Christmas Assembly

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- **Monday, 4th January 2016**
  First Day Back at School
Message from Head of School

Mrs. Anne Fowles
Head of School

Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas assembly yesterday. It was lots of fun. I liked the theme of ‘sharing’ that ran all through the assembly as well as the link to the IB Learner Profile of ‘caring’. I was really impressed by the range of items that were prepared by students and staff. The orchestra, choir, ensembles, dances and other performances were all of high quality and the Elementary School Student Council masters of ceremony did a wonderful job of presenting all of the items. Thank you to the staff and students who participated and assisted others to prepare, the Student Council and the Grade 8 students who organized the charity drive for others more in need. Thank you also to our parent community who came along to support their children at the assembly.

We hope that you all have a wonderful break. Come back safely after the holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

News from Elementary School

Mrs. Claire McLeod
Elementary School Principal

This week’s Christmas Assembly was varied, interesting, informative and thoroughly enjoyable. I would like to thank our Elementary School Student Council who helped plan and present performances from across the school, including a dance by our IGBIS staff. We were all pleased to see the amount of donations our Grade 8 students delivered to a local orphanage; donations from across the school were gratefully received.

On Thursday afternoon our Elementary and Secondary School cheerleaders performed for our staff coaches as a thank you for their dedication and support for our students this semester.

Our students are showing signs of tiredness so the next three weeks will be a perfect time for them to recharge their batteries.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Happy New Year!

Local Malaysian artist, Jake Goh brings his knowledge and expertise to the students of Grade 2.

Our Grade 2 class were fortunate recipients of professional instruction from a full time artist. Jake Goh, local Malaysian artist and renowned for his sunflower paintings, worked with our Grade 2 class, inspiring them to create texture in their sunflower paintings.

The students were able to see how an artist uses a palette knife to build up layers of paint. Working with a palette knife was challenging for them as it is a different movement from using a brush. Motivated by the instruction that they received from Jake, the students put the new method into practice.

The students wrote many questions for Jake to answer. Such questions as: “I wonder why the artist wanted the picture to pop out?” - Nina.
“I wonder where did you get the idea to draw a sunflower?” - Havisha.
“Why are there rainbow colours in it?” - Ben.
“Where is the setting?” - Miah.
“Did the artist needed lots of inspiration?” - Beatrice.
“I wonder if earth will rise and heal the flower’s petals” - Nathan.
“Are the sunflowers supposed to be blowing?” - Nina.
“Does it look like sky and freedom and darkness?” - Nathan.

We are proud of what Grade 2 have accomplished. These works will be on show for visitors to the school after the holiday break.

I would like to thank Mrs Emy Lim for introducing Jake and allowing us to borrow two of Jake’s paintings from her personal collection to have in our art studio temporarily.

This has been a most rewarding experience for these students.

Ms. Nan Parker
Elementary Art Specialist
News from Secondary School

Mr. Lennox Meldrum
Secondary School Principal

By the time you read this, our classes for 2015 have now been completed. Looking back at the 12 months of the calendar year, it has been an amazing period of growth for the school. For families who have been with us since the very start, thank you for your amazing support, understanding, and input into helping make our IGBIS community stronger every day. For our newer families (including one who just joined us last week!), please take the time to get to know the amazing support network our families, staff, and teachers are willing to provide on anything in which they can help you. IGBIS really is a very special place.

Please have a safe and restful break and I look forward to catching up with all of you in 2016.

IGBIS Instrumental Music Academy

Registrations for semester 2 have now opened. A reminder that this can be done online via the Parent Splash page. For parents who have completed the registration already your invoices will be sent out in January on our return from the holiday break.

Wondwind and Brass Instruments
This week I would like to focus on the woodwind and brass instruments. Our tutor, Mr Jerry Italia, is from Malacca and travels to IGBIS each week to give lessons in flute and saxophone. He is also a competent clarinetist and is able to teach trumpet and trombone as well.

We have a number of these instruments available for hire. They are most suitable for students above Grade 3 due to their physical size and technical requirements. Learning these instruments is a great way to become a member of one of our ensembles. If your child is interested then please contact me for further details.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday season, and I look forward to the continuation of our growing Academy in 2016.

Mr. Jon Suffolk,
Performing Arts Teacher

Activities Highlights

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Monday, January 11th - Sunday, January 17th, online sign-ups for Semester 2 Athletics and Activities will be open for registration at IGB International School.

The link to the Semester 2 Activities Preview Booklet is here:
http://issuu.com/igbis/docs/athletics___activities_2015-2016_bo/1

Semester 2 Activities commence Monday, February 15th and run until Friday, April 22nd, 2016. Our competitive sports programs will be advertised early as league commitments will dictate an earlier start in January. More information to come in the new year.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday.

Ms. Jasmine Brawn,
Athletics & Activities Director