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THE WEEKS AHEAD

KEY EVENTS

Sat 5 th May	Y13 Boys & Girls Basketball at ISKL Y15 Girls Basketball at Dalat
Sun 6 th May	Jazz & Soul Band Performances at No Black Tie Jazz Club at 5.00pm
Tues 8 th May	EP's Sports Award Evening at Jalan Bellamy Hall
Wed 9 th May	IGCSE Exam starts Girls Basketball & Boys Football vs ELC - @ KLASS
Thurs 10 th May	Y7 Parent/Teacher Conference

School is closed from Monday, 30th April until Wednesday, 2nd May. It reopens on Thursday, 3rd May. In the student organiser, the information that Monday 30th April is a school day is wrong and is due to a printer's error.

MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

On Wednesday afternoon the Year 11 Drama students performed four sensational pieces for their GCSE coursework which demonstrated a remarkably high standard of acting for their age. It was hard not to become deeply involved in each play as the passion and conviction evidenced by each actor was convincing, whilst the tension and anticipation in the audience were electric. My congratulations to everyone involved in the delivery of the plays and to Mr Dowle for his efforts in schooling such talent in our students. It was a very enjoyable evening indeed.

On Thursday we had a visit from Michael Stutzman and Dean Simpkins from the American Embassy to inspect the security measures that have been installed over the past twelve months, including the barriers at the gates, CCTV systems, blast-proofing on the windows, PA system and communications equipment. These have made a significant contribution to enhance the security of the staff and students at EP and I would like to offer our grateful thanks to the US Embassy for providing the resources and expertise to effect these changes; it is very much appreciated.

My thanks also to Mr Wells and Mr Broadbent for their organisation, and to all of the contributors to the Options Evening on Thursday, which provided the opportunity for parents and students to research career and higher education pathways. It was a busy evening for all and will, I hope, have proved useful to our students in helping them to make the appropriate subject choices for their future careers.

I was delighted to meet a number of new families at the Newcomers' Coffee Morning at JB this morning. I hope parents and students alike will soon make new friends and settle in quickly as part and parcel of the Alice Smith Community, and please do remember that school is always here to help where we can.

Mike Welland, Acting Principal

MYMUN IV: MODEL UNITED NATIONS AT MONT KIARA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Last weekend a group of very dedicated students took on the role of French ambassadors in the Mont Kiara Model United Nations conference for three days. The level of research and standard of debate from our delegates was extremely high, and several students won awards: Iona Whittington, Justine Calais, Daniel Sablerolle and Navin Jayasingam. I was privileged to be able to watch all our delegates in action, and our two chairs, Natalie Loh and Sam Allen. It's safe to say that, as with our delegates, our chairs were among the best there. Unfortunately for us, this will be Sam's last MUN conference with KLASS, as she's graduating this year, so I take this opportunity to thank her for her role in the development of MUN at Alice Smith. Both myself and Ms. Brooks are continually impressed by the standard of our delegates, and hope that more interested students will join MUN.

R Street, MUN Director

"To live is to choose. But to choose well, you must know who you are, what you stand for, where you want to go, and why you want to get there" was the motto of the MYMUN IV. And that's just what the delegates of the Alice Smith School did in the biggest MUN Middle-School conference in the world.



Our school represented the delegation of France – which meant we had to research all different aspects of the country, covering everything from its stance on environmental issues to the number of llamas in the country (just kidding – but *one* of us found just that out...).

Our delegates were working tirelessly from the first day; merging clauses with others to create a resolution (a resolution is a list of things the UN will vow to do to help the world), and then debating these resolutions on the next two days. Everyone spoke on the podium, amendments were made, and resolutions passed.

It was an amazing conference, and I can't wait for it to happen next year!

Abhinav Vadrevu (9S), Delegate of France, Environmental Committee.

Opening Speech by Delegate of France at the General Assembly

Honourable Chair & Esteemed Delegates, the world today is not a safe place.

We must strengthen our resolve in the fight against terrorism.

However, we CANNOT compromise on our core values.

Firstly ... we must always abide by the rule of law and human rights principles. This is our greatest strength ... and this is what will make us different from the terrorists.

Secondly ... we must stay united. The terrorists are seeking to divide us by pitting Muslims against the others, Western against Eastern societies, extremists against moderate practitioners. We must stay united, Fellow Delegates. Unity is our biggest asset ... and Unity is what will help us succeed in this war.

France condemns all acts of terrorism and will support all measures taken in the fight against terrorism. A lot has been achieved ... but a lot more needs to be done. France pledges its ongoing and unrelenting support for this. Thank you.

Navin Jayasingam (9S)

INTERACT – JELI ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUITION CENTRE

On Thursday the 19th April, fourteen sixth form student members of Interact travelled to Jeli to provide the children at the Language Centre with a fun learning experience. The students were accompanied by Ms.English, Ms.Forget and Mr.Megson on a very long and tiring ten hour bus journey. Mr.Welland teamed up with the party on Friday after a comfortable flight.

The Jeli English Language Centre was set up by Datuk Mustapa Mohammed to provide the opportunity for young Malay children to learn English. After several Interact fund raising events and whole school book donations the students planned several language activities that they could teach the Jeli children on Friday and Saturday.

After an overnight rest at the hotel the sixth formers arrived at the centre on Friday morning to be greeted by a huge crowd of grade five and six students. After some brief warm up exercises the children were split into groups and spent



the morning in each of five activities. Story reading, learning songs, parachute language games, anagrams and hangman all featured in the fun sessions carried out by Alice Smith students. After an evening evaluation session and some refinements, what had proved to be a very good first session was improved upon for the second day. It was very clear that the Jeli children really had fun and were fully engaged in the language sessions. Equally clear were the enthusiasm, planning and reflection and performance skills of our students.

All the funding for this trip was raised by the Interact group through their activities rather than sponsorship. Interact pays a huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way. The generosity of the school community in the provision of books, a projector, lap top and bookshelves is

very warmly appreciated by all the students and teaching staff at Jeli.



The continued development of this community project is a wonderful opportunity for the students of Alice Smith to serve the local community and really make a difference. The trip is a great eye opener for our students and it was truly wonderful to see them so excited and involved in the business of helping the Jeli children with learning English. At the end of each session the appreciation of the Jeli children was demonstrated by their demand for autographs of all the Alice Smith party. I felt like David Beckham.

Steve Megson, Head of Sixth Form

THE 1ST ALICE SMITH SPORTS AWARD EVENING TUESDAY 8TH MAY 2007 AT THE HALL AT JALAN BELLAMY – 7.30PM TO 9.30PM

Alice Smith has acquired over the years a reputation for sporting excellence. To celebrate the sporting success from the year, we are hosting the very 1st Alice Smith Sports Award Evening.

There will be a buffet dinner before the awards ceremony. The awards will be jointly hosted by our sports captains Niall Walsh and Philippa Bushell. The evening will also represent an opportunity to review some of the power point and film presentations that have been put together throughout the year. There will also be a sports quiz and a free prize draw so all in all it promises to be an entertaining evening.

As this is the first evening of it's kind the decision was that it would be just open to the students. I am sorry if the reply slip caused a little confusion.

Jeremy Wyre, Head of PE

YEAR 7 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE THURSDAY 10TH MAY 2007

A reminder to all Year 7 parents that we look forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming parent/teacher conference.

COFFEE/LUNCH FOR CLASS 9T

Class 9T coffee/lunch on Friday May 11th at Coffee Bean Midvalley Megamall from 11am onwards. Hope to see as many of you as possible. RSVP Mandy Collins or Jackie Hancox.

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