

SJIIM Weekly Update

29th April 2022

Important Dates:

2nd and 3rd May - Hari Raya holidays

4th May - Labour Day replacement holiday

5th May - Back to school

25th Apr - 10th June IGCSE Exam

28th Apr - 18th May IBDP Exam

13th May - Founder's Day (half-day)

Upcoming Events:

7th May - HS Sports Day

13th May - School Mass

27th May - EY Sports Day

28th May - ES Sports Day

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Ian Hayes Head of Humanities Dept and Teacher of Humanities, History and TOK

I am originally from Dorset, which is a county on the south coast of the UK. Dorset is a very rural county, famous for its beautiful coastline, apple cider, and Thomas Hardy country. There aren't any motorways or highways in the whole county, but there are a lot of cows. Although most Malaysians I speak to here have never heard of it, I am very fond of my hometown, and always look forward to visiting my family when we go back (I think our car is probably the only one in Malaysia with a Dorset flag on the back).

After graduating from university I still wasn't clear on the career path that I wanted to follow. Then a good friend of mine with whom I had co-coached a youth football team whilst at university together suggested I follow him into the teaching profession. I had a passion for History, and having really enjoyed working with young people as a football coach, I decided to take his advice. Three years later, in 2008, I accepted my first international school position in Qingdao, China, having always wanted to live in Asia and experience life in a different culture. I moved to Malaysia in 2013, where I met my wife, Dr. Leow, whilst working at an international school together in Ipoh. We moved to Germany in 2016, where we had our daughter Isabelle (who is now in the nursery class at St. Joseph's). Although we really enjoyed the outdoor lifestyle in Germany, we both missed Malaysia, especially the food, travel opportunities, and people, so in 2019 we made the decision to return, and were lucky enough to both get teaching jobs in St. Joseph's. As a family we're very settled here now, having had our second child Oliver last October, and we're about to move into our new home at Gamuda Gardens this July.



On our most recent trip to the Perhentian Islands



At the Dorset coast



On Mount Kinabalu in 2015

These days, as any parents of young children, we spend most of our free time either clearing up after them, preparing food for them, or playing with them. It's a very different life to the one Dr. Leow and I shared together last time we were in Malaysia, when we would freely travel around South-East Asia without a care, but one that we wouldn't swap for anything. We still get to travel, now that Malaysia is opening up, and we're very lucky to have friends who work in the school with children of a similar age, so we regularly meet up at parks and jungle gyms. It's one of the many reasons why we love working in this school, and why we plan to be here for many more years to come. Mr. Hayes

Catholic Corner

Founder's week is quickly approaching. We will be celebrating 170 years of Lasallian education in Asia.

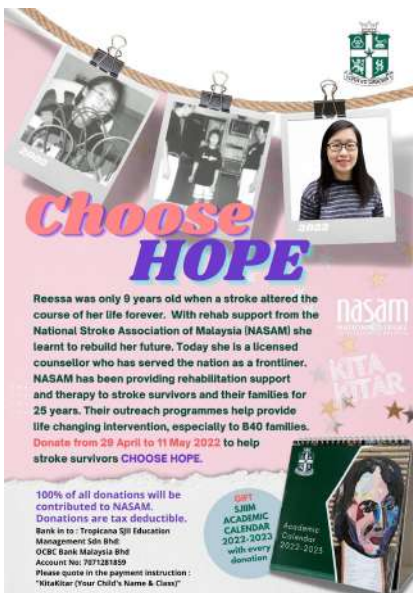
As part of the celebration we will have a special Founder's Mass which will take place in our school auditorium on May 13th at 10:30am. Father Alvin will lead the Mass and Brother Patrick will be here to help us celebrate this special occasion.

Mass sign up sheet for students in the ES (Yr 3 and above) plus High School.

If you would like your child to attend this Mass, please use the link [HERE](#)



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[Kitakitar - CHOOSE HOPE campaign](#)

Today sees the launch of the Founder's Day KitaKitar CHOOSE HOPE Campaign in aid of the National Stroke Association of Malaysia (NASAM).

The CHOOSE HOPE campaign will run for two weeks from the **29th April until 11th May** with the aim of raising RM10,000 for the National Stroke Association of Malaysia (NASAM).

Donations can be made directly at the finance office or by bank transfer to:

Tropicana SJI Education Management Sdn Bhd
OCBC Bank Malaysia Bhd
Account No: 7071281859
Please quote in the payment instructions:
"Kitakitar (Your Child's Name & Class)"

To find out more about the work of NASAM, you can click one of the following links: <http://fb.com/NationalStrokeAssociationMalaysia>



Back to School-Thursday 5th May

We wish you all a peaceful and healthy holiday and look forward to seeing the children rested and ready to dive back into school on **Thursday 5th May!**



"Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri from The PSG to all those celebrating."

We would like to extend our gratitude to all students, staff & parents for sponsoring the Raya Hampers for our guards & cleaner. An additional amount of RM 660 was collected for the same, this will be used to purchase celebration hampers for them in the year to come.



Happy to share that a total collection of RM 4062.80 was raised at the Raya Bazaar held at school for the students. This amount will be used to support any school / student lead activities and events in the future. Grateful to all those who supported, contributed and helped to make this event a success.

It was a joy to plan this event for our students, many of whom were experiencing a bazaar at school for the very first time.



Change in the Timetable - 11 May and 19 May

We have quite a lot of public holidays this term! This means that we are losing teaching time for 3 Mondays and 2 Tuesdays. In order to balance the teaching time for classes that are taught on Mondays and Tuesdays, we will change the timetable on the following days:

On Wednesday, 11/5 - We will follow a 'Monday' timetable.
On Thursday, 19/5 - We will follow a 'Tuesday' timetable.



CCAs will run as normal on these days (11/5 Wednesday CCAs and 19/5 as Thursday CCAs).

Character and Wellbeing classes on Wednesday the 11th in the High School will run as normal that day.



Special Thanks to our Catholic Parents-Easter Carnival Fun!

Our students were invited to a lovely easter carnival today which was very kindly set up by our Catholic parents. Students enjoyed SO many fun activities including, egg and spoon race, spin the wheel, bowling, pinata and bean bag toss and much more! We want to thank you all of the volunteers who helped to make this such a fantastic event! All funds raised will support NASAM, in conjunction with KitaKitar's Choose Hope campaign.



Hari Raya

This week during assemblies, we talked about the special month of Ramadan and how families are preparing for Hari Raya. Thank you to our amazing Bahasa team for helping to put together the fantastic video of an interview with our very own Mr. Abang. He shared how he will be celebrating Raya with his family and what he most enjoys about this special time of the year. We ended our week by dressing up in traditional Malaysian attire. Girls dressed in the beautiful traditional baju kurung and the boys were looking fantastic in their baju Melayu, songkok, and sampin! We hope you all enjoy next week's three day break!



Save the Date - EY & ES Sports Day

Please save the date for our EY Sports Day on Friday 27th May from 12.30-2.30pm, parents are most welcome to come and watch the event in the MPH.

Saturday 28th May will be our ES Sports Day. This will be held at school with Y1-3 from 7.45-10am and Y4-6 from 10.45am-1.30pm. We'd love to see parents come and watch the event on the school field. As we haven't had a sports day in 3 years, we look forward to seeing children taking part in this fun event, earning valuable points for their house!



CCA payment reminder

As CCA's are fast approaching, we would like to remind parents to pay for students doing external (paid) CCA's. The payment deadline for CCA's is next Monday 2nd May. Please visit the finance department in school or make an online bank transfer.



Ello Options and Founder's Day Meals

Based on feedback from our parents we would like to introduce a section of the update where we share some photos of what was on offer in the canteen this week and some ideas about what will be on offer next week. Please find the link to the photos and information [here](#).

We have also received some questions from families that pre ordered meals, about what to expect on Founder's Day. Due to the half day on Founder's Day, May 13th, Ello will be providing a packed lunch for students to take away.



Parents... we need your help! 🙏

- Do you have an inspiring or interesting career or job?
- Do you enjoy public speaking?
- Would you be willing to talk to a small group of our students about your experience? (This could be in person or remotely)
- Are you free during the week beginning Tues 7th June?

If you can't help, that's OK, but perhaps you know someone who can... 🙌

During the week beginning Tuesday 7th June, our Year 8 students will take part in a whole week of careers and progression focused events to help better prepare them for Year 9 option choices next year and beyond. Further information about this event will be communicated with students and their parents shortly, but I am looking for willing volunteers from our community to help inspire our students in a short (15-20 minute) presentation followed by some Q&A.

If you would be interested in taking part, or know someone who would, please can you contact Ms Catherine Ellis (Head of English) directly (catherineellis@sj-i-international.edu.my).

We thank you in advance for your support with this exciting event!



Poetry Slam

Today, 24 finalists competed for beautiful trophies, in three categories: Junior Solo Category Years 7-8, Senior Solo Category Years 9-12 and Group Performance. This year's Slam was a big success as we had over 50 submissions! More info can be found [here](#).



Message from Ello-Term 3 Top Up Reminder

Please make sure that you have topped up your child's lunch card for their meals for Term 3. Ello have noticed that quite a few students have no balance remaining on their cards, making it tricky to manage their food preparation. Thank you for helping us with this.



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

DATE: SATURDAY 7 MAY

TIME: 8:00-13:00

WHO: Y7-10 and 12

WHERE: SJIIM

PARENTS INVITED TO COME AND WATCH DURING THE DAY!

HIGH SCHOOL CCA TERM 3

We are really excited for our *term 3 CCA programme* to begin, and especially thrilled to be seeing the return of external providers. All of our providers came in on Tuesday where they were delivered a course on **Safeguarding**, led by our Head of Elementary, Mrs. Fedorowicz. A reminder to please make sure you have paid *in full* before the CCA term starts. Payment details can be found on SchoolsBuddy and/or the CCA google site.

- 9 May - CCAs begin this week
- 24 June - final day of term 3 CCAs





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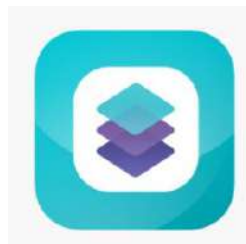
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