**Parents’ Bulletin**

Friday 14th March 2014

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**Whole School**

The new Tenby Schools Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Alister Bartholomew would like to meet parents for about 15 – 20 minutes. There are two dates listed below where he is available. Parents are welcome to attend either session. The venues have yet to be confirmed.

- Friday 21.03.14 @ 15:00hrs
- Friday 28.03.14 @ 08:00hrs

**Council of International Schools (CIS) Preliminary Visit**

We are looking forward to welcoming the two CIS visitors to our school on Monday 31st March for a week.

Please remember that **Monday 31st March** will be a staff training day and will therefore be **closed to students**.

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**Upcoming Events**

1. 19.03.14 – Careers’ Day for Y11 – Y13 & Form 5
2. 20.03.14 – Visiting Author, Eliza Teoh, a Singaporean author of Ellie Belly series is coming to Tenby on 20.03.14. She will be giving a talk to Year 3-6 and S4-S6. Book sale and signing will be at EPC from 10:30hrs to 11:30hrs and 12:00hrs to 12:30hrs. Students may bring money if they wish to purchase the books. Books range from RM25.00 - RM35.00. You may find more information about her @ [www.bubbly-books.com](http://www.bubbly-books.com)
3. 05.04.14 - Spring Charity Carnival @ Tenby @ 11:00hrs – 16:00hrs. If you would like to be part of this event, please email Mr. Robinson at trobinson@tenby.edu.my.

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**Fixtures** (subject to change)

1. 15.03.14 - U14 boys Football Tournament @ ELC Cyberjaya
2. 19.03.14 - U11 Boys & Girls KLISS Football @ NIS & 22.03.14 Primary Athletics @ NIS
3. 22.03.14 - U15 & O15 Boys Football @ Tenby
4. 27.03.14 - U13 Girls KLISS Basketball @ BSKL
5. 27.03.14 - U15 Boys KLISS Basketball @ TIS
6. 29.03.14 - Secondary KLISS Athletics @ Desa Park City Field
7. 30.04.14 - Primary KLISS T-ball @ ISP
8. 03.05.14 - Girls ISAC Softball @ GIS
9. 03.05.14 - Boys ISAC Softball @ TIS
10. 03.05.14 - U11 Boys, U10 & U12 Girls Football Tournament @ MKIS
11. 07.05.14 - Primary KLISS Badminton @ ISP
12. 08.05.14 - U15 Girls ISAC Touch Rugby @ ISKL
13. 08.05.14 - U13 KLISS Badminton @ TIS v BSKL
14. 10.05.14 - U15 Boys & Girls ISAKL Basketball @ JSKL
15. 10.05.14 - Triathlon @ Nexus
16. 10.05.14 - U15 Girls ISAC Touch Rugby @ ISKL
17. 10.05.14 - O15 Boys & Girls ISAC Touch Rugby @ MKIS
Sekolah Sri Tenby (SST)

Haze Work
When the school is closed to students because of unhealthy air quality, teachers will upload work according to the time table of the day. Students are to download work from our website. They should complete each day’s work on the same day while they are at home. All work must be submitted to their subject teachers on the day when they return to school.

Please look out for any announcement about school closure via e-mail or Twitter.

2014 Kids Against Plant Extinction Project by Squair Roots
A letter was sent out to parents on Thursday 13th March to explain in greater detail about this project. The chosen seeds selected for this study of plant growth are red bean, pumpkin and tomato. Every child is to make three recycled paper pots to grow one or two seeds each in a recycled paper pot. Every week the children have to take pictures of the plant growth and post these on an online notice board for the homeroom. They are to study the growth till these plants are 5cm tall before they are transferred to a bigger pot or into the ground.

In the meantime, they are to explore other plants around them and feature these plants on the Pinterest online notice boards. All work will be judged for a contest to start a seed bank in Kew Gardens.

Please be informed that the Science teachers will explain to students each week the steps to be followed and it would be good for parents to be supportive of their work. Two red beans for each student were distributed to all children on Friday 14th March so that they can begin planting over the weekend. The other pumpkin and tomato seeds are to be sourced by parents. If the seeds are fresh, please dry them before use.

Sciencematics Week (10th – 14th March)
Some activities scheduled to be carried out outdoors have to be postponed to the following week beginning Monday 17th March when the air quality improves.

During this period, all outdoor CCAs will be carried out indoors in alternative venues made known to children. No CCA will be cancelled.
Tenby International School (TIS)

Haze: Update on School Closure & Contingency Plans

General Information
The API readings published remain hazardous. Please note that if the Ministry of Education declare that schools in Klang, Shah Alam or Selangor should be closed, we will comply. Information on whether we are open/closed on Monday 17th March will be out to parents via Twitter & e-mail by 18:00hrs on Sunday 16th March. If the school is closed, we will send daily updates the afternoon/evening before about the following day. Real time news will be published on the schools’ Twitter accounts. If you have not followed us on Twitter, please do.

Work for Students
Work for students to complete at home for today was uploaded onto the school’s website for download.

Work can be accessed via the following link: http://www.tenby.edu.my/setia-eco-park/downloads. To download and print the work set, please click on the relevant year group to access the tasks.

We will keep in touch and send you any further updates. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

EY & Primary Parents’ Forum (ref: letter dated 11.03.14)
The sessions will be informal with members of the leadership team present. These may include the Head of Year, Year Group Leader, Principal/Head of Primary, Head of Secondary and Deputy Principals.

Upcoming Events – Students
- 17.03.14 & 18.03.14 - Y6 Trip
- 19.03.14 - Y4 Trip [Note: Arr 07:15hrs. Normal dismissal @ 14:30hrs]
- 19.03.14 – Careers’ Day for Y11 – Y13 & Form 5
- 21.03.14 - Postponed to this date - Nursery Trip
- 26.03.14 & 27.03.14 – Y6 Petrosains Workshops in school

Upcoming Events – Parents
- 17.03.14 - Y5 Parents’ Forum 08:00hrs - 09:00hrs (EPC)
- 17.03.14 - Y9 Options Evening 18:00hrs - 20:00hrs. Main event EPC
- 18.03.14 - Y4 Parents’ Forum 08:00hrs - 09:00hrs (EPC)
- 19.03.14 - Y6 Parents’ Checkpoint Info Meeting @ 14:45hrs, EPC
- 20.03.14 - Y2 Parent Workshop, Scientific Enquiry 08:10hrs-09:10hrs
- 25.03.14 - Y3 Parents’ Forum 08:00hrs - 09:00hrs (EPC)
- 26.03.14 – Early Years Parent Workshop: Exploring BLP Activities @ 13:15hrs - 14:00hrs
- 26.03.14 - Y6 Parent Workshop: English 14:45hrs in Class 6T
- 27.03.14 - Y1 Parent Workshop: Spelling 09:50hrs
- 28.03.14 - Primary Information Morning (PIMs): National Curriculum Levels @ 08:00hrs – 09:00hrs
- 07.04.14 - Y2 Parents’ Forum 08:00hrs - 09:00hrs (EPC)
- 08.04.14 - Y1 Parents’ 08:00hrs - 09:00hrs (Venue TBC)
Additional Dates – IGCSE
- 17.03.14 – 19.03.14 - Malay IGCSE oral exams
- 24.03.14 – 26.03.14 - Mandarin IGCSE Oral Exams
- 01.04.14 - French IGCSE Oral Exams
- 08.04.14 – 10.04.14 – Cambridge Primary & Secondary Checkpoint
- 06.05.14 – 11.06.14 – IGCSE & AS/A-Level Written Exams

Note: Year 11 students will continue to have their usual lessons at school until Friday 25th April. The following events will take place after the examinations of which more details will be given nearer the time.
- Tuesday 17.06.14 : Graduation Ceremony
- Friday 13.06.14 : Graduation Dinner
- Friday 25.07.14 : Final School Assembly

Victorious!!!
Four Year 6 pupils took part in the inter-national maths quiz at Mutia International Grammar school last Tuesday. They were up against five other international schools and WON!!! The four pupils from Year 6, WenXuan, Eryn, Jack and Hsien Yong, had to endure 6 rounds of tough maths questions including quick fire mental maths, multiple choice, number challenges and a collaborative problem solving task. The group showed excellent skills when having to think both independently and as a team, discussing the best tactics to use to ensure a victory.

By the end of the final round, Tenby had secured a substantial victory over the other international schools. Each member of the team received RM110.00 book tokens and a trophy for the school. The quiz was to help raise awareness for World Maths Day, 6th March, and to encourage more children to become enthusiastic about maths. Well done, you made us proud.