



## Academic Excellence

### *A Bug-tastic Open Day @ Stonyhurst*

At our recent Early Years & Year 1 Open Day, we welcomed new families from different nationalities to experience our enriching educational environment. Parents and children had the opportunity to explore our state-of-the-art facilities, meet our passionate educators, and learn about our diverse curriculum offerings.

Ben the Bug Man's display of the diverse and intricate world of insects and lizards was the highlight of the day for attendees. From cold-blooded reptiles to creepy crawlers, attendees had the opportunity to observe these beautiful creatures up close and learn about their unique behaviours and habitats. The interactive exhibits provided a fun and educational experience for all.

The open day was a great success, with attendees gaining valuable insights into the unique opportunities available at our school, as well as having 7 pupils signing up on the spot!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a memorable time of discovery and inspiration! For those who missed out, watch out for our next open day!



### *Teachers, It's Your Day!*

On this special occasion, let us take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated educators who have played a significant role in shaping our lives. Teachers are not just individuals who pass on knowledge, rather, they mentor, guide, and inspire us to achieve greater heights. They are also the ones who ignite a passion in us and help us reach our full potential.

As we honour and appreciate our teachers on this day, let us remember to thank them for their tireless efforts, encouragement, and belief in our abilities. Let us acknowledge the influence they have had on us and express our gratitude for their dedication.

To all the teachers out there, thank you for your passion, devotion, and commitment. Happy Teacher's Day!



## ***Y1 Programme with Audiologist from KPJ Hospital***

We are delighted to share with you the wonderful success of the recent visit from medical staff and audiologists from KPJ Hospital to our school on Tuesday, 7th May. The event was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 1 pupils to learn about the importance of hearing health in a fun and engaging way.

The highlight of the day was the interactive educational talk delivered by the experts from KPJ Hospital. Our pupils had the chance to learn about the importance of protecting their hearing through lively discussions and engaging sound experiment demonstrations.

The interactive sound quiz deepened their understanding of loud noises and how they are measured in decibels. Following the talk, our pupils had individual sessions with the audiologists for visual ear examinations. This allowed them to assess the condition of their ear canal and eardrum, ensuring that their hearing health was in check. The pupils were amazed by the digital technology employed, which provided a fascinating glimpse into the ear. The session concluded with pupils creating a poster to express their understanding of audiology.

Overall, the event was a huge success, and our pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We are grateful to KPJ Hospital for partnering with us to make this event possible. We would also like to thank all the staff and audiologists who contributed to making the day so memorable!



## ***'ALICE': Behind the Scenes***

Work on 'ALICE' (our upcoming annual school production) is certainly ramping up here at Stonyhurst International School Penang! Over 80 dedicated and passionate pupils, and an array of talented staff, continue to work tirelessly in rehearsal.

We have been focusing on fine-tuning the array of scene changes, costumes, and sets that will feature in our Penang-inspired original retelling of this classic story in June.

As well as all the onstage action taking place, we also have a literal industry of artisans working tirelessly behind the scenes. We are so grateful to the Friends of Stonyhurst (FOSI) volunteers, who have been providing tremendous support in creating a truly unique and magical Wonderland of characters, costumes, creatures, and colours.

Something very special is happening here this year, so make sure you don't miss this one and don't be late...tick tock, tick tock. Stay tuned for more updates coming soon.







### ***Tom Shines in Project Kasih Sunshine Charity Run 2024!***

We are thrilled to share a heartwarming story from the Project Kasih Sunshine Charity Run 2024. Our very own Tom participated in the 4km run held on Sunday, 12th May. This event, open to under-18s if accompanied by an adult, saw Tom as the youngest runner among just three other children! Congratulations, Tom! We look forward to seeing more of our pupils take part in such enriching and community-focused events in the future. Keep shining, Tom!

### ***Success at the International Fashion Show in Hat Yai***

Kanade and Towa recently participated in the international fashion show held in Hat Yai and achieved remarkable success. Towa secured first place in the junior division, while Kanade earned second place in the kids division. Congratulations to both of them for their outstanding performances!



### ***Emma's Sustainable Coffee Soap Initiative***

We are thrilled to spotlight one of our pupils, Emma Yuko Furukawa from Upper Elements (Year 6), and her inspiring project. Emma has taken the initiative to make a positive impact on the environment by creating her own soap using recycled coffee grounds donated by a local coffee bar. We're excited to announce that Emma's soap is now available for purchase at the OWL zero-waste shop. All profits from the sales will be donated to the Penang Stray Cats Rescue Project. Emma's dedication to sustainability and her commitment to helping our furry friends in need is truly commendable. Let's support her initiative by purchasing her soap and contributing to a cleaner environment and the welfare of stray cats in Penang. Well done, Emma, on your remarkable project!

### ***Celebrating Success at SASMO 2024!***

We are delighted to announce the remarkable achievements of Khoo Jia Xun and Khoo Qian Wen in the recent SASMO (Singapore & Asian Schools Math Olympiad) 2024 Competition.

Khoo Jia Xun (Lower Prep, Year 3), secured a prestigious Silver Medal. Meanwhile, Khoo Qian Wen (Upper Elements, Year 6), earning a well-deserved Bronze Medal.



# Faith that does Justice

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## Neurodiversity Day

In order to raise awareness of neurodiversity, which means having a mind that works differently from the average or “neurotypical” person, and celebrate what makes us all unique, the Service Learning Officers organised ‘Neurodiversity Day’ on Monday.

There were tasks to be completed, and they were delivered to pupils during an assembly. Pupils were then sent back to their classrooms to design spaces at school that could support neurodiverse individuals, which in turn could provide support for everyone as well.

The task submissions are already in and have been judged by the Service Learning Officers with the help of Miss Yvonne. The winning classes will be announced in assemblies next week and will receive Line Points! Good luck to all who took part!



# Perspective and Horizons

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## Performing Arts Carnival (PAC)

Recently, our Stonyhurst Choir pupils were joined by budding musicians and artists from Tenby, St. Christophers, Uplands, Dalat, and POWIIS Primary Schools. We collaborated on a showcase concert filled with music and singing, art and dance, with a focus on sustainability and recycling. The children had a wonderful day meeting new friends and putting on a fabulous performance for a full auditorium of families and friends. Well done to everyone involved!



## An Educational Trip to Beijing



Over the Easter holidays, 23 pupils from Figures, Rudiments, Lower Grammar, and Upper Grammar (Years 7-10) expanded their horizons and discovered new perspectives while on a trip to Beijing.

This trip gave our pupils real world immersion into Chinese history and culture as they visited the historical Great Wall and the Forbidden City, and got up close and personal with day to day life along Beijing's Hutongs. Moreover, by experiencing the similarities and stark differences in our cultures, our pupils also gained a deeper appreciation for and inspiration to learn more about the Mandarin language.

Naturally, on a trip like this, our pupils formed strong bonds with their peers and teachers through shared experiences and challenges. The group had the opportunity to participate in collaborative activities with another international school in Beijing, with our pupils quickly taking the initiative to build relationships and exercising their team working skills, resulting in lasting experiences that will surely contribute to their personal growth and social development as they progress in the senior school.

As demonstrated by this impressive group, educational trips are valuable and enriching experiences that encourage curiosity, broaden pupils' perspectives for learning, and shape their understanding of how to make the world a better place.