

# SJIIM Weekly Update

24th November 2023

## Important Dates:

28th November - Y9 Options

Evening

1st December - last day of WS

CCA

## Upcoming Events:

29th November - Children's Day

1st December - Christmas Bazaar

5th December - ES Advent Services

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*"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"*



## Christmas Bazaar

The 2023 Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner. There will be something for everyone. Come join us on 1st December 2023! Food and items sold range from RM3 - RM 60.

## Student Safety in the Festive Season

In the run-up to the holidays, with more events on campus for parents, can we please remind all parents to wear that badges at all times when on site. Particularly in light of recent incidents in KL schools, we all need to be vigilant to protect our children.

## Shine Kindness Campaign

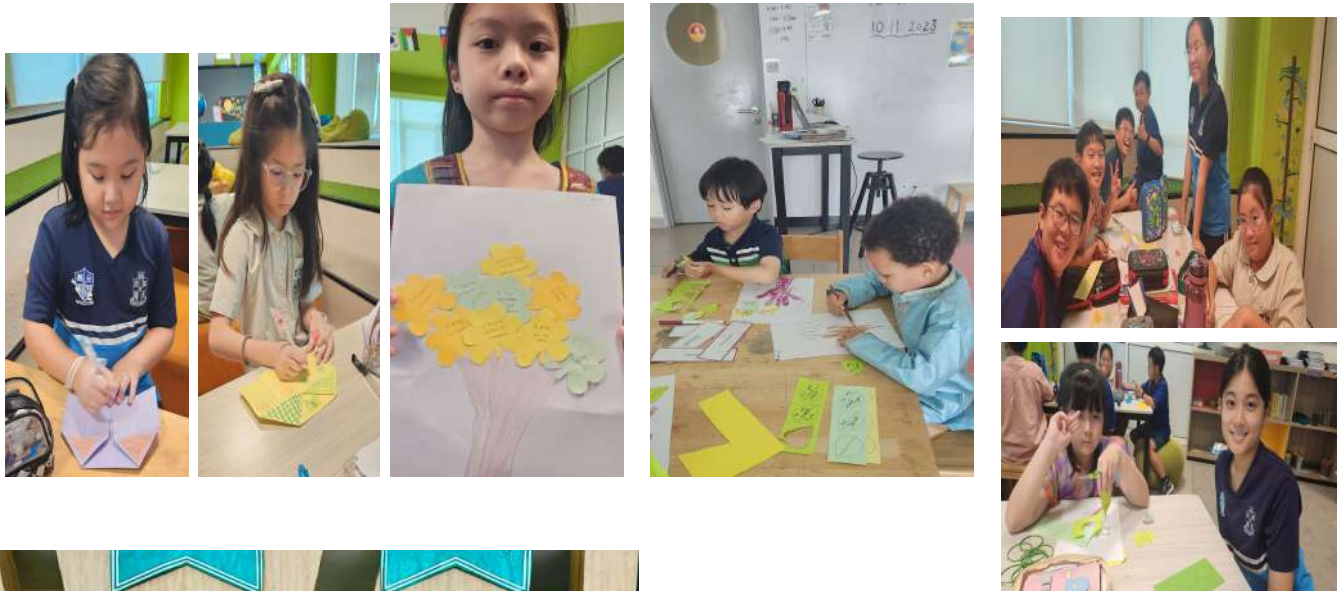
The B40 community of 30,000 people in Desa Mentari live in a dense concentration of just 12 blocks of low-cost flats. This bleak situation is similar in Taman Desa Ria. With rising cost of living and inflation, families are struggling to keep up with daily expenses, let alone education costs.

SJIIM's **Shine Kindness** campaign through Suriana Welfare Society aims to alleviate the burden by donating 150 back-to-school hampers to the children at the Suriana Learning Centres as well as provide laptops, equipment and art materials to Suriana's learning centres. Thank you to the generous donors to date. We have raised funds for 76 hampers. Please also visit the CCC and KitaKitar tables at the Christmas Bazaar as 100% of profits are pledged to the Shine Kindness campaign.



### Catholic and Christian Community

Over the last two weeks the children in Catholic CCA have explored what it means to love thy neighbour. We discussed the parable of the Good Samaritan and our older students learned about the importance of showing compassion as well as empathy towards others. The children made origami homes as well as creating prayer trees. Each week we are blessed to have the help of some high school students who always spread great joy when supporting the elementary classes.



### Gratitude

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers who helped us get into the Christmas spirit. Our school looks wonderful.



### End of Term 1 CCAs

Last day of Whole School CCA is on Friday, 1st December 2023



## Into The Woods JR

St Joseph's Institution International School Malaysia presents 'Into The Woods', an amusingly different way to think about everyone's favourite fairy tale characters. With a book by James Lapine and music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, Into the Woods JR. is based on the Broadway production which won several Tony Awards, including Best Score, Best Book, and Best Actress in a Musical. Recommended for children aged 7 and over, we politely request that younger audience members remain quiet throughout the performance. Tickets on sale now, don't miss out!  
<https://www.ticket2u.com.my/event/33631>

**SJIM Presents** A Spellbinding Musical

# Into The Woods Jr.

December 7th (5:30pm)  
8th (5:30pm)  
&  
9th (2pm)

Buy tickets now!

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Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM Book by JAMES LAPINE  
Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick

Into the Woods JR is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY. (212) 541-4604 mtishows.com

Original Broadway production by:  
Heith Landsman M. Anthony Fisher  
Rocco Landsman Frederic H. Mavorson  
Rick Strauser Jujamcyn Theaters

Originally produced by the Old Globe Theatre, San Diego, CA

## Unity Week

Unity Week serves as a powerful reminder of the strength that comes from diversity and the importance of fostering a sense of belonging among all students. The week began with Odd Socks Day; a dress up day that encourages students, teachers, and staff to embrace individuality and celebrate differences by wearing mismatched socks. Through the week the children learned about the importance of building strong friendships and about the power of using their words to uplift and support one another. The children in years 1-3 made friends with local author; Vanaja Dhanan (Aunt Van), who told the story of a cheeky cat in search of friendship and adventure. To conclude the week, all classes developed their own class anti-bullying pledges, enjoyed a special assembly led by Mrs Willoughby, and made unity bracelets as a symbol of solidarity within our school community.



## Year 2 trip to Royal Selangor

On Thursday, our year 2 students headed to the Royal Selangor Visitor Centre to learn about the material pewter and how it has been a part of Malaysian history. They enjoyed a tour around the museum and found out about money trees and crocodiles and observed merchandise being handmade. They finished their visit by enrolling in 'The School of Hard Knocks' to make their own pewter bowl using hammers and moulding tools. It was very loud but fun was had by all! Well done year 2!



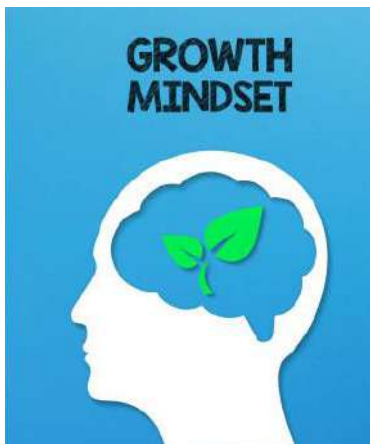




## Year 9 Options evening

### Reminder for Year 9 parents, Tuesday, 28th November

IGCSE Options Evening will start promptly in the **auditorium** at **4.30pm** with some short presentations from Ms Ellis (Assistant Principal: Teaching & Learning), Ms Quennie (University & Careers Counsellor) and Mr King (Head of Science). Parents and students are then invited to join teachers and Heads of Subject in the canteen for further one-to-one discussions about IGCSE courses and subject choices. The event is due to finish by 6pm. Links to the IGCSE Options handbook can be found on the parent Google Classroom.



## Working on our Growth Mindset in High School

This Thursday, students in years 7-9 had an assembly on Growth Mindset. Based on research from psychologist, Dr Carol Dweck, a growth mindset is believing that our abilities can be developed through determination and hard work and are not simply a result of talent. Students learned about what a growth mindset is, how it compares to a fixed mindset and the benefits of applying a growth mindset in the classroom. Please read more info [here](#).



## AWAS White Ribbon Run Sunday January 14th

Running Club CCA would like to invite you to join with us and support the All Women's Action Society White Ribbon Run - "Breaking the Silence/Ending the Violence", Sunday January 14th (700AM at Padang Merbok). This is an event with which SJIIM is wishing to support and contribute to the ending of gender based violence. This event links well with the recently celebrated Unity Week and a future collaboration between SJIIM 6th Form and the AWAM (<https://www.awam.org.my/>). Pupils, staff, parents and friends are invited to sign up independently using the following weblink -. <http://tinyurl.com/WhiteRibbonRun2024>. Alternatively, there is a QR code on the attached poster. There is a sign up fee of 50RM or 70RM. Please read more info [here](#).

## HS after school

Once the school day has finished, students are expected to leave the school site unless they have a CCA, fixture or are waiting for transport/a sibling. If they are waiting after school, they should wait in the school foyer or library. Students are not permitted to stay behind after school to play basketball. We do not have a teacher on duty on the basketball court in the afternoon and, therefore, the students are not supervised for their own safety.



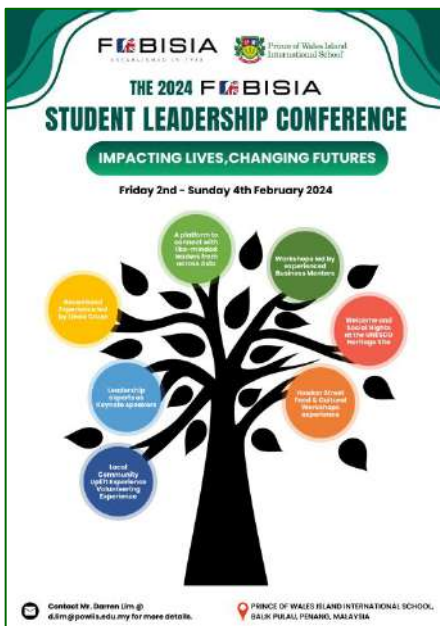
## U18 FOBISIA Netball success

The U18 FOBISIA Netball competition was held at Alice Smith School this year. There were 200 players making up 16 teams from Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. This is the first time SJI have entered FOBISIA Netball and they have a fantastic tournament, far exceeding expectations.

The U18 squad demonstrated exceptional teamwork and resilience, securing a commendable second-place finish in the pool stage. This fantastic pool stage result meant the team were playing in the Cup competition. Their final game of the tournament ended in a fantastic 12-3 victory. This impressive feat propelled them to a commendable 7th place overall out of 16 competing teams, a testament to their dedication and hard work.

The achievements did not end there. Each school was asked to vote for a team who they believed showed the best sportsmanship throughout the tournament. It is with great pride that our U18 Netball team was awarded this coveted prize.

A huge congratulations to Bernice (C), Natasha, Alysa, Amira, Sher Ying, Kheira, Janice, Jiwon, Lara and Palija. A special mention to Janice and Alysa our year 13s who played their last Netball game for SJIIM. Thank you both and we will miss you.



## FOBISIA Student Leadership Conference

The FOBISIA Student Leadership Conference, open to students in Years 7 - 13, will take place at the Prince of Wales Island International School in Penang. The registration cost for the event, featuring keynote speakers, workshops, T-shirt, souvenirs and a social event is 260 US dollars. This does not include transport to Penang and accommodation.

If your child is interested in taking part, please send an email to Mr Cairns ([gcairns@sj-international.edu.my](mailto:gcairns@sj-international.edu.my)).

In order to secure the early bird price, we would need to register by December 15th.

**We have limited spaces left so if you are interested in your child taking part, get in touch asap.**



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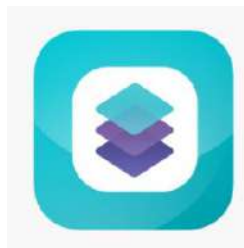
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