



# TENBY SCHOOLS SETIA ECO GARDENS NEWSLETTER

A UNITED WORLD AT PEACE—THROUGH EDUCATION

Monday 30th March 2015

## Stage Production Trip by *Angelya, Christa and Sai (Year5)*

On March 12<sup>th</sup> 2015, we had a trip to watch a play in Singapore. It was the most fun field trip ever. We went there to watch Roald Dahl's combination of The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood. In the story, instead of the hunter shooting the wolf down, it was little red riding hood who shot the wolf with a gun. When the three



little pigs were having a deadly encounter with the wolf, little red riding hood came to rescue and killed the wolf. We learned a lot about stage production from the play and can't wait to stage our own play soon!

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### This week at TSSEG:

CCAs HAVE NOW ENDED FOR THE TERM. THERE ARE ONLY CATCH-UP CCAs RUNNING— SEE TUE/WED BELOW	ALL WEEK
CIS MEMBERSHIP VISIT	MONDAY
CIS MEMBERSHIP VISIT: PARENTS MEETING, 8.30AM. Y4 & 5 EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE, DEPARTS 10.00AM. ALL NORMAL TUESDAY CCAs ARE RUNNING A CATCH-UP	TUESDAY
Y1 EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO UK FARM, KLUANG DEPARTS 7.30AM. BORN TO MOVE CCA IS RUNNING A CATCH-UP FELT CLUB CCA ARE VISITING COLUMBIA HOSPITAL, DEPART 3.00PM	WEDNESDAY
2.00PM: MUSIC RECITAL (AUDITORIUM)	THURSDAY
<b>TERM ENDS AT 1.00PM</b> FOR ALL STUDENTS TENBY OSCARS NIGHT (STUDENT PARTY) STARTS 7.00PM, ENDS 11.00PM	FRIDAY
MON 13TH APRIL: TERM TWO STARTS FOR SST WED 15TH APRIL: PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS (SST) MON 20TH APRIL: TERM TWO STARTS FOR TIS WED 22ND APRIL: PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS (TIS) SAT 25TH APRIL: OPEN DAY	UPCOMING

## Signing up for Term two CCAs.....

During this last week of term we are sending out information about the CCAs that will be running in term two. We have made some further changes to the way this process works. All students will receive a CCA booklet, which lists the activities that are on offer. For primary students, parents needs to look through the booklet and then complete the form on the back page, indicating your child/ward's CCA choice. This should be returned to your child's class teacher before the end of term. For secondary students, they will be signing up through a CCA fair, which will happen on the last day of term. Over the break, we will be compiling the lists. We will publish finalised CCA lists at the start of term on boards at the front of school. Once these lists are published, we would then ask you to pay for the CCAs. Any CCAs that are over-subscribed will be allocated by ballot. Students that did not get a place for the upcoming term will be allocated into the same activity for the following term. Please do not make any payments for CCA this week— you need to confirm you have a place on the CCA first. The deadline for payment of CCAs is Friday 8th May.

Also, a reminder that **any primary children remaining on campus after 3.00pm need to be enrolled in a CCA**— there are several free CCAs and a daily primary supervision session where children will be able to come and complete homework or do some reading under supervision. Please ensure your child is enrolled if they are going to be in school. If you need your child to be in an activity, please choose a first and second CCA choice for each day, rather than just ticking one choice. This will guarantee that they are enrolled in an activity on that day.

If you need to change a CCA once you have started, please send a message to the CCA Coordinator, Mr Andy Gray, through our portal messaging system.

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## Making Math and Science fun at home: Advice for Parents

If you shy away from math and science activities with your children because you're afraid you don't know much about them, read on. There's lots you can do to encourage your children's interest in these areas, and you don't have to be a statistician or microbiologist to do it! In fact, it's better if you don't give them knowledge by telling them answers; instead, nurture their love for these subjects by watching and learning right along with them. There are lots of fun things to do that will help. Have a look around, you will be surprised.

Some home learning tools that teach about math and science:

Use building blocks and construction sets

Use a magnifying glass, simple microscope or telescope to look at different objects

Use some household magnets and find out what they work on

Use a heavy book to make a simple flower press; make a collage with different seeds

Build an ant farm or wormery

Use maths tools such as calculators and weighing scales

Put a tulip or daffodil in water with food colouring and observe how the water travels up the stem and into the petals.

Take a nature walk and record the different kinds of bugs you see or collect a variety of leaves.

Make a bird feeder out of a milk container and observe the different birds that visit. What are their colours and sizes? When do they come?

Bake a cake together and observe/talk about how the mixtures change from powders to liquid to solid.

Observe clouds and notice differences in the ones that bring rain or thunderstorms and the ones that don't.

Look at salt and sugar under a microscope or magnifying glass. How are the crystals like? How are they different?

Visit the Science museum in Singapore nearby

Look for extra activities offered in JB, library, events, theatre etc..

## Art Attack CCA

The Arts are alive and well with Art Attack in Tenby Schools and they are getting better and better. The Art Attack explores and makes all sorts of interesting and creative art projects that involve painting, sculpture, print making, drawing and more. Recently, one of their projects is print-making on the white shirt and students love their printing so much! Just feast your eyes on these fabulous art works from Art Attack CCA.

*Nadia Turner, Year 3 Teacher*



## Getting Involved in Community Learning

We are pleased to see that Community Learning has now taken off with greater speed as we progressed through the term. Students are involved in various fund raising activities like bookmark sale, juice bars, bake sales, lunch box orders, car washes and book drives to name a few. There are also some upcoming events organised such as an Oscars Night and a Badminton Tournament for Community Learning. Funds raised are going to charity organisations locally as well as internationally like Chester Home as well as for helping schools in Cambodia. This is indeed the essence of Global Citizenship.

The success of **Community Learning in the school** has been due to the combined participation and generosity of students and teachers in Tenby. We want to take this opportunity to commend on their effort and hard work. Of course, we must not forget the support given by parents at home too.

*Sharina Graeme, Secondary Coordinator*

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## Reporting to Parents and Parent-Teacher Meetings

We will be publishing reports to parents on the last day of term. You will notice some important changes to the way we report this term and to the format for our parent-teacher meetings.

**Reporting assessment levels:** Across the whole school we will be reporting a new school level: Students are assessed against the relevant criteria for each year group and then judged to be beginning (B), developing (D) or mastering (M) these criteria. In most cases, larger periodic assessments will have been completed to help form judgments on these, where students have an assessment rubric indicating what they need to do to reach each level. Students who have not managed to reach the expected level for that year group may also be assessed as working below age-related expectations (BA) or for those working beyond the levels expected within that year group, to be exceeding age-related expectations (EA). In the primary school, you will see what the individual criteria are within each subject, whereas in the secondary school you will see the overall level and the periodic assessments that contributed to it.

**Publishing reports;** Reports in the secondary school will be published electronically through our school portals—they will be available at the end of the week and you have the option of printing these from home if you wish to. If you would like us to print a copy for you, please let our school receptionist, Ms Sheena, know by speaking to her or sending her a message through the portal. Primary school reports will be published in hard copy only at this point in time and will be given out by the class teachers on the last day of term. There is an acknowledgment slip with these – please sign and return to your class teacher at the beginning of next term.

**Parent-teacher meetings:** These will take place in the first week of term for each group of parents. To book a place, please login to your portal and click on the Parents Meeting tab, which you will see appear under your child's picture from Wednesday of this week. Teachers may also have made bookings to see you—you will be notified of these through the portal—use the re-scheduling function if you are unable to make the suggested time. Once you have made all of your bookings, you can either print the schedule from your portal, or bring along a smart device to view your appointments (as well as your report if your child is in the secondary school). If you are having difficulties booking a place, please contact Ms Sheena on our school reception and she will be able to help you. Please do not turn up to Parent-Teacher Meetings without a booking—many teachers will have full schedules. As we move forward, we want to change the emphasis on our meetings, so they are about what your children need to do to make good progress over the coming term. For this reason, they have been put at the start of term, and we would encourage you to bring your child along to the meetings.

## Preparations for the end of term

It's been a busy term and the last week is no exception. There are three different trips out this week and we are ending the term with our first ever student-organised charity fundraiser evening event. There are a couple of important arrangements that all parents need to be aware of in the last week:

First of all, CCAs have now finished for the term, so students should be collected by 3.00pm, unless they are taking part in one of the catch-up sessions—these are listed on the front page of this newsletter and in your portal calendars. For the charity event on Friday, it is not appropriate for students to stay in school from the end of school at 1.00pm until the start of the event at 7.00pm. Please arrange for transport to and from this event. Can I please also make a request that all children are collected promptly by 11.00pm—our staff will only be on duty until 11.30pm.

Also this week in school, we welcome Mr William Parker, who will be visiting us to assess our suitability for membership of the Council of International Schools (CIS). There is a meeting for parents with Mr Parker on Tuesday at 8.30am, to discuss CIS criteria and how we meet them. If you would like to be involved in this meeting, please contact our PTA secretary, Mr Carl Davies, who is coordinating volunteers to take part in this meeting, or speak to Ms Sheena on reception.

At the end of this term, we say farewell to two valued members of staff—Mr David Key (Head of Primary) leaves us to take up a new position at our sister school in Ipoh, and Ms Shishny (Sheila) Saseetharan (Year 2 teacher) will be returning to live in Singapore. We wish both of them the very best for the future.

Finally, please remember that term ends at 1.00pm on Friday—we would ask that students are collected promptly. The new term starts on Monday 13th April for our National School and Monday 20th April for our International School. I hope that you have a nice break and look forward to welcoming all of our students back at the start of the new term.

Kind regards

*Giles Montier, Campus Principal*