Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you for reading this Newsletter.

Safety at all times

The School has made many requests for drivers to exercise extreme caution at all times; for all in cars and minibuses to wear seatbelts; for children NOT to be picked up on the mini roundabout (and yet some drivers go round and round the roundabout whilst waiting for children), and no cars should ‘cut in’ from the highway. There was an accident earlier this week with a driver losing control at the wheel on the rear road away from the School; thankfully no-one was hurt.

Please can all families make road safety of paramount importance at all times.

Thank you SST students and staff : Malaysia Day Celebrations

Song, dance, music, factual, geographical, historical information about Malaysia, presented by almost the total pupil roll of SST in junior and senior assemblies.

To arrange these events, shared with all TIS pupils was a huge undertaking, and made the author of this letter very proud to be living and working in Malaysia, and associated with this great School.

Terima Kasih Sekolah Sri Tenby
Congratulations Christopher Chan and Janice Yap

Christopher has been appointed Head Boy, and Janice Yap has been appointed Head Girl with immediate effect.

Congratulations to Girls Under 18 Football Team

The Under 18 Girls won through to Semi Finals, only to be narrowly defeated by Epsom College in last Saturday’s KLISS U18 Girls’ Football Tournament.

A full Match Report is published later in this Newsletter.

Music making:

The Saujana Hotel: Coffee Concert: this Sunday 27th September at 11:00hrs

All are warmly invited to enjoy pupils and friends of the School performing in the lovely setting of The Saujana Hotel, in Subang.

Sunday 29th November, 2015: A Musical Celebration in MPH

Rehearsals have begun with all Year 6, all Year 5 and Std. 5 pupils in preparation for a Celebration Concert, similar to the Songs and Cries of London Town, and Sprig of Thyme Concerts. On this occasion the accompanying instruments will be trumpets, trombones, tuba and percussion. Mothers and fathers who would like to join their children in making music, please do come on Friday nights to the School’s Community Choir from 19:00hrs to 20:30hrs.

Combined Tenby Schools Choir:

150 voices, in the MPO, Petronas Twin Towers: Sunday 8th May, 2016

Last weekend music staff from all five Tenby Schools met and began planning for the proposed Carmina Burana next May. It is hoped that from Tenby SEP(KL) all Year 7 and Std. 5 will participate plus some students studying IGCSE and A’ level.
Staff VS Parents Football Invitation XI: This Sunday at 17:00hrs.

Good luck to all footballers for this Sunday’s eagerly awaited game to be played at Football Field in Setia Eco Park.

The School hopes the whole community enjoyed a haze free Hari Raya holiday…and looks forward to a full five days of School next week.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

Andrew Auster
Campus Principal
CIS Accreditation Process

It is exciting times as Tenby International School (KL) begins to prepare for the up and coming CIS (Council of International Schools) visit for accreditation.

The school has been conducting many audits and evaluations on the curriculum, teaching and learning and other areas of school life, this has given us a true reflection on how our school is functioning, our strengths and our areas for development.

CIS accreditation will enable us to be part of the Council of International Schools and verifies that we are delivering an education and environment that will prepare our children for the future.

ABOUT CIS

The Council of International Schools (CIS) is a membership community committed to high quality international education.

As a global non-profit membership organisation, CIS provides services to primary and secondary schools, higher education institutions and individuals that share these ideals:

- a desire to provide students with the knowledge, skills and abilities to pursue their lives as global citizens; and
- a commitment to high quality international education.

To achieve this goal, our members must infuse their programmes and offerings with international and intercultural perspective so that students can move forward with the attitudes and understanding that will provide them with a solid base wherever their studies or work may take them. Primary and secondary school members must further commit to undertaking an ongoing external quality assurance process to enhance student learning.

The CIS community includes more than 660 schools and 475 colleges and universities representing 109 countries.
Last week and this week I have had the fantastic opportunity of observing teaching and learning in all stages of TIS primary. The children are excellent learners with impeccable behaviour and respect for one another. They are a credit to you and the school. This Friday you will be receiving a copy of your child’s targets for Term One (Years 1 – 6). Please help them to practice their targets at home. Your child’s tables/number bonds must be learnt to three certificate levels. Bronze certificate = in sequence Silver certificate = random order and Gold certificate = related division facts.

Next Wednesday TIS primary has the honor of receiving two guests from Fieldwork Education (IPC); Katie Fitch and Richard Davies. They have come to see the IPC curriculum in action at SEP. Please note that our first parent information session is on Thursday 1st October at 08:15hrs – 09:15hrs focusing on the IPC curriculum held in Auditorium.

Primary TIS pupils and staff looked fantastic in their traditional or Malaysian themed dress for the school’s Malaysia day celebrations. The children watched a wonderful celebration morning led by SST including dance, music, song drama and games.

The Early Years celebrated Malaysia Day last Friday, the 18th September 2015. The children looked lovely wearing traditional costumes and waving the Malaysia flag. During the day, we learned about the Malaysian flag, sang the National anthem and tasted a variety of Malaysian food. Thank you to parents for contributing all the Malaysian delicacies for the mini buffet which was a great ending to the day.

This Friday Key Stage Two will be attending our weekly music concert organised by the Music department at 13:45. There is space for a few parents – you are most welcome.

Primary Leadership Team
Final Round of Primary General Knowledge Quiz 2015

The 8th round of SST’s Primary General Knowledge Quiz which was the final, was held on Monday 21st September, 2015. Three representatives from Std 4S (Upper Primary Champion) competed with the three other representatives from Std 3S (Lower Primary Champion).

The competition consists of two rounds where students answer questions from the categories given. At the first round, each participant chooses a category out of six categories (Maths, Science, Malaysia, Geography, and Others). In this round the questions included Fashion, Music and Literature. The same goes for the second round. Each representative answers two questions throughout the quiz. They are given 1 minute to answer each question.

Participants were able to answer confidently and the team of Std 4S won the competition with an accumulation of 7 points. Std 3S team participated with equal enthusiasm to achieve 6 points. This makes the Std 4S team the overall champion of the 2015 Primary General Knowledge Quiz. The winners were awarded trophies and certificates for their achievement. SST would continue in its endeavour to make quizzing more fun and accessible to a wider audience while maintaining the quality. The children are looking forward to the 2016 Primary General Knowledge Quiz Competition.
Malaysia Day Celebration

Malaysia Day celebration was carried out on Friday 18th September. Both TIS and SST primary schools gathered in MPH for the culture showcase in the morning, while the secondary schools had theirs after lunch. The primary school children managed to put up various performances such as Gamelan, fashion show on traditional costume and a sketch on The National Monument. Students also shared info on different traditional games and celebrities of Malaysia whom have brought up name of Malaysia on international platform. The senior students on the other hand brought the entire secondary school in the celebration mood by putting up cultural show on traditional weddings from three main ethnic groups in Malaysia, Bollywood dance, Pantomine to show the 1511 historical event in Malacca and a series of cultural dances. The Cultural Showcase has been able to reinforce mutual respect among different races by encouraging the understanding of cultural diversity and acceptance of others. The whole event was carried out in a harmonious and celebrative environment.
Educational visit to the 2015 ART EXPO @ MECC, Kuala Lumpur
(Reported by Mr Eddie Lim)

On Friday 11th September, 2015 students from both TIS and SST went on an educational visit to the yearly International ART EXPO that was held in the city of Kuala Lumpur. Students were required to complete the following tasks for their visit given by their Art teachers for class discussion:-

- Take pictures of paintings they find fascinating
- Observe the different styles and techniques used by artists from different parts of the world to explain what could be the influence for such differences.
- Name three Malaysian artists whose works are inspiring to them and to explain why
- What have they learned from their visit?
Our Art teachers, Atiya, Lisa, Andrew and Eddie accompanied 33 students to the exhibition. We left school at 09:30 hrs and arrived at our destination at 10:40 hrs. The weather was quite hazy and traffic was normal by K.L. standards during this hour. Upon arrival, students were briefed about their responsibility and behaviour as Tenby students and their tasks. They were then allowed to move freely in the exhibition halls and advised to meet back at the entrance at 13:20 hrs sharp. Our group photos were taken and we boarded our bus at 13:30 hrs and headed back to school. There was slight traffic congestion on our journey back due to Friday prayers for Muslims. We arrived back at school at 14:45 hrs.

Over the next few days, discussions were held during our Art lessons and the following were general feedbacks received from students:

- They enjoyed the experience as it was the first time for them
- Not only were they overwhelmed by the different styles and techniques, they found that “size” does matter! Most of the paintings were really huge!
- Students understood that cultural differences does have influence on the different styles and techniques used
- They learned that the Visual Arts does have their aesthetic values
Saturday 19th September, 2015
KLSS U18 Girls & Boys Football Tournament at Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar
Captained by Lidiya & Robert, the teams travelled to KTJ School with the hope of starting their season with a day of good football.

The U18 boys performed valiantly during an extremely tough morning of football at KTJ. Being the first tournament of the school year all the teams were a little slow off the mark. And with the games only being 20 minutes long it was sometimes hard to find goals. As you can see from the results the boys achieved 4 draws, 2 losses and 2 wins giving us a total of 10 points and finishing 5th just outside the top 4 playoffs. Well done!

Tenby 0 – 1 KTJ (A)
Tenby 1 – 0 Taylors (A)
Tenby 0 – 0 IGB
Tenby 3 – 0 KTJ (B)
Tenby 0 – 0 Epsom
Tenby 0 – 0 Taylors (B)
Tenby 0 – 1 Nexus
Tenby 0 – 0 ISP

Our girls took part in 8 team’s tournament. They reached the final but were very unlucky to see the final finish 0:0 against Epson. The result was decided by penalties. Despite heroics in goal by Iva, some of our penalties were lost and we lost 2:1. A great effort with super skills by our girls.

Tenby 0 – 0 KTJ
Tenby 3 – 0 Taylors
Tenby 1 – 1 ISP
Tenby 0 – 2 Epsom
Tenby 3 – 0 Nexus

Final Tenby 0 – 0 Epson and 1:2 by penalties.

The First U18 boys Tenby School volleyball team lost Monday’s away match vs ISP 1:2 & vs ISKL 0:2.

Fixtures next 1o days:
23rd September U18 Girls Volleyball Semi Final & Final @ ISKL ISAC league.
25th Sep U18 boys & girls football team play @ MKIS
26th Sep U15 girls football ISAC League play @ Tenby
30th Sep U9 Boys and girls Benchball team play @ ISP & BSKL
1st October U15 boys & girls football team play @ BSKL (Bus leaves School at 05:10hrs)
2nd October XC primary (Bus leaves School at 06:30hrs)
3rd October XC secondary (Bus leaves School at 6:00hrs)
Dear Tenby Parents & Guardians

I am collecting information for my dissertation as part of my MA in Education (Leadership & Management) from the University of Bath. I would like to ask you to contribute to this study.

Background and purpose of my study
The principal focus of my study is to explore how international schools in Malaysia determine which International educational bodies they should be affiliated with, and what parents and schools see as the benefits of such affiliations.

What would you have to do?
If you are willing to be involved, please click on the link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tenbyaffiliations

The amount of time you would have to spend doing this would depend on how much information you give for each question. I would envisage you spending around 10-15 minutes completing them. If you would prefer to complete this survey in hard copy, please email me (gmontier@tenby.edu.my) and I can send it out to you.

Will the information I provide be kept confidential?
When I write up the study no school or individual names will be mentioned. The information you provide me with will form part of a statistical analysis within the document. The summary information collected will also be offered to each school (group) to help inform their school planning. No individual data will be released to any school or organisation. Once I have completed the study I will send you a summary of the main findings from my research (if you wish). Everyone who contributes to the study will be offered the opportunity to receive a copy of this summary. You may complete the questionnaire anonymously if you wish. All information you provide me with by completing this questionnaire will be kept confidential and will be securely stored.

Agreement to participate and timelines
Your decision to complete this questionnaire, either in hard or electronic copy, will be interpreted as an indication of your agreement to participate. You are free to withdraw from the study at any time and the information you have provided will be removed from the study, providing that you email me to indicate this before the end of October 2015. My intention is to complete my research by the end of October, so I would be very grateful if you could complete this survey before Monday 12th October. I anticipate completing the dissertation by the end of November 2015. Following this, I will send a summary of my findings to those people who have contributed and who have expressed an interest in receiving this feedback. If you have further questions concerning this research, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can email me at gmontier@tenby.edu.my

Many thanks, Giles Montier (Campus Principal, Tenby International School Miri)
Zaim “Baszm” Zaidee
Bass teacher and Rock School CCA

Zaim Zaidee is an experienced bassist and musician that has been in the music scene for more than a decade. He is a sought after sessionist and touring musician having performed throughout Asia winning several award along the way.

He toured in Indonesia with the pop jazz band, Tilu, alongside veteran singer Salamiah Hassan, and in Japan with the rock band Prema Yin & MON9. A prominent figure in the bass player’s circuit, he is currently making his mark with two of his personal project, Black Lightbulb, an eclectic progressive rock band, and his most adventurous project to date called Nadir, an 8 piece band that plays traditional world music with a twist of rock and fusion. Debut singles are expected to be released by the end of 2015.

A Mass Communication graduate from Curtin University, Zaim’s musical experience over the years is vast. Having played at most of the major local music festivals as well as overseas, he has also worked with many prominent artists as well as co-wrote and co-produced chart topping materials such as Blow My Mind (#1 on MET10, #2 on FLYFM Campur Chart, Dec ‘10), and Funky Freak (#5 on MET10, Jul ’06).

In late 2008-09, his band Prema Yin & MON9 burst into the scene and had created enough buzz to be invited to perform and tour in Japan for the Kansai Music Conference 2010 as the sole South East Asia representative. In December 2010, the song Blow My Mind which was co-written and co-produced by Zaim got into two local charts; the Hitz.Fm’s Malaysian English Top 10 for 5 weeks topping at #1 for 3 weeks; and the Fly Fm’s Campur Charts topping at #2. Blow My Mind was subsequently nominated for Best Rock Song in Voize Independent Music 2011.


In 2011 he was involved with and made an appearance in the apolitical music video “Undilah” featuring many public and political figures from both the government and opposition, notably Tan Sri Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, Nurul Izzah, Namewee, Afdlin Shauki and Pete Teo, to raise awareness for eligible youth to register for voting in the GE13.

You can find Zaim and see the progress of his latest project at https://www.facebook.com/musicnadir as well as his personal bass work on https://soundcloud.com/zaim-zaidee
**WHERE DO YOU READ?**

Reading is a tool for learning that gives us knowledge and pleasure. Often times we read in our bed, library, bathroom or any other place. Why not share with others. Where do you read and Why do you read there? The best picture with the most unusual place along with a brief description of why you read there will receive a ‘mystery gift’ from the library.

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**Scholastic Book Orders**

Orders forms will be given out on Monday/Tuesday to your child/ren. Kindly take advantage of this opportunity to select and order books for them. Please remember to place Scholastic Book Orders and return the form to the class/homeroom/form teacher on Wednesday 7th October 2015.

- Payment mode: Cheque made payable to “Grolier (Malaysia) Shd Bhd” or Credit Card
- *Please do not give cash.*
- Books will only arrive within 3-4 weeks
- Orders forms submitted later than 07.10.15 will not be accepted as it delays the delivery process.
**2016 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

**What is it?** The KL Great Novel Knockout is a competition organized by the Librarians from the international schools in and around KL based on the "Battle of the Books" format with students answering questions from books they have read over the last few months.

**When is it?** March 2016

**How does it work?**
Form a team of 4 students, register by 1 Oct in the library. Read all 8 books & get ready for The Battle in March. Winner of The Competition will go to EPSOM College for grand final in May 2016

**Want to know more?**
see Ms Ruth for more details
Captain Coconut and the Case of the Missing Bananas
By Anushka Ravishankar

Meet the ace detective Captain Coconut, whose great brain can solve any mystery, large or small. In The Case of the Missing Bananas, Captain Coconut finds himself on a slippery trail of peels and numbers.

Who Was Steve Jobs? By Pamela D. Pollack

Steve Jobs, adopted in infancy by a family in San Francisco, packed a lot of life into fifty-six short years. In this Who Was...? biography, children will learn how his obsession with computers and technology at an early age led him to co-found and run Apple, in addition to turning Pixar into a ground-breaking animation studio.

The Astounding Broccoli Boy By Frank Cottrell Boyce

Rory Roose likes to be prepared for all eventualities. His favourite book is Don’t Be Scared . . . Be Prepared, and he has memorized every page of it. He could even survive a hippo attack. He knows that just because something is unlikely doesn’t mean it won’t ever happen . .
Malala, a Brave Girl from Pakistan/Iqbal, a Brave Boy from Pakistan by Jeanette Winter
One country: Pakistan. Two children. Each was unafraid to speak out. He, against inhumane child slavery in the carpet trade. She, for the right of girls to attend school.

The Adventures of a South Pole Pig by Chris Kurtz
Flora the pig was born for adventure: “If it’s unexplored and needs to get dug up, call me. I’m your pig,” she says. Before she knows it, she’s on board a ship to Antarctica for the most exhilarating—and dangerous

The Wishing Spell (The Land of Stories) by Chris Colfer
The Land of Stories tells the tale of twins Alex and Conner. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, they leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.

The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman
When a little girl visits her great-grandfather at his curio-filled home, she chooses an unusual object to learn about: an old cigar box.

Danger Is Everywhere: A Handbook for Avoiding Danger by David O’Doherty
Dr. Noel Zone, the greatest (and only) dangerologist in the world, is ready to teach readers how to avoid danger at all costs—from sneaky snakes posing as toothbrushes, to sharks hiding in toilets, to robots disguised as kindly grandmas.
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