



MIS HAWKS NEWSLETTER



**August & September
2025**

A Message from the CEO: Our Collective Journey Forward

Dear MIS Community,

It is with immense enthusiasm and a deep sense of responsibility that I share my foundational vision for Melaka International School. My long-term aspiration is to firmly establish MIS as Malacca's leading international school - an institution celebrated not only for its academic rigour but for nurturing well-rounded, globally minded individuals. I want every student to feel safe, inspired, and empowered to reach their fullest potential.

To realise this, we will thoughtfully integrate global educational trends, such as AI-assisted learning and interdisciplinary projects, whilst cherishing our local Malaysian values and community spirit. This balance is crucial for preparing our students for the world stage while keeping them grounded in their rich cultural heritage.

Our immediate focus this year is on strengthening our core foundations. This includes enhancing our academic structures through high teaching standards and continuous professional development for our dedicated educators. We are also committed to expanding our enrichment programmes, from STEM challenges to debate and research projects, ensuring a reputation for both creativity and excellence.

Beyond academics, the holistic development and well-being of our students is paramount. We will introduce more student-led clubs, leadership councils, and experiential learning opportunities, from cultural showcases to camping trips. Our commitment to mental health will be reinforced through dedicated counselling support and awareness initiatives, ensuring every child feels supported.

Our teachers are the backbone of MIS, and we will foster a collaborative, supportive environment with clear career growth opportunities. Furthermore, we are planning phased upgrades to our facilities and integrating more technology into our classrooms to create dynamic, future-ready learning spaces.

None of this is possible without you. I strongly believe that the true spirit of MIS comes from its people. I encourage every parent, teacher, and student to engage actively, share feedback, and partner with us. Through open communication, community outreach, and more opportunities for parental involvement, we will build this future together.

This is our collective journey. Let's work hand-in-hand to make MIS a home of excellence, respect, and innovation.

Warmest regards,



Mr Irfan Ishak
Chief Executive Officer
Melaka International School

Our Shared Shield:

Staying Healthy Together This Season

Dear MIS Community,

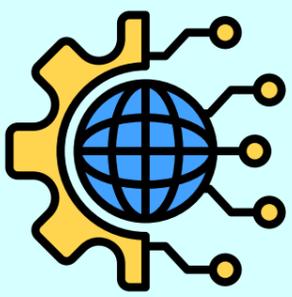
As we settle into the new school year, our collective health and well-being remain my highest priority. It feels timely to reflect on a topic that touches us all: influenza. Many of us remember the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, a powerful global event that demonstrated how quickly a new virus can emerge and affect our communities. What was particularly striking about that outbreak was its significant impact on younger, healthier populations, reminding us that vigilance is essential for everyone. That period was a profound lesson in the power of international cooperation, rapid scientific response, and the critical importance of public health measures - lessons that continue to guide us today.

To effectively protect ourselves, a little knowledge is invaluable. Not all flu viruses are the same. The most well-known, Influenza A, is the type responsible for pandemics and is known for its ability to change rapidly. You've likely heard of strains like H1N1 or H3N2. Influenza B also causes seasonal illness but evolves more slowly. While sometimes perceived as milder, it can still lead to serious complications, particularly in children. For context, Influenza C typically causes only mild, cold-like symptoms, and Influenza D primarily affects cattle and is not a human health threat.

This understanding directly informs how we approach prevention, from the development of annual vaccines to our school's health protocols. By appreciating the nature of these viruses, we empower ourselves to make informed decisions - whether it's getting vaccinated, practicing good hygiene, or staying home when unwell. Let's continue to foster a culture of care and responsibility, supporting one another's health and the scientific efforts that keep us safe.



**Warmly,
Ms. Shamsunnisa
(Chairperson)**



ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE MONTH



Khairul Bariah binti Abu Hassan

PIONEERING DIGITAL PEDAGOGY IN ICT EDUCATION

We are delighted to honour Khairul Bariah binti Abu Hassan, our innovative ICT educator, as Academic Staff of the Month! Since joining MIS in November 2021, her dedication to digital literacy has equipped students from Year 1 to Year 9 with valuable technological skills.

Holding a degree in Software Engineering from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Ms. Bariah brings expertise in programming and digital innovation. She explained her motivation: "I believe in technology's power to transform education. My goal is to build digital fluency while making learning engaging. Witnessing students debug their first programme is incredibly fulfilling."

A memorable achievement was seeing her class successfully launch a collaborative coding project. "Observing them confidently present creative solutions highlighted their computational thinking and growth mindset," she noted.

Her teaching emphasises hands-on learning. "I use gamification and project-based work to make ICT tangible. Letting students troubleshoot errors fosters resilience and innovation," she emphasised. Lessons are tailored to interests, such as game design, to maintain relevance.

If she were teaching another subject, she would choose culinary science. "I enjoy experimenting with recipe algorithms. Teaching students to optimise nutrition using tech like sous vide would be a brilliant challenge!"

Her advice for new educators? "Focus on a student-centred approach. Build rapport and trust before introducing software. Supported students engage more deeply with complex material."

Outside the classroom, she applies computational thinking to baking and enjoys exploring speciality coffee brewing.

We applaud Ms Khairul Bariah for her commitment to digital education and for nurturing future-ready learners.

Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!



Faculty Staff of the Month:

CELEBRATING MISS ZIEYLA



This month, we are absolutely delighted to shine our spotlight on the wonderfully creative Miss Zieyla from our Admin Department. For over a decade, Miss Zieyla has been an integral part of the MIS family, joining us back in November 2011. She recalls her first impression of the school being one of awe, struck by our grand buildings and the peaceful atmosphere that provides a serene escape from the bustling city.

Officially holding the title of Graphic Designer cum Marketing Assistant, Miss Zieyla's role is pivotal in shaping the visual identity of our school. When asked what she enjoys most about her job, she spoke enthusiastically about the unique opportunity to meet and interact with people from a wonderful variety of cultures and religions, an experience she finds incredibly enriching.

As the Admin Office is often the first point of contact for our community, Miss Zieyla has had many memorable interactions. One particularly charming story she shared involved a student who insisted she looked just like her mother, resulting in a heartfelt hug every time they crossed paths!

Outside of the office, Miss Zieyla describes herself as having a "cute and fluffy" personality and loves spending her free time trying out new things that suit this vibe. Looking to the future, her goal is simple yet powerful: to continuously improve herself to become the very best version of herself, both professionally and personally.

She lives by the excellent advice to "never say no without trying" and to always maintain a positive outlook. If she could master any new skill instantly, it would be in business and management to encourage broader, more mature thinking.

Finally, Miss Zieyla has a heartfelt message for all her colleagues: "Love your job and always give your best for your future. Remember, God sees every effort, and every achievement will be rewarded."

Thank you, Miss Zieyla, for your incredible dedication, your vibrant creativity, and for bringing so much positivity to our school.



MIS Alumni of the Month:

JOSEPH VICTOR JEFFREY RICHARD

Here at MIS, we love celebrating the incredible journeys of our graduates, and this month, we are thrilled to shine the spotlight on Jeffrey Richard (Class of 2023)!

Jeffrey, who studied at MIS from 2016 until his graduation, left an impressive mark with his outstanding academic achievements, securing 6A*s and 3As in his IGCSE examinations. He has just successfully completed his A-Levels at UCSI University, where he also embraced campus life beyond the classroom. True to his well-rounded character, Jeffrey joined the UCSI Music Performance Club as a rhythm guitarist. His band not only performed covers across university events but also took on commissioned performances, showcasing his dedication and teamwork.

This passion for learning and doing was sparked right here at MIS. Jeffrey fondly credits Physics teacher Mr. Saravanan for his profound influence, saying his passionate teaching style ignited a lasting love for science. This inspiration is clearly guiding his future; Jeffrey is soon beginning a four-year degree in Electronic Engineering at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. His long-term ambition? To become a physics professor and inspire future generations himself.

When asked about his most memorable MIS experience, Jeffrey recalls the exhilarating chaos of Sports Day 2023. Juggling exam preparations with his duties as the flag-bearer for Ruby House created a hectic but unforgettable period that bonded him and his Year 11 classmates tightly. That bond remains strong today, as he continues to stay in close contact with his MIS friends, even as they all embark on different university paths.

His message to current students is heartfelt and wise: "Make the most out of your school years by making memories, pursuing your interests, and trying new things even if you are scared of pursuing them."

We are so proud of you, and we cannot wait to see you achieve your dream of becoming Professor Jeffrey Richard one day!





MIS RECORD-BREAKER SOARS TO NATIONAL PODIUM!

A huge roar of pride goes out to our amazing athlete, Janelle Yow Jia Ee, for her stunning performance at the 65th MSSM Track & Field Championships in Kangar, Perlis, from 19th-23rd August. Representing the Malacca state team, Janelle claimed a brilliant bronze medal in the Girls' Under-12 Shot Put with a massive throw of 10.05 meters - shattering her own personal best and the Malacca state record on her very first attempt!

This incredible new mark is a huge leap forward from her previous state record of 9.54m, showcasing her phenomenal dedication and rapid improvement.

While we are bursting with pride, we are also sad to see one of our finest athletes depart as she begins an exciting new chapter at Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar boarding school. We have no doubt she will continue to achieve greatness. Go forward, Janelle! Everyone at MIS is behind you as you pursue your dream of becoming a Malaysian sporting legend.

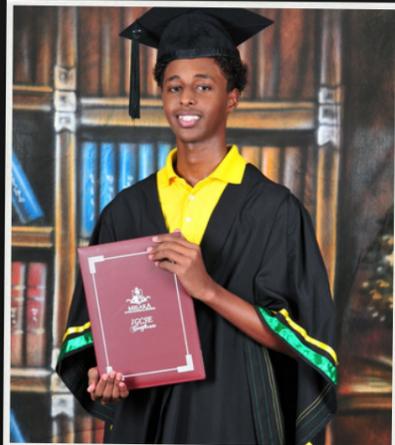
This success is also a testament to the incredible coaching of Mr. Zulhairi. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for molding our students into champions.



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE



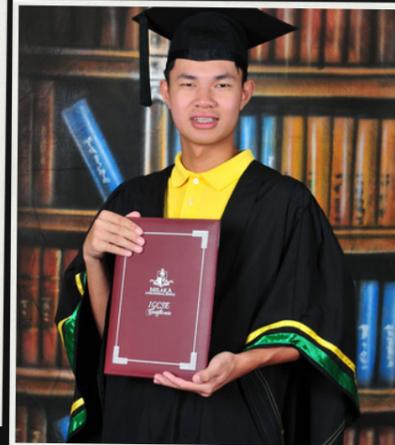
RACHEL LI YEE XIN



**AWAB OSMAN
AHMED ELHASSAN**



SKY ONG ALAI



TAN YI SENG



**MOUMIN OSMAN
AHMED ELHASSAN**

IGCSE JUNE 2025 RESULTS BREAK RECORDS!

A massive and heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to our incredible IGCSE students and dedicated teaching staff on their outstanding performance in the June 2025 examination series! The results, released on Tuesday, 19th August, have filled us with immense pride and excitement.

We are thrilled to announce a near-perfect pass rate of 97.2%! The overall results are fantastic, with a significant majority of our candidates securing top grades of A*, A, and B. This year's achievement is particularly special, as our percentage of A* and A grades has soared to an impressive 55.6%—our highest in five years! This remarkable jump from 36.6% last year highlights a tremendous upward trajectory and a commitment to excellence. Furthermore, an outstanding 83.3% of all grades were at A* to C.

A special standing ovation is due to our top achiever, Sky Ong Alai, who has been crowned our Top Achiever for the series – a truly deserved accolade! We are also bursting with pride for Awab and Moumin, the Sudanese brothers who achieved the phenomenal feat of scoring straight A's in Physics, Chemistry, ICT, and Mathematics. Their success is especially inspiring, having mastered learning in English in just one year at MIS.

These phenomenal results are a testament to your hard work, resilience, and dedication. Well done to everyone involved!

Kind regards,
S.Saravanan
Exams Officer

A Vibrant Start: Back to School



The hallways were buzzing, the classrooms were gleaming, and the sound of joyful reunions filled the air! The 2025–2026 academic year officially began at Melaka International School, and what a fantastic start it was.

It all kicked off with our new student Orientation Day on Friday, 29th August. We were thrilled to welcome our newest family members, guiding them through the heart of MIS life. New students embarked on exciting scavenger hunts, unlocking the mysteries of our campus and turning unfamiliar corridors into pathways of future adventure. Parents had the invaluable opportunity to connect personally with their children's Home Room Teachers, forging those essential partnerships built on trust and shared goals. The day was a brilliant fusion of nervous excitement and warm welcomes, which ensured everyone felt part of our community before the first school bell even rang.

Then, on Tuesday, 2nd September, the entire MIS family returned! The first day was a spectacular symphony of laughter, learning, and new beginnings. It was nothing short of inspiring to see our students – both returning and new – dive into lessons, catch up with friends, and set their sights on the year ahead.

It was a tremendous beginning to what promises to be a phenomenal year, filled with discovery, growth, and countless achievements.

Welcome back everyone! Let's make this year our best one yet.





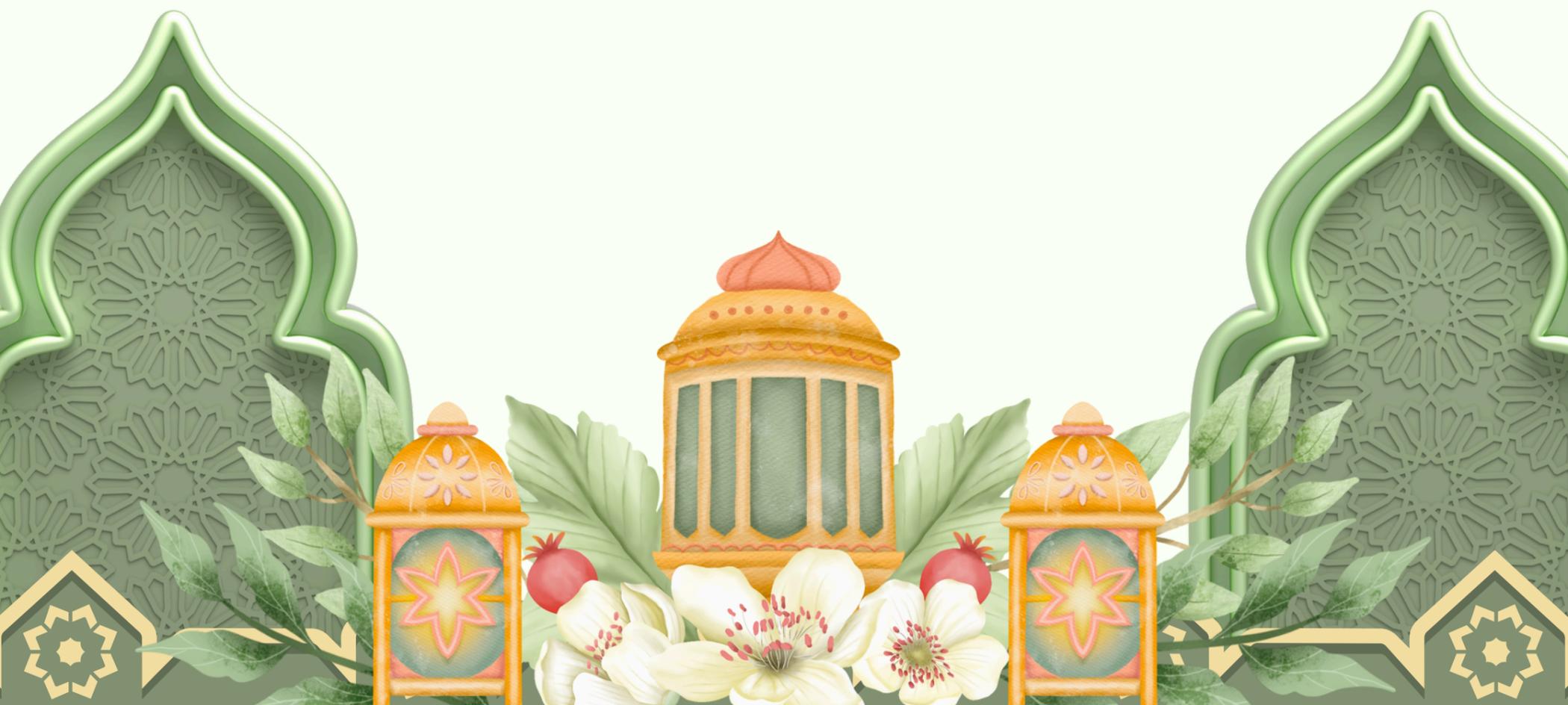
CELEBRATING MAULIDUR RASUL:

A DAY OF REFLECTION AND UNITY

On Friday, 5th September, Malaysia and our school community observed Maulidur Rasul, a significant national holiday commemorating the birth of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The day provided a valuable opportunity for all students, regardless of background, to learn about the profound cultural and religious traditions within Malaysia.

The celebration was marked by deep reflection on the Prophet's life and teachings. Communities across the country held peaceful processions, poetic recitations of the Qasidah al-Burda Sharif, and public gatherings focusing on his messages of compassion, mercy, and integrity. A core aspect of the day was engaging in charitable deeds, emphasising the importance of generosity and community support.

Born in approximately 570 CE, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) overcame early hardship, becoming known for his honesty as a merchant before beginning his prophethood at the age of 40. His teachings ultimately united Arabia, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire over a billion people today. Maulidur Rasul served as a powerful reminder of the universal values we all share: peace, respect, and kindness towards others.



TEAM MIS SHINES AT THE WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP BANGKOK GLOBAL ROUND 2025



Team MIS proudly returned from the 2025 World Scholar's Cup (WSC) Bangkok Global Round with an impressive collection of medals and unforgettable experiences. Held from September 4 to 10, this prestigious academic event brought together over 1,500 students from around the world for a week of competition, collaboration, and cultural exchange.

The Global Round took place at key venues across Bangkok, including Denla British School, Aksra Theater King Power, Siam Pec Ganesha and Siam Paragon. Team MIS participated in WSC's core events: Team Debate, Collaborative Writing, Scholar's Challenge, and the fast-paced Scholar's Bowl, where they showcased not only academic excellence but also teamwork, resilience, and creativity.

Award Highlights

Pang Jian Chen (SMK Bukit Baru, joined Team MIS)

- *Silver in Individual Debate*
- *Silver in Individual Writing*
- *Gold in Collaborative Writing*
- *Gold in Team Bowl*



Shashini S. Kannan

- *Silver in Barely Senior Scholar*
- *Silver in Individual Writing*
- *Gold in Collaborative Writing*
- *Gold in Team Bowl*



Star Ong Alai

- *Gold in Individual Writing*
- *Gold in Collaborative Writing*
- *Gold in Team Bowl*

Team MIS was guided by Mr Paulo Cedillo Dorongon, MIS English Teacher, Coordinator and WSC Head Coach, whose dedication and strategic coaching helped students perform at their best. Madam Shamsunnisa Ishak, Chairperson of MIS, also joined the delegation to support and supervise the team throughout the event.

We are proud to share that Team MIS has once again qualified for the Tournament of Champions at Yale University, USA, taking place from November 4 to 12, 2025.

Congratulations, Team MIS. Your hard work, perseverance, and passion continue to inspire the entire MIS community.



Year 2's Jiang Linxi Dances for a Cause at Charity Gala

The local community recently witnessed an afternoon of grace and philanthropy at the Vienna Ballet Academy's Charity Ballet Performance Gala Lunch, held on Saturday, the 13th September 2025. Among the talented performers taking to the stage was one of our very own, Jiang Linxi from Year 2, who showcased her burgeoning talent in a beautiful ensemble recital.

The grand event, hosted at the Lucky Palace Restaurant in Ayer Keroh, was a splendid affair, raising significant funds for St. John Ambulance Malacca. With ticket prices ranging from RM100 to an exclusive RM10,000 for premium tables, the gala demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting the vital work of this charitable organisation.

Linxi has been diligently training at the Vienna Ballet Academy in Melaka Raya since May of this year under the expert guidance of her instructor, Ms Lee Khailing. For this specific performance, she embarked on an intensive two-month training regimen, practising from the 13th of July right up to the day of the event. Her dedication and hard work were clearly evident as she performed with her ensemble to the charming and delicate music of Poldini's 'Dancing Doll'.

Participating in such an event is no small feat. It requires not only artistic skill but also immense discipline and poise, qualities which Linxi has clearly developed during her time at the academy. To perform so confidently after a relatively short period of formal training is a remarkable achievement and a testament to her passion for dance.

Her participation highlights the diverse talents of our students beyond the classroom, showing how they contribute positively to the wider community of Malacca. We congratulate Linxi on her successful performance and commend everyone involved in the gala for their fantastic efforts in supporting such a worthy cause. We look forward to seeing her continue to flourish in her ballet journey.



A Huge Congratulations to Gordon Goh Jun Han!

The MIS community was thrilled to celebrate a fantastic achievement by Gordon Goh Jun Han. Gordon was selected by the Melaka Triathlon Association for a tremendous honour and attended a prestigious training camp at the Langkawi SEA Games Training Centre from the 12th to the 15th of September.

This exclusive camp was a vital step in preparing Malaysia's most promising athletes for the upcoming SEA Games. Gordon's dedication to the demanding sport of triathlon, balancing immense physical training with his academic commitments, truly paid off. It was a phenomenal opportunity for him to learn from the best and refine his technique at a national level.

The entire school community sent its warmest congratulations to Gordon. We were all behind him as he took this momentous step towards his dream of one day representing Malaysia on the international stage. Well done, Gordon!





MALAYSIA DAY

THE NATION'S TRUE BIRTHDAY

Did you know that Malaysia has two significant national days? While we are familiar with Merdeka Day on 31st August, it is on 16th September that we celebrate Malaysia Day.

This special day marks the moment in 1963 when the federation of Malaysia was truly born. It was on this date that Malaya, North Borneo (now Sabah), Sarawak, and Singapore united as one nation. (Singapore became a separate country in 1965).

So, what is the difference? Merdeka Day (31st August) commemorates Malaya's independence from Britain in 1957. Malaysia Day celebrates the formation of our larger, modern family six years later. It is the 'true birthday' of the country we know today.

More than just a holiday, Malaysia Day is a powerful celebration of our national unity. It reminds us that our great strength lies in our incredible cultural diversity, symbolising the beautiful coming together of our national family from across the region.





From Our MIS Stage to the World: Celebrating Karla's Dazzling Dance Triumph!

A huge round of applause is in order for our very own Year 3 star, Karla Kaishuri Shaji, who has pirouetted her way to extraordinary success at the prestigious 6th Asia Open Dance Competition 2025!

Held from September 17th to 21st at the renowned PJ Performing Arts Centre, this Ministry of Education-recognised championship brought together incredible talent from across the region. Karla, who trains diligently at the 'I Wanna Be Academy' in Malacca under the guidance of Ms. Janice Yong, proved that true grace is measured in both skill and spirit.

Karla's journey was nothing short of inspirational. She soared to new heights, winning a Gold Award Trophy for her moving Lyrical Solo performance to Beyoncé's 'Listen'. Together with her partner, Ava Teo, she then captured a Silver Award Trophy in the Demi Character Duo category. But it was her performance in the Ballet Repertoire solo that truly showcased her heart. While feeling terribly ill backstage, Karla demonstrated immense courage and professionalism by performing through her discomfort, an act of pure dedication that earned her a well-deserved Silver Award Trophy.

This international event, judged by a panel of global dance luminaries, provided a magnificent platform for Karla to shine. She has not only made her family and her dance academy proud but has also brought immense honour to our MIS community.

Karla, you have shown us that with passion, perseverance, and a brave heart, anything is possible. Congratulations on your magnificent achievements! We cannot wait to see you dance onto your next stage.

A CELEBRATION OF GLOBAL SPIRIT:

International Day 2025

On Friday, 26th September 2025, the Hall of Character was utterly transformed into a global stage for our magnificent International Day celebration! This year's powerful theme, "Unity in Diversity," truly came to life in a riot of colour, sound, and shared joy, as we honoured the incredible tapestry of cultures that makes our school community so unique.

The atmosphere was electric from the very start! The festivities kicked off with a dazzling Costume Parade, where our brilliant pupils from Years 1 to 3 strutted their stuff with beaming confidence. The hall was a whirlwind of vibrant traditional attire, showcasing a stunning array of cultures from every corner of the globe. The energy was simply infectious!

The excitement soared even higher during the thrilling 'Dress & Tell' Competition. With incredible poise and passion, our students shared the fascinating stories behind their cultural outfits. A huge congratulations to our fantastic winners: Sandra Ong (Year 5) stole the show to claim 1st place, followed by the superb Varnesh Jeya Rajah (Year 5) in 2nd, and Adrian Edward Sarfaraz (Year 4) who proudly took home 3rd place.

Without a doubt, the Cultural Presentations were a total triumph! Our talented secondary students delivered one show-stopping presentation after another. The competition was fierce, but Year 9 soared to victory, capturing the champion's title. Year 10 followed closely with a brilliant 2nd place finish, while the fantastic Year 7 brought their A-game to secure a well-deserved 3rd place.

The cultural feast continued with two very special guest performances that left the audience spellbound. The graceful Karla Kaishuri Shaji of Year 3 delivered a breathtaking ballet piece, while the remarkable Miss Shivaani dazzled everyone with a powerful and elegant Bharathanatyam dance.

The entire celebration was an outstanding success, brilliantly igniting a powerful spirit of unity, inclusivity, and global awareness across the whole school. It was a truly unforgettable day that will resonate with us all for a long time to come.



International Day Celebration 2025

PUBLIC SPEAKING

VOICES OF THE WORLD!

On Monday, 29th September 2025, the Art Room played host to a captivating event organised by the CCA Public Speaking Club. From 2:15 pm to 3:45 pm, under the guidance of their trainer, Ms Adeline Ong, the club presented a special International Day, aiming to promote global awareness and enhance the students' communication skills. The objective was for each team to present an interesting aspect of a chosen culture, and the result was a fascinating journey across the globe without anyone ever leaving the room.

The event celebrated the rich tapestry of cultures that make our world wonderfully diverse. The talented speakers offered unique insights into the traditions, values, and daily life of their chosen nations, allowing the audience to explore everything from vibrant festivals and cherished customs to the subtle social nuances that define a country's character. It was more than just a series of presentations; it was an opportunity to broaden horizons and discover the common threads that connect us all as global citizens.

The presentations were both varied and fascinating. Team Korea, comprising Jay Ahn, Yosr Osman Ahmed, and Aini Tie, stepped into the vibrant flow of Korean history with the Hanbok. They described its graceful lines, ancient roots, and symbolic colours. Jay Ahn expertly fielded a question from Mr. Paulo, explaining that Hanboks, once only white to symbolise purity, are now worn in colourful variations during holidays like the harvest festival.

Team Australia, with Ahnaf Hossen and Max Quin, delivered a solemn yet insightful presentation on Anzac Day. They spoke of the dawn services and the history of the iconic Anzac biscuit, which were originally baked for soldiers as durable rations. The audience was treated to a tasting of homemade Anzac cookies, and the team clearly described the differences between the Australian and New Zealand flags.

Team Sudan, consisting of Ahmed Adam, Mohammed Uwais, and Ricky Ahn, shared captivating traditions. They detailed the symbolism of henna for both men and women, the intricate baby-naming ceremony known as Aqiqah, and the unique wedding custom where couples spit milk on each other for good fortune. Team Malaysia, represented by Adelle Pung and Zoey Teng, highlighted their nation's multicultural harmony. They described the flag, popular dishes like nasi lemak and satay, the kompang instrument, and the diverse traditional clothing of its Chinese, Malay, and Indian communities.

Finally, Team China, featuring Jayden Chia and Cheng Yuan, took the audience on a journey through Chinese geography and culture. They elaborated on the history of calligraphy and its four treasures, and shared stories behind various foods, including a fascinating tale about Yunnan Bridge Noodles and Mooncakes.

After much deliberation, the winners were announced. Team Sudan was awarded first place for their compelling and unique presentation, with Team Australia taking a well-deserved second place. The prestigious Best Speaker Award was presented to Jay Ahn from Team Korea for her eloquent and knowledgeable delivery. The event was a resounding success, perfectly fulfilling its purpose of fostering a greater sense of global understanding through the powerful medium of public speaking.



Building Confidence, One Game at a Time

It is with great pleasure that we introduce Amira Diyana binti Hidzir, our dynamic new Physical Education Teacher, who joins the MIS community with a truly inspiring background. Diyana's journey into education is a testament to her deep-seated belief in the transformative power of sport. Having cut her teeth as a freelance sports stand-upper with RTM, she has experienced the high-pressure, live-action world of professional sports reporting. This unique vantage point, covering events from the sidelines, has given her a profound appreciation for the stories of effort, teamwork, and character that unfold both on and off the field. We are thrilled that she has chosen to bring this wealth of experience back to where it all begins: Dr Ishak's Hall.

Diyana's coaching philosophy perfectly encapsulates her approach: "Sports is not just about winning; it's about building confidence, resilience, and character." She is a passionate advocate for activities that impart profound life lessons, citing wall climbing as a prime example for its unique ability to teach perseverance and trust. In her lessons, students can expect an immediate injection of energy with quick-reaction games like "Red Light, Green Light," designed to get everyone moving and collaborating from the very first whistle.

Looking ahead, Diyana is particularly excited to introduce a unique dimension to our PE curriculum: sports journalism. This initiative will offer students a creative platform to not only participate in sports but also to analyse, report on, and tell the compelling stories behind the games. When not inspiring our students, Diyana can be found enjoying her own active pursuits, from camping and outdoor adventures to a competitive game of table tennis. We have no doubt that her infectious enthusiasm and innovative spirit will empower every student to reach their personal best, building their confidence one game at a time.



Inspiring a Love for Faith and Local History

It is with immense pleasure that we extend a very warm welcome to our newest colleague, Nur Raihana binti Ahmad Fahim, who joins the Melaka International School community as a dedicated teacher of Islamic Studies and Malaysian History.

A genuine local talent, hailing from our beautiful city of Malacca, Ms. Raihana is an accomplished alumna of the International Islamic University Malaysia. There, she earned her Bachelor's degree in Arabic Language and Literature, a qualification that fuels her profound passion for her subjects. She arrives tremendously excited by the opportunity to share timeless Islamic values and the rich, vibrant tapestry of Malaysian history with her students. Ms. Raihana is deeply committed to crafting lessons that are not only interactive and enjoyable but also profoundly meaningful, striving to help every pupil discover the beautiful and relevant connections between their studies and their own daily lives.

Beyond the classroom, Ms. Raihana is a devoted bibliophile and nature enthusiast. She cherishes nothing more than spending quality time with her family on the weekends, whether that involves a quiet stroll through a local park or getting lost in the pages of a compelling new book. She carries with her the invaluable and heartfelt advice from her late grandfather, 'Atuk Papap', who wisely said, "School may be on break, but the journey of learning never stops." It is a philosophy she wholeheartedly embodies and one we are confident she will inspire in our students.

We are truly delighted to have you with us, Ms. Raihana.



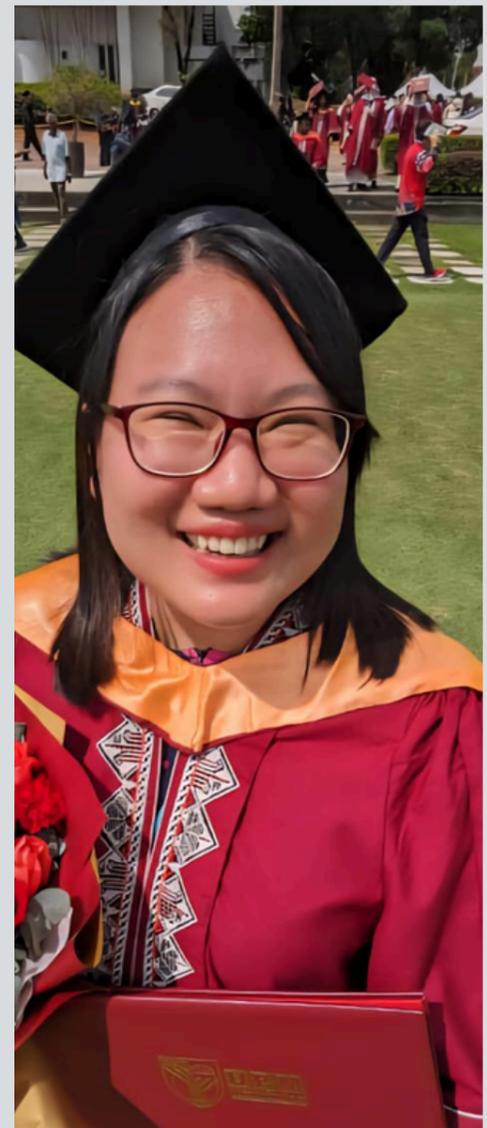
Championing Our Students' First Journey

A very warm welcome to the newest member of our administrative team, Ms Tan Rou Jie, who happily prefers to be called RJ. Stepping into the dual role of Marketing Executive and Counsellor, RJ brings a wonderfully unique blend of experience to MIS. She joins us fresh from completing her Masters in Counselling, building on a previous career as a Dietitian in pharmacy and sales.

For RJ, the most rewarding aspect of school administration is the thrill of successfully recruiting new students to join our vibrant MIS community. When it comes to staying organised amidst the busy school environment, she swears by the practical combination of spreadsheets and to-do lists, while mentally, her mantra is to “keep calm and tackle one task at a time.”

Outside of work, RJ recharges her batteries with long walks in nature, a passion that helps her maintain a calm and focused demeanour. This aligns perfectly with the best advice she’s ever received about communication: that a little empathy goes a long way.

She is already feeling inspired by our community, citing Mr. Paulo as a particularly impressionable colleague due to his extensive experience. Above all, RJ is most looking forward to assisting students through counselling and learning from our diverse community of colleagues, parents, and pupils.



Our New English Language Teacher

We are delighted to welcome Asheta a/p Selvarajah to our team of dedicated academic staff. Miss Asheta joins us from Management & Science University College in Johor Bahru, bringing with her a Bachelor of Education (TESL). She will be taking on the vital role of Year 3 Homeroom Teacher and will also be teaching English to our Year 1, 2, and 3 students.

Miss Asheta is tremendously excited to meet her new students and become part of our vibrant school community. She is passionate about creating a fun, supportive classroom environment where every child feels encouraged to learn and grow. This passion extends beyond the classroom, as she loves designing creative activities to make learning engaging.

Outside of school, Miss Asheta enjoys baking and is known for sharing her delicious cookies and chocolate cornflakes. She also loves relaxing with family, exploring new cafes, and watching a good movie. She lives by the advice that “teaching is not about filling a cup but lighting a fire,” aiming to inspire a lifelong love of learning in every child.



Dr. Lee Geok Leng, Our New Mandarin Specialist

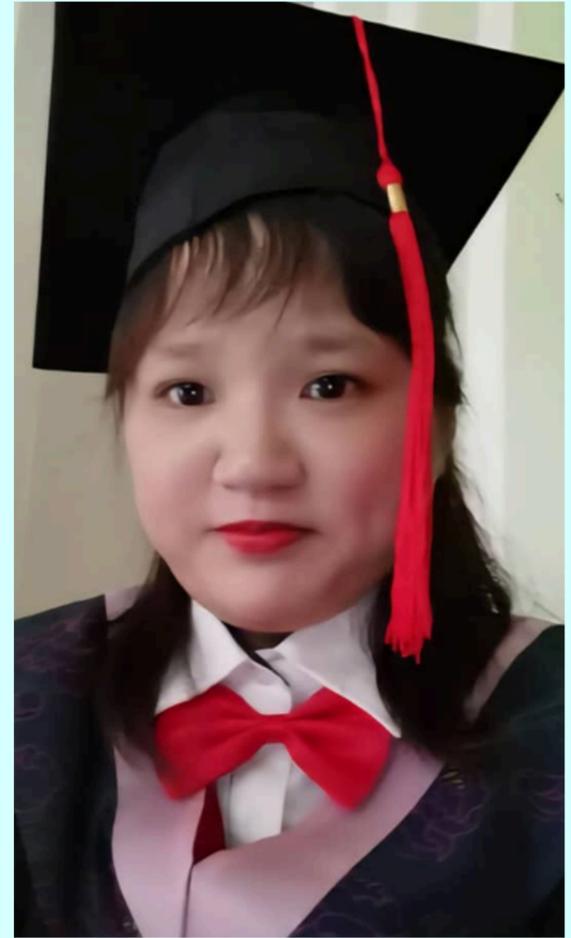
We are delighted to introduce Dr. Lee Geok Leng, who joins our academic team to guide our students in Mandarin from Year 1 through to Year 9, and to teach Moral Education for our younger learners.

Dr. Lee's academic journey is both impressive and deeply passionate. It spans from a Bachelor's in Chinese Literature in Taiwan to a Master's in Teaching Chinese from the prestigious Beijing University, culminating in a Doctorate in International Chinese Language Teaching. Her return to the classroom is a homecoming of sorts, following a period dedicated to her family and previous roles as a curriculum designer and senior teacher.

When asked about the beauty of the Mandarin language, Dr. Lee shared a profound phrase close to her heart: “宁静致远” (níng jìng zhì yuǎn). It translates to “tranquility leads to far-reaching vision,” a principle she believes fosters deep learning. Beyond fluency, her greatest hope is that students develop a genuine cultural empathy and an enduring curiosity about the world.

She is particularly excited to share the richness of Chinese history, from its legendary dynasties to the intricate art of paper-cutting. Dr. Lee understands that mastering Mandarin tones can be a common hurdle. Her solution is to make practice joyful and engaging through games, songs, and short daily drills. Her advice for students is simple yet effective: “Practice outside of class and record yourself until the correct pronunciation becomes second nature.”

We are thrilled to see the positive impact she will have on our students' linguistic and cultural journeys.



The Science Sphere: Introducing a New Element

We are delighted to introduce the newest member of our Science Department, Ms Jean Yong Thau Chui. Ms. Jean brings a wealth of knowledge, with a degree in Biology and Chemistry and a specialism in the fascinating crossroads where biochemistry meets human health.

When asked what truly amazes her, Ms. Jean spoke of the profound link between tiny molecules and our own wellbeing. “The idea that a single mis-folded protein can alter a human life is powerful,” she explains. “It shows us that chemistry is the essential language of life itself.”

In the lab, she is particularly fond of the classic acid-base titration. For her, it's more than just neutralisation; it's a brilliant metaphor for finding balance in life, requiring patience and careful measurement to achieve the perfect outcome.

Ms. Jean is passionate about making science click for everyone. She connects complex ideas to everyday life, uses gripping stories of discovery, and encourages students to be active investigators. You might even find her ‘geeking out’ about the perfect chemical reaction that browns your toast!

If she could chat with any scientist, it would be Sir Isaac Newton, to ask him about the nature of discovery itself: is it the work of a solitary genius or a collaborative effort built on the work of others?

We are thrilled to have Ms. Jean's insightful and inspiring approach to science here at our school.





A WARM WELCOME FROM SUNSHINE KIDS KINDERGARTEN AT MIS!



Dear MIS Community,

It is with immense joy that we introduce Sunshine Kids Kindergarten to the Melaka International School family. Our journey here has begun with the cheerful sounds of our youngest learners, and we are thrilled to share our first steps with you.

Our Shared Foundation: Learn • Enlighten • Lead

At Sunshine Kids, our core philosophy is built upon three simple yet powerful words: Learn • Enlighten • Lead. We are dedicated to nurturing children who are not only academically prepared but are also compassionate, creative, and confident individuals, ready to embrace the future. Our curriculum is a unique blend of STEM exploration, futurepreneurial thinking, and values-based learning.

Joining the MIS community is a wonderful complement to this mission. The school's diverse and dynamic environment provides a perfect platform for our children to gain global exposure, growing in character and creativity alongside peers from many backgrounds. Our primary ambition for this inaugural year is twofold: to build a strong, joyful foundation for our pupils and to foster a close-knit partnership with parents and the wider MIS family. We are particularly excited about our upcoming "Mini Futurepreneurs Fair," where our little ones will showcase their creative projects. This event will be a lovely way for our pupils to feel integrated, demonstrating that even the youngest members of our community have big ideas to share!

Meet the Heart of Our Kindergarten: Our Teaching Team

The success of our start is thanks to our incredible lead teaching team, who bring a wealth of experience and heart to our classroom.

Leading us is Ms. Faridah, our Head Teacher. A former Branch Manager with Sunshine Kids, Ms. Faridah combines a deep understanding of early childhood education with visionary leadership, ensuring our kindergarten runs with care and excellence.

Working alongside her are two dedicated Early Childhood Educators. Ms. Hasnida, with her years of experience across various preschools and a Diploma in Early Childhood Education, brings tremendous creativity and practical knowledge to her teaching. Ms. Zanariah, who also holds a Diploma in Early Childhood Education, is known for her patient and warm approach, making every child feel valued and confident.

Together, this team creates a holistic and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.



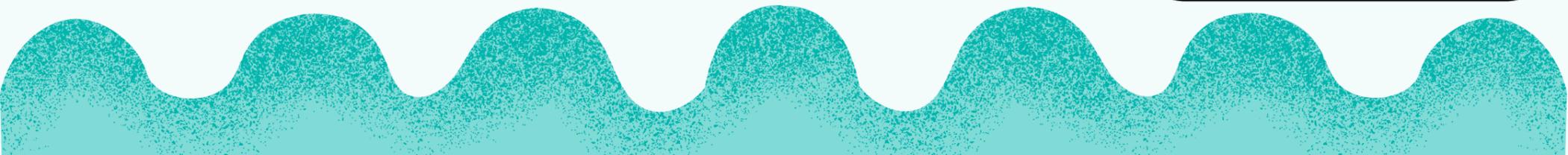
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Ms Hasnida binti Jurip



**Ms Sharifah Nor Zanariah
binti Mohd Khairunizam**





Settling In: A Heartwarming First Month



The most rewarding part of these initial weeks has been watching our pupils transform. We've seen tentative first steps turn into confident strides and shy smiles blossom into beaming greetings as new friendships have formed. To help them settle, we focused on warm, interactive activities like circle-time games, storytelling, and creative art sessions. These have encouraged self-expression and teamwork, while practical lessons woven into play have helped them build independence and adapt to their new routines. They have also wholeheartedly embraced the fantastic MIS facilities, especially the outdoor spaces, where running, climbing, and exploring nature have sparked their curiosity and imagination.

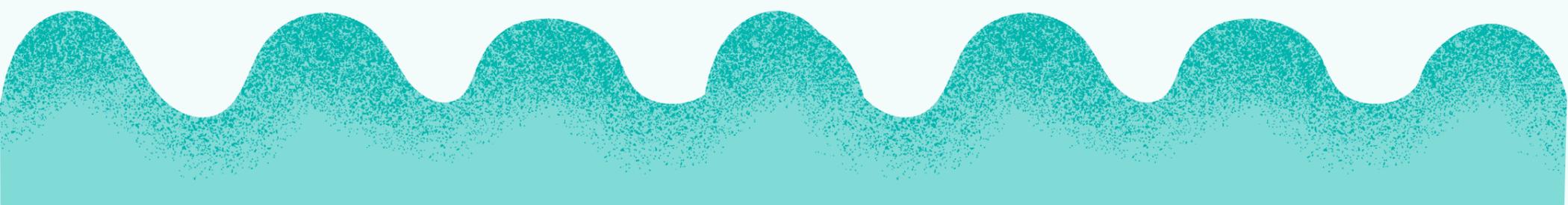
Looking Ahead with Excitement

As we move further into the term, we are incredibly excited to fully introduce our unique Futurepreneurial Learning Approach. This is where the magic truly happens! Through hands-on projects and discovery-based learning, our children will develop problem-solving skills and the confidence to lead and collaborate.

In closing, we are delighted to be part of the MIS community. This partnership is about building a vibrant family where we all—children, parents, and teachers—grow together. We believe that by combining the strengths of Sunshine Kids and MIS, we can create an inspiring environment that nurtures happy, confident, and future-ready learners. We look forward to walking this beautiful journey with you all.

Warmest regards,
Dr.R.V.Shyam Prasad
Founder & Managing Director
Sunshine Educational Group (M) Sdn.Bhd

Mrs. Parameswari Manohran
Co- Founder & Senior Principal
Sunshine Educational Group (M) Sdn.Bhd.



Heads-Up, October is Here!

Hold onto your hats, everyone! October is bursting with vibrant colours, delicious treats, and fantastic festivities. Mark your calendars for these unforgettable events!

A Magical Moon Cake Festival:

Friday, 10th October

Join us for an enchanting evening under the stars! From 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, our school compound will transform into a festive hub. For just RM10 per person, you can enjoy a delightful spread of snacks, sample various mooncakes, sip on Chinese tea, and try vegetarian rice noodles. The fun doesn't stop there! We'll have games, storytelling, performances, and culminate the night with a glowing lantern walk around the school. We encourage everyone to wear Chinese traditional clothes and to bring your own lanterns and plenty of candles to light up the night sky!

Deepavali Glamour & Break:

Friday, 17th October

Light up the school with your sparkle! It's Deepavali Traditional Costume Day! We challenge all students to glam up and dress as their favourite Bollywood stars. Get ready to win big – there will be fantastic prizes and gifts for those who come dressed to impress! Throughout the day, special activities will keep the festive spirit alive. Following the fun, enjoy a well-deserved Deepavali Break from Saturday, 18th October to Sunday, 26th October 2025.

Spooky Halloween Fun:

Friday, 31st October

Things are about to get spooktacular! On the last day of the month, we're celebrating Halloween. All are encouraged to come dressed for the occasion – think creative, think creepy! Prizes will be awarded for the most impressive and inventive costumes! Prepare for a day filled with spooky surprises and ghoulish games throughout the school day.

It's a month of unity, culture, and pure excitement. Let's make October 2025 one to remember.