



D'Artagnan "Defending the Crown" by ArtSpot Educational Theatre - 17th February 2016

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 17th

U9 Boys Football starting at 4:00pm

Thursday, February 18th

U18 Boys Basketball Friendly vs Fairview

Wednesday, February 24th

U11 Boys Football starting at 4:00pm

Thursday, February 25th

U15 Girls Basketball leaving school at 3:10pm (TENBY)

Thursday, February 25th

U15 Boys Basketball at 4:00pm

Saturday, February 27th

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at 09:00am

Message from Head of School

Mrs. Anne Fowles
Head of School



Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

As you are aware, Mr Meldrum will be leaving IGBIS at the end of the school year to take up a new position in Shanghai. Consequently we have conducted a world-wide search for a new Secondary School Principal to begin in August 2016.

We are pleased to announce that Mr Michael Arcidiacono has been recruited as our incoming Secondary School Principal.



Mr Arcidiacono is originally from the northwest region of the United States. He and his wife Julie have two wonderful boys – Rafael (age 6) and Caio (age 4). Next year he will be entering his 20th year of working in schools as a teacher or administrator. 13 of those years have been in international schools that offer the IB programmes in Brazil, China, and now, Malaysia. Most recently he has been working as the Head of Secondary at an international school in São Paulo, Brazil.

Mr Arcidiacono completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in the field of Mathematics, he holds a US administrator's license and is currently writing his dissertation for his Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Mr Arcidiacono and his family are thrilled to be joining the IGBIS community and are looking forward to coming to Malaysia.

Message from Elementary School

Mrs. Claire McLeod
Elementary School Principal



Our students from Grade 1 to Grade 12 enjoyed the musical performance presented on Wednesday afternoon. ArtSpot, a professional touring theatre company performed 'D'Artagnan - defending the crown'. Wonderful costumes, drama, comedy and music held the attention of all students and their laughter and applause showed how much they really enjoyed the performance. We were fortunate that the actors sat down after the performance and answered questions from the audience, which helped bring the play to life. Thank you to Mr Fleury for arranging this wonderful experience.

We were delighted to welcome an IB visitor, Ms Farhana Bari, to Elementary School on Thursday and Friday this week. Ms Bari facilitated discussions between teachers, students and parents to learn how we are implementing the IBPYP.

I would like to thank our parent representatives for their support for students, parents and teachers. Welcoming new students and parents and helping them understand how IGBIS operates is an extremely important part of the class representative role. Another role is to encourage parents who may have concerns to make an appointment to meet the class teacher or the Elementary School Principal and share their thoughts and ask for advice. New parents appreciate the support from class representative parents and know they will be guided to the right person if help is required.

Finally, thank you to our teachers of Chinese who helped students present a very creative and entertaining Chinese New Year Assembly and our PE teachers for organising our first whole school fun filled Sports Day.

News from Secondary School

Mr. Lennox Meldrum

Secondary School Principal



Earlier this week I spent three days visiting a school on the south of Kuala Lumpur as part of their IB Diploma Programme verification. The pathway to become an IB World School depends on the programme for which a school is planning to implement. For the Diploma Programme, schools must be verified and receive authorisation before first teaching of the Diploma Programme courses. This means that the application for candidacy into the programme must have started at least a year in advance of this with an IB-provided consultant working with the school during this time to help ensure that they understand all of the requirements of the Diploma Programme. At IGBIS we received our Diploma Programme authorisation in October 2013. If a school wishes to implement the Primary Years Programme or Middle Years Programme, they must first be teaching in the style of the programmes in order to apply for candidacy and receive assistance from a consultant. This IB-directed timeline is why the consultant visits and verification visits for the PYP and MYP at IGBIS could not happen until we were into our second or third year of operation.

We are very fortunate to have a number of staff members who have various responsibilities within the IB Educator Network. These range from examiners and moderators for Diploma Programme and Middle Years Programme assessment, workshop leaders for various subject and support areas in each of the three programmes, and visiting team members and leaders who either consult schools through the candidacy phase or visit schools to verify their applications. Another important role within the IB Educator Network is when teams are sent to schools five years after their initial verification to re-authorise the programme (and approximately each five years after this). This is a key aspect to ensuring that IB World Schools do not let their standards fall and that new initiatives implemented by the IB to improve their programmes are being followed by all IB schools. Teachers at IB World Schools understand that we are all lifelong learners and that this is not just something we say to our students, but it is something we live in our professional and personal lives as well. At IGBIS we are always looking for how we can constantly improve our programmes and look forward to our first Diploma Programme re-authorisation in a few years time.

Seeing how other schools implement their programmes allows me a fresh view on how we can improve and adapt our own teaching and learning and it was great to come back to IGBIS to work with our amazing team at moving to a higher level.

Have a great weekend.

IGBIS Instrumental Music Academy

Welcome to Semester 2 in the Music Academy. As previously advertised lessons commenced this week. All schedules have been updated and are on the Parent Splash page. Students in the Secondary School also have access to these schedules so that they can monitor their own schedules and be at lessons on time. Teaching staff across the school can also monitor student movement to and from lessons using the Splash Page.

All parents should now have received their invoices for Semester 2 and quite a number have already made the payment. I would like to thank the Finance Department, and in particular Ms Natalie, for preparing the invoices and tracking the payments. Please provide Ms Natalie with proof of payment if paying by bank transfer.

It is encouraging that the number of students who are having lessons has grown slightly since last semester. I take this opportunity to remind parents to help their children by trying to get them into a regular practice routine and to make it as enjoyable as possible. Maybe ask them to play for you while you prepare the evening meal or pack their school bags in the morning.

Mr. Jon Suffolk,

IGBIS Instrumental Music Academy Program Coordinator



Language Profile Survey

At IGB International School we believe in the importance of developing internationally-minded students who are also multilingual communicators.

As you may have noticed on the email I have sent to you this week, we are in the process of mapping our community (students and parents) in terms of languages. The collated responses to this survey will help us plan for staffing and subjects offerings in future years.

I would appreciate if you can help us in this task by participating in this simple survey. It should not take you longer than five minutes. Please click on the link provided in my email to you.

We truly appreciate your participation on this survey. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks.

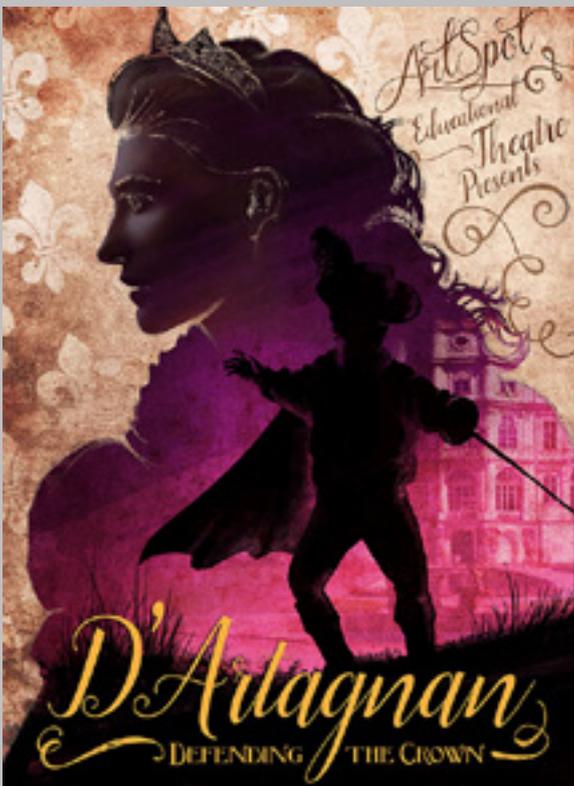
Gustav Helman,
Whole School Languages Coordinator



Theatre "D'Artagnan"

On Wednesday this week the students in Grades 1-12 were treated to an outstanding performance by a touring theatre company called ArtSport who are based in Argentina. Each year the company writes a productions which aims at giving students the opportunity to experience live theatre. This year they are touring with a production which is called 'D'Artagnan - Defending the Crown'. The cast of 5 professional actors and one technician did an outstanding job of telling the story of a young man seeking to join the famous French musketeers. The actors played multiple characters and amazed the audience with their quick costume changes, special effects, singing and changes of set. At IGB International School we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful theatre and are planning to bring further opportunities to the school for the students to experience and enjoy the Arts right here at school.

Glenn Fleury,
MYP Performing Arts Teacher



Activities Highlights

Athletics and Activities Highlights February 15 - 26th

Semester 2 Activities began this week. Location Listings available here...
<https://sites.google.com/a/igbis.edu.my/igbis-activities/activities-location-listing>

Sport this week and next...



Wed, Feb 17th - U9 KLISS Boys Football Preliminary Tournament @ IGBIS... Our team had a great showing and although we did not come out on top we played hard and had tons of fun.

Thurs, Feb 18th - U18 Boys Football, U15 Boys Basketball, U18 Boys Basketball vs Fairview Int'l School, Subang @ IGBIS. With decided wins in both basketball games and a very close one goal loss in the football we had a good showing in Thursdays competitions.

Mon, Feb 22nd - Secondary Track Team @ ISP vs ISP & HELP for friendly field meet

Tues, Feb 23rd - Secondary Track Team @ IGBIS vs ISP and HELP for all track events (and some jumps)

Wed, Feb 24th - U11 KLISS Boys Football Plate Finals @ IGBIS

Thurs, Feb 25th - U15 Girls Basketball @ Tenby, U15 Boys Basketball @ IGBIS for KLISS U15 Preliminary Tournament

WOOHOO! It's a great couple of weeks for activities and sport at IGB International School.
Have a great weekend!

Ms. Jasmine Brawn,
Athletics & Activities Director

Food Coaching

A parent workshop – led by Gabriel Evans, Head of Design

Date: Tuesday, March 1st

Time: 8:15am - 9:15am

Venue: Multi Purpose Room (Opposite Clinic), Level 2

Are you confused about what natural food and healthy eating really is?

Are you looking for a sensible guide to shopping for the right food?

Are you looking for new ideas for feeding young, growing children with food that will nourish them?

Do you want to find out how to make wholesome cooking and eating a workable and enjoyable part of everyday life?

Do you want to pick up practical information and strategies you can use to make permanent and manageable changes to your diet and lifestyle that are good for you, your family, your community and the planet?

Then this is the presentation for you. This presentation will change the way you think and feel about food and health and it will empower you.

I will address your questions and concerns about food, cooking and healthy eating.

I will show you ingredients, books, tools, websites and lots more that will inspire you.

I will share great tips on shopping for food and eating out.

I will share quick and easy family and kid-friendly recipes ranging from breakfasts through to lunch and dinners, as well as ultra-convenient portable snacks for lunch boxes.

I will give you a sample of some food that tastes great and is good for you.

My experience:

I was a professional chef for ten years prior to my teaching career. I hold a range of New Zealand Trade Certificates and Advanced Trade Certificates in Cookery, Catering and Pastry from the City & Guilds Institute of London. I have cooked professionally in at least five countries around the world, appeared in Rick Stein's BBC television series 'Taste of the Sea' and owned my own award-winning restaurant.

As part of my studies for a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Portsmouth in the United Kingdom I studied sports nutrition and school health education. I have taught Food Science, Food Technology, Home Economics and Food Design for seventeen years

in New Zealand, England, Kuwait, China and Malaysia. I wrote a book about how to shop, cook and eat the natural way, which was published in the United Kingdom in 2009. In the past, I have run several workshops and given food coaching presentations. I have a young son and a daughter on the way, so I know what it is like to cook for a family during the busy working week.

Please respond by **Thursday, February 25** by clicking here: <http://goo.gl/forms/oxau265IEW>

International Day at IGBIS 2016 Parent Survey

Dear Parents,

Please go to the link below for International Day at IGBIS 2016 Parent Survey.

<http://goo.gl/forms/cHCzwQQ4b>

IGBIS Parent Cafe

Hello from the parent cafe on the 5th reception floor. Welcome to the new school semester. We have completed our first term supplying parents, teachers and adult students with beverages and snacks. We have listened to feedback from all and you will be pleased to know, in this time of inflation and economic difficulty, we have reduced our prices and increased quantity.

All beverage prices have been reduced except soft drinks. I have also arranged to serve coffee, teas etc in mugs rather than cup and saucer. Much more homely and I hope you agree.

We shall continue with our range of fresh baked Hiestand products and have introduced small fruit bowls to our range. Also we have sandwiches as per last term and now offer ciabatta sandwiches as well. There are always plenty of other snacks and fruit available.

We are always open to feedback and suggestions, and you can contact me on 017 759 5552 (Russell).

Come and visit the cafe and our wonderful Auntie Shirley soon. Have a wonderful day.