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Let Your Light Shine



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FUN ACTIVITIES AT NIS

During Term 3 we've had had wonderful activities at NIS. Due to popular demand all students instituting some of the fun theme. Students were having fun dressing according the themes below:

21 April Earth Day: Students wear green school T-shirt

5 May Book Day: Dress like a favorite book character

12 May: Career Day: Dress in an interesting career uniform

19 May: Royalty Day: Dress like a prince or princess

26 May: Hat Day

23 June: Twin Day: Find a friend and dress alike

30 June: Malaysian Culture: Dress in traditional clothes





Into the Future with NIS

By: Principal Martin Nugent

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of some significant changes here at NIS. For the past few months I have been working in the background with staff developing a new electronic learning platform and communication system for staff, parents and our youngsters. Staff have been trained and we will be launching access to students and parents from September in the new school term. We have a steady roll out programme and many of the services we will offer will become available during the next 6 months. This means that from September children will be encouraged to bring in portable electronic devices such as iPads and tablet PCs. The schools system is not platform specific and therefore will work with any device that can get internet access. This also means that devices needn't cost a fortune and a basic android tablet available for as low as 100MYR will work perfectly well. These low cost devices are well worth considering when we all know how fragile they can be in the hands of children. Another alternative may be to take out additional insurance that covers the device particularly for screen breakage and accidental damage. Services that will be incredibly useful for parents will be access to information from individual lessons and homework set for children. You will also have access to children's calendars and diaries. In class children will have access to worksheets, texts for lessons and even video material created by teachers to explain difficult concepts. There will be many more features released as the school community begins using new technologies to accelerate learning. Parents can be assured that this technology will never replace the tried and trusted teaching methods used each day and the requirement for children to write by hand. The main focus of the technology will be as a consumption device that will allow teachers to get content quickly and efficiently to children in their classes and at home.

On a more formal note I have introduced some significant changes to the uniform policy. Please read

this carefully and support our school in ensuring high standards for children. One significant point is that children will always come to school in full uniform each day and change for sports when they go for activities. The addition of the school blazer is not compulsory but will be the only outer garment allowed on the premises, so please don't let children arrive with zip up or hooded tops. Shoes must be black. I have included an advice guide for parents as these items can be very expensive items to purchase.

For primary parents we are changing the arrangement for those who pick up and drop off children at the school gate. Teachers will collect children from the school entrance and return them to you there at the end of the school day. For the safety of all children the main entrance will not permit anyone who is not an employee into the site without being accompanied by a member of staff. If you are sending a friend or relative to pick up your child from school please inform the reception about the arrangements before their collection. Although there have not been any incidents at NIS this is standard practice in the UK and I take the care and safety of your children to be my highest priority whilst serving as Principal.

In the new term there will be many additional events for parents that will include support for children's online safety, help with home study skills and more informal events such as high tea each half term where parents are welcome to the school to chat with myself, teachers and support staff.

As a Father myself, I know that holiday time is always hectic for parents, but I also know it can be a special moment too spend quality time with our children. Take this time to value each other's company, rest and prepare your children for the new school year ahead. I look forward to meeting with you all soon, so that we work and celebrate together as the youngsters 'Form in Character' and 'Achieve Academic Excellence'.

Have a great summer holiday!



Teachers Day Celebration

Teacher's day came slightly late in NIS because the Year 11s were having their IGCSE exams. However, the celebration was well worth the wait.

The event kicked off with an inspirational video reminding us of the significant role teacher's play in the nurturing of children both inside and outside the classroom. It was followed up by a series of well-rehearsed performances by students and teachers alike; singing, dancing, recitals and much more.

The students dedicated their performances to the teachers, but the real surprise was when a teacher dedicated *her* performance to the students! The music teacher, Ms. Deborah, composed a song entitled 'Not All That Bad' which was sung from a student's perspective. The lyrics reminded teachers that there are no perfect students, but there are only students who let their light shine brighter through the guidance and love from the teachers.

At the end of the day, teachers walked out of their last lesson to find the delightful messages students had written and stuck on their classroom doors for them. It was a special delivery organized by the

ACTIONS ON TEACHER'S DAY



Sports Day

On a clear Friday morning, the students of NIS headed to the nearby sports stadium for the last Sports Day of the school year. The events lined up for that day included the 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100m and 4x400m run, as well as the lower primary field events.

The NIS Sports Day commenced with marching from all four houses; green, yellow, red and blue. Then, everyone stood as our principal, Mr. Martin Nugent, gave an opening speech regarding good sportsmanship. It was an encouraging sight to see everyone participating and each student giving it their all for their respective houses. The air was filled with the cheers of the students watching their friends run from the sidelines.

However, the most encouraging thing of all was probably when the students cheered for their friends in a different house or when the loudest cheers could be heard for the ones who finished the race later than the others. This Sports Day truly revealed the strong bonds between the students of NIS. Good sportsmanship was much more important to them than the winning title.

RESULTS:

- 1st – Green House (Bears)
- 2nd – Yellow House (Falcons)
- 3rd – Red House (Pumas)
- 4th – Blue House (Dolphins)



NIS SPORT DAY TERM 3/2014

Graduation Dinner with Year 11

After a long and tiring two-year journey, Year 11 finally finished the IGCSEs that they've been working so hard for. It was not only the end of a month of exams for them, but also the end of their high school days. In celebration, both the students and the teachers gathered in Nilai Springs Resort for a graduation dinner.

After a brief greeting from the Year 11 representative, the guests immediately tucked into a delicious spread of food laid out for the buffet. Everyone enjoyed an evening of chatter over a nice meal. Then, the teachers were presented with a carnation and a small gift prepared by the students in appreciation of their hard work and guidance for the past two years. The carnation, still not yet in full bloom, represented the students whom the teachers helped in their growth and a promise to show the world how much they will continue to blossom from here on out. It also carried the meaning of gratitude. In addition, the teachers were given a paper crane which, not only wished them happiness and blessings, but also thanked them for equipping the students with the ability to find their own happiness and blessings.

The night ended with a closing speech by the principal, Mr Martin Nugent, and a presentation of the leaving certificates to the Year 11s. Everyone in NIS sincerely wishes each and every one of them all the best for their future and will anticipate watching them let their light shine even in the years to come.



Last Trip with Year 11 at Petrosains, KLCC

The Year 10 and 11 students gathered for what would be the Year 11s final field trip in NIS. They visited the Petrosains Centre in KLCC which is a very popular site for school students in Malaysia to explore the concepts of science in an interactive and interesting manner. Students split into groups to explore the various areas in Petrosains, including the Geotime Diorama, SPARKZ, Oil Platform and many more. Towards the end of the tour, the students watched an animated movie screening in the Petrosains Centre. Finally, everyone had lunch in KLCC before returning to the school campus. The trip provided an outside-of-the-classroom experience for the students. It allowed them to observe and even partake in a realistic application of the scientific knowledge they learnt in class. Hopefully, they'll remember all the things they saw and did in Petrosains when they're doing their exams.





Rozeen is dressing up as wicked witch from "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" from the West.



Tristen is dressing up as Hamlet and Shantleen as Ophelia based on the play by William Shakespeare "Hamlet"



Aliya from year 6 dressing up like a Alice from "Alice in Wonderland" is an 1865 novel written English Charle Ludwidges Dogdson.

**Book
Character
Day**



Lee Yi Shin from year 2 and Edisorn from year 1 dressing up like a Snow white and Prince.

School Play

For the last couple of months, the school has been a buzz with the practice sessions of our maiden school play titled, "Pocahontas- The Forbidden Love." Practice sessions started as early as February and the students have been extremely dedicated and committed to this endeavour.

The play is an hour long and centres around the native Americans, their lives and the unity between two contrasting cultures- the British and the natives. The scene opens with a 200 year old talking tree, Grandmother Willow. The cast of the play stands at 34 members including the actors and stage crew. Currently the members are very busy, completing the props and designing costumes for the play. It is very heartening to see the members working round the clock to complete all the props. Showtime is on 22nd July 2014 at the Rajah Brooke Ballroom in Nilai Springs & Hotel Resort at 12 pm. This one hour play will leave you breathless and highly entertained.



MUSIC CLUB FIELD TRIP

On the 16th of July our music club has organized a trip for the Secondary Students to Bentley Music at Kota Damansara for the “Historic Piano Showcase”. The students get to touch and play the historical pianos from 170 years old from Classical Period..



EPP (ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PROGRAMME)

The English Proficiency Programme (EPP) has been created in response to the English language needs of students in both academic and non-academic sectors. Stretching along a continuum from beginner to advanced, it is specially designed to accommodate students with various levels of English language proficiency, and guide them towards the level that they are aspiring to. It takes into cognizance the fact that the participants are mature learners who already possess the knowledge, skills and expertise in their own fields, and that their need for proficiency in the English language is to enhance their communicative skills. An interactive, integrated, learner and learning centred approach will be adopted in order to make the course more interesting and effective. The course will also give due consideration to supporting and supplementary skills such as critical thinking, confidence building and collaborative learning, and adopt a spiral mode of teaching where knowledge and skills are reinforced progressively to enable a deeper and more-nuanced understanding of both.



YEAR 5 PERFORMANCE

On Monday 12 May 2014, all students at NIS dressing like which career they found interesting. All students are participating on that day. Special performances were done by Year 5 Elymus students.



**CAREER
DAY**



**Year 2 Students
wearing dress like a
chef.**



**Year 10 Students
wearing dress like a
photographer**



**Year 9 Students
wearing dress like a
astronaut**



Lawyer career

My name is Isabel, I work at Malaysia High court. I handle lots of cases. My idol is Mr. Karpel Singh.

What does lawyer do?

Lawyers, called attorneys, act as both advocates and advisors in our society. As advisors, lawyers counsel their clients concerning their legal rights and obligations and suggest particular courses of action in business and personal matters.

Pilot

Hi my name is Captan Tia. I am the first lady pilot to work for Singapore Airlines.

What does pilot do?

A pilot is a person actively involved in flying an aircraft. You don't have to be good at math, trained in the military, or have perfect vision to be a pilot. Anyone with 20/20 vision and those with glasses as thick as Coke Bottle can be pilot.



Doctor

Hi, my name is Doctor Ain. I work at Nilai Medical Centre. I am a family doctor.

What is a doctor?

A doctor is all about helping sick people get healthy. Medical doctors do a lot more then wear white coats and carry around stethoscopes. They help sick people by figuring out what's wrong with them and giving them the right medicine.