



NEWSLETTER (63) TO PARENTS

May 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Dates for Your Diary

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.

Maybank Moneytree Scholarship Programme

This programme provides free financial literacy classes for Secondary students for four weeks. The programme began on Monday 10th May. Seventy students took part, from Forms 1- 5, following the programme within their year groups. The students enjoyed themselves within a simulated environment, handling the topic of trade and learning some basic financial principles.



Students who are interested in joining the programme will be given one last opportunity to register by Monday 17th May. Please report to the facilitator in charge of the class to follow the lesson.



This programme will also be extended to the Primary children at the end of the month. Parents are reminded to register when announcement is made via the newsletter.

Program Cerdik Baca (SST Primary)

This programme was launched on Wednesday 12th May and will be carried out every week to encourage children to read Bahasa Melayu passages prepared by our Bahasa teachers. During the reading time, they will be guided to build up their vocabulary command of Bahasa words.

Tenby TV

A new 42" flat screen television has been placed into the Cafeteria for messages to be broadcast to staff, students and parents. Tenby TV goes live on Monday 17th May.

Second Hand Uniform

Just to let you know that clean second-hand uniform is available for purchase from the Bookshop from now onwards.

'Lost & Found' Items

Despite appeals to parents to ensure that items belonging to students are clearly labelled with students' name and class, the amount of lost property seems to be on the rise. Keeping lost property is unhygienic and unpleasant for those who manage it. Therefore, with effect from **Monday 31st May, there will not be any more lost property kept at school.**

As such, parents need to ensure that all items belonging to students are marked clearly with their child's name and class/form. This includes any item for school: pencil cases, books, uniform, PE kit, shoes, mobile phones, wallets, watches etc. Items that are named will be returned to students. Items without a name will be sorted and disposed of. Some items may go to a charity, others may be recycled and others may be thrown away.

This is also a good time to remind parents that students are not encouraged to bring valuable items to school. Students who choose to bring items of value to school do so at their own risk. The school will not be responsible for the loss of items that should not be in school.

Sports Updates (From Mr. MacInnes: Head of Physical Education)

U9 Football

Tenby travelled to elc last Saturday with a boys' team and a girls' team to compete in the annual 5-a-side football tournament. All games were played in fantastic spirit and there was some very good football on show. Our boys played some nice passing football during the group stages, finishing in second place and qualifying for the semi-finals. We faced an athletic MKIS in the semi-finals and lost out despite putting lots of effort into the game. The boys found it difficult to pick themselves up for the 3rd place play-off and lost narrowly to a very skilful elc side.

Our U9 girls were competing in their first tournament so did very well to finish up with two draws and one defeat to GIS. Tenby girls put lots of effort into their games and improved tactically as the games progressed. The girls were delighted to pick up their medals and trophy for finishing in 3rd place.

U15 Basketball

The Japanese school hosted the annual U15 tournament which was well attended by the international schools of KL as well as two schools from Singapore. Basketball is a game which requires players to have a good understanding of the tactics involved and their specific role within the team tactics. This takes time to develop and both Tenby teams seemed to play with greater understanding and control as the day progressed. Our girls' team had stiff competition against United World College of Singapore and JSKL – both games finished in narrow defeats for the Tenby side which included many players who are eligible to play at this age group again next year.

The boys started their first game looking nervous and struggling to get into a rhythm. Going into the second match, Tenby played with more confidence, skill and channelled aggression. Our players will be disappointed with the outcome of their third match; after working hard to get in front, Tenby threw away a 4 point lead in the last 50 seconds! I would like to thank Mr Lee and Ms Stephanie for working hard in preparing our players for the tournament.

Setia Eco Half-Marathon 2010

Setia Eco half marathon is a race coming up in the community on 5th June. Any parents/pupils interested in more information should see Mr Danny or visit www.themarathonshop.com.my for more information.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, 19th 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
- Wednesday 2nd June – Friendly matches for various sports @ Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar. Tenby will be taking our U13 boys football team (7-a-side), two 7-a-side girls football teams, the senior boys football team and the U15 girls netball team. More details to follow...

Alice Smith's Chemistry Challenge

Six Year 8 and two Year 7 students took part in the Chemistry Challenge organised by The Alice Smith School on Tuesday 11th May.



In the first challenge, the students got an opportunity to experience how forensic scientists solve crime scenes. A fictional crime scene was described to the students and they had to determine the murderer through various chemical tests on the exhibits collected by the 'Police'. The students had to carry out some flame tests for the metal part of the salt samples as well as conduct some analytical tests for the non-metal part of the salt samples. They then had to analyse and identify the content of the exhibits by comparing them with the salt samples. Relevant information about the crime which included the police reports, witness statements, a map of the crime scene and description about the suspects were provided. Students had to deduce a reasonable conclusion

about the murderer based on their tests and analyses.

In the second challenge, students had to carry out a few acid-based titrations in order to determine the volume of acid used to neutralise the alkalis. The end-point of the titrations were then used to make-up a number combination to unlock a safe that contained gold. The students therefore gained experience regarding the importance of working accurately in the scientific investigations.



Our school team appeared to be the most effective in working collaboratively as a team, managing safety in the investigations, organising their working area, and independently doing their research. What a wonderful experience for them being true scientists for the day!



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