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PRIMARY MATTERS

Kartini Day Assembly

ACS (Primary) celebrated Kartini Day in TSK Hall on Thursday, 27 April 2017. Students and teachers came to school in Indonesian traditional clothes which gives the TSK Hall a colourful atmosphere.



We started the assembly with the ACS anthem and a devotional service. Then we had song performances from our EC students, followed by a poem recital by Alethea and Syifa from Grade 4. After that, we listened to the information about Kartini and traditional costumes. We had a house competition on wearing traditional costumes. The four houses competed on the stage, and the Oldham house was awarded first place, followed by Kartini, Thoburn and Budi Utomo houses respectively. The celebration then continued with a traditional costume parade from each class, and finally we closed with singing 'Ibu Kita Kartini' together. Thank you everyone for your support.

Examinations

The **Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Test** was held from 25-27 April. It was held at our Library (Primary) and the lecture room.

The Ujian Sekolah/Madrasah Ber taraf Daerah or **US/MBD** for Indonesian students will be held on **15, 16 and 17 May** following the schedule below:

Day/Date	Time	Subject
Monday, 15 May	08.00 – 10.00	Bahasa Indonesia
Tuesday, 16 May	08.00 – 10.00	Matematika
Wednesday, 17 May	08.00 – 10.00	IPA
<i>Note: Students will go home straight after each examination.</i>		

Please note that the foreign students who are not sitting for this examination will stay at home during US/MBD. Thursday, **18 May is a normal school day for all.**

The Semestral 2 Examination will be held on Friday, 19 May and Monday, 22 May - Wednesday, 24 May following the schedule below:

Fri, 19 May		Mon, 22 May	Tue, 23 May	Wed, 24 May
Grade 4 and 5	Grade 6			
English 1 08.00 – 09.00	English 2 08.00 – 09.00	Science 1 08.00 – 8.45	Indonesian 08.00 – 9.30	Mathematics 1 08.00 – 8.45
English 2 09.30 – 10.30	English 2 09.30 – 10.30	Science 2 9.30 – 10.15	Mandarin 1 10.15 – 10.50	Mathematics 2 9.30 – 10.15
	Social Studies 11.00 – 12.00		Mandarin 2 11.00 – 12.10	

26 May is a marking day and will be a student-free day. A number of Grade 4 and 5 students will come to school for their workshop session, and the rest of students are not expected to be at school unless they have an activity with teacher's supervision. Due to the examination,

The last day of CCA for the following Grades will be as follows :

- Grade 6 : Friday, 5 May
- Grade 4 - 5 : Friday, 12 May
- EC and Grade 1 - 3 : Thursday, 18 May

Except for the following CCA :

- Football U-10 and U-12 CCA
- AIA Junior Cup CCA (13 - 14 May)
- Football U-8 and Mini-Football CCA
- ACS Football Sevens (19 - 20 May)
- Drama, Ballet, Gymnastics, and Dance CCA
- Honours Day (Primary) Celebration (31 May)

Missing School Days and Early Departure from School

We would like to remind parents to always refer to the school calendar on our website to plan for the holidays. Students **should not** miss any day of school and if there is an urgent need, parents should write in formally to the Vice Principal, Mr Melvin Sim.

Similarly, if there is any foreseeable absences or need to leave school early for appointments at the doctor, dentist, immigration, etc, it should be made known to the Homeroom Teacher in writing/email **at least a day ahead of time.** Notes/emails should be given to **your child's Homeroom Teacher and not to the school receptionist.**

Have a good weekend,

Ms. Ratih Damajanti
Kepala Sekolah Lower Primary
EC - Grade 3

Ms. Dian Rumanti
Kepala Sekolah Upper Primary



PRIMARY EXCURSION

Discovering diversity at Taman Mini Indonesia Indah (TMII)

Grade 2 students had been exploring the underlying unity found in Indonesia despite the diversity of the people. On a rather cloudy day, they made their way to TMII's Museum Indonesia where they were awed by the rich cultural diversity that made Indonesia unique.



Museum Indonesia is an anthropology and ethnology museum where people can learn about Indonesian culture through cultural artefacts such as clothes, musical instruments, cooking utensils, sculptures, and art and crafts. As the Grade 2s journeyed through the various artefacts, they came to understand that the diversity found in Indonesia stems from how people adapted to their surroundings and how differences are mere exemplification of these adaptations.

From there they set off to explore two types of traditional houses which they had learnt during their inquiry learning lessons, namely the traditional red house of West Sumatra and the long house of Pontianak. Here students discovered that despite their architectural diversity, both housed large extended families who lived and worked as a community. Once again, confirming that there is unity lurking beneath the superficial differences. The excursion's pièce de résistance was watching a documentary, Journey to the South Pacific at Teater Keong Mas, which showcased the journey of a boy who travelled to the Indonesian islands littered along the Pacific Ocean to discover the rich aquatic diversity that mirrors the richness of the Indonesian culture.

The documentary cemented the main theme of the excursion; diversity need not be divisive as behind every difference lies a common thread that binds all in unity.

Ms Radha Samikannu
Homeroom Teacher 2I

Grade 4 Excursion at Textile Museum

Last Tuesday 11 April 2017, the Grade 4 students visited the Jakarta Textile Museum in Central Jakarta. Batik is a rich aspect of Indonesian culture and the Jakarta Textile Museum is charged as being the cultural education Institution with the mission to assure the conservation of the traditional textiles. Batik, as everyone knows, is the traditional printed cloth endemic to Southeast Asia. Indonesian batik is particularly famous around the world and can be seen in everyday use all throughout the country. It is used in official, formal occasions or celebrations, as school and office uniforms and even casual wear.

The Grade 4 students were taken on a guided tour of the museum where they were able to see classical as well as contemporary batik and learned about the various styles, influences and techniques that went into batik making. They were also able to learn about the history of batik in the country. The students were able to enjoy and take in the sights in the two adjacent exhibit halls. The exhibits included not only the batik cloth themselves, but also included dresses made from batik is well as the materials and instruments used in the making of the batik print. The highlight of the trip was the visit to the Batik Pavilion where they were able to experience first-hand the process of batik-making. During the batik-making process, they were taught the use of various tools, primarily the *canting* a pen-like tool that applies melted wax to the fabric. The students used the *canting* by dipping it into melted wax and applying the wax onto pre-drawn patterns in pieces of cloth. The task required their full concentration but in the end they finished their task on time.



Next, the other steps in the process such as the final dyeing, soaking and drying were done by the Pavilion staff. They will remember this excursion as a day when they crafted something worthwhile with their own two hands. As the students went back to school, we were assured that they have learned the value and the effort that goes into batik as a part of Indonesian culture.

Mr Jan Paul Timbal
Homeroom Teacher Gr 3

Grade 5 Excursion at Kebun Raya Bogor

Mingle with the Jungle

Last 11 April, Grade 5 students went for excursion in Kebun Raya Bogor with great anticipation and excitement. Everyone had wish for a long travel to the botanical garden so that they could enjoy the fun and laughter inside the bus with their friends. Although they had been there last year for the Zoology Museum, this time, the students learnt and observed the different methods of plant reproduction.

Upon arrival, they were welcomed by very jolly tour guides who gave a brief introduction of the Kebun Raya Bogor. Kebun Raya Bogor is famous for growing amorphophallus, one of the unique Indonesian native plants that grows wild in the forest, and Rafflesia arnoldi, known as the largest flower in the world. Unfortunately, both these plants were not in bloom during our visit. Instead, a video was shown for the students to understand more about Amorphophallus. The video also explained how this plant propagate.

Students then experienced simulating dispersal of seeds through wind. In the end, to check their understanding, many challenging questions were asked, which our students enthusiastically answered. Tokens were given to those who participated in the question and answer portion. Another way of plant reproduction was introduced, which was grafting. The details on its importance in plant reproduction were explained to our students.

The most exciting part about the grafting activity was when the Grade 5 students were given a chance to experience grafting ornamental plants on their own.

The next part of the excursion was a walking tour for our students to see the dense variety of trees around the garden. Several plants from different countries were shown to our students. They were both awed and amazed when different essential trees for survival were pointed out to them. The spirit of survival skills suddenly came alive among our students.

One of the most interesting trees that our students got curious was the Ravenala madagascariensis. This tree originated from Madagascar and was brought to Kebun Raya as a donation. Interestingly, Ravenala madagascariensis has the ability to hold water in between its leaf stalk, a good source of water to quench a traveler's thirst when lost in the jungle.

They were also taught many medicinal plants and other forest fruit trees that can be eaten. After a long walk on this tour, the students were led to the Zoology Museum for lunch. Surprisingly, no one showed any sign of exhaustion. They were still full of energy and continued chatting and having fun with their friends.

As we headed back to the school, students brought with them their grafted plants, and some exotic seeds, which served as their souvenirs from the excursion. Along with those souvenirs were the intangible happy memories they had with their friends as well as the insurmountable, meaningful experiences and learning they gained from their interaction with the environment.



Princes Raymunda Gatan
Science Teacher

SECONDARY MATTERS

Grade 9 National Examinations, 2-8 May

Grade 9 will sit for their national examinations from 2 May to 4 May and 8 May 2017. Students need to attend according to the schedule below. Students will go home after the examinations.

Day/Date	Time	Grade and Form	Subject
Tuesday, 2-May-17	Session 1: 07:30-09:30	9 Humility 9 Respect	Bahasa Indonesia
	Session 2: 10:30-12:30	9 Teamwork	
Wednesday, 3-May-17	Session 1: 07:30-09:30	9 Humility 9 Respect	Matematika
	Session 2: 10:30-12:30	9 Teamwork	
Thursday, 4-May-17	Session 1: 07:30-09:30	9 Humility 9 Respect	Bahasa Inggris
	Session 2: 10:30-12:30	9 Teamwork	
Monday, 8-May-17	Session 1: 07:30-09:30	9 Humility 9 Respect	Ilmu Pengetahuan Alam (IPA)
	Session 2: 10:30-12:30	9 Teamwork	

Grades 7, 8, 9, and 11 Semester 2 Examinations, 18-25 May

Semester 2 examinations will begin for Grade 9 on Friday, 12 May and for Grades 7,8 and 11 on Monday, 15 May. Letters detailing the examination schedule have been handed out to all students and sent via email to parents. The examination venue for Grades 7 and 8 will be the 2nd floor classrooms. The venue for Grades 9 and 11 will be the 4th floor dance studio.

Students must be on time for all their examinations and should be outside the examination room 10 minutes prior to the start time of each examination. If a student is 15 minutes or less late, he or she will still be allowed to sit for the paper but will not be given extra time. If the student is more than 15 minutes late, however, he or she will not be admitted to the examination room and will score a '0' for that particular paper. If students are late for their paper, they need to report to their respective grade level examination supervisor:
Grade 7 – 8 : Mr. Resa,
Grade 9 : Ms. Kathleen,
Gr. 11 : Mr Andhika,
Who is also the CPE
(Chief Presiding Examiner).

Grade 12 Graduation, 2 June

The graduation ceremony will be held at the PAT on the afternoon of Friday, 2 June. Along with grade 9, 11, and 12 students, grade 12 parents and relatives are invited to the ceremony.

Please note that Grade 12 parents are organizing a post-graduation dinner celebration for all Grade 12 students and teachers on the same day.

Secondary CCA

The last day of CCA for the following Grades will be as follows :

- Grade 10 and 12 : Friday, 21 April
- Grade 7-9 and 11 : Friday, 5 May

Except for the following CCA :

- Badminton CCA
- JAAC Junior Badminton (13 May)

Grade 11 Information

- Monday,
29May-Thursday, 1 June
- Grade 11 group 4 project
- Monday,
5June-Wednesday, 7 June
- Grade 11 EE Camp

Have a good weekend!



North Jakarta English Debate Tournament 2017

Mondays are typically reserved for gloom. However, this particular one was not. On April 10th, the ACS Jakarta English Department sent three teams to compete in a competition hosted by NJIS. In the upper school sector, we had two teams, the first team (ACS Jakarta Team 1) comprised Timothy Susanto, Nathan Andriessen, and HagantaGinting, while the second team (ACS Jakarta Team 2) comprised Arimbi Wahono, Patrick Tjandra, and Selma Raquel. In the middle school sector, a team (dubbed "Half-Life") comprised Michael Septiryman, Martin Aurelius, and Chassy Leong.

Through determination, hard-work, and moral support from supervisor Ms Annabella Ong, all three teams reached the finals. In an especially exhilarating moment, both ACS Team 1 and 2 faced off against each another in the finals, debating the motion: "This house would automatically grant citizenship and protection to refugees." Though both teams flexed their oratorical skills with grace, only one team could win. In this case, ACS Jakarta Team 2 (of the Opposition team) prevailed, taking home the



champion's trophy. Arimbi Wahono of the aforementioned team gave the following quote: "I'm really glad to have taken part in this competition, and I couldn't have done it without my teammates, Patrick and Selma. It gets a little tiring, debating for a whole day, but they kept me laughing and we always had something to talk about, so I wouldn't have had it any other way! There are just some things you can't learn within a classroom, and it is exactly those things that I have taken away from today's experience."



In addition to the above, ACS Jakarta Team 1 won the runner-up title, with team member Timothy Susanto achieving Best Speaker for his spectacular performance throughout the day. Amidst these achievements, however, the middle-school team Half-Life was not to be forgotten as the team was runners-up by a close margin, and team member Michael Septiryman achieved Best Speaker Award. With five of the six awards going to ACS Jakarta, it is difficult to not give into the need to boast, but in the end all nine competing individuals agreed on one thing:



"While material glory may bring satisfaction in the short-term, the very best award is helping one another to be mutually successful. To God be the Glory !"

Arimbi Wahono

Grade 11H student

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Library Information

We had special visitors from SDIT Iqro Pondok Gede on 18 April 2017. They made bookmarks and read books. Their favorite book is Bobo Magazine.



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IMPORTANT DATES

28 April-18 May 2017

IBDP Examinations (Gr. 12)

1 May 2017

Public Holiday
(Labour Day)

Start of IGCSE May examinations (Gr. 10)

2-4 & 8 May 2017

National Examinations (Gr. 9)

11 May 2017

Public Holiday
(Waisak Day)

15-17 May 2017

National Examinations (Gr. 6)

15-24 May 2017

Semester 2 Examinations (Gr 7-9, 11)

25 May 2017

Public Holiday
(Ascension Day)

26 May 2017

Marking Day (no school for all students)

31 May 2017

Honours Day (Primary)

1 June 2017

Public Holiday
(Pancasila Day)

2 June 2017

Gr 12 Graduation Ceremony

6 June 2017

Issue of School Reports (EC)

7 June 2017

KB Graduation Ceremony
Last Day of School (EC)
Issue of School Reports (Gr 1-9, 11)

8 June 2017

Gr 6 Graduation Ceremony
Last Day of School
Fourth Quarter Ends

9 June 2017

Fourth Quarter Break Starts