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Academic Excellence

Mastering the Malay Language





The Malay Language department recently had a Bahasa week to promote and encourage the usage of Bahasa Malaysia among our pupils. There were classroom activities as well as competitions throughout the week for the pupils to showcase their ability and understanding of the language. It was inspiring to witness the level of creativity shown by the pupils in the various competitions that took place from Lower Prep all the way up to Grammar. Junior School pupils also showcased their vocal talents in a singing competition by submitting recordings of a Malay song of their choice.

The competition for the Senior school pupils had two levels: Figures did a presentation of idioms (Peribahasa) and figurative interpretations of idioms through visual images (Simpulan Bahasa), while Rudiments, Lower Grammar and Grammar classes made videos with specific themes assigned to each year. The Senior pupils showed off their vocabulary skills by producing videos where they teach 10 Malay words, introduce simple sentences, and present information about the school entirely in Malay.

Stonyhurst U12 & U13 Basketball Squad Crushes POWIIS

We had yet another compelling friendly basketball fixture against our local rivals - POWIIS.

In the boys game, Stonyhurst dominated the court from the first whistle, with a strong counter-attacking unit, and some excellent individual performances. Lui led the charge with 3 baskets, which was matched by the shooting exploits of Michael. Onno also managed 4 baskets of his own, and the boys came away with a comfortable 20-0 win under their belts.





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CNY Poster Competition

In conjunction with the Chinese New Year celebrations, the Art department launched a Chinese New Year poster competition. Pupils exhibited their artistic expressions through their astounding artworks and we are proud to showcase them here.

The quality of the artwork submitted was exceptional, and it was evident that each participant put in a great deal of effort and thought into their creations. The pieces not only showcased artistic skills but also reflected the rich cultural significance of the Chinese New Year celebration.

Congratulations to all participants and winners!

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First Place





Traditional Artist First Place – Valerie Wong 8



Stay and Play

Early this month, we hosted a Stay and Play event for our EYFS children and their parents. Kicking off our Chinese New Year celebrations in advance, parents participated with their children in various Chinese New Year themed arts and crafts activities within the classroom. There were also plenty of other engaging activities, both indoors and out, so everyone had a wonderful afternoon, especially parents who enjoyed spending quality time with their children, making it a fun-filled experience for all.

FOBISIA Short Story Winners

We're excited to announce the winners of the internal round for the FOBISIA (Federation of BritishInternational Schools In Asia) Short Story Competition! Before we reveal them, we want to express our pride in all participants for their creativity and dedication.

The quality of submissions was exceptional, reflecting the incredible talent within our community. After careful consideration, we're thrilled to celebrate the winners whose stories stood out for their originality. These pupils have now had their stories sent to the international round competing against stories from other FOBISIA schools.



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Faith that does Justice



Reducing Food Waste

This week, the Figures went on a trip to the Mutiara Food Bank in Georgetown. Their service learning focus this year is: what is food waste and how can I play my part in reducing it? Pupils had the opportunity to link this focus to the wider world and will be able to utilise this opportunity to engage in guided reflection and contemplate the insights gained and how these experiences motivate them to adopt faith-filled and hopeful perspectives for when they create a service learning project in Term 3.



A fun trip to the Penang National Park

On February 9th, the Upper Elements pupils and staff boarded a fleet of small boats and headed for the open sea. Following a safety briefing and enjoying the experience of wearing their own life jackets, they thoroughly enjoyed speeding across the waves in search of Turtle Beach. Having all arrived safely, it was time to explore the beautiful coastline and visit the turtle conservation centre. Everyone thought the baby turtles were very cute. There was just enough time to eat their snacks and have a drink before moving on to their next destination. Monkey Beach lived up to its promise, the naughty monkeys doing their best to steal everyone's food! After lunch it was time for the sandcastle building competition. Mr Moore was busy judging the results and the winners will be announced after half term. They returned to school on their boats, thanked their captains and headed back to class. It was a great experience and everyone enjoyed the day. We can't wait to use their experiences to reflect on their Service Learning project.













Perspective and Horizons

Workshop for Parents

A workshop to share how support is structured for our English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Special Educational Needs (SEN) pupils was organised by Ms Yvonne, the Head of Learning Support on 2nd February. The aim of the workshop was to share information on the process of identifying and implementing tailored support in school. We thank all the parents who joined us for the workshop.









Chinese New Year Celebrations

The whole school celebrated Chinese New Year on February 7th. Everywhere you looked was a sea of red as pupils, teachers and staff did their utmost to dress to the day's theme and everyone was in a festive and joyous mood.

As tradition would have it, the celebrations began with a Lion dance performance that thrilled the audience with their effortless acrobatic moves. There were also performances by the pupils of both Junior and Senior school. In addition, there were booths that showcased aspects of Chinese culture such as calligraphy and dumplings, as well as arts and crafts booths that taught guests how to make paper dragons and lanterns from 'angpao' packets.

It was a memorable day filled with laughter, friendship, and smiles, and a wonderful way to usher in the start of the new lunar year.































