



Malaysia Day Assembly

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, 24th September 2015
Public Holiday - Hari Raya Haji

29th September - 2nd October 2015
Secondary School Camps

10th - 18th October 2015
School Holiday

Wednesday, 14th October 2015
Public Holiday - Awal Muharram

21st - 22nd October 2015
Parent Teacher Conferences

Message from Head of School

Mrs. Anne Fowles
Head of School



Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

We would like to thank our parent community for the positive response to the decision to close school on Tuesday due to the high pollution levels. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise you of any updates via email and SMS. If you did not receive the school messages by SMS, can you please contact the Admissions team so that they may update your contact information.



An enthusiastic group of student ambassadors came to school last Saturday to meet prospective new students at the IGBIS Open Day. It is wonderful to see the passion that they have for the school as well as the sense of responsibility and excellent communication skills exhibited. A group of the students prepared a video about student impressions of IGBIS which we were happy to share at the Open Day.

The Malaysia Day assembly was a colourful event with many students, parents and staff dressed in national clothing. All of our community learned a great deal from the student presentations about Malaysia. Our next whole school assembly will be for Deepavali on 5th November.



Our school is well known for its cutting edge use of technology in classrooms. We are fortunate to have some very talented teachers working at IGBIS. Qualified Google Educators on staff are Mr Geoff Derry, Mr Marcus Wetherell, Mr Ben Wylie and Mr Steven Harvey. Mr Derry and Mr Wetherell are also Apple Distinguished Educators. In view of this, representatives of Apple visited the school this week to discuss the possibility of IGBIS becoming a recognised Apple School.

News from Elementary School

Mrs. Claire McLeod
Elementary School Principal



It seems such a short week with one day without students due to haze and the second for Malaysia Day. We are hopeful we won't lose another day due to haze but there are no guarantees.



Our Malaysia Day assembly on Monday was interesting and our students enjoyed learning about the many different aspects of life in Malaysia. Thank you to Ms Douglas and Ms Dianti for guiding our students as they developed the programme of events.

I have noticed a few students who are wearing sweaters/jumpers at school that are not school uniform. Please be aware that all clothes worn to school should be our school uniform. These items are available in our uniform shop on Level 5.

What's coming up?

- 24th September: Public holiday for Hari Raya Haji
- 9th October: Last day before school holidays
- 19th October: Back to school
- 21st & 22nd October: Parent Teacher Conferences

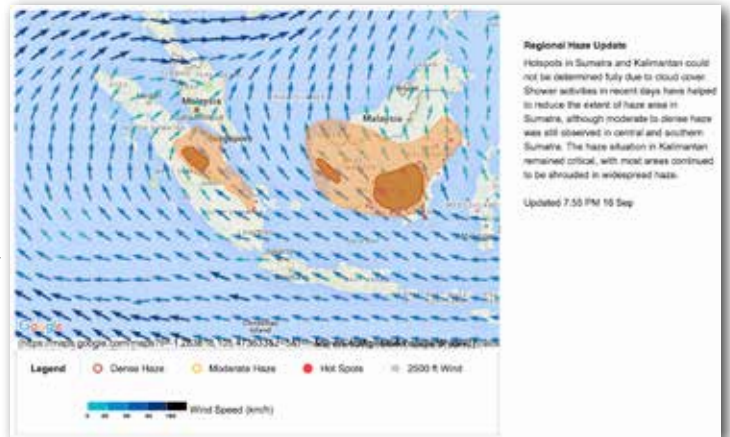
Mr. Lennox Meldrum

Secondary School Principal



Greetings everyone. Much of the talk this week has been centred around the air pollution currently being experienced in Indonesia, Singapore, and Malaysia. As you know, around Kuala Lumpur and Selangor the national schools were closed on Tuesday due to the high level of air pollution and international schools, including IGBIS, also closed on this day. Recently, the Malaysian Department of the Environment (DOE) launched an updated version of their air pollutant index (API) website which can be accessed at <http://apims.doe.gov.my/v2/>. The Ministry of Education accesses the data on this website to determine API levels used to make their decision on school closures. Most smartphone air pollution apps also access this data although they can sometimes be delayed in reporting the most recent API, so we recommend viewing the official DOE website for the most accurate and up-to-date information. It has quickly become one of the most popular websites in Malaysia and can sometimes be overloaded with people accessing it, so please be patient when waiting for updates. If you are interested in learning more about how the API is calculated, I highly recommend reading the *Learn more about API* and *Frequently Asked Questions* sections of the website.

A welcome addition to the updated DOE website is the inclusion of a link to the ASEAN regional haze map, accessible at <http://asmc.asean.org/home>. This provides a deeper understanding of why the haze occurs in certain locations. The image on the right helps explain why, when I took this screenshot, Sarawak was experiencing higher pollution levels than Perak. This additional data helps the DOE try to predict incoming pollution and how long pollution levels may remain high.



In the Middle Years Programme, our subjects link their topics and content to real-life situations such as the recent haze through the use of Global Contexts. These six contexts - **identities and relationships; orientation in space and time; personal and cultural expression; scientific and technical innovation; globalization and sustainability; and fairness and development** - align with the Primary Years Programme transdisciplinary themes and helps teachers frame their units within relevant areas of student lives. The following quote from the IB document, *MYP: From Principles Into Practice*, provides a deeper insight into the importance of the global contexts:

As adolescents develop their intellectual and social identities during the MYP years, they become increasingly aware of their place in the world. Working in global contexts requires a sophisticated combination of understanding, practical skills and personal dispositions that work together to define global competence (Boix-Mansilla and Jackson 2011). Global competence calls for deep, engaged learning. To prosper in the world, students must not only be able to understand globalization, but also be able both to reflect critically on its promise and peril and to act responsibly to make that world a better place for themselves and for the communities in which they live.

When accessing ManageBac, you can see how the concepts and global contexts are used to develop the **statement of inquiry** for a unit, which can be viewed as a summary of the the enduring understanding students will take away from their studies in this topic. Below is an example from an upcoming Grade 6 Sciences unit on energy that will incorporate aspects of pollution and resource use.

Have a great

weekend.

The screenshot shows the ManageBac interface for a unit titled 'Energy'. At the top, it indicates 'Subject: Sciences', 'Year: Grade 6', 'Start Date: W1 October', and 'Duration: 3 weeks'. Below this, the 'Inquiry' is stated as 'Establishing the purpose of the unit'. The interface is divided into several sections: 'Key Concepts' featuring a globe icon and the word 'Change'; 'Global Contexts' featuring a globe icon and the text 'Globalization and sustainability' with a sub-point 'The impact of decision-making on humankind and the environment.'; 'Related Concepts' listing 'Sciences' with sub-points 'Energy', 'Form', and 'Transformation', each with a green checkmark; and 'Other: Physics'. At the bottom, the 'Statement of Inquiry' is: 'Humankind and the environment are affected by energy being transformed into different forms.'

Activities Highlights

Over 200 students have signed up for our 30+ activities running this semester. Activities begin on Monday, 21st September. Activities confirmations sent home this week.

Athletics Highlights

Saturday, 19th September - Under 18 Football Tournament at Kolej Tunku Jaafar

Monday, 21st September - Under 15 Girls Football vs ISKL at International School of Kuala Lumpur

Tuesday, 22nd September - Under 15 Boys Football vs ISKL at International School of Kuala Lumpur

Wednesday, 23rd September - Under 11 Boys/Girls Basketball vs HELP International School at IGBIS

Ms. Jasmine Brawn, Athletics & Activities Director



Tinkering Club

The Tinkering Club activity is looking for some help. If you have any old or broken household appliances or small electronics, please drop them off to school. These will not be returnable as we will be disassembling them!

Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson

School Events - September 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31	1	2 Meet the Teacher Evening 6.30pm – 8.00pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Open Day 10.00am – 1.00pm U13/U15 Boys/ Girls Football	13
14 Malaysia Day Assembly, 1.35pm	15	16 Public Holiday – Malaysia Day	17	18	19 U18 Football Tournament	20
21 U13/15 Girls Football friendly vs ISKL	22 U13/15 Boys Football friendly vs ISKL	23	24 Public Holiday – Hari Raya Haji	25	26	27
28	29 Secondary Camp	30 Secondary Camp U9 Boys/Girls Bench Ball	1 Secondary Camp	2 Secondary Camp	3	4