



• The 3rd IGBIS Amazing Race. ~ August 19, 2016.

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Thursday, August 25

- Welcome Coffee for New and Returning Parents

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- Meet the Teacher Evening

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- Malaysia Day Assembly

Message from Head of School

Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

Our first full week of school has concluded with many happy faces going home after a stimulating week of classes and a host of team-building activities during Spirit Day with the Amazing IGBIS Race on Friday.



Thirty teachers and administrators from SMK Dato' Sheikh Ahmad, Arau, Perlis came to visit IGBIS to find out how we organise and teach the IB Middle Years Programme as our school is fast earning a reputation in Malaysia for providing an exemplary programme for students.

On Thursday August 25th we will be holding our Welcome Coffee for returning parents and to welcome new parents. At this time we will be introducing some of our key staff such as the IB Coordinators and Student Services Team. We look forward to seeing many of our parents attending this event. The Meet the Teacher evening will take place the following week, on September 1.



Unfortunately the haze appears to be building up early this year. We are monitoring the air quality regularly and if necessary students will be kept indoors as per our haze policy which can be found on the parents splash page on the IGBIS website.

Mrs. Anne Fowles
Head of School

News from Primary School

Mrs. Claire McLeod
Primary School Principal

Our first full week for this school year has been extremely positive for everyone. The IB Learner Profile has been clearly evident this week with our returning students displaying Caring and Cooperation towards their new peers, and our new students being Open Minded to the many new experiences that have been presented.

Elementary Assemblies are a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn more about their child's life at school. Most weeks there will be a different grade level that presents information, photos, a short play or songs about their Unit of Inquiry or something that is of interest to them. There are also announcements

about upcoming events and reminders about school expectations. Parents are most welcome to attend these assemblies; they are scheduled most Friday mornings from 8.05-8.40am. Our assemblies are held in the Elementary Music Room 3-41 which is located on the 3rd floor at the far end of the main pool. From now until the October holidays the dates are: Friday 26th August, 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th September.

Meet the Teacher Evening is scheduled for Thursday 1st September and it will start at 6.30pm. Information will be shared with you next week.

Don't forget our first public holiday for this school year is Merdeka Day on Wednesday 31st August and therefore school will be closed.



What is the Learner Profile?

Simon Millward

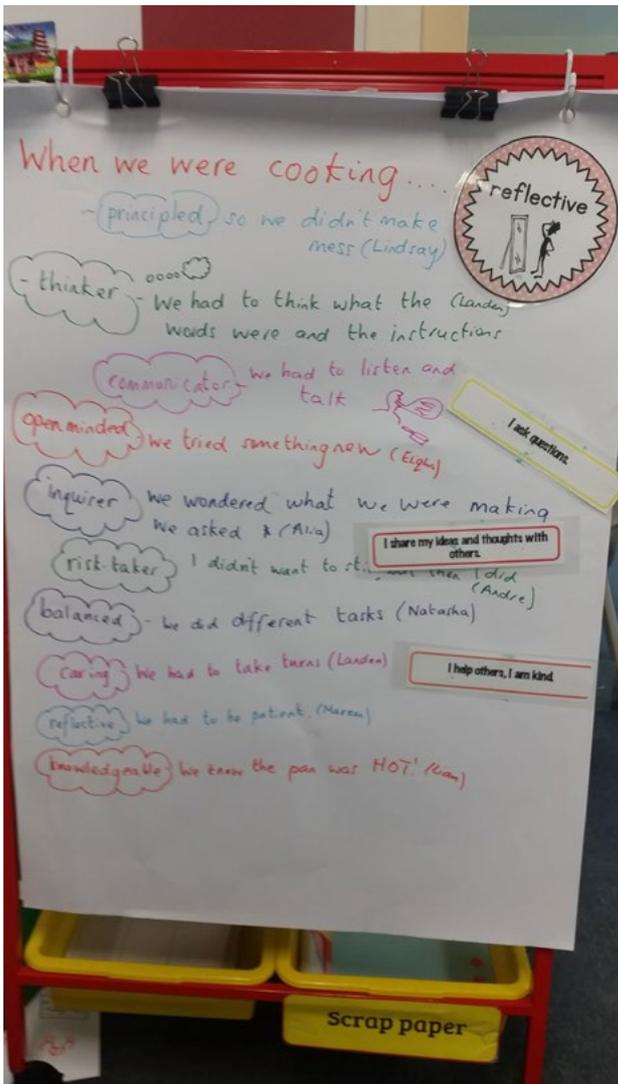
Primary Years Programme Coordinator

A significant element of all the IB programmes (PYP, MYP, and DP) is the learner profile. These are the characteristics or traits that we hope our students leave school with in order to be global citizens of the world, demonstrating 'international mindedness' in their everyday lives.

Throughout a student's time at IGBIS they will hear the language of the learner profile used, have examples of the learner profile highlighted and engage in learning experiences to assist

them to understand what it means to be caring, a thinker, knowledgeable, open minded, a risk taker, reflective, a communicator, balanced, an inquirer and principled.

On Thursday 18th August, the Grade 1 students were cooking/making marshmallow krispies. They were engrossed in the activity and had great fun, however the lesson was more than just a cooking activity. The purpose was to use a 'hands on' approach to assist students to understand what the learner profile means in action. The photographs recorded examples of the students living the learner profile - see if you can identify any of the learner profiles in action.



At the end of the lesson students reflected on the activity and gave examples of where they thought they were using the learner profile.

Our challenge as parents and teachers in the IGB International School community is to live these learner profile traits, learning alongside our children how we can contribute to a more peaceful world.

News from Secondary School

Michael Arcidiacono

Secondary School Principal

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Inspiring Minds and Impacting Lives -- these phrases are essential to our mission at IGBIS. In our second week of school, they came to life in many different ways. Students have settled into their classes and teachers have begun their units; as I walk the halls the strong academic focus of our school can be clearly seen. As well, secondary students and teachers participated today in a fantastic Amazing Race and spirit activities with the elementary students. They faced challenges and worked together to accomplish tasks - all while

having a lot of fun. We start impacting others within our community - the ways in which we work together and how we treat each other. Activities such as these build our sense of community and spirit. Well done to the teacher organisers and all the students!

Looking ahead, Meet the Teacher (September 1st) and Secondary Camps (September 20-23) are on the horizon. More information regarding these events will be coming home via email. Homeroom teachers will also be communicating regularly with parents to keep everyone aware of what is happening and upcoming. I look forward to seeing and meeting parents at the New Parent Coffee on Thursday August 25th.



Breakout in Grade 12

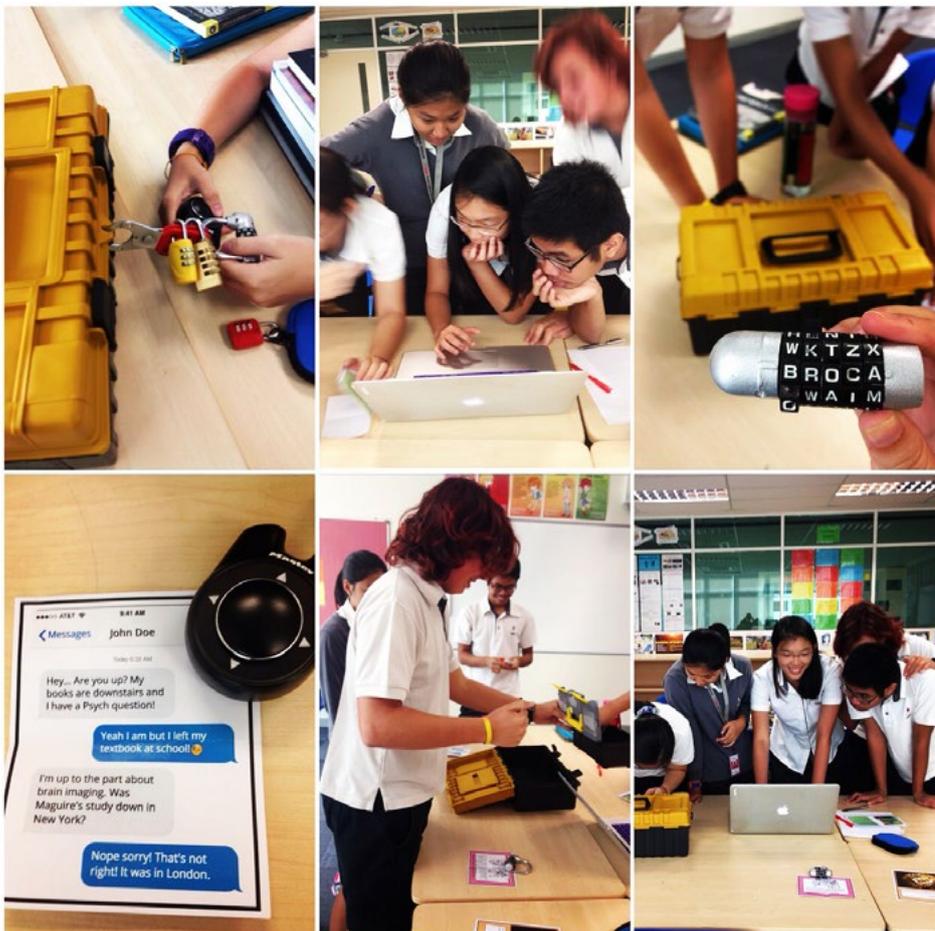
Emily Heys

DP Psychology Teacher

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The Grade 12 Psychology class got involved in a Breakout challenge this week, with clues based on work the class had done a year ago, at the start of Grade 11. Given 30 minutes to complete the task, the group of 6 students rose to the challenge with enthusiasm, using their knowledge, class notes

and the help of the Internet. This was a fun way to revise work the students had done throughout the previous year, using critical and creative thinking, collaboration and communication to solve a problem. They managed to solve the five clues and break into the locked box with 15 minutes to spare. Clearly, the next Breakout will need to have more complicated clues, or a shorter timeframe, to make it more challenging!



IGBIS Instrumental Music Academy

Mr. John Suffolk
Performing Arts Teacher

REGISTRATION FOR SEMESTER 1 IS NOW OPEN!!

Log in to the school website using your IGBIS Parent login and go to the Music Academy site. Locate the registration page and complete the online registration. It is as easy as that. Parents will then be sent an invoice to their IGBIS Parent email for payment at the Finance Office or by bank transfer. Lessons will commence the week beginning 5th

September.

This year the Academy is offering lessons in violin, viola, piano, voice, guitar, bass guitar and drums.

Academic studies worldwide prove that learning a musical instrument from a young age benefits children by helping to develop their cognitive, numeracy and literacy skills.

If you require information beyond that which is on the Music Academy site, please contact me at jon.suffolk@igbis.edu.my



Community Corner

Mr. Wayne Demnar
Admissions & Marketing Director

Welcome to New Parents Coffee

You should all have received an email about this important event to be held next Thursday morning commencing at 8.15am in the Secondary School Library. If not, please consider joining us as we welcome the new parents to our school.

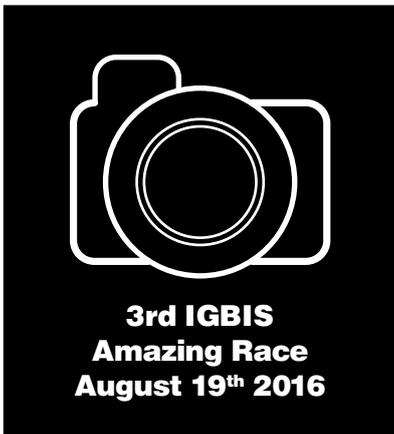
Update of Contact Information

Please remember to notify us of any changes to

your contact details or your children's medical conditions as this is very important in terms of our care for your children. This can be done via email to admissions@igbis.edu.my

SOS (Sharing our Strengths)

We mentioned before the break that we would asking parents to reflect on their 'special skill set' - that is the professional and personal skills that you would be willing to share with our students. We would then like as many of you as possible, to make yourselves available to share your strengths and career stories at our Careers Fair in February.



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