



TENBY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIRI

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER 21/11/14 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The end of the first term is fast approaching, and this year we will be holding some Christmas activities in the school, which enables our multicultural community to get to experience the different customs associated with this festival.

On 24 November, the PTA will put up a Christmas tree (a "Giving Tree") in the Canteen area, decorated by the children. Templates of a Christmas bauble which the children can decorate to their liking, and then return to school to hang on the tree. The PTA will also hang gift tags on the tree with the photo and/or details of a child or adult and the present they wish to receive. These children and adults are sponsored or supported by our chosen charities, which this year are The Ten Ringgit Club and The Sunflower Centre.



The PTA Giving Tree in the Canteen

There will also be gift tags from both charities listing items they need to help carry out their work. Tenby pupils can take one of these gift tags home, buy a present for between 30 and 50 RM, wrap it with the gift tag attached on the outside and return this to the tree. This is a great way we can help children and

adults in our community much less fortunate than ourselves, a key part of the Christmas message.

A post-box will be located next to the tree where students can post cards and messages to each other. These cards will be collected regularly and delivered to the classrooms. If posting a card please write on the envelope the name of the recipient, their school year and their class teacher.

Finally, on Thursday 4 December, we will hold a Christmas celebration in the canteen. There will be some traditional Christmas music and a chance for a sing along to some of the favourite Christmas tunes. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

INTERNATIONAL TEACHER TRAINING

This week we have had nine 3rd Year Trainee teachers visit the School from Australia.

The students from Curtin University, Perth have undertaken a two-week placement in Sarawak. Their aim was to compare the educational experiences offered within Australia to that found in local and international Schools. They have spent time in local Malaysian schools as well as three days at TIS Miri.

The teachers are all training to work in the Primary sector and consequently spent time observing lessons in each of the classes from Nursery, Reception and Years 1 to 6. After spending a day observing and writing diligently for their assignments they were also extremely keen to teach as well. The children loved having them in school and were keen to ask many questions about life in Australia. In addition to teaching, the students managed to observe a number of lessons

in the secondary school and also gave a presentation to their tutors from Curtin University and all the senior managers of all the schools they visited.

The students commented on what a vibrant, cosmopolitan community we have at TIS Miri. They were a credit to themselves and to the quality of the Education Department from Curtin University. We wish them every success in their future careers and hope this is the first of more and longer visits in the future.

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TIS Miri: LEARN LOCALLY, EXCEL GLOBALLY

DUTCH CULTURE: ST. MARTIN

During Dutch culture lessons, the students have learning about St. Martin, Bishop of Tours in the 1600s. The children have learned songs, made traditional lanterns and celebrated St. Martin in Taman Bayshore.

St. Martin was renowned for his kindness across Europe. Nobody ever knocked on his door for help in vain. A tale tells of one cold winter's day, he went out on his horse. The animal stumbled over a man lying in the

road, nearly frozen stiff and half-starved. St. Martin jumped from his horse and cut his coat in half with his sword, giving one half to the man, and covering himself with the rest. He shared his bread with the man, and helped him to health.

St. Martin is still commemorated on 11 November. On that day, Dutch children walk through the streets carrying lanterns. At each house they sing a song, hoping adults will be as kind to them as St. Martin. Fruit or sweets are the normal reward.



Dutch Students out and about in Taman Bayshore: very 'gezellig'!

CCA GYMNASTS IN ACTION

Throughout this term, some of Tenby's primary students have been taking part in a level one gymnastics course run by one of the parents Mrs Emma Rocke, a qualified coach.

Every Friday afternoon Emma takes the students through their paces, beginning with a warm up game of giant dodge ball, some strength building exercises and specific training in gymnastic techniques. Friday's session was the last one before the Christmas break. We asked Emma to explain what the children did both this week and term.

"We always start with one of the kids' favourite games such as dodge ball, spider and the fly. Since it was the last lesson, I set up a circuit for the kids to practice all the skills they have learnt this term. It involved jumping across the trampoline, forward roll down the incline crash mat and testing out their balance walking forward and backward along the beam. I was very proud of how hard the kids worked this term; they practiced many handstands, cartwheels and forward rolls, plus trampoline skills such as star jump, pike and straddle'. All the children made great progress and are looking forward to more next term.



CCA Gymnasts learning the skills needed

CALENDAR FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK

	Saturday 22		
	Sunday 23		
WEEK 13 Nov	Monday 24	0730-0740 1500-1530 1500-1600	Start of PTA Charity 'Christmas Tree' Present Collection Academic Staff Briefing, <i>Library</i> IPC Staff CPD Session, <i>Classrooms</i> PADI Master Seal Team Scuba Training, <i>Swimming Pool and Classrooms</i>
	Tuesday 25	1000-1330 1210-1240 1515-1715 1800-2000	No CCAs today Reception IPC Trip, <i>Wen's Garden Centre and Miri city Fan</i> Student Leaders Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i> Parent's Evening, Library Primary: Years 3-6 Secondary: Years 10-11
	Wednesday 26	1500-1600	Senior Leadership Team Meeting, <i>Meeting Room</i> Principal and Bursar to Penang
	Thursday 27	1000-1700 2330	Tenby Executive Meeting, <i>Tenby Schools Penang</i> Principal and Bursar return from Penang
	Friday 28	0800-0845 1015-1200	Charity Non-Uniform Day in support of Project AWARE and Finathon Primary Assembly, <i>Auditorium</i> Early Years Concert and Party, <i>Classrooms</i>
	Saturday 29	0600-1800	TIS Miri and Project AWARE Finathon, Swimming Pool
	Sunday 30		