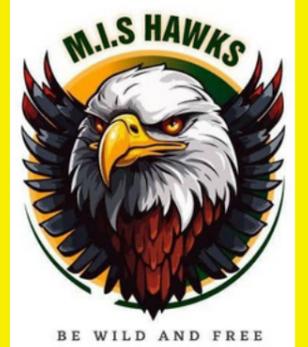




MIS HAWKS NEWSLETTER



May 2025

Principal's Message – May 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians, and the School Community,

As we move through the academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the vibrant and dynamic growth of our school community. Since January 2025, we have seen a remarkable increase in student enrolment—a testament to the trust and confidence you, as parents, have placed in us. Thank you for believing in our vision of a holistic and future-ready learning environment.

The term has begun with incredible energy, from a joyous Teachers' Day celebration—where our educators showcased their talents—to a series of engaging student activities that highlighted creativity, collaboration, and leadership. Our English Week was a standout success, with outstanding student performances and a fun-filled array of competitions that brought learning to life.

As a school, we continue to embrace transformative changes in both teaching and learning. We are committed to nurturing 21st-century skills and preparing our students to thrive in the ever-evolving VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambiguous) world. This journey of innovation is reflected in our dynamic approach to education, combining academic excellence with character development, critical thinking, and creativity.

As we approach the examination season, our students are also immersed in enriching, out-of-the-box learning experiences. We are excited about the continuous evolution of our curriculum, with educational reforms designed to enhance differentiated learning and meet the diverse needs of every learner.

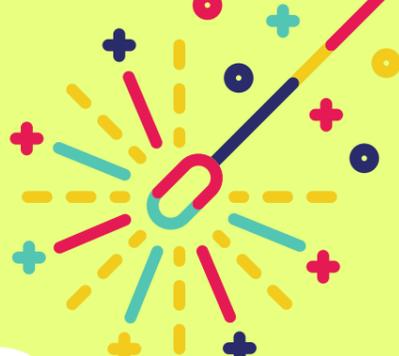
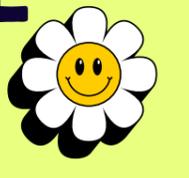
Let us continue to work hand in hand to inspire, guide, and empower our students to be the best versions of themselves. Stay tuned for more updates as we shape an educational experience that is both meaningful and transformative.

*With warm regards,
(Dr) Jeffery Louis
Principal
Melaka International School*





FINDING JOY IN THE LITTLE THINGS:



A Heartfelt Guide to Happiness

Dear MIS Family,

Life can be busy, but happiness doesn't have to be complicated. Here are five simple ways to nurture joy in ourselves and others:



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Happiness hides in small moments – like a child's laughter or a quiet break under a tree. At dinner, ask, "What made you smile today?" Gratitude turns ordinary moments into bright spots.



CONNECT & BELONG

We thrive when we feel seen and valued. Family game nights, chats with friends, or cheering on classmates remind us we're not alone. At MIS, we see joy grow in togetherness.



DO WHAT MAKES YOUR HEART SING!

Lost in a hobby? Whether it's art, sports, or music, encourage passions that make time fly. Joy lives in what makes us feel alive.



BOUNCE BACK WITH A SMILE

Bad days pass. Teach resilience by asking, "What did this teach us?" A walk, deep breaths, or a good night's sleep can reset the day. Happiness is dancing through storms.



SPREAD KINDNESS LIKE CONFETTI

Kindness boomerangs back. Hold a door, share a book, or thank staff. Small acts – like helping a classmate create ripples of joy.

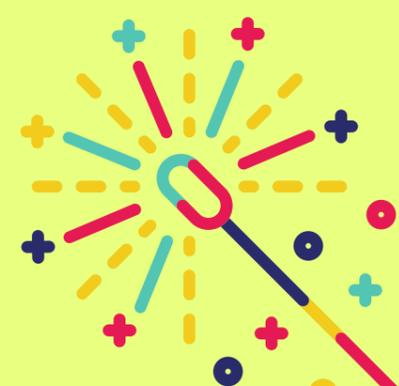
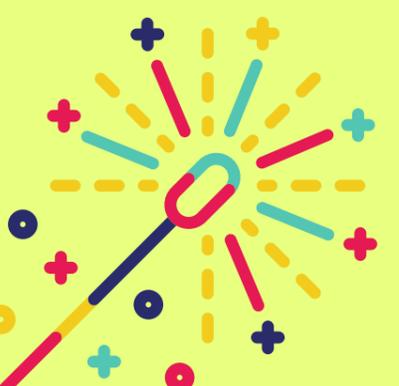
"Happiness isn't waiting for perfect days—it's finding light in ordinary moments and choosing joy, even when life is messy."

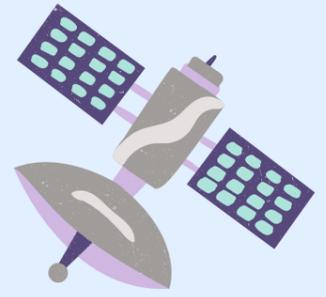
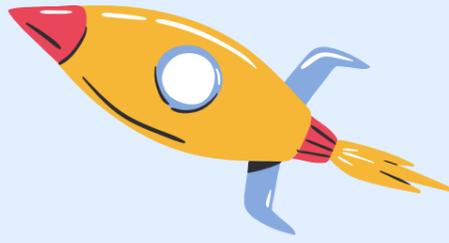
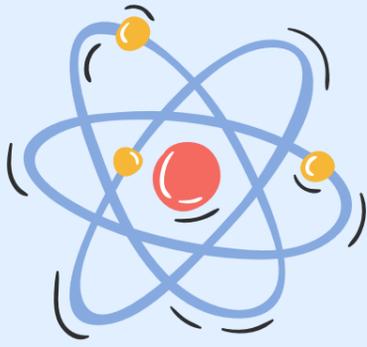
Let's make MIS a place where happiness is how we live, learn, and grow together.



Ms. Shamsunnisa

CEO, Melaka International School





Academic Staff of the Month: Mr. Saravanan A/L Sambasibam

Melaka International School is thrilled to honour Mr. Saravanan A/L Sambasibam, our dedicated Physics Teacher and Cambridge Exams Officer, as this month's outstanding educator. Celebrating 20 years at MIS since joining on 26th April 2004, Mr. Saravanan has been instrumental in shaping students' love for Mathematics, Science, and Physics, now leading our Physics department with passion and expertise.

A highly qualified professional, Mr. Saravanan holds a Diploma in Electrical Engineering (Mechatronics) from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and a Bachelor of Education Science (Honours) from Open University Malaysia. His specialized training in Cambridge IGCSE Physics and Mathematics further highlights his deep subject knowledge.

Beyond academics, Mr. Saravanan is an avid astronomy enthusiast and enjoys keeping up with the latest scientific research. When he's not exploring the cosmos or grading papers, you might find him laughing at classic cartoons like Tom and Jerry - or even moonwalking to his favourite Michael Jackson hits! (Yes, he's a huge fan of the King of Pop!)

A devoted family man, Mr. Saravanan is married with two sons, and his eldest recently scored an impressive 11A's in SPM 2024—proof that his commitment to education extends beyond the classroom.

As Cambridge Exams Officer, he ensures seamless exam administration, upholding MIS's high standards with professionalism.

We applaud Mr. Saravanan for his exceptional contributions to our school. If you see him gazing at the stars, he might be planning a lesson - or humming "Man in the Mirror"!

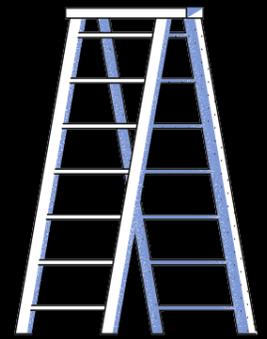
Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!



FACULTY STAFF OF THE MONTH:



WAKHID JAMALUDDIN

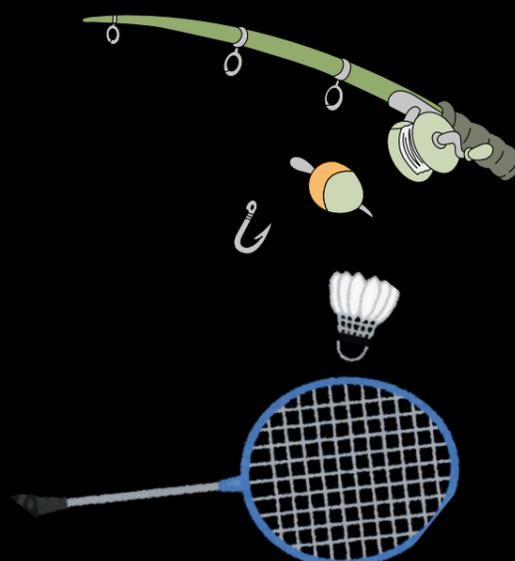


Wakhid Jamaluddin, a dedicated and humble member of the Melaka International School community, has been an integral part of the institution since joining on 30th June 2008. Originally from Jawa, Indonesia, he began his journey at MIS as a farm worker, where his strong work ethic and resourcefulness quickly stood out. Recognizing his natural talent for fixing and building things, the school promoted him to the maintenance department, where he has since become an indispensable asset.

Quiet yet always dependable, Wakhid is a familiar sight around campus - repairing broken fixtures, maintaining facilities, and ensuring everything operates seamlessly. Though he speaks little, his warm smile and attentive demeanour make him a beloved figure among staff and students alike. His ability to solve problems efficiently, often without being asked, reflects his initiative and deep care for the school.

Outside of work, Wakhid enjoys playing badminton and fishing, hobbies that highlight his patience, precision, and love for simplicity. These qualities also shine in his professional life, where he approaches every task with focus and dedication.

Wakhid's quiet strength, reliability, and humble service make him a true role model. A well-deserved recognition for someone who contributes so much behind the scenes. Thank you, Wakhid, for your unwavering commitment!



Alumni of the Month

MAJOR DR. TULASI KARANTH A Global Success Story!

We are thrilled to feature Major Dr. Tulasi Karanth, an exceptional MIS alumna from the Class of 2009, who has carved an inspiring path in the medical field. Major Dr. Tulasi holds a special place in MIS history as the student who sat for the highest number of IGCSE subjects – an incredible 12 subjects – a record that still stands today!

Originally from India, Major Dr. Tulasi and her sister, Dr. Soumyashree Karanth joined MIS in 2005 when their parents, both doctors, moved to Malaysia to work at Manipal University College Malacca. Transitioning from an all-Indian classroom to MIS's diverse environment was initially challenging, but it became one of her most transformative experiences. "At MIS, I felt like I was in a miniature world," she recalls. With classmates from Africa, Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Switzerland, and Britain, she learned to embrace different cultures while staying true to herself. The supportive teachers played a crucial role, guiding her through the ups and downs of teenage life.

Following her outstanding IGCSE performance, she returned to India for pre-university studies before earning her medical degree at the prestigious Kasturba Medical College, Manipal. Her academic journey took her across borders – completing electives at Penang Medical College and even Harvard Medical School – before she ultimately decided to serve her home country. Today, she is an ENT surgeon specializing in ear, nose, throat, head, and neck surgeries and works with the Indian army.

Major Dr. Tulasi's Advice to MIS Students:

"You are incredibly lucky to study at MIS. The teachers here are amazing—patient, understanding, and always ready to guide you. Make the most of this opportunity because the lessons you learn here will prepare you for the world."

We are immensely proud of Major Dr. Tulasi's achievements and grateful that MIS played a role in shaping her remarkable journey. Her story is a testament to the power of hard work, resilience, and embracing global perspectives – values we continue to nurture at MIS.



Dr Tulasi
Karanth





IMMERSIVE WIZARD OF OZ EXPERIENCE INSPIRES CREATIVITY

On 4th May, Blubricks Melaka students stepped into the magical world of 'The Wizard of Oz' in an unforgettable immersive theatre experience led by Sarah Siaw, a Laselle College of the Arts graduate and passionate Speech & Drama teacher.

Dressed in emerald green, the audience followed actors through the venue, engaging in character analysis and lively debates like "Who was more evil—the Wicked Witch or the Wizard?" Asher (Year 5) shone as the Scarecrow, bringing the role to life!

The event ended with themed treats - star-shaped glasses and character cookies - leaving everyone spellbound. A day of creativity, imagination, and pure theatre magic!

UNEXPECTED VOICES: A DAY OF CREATIVITY AND CONFIDENCE

ON SUNDAY, 14TH MAY (MOTHER'S DAY), OUR TALENTED YEAR 5 STUDENTS, ZHE HAO AND ASHER SIAW, REPRESENTED MIS AT UNEXPECTED VOICES, AN EVENT DESIGNED TO HELP YOUNG LEARNERS DEVELOP INTERVIEW AND PRESENTATION SKILLS IN A FORMAL SETTING.

THE DAY WAS FILLED WITH IMPROVISATION, TEAMWORK, AND POWERFUL PERFORMANCES. ASHER SHONE AS THE BEST INTERVIEWER (VOTED BY PARENTS!) AND DELIVERED A MOVING RECITAL OF MAYA ANGELOU'S "I RISE," WITH HIS TEAM DISCUSSING DISCRIMINATION. MEANWHILE, ZHE HAO'S TEAM EXPLORED THE THEME OF HONESTY, AND HE CAPTIVATED THE AUDIENCE WITH A SPIRITED PERFORMANCE OF HILLAIRE BELLOC'S "MATILDA."

WE'RE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF BOTH STUDENTS FOR THEIR CONFIDENCE, CREATIVITY, AND TEAMWORK. WELL DONE, ZHE HAO AND ASHER - BOTH OF YOU HAVE MADE MIS PROUD!

Assembly

5TH MAY

The very ***first Term 3 assembly*** was packed with exciting updates.

- We welcomed new students across various year levels – **Medina Rose (KG), Julea (Y1), Miraal (Y3), Tan, Ide Miori & Ide Yuzuri (Y7), Malak (Y8), and Billy (Y10)**. A warm Eagles welcome to all!
- We also introduced new staff members: **Ms. Sabitrah (Science), Ms. Fatin (Part-time Islamic Studies & Malaysian History), and Mr. Ruban Annamalai (Marketing & Student Liaison)**.

Important reminders:

- CCA Registration for basketball is open!
- Next academic year 2025–2026, six core sports will represent our school—stay tuned for details.
- Assembly changes: Formal assemblies every Monday (auditorium, full uniform). Tuesday to Friday, informal assemblies at the basketball court (7:45 am) – if it rains, head straight to class.
- Latecomers will be stopped at the canteen – ***let's all strive for punctuality!***

Celebrating Excellence: Huge congratulations to Star, Damia, and Shashini for their outstanding World Scholars Cup achievements! They've earned a spot in the Global Round and have selected Thailand – pending final confirmation. Well done!

Stay respectful, stay active, and let's make this term amazing!

Blast Off into Learning with Our Young Astronauts!

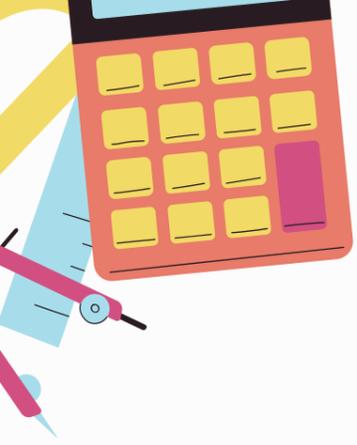
The excitement of **World Astronaut Day (5th May)** soared through our classrooms as students embarked on an interstellar learning journey! In History, our young explorers studied the remarkable achievements of pioneering astronauts, including Malaysia's very own Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor and China's space heroes – Yang Liwei, Liu Yang, Wang Yaping, and Wang Haoze. Their stories of bravery and perseverance inspired our students to dream big and reach for the stars!

The adventure continued in STREAM, where our Year 1 space engineers put their creativity to the test by designing and building their very own LEGO spacecrafts! Through teamwork and problem-solving, they explored the fundamentals of engineering while imagining futuristic space missions.

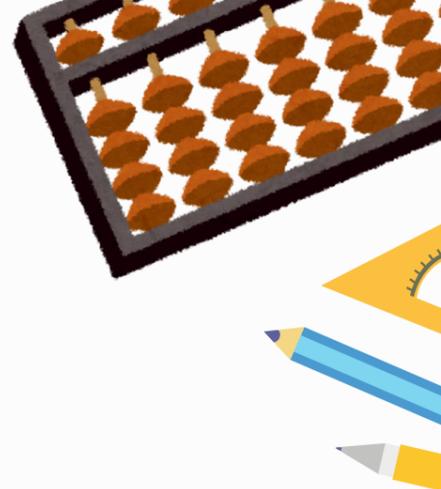
Who knows? With such passion and innovation, we may just have the next generation of astronauts – destined for the Moon, Mars, and beyond!

Let's keep nurturing these young explorers as they shoot for the stars!





MIMAS 2025



A Triumph of Numbers and Minds!

From 7th to 9th May 2025, Melaka International School's brightest mathletes took on the Malaysia Mathematical International Olympiad Arithmetic (MiMAS), a thrilling challenge designed to push their problem-solving skills to the limit! With high-order thinking questions, students embraced the opportunity to learn, compete, and unleash their mathematical potential.

Our participants tackled three exciting categories:

i) Mathematical Arithmetic Olympiad (Speed Test) – A 30-minute sprint through three intense papers!

ii) Mathematical Invitational – A 60-minute battle of wits with 30 challenging questions.

iii) Memory Tournament – A 30 minute test of recall under pressure, featuring numbers, dates, and images.

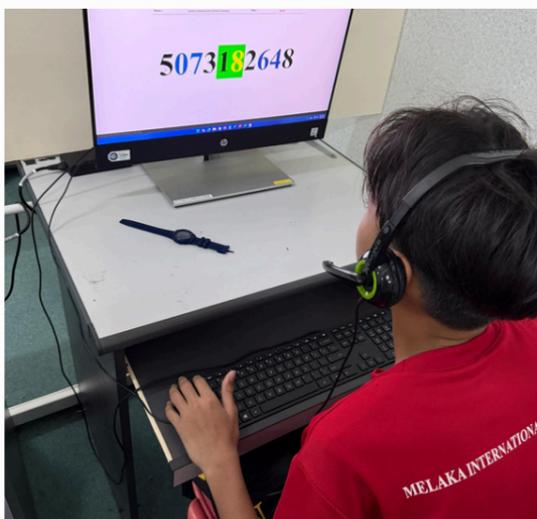
All participants are vying for the following awards:

- Gold Award (top 2%)
- Silver Award (next 8%)
- Bronze Award (next 10%)
- Distinction Award (next 15%).



Every participant will walk away with a certificate and pride in their achievements.

Congratulations to all our math stars for showcasing excellence, perseverance, and a love for numbers!



Melaka International School's Teacher Appreciation Day:

A Spectacular Tribute to Our Everyday Heroes!

Friday, 16th May, 2025 – Forget the classroom because MIS transformed into a stage of epic proportions as teachers swapped whiteboards for wigs, lesson plans for laughter, and discipline for downright hilarious chaos!

The Grand Entrance: Hall of Heroes (and Questionable Disguises!)

The day kicked off in the Hall of Character, where Dr. Jeffrey Louis welcomed an assembly of undercover superheroes, Disney legends, and movie icons. Teachers arrived in full force – Mirabel's magical charm, the web-slinging Spiderman, Jack Sparrow's swagger, Power Rangers, and even Russel from 'Up' stealing hearts with her adorable scout uniform!

But the real test? "Guess the Teacher" – where childhood photos left students gasping, "No way that's Mr. Daniel!" (*Spoiler: It was, and yes, he had that haircut.*)

Student Showdown: Drama, Dance & Dead-On Impressions!

The students didn't hold back! Year 5's hilarious role-play taught a very important lesson: misbehave, and you'll take a grand tour of the principal's office, guidance counsellor, and discipline master (all in under 5 minutes!).

Then came ***Kindergarten and Year 1's show-stopping performance*** of 'Can't Stop the Feeling' – *tiny dancers, maximum energy!*

But the real mic-drop moment? Year 9's eerily accurate roast of their previous Home Room Teacher's legendary discipline tactics.

Awards & Feats of Strength: The Battle Royale!

Before the chaos resumed, long-serving staff were honoured with stunning glass plaques—because heroes deserve trophies, too!

Then... **GAME ON!**

- ***Musical Chairs:*** A no-holds-barred showdown where chairs disappeared faster than homework on a Friday.
- ***Broken Telephone:*** Proof that some teachers definitely need hearing aids.
- ***Dodgeball:*** A battle so intense, even the referees and spectators ducked for cover!

The Grand Finale: A Feast Fit for Legends

As the dust settled, teachers and staff indulged in a flavour-packed Indian feast – because nothing says "We appreciate you" like spicy curries and happy food comas.

Final Verdict?

MIS Teacher Appreciation Day wasn't just a celebration – it was a hilarious, heartwarming, and slightly unhinged tribute to the real MVPs of our school. Who needs superheroes when you've got teachers who juggle marking, mischief, and still rock a costume parade?

Thank you, teachers – you're the true stars of MIS!

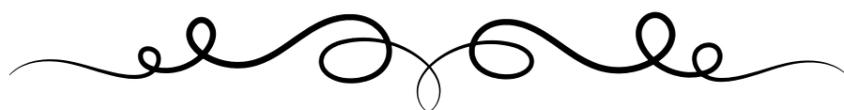
TEACHER'S DAY GALLERY





Assembly

19TH MAY



Year 5 explored the theme "Family," reflecting on how strong family bonds provide emotional support, a sense of belonging, and shape our values. Whether blood-related or chosen, family gives us security and love – something we cherish at MIS!



Big News from Dr. Jeffrey Louis:

- New Swimming Pool! An Australian investor is supporting a 25m or 50m pool (covered or uncovered—details soon), pending the relevant approvals. Dive into this exciting development!
- Combat Sports Coming! Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu & Wrestling will debut next academic year. Catch a live demo before Term 3 ends – MIS will be Melaka's official hub for these sports!
- Kindergarten Update: Sunshine Kids takes over in August 2025, bringing fresh energy to our littlest learners.



Reminder:

No morning assemblies during Year-End Assessments (July). Stay focused, and let's finish strong!



Melaka International School Welcomed Indonesian Delegation for Historic Collaboration



On 21st May, Melaka International School was honoured to host a distinguished delegation from Musyawarah Kerja Kepala Sekolah (MKKS), Sekolah Menengah Pertama (SMP) Swasta Kota Surabaya Pusat, Indonesia. The visit marked a significant step in fostering international educational partnerships.

A highlight of the event was the signing of 17 collaboration documents, paving the way for academic and co-curricular exchanges. This was followed by the formalisation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), solidifying a long-term commitment to mutual growth and cooperation.

The day concluded with a group photo session and an exchange of tokens of appreciation, symbolising the strong bond between both institutions. This memorable occasion not only strengthened cross-border ties but also reinforced the shared vision of a global learning community. It's a truly inspiring milestone for all involved!

CONGRATULATIONS TO WONG JIAN CHENG ON HIS TAEKWONDO ACHIEVEMENT!



We are thrilled to celebrate Wong Jian Cheng (Year 5) for his outstanding performance at the MGTF Melaka Taekwondo Competition held on 24th & 25th May at Dewan SJK (C) Keh Seng, Bukit Baru, Melaka. Jian Cheng showcased exceptional skill and determination, earning a silver medal in the Boys Individual Sparring Colour Belt (A9 - A10) KUP 7th-6th MICRO category.

His hard work, discipline, and perseverance have truly paid off, making our school proud. This achievement reflects not only his dedication to taekwondo but also his commitment to excellence in all endeavours.

Well done, Jian Cheng! Keep shining and inspiring others with your passion and sportsmanship. We look forward to more of your successes in the future!



CELEBRATING OUR TRIATHLON CHAMPION: GORDAN GOH JUN HAN!



The school erupts in pride as we applaud the extraordinary achievements of Gordan Goh Jun Han (U15) at the prestigious SEA Games Qualifying Races, hosted by the Melaka Triathlon Association.

In a stunning display of endurance and skill, Gordan conquered three gruelling events across two days. On 24th May, he powered through the Aquathlon (Swim + Run), securing an impressive 10th place out of 33 competitors. Hours later, he tackled the Elite Super Sprint Triathlon (Swim + Bike + Run), finishing 36th out of 48 in a fiercely competitive field. Undeterred, he returned the next day to dominate the Duathlon (Run + Bike + Run), claiming 12th place out of 32 - a testament to his relentless determination.

Gordan's unwavering perseverance, discipline, and sportsmanship shine as a beacon of inspiration for all of us. His remarkable performances remind us that greatness is born from grit and passion.

Well done, Gordan! The entire school cheers you on as you chase your dreams - go forth and claim that gold!



English Week & World Book Day:

A SPECTACULAR CELEBRATION OF LANGUAGE, LEARNING, AND CREATIVITY!

What an exciting week we've had at our school for English Week and World Book Day! The festivities kicked off on Monday with a vibrant Book Character Parade featuring students in costume as their favourite literary figures. Our secondary class representatives wowed us during the MIS Spark Talk, while Kindergarten and Year 1 delighted everyone in the Nursery Rhyme Competition. The day wrapped up with a fantastic Storytelling Competition for Years 2 to 6!



On Tuesday, secondary students shared insightful Book Reviews, and the whole school enjoyed a thrilling World Trivia Game. Wednesday was a creative explosion with Visual Writing activities that inspired imaginative storytelling.

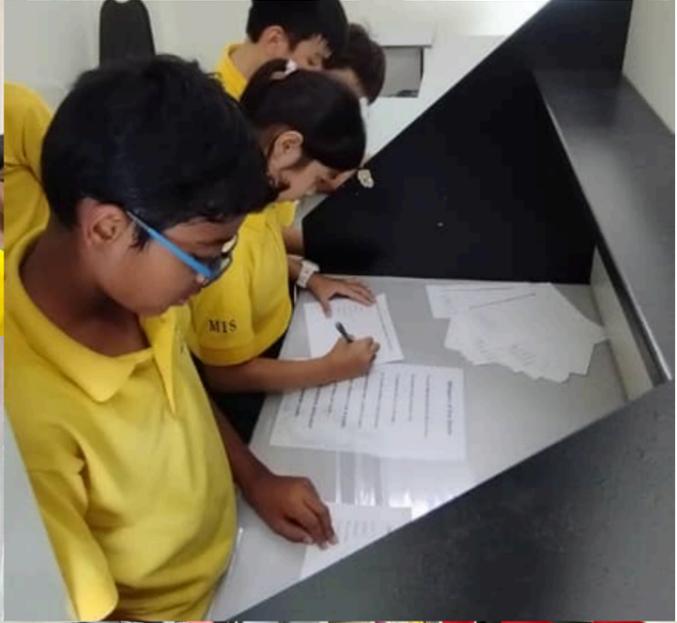


Thursday featured a lively Show and Tell session, where students confidently shared their personal stories. We concluded the week with a fun-filled Treasure Hunt for Years 4 to 9, and Years 1 to 3 participated in a colourful Bookmark Making Contest.

English Week was a magical celebration of language! A big thank you to all the teachers, students, and staff for making it so special!



ENGLISH WEEK GALLERY





**MS. SABITRAH
RADHAKRISHNAN!**

Welcome Ms. Sabitrah Radhakrishnan to our MIS family as a Science Teacher! With a Bachelor's in Medical Science and prior teaching experience at Oneness IGCSE Academy, Ms. Sabitrah brings both expertise and enthusiasm to our classrooms.

Joining us on 5th May 2025, she is eager to inspire students with her passion for science and hands-on learning. Outside the lab, Ms. Sabitrah enjoys hiking, embracing adventure and the great outdoors—qualities that resonate with MIS's dynamic spirit.

We look forward to the energy, creativity, and dedication she will bring to our team. Please join us in giving Ms. Sabitrah a warm welcome as she embarks on this exciting journey with us!

WELCOME TO MIS !

We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Ruban to our team as the new Marketing Executive Cum Student Liaison Officer. With a Diploma & Bachelor's in Teaching English as a Second Language, along with experience at UCSI International School Springhill, SK SS15, and SMK USJ 23, he brings valuable expertise in education and communication. His background as a part-time computer technician also adds a unique technical edge!

Outside work, Mr. Ruban enjoys Taekwondo, badminton, gaming, and cycling.

Join us in giving him a warm welcome as he began his journey at MIS on 5th May, 2025. We're excited to have him on board!



**MR. RUBAN A/L
ANNAMALAI**



May Moments:

Gratitude, Love and Enlightenment

May is a month filled with important celebrations that honour hard work, love, and spirituality. Let's explore these special days and learn about their significance!

1st May - Labour Day

(International Workers' Day)

Labour Day is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contributions and achievements of workers. It's a day to appreciate the efforts of everyone - from doctors and teachers to farmers and factory workers - who help build our society. Did you know that the first Labour Day was celebrated in the 19th Century after workers fought for fair wages and an 8-hour workday? Let's take a moment to thank all the hardworking people in our lives!

11th May - Mother's Day

A beautiful occasion to honour and express gratitude to our mothers and mother figures for their endless love and sacrifices. Different countries celebrate it on different dates, but the sentiment remains the same - showing appreciation for the women who nurture and care for us.

The modern version of Mother's Day started in the USA in 1908, thanks to Anna Jarvis, who wanted to honour her own mother's dedication.

12th May - Wesak Day

Also known as Buddha Purnima, it is one of the most sacred days for Buddhists around the world. It commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and passing of Gautama Buddha. Devotees visit temples, meditate, offer prayers, and perform acts of kindness to honour Buddha's teachings of peace and compassion.

In some countries, people release caged birds or animals as a symbol of liberation, following Buddha's message of non-violence.

24th May - Yaadgiri Semagam

This is a significant event for the Jain community, marking the remembrance of spiritual leaders and their teachings. Jains reflect on principles like non-violence (ahimsa), truth, and self-discipline. This day encourages followers to renew their commitment to a life of simplicity and ethical living.

Jains follow a strict vegetarian diet and often engage in fasting and charity work during important religious events.

May is a month of gratitude, reflection, and celebration. Whether it's thanking workers, honouring mothers, embracing spiritual teachings, or learning about different cultures, each of these occasions teaches us valuable lessons about kindness, hard work, and respect



SYMPHONY OF STARS 2025:

A NIGHT OF MUSIC, MAGIC & UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS!

*Prepare to be dazzled! The stage is set, the lights are dimming, and the air is buzzing with excitement – **Symphony of Stars 2025** is just around the corner, and you do not want to miss this electrifying celebration of talent, rhythm, and pure musical brilliance!*

*Witness our incredible students take centre stage in a high-energy showcase featuring soulful ukulele strums, thunderous kompong beats, the enchanting melodies of the gamelan, and the powerhouse sounds of our live band! And for the first time ever, we're thrilled to welcome the legendary **Malacca High Wind Orchestra** for a show-stopping special performance that will leave you breathless!*

Grab Your Tickets Before They're Gone!

Date: Friday, 18th July 2025

Time: 7:45 pm – 9:00 pm (Doors open at 7:30 pm – arrive early for the best seats!)

Venue: Hall of Character (Auditorium)

Tickets: Only RM10! (Sale starts 16th June – don't wait. They'll sell out FAST!)

Why You Should Be There?

- Support our rising stars as they shine brighter than ever!
- Feel the energy of live music that will have you dancing in your seat!
- Experience the magic of a night where talent, passion, and creativity collide!

This is more than just a concert – it's a celebration of heart, hard work, and harmony! Bring your friends, family, and your loudest cheers – it's going to be an unforgettable night!

Secure your tickets **NOW** and be part of the Symphony of Stars 2025!

Let's make history together – see you under the spotlight!