Trust and Respect

These are two of the qualities we try and encourage across all Tenby Schools, from our youngest children to the oldest students. It is only by members of a community, students and staff, signing up to these standards can we move on in a welcoming secure environment, creating a state of well-being.

Two common occurrences that have the most damaging impact on a school’s well-being are bullying and theft. Both show a disregard for others and the property of others and will not be tolerated. The vast majority of our students, most if not all the time, follow the standards we expect and that, with the vigilance of staff, mean that instances of either negative activity are thankfully few and far between.

However in the last few weeks theft has reared its ugly head. On one day 3 handphones were stolen from Year 11 students who were starting their IGCSE examinations: 2 brand new handphones from lockers and a third from a bag. It then came to light that a student in Form 5 had also had a handphone stolen the previous week. This is a very serious matter for all in school to consider. The School undertook a search of the two classes in the vicinity when lockers were being accessed and other areas of the school were also searched – in likely hideaways – but nothing was found. It should be noted that under specific circumstances the School reserves the right to carry out such checks.

In cases such as this we try and allow the guilty party to have the chance to return the phone, which happened on a previous occasion several months ago; but otherwise the police will get involved. If a student is found to have stolen the handphone(s) then it could result in him/her having a criminal file, which will follow him/her the rest of his life.

If any student has further information about this matter it is essential they speak to their Principal. Mr Richard, Mr Siaw or Mr Brisley about the matter: you could be saving your ‘friend’ from far greater trouble in the future. There may be further police involvement to investigate the matter further.

In the meantime we reiterate our request that valuable items; including watches, jewellery and handphones, etc. should not be brought into school as they can tempt the weak to steal through envy or meanness. I realise this is advice ‘after the horse has bolted’ but it is nevertheless a request that students and families should consider.

Mr Philip Brisley, Director of Schools

Tenby Schools Present Bugsy Malone

The confines of Tenby School witnessed something new towards the end of March. The first ever Tenby Whole School production of a Musical. It was a truly special event where children from National and International, Secondary and Primary children unified creating the cast of the iconic Musical Bugsy Malone.

This was no easy task. The group of 30 or so auditioned successfully in December and used limited CCA time to learn dances, songs, lines, moves and cues. Not only that, Mr Nick had to find sensational musicians to create a fantastic band. An army of Parents rallied to create props and costume. Pupils created scenery, budgets, posters and splurge guns. Pupils, Teachers and Parents worked tirelessly and professionally in sound, lighting and backstage. The list goes on... Almost every member of staff was involved in some way to create this Tenby first.

Was it a success? The 700 people who packed out the Quadrangle over three nights would say ‘YES!’ The Atrium of the school was transformed from barren concrete to an atmospheric theatre. What they saw was children as young as 9 change into gangsters with attitude. They saw children dancing and singing to classic songs like ‘Bad Guys’ and ‘Fat Sam’s Grand Slam’. They saw humour coalesced with murder as gangsters destroyed each other with ominous splurge. It was a magical occasion that was made possible by the whole school.

A sincere thank you to all those that were in any way involved in making Bugsy Malone truly incredible. Long live the annual Tenby Musical!

Mr Daniel Fenwick, Director

Mr Phillip Brisley, Director
Change is in the Air

September 2013 will be the second anniversary of the opening of Tenby Schools in the Tanjung Bungah Campus. Our international school students are well on their way to completing the final term of their year and our national school students, here and at Macalister Road, are well-settled to their studies in their middle term with USP for Standard 6 and PMR for Form 3 approaching on the horizon. The Year 11 students are now studying hard for their IGCSEs and making plans for their next stage of study, with many being enthusiastic about joining the inaugural year of our new 6th Form Programme which will be launched in September this year. We wish them every success in their examinations and in their future choices.

As well as the students settling in or preparing to move on to their next rung on their learning journeys, staff are also making their decisions on their journeys. It is around this time of year that new posts are confirmed or new challenges considered, especially in international schools, and so I need to inform you of some of those changes at Tenby Schools, Penang.

From the International Primary School three of our staff have decided, for varying reasons, to seek new challenges. Each in their own way have contributed hugely, with their colleagues, to establishing the ethos and drive of our new primary school and the staff and pupils will continue to benefit from this ‘founding phase’ for many years to come. Mrs Delucchi, who started with Tenby in Shah Alam four years ago has decided to relocate to Turkey and maybe take a breath from a full-time teaching commitment for a period. From our Early Years, Mrs Carol has decided to relocate to Western Australia to be near her family and has accepted a part-time position in an Australian preschool. Mr Daniel has decided that he would like to further develop his skills and expertise back in the UK as there are currently many changes affecting the educational system and he has accepted a post near his home area of Durham. I am sure much more will be mentioned and discussed over our departing teachers in the coming months but we also need to mention our gratitude to the primary staff who are continuing their own professional paths remaining at Tenby and for the stability and expertise they share with our children and families.

Sri Tenby Secondary School will also be having a major departure as Mr Teoh Kheng Hong is stepping down as Principal. Mr Teoh has shown an unflawing commitment to the well-being of his students and staff since joining the School and Tenby in May 2009 as the Deputy Principal of Sekolah Sri Pinang on Lorong Burma: being promoted to Principal from January 2011. Mr Teoh has overseen the transfer of the school to the new campus and its change of name, during which process many students and families, though being appreciative of the new facilities, voiced concerns over the school identity which Mr Teoh handled effectively; reflecting his extensive experience in management positions in this and his previous schools. Though leaving Tenby, Mr Teoh is seeking a new challenge and we wish him well in his future ventures. We will be advertising the post for Head of Sri Tenby National School in the near future.

In the International Secondary School we will be saying farewell to several members of staff including Mr Fergus, Ms Alison, Mr Martyn and Mr Kevin. Mr Fergus has been a stalwart member of the secondary team since arriving at Tenby in January 2010 and has been at the forefront of our English Department as well as taking on a host of challenges to improve and diversify the learning experiences of our students. He has decided to seek a new direction and has accepted a post in an international school in Bali from one island ‘pearl of the orient’ to another island paradise. Ms Alison’s three years in TISS heading up the teaching of Geography and helping to raise the profile of humanities in school and has been pivotal in assisting with sports and Horizons Weeks, having led our Netball Team to the first ever international competition, in Singapore, by a TISS team. Mr Kevin has decided to follow a new direction in his career path and after growing in his role in the Mathematics Department as the school grew in size, his enthusiasm for his subjects and the progress of his students will be missed next year. Mr Martyn has successfully steered the Science Department over the last two-and-a-half years and assisted new staff in adjusting to the demands of an international curriculum and is now looking forward to a relaxing retirement. Appointments have been made to cover these posts and as with the Primary posts, more details will follow.

Finally I am announcing my own departure from Tenby Schools, Penang. I have had a wonderful time getting to know the students, staff and families of our community and being part of the team developing the establishment of the schools on our purpose-built site in Tanjung Bungah. It has been an exciting exhilarating time for me and our schools, especially in establishing our new International Primary School, which has grown in less than two years from 52 pupils to over 160. The success this growth indicates is a tribute to the enthusiasm and commitment of the Primary Team, which I have been privileged to lead. We are still at the formulating stage of the school’s development and though we are doing some things very well there are other areas that continue to need attention but this also reflects one Tenby’s Core Values: that of ‘lifelong learning’ which we are all committed to.

I am sincerely grateful to the staffs of all the schools for their dedication to our students and particularly to my Senior Management Team of Mr Giles Montier, Mrs Linda Chng, Mr Cheah Sin Hock and Mr Teoh Kheng Hong.

The support and trust of parents who selected Tenby Penang and the diverse qualities their children bring to the schools have also been essential factors in shaping our school as the students are the stimulus for all our activities. Also to our Parents’ Association Representatives who have given so generously and freely of their time and skills to support so many activities in school, from raising funds for sports teams, to major undertakings for events such as Bugsy Malone.

When I accepted the post in June 2011, I envisioned leading the school for several years but certain factors of a personal professional nature have caused me to take this decision and to look to a future with fewer demands on my time; so I shall say farewell at the end of this term.

Interviews for the new leader of Tenby Schools Penang have been held and an appointment has been offered and there will be an addition to the International Primary School in the shape of its own Head of School and an appointment has been offered for this post too. I look forward to ‘calling in’ on the website and seeing all the exciting new advances the school and its students achieve in the coming years.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Phillip Brisley M.B.E.
Director Tenby Schools, Penang
Principal Tenby International School, Penang
Head of Tenby International Primary School, Penang
Tenby Secondary School Sports Carnival 2013

This year’s Secondary Sports Carnival was a fabulous mix of elite performance and mass participation. Every student in STS and TISS took part in the day’s activities, by representing their House in a variety of events during the day.

The day started off with the House Teams gathering together behind their House Captains for a mass participation warm up.

The House Teams were led on a warm up around the Tenby Dash circuit by Mr Yo-Rain and it wasn’t just the Students who got involved! All the staff led by example and joined in the warm up around the school, most notably Mr Teoh and Mr Martyn. Following on from the warm up, students then went to partake in a variety of events including; Three Legged Tenby Dash, Kickball, Football, Netball, Tenby Dash 4x4, Penalty Shoot Out, Four Square and Fun Races in the Court Yard.

Early successes were had for Kinabalu who won three out of a possible six races in the Three Legged Races in the first session of the morning. Ledang then started to impose themselves on the day with three victories in the Indoor Football Competition held in the Sports Hall. The Netball competition went on all morning in the Basketball Court with Kinabalu topping the table with a first and second place in the two tournaments. All through the day it was great to see so many parents and guardians spectating as well as having so many TISPA parents helping out with the day, thank you.

As the day progressed the competition got hotter with “Run the Gauntlet” taking place in the Court Yard. House v House battling it out to see who could survive the longest by running the length of the Court Yard, whilst trying to avoid being hit by opponents throwing balls at you. Kinabalu came out on top as the House that lasted the longest time.

As the day was drawing to a close the competition got even fiercer with the classic test of strength, the Tug of War! What a competition; muscles were flexing, biceps were pumping and legs were burning with the effort. 20 students from each House—10 boys and 10 girls—battled it out in the Court Yard to see who had the strength, desire and guts to win. As the sun beat down, one team started to dominate the Tug of War and ended up running away with the event, Tahan House.

In the end Ledang proved themselves worthy champions on the day due to their consistency in all competitions. Thank you to all students who competed and parents/guardians who helped out or supported the day.
Boys Football Tastes Victory Against All Odds

The boys under 18’s football team deserve a big pat on the back. The spirit, endeavour and skill shown over the course of three gruelling games in the blistering heat at the state under 18’s football tournament, was a credit to themselves and the school. After suffering a defeat in the first game the team fought back with great style to win the second 3-1 thanks to two great Ronaldo-esque freekicks from Paseuth Vidal. It was a terrific team performance which flew against all the odds as nine of the starting eleven were young enough to play in the under 15’s tournament! In the third game the boys luck ran out after hitting the woodwork twice with stunning efforts, they failed to qualify for the knock out stages. The Tenby Tigers roar however, was loud and proud.

Lyndon Goh Zhiyi claims Taekwon-Do Gold Medal at National-Level Competition

Lyndon Goh Zhiyi (form 4) produced an outstanding display at the recent Kejohanan Kebangsaan Jemputan PG Global Taekwon-Do Academy Kali Ke4-2013 (National Level) by grabbing medals in two categories of competition. Lyndon took the gold medal in Male Individual Pattern Colour Belt (13-16 years old) Class B and bronze medal in Male Team Pattern Colour Belt (13-16 years old) at the event staged at Politeknik Seberang Perai on 6th April. Lyndon was representing the United Traditional Taekwon-Do Academy (UTTA). The UTTA is based in the Bayan Lepas area. For more details of UTTA check out their facebook: www.facebook.com/uttapenang

Bugsy Malone– a student’s perspective, by Sara Lim (Yr 9S)

In March of this year, Tenby International School Penang held it’s very first full scale musical production. It all started by Mr Nick asking me to make a poster about an unknown musical named Bugsy Malone. So I did, and that was the beginning of an interesting, tiring, but extremely fun journey.

A short time later we began rehearsals. We were provided with a script, lyric book and CD, and began to prepare. We had to join the CCA on Mondays from 2.15 until 4:45pm which resulted in a tiring day for all of us. Closer to the show, we also had to give up a few of our lunchtimes to make sure we were perfect and full of confidence for our nearing performance!

The real stress only started during the Saturday rehearsal a few days before the show, but everything turned out alright. There were a few minor problems with the microphones (but nothing Mr Giles couldn’t fix), and the lights came late, but despite all of the problems we were facing, Mr Daniel’s and Mr Nick’s enthusiasm did not really seem to be affected. The technical run through went well. The band and the cast managed to keep in time with each other, we all remembered most of our lines and cues, we got used to our make up, costumes and props, and the cast managed to get on with the show like true professionals!

The three main shows just kept getting better and better. The last scene was extremely fun and everyone enjoyed themselves, even if we were absolutely exhausted from the stress of performance and the very long days. The play was a special experience for all of us. Thank you, Mr Nick and Mr Daniel for giving us this golden opportunity and we all look forward to next year’s production!!!
MSSPP Cricket, by Irfan Shah (Yr 11) and Saad Ali (Yr 9)

Cricket has made great progress this year in particular, with a new and specialized cricket coach we as Tenby have managed to register our names in the inter-school cricket competition. This was the first time ever in the history of Penang that an International School had participated in MSSPP for cricket. Starting as the least favorites in an extended group of five teams, we were to play four matches, three in Penang Free School and one all the way out in Stowell, Bukit Mertajam. We were a fresh squad with next to no experience. It was our first time playing in a big tournament and for most of the boys it was their first time ever playing a cricket match. The team of twenty-one were chosen based on their individual performances during the on-going tournaments in school and the cricket CCA. All our four matches were against high quality opponents—playing our first match on Monday 25th Feb against one of the better sides in the whole tournament, there were quite a few nerves out there. Bearing in mind that our eleven was an exceptionally new side but the captain had confidence in his team since day one. We started the first match well by picking up early breakthroughs but we couldn’t end the game very well. The opponent team raced up to 185 in the course of 20 overs. In reply to their humongous score, Tenby was all out on 35 with the highest score being 12* Najwan. It was a fairly new thing for everyone, a defeat was much expected, but the good thing was how we came back in the next match. The next match was against Raja Tun Uda, coming 3rd in the tournament for the last 3 years. We won the toss and elected to field when Saad and Sanjeevan rushed through their top-order with Saad taking 4 wickets and Sanjeevan 2. They crawled up to 65 in 17 overs. We chased the total quite easily with Saad and Aditya stumpng up a well-played 50 run partnership. We won the game with 66 for 3 in 13 overs. The third game was against the best team in the tournament, the consistent champions for the last 10 years. We piled up 80 runs in the first innings with the captain scoring 37 with 4 boundaries and 2 sixes. They chased the total with only losing one wicket in 9 overs. The fourth game was against SMK Teknik Sains. Ten-by again batting first and accumulated 77 runs in 15 overs with Saad getting 34 runs and Najwan getting 7. We finished the over limit when the other team was only at 57 with Kishan and Najwan taking 2 wickets each. So the tournament ended for us with 2 wins and 2 losses. It was a magnificent effort from the entire squad for beating the better oppositions quite handsomely. Our top three run scorers were:- 1- Saad, 2- Najwan, 3- Aditya. Our top three wicket takers were:- 1- Saad, 2- Najwan, 3- Sanjeevan. “The whole team showed good spirit both in the field and off the field, they all put in 100 percent which actually helped us beat some quality sides. It was a brilliant feeling watching everyone support and help each other in the venues. It was a great show from everyone and a special thanks to our team mascot, Praveer” said Captain, Saad. Our coach had full confidence in our team, there were occasions when we disappointed him but he was rather impressed and happy with our progress in the end. “Everyone tried their level best, doesn’t matter if we qualify or not, we played like champions and that’s what’s more important” Mr Baz, cricket coach commented. Lastly, thanks, best of luck and congrats to all the cricket team members from the Coach and the Captain.

Year 2 English—Language of Art Topic: Little Red Riding Hood (Watching Movie & Role Play)

In this activity students did a role play of going to a cinema to watch a movie. They set up a box office counter for the students to purchase their ticket. They then watched the movie with snack to create the cinema environment.

At the end of the lesson the teacher asked the students to write a new ending for the story and also have them write, what other questions Red Riding Hood could have asked the wolf. This was a lesson for creative writing and thinking.
Educational Trips

Educational field trips are a great way to bring excitement and adventure to learning. They are extension of classroom study and are entertaining. They allow the student to interact with what they are learning. In addition to that field trips place students in a different social environment whereby they learn how to interact with others outside the classrooms. It can also foster a sense of team work and community among the students during and after the trip. The Junior 1, 2 and 3 went for their educational trip on the 8th April 2013. On that day there were lots of excitement shown by the Junior 1, 2, and 3 pupils when they arrived early to school. Everyone of came prepared for the trip with their bags laden with food, drinks and lots of tidbit.

After attendance was taken the students boarded two buses. The Junior 2 pupils then headed to the Bird Park at Butterworth and the Junior 1 and 3 headed to the Butterfly farm at Teluk Bahang, Penang.

**Butterfly Farm**

On arrival at the Butterfly Farm and after completing all the necessary registration the pupils were given a briefing about insects. They then watched an interesting documentary about butterflies. After that they were taken to have their encounter with the butterflies and the insects in the Butterfly farm. There were “oos”, “ahs” and “yee” as some pupils encountered their new found friends. However after spending some time to get acquainted the pupils grew to know the insects, how they live and learn how to care for them.

The pupils enjoyed all the activities like quizzes, colouring competition and the walkabout. At around 12noon they had their lunch and then headed back to the school. It was a day well spent.

**Bird Park**

The visit to the Bird Park was a huge success as we achieved the objectives of our trip—to make the pupils aware that birds are living things, that there are a large variety of birds in the world and to observe the habitat and feeding habits. After registration the students were given a guided tour of the Bird Park. They learnt that the park has many types of birds from all over the world. They watched the birds in their natural habitat. In addition to that they had close interaction with the birds—they observed closely the birds, fed them and had the birds perched on them.

The pupils were entertained by the birds in a bird show. The birds performed tricks and acrobatics under the direction of their handlers. The ended with the pupils taking part in a colouring competition and a quiz. After lunch they boarded the bus and headed back to school.
Motivation Camps

The much awaited Motivation Camp was held on the 12—13 April 2013. The theme of the camp was “Everything that made that giant tree is already contained inside this tiny seed. All it needs is some time, a little bit of sunshine and rain” taken from the film “A Bug’s Life”. The objectives of the camp were:

- Motivate the students to study hard for the UPSR
- Teach them good study techniques
- Develop team spirit among them
- Develop good attitudes towards learning.
- The students took part in games to test their endurance, memory, problem solving, and creativity.

The camp started with the students being introduced to the teachers involved in the camp. They were told about the rules of the camp. They then got into groups to play team games until dinner time.

After dinner, they watched a movie “A Bug’s Life” from which the theme of the camp was taken. Through this film, the students learnt about ‘ant principles’ for success.

The camp ended with a closing ceremony attended by parents of the participants. The students enjoyed the camp and suggested that the camp should be longer. We hope that the students have acquired valuable skills from the camp to help them in the future.

Bahasa Malaysia 2013

Bahasa Malaysia Week Sekolah Rendah Sri Tenby was held from 18th to 22nd March. During that week, students from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in activities that challenged them to listen, speak, read, and write in Bahasa Malaysia. The activities carried out were reading with correct pronunciation, intonation, and flow; singing harmoniously in groups and dancing; story telling; reciting poems; and role-playing.

The students took part in the activities with so much interest through guidance not only from teachers but also from their parents. As a reward awaited for the best three from each category, the students put their best foot forward in the activities they participated.

The highlight of the week was on the 21st March 2013 where all students and teachers assembled at the playground. Before the master of ceremony announced the winners, the students and teachers sang ‘Bahasa Jiwa Bangsa’ in unison much to the delight of everyone. The moment where everyone was waiting for finally came. The winners of each category were announced followed by performances by all the winners.

Students had a great time with all the various activities held which brought a renewed enthusiasm and a deeper love for the language. In time, it is hoped that this love of the language will contribute significantly to the improvement of the language among the students of this school.
Happy Easter

School Projects and Activities