

SJIIM Weekly Update

30th April 2021



Bahasa in the Elementary School

In the Elementary School, we focus on the “automatising” of high-frequency words and developing an understanding of language patterns in the Malay language. Students focus on learning vocabulary in “chunks”, testing what they have learnt in blocks through the practice of four key skills in language acquisition; listening, speaking, reading and writing. This enables a deeper understanding of the structure of the language.

Our curriculum is based on the IGCSE syllabus but pitched at an Elementary School level. We follow the same topics for all the classes in a particular year group, with differentiated instruction and difficulty levels according to ability.

We also work very closely with the HS Bahasa teachers to ensure a smooth transition and progression of learning in the High School. This is done through project based group learning, collaboration and learning walks between the ES and HS teachers as well as with teachers from other international schools through our membership of the Association of International Malaysian Schools (AIMS) network. We enjoy the opportunities we have of observing our colleagues from different schools and gain valuable and positive input that helps us develop our lessons, making them both fun and enjoyable for the students.

Further development in the subject has seen weekly home learning commence for all students from Years 1 - 6. Home learning is given in the form of online games such as Quizlet, Quizziz and Wordwall as well as follow up activities set in Google Classroom or Seesaw. This has brought about noticeable changes in the students’ mastery of vocabulary as they find it easier to retain the information learned. Although there have been some challenges due to the pandemic and virtual learning, we still see great progress in students' knowledge and understanding of the language.



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Below are some comments by students and parents regarding the teaching and learning of the Malay language in the Elementary School:

Positive feedback from parents:

"Thank you so much Cikgu for the very informative feedback and references. So glad that I can finally have a guideline on how to assist my son in Bahasa. I am certain that my son loves learning this language as he will make it a point to update me every Tuesday on what he has learned in school." **(Year 1 parent)**

"My son enjoys doing your quizzes given on 'Wordwall' and he finds the Seesaw activities fun to do. He likes BM so much now!" **(Year 1 parent)**

"Keep up the good work teachers. The Bahasa team is really doing a great job." **(Year 2 parent)**

"I'm impressed to see my son's progress in Bahasa in a very short time. Even though he couldn't put sentences together, his vocabulary has improved tremendously. I must thank you for making that difference. My son said he really enjoys his Bahasa lessons". **(Year 3 parent)**

"Thank you to you and your team for teaching and guiding the kids well in their Bahasa lesson. I see a lot of improvement in my daughter's progress. She even asked me to get her a Malay dictionary." **(Year 5 parent)**

Positive feedback from students:

"I love singing the 'Ahad, Isnin' song. I sing it to my parents and I teach my little brother too." **(Year 1 student)**

"I can always do the challenge activities on Seesaw and I get high scores on my online games in Bahasa." **(Year 2 student)**

"I love the topic 'Perasaan' as I can tell my kakak (maid) how I feel everyday." **(Year 3 student)**

"Bahasa is so fun because I get to play a lot of games that help me remember most of the new words I learn." **(Year 4 student)**

"I have tried ordering food in Bahasa in a restaurant and I manage to order food correctly and help my father pay the bill later on." **(Year 5 student)**

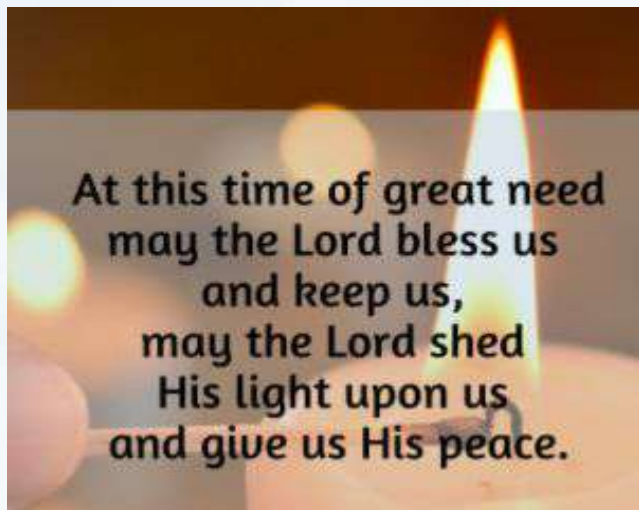
"I loved learning about 'Gejala Sosial Di Malaysia' as it made me aware of so many negative things that are happening around us. I thought it was going to be difficult but it ended up being an easy and exciting topic to learn." **(Year 6 student)**

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Catholic Corner



This week we continue to offer up our prayers for our high school students who are currently doing examinations. We also continue to pray for our school community and for everyone in the world who is affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Coronavirus has created a time of uncertainty, isolation, and illness. During this time of isolation, as we close our doors, may we continue to keep our hearts open to our families, friends, local and global communities.

The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.

Psalm 89:11

The Lasallian ideal: "Teaching Minds and Touching Hearts" guides teachers in helping children to become more responsible students within our own school community and globally. From as early as nursery, our students are encouraged to explore different ways to serve others. Last week in school we saw so many displays of love for our planet. Students were encouraged to make sustainable and ethical choices in a collective effort to conserve our natural world.



PRAYER FOR STUDYING "SUCCESS PRAYER"

Almighty and Everlasting God,
I have worked diligently for my
upcoming exams. I pray that my
hard work pays off in the form of
good grades and success. Please
guide me towards this success.

Continue to nurture my mind so I
can work hard and do well. As I trek
towards success please keep my
eyes focused on what really
matters, Your love. Keep me
humble and faithful.

Amen.



Elementary Weekly Update



Book drive

The PSG's book drive collection time will be extended to 7th May. Please keep sending in your gently used books so we can give all of the children the option to choose some wonderful books to bring home.

Parent Teacher Conference

There will be a number of Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled in May. These give parents an opportunity to meet with their child's class and language teachers to discuss their academic and pastoral development. Bookings will be made using our online booking system, 'Meet the Teacher', and the conferences will run virtually through video conference. You will receive more details reminding you how to use the system and when bookings open nearer the time. In the meantime, please make a note of the following conference dates.

Mon 24th May 3.30-5.30pm: ES EY-Y6 Class Teacher Consultations

Wed 2nd June 3.30-5.30pm: ES EY-Y6 Class Teacher Consultations

Fri 21st May 8am-2.30pm: ES Y1-6 Language Teacher Consultations

Wed 2nd June 3.30-5.30pm: Early Years Mandarin Teacher Consultations

Virtues Family Corner

Forgiveness

Being forgiving is giving someone another chance after they have done something wrong. Everyone makes mistakes. Instead of revenge, make amends. Forgive yourself too. Instead of feeling hopeless after a mistake, decide to act differently, and have faith that you can change.

Forgiveness

You are practicing forgiveness when you...

- Remember that everyone makes mistakes
- Share your feelings without taking revenge
- Stop giving uncaring people the chance to hurt you
- Accept people without judgment or criticism
- Take responsibility for your own mistakes
- Make amends instead of punishing yourself with guilt

Affirmation

I am forgiving of others and myself. I am willing to give and receive amends. I learn from my mistakes. I have the power to keep changing for the better.

Why practice forgiveness?

Sometimes it is a little thing, such as not doing something we promised to do. Sometimes it is a bigger thing, like lying or taking something which doesn't belong to us. When someone who is hurt or disappointed forgives us, we get another chance. **We can try again to do what is right.**

What would forgiveness look like if:

- Your friend accidentally broke your favourite toy?
- Your mother is late picking you up from school?
- You did something you feel is very bad?
- Your sibling repeatedly takes something of yours without asking?
- Someone lost their temper with you and later apologised?

Elementary Weekly Update



World Book Day

Our World Book Week in Elementary School was a roaring success! Students enjoyed assemblies, “drop everything and read”, drama, poetry activities, book battles and book-driven art lessons. The students particularly loved trying to work out which teachers-in-disguise were telling them a story in the “Masked Reader” and sharing their “Extreme Reading”! We also had a fabulous book character dress up day, filling our school with lots of heroes and villains. Thank you to our very enthusiastic parents who helped to put these costumes together and make today so much FUN!



High School Weekly Update



HS Art - Animals Year 7

We have had to put our printmaking on hold. However, Year 7 has embraced this week's skill building challenge each choosing their favourite animals to draw. Want to try your hand at it check out How2drawanimals.com



International Competition Open to All students

The International Student Art Exhibition is part of the Hong Kong Visual Arts Education Festival (HKVAEF), which is held annually by the Hong Kong Society for Education in Art (HKSEA). The theme of this year's mail art exhibition is "Travel!" . Please see website for details <https://www.hksea.org.hk/mail-art>

Submissions can be made to Karen Windley in ES and Sheena Kelly in HS in August 2021

IGCSE Exam

The written IGCSE exam papers have begun this week with International Mathematics and Malay First language papers. The exams run from 27th April to 11th June, and know that our students have worked very hard in preparation for these exams - in incredibly challenging circumstances!

We look forward to celebrating their achievements with them in August.

IB Examinations

Our Year 13 students began their final IB examinations this week with Chinese B and Business Management. It has been a pleasure to see them in school this week for these exams and for them to have the opportunity to display all of the knowledge that they have gained over the past two years. They have worked very hard to prepare for these examinations, and we are looking forward to their final results in early July.



Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)
[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[HS Parent Calendar 2020/21](#)
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