



# MIS HAWKS NEWSLETTER



October 2025

## A Message from Our CEO: Our Unwavering Commitment to Safety and Discipline

Dear MIS Community,

Recent, deeply troubling events within the Malaysian educational landscape have served as a sobering reminder to us all. They underscore the profound responsibility we share in safeguarding our young people. At Melaka International School, these events have reinforced our unwavering commitment to ensuring that every student feels secure, valued, and respected. Our mission has always placed the holistic safety of your children – physically, emotionally, and mentally – at the very heart of everything we do.

When we speak of safety, we refer to more than just the physical security of our campus, though that remains a paramount priority. We are talking about fostering an environment where a child's sense of self is protected, where their voice is heard, and where their well-being is the foundation upon which all learning is built. It is an environment where students are free from fear, intimidation, and harassment, and are instead empowered to take intellectual risks and build meaningful relationships.

Closely linked to this concept of safety is our philosophy on discipline. For some, the word 'discipline' conjures images of punitive measures. At MIS, we consciously and deliberately reframe this concept. For us, true discipline is an educational process in itself. It is about proactively guiding our students to develop strong moral compasses, to understand the consequences of their actions, and to make responsible, empathetic choices. It is about teaching them that accountability is not a burden, but a cornerstone of good character and a harmonious community.

To translate these principles into sustained action, we are undertaking a comprehensive review of our current procedures. This is not a simple box-ticking exercise. We are scrutinising our pastoral care systems, our anti-bullying policies, and our channels of communication to ensure they are robust, effective, and, most importantly, accessible to every student. Furthermore, we are reinforcing a school-wide culture built upon the core British values of mutual respect, empathy, and personal accountability.

This cultural reinforcement will be evident in our classrooms, our corridors, and our co-curricular activities. Our teaching staff are receiving ongoing professional development to identify and address subtle signs of distress or social conflict. We will be introducing age-appropriate workshops for students that focus on digital citizenship, emotional intelligence, and conflict resolution. We believe that by equipping our students with these essential life skills, we are not merely managing behaviour; we are nurturing future leaders who will carry these values beyond our school gates.

I want to take this opportunity to offer my personal assurance to every parent, guardian, teacher, and student: the leadership of MIS is fully dedicated to maintaining a secure, supportive, and truly nurturing environment. This is not a journey we can undertake alone. Your partnership is invaluable. We encourage open dialogue and active participation from all members of our community.

If you have any concerns, however small they may seem, or if you have suggestions for how we can improve, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can contact your child's Homeroom Teacher, the Head of Key Stage, or my office directly. Together, as a united community, we can ensure that Melaka International School continues to be a place where every child feels an unwavering sense of safety, enabling them to learn, grow, and truly thrive.

Warmest regards,  
Mr. Mohamed Irfan Mohamed Ishak, LLB (Hons)  
Chief Executive Officer  
Melaka International School



# WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

## MIND MATTERS IN EVERY JOURNEY



Friday, 10th October, marked World Mental Health Day, a day that reminds us how deeply our mental well-being shapes every part of our lives. This year's theme, "Mind Matters in Every Journey," spoke to all of us — because no matter our age or role, we each have a journey that deserves care, balance, and understanding.

For students, mental health can mean coping with exams, friendships, and expectations. For parents, it might be about balancing work, home, and family life. Whatever the situation, it's clear that mental well-being isn't a luxury — it's a necessity. When our minds are healthy, we find it easier to make positive choices, stay active, and face challenges with confidence. But when mental health is neglected, even simple tasks can feel overwhelming.

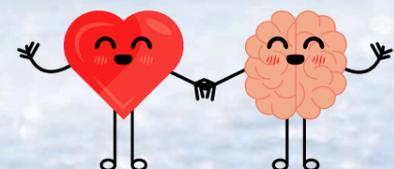
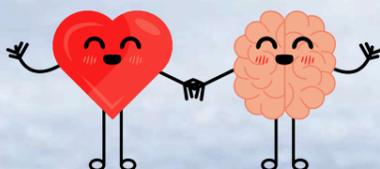
During our discussions, we reflected on those living with breast cancer and other long-term illnesses. The emotional strain that comes with diagnosis and treatment can be just as tough as the physical side. Fear, anxiety, and uncertainty are very real, but emotional resilience — built through open conversations, counselling, and strong family support — can make an enormous difference. We are reminded that healing isn't just about medicine; it's also about love, patience, and encouragement.

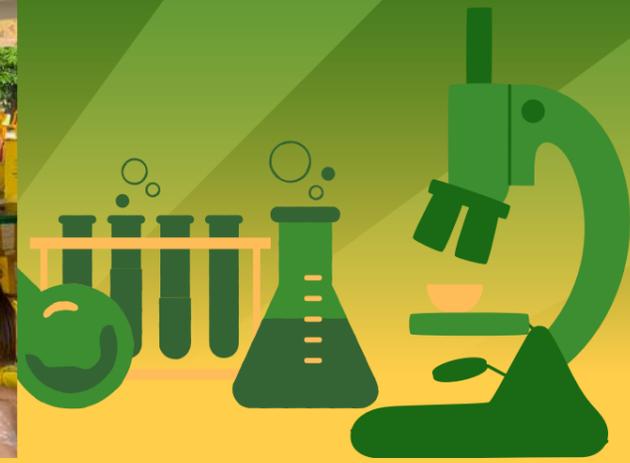
We also talked about how lifestyle choices, like what we eat, can influence how we feel. A balanced vegetarian diet, rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, doesn't just support the body — it supports the mind too. These foods boost energy, focus, and mood. For students, that means better concentration in class; for parents, it can mean calmer, more balanced days. Even small changes, like adding a few more plant-based meals a week, can have lasting benefits.

Mental stress comes in many forms — academic pressure, workplace demands, financial worries, health concerns, or relationship struggles. Recognising these pressures is the first step to managing them. It's okay to ask for help. It's okay to take a break. Sometimes, the most powerful thing we can do is simply listen to someone who needs to talk.

This World Mental Health Day, we were reminded that mental health is not a destination but an ongoing journey. Let's walk this path together — as students, parents, teachers, and friends — supporting one another with kindness, empathy, and courage.

With warm regards,  
Ms Shamsunnisa  
Chairperson,  
Melaka International School





## ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE MONTH:



### Ms Nilla Dana Mohd



Move over, beakers and Bunsen burners, because this month we're putting our fantastic Lab Technician, Ms Nilla Dana Mohd, under the microscope! After two years of ensuring our science experiments are more "Eureka!" than "Oh dear, the ceiling is now purple," Ms Nilla has been voted our Academic Staff of the Month for October 2025.

We sat down with her for a quick Q&A, and let's just say her answers were anything but basic.

While the rest of us are mainlining coffee, Ms Nilla starts her day with a serene cup of matcha. "It's my green fuel," she confided, probably while calmly observing the rest of us jittery teachers sprint to the photocopier. Her go-to comfort food is "simple but always satisfying," a philosophy she likely applies when students ask for the tenth time how to light a burner.

If she weren't masterfully managing our labs, Ms Nilla would be a chemist or a businesswoman. We, for one, would totally invest in any company she runs, especially if it involves her dream superpower: the ability to teleport. Imagine - zapping to Mecca or the UAE for a quick spiritual journey or a spot of shopping and being back in time to tidy up after the Year 10 chemistry class. Now that's efficiency!

Her inspiration? Her parents, whose hard work and kindness keep her grounded. This balance is key to her success in the lab. "I'm chill," she says, "but serious when it comes to my work." This is code for: you can joke around, but do NOT mess up the chemical ratios.

When the last bell rings, Ms Nilla recharges by spending time with her family. Her ultimate mood-booster is the Descendants of the Sun soundtrack, which she could happily watch and listen to on repeat. Her favourite school memory is a classic for any science enthusiast: "Seeing students' faces light up when an experiment actually works as planned." It's the moment the theory clicks, and nothing - not even a minor explosion can beat it.

So, here's to Ms Nilla! Our curious, caring, and friendly lab hero. The next time you see her calmly sipping her matcha, know that she's the steady, kind-hearted force ensuring our scientific discoveries are brilliant, and more importantly, safe.

# FACULTY STAFF OF THE MONTH:

## Yasmin Liew binti Abdullah



This month, we are delighted to shine a well-deserved spotlight on a truly beloved and familiar face, Mrs. Yasmin Liew binti Abdullah, our dedicated Head of Canteen. Mrs. Yasmin has been a vital part of the MIS family since 1st November 2011, and her warmth and dedication have been nourishing our students and staff, body and soul, for over a remarkable decade.

Many of you will know that her husband is our esteemed Maintenance Manager, Mr. Rahaman, making their service to MIS a true family affair. When reflecting on her time here, Mrs. Yasmin speaks with genuine fondness for the community she serves alongside. She is quick to praise her colleagues, describing Ms. Shamsunnisa as a "wonderful boss." Indeed, it is this very sense of community and teamwork that she cherishes most about her role. "I work amicably with all my colleagues," she shares. "Even though everyone has their own assigned work, we always help each other out whenever needed. It feels like a second family."



Without a doubt, however, the true and abiding joy of her job comes from our students. She finds it immensely enjoyable to meet them every day, hearing their lively chatter and infectious laughter; she affectionately notes that "they are all so cute." For Mrs. Yasmin, there is a profound sense of satisfaction in completing her daily tasks, knowing she has played a crucial part in the school's daily rhythm and has done a good job in serving everyone.

When asked about a hidden talent, the ever-modest Mrs. Yasmin claimed to have none. Yet, her wish to one day swap roles and become a chef to cook healthier, from-scratch meals for everyone suggests a deep-seated passion for student well-being that goes beyond the daily menu. Away from the hustle of the canteen, she finds peace by the seaside or unwinds by catching up on Chinese drama series on YouTube, always with a comforting sweet or biscuit in hand. A cherished future dream is to travel to the breathtaking landscapes of New Zealand.



Mrs. Yasmin's final wish for our students is as wholesome as she is: she sincerely hopes every child at MIS will study well and grow up to become successful and, most importantly, kind-hearted adults. We are incredibly grateful for her unwavering service and the genuine care she brings to our school every single day. Thank you, Mrs. Yasmin, for being the heart of our canteen.



*Alumni of the Month:*  
**Monica Teng**  
 (Class of 2008)

Here at MIS, we love to celebrate the diverse and inspiring journeys of our former students. This month, we are thrilled to shine a spotlight on Monica Teng, a brilliant example of how passion, resilience, and a global education can blend to create a truly unique and successful career path.

Hailing from Dumai, Indonesia, Monica was a member of our Class of 2008. After leaving the familiar halls of MIS, she initially pursued her creative instincts, earning a Diploma in Interior Design from the prestigious Raffles Design Institute in Kuala Lumpur. However, life had a different recipe in store. A newfound love for the art of baking began to rise, leading her to the Academy of Pastry Arts and Culinary, also in Kuala Lumpur, where she mastered her craft with an Advanced Diploma in Patisserie.

Today, Monica is the proud owner of Unibread Bakery back in her hometown of Dumai. She has skilfully combined her design background with her patisserie expertise, creating a business that is undoubtedly as aesthetically pleasing as it is delicious. Her journey from design studios to bakery ovens is a powerful testament to the fact that a career path doesn't have to be linear to be successful.

Monica married in 2019, and is the proud mother of 3 children, Giselle, Gavin and Gion.

When reflecting on her time at MIS, Monica's memories are warmly human. She fondly recalls, "I'll always cherish the people I met and the memories we made — the fun, the chaos, the punishment that we received for being young and mischievous!" She adds, "School wasn't always easy, but it gave me friendships and experiences I'll never forget." It's heartening to hear that she still keeps in close contact with many of her former classmates, proving the enduring strength of the bonds forged at our school.

Monica offers a piece of profoundly encouraging advice for our current students, a mantra that clearly guided her own evolution: "Don't aim for perfection, aim for progress, keep moving forward. You are learning, growing and getting stronger."

Her story reminds us that an MIS education is not about finding a single, predetermined path, but about equipping you with the courage and adaptability to follow your passion, wherever it may lead. From all of us at MIS, we wish Monica continued success and many more sweet creations to come.



# YEAR 2 MOANA SECURES DOUBLE BRONZE IN FINSWIMMING DEBUT

The school is delighted to share the fantastic news that Moana Liu Moxing made a highly successful debut at the 1st Melaka Age Group Finswimming Championship 2025. The competition took place on Saturday, 4th October, at the Hang Jebat Aquatic Centre in Krubong, Malacca.

Competing in the demanding environment of a long course metres (LCM) pool, Moana demonstrated exceptional talent and composure to win not one, but two bronze medals. She achieved her first podium place in the 50m Bifin event, recording a swift time of 38.96 seconds. She then replicated this success shortly after, earning another bronze in the 50m Freestyle Kick with a time of 39.63 seconds.

This remarkable double achievement highlights Moana's dedication and promising potential in the sport of finswimming. The entire school sends its heartfelt congratulations to her on this magnificent accomplishment. We are all incredibly proud and look forward to seeing her continued success in the pool.



## RANSON IS IN THE ZONE

The world of junior badminton descended upon Malacca on Sunday, 5th October 2025, for the prestigious Power Arc Championship. Held at the impressive Merdeka Permai Sports Centre and organised by the SET Badminton Academy, the tournament attracted top young talent from across the region, and our very own Ranson Sit was right in the thick of the action.

Competing in a fiercely contested Men's Singles U12 category, Ranson, a dedicated Year 5 pupil, displayed immense skill and determination. Battling through a series of tough matches, his powerful smashes and agile court coverage were a testament to his hard work in training. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that his efforts were rewarded with a fantastic Bronze Medal!

This achievement is a significant milestone for Ranson, who has a profound passion for the sport. He has confided that he dreams of one day making a career out of badminton, and this podium finish is a brilliant step in that direction. The entire school community is incredibly proud of his accomplishment. Well done, Ranson – you have done yourself and the school proud! We will be watching your progress with great excitement.





## **DODGEBALL: A BRILLIANT DISPLAY OF GRIT AND GROWTH!**

What a whirlwind of dodgeballs and dazzling displays of determination it has been for our MIS athletes! As the dust settles on a fantastic week of competition, the entire school community extends its heartfelt congratulations to our U12 Boys, U15 Boys, and U15 Girls dodgeball squads for their exceptional efforts and remarkable sportsmanship.

The action commenced right here at home on Friday, the 3rd of October, as MIS proudly played host to a series of friendly matches. We were delighted to welcome teams from SMJK Tinggi Cina, SMK Munshi Abdullah, SK Kg Gelam, and SK Tengker 2. These matches provided the perfect, high-energy warm-up, allowing our players to fine-tune their tactics and build invaluable team cohesion ahead of the main event.

The pinnacle of their season was the MSS Negeri Melaka Dodgeball Competition 2025, held at the Masjid Tanah Sports Complex on the 6th and 7th of October. Facing stiff competition from across the state, our students truly shone. A special mention must go to our U15 Boys' Team, who put in a stellar performance. They finished an impressive 2nd in their group, successfully battling their way through to the quarter-finals - a fantastic achievement!

While the results are certainly something to be proud of, we are even more proud of the character our students displayed. Across all categories, our teams demonstrated a 'never-give-up' spirit that was truly inspiring. Their encouragement of one another, their respectful conduct towards officials and opponents, and the sheer grit they showed in every match is the real victory. The improvement in their skills, strategy, and confidence from the first friendly match to the final whistle of the tournament has been phenomenal.

Well done to every single player and a huge thank you to the dedicated staff and supportive parents. You have all done MIS tremendously proud. Onwards and upwards!





# **Celebrating Hari Sukan Negara with a Zumba Fiesta!**

Mark your calendars and lace up your trainers! The energy was absolutely electric on Friday, 10th October, as Melaka International School wholeheartedly embraced the spirit of Malaysia's National Sports Day, or Hari Sukan Negara. In a vibrant explosion of music and movement, our entire school community came together for one unforgettable hour of fitness and fun, championing the national mission to become a more active, sporting nation.

Driven by the national objective to promote a healthier lifestyle, MIS transformed our grounds into a dynamic dance arena. Forget the usual runs and walks; this year, we did things differently! The incredible rhythm and energy were provided by our team of superstar teachers: the endlessly energetic Mr. Zulhairi, Miss Pavitraa, Miss Shivani, and Ms Diyana. They led a Zumba session that had everyone – from our youngest students to our senior scholars – laughing, dancing, and sweating with joy.

The sea of smiling, moving students was a testament to the day's success. It was more than just exercise; it was a celebration of community, health, and pure, unadulterated fun. The event perfectly captured the essence of what Hari Sukan Negara stands for: uniting everyone through the power of sport and physical activity. A massive thank you to our amazing teachers for leading the charge and to every student who participated with such fantastic spirit. Here's to a healthier, happier, and more active school community



# ZUMBA OUR WAY TO LIFE.



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# A MAGICAL MOONCAKE FESTIVAL UNDER THE MALACCA STARS

The warm, humid air of a classic Malacca evening was filled with laughter and excitement on Friday, 10th October, as our school grounds transformed into a vibrant hub for the annual Mooncake Festival celebration. From 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, our MIS community gathered for a truly enchanting event, embracing the festival's beautiful spirit of reunion and togetherness. As the traditional Chinese saying goes, "The round moon signifies reunion," and this sentiment was felt by all who attended.

The evening was a delightful feast for the senses. The festivities commenced with a wonderful array of student entertainment, their performances filled with energy that rivalled the evening's warmth. Following the acts, guests immersed themselves in the lively atmosphere of a traditional cultural dice game, their cheerful shouts echoing across the field. Of course, no Mooncake Festival would be complete without delicious traditional food, and the sweet taste of mooncakes was a particular highlight for many.

As dusk settled, anticipation grew for the much-anticipated lantern walk. A charming blend of old and new unfolded as families prepared their lanterns. While many carried modern, electronic lights, a significant number of students proudly bore traditional lanterns with real candles. This created a beautiful, albeit slightly delayed, prelude to the procession, as the gentle, careful lighting of each wick became a quiet ceremony of its own. This patient effort paid off beautifully, creating a shimmering, dual procession of steady LED beams and the warm, flickering glow of candlelight under the moonlit sky.

The grand finale was a spectacular firework display, courtesy of our wonderful Chairperson, Ms Shamsunnisa. The brilliant colours exploding against the night sky provided a dazzling conclusion to a perfect night, leaving everyone in awe.

This event was a public celebration, and we were thrilled to see so many families and friends from our wider community join us. It was a wonderful opportunity to share joy, culture, and strengthen our community bonds. A special thank you to all the parents, teachers, and students who helped make the evening such a resounding success. It was a truly memorable cultural experience for our entire MIS family, a warm and humid night we will not soon forget.



# Moments that linger



# TCD: CELEBRATING A COLOURFUL DEEPAVALI

The air at MIS was electric with anticipation last Friday, 17th November, as our school community gathered for a spectacular Deepavali celebration. Our school was a dazzling sea of colour, with students and teachers alike adorned in beautiful traditional Indian attire, from shimmering sarees and elegant kurta pyjamas to crisp vesthis. The theme, 'Colourful Deepavali', was brought to life before the event had even officially begun.

The festivities commenced in the hall, where a palpable sense of excitement united students, parents, and staff. The programme opened with a heartfelt speech from Madam Shamsunnisa, who eloquently reminded everyone of the true meaning of Deepavali - the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.

Our beloved Year 11 students then took centre stage, delivering a wonderfully informative presentation on the origins and history of the festival. The energy didn't stop there! The audience was utterly charmed by a delightful fashion show put on by our adorable Primary students, followed by a special solo performance from one of our youngest stars in Sunshine Kids.

The entertainment continued to unfold, featuring the most endearing dances from our Year 1 and 2 children, and a powerful performance by the Secondary students. A particular highlight was a breathtaking traditional Indian dance, expertly performed by talented visitors from SJKT Melaka Kubu. To everyone's delight, the morning session was brought to a close by a surprise performance from our very own MIS teachers, who received a rapturous applause.

But the day was far from over! The performances were merely the tip of the iceberg. The celebration continued with a series of engaging competitions. Our KG, Year 1, and Year 2 pupils focused intently on a colouring competition, while the Primary and Secondary students showcased their artistry in the intricate Rangoli Kolam competition. Dr Ishak Hall was alive with creativity and friendly rivalry. Alongside these, we had the eagerly awaited Saree and Vesthi competitions, where participants displayed the elegance and grace of traditional dress.



# CAPTURING THE MOMENT.



# CCA Highlight: Taekwondo



Here at MIS, our Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) are designed to build character, discipline, and resilience. One programme that perfectly embodies these values is our thriving Taekwondo club, where the sounds of focused shouts and the sight of powerful, precise movements have become a familiar and inspiring part of our school week.

Under the expert guidance of Master Yew Fong Meng, our students are not just learning a martial art; they are embarking on a journey of self-improvement. Master Yew brings a wealth of experience and a passion for teaching, instilling in our students the core tenets of Taekwondo: Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self-Control, and Indomitable Spirit. These principles resonate far beyond the training hall, positively influencing our students' academic focus and personal interactions.



We are incredibly proud to announce that our Taekwondo programme is flourishing, with 26 registered students having successfully passed their grading examinations. This is a testament to their dedication and hard work. The progression through the coloured belts is a visual representation of their growing skill and knowledge, and we are thrilled to celebrate that several of our students have already achieved the prestigious red belt – a significant step just before the coveted black belt. This achievement requires immense discipline and mastery of complex techniques, and we congratulate them on this remarkable milestone.



For those unfamiliar, Taekwondo is a Korean martial art known for its emphasis on head-height kicks, jumping and spinning kicks, and fast kicking techniques. The name itself can be broken down as: "Tae" (foot), "Kwon" (fist), and "Do" (way)—literally, "the way of the foot and fist." However, it is much more than a physical discipline. It is a mind-body practice that improves physical fitness, coordination, balance, and mental focus.

At MIS, we believe that activities like Taekwondo are essential in developing well-rounded, confident, and respectful global citizens. We look forward to seeing our students continue to grow in skill and character as they advance on their Taekwondo journey. Well done to all our martial artists.



# DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

As October paints the world in fiery colours, my heart feels a special pull. This month is a time for understanding something very close to my family: Down Syndrome. I've spent some time pondering whether or not to let the wider community know about my family life outside of school, but it feels like the right time to introduce you all to my greatest teacher, my youngest son, Arman.

Most of you know me just as Ms. Debbie Moore. But at home, my most important title is "Mummy" to Arman. He's the one with a laugh that bubbles up from his toes and a love for Disney tunes that we hear on repeat. His journey into our world came with a surprise - an extra chromosome that causes Down Syndrome. I've learned that this extra sprinkle of genetic material can happen in a few different ways, but honestly, the 'how' matters far less than the 'who.' Who he is, is pure magic.

That surprise, which once felt scary, turned out to be a new compass pointing us toward a life we never knew we needed. Arman lives his life in full colour. One moment, he's a mighty Ultraman, defending our living room from invisible monsters. The next, he's a puddle of tears during a sad movie, his heart so wide open it feels every emotion deeply.

And his heart is protected by a fierce team. His older siblings are his guardians, his cheerleaders, and his best friends. They move through the world with him in a bubble of pure, defensive love, and watching their bond is my life's greatest privilege.

This October, I'm not asking you to remember medical terms. I'm inviting you to remember a simple truth: that we are all wonderfully different, and our world is richer for it. Children like Arman don't teach us about chromosomes; they teach us about perseverance, joy, and loving without a single filter.

So if you see me this month with a softer look in my eyes, you'll know why. My heart is full, celebrating my youngest son - the superhero with a tender heart. He reminds me every day that the things that make us different are the very things that make us extraordinary.

With gratitude,

Ms. Debbie Moore

# CULTIVATING CHANGE: YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHERS GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY!

Forget the textbook for a moment and picture this: a vibrant patch of earth right here on school grounds, teeming with life and learning. This is the heart of the Year 8 Geography project, 'Cultivating Change,' led by the inspiring Mr. Irfan Ishak. This term, our students have been trading their pens for trowels, discovering that the fascinating story of our planet is best understood with a little soil under your fingernails.

Mr. Irfan, the mastermind behind the project, shared his inspiration: "I wanted to make geography experiential. It's one thing to read about climate zones or soil types; it's another to see how a sudden downpour affects your seedlings or to test the pH of the very earth you're planting in." This initiative was designed to bridge the gap between abstract concepts and the tangible world, helping students grasp how geographical factors directly shape the food on our plates.

The process was a true geographical investigation. Our young geographers began not with digging, but with diligent research into Malacca's climate and soil composition. Armed with knowledge, they formed teams to prepare the beds, plant seedlings, and become diligent custodians of their plots. Each group maintained a detailed 'Farm Journal,' meticulously recording growth data, weather patterns, and the challenges they faced. "We weren't just growing plants," one Year 8 student noted, "we were collecting data on an entire ecosystem."

Of course, the path to harvest wasn't always smooth. Inconsistent watering and unwelcome garden pests provided real-world hurdles. Yet, these challenges became their greatest lessons. The students devised a rotating watering roster and researched natural pest control, turning problems into practical solutions that taught them about resource management and resilience.

The outcomes have been remarkable. Students observed firsthand how a sun-drenched plot thrived while a shaded one struggled, making lessons on microclimates instantly clear. They discovered that teamwork and careful planning were as vital to their success as rainfall and sunshine. Some groups even took initiative, creating their own compost to enrich the soil - a brilliant, unexpected lesson in sustainable waste management.

For Mr. Irfan, the most rewarding part was witnessing the students' growing sense of responsibility and wonder. "Seeing them rush out to check on their plants, genuinely caring for their growth, was incredible. Their curiosity about sustainability has blossomed alongside their crops."

The future looks bright - and delicious! Plans are already sprouting for a composting system and a deeper study into water conservation. The ambitious goal? To evolve this project into a full 'School Farm,' where produce could one day supply our canteen.

Mr. Irfan's advice to other educators? "Start small, but be consistent. Treat every challenge as a learning opportunity. This hands-on experience has given our students a deeper understanding of geography, sustainability, and their own ability to cultivate positive change."

This project has proven that the most important lessons aren't just found in books - they're growing all around us.



# NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS



## Pre-Trial Assessments Approach

A crucial academic period is on the horizon for several year groups. From Monday, 10th November to Friday, 21st November, our students in Years 6, 9, and 11 will be undertaking their pre-trial assessments.

These examinations are an invaluable opportunity for students to experience formal assessment conditions, identify their strengths, and understand areas for further development before their final external exams. Year 11 will be sitting their Pre-Trial IGCSE Exams, whilst our Years 6 and 9 will be completing their Pre-Trial CheckPoint Assessments.

We strongly encourage all students to begin organising their revision notes now, create a realistic study timetable, and ensure they understand the topics covered in each subject. Parents, your support in providing a quiet study space and encouraging regular breaks is greatly appreciated.

We have every confidence in our students' abilities and the hard work they have put in so far. The entire school community wishes you the very best of luck. You are capable of great things!

## Celebrating Children's Day!

Mark your calendars! On Thursday, 20th November, our school will be celebrating Children's Day.

This special day is dedicated to promoting international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide. It is a time to celebrate the joy, potential, and rights of every child. To honour the occasion, we have planned a range of fun, engaging activities for our students throughout the school day.

Please note: We have decided to merge our postponed Halloween festivities with the Children's Day celebrations. We apologise for the delay and are excited to combine these two joyful events into one super-fun day for our students.

It will be a wonderful opportunity for them to enjoy time with their friends and teachers in a more relaxed and festive atmosphere. While the pre-trial assessments are an important focus for some year groups, we believe it is equally important to celebrate our students and the vibrant community they create. We look forward to sharing a delightful day with everyone.





## FORGE YOUR INDEPENDENCE AT THE SENTA ADVENTURE CAMP!

Calling all budding adventurers in Years 2 to 11! Are you ready to swap your schoolbooks for an unforgettable challenge? This 28th to 30th November 2025, we're embarking on a thrilling three-day expedition to the SENTA Adventure Camp & Resort in Minyak Beku, Batu Pahat, Johor. This is your chance to learn vital independent life skills whilst having the time of your life!

Prepare to push your limits and cheer on your friends as you conquer our incredible activity line-up. Feel the adrenaline rush of the flying fox, test your balance on the high ropes course, and scale new heights with rock climbing. You'll work as a team on the challenging obstacle course, dive into refreshing water games, and battle it out in the exciting game of archery tag. As evening falls, the fun continues with a delicious BBQ Night, a magical Campfire Night complete with stories and songs, and a vibrant Cultural Night to celebrate our diverse community. For an extra dose of excitement, sign up for the ATV add-on and power through a rugged terrain!

After each action-packed day, you'll relax in comfortable, air-conditioned A-Frame huts. All meals are included, so you can focus on the fun. Priced at just RM650 per person, this is an unbeatable opportunity to build confidence, resilience, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Secure your spot for an adventure where you'll learn, grow, and truly discover what you're made of.

