



Whole School

'New Look' Newsletter Layout

Following requests from parents, we are trialling a new layout for the newsletter so that parents can retrieve the relevant information more efficiently. The newsletter will begin with shared information relevant to the whole school followed by information specific to SST and TIS.

Personal Drivers & Van Drivers

In a move to improve campus security, the following rules will apply to personal drivers and van drivers with effect from Tuesday 29.01.13:

- Drivers are to remain with their vehicle at all times.
- Drivers are not permitted to leave their vehicle unattended.
- Drivers should utilise the 'pick up' and 'drop off' points for meeting students or employers.
- Drivers are not allowed to use the Cafeteria or enter school buildings.

Health & Medical Matters

When a child is taken ill during the school day and is deemed by the School Nurse to be unfit to return to class, parents will be informed and asked to make arrangements to take the child home. In the interests of the sick child and the rest of the school population, we do not keep children in the medical room for long periods.

REMINDER: Students' Personal Property Lockers

All students from Year 3/Std 1 are allocated a locker in which to keep their personal possessions. You should provide your child with a key-operated padlock to secure the locker. You are advised to keep a duplicate key at home in the event of loss. The locker is intended to provide reasonable security for books and other necessary educational equipment that a student needs to bring to school. They are not intended for valuable or expensive items of personal property that should be left at home.

Although the school will do all it reasonably can to ensure the security of students' possessions it cannot take responsibility for them in the event of loss.

Handphones

There is not a "ban" on hand-phones, though, students are advised and encouraged to leave them at home and not bring them to school. If this advice is not followed the school cannot take responsibility for hand-phones which "go missing".

However, if hand-phones are brought to school they must be turned **off** (not silent mode) during the school day between 07:40hrs and 14:30hrs. If a child needs to make a phone-call as a genuine emergency then he or she should do so at the school office.

Students are not allowed to use either a hand-phone or camera to take photographs on the school campus at any time unless specifically requested to do so by a teacher.

Valuables

Students should not bring valuable items such as expensive watches, electronic equipment, cameras or large sums of money with them to school.

Lost Property

The school does not keep lost property. Therefore, please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name and class. These include uniform, socks, PE Kit, mobile phones, wallets, shoes, socks, watches, glasses, pencil cases, textbooks, thumb drives, water bottles, exercise books, food containers, etc. Only named items will be returned. Students should not bring valuable items such as expensive watches, electronic equipment, cameras or large sums of money with them to school.

'Manners' of Students

We have noticed that there has been a lack of manners shown amongst students, particularly to cafeteria or cleaning staff. As such we will be reminding students about being courteous, remembering to use simple manners such as 'please' and 'thank you' with anyone, irrespective of their role in the school. We would really appreciate it if parents could help us with reminding their children about manners, encouraging them to use them whenever they can.

Speeding on Campus

Parents/drivers must stick to the speed limit of 20km/h on the school site. Students are often crossing the road to access the sports facilities. Primary students in particular are unable to gauge the speed and distance of oncoming cars. Vehicle registration number of parents/drivers who refuse to adhere to the speed limit will be published in the newsletters.



Fixtures

Tuesday 29th January

15:50hrs - 17:30hrs : U13 Boys & Girls
Football VS KLASS @ Tenby

Wednesday 30th January

15:45hrs - 18:00hrs : U9 Boys KLISS
Football @ Tenby

14:50hrs - 18:00hrs : U9 Girls KLISS
Football @ ELC



Congratulations to all pupils who played at the DSKL 5-aside Futsal last weekend. The U16 boys played some stunning football and they thoroughly deserved their bronze medals and were very close to securing the silver!!

The U16 girls also played some great football and had 1 unfortunate result that knocked them out of the medals. Really well played girls!!! Keep it up.



O16 Girls 3rd Place Volkswagen Cup 2013

The O16 Girls gained another trophy when coming 3rd in the DSKL Football Tournament last weekend. Without doubt the girls are a real force to be reckoned with now and a well known on the circuit. A very close tournament went to the wire and unfortunately our luck was out and we lost 1-0 to GIS, having previously beaten the German School, Singapore and DSKL.

KLISS Football

Many congratulations to our U11 Girls Football team who claimed their first wins at the above tournament. They currently lie in second place with one more round of games to go. More to follow...

1000 Species Garden

The garden has a plot near the gazebo reserved for the planting of herbs. We hope this collection of herbs will double up as soon as possible. Thanks to both Francis & Christine of Tenby's Cafeteria who are assisting us with adding to the species in the garden.

To introduce the herbs which are already planted in our garden we feature the following plants this week:-



Scientific name: *Kaempferia galanga* Linn

Common name: Chinese ginger



Scientific name: *Ocimum basilicum*

Common name: Sweet Basil

Kaempferia galanga is a very short herb with compactly arranged leaves spreading horizontally and lying flat on the ground. White-purple flowers are found in the centre of the plant. It is referred to as "Cekur" in Bahasa.

It is cultivated widely in Malaysia and other South Asian countries. The highly aromatic rhizome of this plant is valued in Malaysia as a spice to flavour rice and also in folk medicine. It is popularly used as an expectorant and a carminative. This spice is popular in Thailand where it is frequently used in curries and soups.

Ocimum basilicum is commonly used fresh in cooking recipes. In general, it is added at the last moment as cooking quickly destroys the flavour. The plant has aromatic leaves and stalks of purple flowers.

Sekolah Sri Tenby (SST)

January Information Morning

We would like to thank all parents who attended the above information slot which was held in the Auditorium on Tuesday 22nd January. This was a chance for parents to find out more about school and their children's education. Parents were given the following information:

- advice on providing parental support for helping students to succeed in school
- reminders about keeping an eye on their children's physical presentation before coming to school
- punctuality
- School arrival and dismissal
- School activities, competitions and programmes to be carried out this year
- Updates on KBSR, KSSR, KBSM and KSSM and curricular requirements
- SST's strength and
- Pathways for further studies after SPM

At the end of the session, parents gave many good comments and suggestions for continuous improvement and these have been taken into consideration. We hope more parents will be attending these information mornings which will be carried out once every term.

'Drop Everything And Read' (DEAR) & Nadi Ilmu Reading Programmes

These are reading programmes which are carried out school wide for both Primary & Secondary. This is one of our initiatives to encourage reading in English and Bahasa Melayu among the children to improve the mastery of languages.

For the DEAR Reading Programme, the children have to write a book review for each book read. For short term encouragement, the children will receive attractive gold metal badges for 12 books read per term, silver metal badges for 10 books read and a bronze metal badge for 8 books read per term.

For the Nadi Ilmu programme, the Primary children will start off reading books or articles each week on a Wednesday during a Bahasa Melayu period in school under the guidance of their Bahasa Melayu teacher. After reading, they will have to complete a task sheet related to their reading. For the effort of completing 5 task sheets the child will be given a merit point and a small incentive item.

Similarly, Secondary students are encouraged to read Bahasa Melayu articles through the Nadi Ilmu programme. The same incentive is given for completing 5 article reviews after reading.

All these merit points will be accumulated for certificates to be awarded at the end of the year during the PSEC graduation ceremony and Superstar Awards ceremony.

2012 International Mathematics Assessment for Schools (IMAS) Preliminary Round Results

A total of 52 students registered and sat for this international assessment for Mathematics in school last year.

The top 3 students in each grade will receive a trophy. All students will receive a personal report and certificate according to their ranking per grade per country:

- High Distinction - (Top 5%)
- Distinction - (Top 6%-15%)
- Credit - (Top 16%-50%)
- Participation - (the rest)

Congratulations to the following successful candidates who have been awarded with Credit and Distinction certificates:

Grade 3	
Caitlyn (Std3S)	Credit
Jinghann (Std 3S)	Credit
Zheng Haur (Std 4M)	Distinction
Chung Ian (Std 4S)	Credit
Ze Wei (Std 4M)	Credit
Sebastian (Std 4M)	Credit

Grade 5	
Edward (Std 6S)	Credit

Grade 7 & 8	
Shin Euu (F2S)	Credit
Shenye (F2S)	Credit
Min Suen (F2S)	Credit
Huey Teng (F2S)	Credit
Jit Hong (F2S)	Distinction
Darren (F4S)	Credit
Samantha (F4S)	Credit
Pei Ling (F4M)	Credit
Frederick (F4M)	Credit
Han Yang (F3S)	Credit
Yun Hui (F3S)	Credit
Jhin Khai (F2S)	Credit
Jie Lin (F2M)	Credit
Jasmine (F3S)	Credit
Jeannie (F3S)	Credit

Tenby's Great Challenges

After the 2012 Term 3 Examinations, the students were put through a series of challenges for the whole day. It was a fun day with no text books. Instead, students had to complete three challenges on Thursday 1st November 2012 (Primary) and on Monday 5th November 2012 (Secondary). The children had great fun and they are looking forward for this year's Challenges Day.

The details about the challenges are provided below:-

Challenge 1: Physical & Coordination

- Mass aerobics for warming up
- Telematches (Primary) or
- Physical Coordination Activities (Secondary)

Challenge 2: Cognitive Tests & manipulative skills

- Stations based-one subject one station
- Subjects related are Mathematics, Science, Sejarah or Kajian Tempatan (Primary), Moral, Geografi or Music (Primary), Kemahiran Hidup, ICT and Art (8 stations)

Challenge 3: Language Skills

The activities assessed students' abilities in three languages and focused on the skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening.



Tenby's Great Challenges



Tenby International School (TIS)

Late Arrival

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who arrive late at school should go to their respective class and their Assistant Teacher will register them at the office.

Children in Year 3 and above who arrive late should go **directly** to the TIS Office (Secondary & Early Years) and Primary Resource Room (Primary students) to be entered on the register.

TIS Term Dates (Revised)	
Start of Term 2	07.01.13
School Holiday	11.02.13 - 15.02.13
End of Term 2	28.03.13
Start of Term 3	10.04.13
School Holiday	27.05.13 – 31.05.13
End of Term 3	24.07.13
Start of Term 1 2013-14	02.09.13