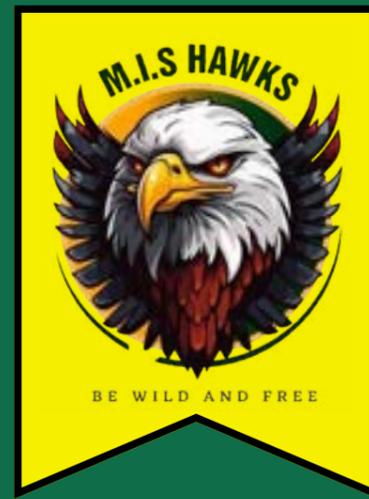




MIS HAWKS NEWSLETTER



JULY 2025

A Year of Growth, Achievement, and Purposeful Progress

Dear MIS Family,

As we come to the close of the 2024/2025 academic year, I stand with immense pride and gratitude for the many milestones we have accomplished together. This year has been nothing short of extraordinary achievements, marked by the resilience, creativity, and collective efforts of our students, teachers, and parents.

From outstanding academic performance to inspiring leadership and creativity, MIS has continued to flourish as a beacon of holistic and values driven international education. Our students have shone brightly in a variety of school, state and national events. Beyond the classroom, they have embodied compassion, discipline, and integrity, living out the very essence of our school's mission.

In sports, our athletes have brought home medals and recognition while displaying exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship. The arts have flourished with our music, drama, and art students showcasing their talents through vibrant performances and exhibitions. Living skills and community projects have empowered our learners with real-world competencies and a strong sense of social responsibility.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we are also gearing up for an exciting academic year ahead.

The 2025/2026 academic year promises to be even more dynamic and enriching. We will be introducing enhanced programmes aligned with the British Curriculum, embedding innovation, creativity, and critical thinking at every level. Students can look forward to:

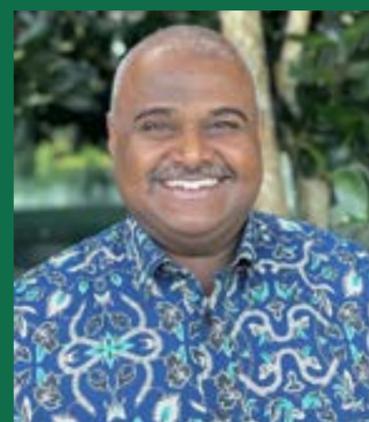
- **Expanded Sports Programmes** including interschool leagues, martial arts, and fitness clubs.
- **Technology Integration** with coding, robotics, AI-based learning, and digital literacy embedded across subjects.
- **Living Skills & Life Readiness** modules, from financial literacy and entrepreneurship to leadership and character education.
- **Outdoor Learning & Camps** that foster resilience, teamwork, and personal growth.
- **Music, Art & Performance Opportunities** that encourage self-expression and cultural appreciation.
- **Fun Learning Activities & Projects** that make learning joyful, meaningful, and impactful.

At Melaka International School, we do not just teach—we inspire. We are not merely preparing students for exams, but equipping them to thrive in a complex and ever-evolving world. Our commitment remains steadfast: to nurture confident, curious, and capable young individuals who are ready to lead, serve, and make a difference.

As we take a well-deserved break, I wish all our students and families a joyful and restful holiday. Let us return recharged and ready for another year of discovery, growth, and success.

Together, we rise.

**Warm regards,
Dr Jeffery Louis
Principal
Melaka International School**



Fuel Your Superpowers: Eat Smart, Shine Bright!



Hey future scientists, artists, and dreamers!

Ever feel your brain hit "low battery" during class or your energy crash before CCA? I've been there too – both as a student and now as your cheerleader. The secret? Your plate is your power source!

Picture your favourite superhero trying to save the world after eating only candy. Not so mighty, right? Real power comes from real food – the kind that fuels your brain for "lightbulb" moments and gives you stamina to conquer the court or crush your presentations.

Why Food is Your Sidekick:

1. Brain Boost – Swap sugary snacks for crunchy apples or berries. Watch your focus zoom!
2. Long-Lasting Energy – Chips give a 10-minute burst, then crash. Whole grains and proteins? Slow-burning rocket fuel.
3. Grow Strong – Yogurt builds bones, protein repairs muscles, veggies arm your immune system. Fewer sick days = more fun!
4. Mood Magic – Junk food leaves you cranky. Nutrient-packed meals keep you smiling.

Build Your Power Plate:

- Eat the Rainbow – Red peppers, spinach, purple grapes, each colour fights for you like a mini Avenger!
- Protein Power – Eggs, hummus, or tofu keep muscles strong.
- Whole Grains Win – Brown rice > white rice. More energy, less slump!
- Hydrate Smart – Water = brain's best friend. Skip the carbonated soda – your future self will thank you.

My Quick Pro Tips:

- Breakfast Matters – Even a banana or nuts kicks your brain into gear.
- Snack Smarter – Try almond butter on toast or cucumber with lime. Way cooler than potato chips!
- Team Up – Cook a stir-fry or smoothie with your parents. (Bonus: kitchen skills!)

One healthy swap today = more energy for what you love tomorrow. You've got this — I'm cheering for you every bite of the way!

Here's to the next academic year of unstoppable minds and unstoppable YOU.



With excitement (and a fridge full of veggies!),

***Ms. Shamsunnisa
Chairperson,
Melaka International School***

ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE MONTH:

Ms. Siti Nurul Shahidah binti Ithnin

We are delighted to announce Ms. Siti Nurul Shahidah binti Ithnin (Ms. Shahidah) as our Academic Staff of the Month for July! A dedicated and passionate educator, Ms. Shahidah has been an invaluable part of the MIS community since joining us on 25th September 2017. Over the years, she has touched the lives of countless students with her warmth, dedication, and unwavering commitment to education.

Ms. Shahidah began her journey at MIS as a Year 1 Teaching Assistant, where her natural teaching ability and enthusiasm quickly stood out. Her hard work and dedication led to her promotion as a Year 1 Homeroom Teacher (HRT), a role in which she thrived. Today, she teaches Malay Language (Year 1 to Year 9) and Reading (Year 1 to Year 3), skillfully nurturing her students' language skills and fostering a love for learning. With a Bachelor of Science in Physics with Honours, she brings a unique perspective to her lessons, blending analytical thinking with creativity.

Reflecting on her growth at MIS, Ms. Shahidah shared, "It's hard to believe it's been four years since I stepped into the role of a Malay teacher after starting as a teacher assistant. The journey has been full of learning, ups and downs, and lots of beautiful memories." She expressed deep gratitude to the school, her supportive colleagues, and her students, adding, "I'm still learning and growing and loving every moment of it!" Her humility and passion for teaching continue to inspire those around her.

Beyond the classroom, Ms. Shahidah enjoys bowling, where she finds both relaxation and friendly competition, and she treasures spending time with her family, which keeps her grounded and joyful. Her ability to balance her professional and personal life with such grace is truly admirable.

Ms. Shahidah's dedication, kindness, and perseverance makes her a role model for both students and fellow educators. We are incredibly proud to recognize her as our Academic Staff of the Month and celebrate the positive impact she has made at MIS.

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Shahidah on this well-deserved honour!





FACULTY STAFF OF THE MONTH:

ABDUL RAHAMAN BIN ABDUL JABBAR

THE HEARTBEAT OF MIS

Every school has its unsung heroes—dedicated individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly. At Melaka International School, one such pillar is Abdul Rahaman bin Abdul Jabbar, our exceptional Maintenance Officer. This month, we celebrate his 15 years of unwavering commitment to ensuring MIS remains safe, functional, and thriving.

Since joining MIS on 1st September 2009, Abdul Rahaman has been the quiet guardian of our campus. His diverse career journey began as a clerk at Bank Bumiputra (now CIMB), where he steadily rose to become an officer in the same bank. Later, he transitioned into the financial sector as a remisier at Arab Malaysian Securities before venturing into entrepreneurship with his own mobile phone business. This wealth of experience has equipped him with problem-solving skills and a strong work ethic, which he now brings to MIS.

At our school, his true impact shines. Whether it's a midnight pipe leak or a broken air conditioner during sweltering heat, he responds promptly, day or night, to keep every classroom, hallway, and facility in top condition. For him, this isn't just a job—it's a 24/7 labour of love.

Beyond his professional diligence, Abdul Rahaman enjoys reading, travelling, and staying informed through TV, balancing his demanding role with well-earned relaxation. Colleagues often praise his humility, patience, and willingness to go the extra mile, qualities that make him not just an employee but a beloved member of the MIS family.

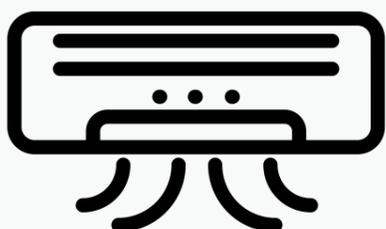
Having witnessed the school's evolution over the years, Abdul Rahaman shares these thoughtful reminders:

- Students: "Please keep classrooms clean and avoid eating or drinking inside. A tidy space helps everyone learn better!"
- Colleagues: "Let's maintain the pantry's cleanliness together."
- Management: "With the right resources and teamwork, we can achieve even more!"

Though his work often goes unnoticed, Abdul Rahaman's impact is felt daily - from ensuring uninterrupted power during exams to repairing furniture before classes begin. His calm efficiency and readiness to tackle any problem create a safe, conducive environment for learning.

Next time you see him, take a moment to say thank you. A school's strength lies not only in its teachers and students but also in the hands that hold it all together.

Thank you, Abdul Rahaman!
MIS wouldn't be the same without you.



ALUMNI OF THE MONTH: SHERN LOW

From Climate Actions to Social Innovation

- Building a Meaningful Future!



Shern Low joined MIS in 2011 and graduated in 2015 before pursuing a BSc in Experimental Psychology and an MSc in Innovation & Entrepreneurship at the University of Bristol. Her time there sharpened her critical thinking and interdisciplinary approach, equipping her with a unique blend of human insight and innovation strategy.

Shern's career reflects her passion for meaningful impact. She recently served as Executive Director of Growth & Innovation at Climate Governance Malaysia (CGM), collaborating with key regulators which included Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), Bursa Malaysia, and the Securities Commission, as well as C-suites and board members to advance climate action across ASEAN and globally. Prior to this, she contributed to Malaysia's first tech unicorn, Carsome, supported philanthropic initiatives at Better Malaysia Foundation, and founded Ma-Kasih, a digital platform aiding vulnerable communities during the pandemic.

Beyond her professional achievements, Shern finds balance through music, meditation, and researching social impact projects across Southeast Asia. Her long-term vision is to build ventures that merge empathy, innovation, and systemic change to benefit people and the planet.

To current students, Shern shares: "While grades may feel like the measure of success—especially at this stage of life - it is the skills you cultivate and the relationships you nurture that will truly distinguish you. Stay curious and venture beyond the syllabus. Embrace opportunities, even the ones that feel daunting. Often, it is in the courage to try and to stumble that the most profound growth emerges. And above all, be kind. Cherish the moments and memories you create along the way as they will stay with you far longer than any certificate ever will."

We're inspired by Shern's journey and can't wait to see what she accomplishes next!



With Minister Zheng Xue Fang of the Chinese Embassy, Chairman of CGM, etc, at Bank Negara Malaysia



Shern Low with Tan Sri Nazir Razak (Chairman of ASEAN Business Advisory Council)

Moana, Our Little Mermaid Shines at National Finswimming Competition!



The 1st Bunga Raya Children & Junior Finswimming Competition on 21st June 2025 at the State Aquatic Centre, Seremban, was a thrilling showcase of young talent—and Melaka International School's very own Moana Liu Moxing made waves!



There were nearly 300 finswimmers from across Malaysia who participated in this competition in various categories.

Moana claimed 2nd Runner-Up in her 50m Surface Event (Girls 6-7 years old)—an incredible feat after only starting training in September 2024!



What makes her journey even more inspiring?

She learned to swim right here in Malacca, transforming from a beginner relying on floats to a podium finisher training four days a week with RAR Swimming Club at Hang Jebat Centre in Krubong, Malacca, under the guidance of her dedicated coach, Mr. Rajen.



Moana's parents are immensely proud of their daughter's achievement, and while she has already shown remarkable progress, they encourage her to keep improving her skills for even greater success in the future.



Organized by the Malaysia Finswimming Association, the event celebrated speed, skill, and sportsmanship. Moana's success highlights MIS's spirit of perseverance and excellence. Well done, Moana - MIS, RAR Swimming Club, and your loved ones are all proud of you!

Keep soaring, little finswimming star!



Shah Alam Throw Challenge 2025: A Triumph for Our Young Athletes!

On 6th July 2025, our school's talented throwers showcased their strength and skill at the Shah Alam Throw Challenge, held at Stadium Panasonic, Shah Alam. The competition was fierce, but our athletes rose to the occasion, bringing home an impressive haul of medals!

Janelle Yow Jia Ee dominated the field, securing Gold in both Girls U12 and U14 Shot Put with throws of 8.29m and 8.19m, respectively. She also claimed Bronze (4th place) in Girls U16 Shot Put with a strong 7.62m throw. Renee Liu Chi Ching delivered outstanding performances, earning Bronze in Girls U16 Shot Put (6.95m) and Bronze in Girls U16 Javelin (12.51m). Meanwhile, Muhammad Adam bin Muhammad Saiful powered his way to Bronze in Boys U14 Shot Put with an 8.49m throw.

A huge thank you to Coach Mr. Zulhairi for his guidance, as well as Mr. Shakirin, Miss Fatin and Mr. Daniel for supporting our athletes throughout the event. Congratulations to all participants - your hard work and dedication have made us proud!





MIS SHUTTLERS SHOWCASE EMERGING TALENT AT MSS NEGERI MELAKA BADMINTON COMPETITION

On 7th and 8th July, talented badminton players from Melaka International School competed in the MSS Negeri Melaka Badminton Competition held at Jebat Raquet Centre. Despite tough competition, our students showcased skill, determination, and sportsmanship.

In the Boys U12 category, Ranson Sit fought hard, advancing to Round 5, demonstrating great potential for future tournaments. The Boys U15 team also put up a strong performance, with Carson Sit reaching Round 5, Hugh Bacaoco making it to Round 3, and Dayyan Zakwan progressing to Round 2.

Though no medals were won this time, the experience gained was invaluable. Each match provided lessons in resilience, strategy, and teamwork. We are proud of our shuttlers for representing MIS with pride and determination.

Well done to all participants! With continued practice and dedication, we look forward to even greater achievements in future competitions. Go MIS!

Celebrating Outstanding Cambridge Checkpoint Results

Melaka International School is proud to announce the exceptional performance of our students in the Cambridge Primary and Lower Secondary Checkpoint May 2025 examinations. These assessments provide valuable insights into student progress at the subject, strand, and question levels, helping us refine teaching and learning strategies.

In 2023, Cambridge introduced key changes to the Checkpoint reports, including a new 0 to 50 scoring scale and updated performance bands: Basic, Aspiring, Good, High, and Outstanding. Our students not only met but exceeded expectations, with many achieving scores above the international averages, demonstrating their strong academic abilities.

Year 6 Outstanding Achievers:

- **English & Mathematics:** *Airin Dazo Defensor*
- **Science:** *Ahn Jay*
- **Overall Outstanding Results:** *Airin Dazo Defensor*

Year 9 Outstanding Achievers:

- **English & Science:** *Johnny Chew Wei Xhen*
- **Mathematics:** *Louie Dazo Defensor*
- **Overall Outstanding Results:** *Johnny Chew Wei Zhen*

Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and dedication! These outstanding results reflect the commitment of both our learners and educators. We look forward to even greater achievements in the future!

INTER-HOUSE DODGEBALL & BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS: A THRILLING SHOWDOWN!



The school grounds buzzed with excitement on the 14th and 15th of July as students competed in the annual Inter-House Dodgeball and Basketball Competitions. With fierce rivalries and outstanding teamwork, the events showcased incredible talent across all age groups.

In Dodgeball, Sapphire dominated the Boys Under 12 and Under 18 categories, while Emerald triumphed in the Mixed Under 12 division. The Most Valuable Players (MVPs) included **Chrys Jacob Esquejo** and **Janelle Yow Jia Ee** (Emerald), alongside **Gordon Goh Jun Han** and **Hugh Bacaoco** (Sapphire), who displayed exceptional skill.

On the Basketball court, Emerald shone brightly, securing victories in the Boys Under 12, Mixed Under 12, and Girls Under 18 categories. Sapphire claimed the Boys Under 18 title, with **Tan Yi Seng** earning *MVP honours*. Emerald's **Harold Yow Fu Don** and **Janelle Yow Jia Ee** also stood out as top performers.

After an intense two days, Sapphire emerged as the overall champion with 680 points, followed by Emerald (490), Ruby (480), and Citrine (320). Congratulations to all participants for their sportsmanship and dedication!

Well done – let's keep the spirit of competition alive!

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Symphony of Stars 2025: A Night of Harmonious Brilliance

The Hall of Character resounded with melodies on 18th July as our gifted students took center stage for Symphony of Stars 2025, a breathtaking showcase of musical artistry and growth. From the budding musicians of Kindergarten to the accomplished performers of Year 9, the evening was a radiant celebration of passion, dedication, and the unifying power of music.

The night opened with the delightful Kindergarten and Year 1 students, whose sweet voices and playful energy enchanted the audience in “Bugs & Blossoms” - a whimsical overture to the wonders of music-making. Year 2 and Year 3 then swept us into a reverie with their tender rendition of “A Million Dreams,” their harmonies shimmering with youthful wonder and heartfelt expression.

The tempo lifted as Year 4 and Year 5 delivered a spirited performance of the “Rasa Sayang Ensemble,” infusing the hall with the vibrant rhythms of Malaysian folk traditions on the ukulele. Year 6 followed with an exhilarating Percussion and Kompang Ensemble, their syncopated beats pulsing with precision and flair, a testament to their rhythmic mastery.

As the evening unfolded, so did the depth of the performances. Year 7 cast a spell with their Traditional Gamelan pieces, Perang and Timang Burung, their resonant tones evoking ancient soundscapes. Year 8 then wove a modern tapestry with Contemporary Gamelan arrangements of Lenggang Kangkung and Wau Bulan, blending tradition with innovation.

The student performances crescendoed with Year 9's show-stopping finale - a bold fusion of Contemporary Gamelan and Live Band, electrifying the stage with a medley of Pong Pong Along, Dayung Sampan, and High Hopes by Panic! At the Disco. Their artistry and stage presence left the audience spellbound, erupting in thunderous applause.

We were privileged to host the Melaka High Wind Orchestra, under the baton of Ms. Zarina, as our distinguished guest performers. Their majestic performance and gracious support in lending instruments elevated the evening to new heights.

Behind the scenes, our dedicated Year 10 students orchestrated the event with seamless precision. A standing ovation to our charismatic emcees, Ananya and Jayson Cheong, and the tireless crew of ushers, tech wizards, and backstage heroes - your teamwork composed the silent symphony that made the night shine.

This magnificent concert was the fruit of months of rehearsal, beginning in the first week of Term 3. Our deepest gratitude goes to all teachers, staff, and parents for your steadfast encouragement and belief in our young musicians.

Symphony of Stars 2025 was more than a concert - it was a movement of inspiration, a chorus of unity, and a testament to the transformative magic of music. Encore to many more years of harmony and brilliance!



A Wild Learning Experience at

A'Famosa Safari Wonderland, Malacca!

On the 21st of July, our students and teachers embarked on an exciting school trip to A'Famosa Safari Wonderland in Melaka, combining adventure with learning!

We kicked off our day at the Crocodile Kingdom, where awe-inspiring reptiles sparked curiosity. The Elephant in Nature show was a highlight, featuring the history of elephant usage in logistics and gentle interactions with these majestic animals.

A standout was the Elephant Aquatic show, showcasing their swimming skills through giant glass panels – truly unforgettable! Then, we hopped on a Safari Truck Ride, spotting giraffes, lions, tigers, hippos, and more from the comfort of our vehicle.

After a well-deserved lunch, we enjoyed the lively Avian Stars show filled with colourful birds and their tricks. Next, we took a raft ride to Monkey Island, watching cheeky monkeys in their natural habitat.

The thrilling Wild Wild West cowboy show had everyone on the edge of their seats with exciting stunts. We also loved the Animal Fantasy show, where trained animals showcased their talents to our delight.

In Petzonia, students met friendly animals like capybaras and mini horses, expanding their learning experience. We wrapped up our adventure at the Reptile House, where fascinating creatures like snakes and turtles sparked further curiosity.

It was a day filled with joy, discovery, and hands-on learning, reminding us that education can truly happen beyond the classroom. We returned home with smiles, tired feet, and unforgettable memories!





MIS HAWKS COMPETE IN MSS NEGERI MELAKA BASKETBALL COMPETITION 2025

On 21st July, the MIS Hawks basketball team participated in the MSS Negeri Melaka Basketball Competition at SJKC Yu Hwa Melaka. The team started strong with a decisive 16-1 victory over SMK Ghafar Baba, showcasing excellent teamwork and skill. However, their journey was cut short after a tough 6-49 loss against the formidable SMK Tun Mutahir, who went on to become the overall champions.

Despite not advancing to the next round, our players demonstrated determination and sportsmanship. Special thanks to Team Manager Mr. Shakirin and Coach Mr. Zulhairi for their guidance. Well done to all team members: Ricky, Cheong, Elvin, Huang, Gordan, Johnny, Hugh, and Carson! The MIS Hawks will return stronger next year!



MIS Summer Immersion Programme: Innovation, Culture & Learning – A Transformative Experience

Melaka International School recently hosted an enriching Summer Immersion Programme in July for visiting Chinese students, blending STEAM, language, culture, and sports into a dynamic learning experience. Designed to foster creativity, problem-solving, and global awareness, the programme provided hands-on activities that encouraged collaboration and cross-cultural exchange.

Academic Highlights: Learning Beyond the Classroom

1. STEAM Innovation & Exploration

- **Solar-Powered Creativity:** Students explored renewable energy by constructing solar-powered cars, applying physics principles to optimize speed and efficiency before competing in a thrilling race.
- **Electrostatic Phenomena:** Students investigated static electricity using a Van de Graaff generator, gold leaf electroscope, and polythene strips. Activities included:
 - Detecting charges with an electroscope.
 - Experimenting with the Van de Graaff generator's effects.
 - Discussing real-world applications (e.g., touchscreen technology).
- **Sea Creatures Mini Aquarium:** A marine biology activity where students created mini ecosystems, learning about aquatic life and environmental balance.
- **Bubbling Lava Science:** A hands-on chemistry experiment simulating volcanic reactions, demonstrating chemical interactions and geological processes.

2. Math in Motion: Geometry Through Play

- Interactive workshops brought math to life, with students assembling 3D models and solving Tarsia puzzles in teams. These activities strengthened spatial reasoning, logic, and cooperative problem-solving.

3. Language & Cultural Exchange

- **English Immersion:** Reading sessions enhanced pronunciation and comprehension, while discussions on global topics expanded critical thinking.
- **Malay Language Basics:** Students practiced greetings and self-introductions, bridging connections with local peers.
- **Global Perspectives:** Lessons on Malaysia's multicultural society and Asian geography deepened cultural appreciation.

4. Art & Design: Functional Creativity

- Inspired by Mondrian's bold aesthetics, students crafted pen holders, merging art with utility. This project emphasized design thinking and precision.

5. PE: Teamwork & Resilience

- **Obstacle Courses & Team Sports:** Challenges promoted communication, strategy, and perseverance.
- **Dodgeball:** A high-energy game fostering agility, teamwork, and quick decision-making.

Preparing Global Leaders

The programme equipped students with 21st-century skills, friendships, and a broader worldview. MIS remains dedicated to nurturing innovative, compassionate learners ready to make an impact.

Congratulations to all participants!

Melaka International School – Nurturing Minds, Connecting Worlds.



YEAR END CELEBRATION



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MIS Annual Awards Day Celebrates Excellence and Achievement

The MIS community came together on 25th July 2025 for the much-anticipated Annual Awards Day, Graduation Ceremony, and Parent-Teacher Conference, held at Dr. Ishak Hall. The event, hosted by students Maxine, Jay Ahn, Star, and Elee, was a vibrant celebration of academic excellence, cultural diversity, and student achievements.

A Grand Opening

The ceremony began with the singing of the national anthem, state anthem, and school song, followed by a heartfelt Dua recitation by Mr. Zamani. Madam Shamsunnisa Ishak, Chairperson of MIS, delivered an inspiring welcome speech, setting the tone for the morning. CEO Mr. Irfan shared motivating words, encouraging students to continue striving for greatness. Principal Dr. Jeffrey Louis then took to the podium, enlightening the audience about his ambitious vision for MIS's future, including plans to enhance academic programmes, foster global partnerships, and nurture holistic student development.

Spectacular Performances & Graduation Honours

The event featured dazzling performances, including a Malay dance and a Chinese dance, showcasing the students' artistic talents. The Kindergarten graduation ceremony was a heartwarming highlight, with our youngest graduates receiving their certificates amid cheers from proud families. Dr. R.V. Shyam Prasad of Sunshine Kids delivered an enthusiastic speech, expressing his excitement about the collaboration between his renowned kindergarten franchise and MIS, and looking forward to joining forces to provide exceptional early childhood education. The Year 11 graduation followed, with graduate Sky delivering a touching speech that resonated with the audience.

Celebrating Academic Excellence

The Best Subject Awards recognized outstanding students across various disciplines, with awards presented by Mr. Paulo, Miss Pavitraa, and Mr. Saravanan for English, Mathematics, and Science. Top achievers in Cambridge Checkpoint 2025 and Cambridge IGCSE June 2024 were also honoured for their exceptional results.

Beyond Academics: Leadership & Talent

The CCA Excellence Awards, presented by Mr. Irfan, celebrated students' contributions to Co-Curricular Activities. Prefects were recognized for their leadership, with certificates handed out by Mr. Daniel. The prestigious Student of the Year Awards and the Principal's Award were granted to students who exemplified excellence in all aspects of school life.

A Memorable Conclusion

The ceremony concluded with an electrifying Indian dance performance by secondary students. The hosts left the audience with an uplifting message: "Success is not about how much we achieve, but about the little efforts we put in day by day."

As the event wrapped up, attendees enjoyed refreshments and prepared for the Parent-Teacher Conference, continuing the day's spirit of collaboration and growth.

Congratulations to all award recipients and graduates! Your hard work and dedication inspire the entire MIS community. Here's to another year of excellence!

Stay tuned for more updates on MIS events and achievements!

AWARD RECIPIENTS

KG GRADUATES

- Raffasyah bin Mohd Saiful
- Zheng Yuechen
- Ma Hao
- Karl Dzulkarnain bin Mohd Amirul
- Muhammad Khasif Wildan bin Muhammad Faiz
- Dinda Yashbi Lubna binti Zariq Eghwan

YEAR 11 GRADUATES

- Moumin Osman Ahmed Elhassan
- Awab Osman Ahmed Elhassan
- Sky Ong Alai
- Rachel Li Yee Xin
- Tan Yi Seng

English Subject Award (Primary)

- KG - Raffasyah bin Mohd Saiful
- Year 1 - Danny Dao Diep Uy Vu
- Year 2 - Zaeryn Gabryelle M. Parra
- Year 3 - Inara Saffiya binti Ahmad Syahir
- Year 4 - Harold Yow Fu Don
- Year 5 - Asher Siaw Wei Hong
- Year 6 - Ahn Jay

Maths Subject Award (Primary)

- KG - Zen Yuechen
- Year 1 - Danny Dao Diep Uy Vu
- Year 2 - Tay Siu Ee
- Year 3 - Inara Saffiya binti Ahmad Syahir
- Year 4 - Ukasyah bin Mohd Saiful
- Year 5 - Zhe Hao Zhang
- Year 6 - Airin Dazo Defensor

Science Subject Award (Primary)

- KG - Raffasyah bin Mohd Saiful
- Year 1 - Danny Dao Diep Uy Vu
- Year 2 - Karla Kaishuri Shaji
- Year 3 - Inara Saffiya binti Ahmad Syahir
- Year 4 - Harold Yow Fu Don
- Year 5 - Chrys Jacob Esquejo
- Year 6 - Airin Dazo Defensor

English Subject Award (Secondary)

- Year 7 - Adelle Pung Xin Le
- Year 8 - Pang Sin Yii
- Year 9 - Damia Zara binti Safwan Zakwan
- Year 10 - Ahn Sang Wook

Mathematics Subject Award (Secondary)

- Year 7 - Zoey Teng Yin Hui
- Year 8 - Pang Sin Yii
- Year 9 - Johnny Chew Wei Zhen
- Year 10 - Cheong Zhi Shen

Science Subject Award (Secondary)

- Year 7 - Adelle Pung Xin Le
- Year 8 - Pang Sin Yii
- Year 9 - Louie Dazo Defensor
- Year 10 (Biology) - Ahmad Ariff
- Year 10 (Physics) - Ahn Sang Wook
- Year 10 (Chemistry) - Ahn Sang Wook

Most Improved Student

- KG - Ma Hao
- Year 1 - Jiang Linxi
- Year 2 - Jasper Er
- Year 3 - Chen Zhengwen
- Year 4 - Harold Yow Fu Don
- Year 5 - Quin Brock William Geoffrey Pham
- Year 6 - Luksham a/I Gobi
- Year 7 - Liu Zewei
- Year 8 - Aniq Thaqif bin Norazman
- Year 9 - Kuah Jia Ler
- Year 10 - Liliana Lim

Cambridge Checkpoint 2025 Top Achievers

- Primary
- Airin Dazo Defensor (Year 6)
- Secondary
- Johnny Chew Wei Zhen (Year 9)

MIS CCA Excellence

- Primary
- Male : Asher Siaw Wei Hong (Year 5)
 - Female : Janelle Yow Jia Ee (Year 6)
- Secondary
- Male : Gordon Goh Jun Hun (Year 9)
 - Female : Renee Liu Chi Ching (Year 9)

Prefect Certificate

- Ahn Sang Wook (Y10) [Head Prefect]
- Elvin Chong Chun Jie (Y10) [Assistant Head Prefect]
- Sandra Ong Xue Le (Y4)
- Ukasyah bin Mohd Saiful (Y4)
- Adam bin Azahari (Y4)
- Wong Jian Cheng (Y5)
- Janelle Yow Jia Ee (Y6)
- Luksham a/I Gobi (Y6)
- Yosr Osman Ahmed Elhassan (Y6)
- Venus Goh Sze Yin (Y7)
- Muhammad Arman bin Mohd Azhari (Y7)
- Aniq Thaqif bin Norazman (Y8)
- Chloe Pierre Chan (Y8)
- Damia Zara binti Safwan Zakwan (Y9)
- Ica Maxine Pineda Suarez (Y9)
- Ogueri Eleesya Princess Chigozie Nur (Y9)
- Cheong Zhi Shen (Y10)

Student Of The Year

- Primary
- Male : Danny Dao Diep Uy Vu (Year 1)
 - Female : Ahn Jay (Year 6)
- Secondary
- Male : Hugh Bacaoco (Year 8)
 - Female : Chloe Pierre Chan (Year 8)

Summer Immersion Programme Students

- Huang Zhengbi (KG)
- Xu Peilin (Year 1)
- Liu Yifan (Year 1)
- Song Anni (Year 1)
- Song Anqi (Year 2)
- Albert Huang Zhengxiang (Year 2)
- Wang Jin Yi (Year 3)
- Ray Xin Rui Yang (Year 3)
- Du Yichen (Year 3)
- Sharon Wang Jin Yi (Year 3)
- Qin Ruixi (Year 4)
- Connor Qian Feixiang (Year 4)
- Evan Qian Feiyue (Year 4)
- Bu Zihao (Year 5)
- Liu Yichen (Year 5)
- Zhang Longxin (Year 6)
- William Liu Kewei (Year 7)
- You Zixuan (Year 8)
- Du Yimeng (Year 10)

Principal's Award

- Ahn Sang Wook (Year 10)

Emcees

- Ahn Jay (Y6)
- Ica Maxine (Y9)
- Oqueri Eleesa Princess (Y9)
- Star Ong (Y9)

Performers

- Malay Dance:
- Eryna Kaisara (Y5)
 - Dahlia Zara (Y4)

- Chinese Dance:
- Low Yu Jye (Y3)
 - Amelia Lee Xin Rou (Y3)
 - Chen Zhengwen (Y3)
 - Dalily Zara (Y3)

- Fusion Dance:
- Ranson Sit (Y4)
 - Badhrus Sharifah (Y4)
 - Adam bin Azahari (Y4)
 - Harold Yow Fu Don (Y4)

- Indian Dance
- Renee Liu Chi Ching (Y9)
 - Oqueri Eleesa Princess (Y9)
 - Ica Maxine Pineda Suarez (Y9)
 - Veronica (Y9)
 - Brezianna (Y7)
 - Aishwarya (Y7)

AWARDS DAY GALLERY



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE GALLERY



Sunshine Kids and Melaka

International School:

A Bright Collaboration for Early Childhood Education

Melaka International School recently welcomed Sunshine Kids for an exciting collaboration, marked by a successful Open Day on Saturday, 26th July from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Curious parents from across Malacca visited to explore Sunshine Kids' unique approach to early childhood development, leaving with positive impressions and valuable insights.

Holistic Development for Young Minds

Sunshine Kids is dedicated to nurturing every aspect of a child's growth—linguistic, physical, socio-emotional, cognitive, and creative. Research shows that 50% of a child's cognitive development is complete by age five, making preschool education crucial. Unlike traditional schools, Sunshine Kids provides a stimulating environment where children learn through guided play, exploration, and structured activities.

Empowering Young Decision-Makers

At Sunshine Kids, children are encouraged to make choices, helping them understand their emotions and develop decision-making skills. Our dedicated staff fosters a loving, supportive atmosphere, ensuring each child receives world-class holistic education. Additionally, specialized programmes like Abacus and Vedic Maths enhance mental arithmetic skills, boosting confidence and academic performance.

Proven Success Across Multiple Centres

With established centres in Seremban 2 (Centrio), Lukut Port Dickson, Telokkemang and Forest Heights (Senawang), Sunshine Kids has successfully prepared students for private, public, international, and Chinese schools. Our multilingual approach (English, Bahasa Malaysia, Mandarin, and Tamil) ensures well-rounded communication skills.

Join the Sunshine Kids Family!

For parents seeking a preschool that balances play, learning, and emotional growth, Sunshine Kids is the ideal choice. Learn locally, think globally!

- Established: 2015
- Age Group: 2-6 years
- Programmes: Play School, Preschool, Daycare

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MIS HAWKS SHOW GRIT AND GLORY

AT

MSS NEGERI MELAKA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025!



The MSS Negeri Melaka Athletics Championship 2025, held from 29th to 31st July at Stadium UTEM, saw our small but mighty MIS Hawks squad make an impressive mark. Despite sending just four athletes to represent Melaka Tengah District, each competitor delivered performances worth celebrating.

Kamaludeen Mohammed Uwais (Boys U18) proved his versatility by earning bronze in the grueling Octathlon, racking up 2730 points across eight demanding events.

Janelle Yow Jia Ee (Girls U12) stole the show in Shot Put, not only winning gold but smashing a 21-year-old state record (8.37m) with her opening throw of 9.11m – then topping herself with a record-breaking 9.54m on her final attempt!

Diana See Sheng En (Girls U15) battled fiercely in Shot Put, launching a strong 7.92m throw to claim 5th place in her category.

Though Ananya Raghav (Girls U18) had to withdraw early from the Heptathlon due to health reasons, her determination in completing three events inspired everyone.

Special thanks to the proud families, Mr. & Mrs. Yow, Mr. & Mrs. See and supportive MIS staff, Mr. Daniel, Ms. Bariah, Miss Fatin, Mr. Shakirin, Mr. Airil who cheered our Hawks to victory.

Proud of our small team's big achievements!



FAREWELL

A Heartfelt Farewell from Miss Nurul Izzatie

My time at Melaka International School has been nothing short of amazing, and now, with a mix of gratitude and a touch of sadness, it's time for me to say goodbye. What started as a journey for growth, quickly turned into something much more special - because of all of you.

I'll never forget the laughter in the classrooms, the support from my incredible colleagues, and the little moments that made every day worthwhile. One of my favourite memories was celebrating my birthday surrounded by the warmth of our Christmas festivities - it was pure joy!

To my wonderful colleagues:

"Keep laughing, keep cherishing every moment. Work will come and go, but the memories we've made together will stay forever." A special thank you to Miss Sutha and Miss Szaza - your kindness, guidance, and those much-needed Maggi breaks (not to mention your jokes!) made my days so much brighter. I'll miss you both dearly.

To my amazing students:

Remember, it's not about how hard you study, but how smart you learn. Keep growing, keep pushing forward, and most importantly, keep being yourselves.

And to my Year 7 students:

Being your Homeroom Teacher was one of the biggest challenges I've faced, but also one of the most rewarding. Thank you for filling my days with laughter, mischief, and unforgettable moments. You've taught me as much as I hope I've taught you. Stay kind, stay curious, and hold on to the friendships you've made! they're something truly special.

As I sign off, know that I leave with a heart full of gratitude. Keep shining, keep inspiring, and never stop being amazing.

***Miss Nurul Izzatie
English Teacher
(2nd September 2024 - 25th July 2025)***



Reflecting on My Journey at MIS - Miss Syaza's Goodbye

Dear MIS Family,

As my time at Melaka International School ends, I'm filled with gratitude for the incredible journey we have shared. From April 2024, I was embraced by this vibrant community; inspired by the staff's warmth, the students' laughter, and the joy of watching our little learners grow.

The kindergarten students taught me resilience, my colleagues showed me teamwork, and parents reminded me of trust's power. While I leave to pursue new adventures, I take with me memories I'll treasure forever.

Thank you for the laughter, the lessons, and the love. MIS will always hold a special place in my heart. Until we meet again!

***Regards,
Miss Syaza Mohamad Ali***



Salam Perpisahan to Mr. Muhammad Shakirin bin Mohshin

After a fulfilling tenure at MIS, we bid farewell to Mr. Muhammad Shakirin bin Mohshin, our dedicated Malay Language and Physical Education teacher, who joined us in October 2024. Throughout his time here, Mr. Shakirin has left an indelible mark on both academics and sports, inspiring students and colleagues alike.

Drawn to MIS by its supportive environment, Mr. Shakirin found motivation in the vibrant energy of his students. His proudest achievements include guiding Year 11 IGCSE Malay students and playing a key role in CCA and ECA programmes. As an assistant coach, he led teams to remarkable victories, including a bronze medal at the U12 National Open Dodgeball Competition and multiple successes in basketball, badminton, and athletics at state and national levels.

Reflecting on his journey, Mr. Shakirin expressed gratitude for the school community's warmth, which taught him patience, creativity, and resilience. His advice to students: "Never stop being curious and kind. Keep striving in Malay Language, and remember, sports builds discipline and character."

He will dearly miss the canteen's delicious meals and the joy of greeting students each morning. In his final words, he thanked colleagues for their kindness and support, saying, "I will always cherish my memories here. MIS Hawks Will Always Fly High!"

We wish Mr. Shakirin continued success in his future endeavours!



Celebrating Mr. Zulhairi bin Ahmad – A Legacy of Excellence at MIS

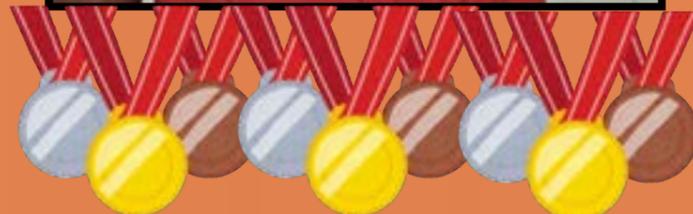
Under Mr. Zul's dynamic leadership, our CCA and ECA programmes flourished. He introduced a diverse range of activities, from competitive sports to enriching clubs, ensuring every student could discover and nurture their talents. His strategic vision and tireless dedication led our students to unprecedented achievements, with medal-winning performances in dodgeball, cross country, golf, chess, basketball, badminton, and athletics at both state and national levels.

More than just a coach or teacher, Mr. Zul was a mentor who inspired excellence. He instilled in students the values of discipline, teamwork, and resilience, lessons that extend far beyond the playing field. His infectious enthusiasm and genuine care created a lasting impact, fostering a culture where students felt empowered to push their limits and celebrate their growth.

Mr. Zul often spoke of the MIS community as his second family, and in return, he became a beloved figure who motivated everyone around him. His parting words to students, "Stay active, keep playing, and never stop growing." Encapsulating his belief in sports as a foundation for life's challenges.

While we will miss his presence dearly, his legacy endures in the thriving programmes he built and the countless lives he touched. Thank you, Mr. Zul, for your exceptional leadership and passion.

The MIS family wishes you continued success—your Hawk spirit will always remain with us. *Once a Hawk, Always a Hawk!*



In Pursuit of New Adventures: Nurul Huda binti Jamal

After two inspiring years at MIS, Kindergarten Teacher Nurulhuda binti Jamal will depart in July 2025 to pursue new adventures. Since joining in September 2023, she has brought dedication, warmth, and creativity to early childhood education.

Drawn to MIS's diverse community and holistic approach, Nurulhuda flourished alongside enthusiastic students and supportive colleagues. She cherished fostering confidence in her students through self-expression and skill-building activities.

Reflecting on her time here, she shared: "My students taught me flexibility, my colleagues became dear friends, and parental support was invaluable." Her advice: to students, "Stay kind and curious"; to staff, "Treasure the connections that strengthen our community."

While she will miss MIS's vibrant spirit, Nurulhuda leaves with gratitude: "This is a place of growth and joy. I depart enriched by every moment."

We thank her for her unwavering commitment and wish her success in her next chapter.



Farewell to Janelle Lee Chuu Sang

We extend our best wishes to Janelle Lee Chuu Sang, our Primary Mandarin Teacher, as she concludes her time at MIS after joining us in January 2025.

Janelle appreciated the school's convenient location and the opportunity to work with our students. As she prepares for her next chapter, we thank her for her time with us and wish her safe travels and new experiences ahead.



Though My Tenure Was Brief, My Appreciation Is Profound ***- Miss Thevimeena Balakrishnan***

Although my time at MIS was limited, the generosity and camaraderie you extended will remain indelibly etched in my memory. From the vibrant celebrations of Holi to the moments of intellectual triumph in the laboratory, witnessing students' faces illuminate with the success of their experiments, I have been deeply moved by your relentless curiosity and perseverance.

During a challenging period in my personal life, your unwavering support sustained me. Dr. Jeffrey Louis, my esteemed colleagues in the Science Department, and Ms. Shahidah's boundless kindness reinforced daily that MIS transcends being merely an institution - it is a nurturing community where individuals uplift one another.

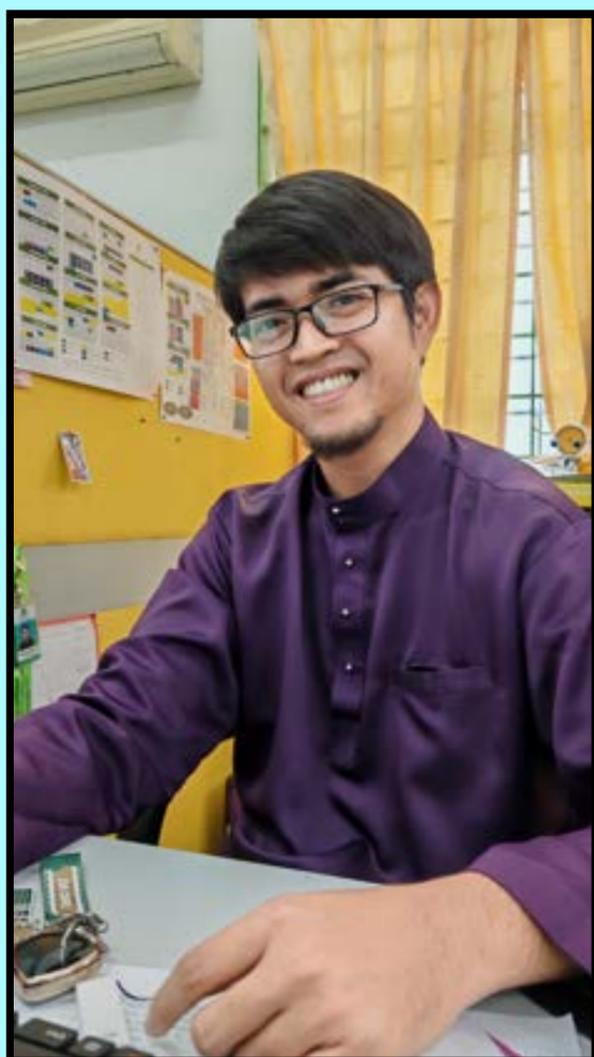
To my students, my parting counsel is this: Continue to interrogate the world with courage and rigour.

My departure is tinged with both sorrow and gratitude, yet I carry with me treasured recollections and an enduring sense of appreciation. Thank you for enveloping me in such warmth and belonging. MIS, may you continue to excel - I shall remain your ardent supporter from afar.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Miss Meena



Logging Out: Farewell to Our Tech Maestro, ***Mr. Mohd Zamani bin Adam!***



After three impactful years as MIS's go-to ICT Technician, Mr. Mohd Zamani Bin Adam (Zamani) is "shutting down" his workstation here to "upgrade" his skills in the tech world. Since his "installation" in 2022, Zamani has been the "backbone" of our digital infrastructure, always ready to "debug" problems with a smile.

His Top Memory? Dropping the "best beats" as the school's unofficial DJ during events - turning every function into a "high-energy reboot!" His motto? "Rainbow after the storm" - a reminder that every tech glitch (or life challenge) has a solution.

Zamani leaves behind a "network" of colleagues he calls family, shouting out Madam Sham, Ms Azlina, Abang Wakhid, and all the "MIS crew" who made his journey unforgettable.

As he "connects to a new server" in his career, we "salute" his dedication, humour, and tech wizardry.

#ThankYouZamani - your legacy is 'saved' in our hearts!

MIS will miss your 'Ctrl+Alt+Del' spirit!

RUBAN ANNAMALAI: CELEBRATING HIS MIS JOURNEY

The MIS community farewells Mr. Ruban A/L Annamalai, our dedicated Marketing Executive and Student Liaison Officer, as he begins a new chapter.

Inspired by MIS's values, Ruban thrived in creating memorable school events, uniting students, staff, and parents. He credits MIS for teaching him teamwork, patience, and the power of genuine connections.

His advice to colleagues? "Stay kind, communicate openly, and remember—small actions make big impacts."

Ruban will miss the daily camaraderie but looks forward to fresh challenges. To MIS, he says, "Thank you for the trust and support. It's been an honour."



A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE MIS HAWKS NEWSLETTER: Celebrating Change & Staying Connected

As the MIS Hawks Newsletter continues to soar, we take a moment to honour the contributions of Miss Nurul Izzatie, whose creativity and dedication have shaped our publication's visual identity. While we bid her a fond farewell, we're excited to welcome Mr. Daniel - our talented OCD team member and the force behind our Mandarin edition.

We're also proud to announce that Miss Sutha remains our lead creative layout designer, ensuring the newsletter's vibrant and polished look continues to impress.

Stay Engaged Over the Break!

Though Term 3 is winding down, the MIS Hawks Newsletter remains active, with an August issue still in the works. Did you embark on an adventure, join a competition, or try something new during the break? We want to hear about it! Share your stories and photos with our editor at +6016-6411161 (Ms. Debbie Moore), and you might just see your experiences featured in our next edition.

Wishing You a Safe & Happy Break

To all our students: Enjoy this well-deserved pause, rest, explore, and recharge. Classes resume on Tuesday, 2nd September 2025, kicking off what promises to be an exciting 2025/2026 Academic Year.

Until then, keep achieving, keep sharing, and stay tuned for more updates. The MIS Hawks Newsletter isn't going anywhere - we're just getting started!

The MIS Hawks Newsletter Team

