WELCOME BACK -Term 2

A very warm welcome back! As we enter Term 2 I would like to remind parents of upcoming events.

We will be launching a Road Safety campaign for our Year 3 upwards on Friday 15th April. We intend to link up with other Tenby schools via a live feed for the launch that will take place in Ipoh. **Tan Sri Michelle Yeoh**, who is currently the Global Road Safety Ambassador for the UN Decade for Road Safety 2011-2020, will be their guest of honour. If you require further information the following website is recommended.

http://safesteps.com/road-safety

‘SAFE STEPS Road Safety is a series of public service announcements (PSAs) with the objective of raising awareness and providing clear, educational information on common areas of road safety awareness. Posters and an informative pamphlet are also available which can be shared through community-based activities and partnerships. All SAFE STEPS Road Safety life-saving tips have been approved and endorsed by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.’

Earth Day

The Earth Day Network is entering its 46th year as a movement that continues to inspire, challenge ideas, ignite passion, and motivate people to action. In 1970, the year of its first Earth Day, the movement gave voice to an emerging consciousness, channeling human energy toward environmental issues. Forty-six years later, it continues to lead with groundbreaking ideas. Earth Day is more than just a single day — April 22, 2016.

This Earth Day and beyond, they hope to plant 7.8 billion trees! Let us, as a community, play our part! We will be ‘switching off’ for one hour (7:30-8:30am) on Friday 22nd. This will mean that lights/interactive projectors etc. will not be in use for one hour. All staff will be involved in monitoring this to honour our commitment and maintain appropriate health and safety awareness.

We will also be planting a tree during morning break time. If you are interested in the campaign please click on the image below to access their webpage.

Lost property

We will be placing all lost property items in the Canteen area on Tuesday and Wednesday morning and afternoon this week to encourage students and parents to collect those items that have been left behind over the last term. Please take the time to check through the sections. There are many items of school clothing unclaimed. I’m sure you will understand that we are unable to continue storing up items that remain unclaimed; therefore we will donate remaining items to a charity by Friday 15th April.
Music Recital 2016 by Ms Swan

The first music recital for the year 2016 was held on Friday, 11th March 2016 from 2pm to 2.50pm. On that day, our school auditorium was transformed into an intimate performance space where students were given the opportunity to perform in front of school staff, parents and members of the community. It was a delight to see many excellent performances which featured pop bands, singing, piano and instrumental performances.

Our young musicians performed modern and classical pieces followed by pop bands who performed a selection of pop pieces. The performers’ effort was clearly appreciated by Tenby staff & students with generous applause. Well done to everyone who took part in this music recital and made the day a success.

Swimming

JSAC hosted a Swimming competition for students aged 7 to 16. Over 200 students took part in the competition held at Excelsior at the end of February. Tenby took 42 swimmers to the event and they did themselves proud with many students achieving a personal best.

The students were out of school the whole day and represented the school and themselves impeccably. The whole team should be congratulated on their efforts and achievements.

Tenby Winners:
Hannah Clarke, Sophia Fernandez, Emjay Ghanam, Ethan Ng, Luke Tan, Gregor Martin, Haiman Harith, Jonathan Tan

Under 12 Football

The boys played the final leg of the friendly JSAC football league at Marlborough. The team has developed so much since the first fixture we hosted in January. The team play with a great level of maturity and are fitting into their roles and positions well. We finished the latest meeting in 2nd place, and with a bit better finishing, a little bit of luck we will find ourselves at the top of the league in the next football festival.

Team: Aidan, Ren Jie, Adam, Euan, Silas, Gregor, Jet

Friday Fun Lunch

Friday 18th March was the first Friday Fun Lunch – a fantastic celebration of community at Tenby Eco Gardens organised by the Heads of House, with the sterling support of House Captains and Vice Captains: Emily Hoon, Esther Richards, Niesa Nazam, Archa Beche, Caeley Chia, Carol Lau, Amalia Rahmani and Renee Chu. A fun day was had by all as the event - spread over Primary, KS3 and KS4 Lunch – featuring a Three-Legged-Race, Chuck-A-Can (geddit, 1980’s pop fans?) and the Penalty Shoot-Out, put the fun back into Friday and also produced a lot of house points and cash prizes. We were very pleased with the money taken and this will all be invested into future rewards for members of all four houses. Owing to the success of this, two further Friday Fun Lunches are scheduled for later in the school year.
Students, staff and visitors enjoyed an International Day that saw our community come together in true Tenby style. The event began with a Flag Parade, representing all nationalities. There was an amazing feeling of International Mindedness when the flag bearers placed their flags in the stands provided while national anthems played in the background. Throughout the day students took part in curriculum activities designed to educate them on our diverse society.

Each class was allocated a country and instructed to design an environment within their classroom to show knowledge and understanding of the culture of that country. Students enjoyed travelling around the campus, visiting the different countries, receiving a stamp in their ‘passports’ on the way. Parents had given generously towards this event, both of their time and contributions of taster foods/personal artefacts from around the world.

The theme of International Mindedness continued throughout the day with break time entertainment, kite flying and even our very own security guards were involved in a traditional ‘changing of the guards’ routine. The end of term assembly brought the whole campus together to showcase student and teacher performances that included poetry reading, Malay dancing, singing, classical Chinese music and even a fashion show! As you can see from the images, the event was a great success! Sincere gratitude and thanks to Ms Mandy Parker and her International Day Committee for organizing this special event.
Tenby Schools will be honoring the joy of reading by hosting a Book Week Festival from 18th April to 22nd April. The week’s celebration is dedicated to spreading the word about literature and encouraging the joys of reading. A myriad of activities have been set up by the Language Department and their students and we look forward to the support of all the students and their families.

### 18th April & 19th April: Book Fair

A BOOK FAIR – New Books will be on sale by various vendors. Use your lunchtime to go on a book spree!

### 20th April: Activities

1. **‘Books Galore’ Donation Drive** – Year 8 will be organizing a charity drive by selling second hand books and hand-made bookmarks for a good cause. Come with heavy pockets and light hearts as the money you donate for the used books will be given to the charity organization of their choice.
2. **Character Dress-up Day** – Come dressed as a popular character in a book. Take pictures with your favourite characters too!
3. **Look-out for our Year 9s who will read a poem or prose from the book.**

### 21st April: Going on a Hunt

It’s time to hunt for a character! Go in search of a famous character from legends and tales from hidden clues.

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### Book Week by Ms Patricia Maher

Tenby Book Week will take place from 18th-22nd April. There will be lots of activities and competitions organized to promote a love of reading books for our students. Details will be published soon.

We would like to invite our parents to participate by either volunteering to run an activity with a class or to share a story with a class read in English or in your own mother tongue. If you would like to get involved, please contact your child’s homeroom teacher or Ms Patricia.

Thank you for your support.

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### IPC Exit Point by Ms Patricia Maher

Year 3 were palaeontologists for their latest exit point as they explained all that they had learned during their ‘Footprints From the Past’ unit. The Year 3 students were full of information about the different time periods when dinosaurs lived and they created a timeline to explain this to others. They learned about fossil hunters from around the world and talked about different ideas to explain why dinosaurs died out. They did a great job presenting their projects and participated in a dinosaur dig!
Learning Mathematics is Fun

by Ms Siti Maziah & Mr Teng Chuan Wan

At SST, we continuously encourage students to develop a love for Mathematics. Lessons are planned so that our students not only prepare for examinations but are led to cultivate an interest in Mathematics. In order to do that, Mathematics is being taught in such a way that students begin to see the relevance of Mathematics in everyday life. We were privileged to host a tour by The Kangaroo Mathematics Group to our school recently. The team that came shared effective and enjoyable learning of Mathematics through an interactive seminar for our Form 1-3 students. The students had a good time exploring the usefulness of Mathematics and they are now looking for opportunities to participate in the many on-line competitions that are now available for our students through this networking with the Kangaroo Mathematics Group.

Gunung Pulai Hiking Trip

by Carol Lau (Y10I)

It all started on the bus, the chattering, the excitement, the thrill and anticipation to hike up Gunung Pulai. The bus trip took us slightly more than half an hour, but it felt like ages to me as this was my first time hiking, and I was definitely looking forward to it. After munching away our tuna and egg sandwiches, not to forget applying lots of insect repellent and sunblock, we finally reached the foot of the mountain.

The journey started when we walked towards the jungle trail, branching towards the right of the main road. Immediately, we were enveloped by the tall surrounding trees, which separated us from the outside world. It was fascinating to stand amongst the greenery, observing nature ever so closely. It was a welcoming sight indeed. However, our legs were certainly aching when we came to the trails, which are slanted at 45 degrees, sloping upwards as we hiked up the mountain. We rested at a few stops, eating and drinking to replenish our energy while waiting for our friends. Our bags were lighter too, after eating our lunch halfway up the mountain.

Gunung Pulai is 654 metres high, 700 metres above the sea level, and the hiking trail was approximately 14 kilometres long. When we were almost at the top, some of our friends decided to head down the mountain whereas a few of us remained, determined to complete the trail to reach the very top. We walked on the road as it is a one-way route and the soles of our feet were burning under the scorching sun. Oh, how we missed being sheltered below the shady trees!

Finally, we reached the summit of Gunung Pulai. The sense of achievement upon reaching the summit was overwhelming and unexplainable. Although we were exhausted with our limbs begging for rest, each and every one of us had a smile lighting up on our faces. It was indeed one of the best days in my life, getting up-close and personal to Mother Nature.

Then came the tiring part of the hike down the mountain along the road trail, baked under the hot sun with sweat trickling down our backs, if we were not soaking from sweat already. With our
soles rubbing against the tar surface, the 45 degrees slopes welcomed us once more. Despite the challenges along the way, I enjoyed every moment of the hike. It came to me how lucky we are to be able to experience and to see the magnificent tropical rainforest, with all kinds of flora and fauna in it. We even saw colourful butterflies fluttering around a shiny, winged beetle! It was truly astounding to see the canopy of trees towering over us, and the bright blue sky high above us. There were also the birds and the river streams, speaking a language I had never heard before, the music of nature. These are things I would never have a chance to see in a busy city.

When we once again reached the foot of the mountain, all of us decided to stop at a ‘mamak’ stall nearby to quench our thirsts with cold drinks that tasted like heaven after 4 hours of hiking. Some of us even decided to eat some mee goreng too! Everyone was busy chatting away around the tables while savouring their snacks. At last, the bus arrived and we walked down the dusty road, bidding goodbye to Gunung Pulai, which stood majestically behind us. After getting on the bus, we dozed off on our way back to school, as we were all exhausted from the adventure we had had. It was half past four when we reached school and we went home with contented hearts. I couldn’t contain my excitement when I narrated my experience to my brother in the car on our way home.

This trip was a memorable and remarkable one, and I absolutely would hike up Gunung Pulai again with my family and friends. It was a very meaningful activity for the team-building club members too, as we got to know each other better during the hike, making our bonds stronger. We were chatting all along the way, helping each other overcome obstacles in the jungle, climbing over fallen tree branches, and helping our friends up steep and slippery tracks! However, this trip would not be a success if it were not for Ms. Graeme, who put so much effort into organizing this, the school, along with all the team-building club members who willingly and actively participated in this activity. Thank you everyone, for making this trip such a wonderful and memorable one. I am certainly looking forward to our next outdoor adventure.

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Below is an updated list of external transporters effective 4th April 2016.

Note: We would like to remind parents/ guardians that transportation services are not provided or managed by any of the Tenby Schools or its affiliates (“Tenby”). Accordingly, the external transporters as listed below are not authorised providers of transport for Tenby and are not agents of Tenby. This list is solely for your convenience to facilitate your selection of a transporter for your child’s/ ward’s daily journey to and from school.

As they are external service providers, please contact them directly should you need any information on their services in order to make a fully informed decision about your child’s/ ward’s preferred mode of travel to school.

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