

Dear Parents

This week was yet another wonderful experience. Thank you for the growing number of parents who are offering to help the school in a number of important areas.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING

There will be a PTA meeting next week on Wed 28 April at 8.30am. New parents are especially welcome. The Primary School's Children's Day celebrations are on Wed 05 May. For details, please contact Ms Nanny Krancher (PTA President).

ASA

ASA starts next week: Mon 6 April. All students were given the new ASA sheet for this last quarter. Today, Fri 23 April, was the last day for entries, but we will still accept forms on Mon 26 April.

CURRICULUM SEMINAR

Please come to our JIMS Curriculum Seminar on Wed 19 May (10am-12pm). There will be several speakers on the various curriculum programmes (IB, Cambridge, SBI). Prof. Suyanto, PhD, Director General of Education, Prof. Dr Melani Budianta from the University of Indonesia and I (representing JIMS) will attempt to lead you through the maze of curriculum programmes. If you wish to attend, please contact Ms Felly (marketing). The cost is Rp50,000 which includes lunch.

KARTINI DAY

At last Monday's assembly, Ms Vissia gave an interesting talk about Raden Ajeng Kartini (1879-1904) who is credited with starting the move for women's emancipation in Java, an island then controlled by Holland as part of the Netherlands Indies (now Indonesia).

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

Wed 28 - PTA @ 8.30am

MAY

Wed 05 - Children's Day (Primary School only)

Tue 11 - Football Friendly Match Mentari School U8

Thurs 13 - Red Day (Ascension Day)

Fr/Sa 14/15 - PYP Workshop (professional development for teachers)

Fri 14 - School closed for PYP Workshop

Wed 19 - Curriculum Seminar: 10-12 + lunch

Thurs 27 - JIMS Science Day

EARTH DAY

On Thurs 22 April, JIMS celebrated Earth Day. All primary school students participated and planted vegetables. They are going to make their own garden and should take care of their plants properly. Hopefully this programme will continue as their plants grow. Each class took turns in planting and they just couldn't wait to see their plants grow.

- Orchids and Sunflowers: Chilli
- Jasmines and Lions: Tomato
- Penguins: Cucumber
- Dragons: Carrot
- Tigers: Lettuce



Thank you, Ms Windri, for organising this exciting and educational day!

YEAR 10 MOCKS

This week, our Years 10 students have been sitting their mock examination in preparation for the final IGCSE exams which start shortly. They have been getting used to exam conditions and codes of practice, and have now sat through all but one of the written examinations, which will be held on Monday. Also happening next week are the practical examinations for ICT and the First Language English oral test. These are the final tests, not practice ones, so please ensure your child is in school by 7.30am at the latest, as any late arrivals to exams cannot get extra time.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH: ENID BLYTON

Enid Mary Blyton (1897-1968) was a British children's writer who was one of the most successful storytellers of the 20th century. She is noted for numerous series of books, based on recurring characters and designed for different age groups. Her work involves children's adventure stories, fantasy, sometimes involving magic. She wrote more than 400 books during her lifetime and is in the top 10 of the all time best seller lists. Her books have sold over 600 million copies and have been translated into nearly 70 languages.



BOOK CLUB

The summer edition of the International School Book Club catalogue, was handed out last Monday. Several students have already returned their order form and we're looking forward to receiving more forms. It's such an exciting club that encourages children to read. Please note that the order form and the money should be returned to your class teacher by no later than next Friday 30 April.

PYP EXHIBITION

JIMS' EXHIBITION 2010



Helping the world to live in peace

In their final years of the IB Primary Years Programme, all students are expected to take part in a trans-disciplinary inquiry conducted in the spirit of personal and shared responsibility. The work resulting from this inquiry will be displayed in an exhibition that all members of our school community will be invited to attend. The exhibition provides a culminating experience that captures the essence of the PYP and marks a rite of passage, both symbolic and actual from PYP to Secondary School. This year's exhibition will take place on Wednesday 9 June from 9.00am to midday. More details will follow.

As a school, we have chosen to have our exhibition fall under the organizing theme "How We Share the Planet". Our central idea is "All living things have a right to equal opportunities and a responsibility to help the world live in peace." This central idea explores the needs and rights of living things, and the responsibility of individuals, organizations and nations regarding a chosen issue.

Kind regards

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