters will be uploaded on Fridays or Saturdays of each week. This is to ensure that all parents have access to reading the newsletter as the current system of e-mail has had its issues with mailboxes being too full or parents not receiving it at all.

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