



## Greetings from the Principal – Mr Stephen West

With term 1 nearing the final stages, what a great start to the 2018-2019 academic year it's been.

May I also say we welcomed new staff to MIGS this year and it was a pleasure to see them all settling into the MIGS way of life.

Our new staff included:

### Junior School

Ms Joanna Johami (HOJS)

Mr Martin Collard (Math)

Ms Vicky B. Olavidez (EAL)

### Senior School

Ms Mahendran Ramasamy (Biology)

Mr Adam Tadeusz (PE)

Dr Saraswati Velu (Chemistry)

Mr Mohd Yusoff Ibrahim (Music)

Mr Mohd Fazli Razali (Drama)

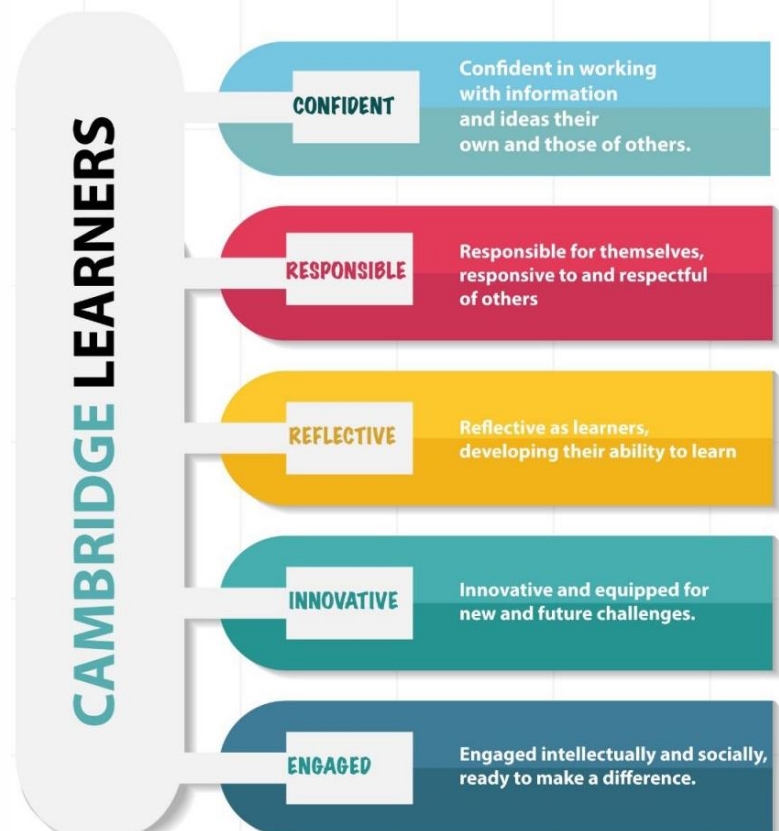
Ms Josephine Damodaram (English)

As schools worldwide rationalise their expectations and begin to strut their niche aspects, MIGS is also in the process of rethinking the vision and planning for the future. We know that our global students want practice oriented education, a strong network of community and friends, more independence in learning and broader, more flexible educational practices. We are now in the process of delivering on those with more intent and with you, 'the students and parents' in mind.

As such, this term saw the beginning of Cambridge curriculum being formally introduced into the junior school, which now reinforces and positions MIGS as a fully operation, Cambridge certified school and examination centre for all stages.

This is an important step in realising the steps forward as we plan and expand our horizons over the next few years. We are also introducing the Checkpoint series of assessment into junior school and this will be the benchmark for us integrating Checkpoint assessment into senior school in the future. Keeping abreast of changes and trends in education is important and as the competitive nature of education knocks on our door, we are ever ready to meet it.

In addition to the development of specific skills and competencies, our curriculum emphasizes thinking skills, inquiry, exploration, creativity and practical involvement. Students become active, lifelong learners with a strong sense of confidence to discover the world.



As usual, MIGS celebrated education at all levels this term, in and out of school and this was very obvious in our senior school camps, junior school site visits and the host of productions and events held at school.

Both Children's Day and International Day were once again a success, and we thank our teachers, all support and ancillary staff, students and of course our parents and visitors who came together and worked with us to make a difference. MIGS has that wonderful family feel and it is this unique aspect that sets us apart.

As we draw close to the end of 2018, may I take this time to say safe travels to all, a joyous and momentous Christmas for those who celebrate and the warmest of wishes for the New Year festivities. The New Year, 2019 is not far away and I hope that with it come the blessings and opportunities we all wish for.

To all our students, see you back in term 2 refreshed, inspired and motivated to make a difference.



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## Greetings from the Head of Junior – Ms Joanna Johami



### Celebrating Learning!

As we wrap term 1, we look at celebrating many aspects of the learning journey this term at MIGS. It has been an exciting term with the junior school field trips, mornings of mindfulness, celebration of international diversity of the students, Year 4 and Year 5 drama performances, development of a progressive assessment approach in the junior school, collaborative planning with parents, cross country running, series of JS parent workshops, learning through play and most importantly, our continuous aim of building capacity of our young learners!

Over the holidays, it is important to always wonder about how the things and the world around us work. Take the time to build the reading habit everyday, with books or e-books that you love. As we move into term 2, we continue to nurture the learning and our curiosity with the exciting times ahead. I leave you with a quote from one of my favourite reads:

*"My dear young fellow," the Old-Green-Grasshopper said gently, there are a whole lot of things in this world of ours you haven't even started wondering about yet.* **Roald Dahl, James and the Giant Peach**

On an important note, we extend our special thanks to our newsletter committee for pulling off our 1<sup>st</sup> term newsletter publication:

Ms Nishalini Sandramogan  
Ms Asmayah Sidal  
Ms Josephine Damodaram  
Ms Kumud Malhotra  
Ms Nabilah Rodriguez

Looking forward to the world of 2019 with you!

Yours in learning,  
Joanna Johami  
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CELEBRATION  
OF LEARNING

# Ministry of Education Evaluation Visit

In October this year, MIGS underwent a quality assurance inspection by the Ministry of Education with respect to maintaining our 5 star rating.

The inspection, (**STANDARD KUALITI INSTITUSI PENDIDIKAN SWASTA (SKIPS)**), was headed by a team of 3 officers who worked with the school to review our performance in a number of areas. The evaluation focused on a number of criteria including the following:

1. Establishment and Registration
2. Institution Management
3. Curriculum Management
4. Learning and Facilitation
5. Assessment/Exam Management
6. Teacher Management
7. Student health Management
8. Discipline
9. Co-Curricular Achievement
10. Student Outcome

It was a very successful inspection and everyone in the school rallied in support our 5 Star rating. While the outcome will not be made clear until February 2019, we are very confident in our approach and felt that we had actually made significant improvement since the last rating 3 years ago.

We look forward to updating everyone on this early next year.



## MIGS Participation in WEBA China Agents Conference and Workshop



On 7th and 8th October 2018, Mutiara International Grammar School (MIGS) had participated in the WEBA Agents Workshop in Beijing China. The school was represented by Mr Justin Adams (Head of Humanities, Senior School), MS Blanche Tey (Mandarin Teacher, Senior School) and MS Siti Zaidah Ismail (Admissions Executive)

The objectives of MIGS participation are: to have a direct collaboration with Chinese agents in China for student placement at MIGS, and to learn as much as possible on China market behaviour where education is concerned.

The Chinese have ventured out of its borders in ensuring that their children gets the required education as demanded by the ever-global changing world that we are in today. As a result of this booming market, every country that has a niche on education step forward and opens its door to students particularly from China. MIGS being the only international school from Malaysia took part on those two days. It was an experience to the team especially on cultural differences and its history.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educator Course



On the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, teachers attended the 21st century educator workshop at the Prestariang Systems, Cyberjaya Sdn Bhd.

The aims of this course are to be aware of the technological changes and advances in the realm of Education and to understand the skills and competencies that are required for educators to teach effectively in the 21st Century. We hope to enhance our teachers' credibility for the better of our future teaching and learning techniques in MIGS.

# Share our similarities, celebrate our differences

Here in MIGS, we respect and celebrate our staff regardless of differences and value each other's well-being. Simple gestures such as staff get-togethers are putting smiles on faces and building collegiality. Thanks to our appiness committee and support staff for pulling off events effortlessly.



## Staff Welcome High Tea

We began our new academic year with a staff welcome high tea at the Royal Club Selangor Polo Club with spread of delicious buffet, games, team building and simple communal fun.

It was truly a pleasure to get to know our new staff members and creating greater bonds with the existing staff. We hope to empower each other in MIGS continuously.



## Deepavali Potluck

Coming together and sharing meals is a communal and binding event that we could endure. In conjunction with Deepavali, MIGS staff celebrated together with a potluck event.

It is an essential part of creating an authentic and thriving organization. Hosting a potluck is more than just providing food and a good time, it is also an opportunity to share and connect with one another. It was a pleasant time we must say.



# Cross Country

MIGS-Cross Country – 5<sup>th</sup> October



Just like the previous years, this year, MIGS hosted the annual Cross-Country event on the 5th of October, but unlike previous years, we had a Zumba fitness session as a warm-up. The instructor showed us some various styles of dance, and everyone, including the junior and senior students, were really entertained to the wonderful beats.

After enjoying 30 minutes of the dance, we started with our first race by the reception kids. Each child had to run with their parents. Meanwhile, the racers from each category were given bananas in order to get enough energy for their long-distance running.

Then the junior students were running in an ascending order of grades. The most exciting turn of events was when the senior students started running. It took a long time compared to the junior school because we had a longer distance to run, about 4000m for under-15s, and 5000m for over-15s.

After a tiring day, we had the prize giving ceremony. The winners went up to the stage, got their medals and took a picture with Mr Rodney. About 1:30 pm, the students were dismissed.

Shrijit M & Aidil Raffiq Y10 ESL



When the day came, it was bright in the morning with chilly winds blowing. After taking our attendance, we headed to the upper field. There were tents placed around the field and the parents looked energetic and were eager for the race to start.

When it was time for me to race, I felt my heart beating rapidly. When the horn was blown, I surged through the track and after 3 minutes, I was panting for breath. I then just walked and jogged till I finally crossed the finish line. I was so exhausted.

I felt that the cross country day was tiring but loads of fun.

Naufal Khana Alfian (9E)

# U15 Netball League



*By: Adam Tadeusz Hola- Peryer*

Huge congratulations to the U15 girl's netball team which finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the KL sports league bowl competition. It had been a fantastic season with wins against Taylors, UCSI and Fairview.

The team has done exceptionally well and have worked hours on training throughout the year. Special mention must go to the co-captains, Natasha Mc Farland and Shahad Daood.

## Wellness Week Health is wealth

### Mindfulness morning



Another encouraging incentive was the Zumba fitness both senior and junior school had on that week. This fun, versatile workout session was designed for a wide range of ages and fitness levels, offering a variety of motions and intensities.

*It was difficult yet fun to be part in- Maya Mardani, Year 7.*

*I had fun dancing with my friends and just let loose of any tension. It was a good session – Lauren, Year 7.*

A healthy mind and body is a great investment one should be concern of. This time around for wellness week, we focused on the power of mindfulness to strengthen our health and overall wellness. Junior School had their mindful mornings every day from 7.10 to 7.30 am every morning. We begin everyday by practicing our strength to focus the mind power. This practice continues everyday, every morning with every junior student.

The silence allows us to build strong minds so we can soak in the energy and learning of the day better. Mrs Bahar, mother of Kaya in Year 4 and Maya in Year 7. She guides us calmly every morning through these peaceful journeys.



### Zumba fitness



# PSHE - PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

## Mind Power



## Teenage Boot Camp



During our PSHE lessons, the students were asked to enter the hall to listen to a talk from a special guest, Mr. Wong. He has won various awards for his special skill in memorising and remembering things almost flawlessly. He has also been on TV shows to explain how he is able to memorise so easily and well.

On top of that, he taught the students about how the brain works, the foods that can improve a person's memory such as walnuts, fish, blueberries, dark chocolate and broccoli. Not only were the students educated about the brain, how and where memories are stored but also had games that are mainly based on focus.

One example of this was the colour game. To prove himself a true champion, Mr. Wong asked everyone to pick a number to fill a grid. Next, he memorised it in a matter of minutes and closed his eyes to make the challenge harder for himself.

Miraculously, he recited the numbers in the correct order. Proving his skill even more, he offered to recite the number grid backwards and recalled it almost perfectly. To end his educational talk, he answered some questions that the students were yearning to ask.

Hopefully, we will be able to adapt and learn from the Memory Champion! – Farah

## Conflict, Management, Creativity and Emotional Wellness

On the 18th of September during our PSHE period, guest speaker Lee Karmen- founder of TeenEdge; young dreamers' leadership and motivational boot camp Malaysia visited our school and she conducted a workshop.

She spoke to us about positive mindset and resilience. The activities conducted during her session included straightening our arms and clasping our palms together. Is the left thumb on top of the right thumb? Or is it the other way around?

Ms Karmen got us to do simple psychological exercises like these to get to know ourselves better. Another activity we did was related to knowing self-worth. She taught us that no matter how high or low people look upon you, you yourself must be aware and reminded of your own self-worth.

By: Nawal Alisya 9T

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By: Aisha Rais



1. It was 19<sup>th</sup> November and I woke up excited. It was children's day at my school, one of my favourite celebrations. Even better, we needed to come in any shades of blue which is my favourite colour. The first performance was by some of my friends from the year 6, dancing to the song 'no excuses'. There were also mesmerizing traditional dances of Joget Pahang and Sumazau.

2. Not to mention a great duo piano performance by the two siblings, Soraya and Marissa Halim and more after that. My personal favourite was definitely the surprise performances by MIGS mums and volunteers, dancing along to Mamma Mia song.



3. Before we moved on to the carnival, presentation of gifts were given to the Children of Charis home by our executive director Dato' Sakinah Sulaiman and Mr Steve West, the school principal.

During the carnival, I helped my teachers selling cupcakes for charity, prize giving and more. There were different games stations to play at and food sold for the children to enjoy on this special day.

4. After the carnival was over, we headed back to our classroom for gift exchange among friends. I got a Batik painting from my friend Ashadeeya. We then went up to the new building and started working on the children's day banner. All of us did it on the same long paper. The purpose of this for us to express our feelings as children through painting. We also added hashtag #goblue #kidstakeover



5. After lunch, we went back to our classroom and did the UNICEF reflection on children's day.

At last, it came to a bittersweet end of Children's day. It was a fun and enjoyable experiences that I will cherish forever.

#goblue #kidstakeover #migskl





It was followed up with delightful performances by our wonderful students of MIGS and a surprise performance by the parents.

Then the carnival began, first we had breakfast followed by games. The games that were being played were: Ball toss, Handball, Arm Wrestling, Bouncing Balloon and Standing Long Jump. The Junior School had 'bake stalls' and a super interesting 'drench the teachers' game.

We then proceeded to do the community art project. We had to create a poster that represented our class. Each year group was given a 20 x 2 metre long white paper to create our masterpiece. By 11:30 the entire school gathered to take a school photo with their amazing artwork. It was a fun-filled exciting day.

Our children's day was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2018. The theme for this event was the colour blue. The day started off with a speech by our head of school Mr. Stephen West.



## 1st Asian Story-Writing Challenge



The students of year 6 had all been assigned the task of writing an adventure mystery entitled, 'Lost in Langkawi!' Mr Gary judged and graded all the work to determine which 3 deserved to be submitted for the competition. Rasheeqa Habbab Ali and Nadine Sofia Jef Rizal along with Zi Ling Wong were deemed to be the worthy winners and submitted for the event. Consequently and incredibly all 3 candidates were judged to be in the top 50 best contributions received by the event organisers! We hope to publish excerpts from these winning stories for you to read in the school year book later, but not the whole story because these are now protected by publishing copyright!

The Top 50 winners are to be enrolled into *Storymakers League* and receive exclusive *Storymakers League* jackets and other merchandise. They will see their story published in physical and digital formats and distributed worldwide by Storymakers League's partners. They will also receive royalties from the sales of whatever published content they write.

Congratulations again, keep on writing with the Storymakers League!

Earlier this week it was announced that we had 3 winning students from year 6 of last year, in an international writing competition! Through the challenge and after a 2-step judging process, Storymakers League sought to find 50 winners across Asia.

The event was aimed at young aspiring authors across Asia, aged 10 to 17. The rules of the competition stated that the story had to be no more than 1800 words. They were required to highlight in some ways, their country of residence in a creative and positive way – its people, architecture, culture, food, lifestyle, etc.

# MIGS Inter-House Debate



On the 14th of November, we had the MIGS Annual Inter-House debate 2018. The MIGS Annual Inter-House encompassed of energetic rounds. The first round, duelled between Sapphire and Topaz was built upon the subject "The Olympic games is beneficial to the host country". Points put forth during the debate included the increase of tourism revenue, recipe for painstaking white elephants, promotes patriotism and the cause of Greece's ongoing economic crisis. Ruby and Emerald wrangled and argued about "Homework is good". Ruby displayed a correlation between the learning habits of students in Finland and their academic achievements.

Emerald retaliated by listing a handful of MIGS alumni who have worked hard in class and done their assignments with dedication to a attain top of the world rankings. The finals were jostled between Sapphire and Emerald over the effect of "Social media is detrimental to the wholesome development of teenagers". The debates were fiery with Emerald claiming victory with a slim gap of 0.5 points from Sapphire. The best debater title went to Harini from 11T.

"I felt really content and delighted to win the best debater as all my hard work and efforts were finally paid off. This enhanced my public speaking skills and confidence to a great extent as well as improved my organizational and time management skills substantially." *Harini – 11T*

## Public Speaking and Story Telling Competition

By: Amy (9E), Areeba (10E)

On 31 October 2018, a speech and storytelling competition was organised in Nexus International School. This event lasted the whole day and was held in the theatre of the school. In the mega event, many schools from the city took part.

The event started with a welcome speech given by the Principal of Nexus International School. Then there was a presentation to the invited guests and the grand event began. It was truly mesmerising as the groups from various schools presented in many languages. There was Mandarin, Bahasa Melayu, French, last but not least Spanish. Everyone sat glued to their seats throughout the event.

The Guest of Honour praised the entire event a lot. He guided with his inspirational words and inspired us to do better. It was followed by the announcement of the winning speakers.



The speakers from our school bagged some of the top 6 prizes and everyone complimented one another. It was followed by a formal vote of thanks and the event ended.

We really enjoyed, and learned a lot and dispersed with a sincere hope that such mega events should be organized time and again giving the students a chance to display their talents. Amy (9E)

A big thank you to our teachers for their help and support. In the end, we managed to get certificates as well. I think it was a great experience and I hope we can do much more exciting and amazing competitions in the future!

*Areeba (10E)*

# Speaking Competition 2018

By : Yasmine Benayad

The 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 was the 'Speaking Competition 2018', it was held in Nexus International School. This competition aims to encourage learning of languages and was participated in by different schools around Malaysia.

The core areas were four different languages (Mandarin, Malay, French and Spanish), me and some students from both Junior and Senior school were chosen to represent (MIGS) in that event, I participated in the French Competition.

I was excited but nervous because I had been trusted to represent our school in this competition. I was also confident because I had prepared well for that day.

At the end of the competition, all the participants went to the theatre for the prize giving ceremony, when I heard my name being called out for 'Champion of the French Competition 2018', I was very happy and proud of myself because I had worthily represented my school.



## Congratulation

Yasmine Benayad

*Champion of French primary school competition*

Evan Rayyan

*Merit top 6, Malay as the first language*

Jun Hao Looi

*Merit top 6, Mandarin as a foreign language*



*'Language is the light of the mind' - John Stuart Mill*



# Aliens love underpants



Why on earth would aliens steal underpants? It's time to widen your imagination and explore your creativity.

The year 1 and reception had fun watching three aliens flying down to the Earth to steal colourful underpants. Along with Timmy, they went on a journey to retrieve the missing underpants in space. Dance, songs and everything fun, this play was an unforgettable experience for all students. Do you happen to have colourful underpants? Perhaps it's time to hide them!

**Aliens Love Underpants**

We went to Jaya One theatre to watch a show. The story was about aliens and the missing underpants. I enjoyed the show because it was funny. I love all the songs and the aliens dance.

**Imran IR**



**Ali** to keep them safe

**Alanda** to cover their legs

**Ariff** to keep themselves warm

**Karen** to play with them.

Why do aliens love underpants?

# Did you know that...



If animals are your passion then come and visit the farm in the city. A little gem in the heart of the city which gives you a great opportunity to explore their conservation, educational and sustainability efforts for these animals.

Besides enjoying petting and feeding the animals, the year 2 students have brought back a few fun facts with them. Let's take a look at what they have learned.



- A parrot can live for over 80 years!
- A young rabbit is called a kit or kitten



- Guinea pigs sleep with their eyes open
- Guinea pigs love lime

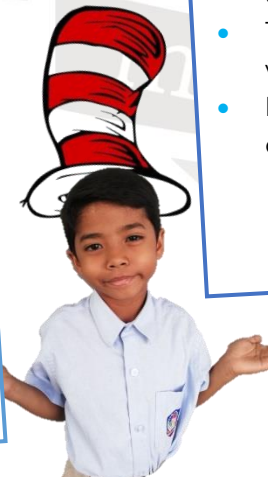


- Raccoons are great swimmers and climbers
- They place food in water before eating
- Raccoons are omnivores



- Llamas are known to spit when they feel threatened
- Llamas communicate with their tails, ears and sounds. They like making humming sounds

- Sheep grow two teeth a year until they have eight teeth.
- The scientific name of Llama is 'Lama Glama'



# This is how we roll



Wonderfully addictive, cultural, and artistic sushi remains a mystery to the uninitiated.

However, with simple and fun learning from Sushi King Malaysia, the year 3 students have successfully completed two hours of sushi making without a hitch. Aligned to their classroom learning on instruction and food sciences, year 3 students have written their version of sushi making recipes for us. Let's take a look!

## Tarisa's Sushi Recipe

**Items:**

1. Brown paper
2. cooking cap
3. Chop sticks
4. Gloves
5. Bamboo mat
6. Spoon

**Ingredients:**

1. nori
2. eggs
3. cucumber
4. Sticky rice

**Steps:**

1. Firstly, put the brown paper on the table.
2. secondly, put the seaweed on the brown paper.
3. Then, put the rice ball on the seaweed.
4. Finally, put the cucumber and the egg on the rice and then roll it.

## Kaaryn's Sushi recipe

**Items:**

- Cooking cap
- gloves
- Spoon
- knife
- Plate
- chopsticks
- bamboo mat

**Ingredients:**

- Nori (Seaweed)
- Cucumber
- sticky rice
- Mayo
- Carrot

**Steps:**

- 1 Firstly, wash your hands and put on your gloves.
- 2 Secondly, put on your cooking cap.
- 3 After that, put the bamboo mat on the table and put the nori on it.
- 4 Then, put the sticky rice on the nori.
- 5 After you put the rice get the mayo, cucumber and carrot.
- 6 Finally, put it on the nori and you're done.



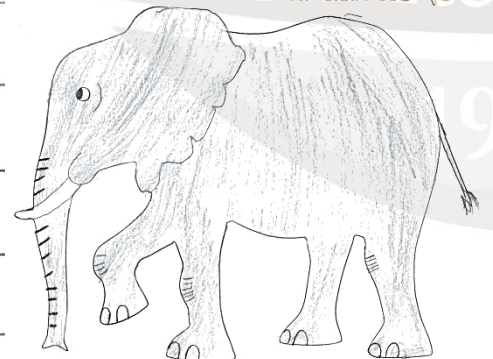
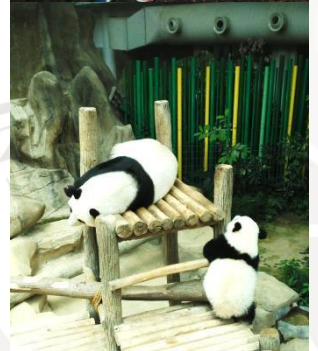
# My Trip to Zoo Negara

By: Lee Anne

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October my classmates and I went for a school trip. I was very excited and happy. I was in the parents group - Kaya's mom and Kesuma's dad. It was just a short drive to Zoo Negara, so before we knew it, we were already there! Once everyone finally got their tickets, we entered the zoo! We went to look at the capybaras. I liked the capybaras especially because they were all eating when we went to see them. Then we went to see the monkeys. Some of the monkeys were swinging on the railings, some of us even said "they should be in the Olympics!". Next we went to see the Malayan Tapir! This animal is endangered. Then we went to the furthest part of the zoo where there was a turtle, a pony, goats and rabbits. After that we went to see the White Bengal Tiger! This tiger is endangered. Then we went to watch an animal

show. The show had parrots, chickens, pelicans and a seal!

The seal part was my favourite. Next we went to see the pandas. We had to be very quiet when we were inside. We saw the elephants next. They had a nice manmade waterfall. Then we went on to see the ostriches and one of them tried to bite Kaya's hand! Soon we had had to leave and I was a bit sad.



# Dear diary, *It's a Zoo in Here!*



Dear Diary,  
on the 30<sup>th</sup> October, we went to Zoo Negara for our Year 5 field trip. This was part of our Science learning. We were all so eager to see all the wonderful animals.

First, we strolled around the Zoo, spotting a bunch of interesting animals. We saw flamingoes, giraffes, pandas and many more. We discovered what habitat they live in, what species they are and many more.

We were exhausted, so we took a break as we were starving. We had lunch at "The Wild" restaurant. After lunch, we visited the pandas exhibit.

The pandas are my favourite animals because they are very interesting to discover. For example, we learnt that the panda is in the bear family and more.

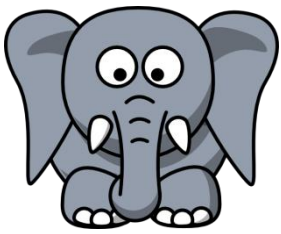
I loved going to the Zoo because we got to discover about the animals and we got to see how they look like. "This was the best trip ever!", I whispered to my friend. I loved it!



By: Zara Shahrul







# MY TRIP TO KUALA GANDAH ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

We reached there at 10 o'clock and we left our bags at the reception counter and went to a room with posters about elephant facts. Then, we went and watched a video about elephant translocation. Next, we met our two guides, Mr. E-joy and Mr. Ooda, we split into two groups. I was in the group with Ms. Asma and Fea's parents. Our guide was Mr. E-joy.

First, we went to see the baby elephants! We could buy sugarcane, peanuts and banana to feed them! I bought sugarcane and peanuts. One of the elephants had a prosthetic leg, her name was Eli. It was very fun feeding the elephants!



Then, we went to a museum where we learnt how they capture the elephants, the history of Kuala Gandah and what tools they use. How to differentiate between male and female elephants and we saw bones of the largest elephant ever!

After that, we went to eat chicken rice and Emad's dad bought us ice-creams. We were also allowed to buy souvenirs from the gift shop.

Next, we went to see an elephant show. The elephants were doing tricks, such as: standing on 3 legs, falling on the floor and getting back up when we counted "Satu, Dua, Tiga!".

Lastly, we had to go back in the bus and go back to school! We reached school at 5.30.

In all, this was a very fun and educational experience and I enjoyed it a lot!

!THE END!

**ZAHRA NAZIR CHAUDHARY 6-R**





# THE OUTWARD BOUND, LUMUT

Year 7 camp by Lauren, Zoha & Zi Ling



The year 7 camp took place in Outward Bound Malaysia, Lumut, (OBML). We left the school at 8.00 am and got onto the 44 seater bus for our journey. It was a 4 hour ride plus stops.

Upon reaching OBML, we settled in the main hall for a briefing and introduction of the staff and what's about to happen during camp. They stated that we would wash our own supplies and plates, clean our own rooms and bathrooms and sleep in a room without an air-conditioner. During this time, they had also told us that there are many activities such as rappelling, kayaking, rock climbing and more.

On the third day, we went to Pulau Pangkor to camp for a night there. It was exciting and we were looking forward for the day.

We learned how to kayak and we kayak-ed around to practice our skills. We also took part in other adventure course such as flying fox to combat our fear of height and not forgetting rock climbing which teaches us to be more determined in order to complete a task.

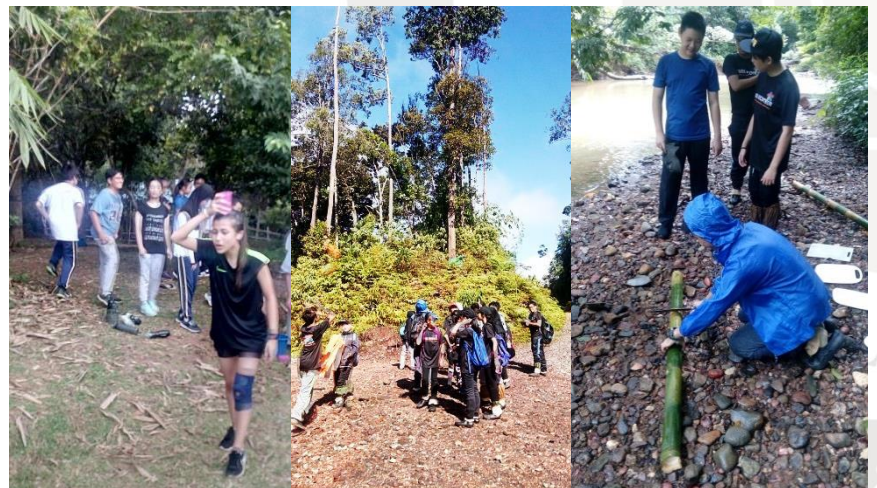


## Adventure at Merapoh *Year 8 camp*

The Year 8 camp was held from 15-19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Merapoh, Pahang. Starting off with team building activities, the camp was truly exciting. We had many activities such as jungle trekking, interacting with the Batek tribe, cooking with bamboo, using a blowpipe, caving, abseiling and playing in the river. We developed new survival skills, leadership skills and expanded our knowledge.

Some of the activities seemed very challenging and we were apprehensive to do it, but because of the support and encouragement we got from our friends and teachers we accomplished our tasks. We also learnt that the objective of this camp was to raise awareness of the destruction that the humans have caused to the forest and the creatures that inhabit the forest. Overall, we created memories that strengthened our bond with each other.

(Faiza, Ayesha, Aura, Adara – 8T)



On day 2, we went on a short trek to meet the Batek tribe. We learned three skills like how to use the blowpipe, how to make fire and cook with bamboos. It was fun!

Aura Saffiya Tanisha, Ju Long Fei & Makhris Hashim – 8T

Camp was great, fun and exciting over all, but the best thing about it was that we all went to together as a team and because of that we all got so much closer. We all can't wait till next year.

Ziad, Terry & Amber – 8T

# Be One with the Outdoors , Royal Belum Forest

Year 9 camp by Shierryn & Neema (9T) & Ali

The Year 9 students had a camp in the Royal Belum forest. The bus ride from school to the destination took around 7 hours and when we arrived, we were all very exhausted but still excited. After we got our things together, we went on the boathouse and had our briefing and grouping session.

When we finished, we had our lunch and prepared ourselves for water confidence activities. The next few days at Royal Belum were spent doing exciting and fun activities. We had team building activities, bamboo rafting, kayaking, and visiting an Orang Asli village among others.



Weaving

The night before we left, we had a BBQ dinner and presentations. The instructors gave us fuze ecoteer t-shirts and wristbands to remember this camp.

On the last day, we woke up early in the morning, eager to go home. After breakfast, we sailed off to Jeti Awam Royal Belum and rushed the bus; many people were eager to go home. The bus ride took 6 hours and mostly everyone slept. When we arrived at school most of our parents were waiting for us.



Bamboo rafting



'Home' for 4 nights



'Building' water confidence

## ADRENALIN RUSH MINUS PLAY STATIONS - GOPENG

Year 10 camp by Tunku Izudin (10E)

On the 15th October the Year 10 went for the annual school camp. The camp was located in Gopeng, Perak. The organisers were the same as the last year's camp - Fuze Ecoteer. We got to school at the usual time of 7:30; everyone asked "Why are we in school this early when the bus leaves at 9?"

When we arrived at Gopeng, there was an introduction of the instructors and their names. After that we were taken to our rooms. The next day we did a lot of activities that required teamwork. We were meant to go for a sunset trek but unfortunately it was raining so we played card games instead. Day 3, we went for waterfall abseiling and everyone was terrified- the waterfall was almost perpendicular. On day 4, we went whitewater rafting; everyone was very excited. I almost fell off the boat because my paddle got stuck on a wall.

On the last day of camp everyone was sad and happy at the same time because we wanted to go home but we didn't want to leave camp either. In conclusion, this camp was the best one by far, thanks to everyone for making this camp possible.



# Eagle ranch, Port Dickson

Year 8 camp By: Miqhail and Damien ESL Y11

The camp was held from 15-19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Eagle Ranch Port Dickson. We were exhausted as we had to wake up earlier than usual. Unfortunately some of our classmate did not attend this camp. Some of the activity our class did was team building activities, obstacle course (land and water), go-kart as well as treasure hunt. The best activity was playing paintball. This is because we got to hurt each other- after spending so many years together. By far the worst activity was the treasure hunt. We had to obtain items that were impossible to search under the scorching sun.

We also had study sessions at night. Learning strategies and study skills were explained to us. We did mind maps and presented it to the others.

Throughout the entire camp we had fights, tears and joy. Our bonds and ties were stronger than ever as we had overcome fears as a year group.



## YEAR 11, CO-ARTS PROJECT, SK KUALA AMPANG 2

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2018, the year 11s were given a task by the teachers: Mr. Jehabar, Mr. Adam and Mr Yusoff. Our task was to read books to the kids of SK.Kuala Ampang 2. We read stories to the students in year 1 to 4. The kids loved it and enjoyed it. We then asked the children about the moral of the story. One of our obstacles on that day was about language, as the kids there barely spoke English and could understand partially of what we said.

After storytelling, we were then given a speech from the head of school to express his gratitude for our visit. After the speech we had the chance to take a tour around the school. The school was fairly active as students are running around the hallway and classes were filled with greetings from the kids.



After the tour we were served with food and beverages. After that, it was time to depart from the school and we had a photograph session. In our opinion, the entire event carried out by us was successful and we saw tons of smiles from the audience. If there was another chance to partake in this event, we will be honoured to be.

ESL Y11 students

# My jungle journey

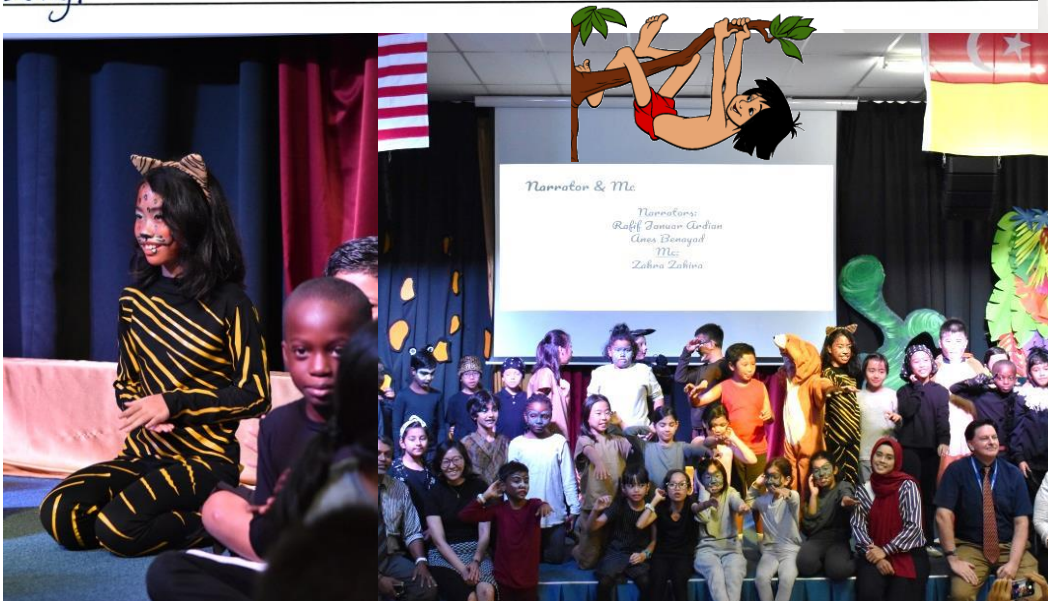


By: Marissa Halim

On 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018, we presented our Year 5 assembly called 'The Jungle Book'. The preparation took place a month earlier under great supervision of Mr. Bobby, Mr. Martin and Ms. Shafizah. I was appointed the director for the play, Together with the backstage crew, we worked as a team to make sure everything went smoothly. Some parents volunteered to help students with the makeup.

Fifteen minutes before the show started, I checked on the presentation that Haadia and Asahi had prepared. I fixed some typos. The show began with the two narrators on stage. The best part of the play was when Baloo, played by Khalil, stepped foot on stage. He made the audience laugh. I think he has natural talent. Everyone was also waiting to see the villain, Shere Khan, played by Sharteez. At the end, everyone played their roles

"The Year 5 assembly is one of my favourite as I learnt something new besides acting. We ended the show by singing an Indian song.



# ALICE IN WONDERLAND



Date :

## Year 4 drama presentation

our year 4 drama was a hit. we all loved rehearsing our play. A lot of the parents liked and some of the juniors liked as well. We all had a lot of fun watching ourselves transform into our characters and learning their personality. We had a lot of effort put in to this and we hoped everybody liked it. We had worked very hard and we hoped you enjoyed it as well. We thanked all our teachers because we wouldn't be able to do it without them we all hoped you enjoyed it yourself! -Kaya



The year 4 presentation was fun. We sang, dance and play some games. The props were done by my parents. My part was Mad Hatter. My favourite part was when the white rabbit said I'm late. -Lucas



I like the part when we have to sing the final song because that was the last thing to do in our drama presentation. -Jasmine



The year 4 presentation was fun. We sing and dance and have good props my character was card 2 and my favourite part was when Alice say your a fat, pompous bad temperd old tyrant to the queen. It was funny - Ma Ding

