

SJIIM Weekly Update

29th October 2021

Important Dates:

3rd Nov - Deepavali Dress- Up Day

4th Nov - Deepavali (Public holiday)

5th Nov - School holiday for students

Upcoming Events:

5th Nov - Staff Training Day

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Mr Anton Bush (Pupil Profile Leader)



It seems a lot longer than 4 years ago that we were packing up our house and leaving my job as Assistant Principal of a large secondary school in Cheltenham, England. Since arriving here, I have had so many wonderful experiences at SJIIM and in Malaysia as a whole.

Outside of teaching I have been lucky to make friends with some wonderful Malaysians. This has often been through my love of music (both performing and watching). I spend many happy hours in the music shops of KL and PJ, playing guitars that I have no more space for, and chatting to local people about the local music scene. Whilst watching live music has been difficult over the last 18 months, I will now try to get to as many of the smaller local venues as possible. Indeed, Miss Thompson and I also love to write and perform music as 'Sunset Storm' our band, and we hope to get back to performing soon. Expressing yourself is important, and the process of songwriting can be very exciting and fulfilling. You may also remember me writing about making guitars last year - I am still enjoying these projects.

Another hobby of mine is coding, and before teaching I honed my skills as a research engineer. I really enjoyed my time in R&D where I worked on a variety of projects including modelling the energy absorption in your eyeballs and brain from mobile phone usage. I was also part of the global team developing WiFi hotspots in the late 1990s/early 2000s. This work led to a number of patents (google US patent numbers 6693603, 7480933, and 8045530 if you are interested).

So, in summary, I feel honoured to have played a small part in the development of SJIIM, and to have been able to help students to reach their full potential. I also hope to continue to be able to stay in Malaysia for many years to come. See you at a 'Sunset Storm' gig soon :-)

Catholic Corner

In our Catholic Club this week children from Year 3- Year 6 came together to give thanks and praise to God for the many blessings in their lives. The children spent time in breakout rooms playing a gratitude game which allowed them to think about all the things in their lives that they are grateful for. We finished our session by singing the well known hymn 'Father we adore you.'

Dear God,

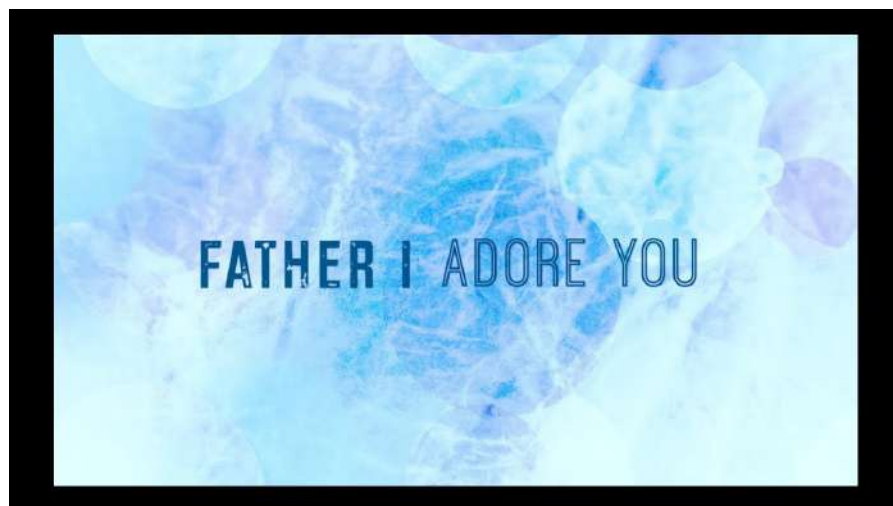
Thank You for all the blessings
in my life, big and small.

Thank you for surrounding me
with people who love and care
about me.

In Jesus' holy name I pray.

Amen.

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Return to School

We are thrilled to be able to welcome our Year 1-3 and Year 9 students back to school next week, and our Year 4-8 students the following week. Whilst we remain committed to offering the hybrid option for our families to choose, we think students will benefit from their time in school and the opportunity to reconnect with teachers and friends. If you find that your child has outgrown their school uniform, you can drop it off in the ES office for KitaKitar to upcycle and find it a new home.



Deepavali

To mark the celebration of Deepavali next week, children are invited to dress in their traditional Deepavali outfits or wear colourful clothes to school on Wednesday 3rd November. This applies to all children whether they are attending virtual or physical school. We wish all families celebrating this festival a very happy time.

In preparation for next week's Deepavali assembly, we would appreciate your help with adding a Happy Deepavali family message to our Padlet. These will be shared with the children. Here is the Padlet [link](#) for you! Thank you so much.



Keeping Our Children Safe

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our students safe and well, all staff have undergone additional training. This training consists of strategies to support students' well-being and mental health, how to spot signs that students may be struggling, and what we can do to support them. In addition, our support staff (dining staff, cleaners and guards) have also received safeguarding training.



Staff Training Day - 5th November

On Friday 5th November, all of the teaching staff will be participating in a day of professional development. This will involve training on the use of "Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures", delivered by an expert from the UK. Teachers will be using Kagan structures in their classrooms to promote engagement, communication and cooperation in our student's learning. Staff will also have an introductory meeting with Brother Armin A. Luistro from the Lasallian East Asia District and take part in a community team-building event.



Education Perfect International Languages Championships 2021

This week, our languages students competed in an international online competition called Education Perfect International Languages Championships 2021. They competed over the course of 3 days and we have achieved some excellent results. Please see more information in this [document](#).



One of our IB students, Sandra Ong, is sharing an opportunity for interested students to involve themselves in a debating tournament called You Think You Can Debate. Though not affiliated with the school, you can find out more by emailing Sandra directly at :

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Halloween Festivities in School





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