



● IGBIS Swim Gala. April 20, 2016.

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Upcoming Events

Athletics

Thursday, May 05

U15 Boys Volleyball Prelims @ IGBIS starting at 3:30pm

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U15 Girls Volleyball Prelims @ ISP leaving school at 3:15pm

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Saturday, May 07

U18 Girls Volleyball @ ISP

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U18 Boys Volleyball @ TENBY

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Wednesday, May 11

U10 T-Ball Finals @ ISP leaving school at 3:15pm

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Message from Head of School

Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

School and House spirit were strong features of the 'Phoenix Splash Down', our inter-house swim gala, this week. I was impressed by the standard of swimming of the students who took part. Those students who are members of the school swim team also did very well at the interschool swim gala on Monday with IGBIS swimmers either coming first or second in many of the events.

An assembly was held to farewell our Grade 12 students earlier this week. Please join me in wishing them the very best in their IB Diploma Programme examinations which commence on May 2.

The school fees and special discounts for 2016-17 have been sent to families today along with a request for families to re-enrol

for the 2016-17 school year. Please look out for this information and respond to the survey by Thursday, May 5.

The school is on holiday during next week, but the school office will remain open from April 25 – 29. We look forward to seeing all of our students back on May 3.

Have a restful holiday.

Mrs. Anne Fowles
Head of School



News from Elementary School

Mrs. Claire McLeod

Elementary School Principal

Safety on the roads is a commitment all drivers, anywhere in the world should strive to ensure and when asked about road safety all drivers will have many examples of unsafe practises. A number of parents and teachers have raised concerns about the practice by some IGBIS parents of driving their children to school in a car unrestrained, sometimes sitting on parent laps, other times sitting on the drivers lap and pretending to steer the car and on occasions waving their arms to friends whilst they are waving though the sunroof. Whilst these practices may not be against the law here in Malaysia, they are viewed by many safety bodies around the world as placing children in danger. I urge parents to be mindful of their children's well being and choose safe practices that become every day expectations when you, your family or drivers have children in the car.

Last Monday our Elementary School swim team travelled to Nexus International School to participate in a friendly swim meet with Nexus and Help International Schools. As a young swim team, we can be very proud of our swimmers developing skills and positive attitudes towards training and personal improvement. Our Elementary School swimmers had a wonderful swim meet yesterday at NEXUS International school. All students swam Personal Best times (PB's) and

showed great improvement in their stroke development. Of the 48 races that we had competitors in, we won 24 and finished 2nd in 15 of the rest. The best thing for me was the team spirit and support for their fellow swimmers that was shown by our students.

Congratulations to all swimmers from Grade 1-12 who competed in the Swim Gala this week. The smooth running of the event was due to careful planning by our PE team and the support of all teachers and students. Thank you to the many parents who come along to support all swimmers.



Last week our Elementary School Art teachers Ms Nan and Ms Lara presented the Elementary School Art Assembly. A wonderful variety of art was on display for students and parents to view and write a message to the artist. The slide show and videos provided a glimpse into the art classes and the processes students are guided through to help develop their creativity. Thank you Ms Nan and Ms Lara

for a wonderful assembly and art exhibition.



Swim Meet Update

Dean Watters

MYP and DP Mathematics Teacher

On Monday afternoon, our Elementary School swimmers had a wonderful swim meet at NEXUS International school. The event was a friendly meet between IGBIS, NEXUS and HELP international school.

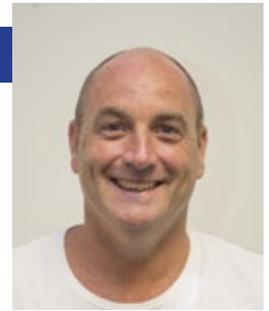
All of the swimmers swam at least one

Personal Best time (PB) and showed great improvement in their stroke development. A total of 63 PBs out of 69 swims!

Of the 48 races that we had competitors in, we won 24, and finished 2nd in 15 of the rest.

The best thing for me was the team spirit and support for their fellow swimmers that was show by our students.

Hopefully the students can take this positive energy into the upcoming Elementary School KLISS event on May 13th.



PYP Authorisation and Exhibition Update

Simon Millward

Primary Years Programme Coordinator

PYP Authorisation update:

In February we had our PYP consultant Farhana Bari visit the school. She produced a report of her observations of the school and submitted it to the IBO. Recently we had confirmation that we can proceed with our authorisation next steps.

We have applied for our verification visit for September 2016. At this time we will welcome two visitors that will once again assess how we are progressing as an IB school. They will produce a report that will highlight commendations and recommendations. If all goes smoothly sometime next year we will be granted authorisation status.

IB PYP Exhibition update:

At the moment our Grade 5 students have embarked on the IB PYP Exhibition process. In the final year of the PYP, students have to undergo an individual study of their choice that demonstrates their understanding of the PYP. Students are guided by their class teachers and mentors as they research an issue that they identified, they will sort through that information and decide what and how they will share it.

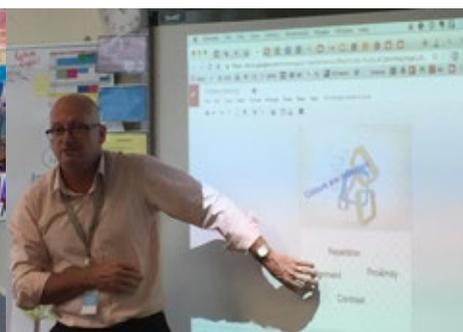
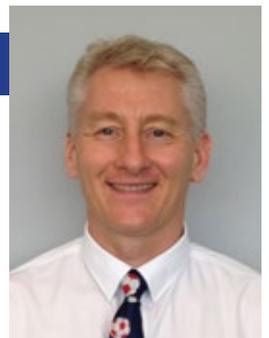
The overall central idea for the IB PYP Exhibition this year is nestled under the transdisciplinary theme How We Express Ourselves. It is 'Artists seek to evoke and emotional response from their audience'.

To guide their own inquiry the students have created their own individual central

ideas and lines of inquiry that is giving them the structure they need to be successful.

The IB PYP Exhibition will take place this year for Grade 5 parents on Thursday 12th May, for other PYP schools and administrators Friday 13th May and for the whole IGBIS community at the student led conference on Saturday 14th May.

The photos show students researching, conferencing with their teachers and mentors, Mr. Derry assisting students with how technology can assist in communicating their learning and collaborating with each other as they research.



Mr. Lennox Meldrum

Secondary School Principal

Wow, where do I start this week... Firstly, I would like to thank all the staff, students, and community members that welcomed Mr Michael Arcidiacono into the school this week. Mr Arcidiacono will be taking over as Secondary School Principal from next academic year and spent the week visiting classes, meeting staff, and preparing for the move from Brazil for him and his family. His children will be part of our Elementary School and he was extremely impressed by the school and community we have built over the past two years. If you didn't have the chance to meet Mr Arcidiacono during this visit then you will be able to see him when he returns in late July.

teachers as their final days of formal classes came to an end. We are still fortunate to see them for another month as they come in for their exams and are excited for their graduation on May 27. My deepest thanks to every one of them for leaving such a positive impact on our school. Good luck in your exams!

A successful addition to our school this year has been our community cafe run by Mr Russell Dabbs. While our Diploma Programme students have the privilege of using the cafe at break and lunch, other students are also able to visit the cafe before and after school to grab some breakfast or a snack to keep their



Showing Mr Arcidiacono around IGBIS gave me an opportunity to reflect on the amazing community we have and how much we do for a school of our size. International Day had only just ended when we were already preparing for the three days of EosMUN that our Secondary School MUN Committee ran last weekend, led by Mr Michael Hawkes. It was amazing to experience the energy on campus as 200+ students from across Malaysia debated and presented resolutions across the entire length of the conference (apart from the social event on Saturday night when they were able to dance off some hard work). We had over 40 students involved in months of preparation for this event and they all deserve a round of applause for their amazing organisational skills - well done! Students had a short time to recover before our fantastic swim gala on Wednesday and then the Student Council social evening on Friday night. We certainly know how to provide a wide range of learning AND community experiences at IGBIS!

Another group that has really defined what it means to be part of the IGBIS community has been our first graduating class. This week was a particularly emotional one for them and their

energy up during after school activities or before heading out into KL traffic. If you do not wish your child to use the cafe before or after school, please let their homeroom teacher know so we can monitor their usage according to guidelines you may wish to set for your child.

Have a safe break and I look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, May 3.

DP Section

Matthew Marshall

Diploma Programme Coordinator

The IBDP Examinations will take place at IGBIS from May 2 - 20, 2016. Please note that although Monday May 2nd is a public holiday there will still be an exam on May 2nd at IGBIS, and the school will be open for Grade 12 students to take the exam. An exam schedule has been emailed to parents and students and indicates specific times for each exam. During the examination period its important that the Grade 12 students commit to a study schedule, and make sure to get 7 - 8 hours of sleep the night before an exam. The students have been given information on

how to access their results online on July 6, 2016. Its important that the Grade 12 students use the upcoming April holiday to prepare for the exams.

During the past two years the Grade 12 students have made a great contribution to IGBIS, and many of the activities and projects they established will continue after they graduate. Activities such as the IGBIS EosMUN Conference, and the 24 Hour Run to End Modern Day Slavery were highly successful events that have benefited the school and the local community. Everyone at IGBIS is grateful for the contributions the Grade 12 students have made to our school and we wish them all the best on their upcoming exams, and in their endeavours after they

complete high school.

The Grade 11 students have been given the Grade 11 Final Exam Schedule for the exams that will take place from May 23 - 27, 2016. The exams are worth 50% of the Semester Two grade and will cover material taught throughout Grade 11. Students should begin revising past course content in order to prepare for these important assessments.

If there are any questions regarding the IBDP please email me at matthew.marshall@igbis.edu.my.



Three Places Families Should Make Phone Free

Geoff Derry

Technology Integration Specialist

You're sitting down to dinner and -- buzz, buzz! -- your phone starts vibrating. You're driving your kid to practice and -- beep, beep! -- a call comes in. You're tucking your kid into bed and -- squawk, squawk! -- an app begs to be played. It never fails: Technology interrupts our most treasured family moments.

Sure, our devices keep us connected, informed, and engaged. But meals, bedtimes, and even time in the car are the three times when we need to just say no. Kids are beginning to complain about the amount of time parents spend on their phones and if we don't draw the line on our own phone use, who will? Creating no-phone zones is key to taking back important family time. It also sets an important example for our kids. Here's how to carve out three important tech-free areas -- and why.

The Dinner Table

Everything from better grades to a healthier lifestyle have been credited to eating together as a family. Phones at the table can block those benefits. Author Sherry Turkle says that even the presence of a phone on the table makes people feel less connected to each other. Once the food is ready, ask everyone to turn off their phones, silence them, or set them to "do not disturb." And if you're tired of getting no response when you ask how your kids' day was, start talking about something funny you saw on your phone, and they'll soon chime in with their own stories.

The Bedroom

There's scientific proof that the blue light emitted from cell phones disrupts sleep. Poor sleep can affect school performance, weight, and well-being. Also, if kids are texting with friends until the wee hours, they're more likely to say or post something they'll regret in the light of day. Set a specific time before bed for kids to hand over their phones, and charge them in your room overnight.

The Car

We're not even talking about texting and driving, because you would never, ever do that, right? Right? Phones in the car also interfere with those conversations you tend to have with your kids when you're driving them around. Maybe it's because you're not face to face, or maybe the open road makes kids open up. So store your phones in the glove compartment until your arrival. Sometimes the car is the place where the deep talks take place. And no one wants to interfere with that.

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Athletics & Activities

Jasmine Brawn

Athletics and Activities Director

Confirmations for Season 3 Activities went out this week. Season 3 Activities will be running from May 3rd to June 10th, 2016.

Friday Football (user paid) and Friday Badminton (user paid) will not be running this semester. All other activities are confirmed.

Changes

For any reason if there are changes to your child's activities schedule please contact jasmine.brawn@igbis.edu.my. It is important that IGB International School has an accurate record of all

activities running and students on campus after school hours. Thank you for your consideration.

Commencement and Dismissal

At 3.10pm all Elementary School students will assemble in on the walkway on Level 2 in front of our 50m pool facility to meet their supervisor who will take them to their activity. Supervisors will walk students to the turnstile area at the completion of activities to ensure handover. Buses are available for students enrolled in the school bus system. All students must be picked up in a timely manner by 4.15pm.

Cancellation

Should it be necessary to cancel the activity due to unforeseen circumstances

the activity sponsor or Athletics & Activities Director will

contact you. You will be able to make arrangements for early pick up but Elementary School and Secondary School students who do not go home early will have supervision until 4:10pm.

If you have any questions. Please feel free to contact me at jasmine.brawn@igbis.edu.my.

Thank you.



Counselling

Pauline Davidson

Grade 9-12 Counsellor

Many students have a hard time considering their options for higher education and careers and some know already exactly what it is they want to do. As parents and educators we tend to ask them what they want to do for the rest of their lives - which often ends up with a non-descript response! However, if we change the question to "what problem

would they like to solve in the world?" the conversation starts to take a turn for the better. There has been much discussion in the education world about the need for students to celebrate their passions and talents as they move through their teenage years and use these passions to shape their career pathway. "When we ask students to think about what problem they want to solve, we are asking them to take ownership of their learning. We are asking them to begin to create mastery for the most critical skills they will need. We

want to give you them opportunity to think about purpose" (Casap, 2015). Some Grade 11 students

considered this question this week and the results have been posted on the Level 6 noticeboard - come take a look and the problems they want to solve!

Reference: Jamie Casap, (2015), "Beat the Odds" Summit at the White House

