Whole School

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
The closing date for ICAS is now **Friday 8th March** for entry for all competitions. Registration forms are available at the respective school office. If you would like to register your son/daughter for these competitions, please complete the form and return it with payment by Friday 8th March, to the Reception.

**The Registration Form and payment should be returned in a sealed envelope labelled clearly with your child’s name and class. Please note that payment can only be made via cheque or bank draft made payable to Tenby World Sdn Bhd**.

Nut Allergy – Anaphalaxis
Please be aware that there are a number of students in school with serious nut allergies that could be life threatening when exposed to nut in any form e.g. nut oil, peanut butter and cakes etc. Even small traces of nuts can trigger a severe reaction. As such, please bear this in mind when sending food in from home or when selecting birthday cakes to share with the class. It is recommended that no nuts are contained in items sent in to be shared with the class.

Climate Week: 4th – 10th March 2013
Climate Week takes place next week. During our assemblies this week a group of Year 9 students have been informing our students of the causes and effects of Global Warming. Ilona, Joo Yun and Brandon presented to all the students across the school and have asked everyone to be aware of global warming issues. Well done students!

So, for next week (and hopefully, for longer) students have suggested trying to use less electricity around the school and all classroom electrics will be turned off when they are not in use. Students also commented on the value of ‘carpooling’. It would be great if parents joined in with saving electricity and searched for ways of helping our climate.
Reminders
Important Highway & 'Pick-Up' Issues
Firstly, a few parents/drivers have been dropping off and picking up students on the hard shoulder of the highway. This is extremely dangerous.

Secondly, parents/drivers are also **discouraged from picking up students from outside the school compound** (by the roundabout) as we cannot guarantee the safety of students once they leave the school compound.

Thirdly, students are supposed to be picked up on time as follows:
- Early Years : 13:15hrs
- Std 1 & 2 : 14:20hrs
- Key Stage 1 : 14:00hrs
- Key Stage 2/Std 3 upwards: 14:30hrs unless they have a CCA or are waiting for a sibling doing a CCA (KS2/Std2 and above only).

*No students should be on campus after 16:00hrs* unless they are participating in a school event led by staff e.g. tournament/match. *The respective school offices close at 16:00hrs.*

Despite numerous reminders to parents/drivers regarding these issues, our pleas continue to be ignored. Therefore, the following new rules have been put into action for the sake of students’ safety.

1) At the end of the school day, the guards will encourage **students to wait at the designated pick up points** within the school campus and **NOT at the roundabout**. If students continue to ignore the advice of the guards, we will be unable to guarantee their safety. Parents/Drivers who come to the roundabout to meet students will need to walk in or drive in to meet children at the designated pickup points.

2) Any **student not picked up by 16:00hrs will need to gather in the Foyer** (not any other designated point) to be picked up. This will enable the school to monitor students who are regularly picked up late.

Please note that the Early Years’ Drop-off and Pick-up point is for Early Years’ students, not for older students. Other students are required to gather in the Cafeteria for pick-up.

**Eco Friendly Drive**
As part of an Eco-Drive we would like to encourage parents and staff to bring their own containers (if they are purchasing food to take away) and mugs to the Cafeteria. This is to prevent the use of polystyrene containers/cups as the eco packaging cannot be sourced any more.
Book Week 2013

Tenby Schools’ Library will be celebrating ‘Book Week’ from 11th – 15th March. Students from Early Years to Year 6 (TIS) and Std 1 to Std 6 (SST) will have a variety of activities and events for them to enjoy. There will be a Battle of the Books and a Storytelling Competition. If you come to the library, you will see an array of bookmarks, posters, book character masks and diorama displays for your enjoyment.

In line with this, we are delighted to have Nick Toczek visit us for the week. He is a leading UK children’s poet and author. He will do performances and workshops with the students. He is famous for his books “Me and My Poems”, “Number Number Cut a Cucumber” and a lot more.

In addition, Never Ending Story, a company originating from Singapore will share their passion that “Stories Reach, Stories Teach” through the different programmes lined up for the students.

We will also have book stalls around the school for you to buy your favourite books.

As part of the upcoming Book Week activity, the library and in collaboration with the Primary Student Council will be launching the READ-A-THON to Tenby Primary Schools starting the 1st of March. The purpose of the Read-A-thon is to encourage students to develop good reading habits and raise funds for underprivileged kids.

For each book a child reads, a donor can pledge RM5.00 or more. So the more a child reads, the more money will be donated to a worthy cause. Parents may get involved by helping their children find sponsors among family and friends. The class with the highest donation will receive the Read-A-Thon recognition trophy and a prize.

Last year’s Read-A-Thon challenge funds were donated to Savong School in Cambodia and we were able to build a library for the school. Our students went to Savong School and helped to building the library.

The Library built from the Read-A-Thon proceeds last year
Fixtures

**Thursday 7th March**

14:50hrs - 18:00hrs : U13 Boys Basketball
vs BSKL @ BSKL

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**Tennis Squad**

The U18 Tennis Squad represented Tenby last **Saturday 23rd February** in the **ISAC Division 2 Tennis Tournament**. We had a boys and girls team consisting of players from KS2 – KS4 which shows we have a specific pool of talent to nurture in this sport. Both teams played some excellent tennis and we finished in gold medal position in the girls and boys rankings. Congratulations to the students from their coaches Miss Warnes, Miss Joanne, Mr. Sean and the PE department.

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**1000 Species Garden**

The following photos show the two plant species featured this week:

- **Scientific name: Calathea bella**
  Common name: None

- **Scientific name: Aechmea chantinii**
  Common name: Amazonian Zebra Plant
Sekolah Sri Tenby (SST)

Speech & Drama Programme leading to Year End Musical Dramas
The Speech & Drama component has been incorporated into the Malaysian English curriculum since the beginning of 2012 for Stds 1-3. This has a positive impact on our children to develop their skills in speaking, singing and dancing. Their talent was showcased in the 2012 Year end Musical Drama which captivated the audience present for the Superstar Awards Ceremony.

For this year, we plan to extend the opportunity earlier to more students in the Primary and Secondary by conducting ‘Artistes Workshops’ starting from the Week beginning Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} April (2\textsuperscript{nd} Week of Term 2).

These workshops will be held every Friday from 14:40hrs – 15:30hrs for three groups of students such as:
- Std 1 – 3
- Std 4 & 5
- Form 1 – 3

The fees will be RM300.00 per student for 10 sessions. Interested students are to be present for an audition which will be held on Wednesday 6\textsuperscript{th} March, 14:40hrs – 15:40hrs at the Arena of Knowledge.

Students involved in House Activities will be given the opportunity to audition at a later date.
**Photo Sessions**

The following is the schedule for the photo sessions for Monday 4th March to Wednesday 6th March:

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Please inform Ms. Evelyn to make arrangements for siblings photos to be taken.

**Mastery Modular Assessments (MMA) for new students**

The main objective for MMA is to gauge students’ understanding of the curriculum coverage for all subjects from the beginning of the Term until the week beginning Monday 4th February. Students who have recently joined the school since Monday 18th February will be sitting for these assessment papers during the week beginning Monday 4th March for the purpose of gauging the new students’ understanding of the learning areas to determine the amount of assistance needed.

**PA’s Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting for parents will be held on Thursday 7th March at 09:00hrs 10:00hrs in SST’s Lecture Room (2nd Floor SST Block).

We invite all parents to be present. To facilitate our organisation for the AGM, please confirm your attendance via email to Ms. Evelyn (slgoh@tenby.edu.my). The agenda will be as follows:

1. Welcome Address by our Chairman, Mr. Peter Phang
2. Election/Appointment of 2013 Parents Association Committee
3. Activities for 2013
4. Other Matters

Nomination for Primary & Lower Secondary parents is closed but we hope to receive nominations from Form 4 & 5 parents to serve in this year’s committee.

Please send in your nomination via email to Pn. Lee (mllee@tenby.edu.my) latest by Tuesday 5th March.
Tenby International School (TIS)

Year 9 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC)
This is scheduled for **Tuesday 5th March** between 16:00hrs and 19:00hrs in the Multi Purpose Hall (MPH). You will have the chance to discuss your child’s progress so far this year and suitability of different courses. Letters were distributed to parents/students during the Year 9 Options Evening earlier this week.

The Y9 Options Process: Accounting, Business Studies & Economics Taster Sessions (Y9 ONLY)
As part of the options process a carousel of workshops will be made available to Y9 students on Monday 4th March. Y9 students will have the option of attending a taster session workshop in accounting, business studies and economics. Students will be split into three groups and will participate in a subject related activity before moving to the next workshop. Each workshop will last around 20mins and the whole event will take approximately one hour. We look forward to seeing the Y9 pupils there.

TIS Agama Provision
Agama lessons are scheduled each week on Wednesday and Thursday at the following times:
- 14:40hrs – 15:05hrs – Years 7 & 8
- 15:05hrs – 15:30hrs – Year 9
- 15:30hrs – 15:55hrs – Years 10 & 11

Lessons take place on the first floor of the TIS block in one of either A1-03 or A1-06.

Year 12: AS Level Mock Exam 2013 (Advanced Subsidiary)
The Year 12 mock exams will take place from Wednesday 06.03.13 to Friday 15.03.13.
Exam venue: 6th Form Centre

Primary Personal Goal Focus: RESPECT
From next week until the end of term, the primary school will be focusing on ‘respect’. Once again, we would like your support in pushing this at home. Here are some examples to guide you at home:

- Speak courteously to everyone
- Take special care of the belongings of others
- Be receptive to the wisdom of the elders
- Honor the rules of my family, school and the country
- Expect respect for my body and my rights
- Treat others with dignity
T.I.S primary art is pleased to showcase the work of these talented students from Year 1 to Year 6. Please come and view the beautiful artwork in the reception foyer and discover the ‘hidden talent’ in each of them!
Gong Xi Fa Cai from the Art & Design Department

Year 10 IGCSE Art Students worked together to create two exceptional paintings, to wish the school and its visitors a Happy and Prosperous Chinese New Year.

The paintings are exhibited in the School’s main reception.

Year 10 Art Students:

Chien Wei 10E, Veron Tan 10N, Kyraa Mills 10T, Nicholas Norris 10T

Ryan Yeoh 10E, Trudy Burnett 10T, Chloe Looi 10T
Also in Art & Design this week..... Year 8 Mural Update

This week students have been exploring Tenby’s Culture and expressing their ideas through Experimental Techniques.

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Year 9 Surreal Sculptures

Year 9 Art Students have just completed their first experimental, collaborative ‘Surreal Sculptures’. These weird and wonderful sculptures are exhibited in the gallery space within Miss Pearce’s Art Studio.

Feel free to drop by and to admire them!