



## Academic Excellence

### *Pulling together for Bragging Rights*

Recently, we had an awesome morning of tug-of-war action as the battle lines were drawn and all four Lines fought, both metaphorically and literally, for bragging rights on the astroturf field. There were three categories in the competition; one for adults and two for pupils.

In the adults category, which consisted of parents and teachers, it was the house of green, Shireburn, that shone through with victory in the winner-takes-all one-off event. After the adults had given their all, it was the pupils' turn, and Shireburn once again took the victory in the final, extending their overall lead further.

The last event of the day saw the Year 9s and 10s take to the field. After hard-fought battles, Campion and Weld advanced to the finals. Campion ultimately proved too strong for Weld, taking the title to the red side this year.

In the final reckoning, Shireburn, with 2 out of 3 wins, emerged the overall champions for this year's Tug-of-War competition. The day was filled with much excitement and cheering from hundreds watching from around the field and from the upper galleries.

Well done to all the competitors and all those involved in putting on a fantastic event today.



### *Jamie Shines in Dance Competitions*

We are thrilled to announce Jamie's recent achievements in two prestigious dance competitions held over the mid-term break.

In the Melodic Dance Competition Penang (MDCP) on April 20th, Jamie dazzled the judges and audience, claiming the title of Champion for Solo Freestyle in the Aged 7-12 category. This outstanding win is a testament to Jamie's talent, hard work, and dedication to the art of dance.

Not stopping there, Jamie also achieved a remarkable feat at the Movemaster 2024 competition on April 12th, securing the 2nd runner-up position in the Solo Freestyle category for Aged 7-12.

These accomplishments highlight Jamie's exceptional skills and passion for dance, and we couldn't be prouder! Congratulations, Jamie, on your well-deserved success!



### Bravo and Well Done, Tu Ten!

Recently, our Upper Elements (Year 6) pupil, Ten Tu, travelled to the UK to participate in the 2024 NAGA United Kingdom Grappling and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championship, an international competition with fighters from all over the world.

He competed in his own weight class and was further invited to compete in two additional cross-weight class challenges. At the end, he managed to bag home three silver medals. Well done!

Ten also mentioned that, besides having the opportunity to compete at the highest level, he also managed to make new friends at the same time.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Ten a huge congratulations on his achievement. Keep up the great effort, and soar higher in the future.



### PSAC U15C Football Competition

Recently, two of our girls U15s Football teams challenged the best of the best in the end-of-year PSAC competition.

Despite the relentless heat and far less competitive experience than most of the other teams, our girls brought their best to the field. Both teams were narrowly beaten in the group games, but each battled bravely to the final whistle, gaining valuable experience from each contest. Girls football at Stonyhurst Penang is going from strength to strength!

Teams - Yasha, Selah, Yoyo, Jolanda, Erah, Joyce, Marissa, Amy, Alexis, Rennes, Michelle, Alison, Yumi, Coco, SherLyn, Tatyana; and Ru Jeanne

On Saturday morning, it was the turn of the boys. Despite the team's best efforts, we finished 4th in our group, losing to Dalat, Straits, and the eventual winners, Uplands (Gold). Even though overall victory was out of reach, it was great to see that our boys continued to give their all, coming away with a solid 3-0 victory, with Captain Caellum scoring a hat-trick. While clearly disappointed, the boys did well, and hopefully after some reflection, their quant je puis attitude will lift them up with the drive and determination to raise their game in future challenges.

Team - Caellum (c), Austin (GK), Ben, Nikita, Chris, Jensy, Oliver, and Zhen Yang.

### World Scholar's Cup Regional Round

We're setting the world on fire, one victory at a time!

Our pupils soared to new heights of excellence again at the World Scholar's Cup regional round held at Prince of Wales Island International School on the 17th and 18th of April, captivating audiences with their brilliance and sheer determination!

Igniting the flames of academic brilliance, our pupils dominated the collaborative writing and debate categories, with not one but two teams blazing into the top ten!

From humble beginnings with just 5 teams last year, we have grown by leaps and bounds to send an astounding 30 pupils this year! This incredible achievement truly reflects the values and determination that define our community.





# Faith that does Justice

## Digital Art Workshop at the One Academy

Last month, our IGCSE Art and Design pupils and one of our Figures (Year 7) 'Higher Learning Potential' pupils were generously welcomed by The One Academy in Georgetown to take part in an immersive Digital Art workshop.

Whilst given a tour around the academy; the pupils were attentive and active in their questioning and responses. They also had the opportunity to learn about The One Academy's alumni and future career paths. Our pupils discovered that many graduates from The One Academy are now working in their chosen fields for established companies such as Disney and Pixar.

Although they felt cautious when learning new skills and working with industry-standard software and equipment, they also felt inspired by it. They thoroughly enjoyed this experience and have been welcomed back again for further workshop training in 3D modelling and design.

We are grateful for the generosity of The One Academy as well as for the care and attention they have accorded our Art and Design pupils.



## Lower Prep's Trip to Tropical Spice Garden

Recently, Lower Prep were taken on a Service Learning trip to the Tropical Spice Garden in Teluk Bahang. This year group's focus is 'What does community mean, and how can I engage with my local community?'

On their trip, our pupils toured the spice garden, learning about the many different types of spice plants, their benefits and what they are used for. They also visited the community garden where they were given the chance to experience planting, mixing compost, and the correct way to prune plants. While participating in this activity, they were encouraged to identify ideas to use in their own gardens.

From this visit, 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. They will also be able to contemplate the insights gained and how these experiences motivate them to adopt faith-filled and hopeful perspectives when they create their own community garden for this term's service-learning project.



# Perspective and Horizons

## *We are part of the Fobisia family*

We are proud to announce that we are officially a Member School of the Federation of British International Schools in Asia (FOBISIA)!

FOBISIA is a Federation in Asia that supports and promotes high-quality British-style international education. The Federation aims to deliver value for their members by ensuring high-quality British-style international education is delivered through shared professional development, student enrichment, and mutual support between Member Schools in the region.

We are excited to embark on this new journey with the FOBISIA family, sharing our experiences and gaining valuable insights along the way. We look forward to creating memories as we walk down this path together.



## *Hari Raya Celebration*

The whole school, including teachers and parents, enjoyed a fun-filled and memorable celebration of Hari Raya this morning.

Built around the theme 'Warna Warni Aidilfitri', there were many activities organised for the day; from silat and kompong performances, to pantun recitals by teachers, dikir barat choruses, traditional Malay songs and dances, and the highlight of the day, a traditional Malay costume fashion show!

To make it a feast for all the senses, there were also food booths, serving up all manner of local delicacies, as well as traditional game booths such as congkak and batu seremban to challenge one's strategy and hand-eye coordination.

As with all our cultural celebrations, this event truly brought everyone, from different nationalities and cultures together to celebrate as one united community. Thank you to all who attended and to those who contributed time and effort to making this celebration a success.

