

SJIIM Weekly Update 28th May 2021



In collaboration with Kita Kitar and Projeck Asal, we are proud to launch this year's Founder's Day

Service Project

Our Founder's Day Orang Asli campaign in collaboration with Projek Asal launched last week to raise funds for the Orang Asli children in the Royal Belum State Park. Thank you for your generous donations to date which will enable us to already buy 75 pairs of shoes! We aim to purchase 200 pairs of shoes so any amount received will be greatly appreciated. Donations close on 18 June 2021, and every donor will receive a handcrafted token of gratitude from KitaKitar. God bless you for your kindness, especially during such difficult times.

Do check our this video link for more details

Walk in their shoes



Please quote in the payment instruction: "KitaKitar (Your Child's Name & Class)"

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Catholic Corner

As educators and parents, we are continuously trying to protect and guide our children. We hope and pray that our children and future generations will grow up in a world that promotes justice and equality for all, a world that spreads love, not hate, and a world that is peaceful without any violence. So how can we make this happen? Simply, we need to act now and encourage each other to be the change we want to see in the world today. We are never too young or too old to make a difference.

'Walk in their shoes'.

The 'Walk in Their Shoes' campaign has really caught the attention of our students. This week the children in the elementary school spent time imagining if they were an Orang Asli child going to school with no proper footwear, no wifi or no air conditioning. We also spent time reflecting on the service work of our Founder and explored ways in which we can follow in his footsteps. As a follow on task the children decorated their own shoe templates sharing facts about themselves and choosing songs that have a special meaning for them. It was a lovely way to connect with each other even if doing so on a screen.





Walk in My Shoes!

















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PSG Update - Annual General Meeting

An invitation has been sent to all parents on 26th May for the AGM on 10th June. Please find the details here

Parent-Led Webinars

The third session in our Parent-led webinar series kicks off next Tuesday at 8:30 pm. This talk by Natalie Motha is titled, "Gratitude: A Path to Positivity." Sign up at this link: https://bit.ly/3szVJVi



Update from the Bookshop

Please see the <u>SJIIM Book Order Guide</u> for a short, informative video and weblink about updates to the TEK Bookmark website, which allows you to order books and uniform items online with ease. Some brief details about this can also be found below:

In addition to this, the booklists for next year can now be found through the following links:

ES Booklist 2021/22 HS Booklist 2021/2022





Elementary Weekly Update



A New Approach in Year 6 (for Academic Year 2021 - 2022)

Over the years, we have seen our Elementary School students transition to High School excited for new found independence and responsibility. We review the transition programme annually, increasing the opportunities our Year 6 students have to get familiar with the High School and the expectations that are to come. However, each year, our students face similar challenges.

Some of the challenges that we have seen are; fear of being lost, flexibility with peer and staff relationships, management of time/resource and independence with their academic workload.

As a school, we have decided to adopt a new approach to further support our students. Next year, we plan to move to a **subject specialist transition model** in Year 6 to help students develop their time management, independence and personal organisation skills in a supported way, before they enter the High School.

Subject Specialist Transition Model - what does this mean?

Students will still be part of the primary school and will still have their base in the Year 6 corridor. Each student will have a class teacher, or tutor. They will also still visit specialist teachers for PE, music, Mandarin and Bahasa.

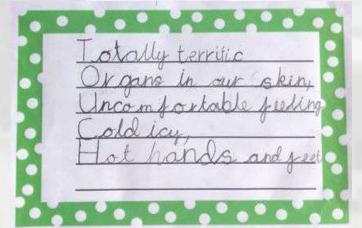
The main difference is that the students' core lessons will now be taught by different Year 6 teachers. Our Year 6 teachers will specialise for English, maths, science, etc., with the aim of developing their expertise and increasing the standard of teaching and learning. This new approach gives us more opportunities for collaboration between Year 6 & 7 specialist teachers, providing a seamless transition to High School. The Y6 specialist science teacher will work more closely with the HS science department, to uplevel hands-on laboratory skills and discuss concepts that enrich science learning.

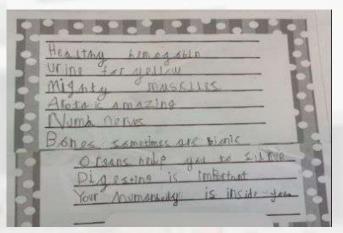
Year 6 lessons will be taught on the same corridor with students moving between classes for lessons. Science, however, will be taught in the new ES science lab. This is a stepping stone for students to practice moving between classes on their corridor and into HS before navigating their way around a whole new building next year.

We have seen education turned on its head in the last year with students consistently showing that they can adapt to new approaches. We believe this is the right time to offer new opportunities to develop independence, responsibility and organisation, supporting transition to High School.

Year 1 'Superhumans': Acrostic Poems

The Year 1 children have written excellent acrostic poems in relation to their topic, 'Superhumans'. Students chose their own focus and went through all of the phases of the writing process before publishing. See Rohan's poem, Touch, and Tristan's poem, 'Human Body.' These students even incorporated alliteration!



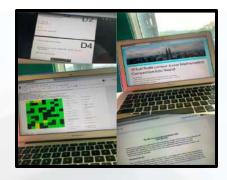


High School Weekly Update



Virtual Kuala Lumpur Junior Maths Competition

On Saturday 22nd May the school hosted a team mathematics competition for students in Years 7 and 8 from schools across KL. 7 schools and over 80 students took part in a 3 round competition including 6 of our Year 7s (E-Shane Tan, Shine Lou, Soohyeon Park, Emma Zhang, Su Yi Chan, Saanvi Mishra) and 6 of our Year 8s (Ian Wong, Braeden Eng, Keira Lai, Maxwell Ong, Kevin Park, Andrew Lew).



The competition involved the students working in teams of 3 and demonstrating their perseverance and teamwork virtues, whilst working on a series of challenging maths problems posed in different formats, such as a crossnumber (like a crossword puzzle but with numbers) and a 'pass it on' round, which was a fast-paced round where each answer was required in the next question. There was also an individual round involving maths problems similar to those in the Kangaroo Maths Competitions.

There were many challenges in running this competition virtually as well as competing in it virtually. A special thanks goes to the Maths teachers in the department who supported with the running of the competition as well as Taewon Choi in Year 12 who supported one of the Year 8 teams in the 'pass it on' round, as well as writing some of the questions for that round.

All of our students did the school proud with their efforts and resilience. Some special mentions go to E-Shane Tan for placing in the top 20 Year 7s for the individual round and Kevin Park (joint 2nd), Keira Lai, Braeden Eng, Ian Wong and Maxwell Ong, for placing in the top 20 year 8s for the individual round. Overall our year 8 teams came 4th and joint 6th out of 14 year 8 teams and our year 7 teams both came joint 8th out of the 14 year 7 teams.

Overall, it was a really great event and we hope the students enjoyed themselves. We look forward to taking part in the event next year (hopefully in person). We also have the Kangaroo Maths competition coming up in June that will hopefully be able to go ahead, one way or another.





IGCSE Examinations

These examinations remain in progress and are scheduled to finish on Friday, 11 June.

** STRAVA RUNNING UPDATE **

Top 3 RUNNERS of this week, per house!

Miguel

- 1. Arni Anwarrudi
- 2. Jamzidi Khalid
- 3. Tze Kirk Lee

Mutien

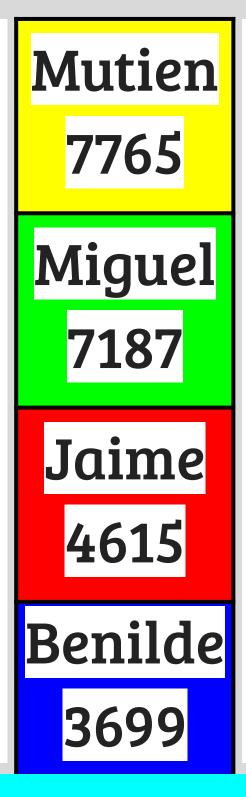
- 1. Ven Chellam
- 2. Jenshen Ng (Y9 Student)
- 3. Carwyn Williams (Y8 Student)

Benilde

- Joe Taylor (Humanities Teacher)
- 2. Sow Wang Ng
- 3. Boon Sin Ng

.Jaime

- 1. Darrell Tan (Y12 Student)
- 2. Jeremy Sim (Y11 Student)
- 3. Michaela Goodson



IMPORTANT NEWS!!!

- ★ We have 4 weeks left of the competition before we conclude this HOUSE COMPETITION
- ★ For the next 2 weeks the points will be **DOUBLED**
- ★ For the final 2 weeks
 the points will be
 TRIPLED
- ★ IT IS ALL TO PLAY FOR, LAST PUSH TO THE END, YOU CAN SEE THE FINISH LINE!
- **★** LET'S GOOOOOOO!

ONLY 4 weeks left!



Useful Links





ES Student Absence Form HS Student Absence Form



HS Parent Calendar 2020/21 ES Parent calendar 2020/21



Whole School Teaching
Staff Email 2020/21



Term 3 AY 20/21 meal charges
ES Menu_May 2021
HS April 2021 Menu



Catholic Corner



PSG Update



EDUCATION

University & Careers Counsellor (TBA)



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CCA (Schoolsbuddy)





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