



● Grade 4 Science Fair - 23rd March 2016.

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## Upcoming Events

**International Day**

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April**

International Day - Starting at 7:00 @ IGBIS Field.

**Grade 12 Student**

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Grade 12 Farewell Assembly - Period 8

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Grade 12 Graduation - Period 7 & 8

**Athletics**

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Swim Gala (Grades 1-12) - Period 1- 4

## Message from Head of School

Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing break last weekend. The staff were involved in a very productive professional development and planning day last Thursday, but then enjoyed a break as well.

The biggest event on the school calendar, International Day, is taking place next Saturday, April 9. We are hoping to see all of our school families take part in the day including the parade of nations at the beginning, so please come along with something to show the nationality you identify with, and wear it with pride! The International Day committee has prepared a full programme

for the day. As the parade of nations commences at 8am, everyone will need to be lined up in with their country at 7:50am in the morning. After this there are a range of activities culminating with performances in the theatre. The day will conclude at 12:30pm. Additional details are provided in another section of the newsletter.



*Mrs. Anne Fowles*  
Head of School

## Art with Ms Nan and Ms Lara

### Ms. Nan Parker

Visual Arts Teacher

*Art Assembly time is nearly here!*

*You are invited - 8am. Friday 15th April*

Currently, we are showcasing your children's art from Early Years 1 and 2 up to Grade 5. Come along and enjoy being entertained in our Assembly time. We have been extremely busy putting together a video presentation featuring our Art programme content

from this semester. We also have a sing along song about the Elements of Art.

Parents, you will have the opportunity to view your children's artwork on display on Level 3 as you leave the assembly. We encourage you to write a 'Message to the Artist' on the paper provided and leave it pinned up next to the work. It will be lovely for the children to get feedback from you. This action puts value on their work and boosts self-esteem. We thank you in advance for your input!





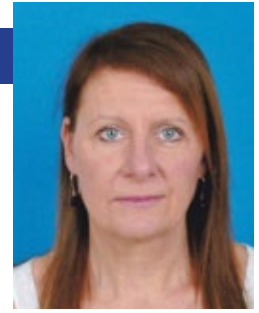
## The Great Exhibition by Grade 5



**Susan Bal-Short**  
*Primary School Teacher*

The Great Exhibition is now being prepared by Grade 5. This year, the students are inquiring into how Artists seek to evoke an emotional response from their audience. They have selected messages about an issue that is significant to themselves and as part of the transdisciplinary theme, in Music, they are thinking about ways of performing their messages. This is through song, poetry, dance and composition.

The students have been listening to a variety of musical genres (protest songs, environmental songs, and songs with messages of peace) – they are experiencing soundscapes and working with a variety of poetry genres to convey their own messages. The students have selected a variety of ways to present their messages using Garageband software, composing on instruments and through dance.



## News from Secondary School

**Mr. Lennox Meldrum**  
*Secondary School Principal*

Another active week in Secondary School this week with various events taking place alongside our teaching and learning within our classes. Please remember that our formal school reporting occurs only at the end of each semester, however you can see how your child is progressing within their subjects at any time through ManageBac. Our teachers can be contacted via their email addresses and

will communicate with you through your IGBIS email address, so please ensure you check this regularly. If you need any assistance in accessing our digital community, please contact our Technology Integration Specialist, Mr Geoff Derry at [geoffrey.derry@igbis.edu.my](mailto:geoffrey.derry@igbis.edu.my)

Our first graduating class sat for mock IB examinations this week. The mock examinations serve a number of purposes and different school hold them at various times during the final year of

the programme depending on their schedule. For IGBIS, two important aspects of holding the mock examinations at this time of the year both relate to preparing students for the May examinations. One aspect is to allow students to have the

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experience of the formal structure and required rules of the IB examinations and learn what can and can't be done. All students are provided with an overview of the code of conduct which is based on an IB document of nearly 30 pages that all IB Diploma Programme Coordinators and IB World Schools must follow. The IB regularly sends exam inspectors out to all 2900+ schools that hold IBDP examinations to ensure that every school is abiding to the rules. We use the mock examinations to help pick up on behaviours and conduct that may impact on student success in the May examinations including entry and exit procedures, what should and cannot be taken into the examinations, and all the way through to bathroom break procedures. The second important aspect is to prepare students for the extensive handwriting they will be required to do during the May examinations. In our digital world, extended sessions of handwriting are not as common as they previously were. While the IB is considering how they can transition to using digital platforms for examinations - as they are doing with the eAssessment in MYP - we help prepare students for extended writing through our mock examination schedule of having multiple lengthy examinations on the same day. Depending on subject choices of our students, students may have multiple examinations on the same day during the May examination period which may involve over 5 hours of writing. Over the last final weeks of school we will continue to emphasise and practice these skills.

One fun part of my job at the moment is being a guest judge for the Masterchef activity on Thursday afternoon. Students learn a dish from our Food Design teacher, Mr Gabe Evans, on one afternoon and have a week to practice it at home (some students say that they have served their family the dish multiple times while practicing!). The following week they have an hour to prepare and serve the dish and I am lucky enough to taste each of the final presentations. Another reason I love my job! Here are some students preparing last week's chicken dish.



## MYP Student Led Conferences - Saturday 14 May

### Phil Clark

*Middle Years Programme Coordinator*

On the morning of Saturday 14 May we will be hosting our second annual IGBIS Student Led Conferences. All students are expected to attend school on that morning and we invite parents, guardians and other family members to join them.

Student Led Conferences (SLCs), as the name suggests, are conferences that are led by the students themselves. The purpose of our Middle Years Programme (MYP) SLCs is for Grades 6-10 students to lead a one-hour conference with their family, where students sit together with their family and show how they have demonstrated their learning and the attributes of the IB Learner Profile throughout this school year.

Grades 6-10 students are building an MYP Portfolio to share with their family. They are selecting examples of work from across the different subject areas that demonstrate growth in learning. Students are collecting a variety of work

samples including digital files, physical, performance and tactile examples. They are also selecting an example of something they have learnt this year that they will teach to their families during SLCs.

In addition to the individual aspects of Student Led Conferences, there will also be opportunities for families to see other things that have been accomplished at school this year including exhibitions, demonstrations and displays from both PYP and MYP. Our Grade 10 students are currently completing their MYP Personal Project. The Personal Project is an important culminating self-directed project in the MYP which connects student personal interests with school learning. The Grade 10 students engage with their Personal Project over a period of nine months and this year are working on a variety of projects which include creating a website to educate about obesity; designing and creating a bicycle rack; designing and

making a dress which represent all of the major cultures of Malaysia; investigating how Islamic features can be used in Modern Architecture; and expressing myself through music that acknowledges my culture and values. The Personal Project is formally assessed and prepares students for the Extended Essay in the IB Diploma Programme. The Grade 10 students will be showcasing their Personal Projects during Student Led Conferences so please take some time to visit and see what they have been doing.

By the end of the SLCs families should have a clear understanding about what MYP students have been learning this year, and how their own child has grown as a learner. Families should also gain a deeper understanding about how students

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are learning and being assessed in the IB Middle Years Programme. Grade 11 DP students will also be involved in activities at school on this day but their programme will be slightly different.

Please mark Saturday morning, 14 May, in your diary. All students are expected to attend school on that morning and we hope

to see all parents and guardians here to share in the Student Led Conferences. Conferences will be scheduled throughout the morning between 8:30am and 12:45pm. Please allow 1.5-2 hours so you can take full advantage of the SLC experience. More details, including how SLCs are being scheduled, will follow in the coming weeks.

## KGM Visits Secondary School Visual Arts

### Sheena Kelly

*Secondary School Visual Arts Teacher*

Grade 9 Visual Arts students, Maryam, Gil, Ryan, Kitty, Momone, Ting Jie, Yit Hao, Kit and Vanessa have been working on a unit which is based on communication and collaboration. The aim of the unit is to promote fairness and development. The project itself is an art room installation and the design brief necessitates that the art piece must be functional and use sustainable or recycled materials.

Each student proposed a design for a art piece that also functioned as seating for a discussion space in the art room. The quality of the ideas and inventiveness of these designs made it difficult to select just one; this resulted in several students work being chosen and combined.

The students have to communicate their intentions and collaborate with peers to achieve their visions of the space.

Later we learned that KGM have been learning about the theme “Sharing the Planet”. Their Central Idea was - People’s choices and actions impact the environment and the community. They inquired into being responsible for the environment, the effect actions have on the environment and how we can change our own actions and influence the actions of others. They have also created some functional pieces with recyclable materials and become excited about caring for the environment. Grade 9 invited KGM to visit communicate their vision and share ideas.

See more photos at <https://goo.gl/E7GPhH>





# Athletics

## Jasmine Brawn

*Athletics and Activities Director*

Dear IGBIS Parents & Guardians,

We are nearing the end of our athletics and activities offerings for the 2015 - 2016 school year. There is one short season of sport and activity for our students remaining. Our competitive sports programs have been advertised early as league commitments dictate an earlier start in April. The range of activities for Season 3 is limited. Please pay attention to the dates below to have your child participate in this final season.

**Monday, April 4th through Sunday, April 10th** online sign-ups for Season 3 Athletics and Activities will be open for registrations.

The link to the Season 3 Activities Preview Booklet is here:  
[https://issuu.com/igbis/docs/athletics\\_\\_\\_activities\\_season\\_3\\_\\_20](https://issuu.com/igbis/docs/athletics___activities_season_3__20)

It is also available for download here:  
<http://igbis.edu.my/beyond-academics/activities-programme/>

Season 3 Activities commence Tuesday, May 3rd and will run until Friday, June 10th, 2016.

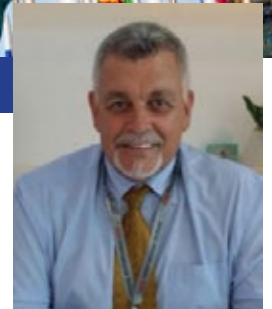
Sign-up information to come.

If you want to see what's been going on with the Phoenix at IGBIS check out the blog here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/igbis.edu.my/igbis-activities/home>

We are very proud of our programs. Read all about our dedicated athletes and competitors in action.





## International Day Update

### Wayne Demnar

Admission and Marketing Director / International Day Coordinator

*'Embracing our Diversity, Sharing our Humanity'  
Let's get excited!*

On Saturday, 9th April, we will **'Embrace our Diversity and Share our Humanity'** at our annual International Day. This is one of our biggest family events in the school year.

The **gates will open from 7.00am** to allow families to arrive and get ready. Please remember that this event is for **IGB International School families only**. You must bring your security tags and family members without a security tag will need to sign in, so please allow time for this.

The day will commence at 8:00am sharp with the **Parade of Nations** - this will mean that families will need to calculate their travel time in order to arrive and get ready. All students and family

members will need to be in the hallway near the science labs by 7.50am and Elementary School students must be accompanied by an adult. Children (and adults) should dress to represent the country they have chosen to identify with.

After the parade, Mrs Fowles will officially welcome everyone then students and their family members will move in our School House Teams around various rotations. You will be provided with a schedule to follow. The last event will be performances in the Theatre. The day will conclude by 12.30pm. Elementary School children (EY - Grade 5) will require an adult to accompany them for the whole day - this is vitally important to the safe and efficient running of the day.

Let's all join in the spirit of the day and celebrate the wonderful diversity in the IGB International School community and our pride in being part of it.

### What are the Timings and Rotations?

Parade of Nations	7.50am assemble at Level 6 Science Labs hallway for an 8.00am (SHARP) start time
Rotation 1	8.45 - 9.25
Rotation 2	9.25 - 10.05
Rotation 3	10.05 - 10.45
Rotation 4	10.45 - 11.25
Theatre	11.30 - TBC (roughly 45mins)

Location	Rotation 1	Rotation 2	Rotation 3	Rotation 4
Field/Courts/6th Floor	IGNIS	AQUA	AER	TERRA
Sports Hall	TERRA	IGNIS	AQUA	AER
Sports Hall	AER	TERRA	IGNIS	AQUA
Foyer	AQUA	AER	TERRA	IGNIS
Theatre	All together			

Thank you to everyone in the school community for the time and effort you have put into preparing this year's International Day.





INTERNATIONAL DAY

Mithila Khoo