Whole School

Parent Survey
I would like to thank all the parents who took part in our recent survey which ran from 7th November to the 11th December 2012, where a total of 588 parents responded by the cut off date. A survey is a crucial part of school development and improvement. It gives us an opportunity to celebrate what we are doing well while at the same time providing us useful data for our future plans, which will enable Tenby Schools to provide a more effective teaching and learning environment for all of our students in the years to come.

The report below addresses issues which are common at Tenby Schools, Setia Eco Park.

A breakdown of the key points is available below but looking at the survey overall we can say that Tenby parents:

- Support the Tenby Schools vision of ‘A United World at Peace - Through Education’.
- Agree that the school is a welcoming and friendly place.
- Are confident that their children are safe, both in school and on trips.
- Believe their children are happy at school and that the relationships between their children and teachers are good.
- Are kept informed about school activities and events.
- Believe that the school respects social and cultural differences.
- Agree that students are given recognition for their achievements.
- Would recommend this school to another parent.

Further Details:
What do parents recognise as the strengths of Tenby Schools?

1. The school’s teacher-student ratio.
2. My child’s ability to complete his/her homework with assignments with limited assistance.
3. Students are allowed to learn with and from each other.
4. My child is aware of how well he/she is doing in school.
5. Success is expected of all students regardless of social or cultural differences.
6. The current school day effectively meets the needs of my child.
7. Student performance is judged in a variety of ways.
8. The cultural diversity of the school community is used to enrich my child’s learning.
9. What my child is learning is important for the future.
10. Activities outside of the classroom are used to support teaching and learning.
11. The school organises enriching activities for the students.
12. Students are disciplined in a fair and consistent manner.
13. Parents support the school’s policy on dealing with absence.
14. There are a wide range of CCAs in the school.
15. Parents have received a School or Parent-Student Handbook.
What concerns do parents have about Tenby Schools?

1. The qualifications of the teachers in the school.
2. The amount of time provided during the school day to address the learning needs of my child.
3. Opportunities to contribute ideas for school improvement.
4. The perception of the school leadership’s willingness to listen to parent concerns.
5. The school leadership needs to encourage more positive and frequent communication between the staff and parents.

Based on the survey, Tenby Schools will be focusing on the above key points over the next twelve months. Feedback on our strategies and progress will be shared via the Newsletters and information mornings.

Conclusion:

Tenby Schools is committed to providing high quality teaching and learning for all students and as part of our commitment to sharing and listening, we will be carrying out further surveys over the next six months when students and Tenby staff will be invited again to share their opinions.

I thank all the parents who have provided a detailed response in the second survey, although we are unable to respond to every concern immediately, rest assured we do take your opinions very seriously and will in the foreseeable future, do our utmost to address as many of the issues as possible.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s school if you have any further concerns or worries.

I am happy to receive any suggestions, ideas or further feedback, regarding any of the Tenby Schools and look forward to working with the Tenby community, for the benefit of all the children in our care.

Yours faithfully,

Chua Yam Ken
Director of Schools
Earth Hour

Earth Hour will be celebrated all over the world on Saturday 23rd March from 20:30hrs - 21:30hrs. We would like to invite everyone in the school community to ‘go beyond the hour’ to save the Earth. The Garden Committee together with School Councillors will be hosting a special event called ‘Earth Hour Awareness’ in school. The details are as follows:

**Date**: Friday 22nd March  
**Time**: 14:40hrs – 15:40hrs  
**Venue**: Tenby Science Garden  
**Dress code**: PE Attire, cap, gloves  
**Please bring along a water bottle.**

Everyone in the school community is invited to participate and to join in the activities planned for the day such as:
1. Planting  
2. Labelling plant species  
3. Entertainment by guitarists  
4. Knowing the 5 Senses Garden & Wild Biodiversity site  
5. Take a close look at the Solar Panels

Students who are interested must register with the councillors in each class by Tuesday 19th March so that group organisation can be done prior to the event.

In addition, the entire school will be observing their own ‘Earth Hour’ on Friday 22nd March from 09:00hrs – 10:00hrs. All electrical devices will be turned off during this time.

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**Staff Qualifications**

One of the concerns that parents expressed in the Parents’ Survey was that they wanted to know what our staff qualifications were. You will be pleased to know that this has now been published on the school website and can be accessed via the following link: [www.tenby.edu.my/v2/setiaecopark/sep teachers](http://www.tenby.edu.my/v2/setiaecopark/sep teachers)
ISAC Track & Field Results
Congratulations to our medal winners who took part in the ISAC track and field meet and a great job to all who turned up that day.

Tenby earned medals in the following events:
**U13 Girls High Jump** – Jorjia jumped 122cm and finished in 2nd place.

**U13 Boys 4x100m** – Daren, Yi Xue, Seth and Mahesh finished the relay in 60.2 seconds to take home a Bronze medal each.

**O15 Boys 4x100m** – Stefan, Jason, Michael and Darren ran their relay in 50.75 seconds earning them 3rd place.

1000 Species Garden

**Scientific name:** *Epipremnum aureum*
**Common name:** Money Plant

**Scientific name:** *Ixora hybrid*
**Common name:** None
CCA Info for Term April – July 2013

- CCA Forms will be distributed on **Friday 22nd March**.
- Please submit the form to your child’s Class Teacher/Homeroom Teacher on/before **Wednesday 27th March**.
- The announcement of confirmation of the CCAs will be available on the Notice Board in the school’s cafeteria and respective class room on **Wednesday 10th April**.
- For paid CCAs, please enclose a cheque/bank draft (for CCAs only) together with the application form, payable to ‘Tenby World Sdn Bhd’. Please write your child’s name and class on the reverse of the cheque/bank draft.
- CCAs will start on **Monday 22nd April** and the last day will be on **Friday 19th July**.
- For enquiries about CCAs, please e-mail Mr. Lee (lee_tiong_hui@tenby.edu.my).

Special Note
IGCSE Examinations will run from Monday 6th May – Wednesday 12th June. Therefore, the Badminton CCA will be held at the Setia Badminton Academy during these dates.

Tenby CCA Policy
Students will be offered the opportunity to change their CCAs at the end of every term. Remember:

- Students are making a commitment so choose carefully. They are expected to honour that commitment throughout the term. Any changes will not be entertained.
- Each student is recommended to take two CCAs, in which at least one is a sport.
- If a student wishes to have more than two CCAs his/her parent has to write in to the CCA Officer for consideration.
- If students know that they are unable to attend their CCA on any given day, they must have the courtesy to inform their CCA teacher in advance or parents may write in a letter to explain their absence.
- Allocation of students will be based on a lottery system to ensure fairness for all.
- Forms handed in late and incomplete will only be processed after the allocation of pupils who have handed in the form on time.
- If the chosen CCA incurs a fee, please make the payment via cheque/bank draft (with the correct amount made payable to ‘Tenby World Sdn Bhd’).
2013 Parents Association Committee
A good number of parents attended the AGM on Thursday 7th March in the school and the following members were appointed to serve the new committee:
- Mr. Peter Phang, A.M.P; M.C.C.S
- Dr. Wong Chek Foong
- Mrs. Casey Chua
- Dr. R.Gunaseelan
- Mrs. Vanitha Mani Thevaratnam
- Mrs. Alicia Teoh
- Mrs. Neelamalar Nadarasah
- Mrs. Subashiny Kaliaperumal

Thanks to all these parents who have graciously accepted the appointment to form the new committee and to all other parents who turned up for the AGM. At the same time, thanks also goes to the outgoing committee for their valuable contributions to the school.

Talk on “Added Value of a Malaysian Curricular School”
All interested parents are invited to the above talk on Thursday 21st March from 15:00hrs – 16:30hrs in the Auditorium. This talk will highlight the teaching and learning approaches of Sekolah Sri Tenby as well as the opportunities made available for students to develop holistically. The teaching of Science and Mathematics in English from Std 4 till Form 5 and bilingually from Std 1-3 will also be touched on.

If you would like to attend, please register with Ms. Evelyn Goh via e-mail at slgoh@tenby.edu.my or to call 03-33421535 extension 3003 by Monday 18th March.
Secondary Leadership Camp (From Michael Kwa: Prefects’ Teacher)

On Saturday 2nd March, 46 student leaders and 7 teachers went for a day camp at Taman Pertanian, Shah Alam.

The students did a range of activities. They learned about safety measures and the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The biggest challenge was overcoming their own fears – a fear of heights and of falling. However, with safety measures taken properly, it was VERY safe.

Overall, the students developed their “observation” skills, learned about commitment, working as a team, developing decision making skills and gaining the confidence to stretch their ‘comfort zone’. They brought back wonderful memories of their challenging experiences!
Three more pieces of art have been selected for this week’s Newsletter. The first piece demonstrates how the study of shapes and forms are applied to create a painting. The second piece is a study of physical textures and how it can be applied to create this fine abstract example followed by another abstract painting showing what visual textures are all about.

Students were taught how to apply what they study to create a painting. They are continuously exposed to contemporary art styles so that they can learn to understand and appreciate art as they progress in their studies.

Still Life - Study of Forms & Shapes
(Poster colour on paper)
By: Emily F3M

Study of Physical Textures
(Acrylic on paper)
By: Yvonne F2S

Study of Visual Textures
(Batik dye on paper)
By: Faris F2M
Tenby International School (TIS)

Year 11
IGCSE written examinations commence the week beginning Monday 6th May. Year 11 students will continue to have their usual lessons at school until Friday 26th April.

Examination Leave
Students may come in to meet teachers with a prior appointment during the examination leave.

Please note that students are expected to be dressed in full school uniform at all times when on campus. For health and safety reasons, students who come to school when they are not taking examinations will need to report to the TIS Office to ‘sign in’ and when leaving the campus to ‘sign out’.

Additional Dates for Your Diary
The following events will take place after the IGCSE examinations of which more details will be given nearer the time.
Friday 14.06.13: Graduation Dinner
Tuesday 18.06.13: Graduation Ceremony
Wednesday 24.07.13: Final School Assembly

Year 11 Refunds of Deposits
As this may be the last term for a some Year 11 students, parents will need to provide a full term’s ‘Notice of Withdrawal’ to the school if they are not continuing into Year 12. Please e-mail Ms. Darshini (darshini@tenby.edu.my).

Arrangements for the payment of school fees remain as normal and deposits will be refunded at the end of Term 3 if one term’s notice is given in advance.

Early Years Sports Day
We are proud to announce that Early Years sports day will be held at Tenby School field on Thursday 21st from 08:30hrs – 10:10hrs. We welcome as many parents as possible to come along to support. See you there!!!

Communication & Appointments – Correction
Tara Keetley (Early Years’ Leader): tara.keetley@tenby.edu.my

Lam Wee Sim (Year Leader): weesim.lam@tenby.edu.my.

Parents’ Association Member: Change of email address
Ms. Jagdeep Kaur’s (Key Stage 2 Representative and Health & Safety Committee) new email address is jagdeep2508@gmail.com

Secondary Information Morning
The secondary information morning is scheduled for Thursday 25th April between 08:00hrs and 10:30hrs. This will be the final one for the year. More details will follow.
From the Art Department...

Year 6 Visits Muzium Negara & Trick Art Museum

Year 6 students had a fun educational outing to the Muzium Negara and the Trick Art Museum. They had the opportunity to view the Masks of the World Exhibition, explore many cultural mask traditions and study the significance of masks in various ceremonies. They made sketches of the masks that they saw.

Students observing and discussing the cultural masks, looking on is Ms. Julie.

Arriving at the museum

Students very engrossed in their drawing

And the final sketch!
After Muzium Negara, the Trick Art Museum at i-City was the final visit of the day.

Students held various fun poses, using their imagination creatively, blending nicely with the optical illusions of 3-D Art.

Many thanks to Ms. Ong who organised the trip and also to Ms. Julie, Ms. Natalie, Ms. Malar, Ms. Sylvia, Ms. Peggy, Ms. Lena, Ms. Lisa, Mr. Jason, Ms. Rachael, Ms. Thaya and parents for their kind assistance.