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# YEAR BOOK

BY THE STUDENTS,  
FOR THE STUDENTS

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# Message

PRINCIPAL AND  
HEAD OF PRIMARY

KARLIE WALSH



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What we learn with pleasure we  
never forget.  
- Alfred Mercier

Welcome to this 2017/2018 Straits International School, Penang Campus Yearbook! Firstly, I would love to thank the Yearbook Committee led by Ms Ahreum and Mr David for such a fine publication. This task takes a great level of organisation, skill and creativity to create this fantastic yearbook before you.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Principal, although having been part of the school community for three years now, the transition was much easier than I expected! Throughout the year, we have been very busy at making some small improvements while keeping the foundations of the school rock solid. Just to name a few, we have increased our parent/teacher support group's involvement, leading to an increase in events for the school community to enjoy. We have also hosted a Young Entrepreneurs Day, Interschool Debating Competition, Science Fair and an Art Exhibition for students to share and celebrate their achievements. Year levels have increased their day trips termly to support and enrich the learning in school. We have introduced a new more specific approach to professional development for our teaching staff which has been praised and enjoyed and has also directly impacted positively on our teaching and learning. And finally we introduced study skills workshops from Singapore for exam year students which we hope will lead to excellent results!

Leafing through the pages, you will be able to enjoy recounts of not only our academic achievements but also many activities, trips, interschool competitions and events that complemented the learning to further develop our students into citizens of the world upon graduation.

Enjoy the Yearbook, and I, along with the rest of our SIS Penang team, look forward to welcoming everyone back for the next school year when the adventure begins all over again!

# Message

VICE PRINCIPAL AND  
HEAD OF SECONDARY  
CHRIS TERRY



Dear parents and students,

It has been an amazing first year at Straits International School. It has truly been an honour working with the highly dedicated staff. It always amazes me to see the innovation and energy that I see around the school. In my classroom observations, I have seen new ways of engaging students, delivering the curriculum in an exciting and dynamic way. Equally impressive is our student body. Dedicated students push themselves, both inside and outside the classroom, in the wide range of activities to which they commit their time. Not only that, they are a delight to teach showing respect for their teachers and learning. Finally the commitment that our parents have to their children's education is truly astounding. It is always a delight to talk to parents who are so focused on getting the best for their children. We have also taken on board and accommodated many of our parents' requests; we enjoy the constant conversation we have with our parents and we would wish to develop this further here at Straits.

This year has flown past so quickly. I have enjoyed so much about the wonderful island of Penang, the people and the culture. I have been proud that we have been able to introduce a new internationally recognized exam in the ICAS exam. I have also been happy that we have improved our exam results from last year, such as Checkpoint. I have been extremely proud of all our fantastic results in all our international competitions such as the History Bee and Bowl, the Model United Nations, the Worlds Scholars Cup and the SASMO Maths competition amongst many more, representing the school in Malaysia and internationally as our students start to compete on the global stage.

Next year I am very excited about what we are going to offer our students. We will continue to provide them with an exciting, varied curriculum composed of a rich variety of extension activities. We have exciting new choices available for our IGCSE options next year, with new subjects and an additional exam board. We have been working on many changes that should offer our students one of the best educational experiences in Penang.

Finally I am looking forward to getting to know our parents much more closely than this year as we continue to provide the best education we can for our students.

# Message

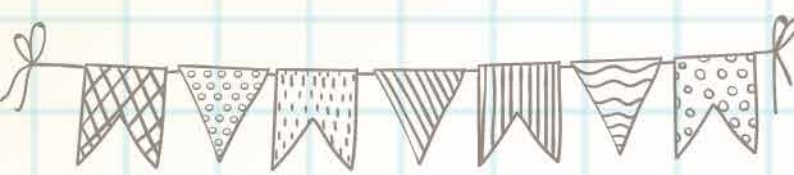
## YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE



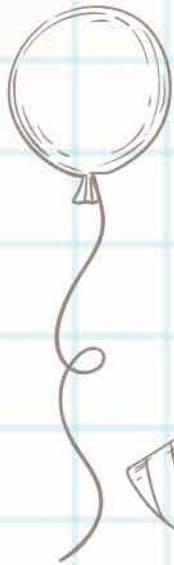
This year's 2018 Straits Yearbook Committee, led by Mr. David, consists of students from year 7, 8, 9 and 10. Our aim is to produce an exquisite yearbook that holds this year's memories. We have been exceptionally busy during activity time on Fridays, working to create essays on school celebrations, events and trips. The yearbook committee consists of three teams that work together: Researchers, writers and editors. Our researchers search through files to select the best pictures and information for each article. They are: Shareenaz (10s), Aishani (7S), Leroy (7S) and Bareesh Amit (7S). Our writers: Cassandra (8E), Triss (8E), Deborah (8J), Vaidehi (9H) and Nheha (9HY), take on tasks in describing the various events we have celebrated in school and summarize school activities. The editors: Mr. David, Shyuan Rhui (8J) and Xuan (9HY) go through written articles and edit them if necessary. Together, the Yearbook Committee has put together a splendid yearbook for parents and students; we hope you enjoy!



by Wong Xuan Hua



# Celebrations



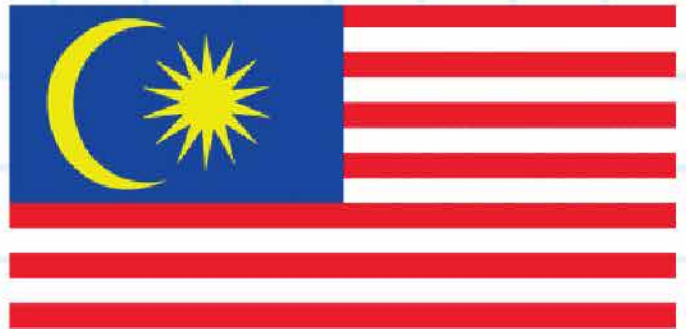
# MALAYSIA DAY

By Wong Xuan Hua



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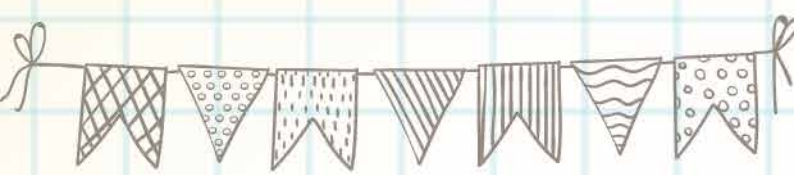
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Malaysia Day in Straits continues to reflect the proud multicultural nation we live in. SATU MALAYSIA!





# Celebrations HALLOWEEN

By Vaidehi Panchal



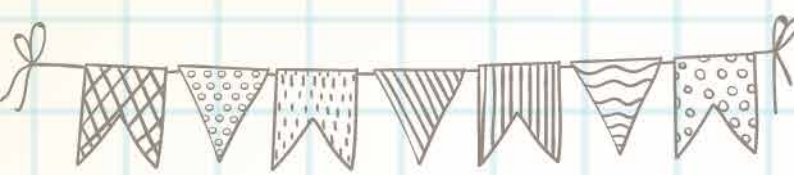
When it's the last day of the month of October, it's time to start preparing for Halloween! Here at Straits International we celebrated our first ever Halloween as a whole school on the 31st October in the multi-purpose hall.

Every student wore their own unique costume from witches to superheroes to lions. We also had an entertaining fashion show and all the models were from nursery right up to the year 11s. The best-dressed contestants even got prizes! Each student also received goodie bags filled with sweet and savory cookies as well as a drink. The stage was decorated with scary and spooky skeletons as well as the classic Jack O' Lanterns and ghostly spider webs. All this was done by our dedicated and hardworking students.



Later in the week, we also had a dance party where we had the projector up along with a dance game where our talented year 7s and year 8s showcased their talent and dance moves. It was a spine-chilling moment with a lot of excitement, entertainment and defiantly a whole lot of fun.

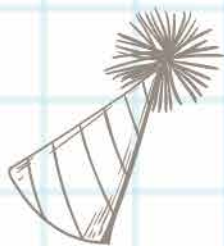
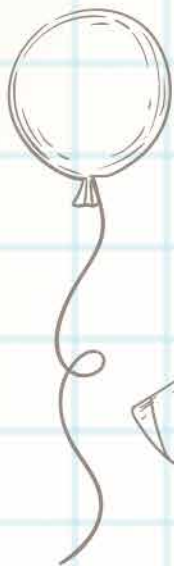




# Celebrations

## DEEPAVALI

By Nheha Baburau



Deepavali or Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights celebrated after the summer harvest in the Hindu calendar month of Kartika. Deepavali is celebrated to honor Rama-Chandra, the seventh avatar (incarnation of the god Vishnu). On this day, Lord Rama returned to his people after 14 years exile during which he fought and won a battle against the demons and the demon king, Ravana.

On this festive day in November, most of the teachers and students came to school clad in flamboyant Indian cultural attire. The whole school looked very resplendent in their outfits.

The assembly started with a welcome dance by Year 5 students. Then, Ms. Karlie lit up the oil lamp as a part of the Indian tradition. Next, the Year 2S performed an Indian song named 'Malhari'; there was also a performance of a traditional musical instrument called "Veenai" played remarkably well by Nheha from Year 9. The tunes were enthralling. This was followed shortly by the Straits nightingale, Vaishnavi from Year 6, singing 'Tum Hi Ho'. There was also a teachers' fashion show; the best dressed teachers were Ms. Rowan and Mr. John.

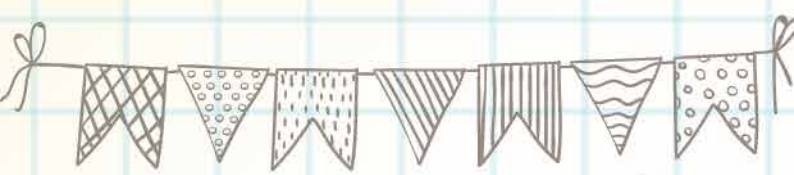


The highlight of the event was the Year 10 and Year 11 boys and girls dancing to a raucous song called 'Lungi Dance' with a number of teachers on the stage. This was certainly an unforgettable ending to an already memorable day!

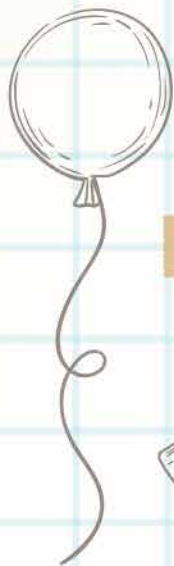








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# CHINESE NEW YEAR

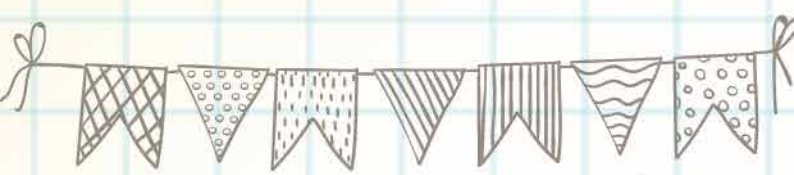
By Shyuan Rhui Chang



The last day of Chinese New Year brought an end to extravagant celebrations and family reunions. This also meant we had to go back to our long-forgotten homework and exams. But at Straits, the celebration continued. Students and teachers had a whole school celebration to look forward to! Even better still is was a non-uniform day with the school being an endless sea of bright red and yellow all day. We were also treated to an extremely well-performed Lion Dance and excitement levels reached a crescendo as the “lions” distributed mandarin oranges in a traditional ritual display of dance and music.

As MC, I had the privilege of watching all the acts from backstage. It was terrific! Our undeniably talented students deserved every single cheer they got! The noise, the merriment – it was truly an once-in-a-lifetime experience.





# Celebrations

## INTERNATIONAL DAY



By Triss Ong

March 22nd 2018 was a normal school day until 1.30 p.m. Then students started to gather in classrooms according to their years and nationality to get ready for the parade. It's the day when every student gets to walk with the pride for their countries – International Day

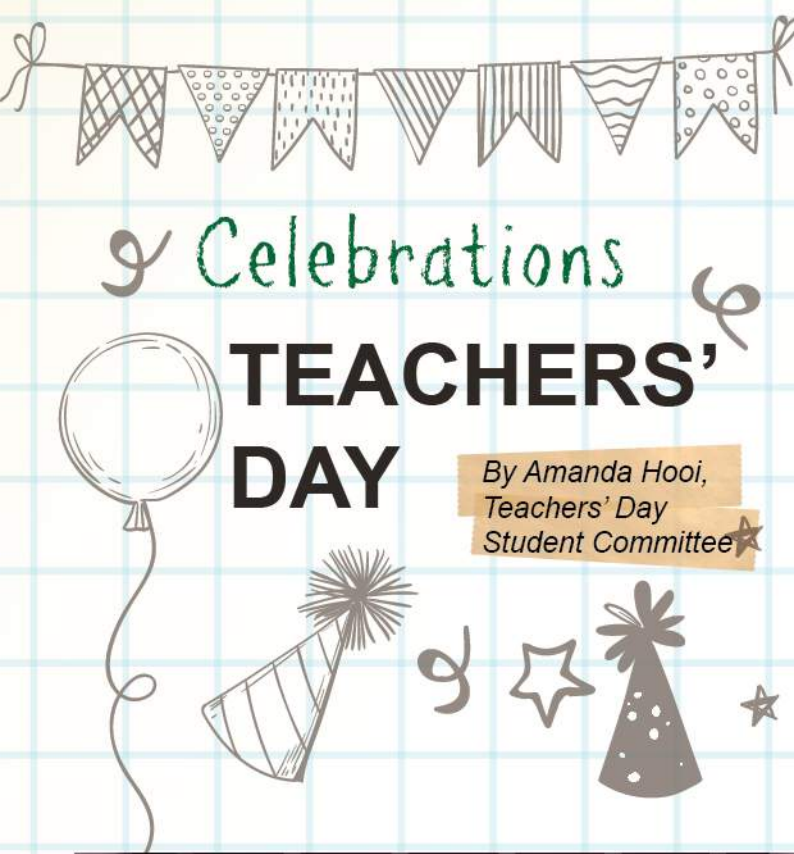


After the visitors were all gathered in the MPH, students from different nationalities proudly paraded through the hall representing their countries: Malaysia, India, Korea, Japan, Philippines and many more! All the students held their countries' flags up high. Afterwards students got to participate in themed activities linked to one culture or country in their forms which only added to the sense of occasion.



After the parade, food stalls were set up in the school canteen. Visitors that had come to watch the parade also got the opportunity to buy delicious food and drinks from around the globe. If your appetite was large enough you could have treated yourself to delicious home-made churros, pizzas, and noodles all in one sitting! Afterwards, the students could also purchase food from the stalls in the canteen after their cultural activities had ended which was a great end for the teachers, students and parents alike.





Teachers' Day is celebrated to appreciate the teachers in our lives. This year, our school celebrated Teachers' Day on the 18th of May 2018. The activities were planned by the current Year 10s and the Student Committee which consisted of 50 students from different secondary year groups. Students volunteered to help plan out this event. They had been planning for Teachers' Day since February.

# Celebrations

## TEACHERS' DAY

By Amanda Hooi,  
Teachers' Day  
Student Committee



The students had regular meetings to make sure everyone had a job to do and to ensure that things would run smoothly and according to plan. The students designed the T-shirts they were going to wear on that day. They discussed the activities and the theme of Teachers' Day .

During the week of the celebration, students gave the teachers their t-shirts for Teachers' Day . The teachers were surprised with the selection of tea, coffee and Milo by the students. The students surprised the teachers with a performance and a cac-tus for every teacher. They were also given brownies in the morning. The teachers were looking forward to the event.

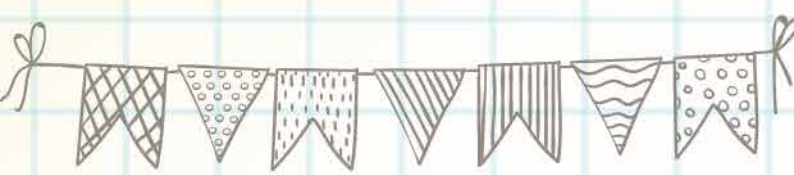


On the day, there were various types of performances performed by students during the assembly. Students danced K-Pop and ballet. There were also different types of instruments played. The assembly was decorated beautifully by the decoration team.

Students participated in creative activities which included fun games, karaoke and musical chairs. The teachers also played snakes and ladders. Key Stage 4 students played badminton and futsal together with the teachers. There were also board and card games being played.

Teachers and students both had a fun and memorable time together on Teachers' Day . The teachers bonded more with the students through the activities.

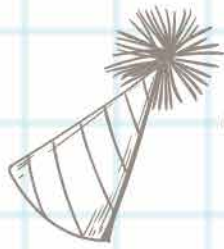
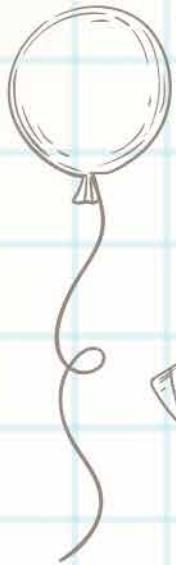




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## HARI RAYA

By : Xuan-Hua Wong



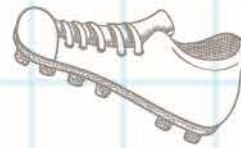
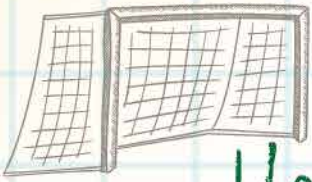
On June 22nd, Straits celebrated Hari Raya with a whole school assembly consisting of various dazzling performances. With students dressed in vibrant colors of green and glamorous baju kurung and baju melayu.

The assembly began with our national anthem; students and teachers standing straight and tall to sing. Our emcees, Nicholas and Amera, started the assembly, introducing the year 9 girls for an exquisite Malay dance. The dancers: Gabrielle, Bernice, Yen Nee, Nheha and Pui Ern did an amazing job learning the dance moves and performing them with ease. Next, a parade below the stage displayed dashing traditional costumes in a variety of colors that spoke of Malay culture. Ms. Rabiah and Ms. Haniza led the year 7 girls: Teresa, Eeo Min, Jeselyn, Tammy and Ye Jing in performing another spectacular Malay dance they had been worked hard for some time.



The assembly ended with a melodious song, sang in Malay by Jemerine from Y10: her voice was captivating and beautiful. The festive cheer of Hari Raya echoed in glistening decorations around the stage and the hall; we hope everyone enjoyed this jovial occasion!





# Houses and School Communities

## BURUNG KENYALANG



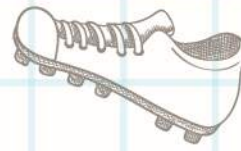
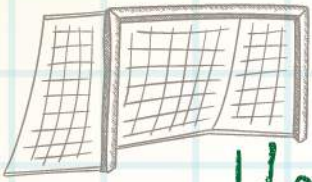
By Ms Soon,  
Head of BK House

What makes BK special is this is a team where everybody is striving to contribute each of their talents optimally. BK members are keen to collect house points; members from BK always go the extra mile in lessons, extracurricular activities, and various competitions to achieve their goals as a house. BK members are not only kind and helpful, but also very friendly which makes it very comforting to talk to BK members.

These qualities were displayed on the School Sports Day as BK members crossed the finishing line, doing their best without giving up. They participated in the event with good sportsmanship, always being proactive and diligent. BK members are also gifted in making handcrafts. We won the most prizes in the Chinese New Year competitions especially in Chinese calligraphy writing and lantern making. Our hard work and creativity obviously shone in these competitions.

We are deeply encouraged by the team spirit and passion in our house which always helps us to strive for our collective best and helps to propel us forward.





# Houses and School Communities

## HARIMAU

By Ms Jacee,  
Head of Harimau House



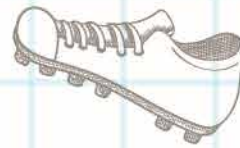
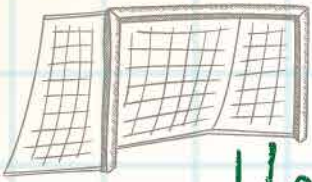
Harimau is a house made of people with passion, perseverance and teamwork. As the name suggests (tiger) we work as a synchronizing pack strategizing and strengthening, and we all have our own individual fortitude and abilities. We highly believe in teamwork and cooperation, which is our path and determination; it is what keeps us moving forward in a competitive world and also not leaving any of our precious members behind. You can hear the shouts and cheers from the Harimau group as they truly embody the spirit of motivation and inspiration; it is what keeps our blood boiling and our mentality focused on aiming for the top.



This was shown during school sports days and other events such as house competitions. We always work towards our goal and we look after everyone. We cheer up those who have fallen with encouraging words. During school races, every time a runner ran past the Harimau members, there were deafening screams and shouts egging our runners on. Our group is filled with lively, thoughtful and strong-willed people who strive and commit their efforts to reach the top as well as helping those who are new or are catching up.



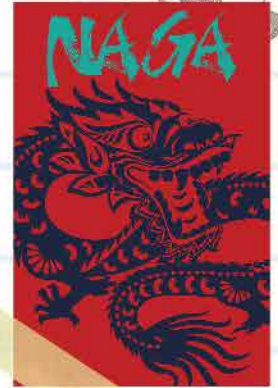
I would say that the Harimau community has a very light and friendly atmosphere and that everyone is always there ready to support you and greet you with open-arms; it is truly a pleasure to be in this group and exchange moments of laughter and excitement as well as inspiration and enthusiasm.



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## NAGA

By Mr Jeff,  
Head of Naga House



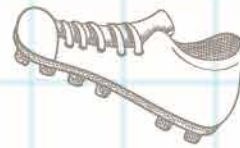
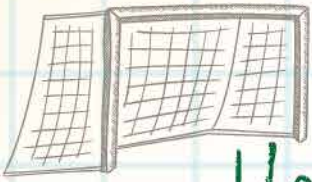
Naga has had a great year one again, which comes as no surprise! We are a tenacious and diligent team that is always pushing the boundaries to achieve more and more. This relentless approach has placed us once again near the top in regards to collecting House Points. We really demonstrated our prowess during Sports Day this year and placed very well in a number of the other house competitions.



In addition, some of the competitions have seen us really bind together as a team – such as during the Book Week celebrations, designing a lantern for Chinese New Year and creating our own Rangoli design. Throughout all of these competitions we remained as competitive as ever, while at the same time showed great respect and class towards the other opponents. We feel that this sportsmanship helps build a collective environment within the school and enforces the school motto which we live by every day; not for you, not for me, but for us!







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## RUSA

*By Ms Rabiah,  
Head of Rusa House*



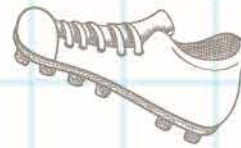
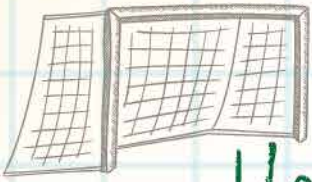
Rusa: where hard work and teamwork is found. We work together as one to solve all the problems that come our way. With confidence and a strong will to progress, this year we managed to achieve our best.

On the School Sports Day in particular, every Rusa member played a part and helped us fulfill our potential as a house through their collective efforts. They work extremely well with each other, using every aspect of teamwork in all the other house competitions and events throughout the year.



A major highlight of the year was the Rusa reward trips. In appreciation of Rusa House coming in 1st place during the 2016-17 academic year, Rusa organized trips for each of the different year groups. KS 1, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, went to the Tropical Fruit Farm. As for KS2, they had a great time with four teachers accompanying them to the 3D Trick Museum and I Box Glass Museum. Lastly, KS3 and KS4 went to Tropical Spice Garden accompanied by another four teachers. All Rusa members came back from their trips with minds full of knowledge as well as cherished memories





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# PRIMARY STUDENT COUNCIL

By Alyssa Mae Sridharan

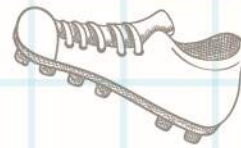
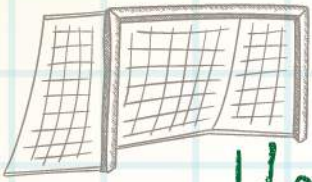
This year was very exciting for the Primary School Council! We organized many different charity events to raise funds. In the first term, we had a bake sale to help 4 Paws, a charity for stray dogs. For the first time ever, we also organized a "Movie Day". We sold popcorn, biscuits and drinks to make the viewing experience more enjoyable. From these two events, we raised a whopping 1905RM. All funds went to 4 Paws.



We repeated this fundraising success in the second term. We raised 1500RM and donated this to a blind school in Penang. In addition in April, we designed and made cards for Mother's Day and sold them to students. The parents were touched by our efforts and were very happy.

We are delighted that we did many things, not just for Straits but for Penang as well. We are looking forward to next year. We may be only primary school students but we can bring positive changes to the world.





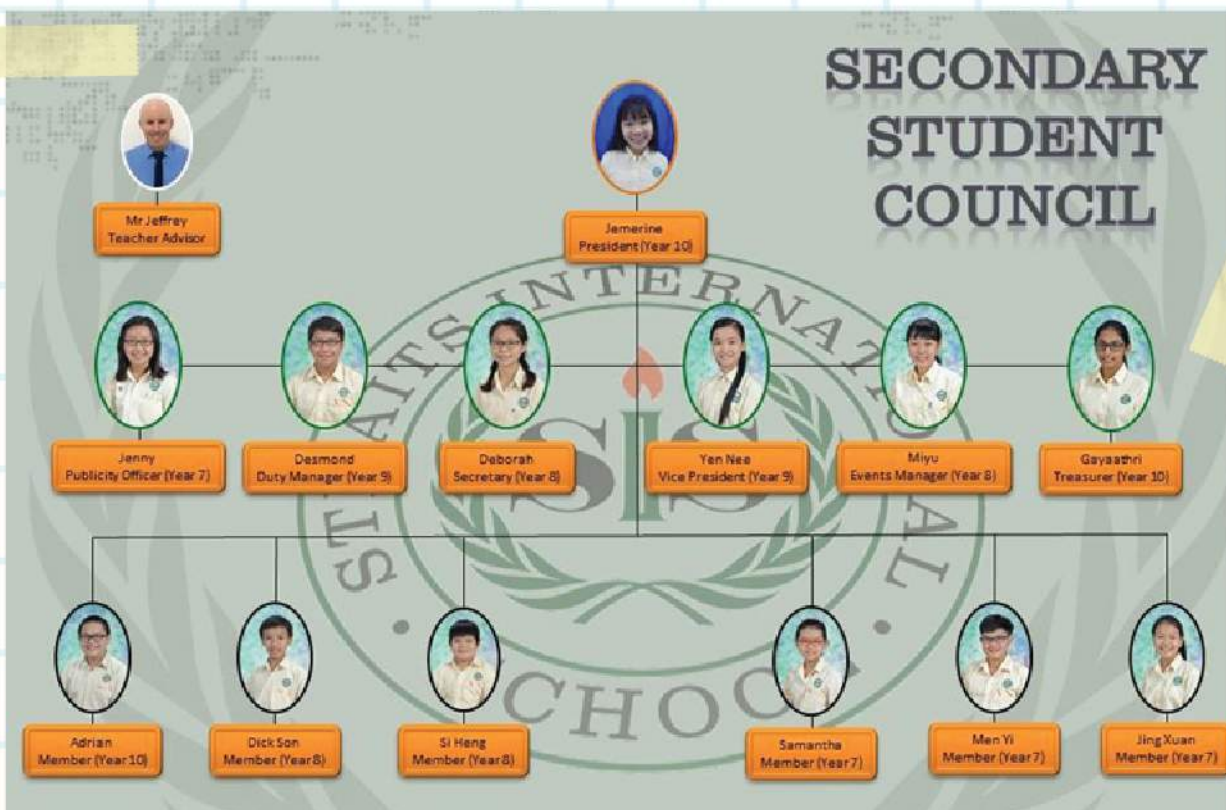
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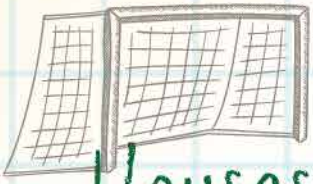
# SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

By Jing Xuan Tan

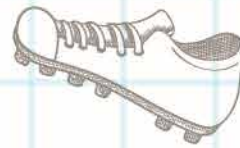
This year's Secondary Student Council consisted of members from each class from Year 7 to Year 10. The Year 7 members were Jenny, Jing Xuan, Men Yi and Samantha while Year 8 consisted of Si Heng, Deborah, Miyu and Dick Son. The members from Year 9 were Desmond and Yen Nee while the senior Year 10 members were Adrian, Gayaathri and Jemerine. We are also very thankful for the help of Misha in Year 8, who sadly left our school for pastures new. Miyu was our reliable Events Manager; Deborah was our friendly Secretary; Desmond was our stolid Duty Manager; Jenny was our personable Publicity Officer and Gayaathri was our trusty Treasurer. We are very grateful to Jemerine who provided us with her energetic and positive leadership as President. In addition, Yen Nee was always prepared to step in and lead as Vice President if necessary.

The Council was very proud to support the Twilight Concerts this year and also the completion and implementation of the School Production. In addition, we are very proud to now have the Council taking a more active leadership role at break and lunch times. Desmond has done a marvellous job at anchoring the duty timetable for the Council and we are very grateful for his mature and dedicated leadership this year. While the end of school is always a sad time, we are looking forward to a very bright and prosperous 2018-19 school year at Straits.





# Houses and School Communities



# STRAITS COMMUNITY HEROES AND ROUND SQUARE KNIGHTS

By Vaidehi Panchal

It was another busy year for both the Straits Community Heroes and the Round Square Knights with both groups collaborating to deliver outstanding community work throughout the year. Here are some of the highlights:



## Rangi Nursing Home

Last Christmas, the group worked together with Round Square Knights to help the Rangi Nursing Home which was badly affected by the autumn floods. Straits raised funds by selling Christmas decorations for RM 5. They collected RM 687 and bought new clothes and food. All these items were wrapped and decorated for Christmas.

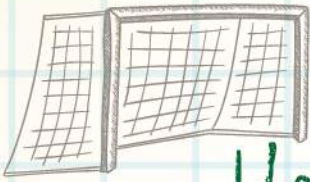
## Kechara Homeless People Project

On March 7th, the Straits Community Heroes and Round Square Knights teamed up again and went to Kechara Soup Kitchen to deliver 'Food for the Homeless'. Kechara Soup Kitchen is a non-religious group who provides basic necessary needs such as food, medical aids and counselling to the homeless. Straits volunteers decided to help the Kechara team by distributing food and drinks to the homeless. It was a great success.



Straits students will continue to work hard to bring positive changes those in need.





# Houses and School Communities



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

Proud to be



By Andrei Bayani

Seventeen students completed their Duke of Edinburgh's International Bronze Award this year. Adventurously, all students have completed a pair of two day, one night expeditions in Penang and they showed their stamina in difficult conditions. Here is the reflection of one of our students about the trek:



"On the start of the first day, before the trip even began, we arrived at school and sorted out our belongings in groups. This was seamless and we ended up finishing this task way before our bus arrived. I had been sick for the past few days so my team had been unable to contact me to distribute our supplies beforehand. When the bus arrived, we proceeded to throw in our bags into the trunk. We then went on a fifty-minute trip to the National Park.

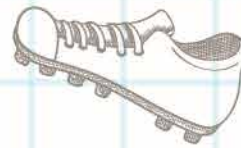
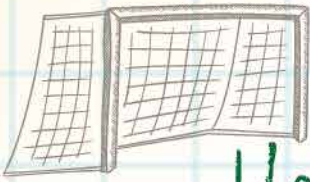
Our hike up and down the hills of the park began and we paced ourselves slowly to conserve our energy. I ended up collapsing anyway due to my previous fever and blisteringly hot weather. By that point, my team worked together to help me out and went at a slower speed to match mine. Along the way, we cooked up a meal and went fishing, as well as explore for our task at the time, finding flora and fauna.



Once we arrived at the camp site, we set up our tents and cooked dinner. While eating, some of us went off to catch a sight of the magical, awe-inspiring sunset. The sinking sun on the horizon over the sea was surely a sight to behold. Before going to sleep, porcupines approached the camp site to which most of us rushed to sleep.

In the middle of the night, around 4am, thunder crackled through the air. Some of us heard the ominous sound of thunder but some of us had to be awoken. We gathered our belongings and quickly rushed to a firm shelter. All of us managed to avoid getting wet as all of our bags had been packed up beforehand. After the downpour lifted, we made breakfast then slowly and carefully made our way back to the entrance.

While is a challenging weekend, I feel we learned a lot both about ourselves and the environment and I look forward to next year's Silver Award."



# Houses and School Communities



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD

Proud to be



In Malaysia



By Michael Hayes,

*Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Coordinator*

A small group of six Year 11 students opted in to the Silver Award this year and they have done incredibly well. They took part in survival training and learned a variety of skills such as camp craft; cooking and nutrition; route planning; how to correctly pack a backpack and teamwork skills.



One of our main focuses after last year's Bronze Award was improving students' food management and how they pack their kit. After some intensive training, students were able to have a completely hands free expedition for the first time and this aided them immensely in some tough trekking.

Our practice journey was very extensive with students trekking from the entrance to the national park to Teluk Kampi in the first instance. After setting up camp quickly and efficiently students were in good spirits and we were treated to the rare sight of baby turtles being released into the sea on our second evening at Pantai Keracut. Our trek back to the entrance took us over the steep climbs and through hazardous terrain as we often had to make our own paths. After six gruelling hours we exited the jungle and proudly returned to school.





# School Events

## YOUNG

By Xuan-Hua Wong

## ENTREPRENEURS DAY



In November, Straits held its first Young Entrepreneurs Day where students from all across the school sold their products, working extremely hard conceiving, making and marketing their wares. Tables were decorated and set up into bright and inviting stalls, displaying products with price tags and creative advertising posters. All students had been preparing for this day in their lessons for weeks, figuring out costings, making their products and working as a business themselves.



The students enjoyed the experience of creating a small business in classes, getting first hand understanding of what businesses went through and the process needed. Throughout the day, students across secondary and responsibility in their classes to succeed. Thank you to the mastermind behind this year's Young Entrepreneurs Day: Ms. Lily!

Throughout four busy hours, the students displayed and sold their products enthusiastically, inviting people towards their stalls and driving bargains. There were ingenious products sold such as plastic bottle piggy banks; chocolate covered fruit; greeting cards cotton candy and so much more! The event was a huge success with over 3000RM earned, which was donated to charity.





# School Events

## TWILIGHT CONCERTS

By Triss Ong

The Twilight Concert series are mini concerts hosted by the SIS Music Department which give students the opportunity to perform their talents in front of the parents, teachers and fellow students. Students both perform musical pieces as well as singing solo and in bands. These events enable the students to become more confident, independent and proactive as well as gaining confidence gradually in front of an audience.

Kicking off the series was, the autumn twilight concert which was held on November 1st. The students collaborated with each other and gave some outstanding performances. A particular highlight of the concert was the Year 10s Tapasya, Jemerine and Gloria performing as a singing trio accompanied by the piano. There were also some great individual performances from Deborah Tan on the piano and Firdaus Farid performing the clarinet.



The spring edition was held on February 12th and again featured a great range of performances from across the school community. There was also something special about this concert, which is that it was the last twilight concert before the Year 11 music students recorded their IGCSE coursework. Many students used this concert as an opportunity to practice performing their pieces. There were also some new performers this time, such as Ezra from year 10, who showed off his bass guitar skills after only one term of learning the instrument.

A huge thanks to Ms Ellie and Ms Carrena for their enthusiasm and help in organizing these showcases once again this year.







# School Events

## MATHS

By Shyuan Rhui Chang

# COMPETITIONS



### MAA-AMC

For all the students who love, breath and live Math, the American Mathematics Competition, which is organised by the Mathematical Association of America, is one of the most anticipated competitions of the year. With a history of 66 years, this competition is notably one of the most prestigious of its kind.

On November 14th, our Year 7 and 8 students – 7 February 2018 for our Year 9 to 11 students – took part in this competition with enthusiasm, finding ingenious and efficient solutions. Our students worked under immense pressure knowing that every second that passed pulled them closer to the 40-minute time limit – while solving 25 highly challenging questions with accuracy. The relief that was almost tangible afterwards. Believe me, as a contestant, I can answer without any hesitation that the feeling of unease you get a few days later, when you question the correctness of your answers, was not pleasant at all.

But at the end of the day, the “AMC experience” paved another stone in our students’ paths to be successful problem-solvers of this generation.

### Kangaroo Math Competition

With a history dating back as long as the early 1980s, the Kangaroo Math Competition is an international competition with over 50 countries participating to form the Association Kangourou sans Frontieres (AKSF). On March 15th, several of our students took part in this prestigious Olympiad Mathematics competition after months of relentless preparation and hard work. On the day, students gathered in a classroom and spent 75 minutes answering 24 multiple choice questions, with a worth of 3, 4 or 5 points each.

During the competition, our students in the age categories of Cadet and Junior raced against time as each minute passed was a minute closer to the time limit. But once the competition was over and the answer booklets submitted, there was nothing but the tentative process of waiting for the results – 2 silver medals (top 1.3 to 3.3%) from Shyuan Rhui Chang (Cadet) and Samantha Tan Yi Ching (Cadet); 4 bronze medals (top 4.6 to 10%) from Jing Yi Chuah (Cadet), Dylan Khor (Junior), Tan Jun You (Junior) and Andrei Bayani (Junior); 11 honorable mentions (top 10% to 50%). Our students’ diligence paid off and we couldn’t be prouder of them!





# School Events

## KUIH KAPIT WORKSHOP

*By Shyuan Rhui Chang*



Kuih kapit – what does it mean to you? Does it evoke any special memories? To this writer, this reminds them of the happy, sumptuous memory of Chinese New Year! Thin layers of kuih kapit gently laid up on top of each other in silver tins are such a beautiful sight. The traditional process of making kuih kapit is not well-known amongst the young generation. Luckily for us this year, Straits invited a team of professionals and parents to teach us the art of kuih kapit. The sweet coconut fragrance of kuih kapit lingered in the lobby, enticing us with its delicious aroma.



Over several days, each class in the school got to participate in the making of this traditional Peranakan snack. We got to learn hands-on the different stages from making the batter to setting the mixture in the mould and finally baking the mixture to the right mixture of crispiness and sweetness. However the best part was getting to try the kuih kapit which we had just finished making seconds earlier!





# School Events

## BOOK WEEK

By Xuan Hua Wong

Our SIS Book Week assembly took place on Friday, March 16th with both students and teachers dressed as fairy-tale book characters. All across the school were vibrant costumes that gave the day a magical feel. Our hosts: Tina, Yen Nee, Jing Xuan and Jenny did a great job capturing the interest of all students!

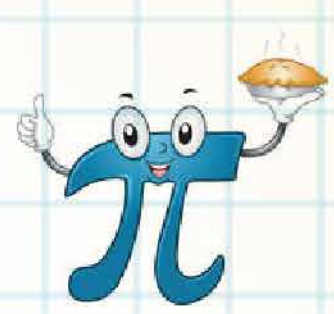
This year's International Book Week took place in March, celebrating authors, books, illustrators and the love of reading. Classes all across the school had their form tutor room doors decorated with spectacular book covers, all done by hand and hard work!



The assembly began with a song "I Love Books", sang by year 4 and 5 followed by a drama skit about the importance of reading performed by our MCs. Next, there was a book quiz featuring representatives from each house across the years, where they fought to answer questions for house points!

Following this, students dressed in stunning costumes paraded across the stage to show off their fairy-tale looks. Shiwaanee Jaga Jeevan, dressed as Princess Tiana, won the best costume award and RM20 voucher while Ms Linh won the best teacher photograph. The book week assembly closed with a dance performance, in which our hapless teachers were invited to dance alongside our "talented" Year 10s (George's contribution was a particular highlight!). Their dance brought down the curtain on book week; it was a celebration we certainly will not forget!





# School Events

## PI DAY

*By Deborah Tan*

On March 14th each year, Straits celebrates Pi Day. The day can be written as 3.14, the commonly-used decimal approximation for  $\pi$ . Ironically, is also Albert Einstein's birthday.

The purpose of the day was to foster creativity and enjoyment of mathematics among secondary students. This year we had a full-packed Pi Day. Students got to volunteer in activities and competitions such as futsal games, badminton doubles and baking Pi-shaped cookies. All these activities lasted for 3.14 minutes in each round.

During her piano performance, Jemerine (10S) played a piece which converted all the numbers in Pi into notes. This special day would not be completed without pies. We sold 220 pies. Pi Day was a great way for teachers and students to break away from the routines of school life and enjoy mathematics!





# School Events

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

By Xuan Hua Wong



The Straits School Production this year consisted of exciting performances from primary students while our secondary pupils were not to be outdone with their musical production, Disney's High School Musical Jr.!

With shimmering pom-poms and cute outfits, reception, nursery/ year 1M started the show with their enthusiastic cheerleading with "Hey Mickey" and "Shimmy Shake", setting a bright and joyous atmosphere. Following soon after, there were performances from Year 1L, 2H and 2K. Year 4L and 3J's performance of "A Night To Remember" was remarkable with the boys dressed in neat suits and girls in glamorous gowns! Year 3s and 4D gave the audience "All for One" followed by a basketball performance and "Bounce to the Beat" featuring the year 5s and 6s. They took basketball to a different level as they dribbled the ball rhythmically along with groovy music that set the hall into uproars of approval.

Next was the main event - The Disney Channel's smash hit movie sprung to life on stage as the secondary players took to the boards. The play features life at East High with main characters Gabriella Montez, played by Venus Ong and Troy Bolton, played by Mahadevan. Along the way, the two audition for a musical against Sharpay Evans, played by Brenda Ong and Ryan Evans, played by Daric Wong. The effort the cast and team put in shone in their performances as they gave their all. Among the highlights over the two nights were melodious and upbeat songs like "Start of Something New", "We're All in This Together" and "Breaking Free" which impressed everyone with their well-choreographed dances; months of relentless hard work had paid off!



Over the course of two terms, students from year 4 to year 10 along with multiple teachers worked impeccably hard, giving their all to bring the show to life. With hard work, time and countless practiced during activity time and afterschool (even on weekends!), both teachers and actors/actresses rehearsed to ensure they give us their very best into every scene. Numerous members of staff and students have been working hard behind the scenes to choreograph, direct, work on lighting/sound, capture the show and design the stage. This year's production would not have been successful without their immense efforts and time invested: Ms Ellie Saunders (HSM Director), Ms Hui Yen (HSM choreographer), Ms Hannah Warlow (HSM Co-Director), Ms Carrena Tung (Primary director and choreographer), Ms Heng (HSM props) and Ms Katie Wawro (Primary Cast Support). The backstage crew includes Adrian Quah whilst Mr Daniel Chinery and Zac Lee worked with sound and lighting. Set design was done by Mr Hasfis with Eveleen as repetiteur.

With a passionate, fiery finale of "Fight Song", sang by the primary students, this year's school production came to an end. We look forward to next year's production and we hope to see you there!



# School Trips and Competitions

## KINDERGARTEN TRIPS

By Vaidehi Panchal



The Early Years had an exciting and busy year this year exploring nature and different occupation areas, which helped them to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

### Metropolitan Park - February 2018

The Early Years went to the Metropolitan Park as a part of the Nature and Environment topic which they were studying in lessons. The students experienced walking in the nature and walking along the trails in the park. They were also given a checklist and a nature bag to tick and pick the fallen leaves, flowers and rocks.

### Countryside Stable - March 2018

The Early Years students also learnt about animals this year and got to experience interacting with some of these creatures first hand at the countryside stable. They got to observe animals such as horses, ponies and donkeys in their natural environment. They also got to feed the horses, groom the ponies and donkeys as well as riding some of the horses in the stable.

### Bakery Trip - May 2018

The Reception students studied a new science theme which also included different occupations. As a result, they visited one of the local bakeries. Then learnt what bakers do in their daily work in the bakery and learnt the steps in making bread. The early years had a lot of fun in making their own bread working with their hands. It would be such a memorable experience for them.

The early years truly enjoyed these trips and learnt a lot from these trips and we are already excited about what trips the next school year will bring.

# School Trips and Competitions

## YEAR 1 TRIPS

By Vaidehi Panchal

### Term 1 – Tropical Spice Garden

In December, Year 1 students had an exciting trip to the Tropical Spice Garden in Batu Ferringhi. The students looked at plants which were directly related to their lessons in Science. They really enjoyed looking at the colourful flowers and plants around them. Trips wouldn't be fun if there aren't any activities! The students participated in a 'sensory tour' which was led by the Spice Garden staff to consolidate their science work on the five senses. They also completed a scavenger hunt activity about local plants in the garden. Best of all they had an enjoyable picnic lunch and played on the slides before returning to school!

### Term 2 - Batik Art Factory

During Spring Term, Year 1 students visited Penang's Batik Art Factory. At the factory, the students watched professional batik artists painting beautiful and creative patterns. They watched the whole process of dying the batik from start to finish. Afterwards, the students had a chance to paint their own batik patterns on a cloth provided for them and they got to keep them as souvenirs!



### Term 3 - Teddy Ville Museum

During Summer Term, Year 1 students had a lesson in Humanities about 'Toys Through Time' and went to an exhibition at the Teddy Ville Museum in Batu Ferringhi. At the museum, students viewed many different teddy bear arts. The students also had a chance to see some examples of the original teddy bear designs by a famous German designer, Richard Steiff. The day ended on a high note with the students getting to play in the soft play area and extreme slides in the adventure zone.

# School Trips and Competitions

## YEAR 2 TRIPS

By Aishani Suman

Year 2 went on a number of different and exciting trips to extend their learning. Here are some of the highlights:

### Tech Dome Trip

Year 2 students went to Tech Dome to learn about materials in Science. They had a chance to make slime with borax, glue and water. Firstly, they made liquid slime. Then they experimented with more borax to solidify the slime. They also learnt how materials changed state from solid to liquid and vice versa. They also had a chance to visit the exhibitions at the Science Center and learned about the human body.



### Habitat Trip

Year 2 students also had a chance to visit Habitat to continue their outdoor learning. They were extremely excited as they boarded the train to go up Penang Hill. They started off with a nature walk and learned all about the different flora and fauna in Malaysia. They also viewed a lot of butterflies and beautiful flowers. They then discovered that some of the plants in Habitat were poisonous. They were careful not to go near them. At the end of the trip, they walked on the Canopy Walk and had a great view of Penang Island.







# School Trips and Competitions

## YEAR 3 TRIPS

By *Kassandra Lim*

Year 3 had a very exciting year and this was reflected in the range of different trips and activities outside of the classroom. Here are just a few selections of these:

### Goat Farm Trip

Year 3 students had an amazing experience at Balik Pulau's Happy Goat Farm. The students had an opportunity to feed goats whilst others were even more adventurous and learned how to milk them! It was a joyful event where everyone had a first-hand look at these adorable creatures. They also had a chance to taste an assortment of goat products including goat milk, milkshakes and the ever so delicious cheesecakes.



### Bowling Trip

At the Aspiration Center in Sunshine Square, Year 3 students, accompanied by Mr. Jack and Mr. Scott, learned about bowling. The trip was ten lanes of madness accompanied by screams of excitement as the students achieved high scores in two matches and claimed house points. They also had a chance to learn about and discuss the laws of friction on the lanes and other forces as well. Working together, they had a fun time performing team building activities. Although there was rivalry between winners and losers, overall everyone had a great time.

# School Trips and Competitions

## YEAR 4 TECH DOME TRIP AT KOMTAR

By Bareesh Sanghavi

This year, Year 4 were lucky enough to get to go to Tech Dome at Komtar. Tech Dome is a dome-shaped museum offering interactive science and tech exhibits along as well as a wall climbing activity. This is a place dedicated to scientific concepts allowing people to investigate and explore while having fun. Some of these topics were covered in Year 4 Science prior to their trip so this gave them a great opportunity to extend their learning.



Year 4 explored the following zones at Tech Dome: Life Tech, Force and Motion, Electromagnetism, Robotics, Information Technology and Optics. In addition, there was a temporary exhibition which focused on inventions. Year 4 were delighted to discover that we use many of these inventions on a day-to-day basis. Everybody had a great time, getting plenty of hands-on experiences. They had a lot of fun trying interactive activities and learning at the same time.



# School Trips and Competitions

## YEAR 5 TRIP TO HABITAT

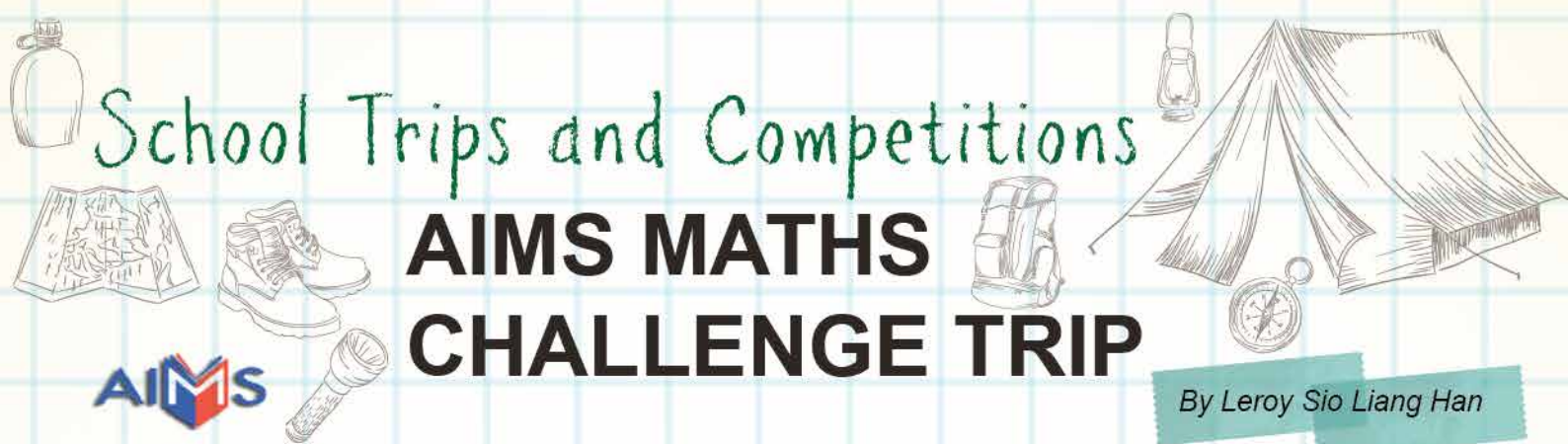
By Leroy Sio Liang Han

Year 5's trip to Habitat was fun-filled and exciting from start to finish. First, they took the funicular train up Penang Hill, and this was now even the main part of their trip! When they arrived at the top, they were greeted by the staff from Habitat who escorted the pupils to the newly-opened exhibition, "Langur Way". The students were split into two groups and were given a guided tour and learnt about the different flora and fauna of Malaysia. In addition, they saw a lot of butterflies and beautiful flowers. In smaller groups, the students demonstrated what they had learnt and presented their findings about the important differences of plants, leaves and why these differences occur in nature.



After lunch the students walked the Curtis Crest Tree Top Walk. They were extremely brave and walked the entire canopy walk which gave them a bird's eye view of the jungle, George Town and the mainland. A huge thanks to Miss Ahreum for her absolutely perfect organisation, the Habitat staff for their hospitality and Ms Yi Chin and Ms Rowan for their support during the trip.





# School Trips and Competitions

## AIMS MATHS CHALLENGE TRIP



By Leroy Sio Liang Han

In February, Straits sent a Primary School team to compete in the AIMS Maths Challenge competition. This was a very important event for us as we were the defending champion! This year the team was consisted of Year 5 students instead of Year 6. The competition took place in Uplands School for two days

Ruey Xuan Lok, Yi Lingg Tan, Sheng Yang Saw and Masato Inada represented Straits. The students tackled a range of team and individual Maths challenges, involving number work and problem solving. Some of the challenges were also held at Entopia Butterfly Farm.



The AIMS Maths competition was a big challenge for our first time participants and we are proud of them all!



# School Trips and Competitions

## YEAR 6 TRIPS

By Xuan-Hua Wong

Year 6 took a variety of different trips this year in order to deepen their knowledge through experiential learning as well as having fun! Here are a just a few selections of these trips:

### Mission Q Trip

For most of the students, the highlight was the thrilling trip to 'Mission Q', which was undertaken to provide adventurous and challenging ideas to use in narrative fiction writing. The teachers did not participate and waited outside for the students to complete their missions. Year 6 students negotiated their ways through various challenges with only their wits to rely on. The excitement was palpable as the level of noise reached its crescendo. Congratulations to the two successful groups that managed to escape within the time limit of one hour! It was certainly an exciting trip they would never forget!



### Made in Penang Museum Trip

At the end of spring term, Year 6 visited the Made in Penang Museum. The unique experience allowed them to see the history of the Penang waterfront. Some of the exhibitions were in 3D artwork. This gave them great photo opportunities and giggles. After a long and busy second term, they deserved a chance to enjoy themselves. It was the perfect way to end the term.

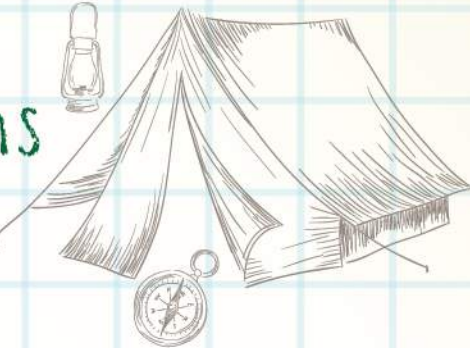




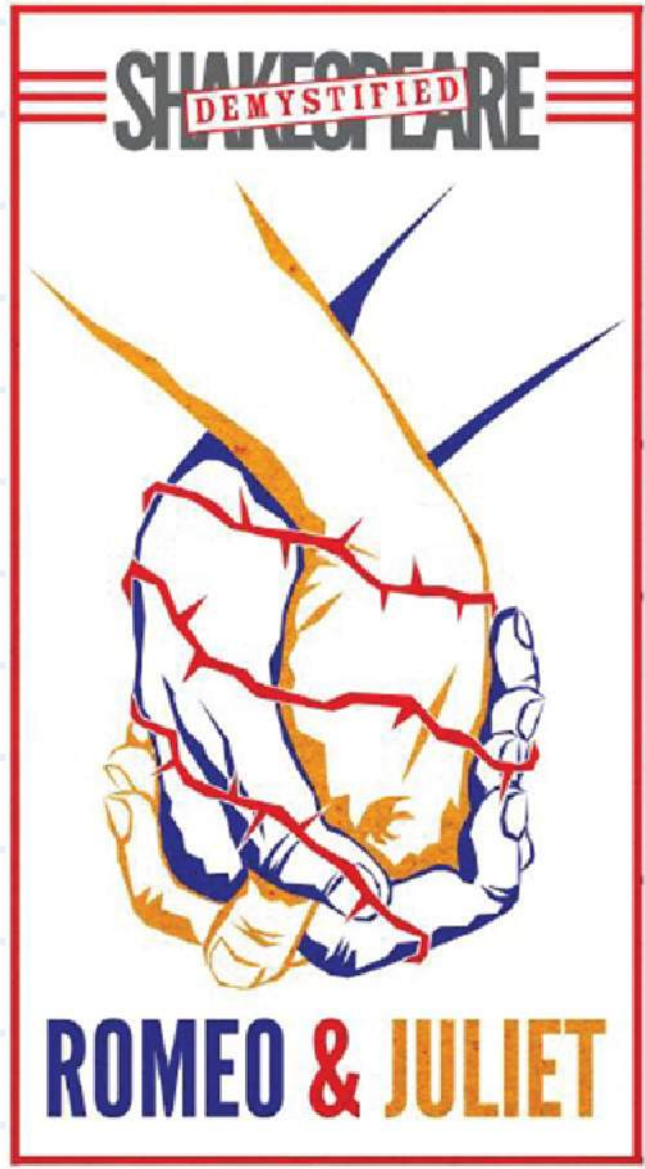
# School Trips and Competitions



## KS3 THEATRE TRIP



By *Kassandra Lim*



In May, KS3 students went on an educational performing arts trip to Straits Quay’s Performing Arts Center to experience the joy of drama and literature through the most famous romantic tragedy of all time: Romeo and Juliet.

It was a two-hour play consisting of six actors who employed minimalism by dramatically expressing multiple emotions and having lightning-quick wardrobe changes in a dark curtained room. The well-portrayed characters filled the room with the old language of Shakespeare, laughter and tears as the two lovers faced conflicts together. At the beginning of the play, the talented yet charming Romeo handed flowers to some of the students.

It was an exciting trip because many students had never been to a professional play. They also picked up a few drama skills such as using facial expressions effectively. Their favorite moment was when Juliet lifted Romeo’s head up and accidentally hit his head on the floor. Overall, it was an invigorating experience and one that they hope to repeat again in the future.

# School Trips and Competitions

## STRAITS AT THE WORLD SCHOLARS CUP



By Vaidehi Panchal  
Kassandra Lim

### Penang Regional Round at Prince of Wales Island International School

This year our school participated in the World Scholars Cup for the first time at the end March at Prince of Wales Island International School (POWIS). The first activity was debate: we had three rounds of debate and later had fun collaborating on writing. For the next day challenge, we arrived at University Sains Malaysia (U.S.M). Here, we met the founder of the World Scholars Cup, Daniel Berdichevsky. We also received an alpaca plush toy called 'Jerry'.

We then had the Debate Showcase with Shyuan Rhui representing Straits. We also had an enjoyable talent show where another Straits student, Javier Yeoh, showed off his piano skills. Last was the award ceremony where all the teams from our school were qualified to enter the Global Round! We were astounded at this opportunity and looked forward to participate in the Global Round in Kuala Lumpur. Some highlights among the results were as follows:

Shyuan Rhui Change (3rd in debate), Javier Yeoh (5th in debate), Vaidehi Panchal (3rd in Da Vinci) and Kassandra Lim (team writing, debate and Scholar's Bowl) and Shiwaanee Jaga Jeevan (gold medal for individual collaborative writing and a silver medal for individual best debater).

### Global Round in KL

Straits participated in the WSC Global Rounds for a week as Junior Jerries. This event was held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre where they were amongst 4,000 scholars around the world. On the first day, a scavenger hunt to Sunway Lagoon was held where our Scholars were divided into teams. We made new friends along the way. The following day was the Scholar's Challenge which was an individual 120 objective question writing assessment. As the second day came to an end, the students were tested with debates on Science, Literature and Social Studies. The last day was the Scholar's Bowl which was a team objective question activity. This was held in the main hall where teams had to combine their knowledge and answer questions with a buzzer in their hands.

After all the stress and excitement came the Scholar's Ball where everyone dressed in their best, danced the night away, enjoyed delicious food, entertained themselves and mingled. There was also a cultural fair where the scholars had an opportunity to learn about other cultures and histories of countries such as Ukraine, Kenya and Canada.

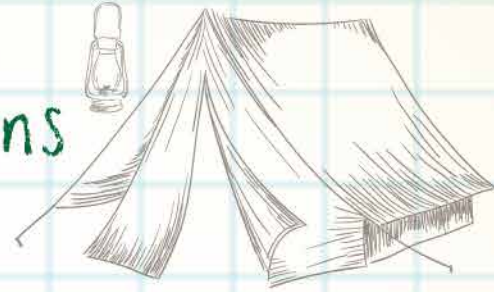
We also had a talent show where everyone had an opportunity to show off his or her unique talent. At the end of the talent show, everyone received their very own colourful alpaca plush toy! This wrapped up the World Scholars Cup in the most superb way possible. Here are some of the highlights of the competition results:

Javier: Team Debate, Individual debate, Scholar's Bowl - Yen Joe : Team Debate, Social Studies, Scholar's Bowl - Kassandra : Team Debate, Science, Scholar's Bowl - Jing Xuan : Individual Debate, Team Debate, Collaborative writing - Jenny Ooi : Individual Debate, Team Debate, Collaborative writing (15th/900) - Shiwaanee : Individual Debate (silver), Team Debate (silver), Team Collaborative Writing (gold)





# School Trips and Competitions



## PERFORMING ARTS TRIP TO PENANG HOUSE OF MUSIC

By Triss Ong



In November, year 8 and all the IGCSE music students took a trip to Penang House of Music, in Komtar. The museum documents Penang's music in the 20th century. It also holds a large collection of different radios and mostly defunct sound technology.

As part of their trip, the students completed a quiz which encouraged them to interact with the exhibitions including the virtual reality room. The pupils also undertook a research task in the resource room and finally had a go at being radio DJs in a very realistic looking studio.

A big thank you to the pupils who enthusiastically engaged throughout the whole day, and to the Penang House of Music staff from whom we learnt a lot of interesting things.





# School Trips and Competitions

## HISTORY BEE AND BOWL COMPETITIONS

### Penang Regional Finals (20 January)

"If you think you had it tough, read history books." (Bill Maher) And sadly, I have to agree with him. Period. So that's exactly what makes our history teams' (Team 1 - Ren En Kong, Ayush Patel, Desmond Voon, Indeshwaraj Vijayanand, Shyuan Rhui Chang; Team 2 - Jeffrey Illhan, Samantha Tan, Jing Xuan Tan, Ye Jing Tan, Jonathan Tan, Javier Yeoh) results in the regional rounds way more remarkable – their effort in pursuing more knowledge with tenacity. As all of us know, hard work always pays off. For our history teams, rewards came in the form of coming first and second places in the competition at Dalat International School. Much to our amazement, this was our first time participating in a history competition. Furthermore, several of our students qualified for the History Bee Finals, with Ren En coming first and Indesh coming second.



### Malaysia National Finals (March 3rd)

Due to the success in the Penang Regional Finals, both teams qualified for the Malaysia National Finals six weeks later. Heading off to Kuala Lumpur in the crack of dawn, our teams arrived in Sunway International School early to dive headfirst into the competition. After several hours of highly competitive rounds of quizzes later, we found out that one of our teams got into the finals – and came in second. Nothing could have prepared us for the nail-biting experience in the History Bee Finals when Ren En competed with two other students for the top three rankings. Much to our relief, he won second place, just missing out the first place by a few points. During the competition, our students gained not only experience, but also friendship with students from other schools. Overall, it was a valuable experience and we would like encourage more students to join this roller coaster ride of knowledge next year!

### Asian Finals (June 15th and 16th)

Straits continued its excellent run in this year's History Bee and Bowl Championship in the Asian Final held in Khao Lak, Thailand. The pupils claimed more silverware on both individual and team levels.

72 pupils from international schools across the continent competed to be the individual Middle School champion. Ren En had another very strong showing and finished 12th which meant he made the cut for the semi-finals. Unfortunately, this was as far as he progressed. But he had another trophy to add to his burgeoning collection after being presented with a plaque for reaching this stage. The bowl team was also successful winning 3 out of their 5 rounds. They defeated heavyweights such as Harrow International School Hong Kong. They finished 7th out of 21 teams which was good enough to progress to the quarter finals. In the quarters, they faced Shatin who proved too strong for our pupils on this occasion.



Overall, this has been a remarkable maiden year for Straits in the competition and we will come back even stronger next year.

By Shyuan Rhui Chang

# School Trips and Competitions

## YEAR 9 PENANG WAR MUSEUM TRIP

By Xuan-Hua Wong



In June, Year 9 students stepped back in time to World War II with a trip to the Penang War Museum. It is not your typical museum with glass displays and air conditioning: it actually is an open-air former British military fort built to protect shipping lanes in the Straits of Malacca. After falling into disuse for sixty years after the end of World War 2, it has been restored to tell the story of Penang's dark days under the Japanese Occupation from 1941-1945.

Following an experienced guide, we hiked through the museum, learning about what soldiers and prisoners-of-war went through during this traumatic period. Through the remnants of the fort, we were able to learn about the different ways in which the fort was adapted into a prisoner-of-war camp. The often chillingly ingenious and unimaginable ways in which the inmates were tortured and executed were explained as we weaved our way through the exhibitions. This allowed everyone to empathise with the experiences of those who lived through this terrible time and to gain a new appreciation for now living in a free and safe country.



One of the most thrilling parts of the trip included exploring underground bunkers as well as pitch-black claustrophobic secret passageways, which really allowed us to experience what it would have been like to hide underground during bombing raids. Furthermore, we "rose" to the challenge by crawling in a tunnel with lingering cobwebs and climbing up a nine metre ladder to exit the bunker in the museum! That was definitely an experience we will not forget!



Even with the fear of ghosts lurking in our collective psyche, the Penang War Museum was an exhilarating trip; it helped that our teachers made jokes to keep us on our toes. Thankfully, we all returned safely with Mr David, Mr Jeff and Ms Hui Yen.

# School Trips and Competitions

## YEAR 9

By Deborah Tan  
Triss Ong

## BUSINESS BATIK TRIP

In February, Year 9 students went to Penang's Batik Factory in Teluk Bahang. Batik is a technique of wax-resistant dyes applied to cloth. It is either made by drawing dots and lines of the resist with a spouted tool called a canting or by printing the resist with a copper stamp called a cap. The purpose of the trip was to gain hands-on experience on how this technique worked.

At first, the students were given a tour around the showroom of the Batik Factory. There were many different Batik products on display including bags, clothing and scarves. The students also learned about how the artists make different batik designs using different methods.



After the tour, Year 9 students tried their hand at making batik. With drawn patterns done by the workers with wax, they chose their own colored dyes to create their own designs. The finished products were turned into beautiful tablecloths. Overall, it was a creative and rewarding experience where students were able to try out a traditional craft and learn new skills.



# School Trips and Competitions

## YEAR 9 GUA TEMPURUNG TRIP

By Nheha Baburau

In December, Year 9, led by their form tutors Miss Lily and Mr. Hasfis, went to Gua Tempurung located in Gopeng, Ipoh. This limestone cave is more than 3 km long; it is one of the longest caves in Peninsula Malaysia. Some part of it has been developed as a cave with electric lighting and walkways. There are a range of tours of different lengths and difficulty levels. This cave is made up of 5 large domes and is believed to have existed since 8,000 B.C, about 10,000 years ago.



We had to wake up early on the day of the trip because we had to leave early. All of us slept well on the bus during the long journey! There were two different tours; one was 4 km long and the other one was 2.5 km. We were thrilled even before entering the caves. Once we enter the caves we could not wait to come out of them because we were stuck inside for more than 4 hours! It was so silent in there that you could hear a pin drop! It was absolutely perilous in the dark and yet, so exhilarating!

# School Trips and Competitions

## STRAITS AT TP MUN

By Desmond Voon  
Ayush Patel

Tenby Penang Model United Nations (TPMUN) was certainly a very enjoyable yet intimidating experience as it is not every day that you get to wear your Sunday best and discuss world politics. What is the Model United Nations? It is a 3 day extra-curricular activity in which students typically roleplay delegates to the United Nations and hold mock UN committees. Straits sent a team of pupils to the conference (Shyuan Rhui 8J, Gabrille Loo 9H, Desmond Voon 9H, Ayush Patel 9HY and Ren En Kong 9HY).



Each delegate represented a country in which they discussed the topics and took the position as the country's head and decision maker, simulating parliamentary procedures. The discussion of world politics was separated into 6 different councils, discussing different aspects of the world's problems. UNODC covered the problems of drugs and crime; UNHRC tackled the problem of human rights; ASEAN discussed the issues within the Southeast Asian nations; UNEP conferred about the world's environment as a whole; DISEC examined the use of disarmament and international world security; and the last council, WHO, discussed global health issues.



Here are some of our reflections as delegates:

*"I felt like TPMUN was truly a great experience and something worthwhile to experience once in your life. It was a very challenging 3-day journey as it was my first time and the rules of procedure and the topics were very confusing and a bit intimidating. Just like everyone else, it was difficult on the first and second days learning through the procedures but it was a steep learning curve. By the last day, I was inspired to do more in the next conferences. It was also a pleasure to participate in formal sessions. The entire system of MUN is actually very fun, challenging and special. It is very different from your day-to-day school life. Overall, it was one of the best first experiences I have ever had and I hope to embark on more MUNs. Furthermore, I would like to address the change I feel inside as a person. After the three-day long conferences, I felt much more energetic, more daring and more expressive. I felt that giving public speeches or conversations in general was made less intimidating and much easier by this unique experience. In MUN you have to improvise countless to make statements or back-up your country in a formal manner. I would wholeheartedly recommend MUN to anyone seeking to improve their public speaking skills and looking for a new experience in life."* Desmond Voon



*"Truthfully, MUN has made a drastic change in my life. It has helped me refine my public speaking and debating skills. My MUN experience given me the confidence to stand in front of crowds and I also learned much about how the world actually works."* Ayush Patel



# School Trips and Competitions

## YEAR 10 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES BEACH CLEANING TRIP

By Triss Ong



In December, the Year 10 Global Perspective students went to the Miami Beach in Batu Ferringhi to learn about biodiversity and the ecosystem which is one of the topics they were studying as part of their course. There was a total of eight year 10 students, led by Ms. Lily and Mr. Chris.

The students looked at ways to save the planet and they also helped to clean up the beach environment. They picked up waste such as leaves, fishermen's nets and kept them in a bag and threw them away.

After the trip, the year 10 students made a presentation to the year 5 and 6 students and get them to reuse, reduce and recycle things like clothes, plastic, newspapers etc. The year 10 Global Perspective students wanted to give back the community and make the place they live in beautiful again.

Overall this was a great opportunity for the pupils to engage both in community volunteer work as well as spreading awareness among the school community about these issues.



# School Trips and Competitions

## ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA



In September 2017, three lucky Straits pupils (Carmen, Ye Qian and Fariheen), accompanied by Mr Mike, got to represent the school at an International Round Square Conference in South Africa. Here are some of their reflections from a truly life-changing experience:

*"Round Square International Conference 2017 was truly amazing, I had a fantastic time during the conference as it is the first conference for me. I really enjoyed the activities that are based on the 6 IDEALS. For example: on the service day, we went to a township and spent a couple of hours with the kids. Helping them out with colouring and learning their dances. Also, I absolutely love how the kids are so appreciative towards everything. In addition, I think that it is beneficial to the school because it is important for us (the delegates) to share the things that we have learned from the conference. One important thing that I've understood is that in order to make a school become a better place is to unite — everyone in the school needs to work together and support each other".*

- Carmen Lim, Straits Round Square Delegate

*"I'm really glad to have been able to attend the Round Square International conference because it is a great experience to be able to meet a lot of people from all around the world and to learn different cultures. I've enjoyed the activities during the conference especially the baraza sessions. We discussed what we enjoyed with the group and also exchange our opinions within the group, which is a great opportunity to get to know them better. Also, I enjoyed the service day and adventure day where we could step out of our comfort zone and challenge ourselves. This is definitely a good experience to go through in my life and I would like to go again!"*

- Ye Qian Tan, Straits Round Square Delegate

*"My trip to South Africa was absolutely unforgettable, it made me a more vigilant and diligent person. It was such an amazing experience to be able to witness the beauty of another country, I remember watching the sunset at the top of Table Mountain; I was filled with such inspiration and indescribable emotions. I felt so grateful to be given this opportunity, as a student I was challenged in many ways especially when I had to put myself out there to make friends, I realized that not everyone wants to be your friend but the right people will. I met such incredible people that touched my souls and made me feel so welcomed and happy. My favourite part of this trip was the service day where we went to an orphanage and spent time with cheerful little kids. The smiles on their faces gave me such hope, and it was such a pleasure to spend time with them. The fact that they don't expect much and they immediately accepted you made my heart filled with warmth. Overall the conference is a fantastic way to allow students to get out of their comfort zone and build confidence. To have Round Square in our school is just the beginning in helping out more communities and the encouragement it alludes is magnificent."*

- Fariheen Sheikha, Straits Round Square Delegate



# Sports

## HOUSE BASKETBALL COMPETITION

By Triss Ong

In November, we had Straits' first House Basketball Competition. Almost 400 students filled the MPH for 30 minutes of basketball competition throughout the entire day. Much excitement and cheer filled the hall as the students battled it out and tried to be crowned this term's House Sports competition champions.

The EYFS and KS1 students played a variety of modified games which focused on their hand-eye coordination and gross motor skills including bouncing, shooting for the basket, running and passing. Meanwhile, Year 3 to Year 11 all took part in their own competition. Each team demonstrated great skill, excellent sportsmanship, together with many smiles and laughter.



There were some very high scoring games from different teams and year levels, and I know the PE staff were exceptionally proud of all students with their effort to listen and team cohesion.





# Sports

## HOUSE ATHLETICS COMPETITION

By Aishani Suman  
Bareesh Amit Sanghavi

This year Straits had a House Athletics but unlike previous years, it was even more exciting as we also had the first ever Straits March to encourage collaboration between house members. This was especially exciting for EYFS and KYS1 as they had not had the chance to race on the big field this year.

Firstly, on 8th February, young primary students took part in the Little House Athletics events. The students competed in sprints, tunnel ball, throlf, long-jumping, baton races and sliders relay. Each student made their best effort to win points for their teams and enjoyed a variety of other athletics-related activities.

Next, on 9th February, the older primary students took to the field to participate in the House Athletics Competition. The students had been working hard in PE lessons to improve their technique for discus, shot put, standing long jump, sprints and relays and this really showed on the day. It was fantastic how the students supported each other.

Finally, on 19th February, the secondary students took to the field in 100m, 200m runs and field events of shot put, discus and standing long jump. Finishing off the session was the year group relays. Many students demonstrated growth and learning in the activities.



Overall it was a wonderful experience for all students involved. An athletics competition highlights the importance of team spirit while keeping fit and healthy. Many students were able to celebrate success with their medals this year, although all students gained valuable life skills as individual participants and as part of a team.



# Sports

# STRAITS DRAGONS BASKETBALL TEAMS

By Xuan Hua Wong  
Nheha Baburau  
Vaidehi Panchal



This year, we had three Straits Dragons Basketball Teams: U13 Boys, U15 Boys and our first U15 girls' team. With training sessions every week after school, the basketball team practiced hard to learn new techniques, improve their game abilities and enhance their teamwork. Throughout the year, we won several games against other schools with quite impressive performances. There is definitely some talent amongst the team. Well done Straits Dragons!

## U13 Boys

This year's U13 boys' basketball team consisted of Lionel, Eric Ahn, Yu Yang, Daric, Brian, Javier, Joseph, Indesh, Desmond, Yu Ming, Kok Chin, Zhen Hao and Ivan W. There were many highlights throughout the year but two in particular stand out. Firstly, in October, the Straits Dragons Basketball team played a basketball match against GEMSAs which was the first time for a match with this age group. This was a good opportunity and exposure for the team to experience a game with proper set rules and regulations. Despite the fact they did not win, their first game enabled them to learn and improve in future matches. The other highlight was in December when they played their final match against POWIIS. They went all out this round and were able to score against POWIIS quite early. The team has definitely improved in team communication and their practices paid off. The match showed them to be more organised and aware of their roles to support their team mates. By giving their best, the U13 boys won their first match ever by 30 points to 22. We are truly proud of their achievements. Kudos Straits Dragons Basketball Teams!



## U15 Boys

This year the Straits U15 basketball team as put in a lot of effort and played several exciting games against other teams from across the island. They went to Tenby for their first friendly match in which their full potential was on display. Even with one practice without an actual court our team did an excellent job in the whole game. Later in December they visited POWIIS where they went all out and were able to score against POWIIS quite early. The team was more organised and were now aware of their roles to support their team mates. Our team have definitely improved with their team communication and their practices paid off. This being their last game, they really gave it all their best and I believe they are all very pleased with the results of their match. The U15 boys lost by only 2 points in the last few seconds of the game. We are truly proud of their achievements this season.



## U15 Girls

This year our basketball U15 girls' team tried to play well even though they just played two matches. They really gave it all their best and I believe they are all very pleased with the results of their match. In October they travelled to GEMS for their debut game. The girls' team played half match due to small number from Straits Team losing 44-0 but this was a good exposure as they had their first proper match. They built on this experience in December when they journeyed to POWIIS. The team was more organized and were now cognizant of their roles in supporting their team mates. The girls' team were edgy at first but they hard-pressed on and succeeded to score 10 points during their last quarter losing 43-18 in the end. Our teams have definitely improved with their team communication and their practice paid off.

# Sports

# STRAITS DRAGONS GIRLS NETBALL TEAMS

By Nheha Baburau



This year was a steep learning curve for the team, but we learned a lot and enjoyed ourselves. This year's team consisted of Elly, Tina, Teresa, Bernice, Miyu, Nheha, Jing Xuan, Tien Ee, Samantha and Reena. In October we played some of our most thrilling games of the season against the POWIIS U14 and U16 teams. We played two games and lost both, but the games were extremely competitive; Straits team was very close to winning the first game.

Later in October, the Straits U14 team played at a tournament at Uplands. Straits played against Uplands, Tenby and POWIIS; Straits won against Uplands and POWIIS Team B but unfortunately, they lost against Tenby who proved too strong.

On the heels of this competition, in November, our under 14 and 16 girl teams played in a mini tournament hosted at Uplands against Tenby, POWIIS and the Uplands team. Although we didn't win any games this time out, it was a great learning experience for all the players involved. Finally, in December, Straits played a tournament against the U16 Tenby and POWIIS teams. Unfortunately, Straits lost all 3 games.

This year our teams improved immensely, and they learned from their mistakes in every game. We learned many skills too by playing with the other teams. Good Job Straits! Let's win more games next year!



# Sports

## STRAITS DRAGONS SWIM TEAMS

By Deborah Tan



It took some persuading at first to form a swim team in Straits but, soon, as more students tried going for training in school and going to competitions we actually got along quite well and this is how we ended up with a Straits swim team. A series of fortunate events indeed!



In October, six Straits students (Deborah, Yi Ern, Gayaathri, Kennie, Kevin and Firdaus) travelled to compete in the Secondary Interschool Swimming competition against Uplands, Tenby, Penang Japanese School and POWIIS in Uplands School. For some of the students it was their very first swimming event and they trained regularly over the 6 weeks before in preparation. All students performed to a high standard and proved themselves by competing in the 50m for freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. All students swam in the relay with Kevin and Deborah taking on extra laps to complete the swims for a missing team members. It was an exceptional effort from all students who braved their first Interschool Swimming Competition this year.

With confidence built up from their maiden competition, in March, five Straits students (Deborah, Kevin, Kennie, Brian and Daric) travelled to compete in the Secondary Interschool Swimming competition against Uplands, Tenby, Penang Japanese School and POWIIS. For some of the students it was their very first swimming event and had trained intensively over the past two terms in preparation. Again all the students competed excellently.



It was great see this as culminating event for the students that have joined Mr Edward for swimming training during early morning sessions on Wednesdays at 6.30am. Well done everyone!



# Sports

# STRAITS DRAGONS FOOTBALL TEAMS

By *Kassandra Lim*  
*Deborah Tan*  
*Triss Ong*  
*Aishani Suman*

Straits was proud to field several different football teams this year which is a clear sign of the sport's enduring popularity as well as the depth of talent the school has in this sport.



## U11 Boys

It has been a long year with the U11 SIS Team striving hard and travelling to multiple school to face off against SCIPS, Tenby, Uplands, Dalat and KLASS. Their two teams (A and B) consisted of Hariharan, Andrew Won, Jared Loke, Brendan Ong, Mohamad, Isaac Loh, Keith Loh, Sean Goh, Ram, Masato, Eugene Lim, Ravivarmen, Ravi, Darrence, Chauthi, Ruey Xuan, Brandon, Yoshi, Chauthi, Sean, Brandon and Ravi. They played superb matches against the challenging schools and will continue to work harder and carry the character of good sportsmanship as they win or lose. Overall, they have had 1 win, 3 draws and 17 losses; although they might have had more losses than wins, they are determined to improve and achieve with a lot more experiences and achievement to come.

## U13 Boys

The Straits team included Sato, Ayush, Dickson, Yuming, Alvin, Yen Joe, Zhen Hoa, Janstern, Brandon, Ezra, Zac and ZoHun. The coach of this team was Mr Vinod. They played three games this across year in October and February. The first game was against Gems. Sato scored three goals and Ayush add two more for a 7-1 victory. The second game was against Powiis. The first half was intense for the Straits team and during the second half Straits made a lot of mistakes and got defeated. In the last game, Straits went up against Uplands. The first half of the match was difficult but the Straits team ended up running out 13-2 victors in the end.



## U13 Girls

This year was a steep learning curve for the U13 Girls team as they did not win any games but they learned a lot and should come back stronger next year. The team consisted of Aliah, Angel, Jayne, Kassandra, Renee, Shi Ying, Teresa, Triss and Tina. The highlight of the year was getting to travel to the Penang Sports Club to participate in the inter-schools football tournament against Dalat, GEMS, POWIIS, Straits and Uplands. Even if it was a challenging year for the team, we are very proud of how the Straits players conducted themselves throughout the day even though the results were not in our favour this time.

"This my last football match for me with the team and I will miss all the players greatly. I hope you will continue to improve on the skills and experience from this year and continue to enjoy your sports."

– Ms Rowan

## U15 Boys

Throughout the whole academic year, boys from years 9-11 participated in the U15 Boys school football team. They were: Danny, Vikaash, Jack, Yang, Brandon, Firdaus, Jun You, Joe Hun, Zac, Kwan Yang, Owen, Sean, Kai Wen and Wayne, led by the team coach Mr. Vinod. They trained almost every Tuesday after school to improve their skills in football. They competed with many different schools such as POWIIS, Dalat International School, Uplands International School, Tenby International School and Gems international School. Although we didn't have many victories, we managed to have a match that finished with a draw against Gems International School in October. It was an overall amazing experience for the students and they also enjoyed participating in the team and learning new football skills.

# Sports

# STRAITS DRAGONS ATHLETICS TEAMS

By Triss Ong

This year our Straits Dragons Athletics Team was proud to represent the school at the International Schools Penang Athletics competition held at Dalat International School and USM. The team members were Teresa, Tina and Tien Ee for the U/13 girls; Kennie, Firdaus, Zhen Hao and Jonathan for the U/15 Boys; and Brandon and Jack for the U/18 Boys.



The team was selected from the best results of each age group U/15 and U/18 in the school's House Athletics Competition. The team competed in field events such as discus and shot put at Dalat on the Friday evening and the track events, 100m, 200m, 400m, relay, 4 x100m, 4 x 200m, long jump and high jump at USM on the Saturday.

The USM track close by was a particular novelty for the team. The students were able to compete on a proper length Athletics track which is made from synthetic rubber, which helps to absorb impact.

Students competed in various track and field events in the U/15 and U/18 age group and were pleasantly surprised with their results. Firdaus was placed third in the overall U/15 boys discus and also fourth in shot put. Jack got first overall in the U/18 boys long jump, and Brandon got third for the overall in the U/18 discus. The students participated in as many events as they could and the girls teamed up with POWIIS students to form a relay team for the 4x200m which shows fantastic sportsmanship for all schools.

Our team did a stellar job throughout the whole school year and I hope we will have more chances to participate in these kinds of events next year again.



# Sports

# STRAITS DRAGONS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

By Suman  
Bareesh Sanghavi

This year was the second year for students representing Straits as part of the International School Cross Country Team. Students nominated themselves for the event at the beginning of Term 1 and a small group of ten students progressively improved their individual fitness and stamina. Then they worked on their endurance in order to complete a training schedule for long distance running in preparation for the three events to be held around Penang International Schools. These events were as follows:

## Race 1 Teluk Bahang – February

The Cross Country team was treated to the picturesque venue at the Teluk Bahang Dam during their inaugural race of the season. The students worked hard to keep up their pace and improve their performance as they crossed the dam wall. On completion, many of the students said they enjoyed the challenge and the water view.



## Race 2 Straits Quay – March

The second race took place at using the Straits Quay promenade to the Lighthouse as a loop. There was a smaller bunch of runners this time as many of the other schools were on their break. However, the Straits team pushed hard to complete the course, some with higher positions than last time out.

## Race 3 POWIIS – March

The students took to the streets of Balik Pulau to the POWIIS campus to complete the Cross Country run. Although there was a little bit confusion on the course with most Straits having to restart the event for the U/13 students, then did well in the end.

It was wonderful how the students developed their techniques for long distance running and worked hard on their stride and stamina to complete their races. They were certainly proud of their efforts and their improvements from their training and previous runs.



Class ND  
2017/2018

Year Group  
**NURSERY**



**Form Tutors**

Miss Sri Kamini (left), Miss Sri Devi (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Angus Goh Shi Kai, Sebastian Baptist Lee, Ooi Jo Sien, Cheah Yoshe, Ho Ting Yi, Mook Jia Xian, Joelle Lau Zhi Shan, Ayaansh Tomar, Sun Xianyang

**Front row standing position from left**

Tran Nguyen Diem Quynh, Guan Yi Cheng, Lionel Leong Chi Him, Omar Sajid Suddozai, Nia Santhosh Almeda, Yana Priya, Poppy Isabella Wishart-Terry, Joyous Loh

**Sports**

swimming, running, tennis, and track and field

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Literacy, Art and Numeracy

**Food**

spaghetti, briyani, cheese, rice, pasta, cake and fruit

**We are from**

Malaysia, China, India and Australia

**Hobbies**

playing with toys and helping with house chores



Class RA  
2017/2018

Year Group  
**RECEPTION**



**Form Tutors**

Miss Carena (left), Miss Arlene (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Meera Madusha Navindravadhanam, Varsha Girish, Victoria Virgo Ng, Avni Balakrishnan, Aditi Shridhar, Howie Wang

**Front row standing position from left**

Mun Kwong Chan, Austin Jung, Arisya Suhana Mohamed Shaik Daud, Maryam Alasmari, Max Phor, Yen Ze Thor

**Sports**

basketball, football, cycling, swimming, running, bicycle race

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Literacy, Numeracy, UtW Science, ICT, Mandarin

**Food**

vegetables, noodles, fruit, curry rice, ice cream, chicken, chocolate, pizza

**We are from**

Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, India, Indonesia, South Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines

**Hobbies**

painting, reading, writing, doing homework, playing, dancing, singing, drawing

Class RS  
2017/2018

Year Group  
**RECEPTION**



**Form Tutors**

Miss Serene (right), Miss Mohana (left)

**Shadow Teacher**

Miss Mala (left)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Ng Zinnie, Fayyadh Al Assad Rasheed Ahamed, Lyu Chun Yuan, Loh Cay En, Farida Eldieb Amr Abdelfattah

**Front row standing position from left**

Lee Xin Yi, Jayden Khoo Kai Qian, Kashvi Iyer, Avanieeth Sanderan, Nicole Loh Jing Xuen, Lim Jing You

**Sports**

running, tennis, football, badminton, basketball

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Art, Literacy, Numeracy, Drama

**Food**

sweets, fruit, chicken rice, fries, nuggets, cheese

**We are from**

India, Malaysia, China and Egypt

**Hobbies**

watching movies, drawing, reading

Class 1L  
2017/2018

Year Group  
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**Form Tutors**

Miss Shanti (left), Miss Lisa (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Wen Yin Mook, Jae In Ki, Charvik Kakollu, Le Le Shi Run Yang, Weng Lok Lim, Zhen Wei Wen Wei Ho

**Front row standing position from left**

Hafsa Gohar Saeed, Athena Brooke Yin Ng, Mark Myeongjun Yun, Tanvi Guggu, Angelababy Jia Ying Beh, Teo Taehyun Kim

**Seated position from left**

Nguyet Nhi Nguyen Chau, Natalie Ru Yue Ooi, Lewis Yu Shen Khoo, Ahmad Eidil Aqasha Abdullah, Saumith Panchakshari

**Sports**

football, badminton, running races, walking and basketball

**Food**

sweets, fried chicken, pizza, popcorn, orange and apple juice, salad and fried rice

**Hobbies**

playing in the snow, playing musical instruments and going to waterparks

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Art, Science and English

**We are from**

India, Malaysia, China and Egypt

Class 1M  
2017/2018

Year Group  
1



**Form Tutors**  
Mr Myron (left)

**Shadow Teacher**  
Mr Sharvin

**Back Row Standing position from left**  
Zyon Tan, Ethan Jie Chuen Low, Jia Khing Khaw, Tricia Ning Hui Ong, Shridhaya Guru Shreenivas, Samantha Khor, Aneel Singh, Sri Ram Chundururu, Lakshmi Hamsini Chillara

**Front row standing position from left**  
Hafsa Gohar Saeed, Athena Brooke Yin Ng, Mark Myeongjun Yun, Tanvi Guggu, Angelababy Jia Ying Beh, Teo Taehyun Kim

**Sports**  
badminton, squash, dodgeball, swimming, aikido, basketball, taekwondo, football

**Food**  
pizza, ice cream, fruit, noodles, chips, cupcakes

**Hobbies**  
Lego, playing with teddy bears and cars, PS4

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**  
Science, Art, Maths

**We are from**  
Malaysia, Taiwan, India, China and Australia

Class 2H  
2017/2018

Year Group  
2



**Form Tutors**

Miss Rukhsana (left), Miss Hannah (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Shermain Shi Min Ang, Jia Chen Lim, Isabel Olivia Kevin, Kaylene Choong, Lohithya Chandra Segar, Mi Chi Lim, Jayden Lian Jie Ong, Aiden Zen Yao Lim

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Alison Hui Soo, Kyson Tan, Ansley Ern Xi Ong, Matthew Udjaja, Terrence Zhe Yu Tan, Andrew An Zhe Wang, Yong Yu Tan

**Front row standing position from left**

Hafsa Gohar Saeed, Athena Brooke Yin Ng, Mark Myeongjun Yun, Tanvi Guggu, Angelababy Jia Ying Beh, Teo Taehyun Kim

**Sports**

squash, swimming, chess, football, running, aikido, taekwondo, wushu

**Hobbies**

squash, video games, PSP, chess, checkers, play Lego, watching movies, tennis, PUBG, spending time with family

**Food**

pizza, McDonalds, KFC, chicken rice, ice cream, wantan mee, chocolate

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Sketching, Music Makers, ICT, Chess, Maths, Science, Crafty Creations, Art, Aikido, Mandela Drawing

**We are from**

Malaysia, Taiwan, India, China and Australia

Class 2K  
2017/2018

Year Group  
2



**Form Tutors**

Miss Katie (left), Miss Heng (right)

**Shadow Teacher**

Miss Shah (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Ritsuki Murakami, Vincent (Wei Lun) Chin, Jayme Loo, Muhammad Aayan Umer, Kaesav Ganesh, Aariz Amin, Sofia Suddozai

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Alex Qikai Yang, Raidan Alexander Rahim, Kunal Kavin Murasoliselvan, Yu Zher Gan, Luna Seo Jeong Yoon, Suvarna Pandey, Cheng Yi Lee

**Front row standing position from left**

Muhammad Firas Mohd Farid, Le Vie Ooi, Poli Zen He Chua, Sahaj Panchal, Ruo Shuen Yew, Isabelle Rui-Jie Holmes Wong

**Sports**

frisbee, football, swimming, table tennis, badminton, table hockey, basketball, volleyball, skipping, aikido, wushu, taekwondo, squash, karate

**Food**

nasi lemak, burgers, fried chicken with nasi lemak, chocolate, sushi, eggs, pizza, candy, roti canai, ice milkshake, bread, satay, ice cream, nachos, fries, tuna

**Hobbies**

baking, art, playing iPad, YouTube, computer games, drawing, singing, dancing, cycling

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Drama, Art, ICT, Music, Comic Strip Club, Sketching, Sing and Dance, Islamic Studies, Crafty Creations

**We are from**

Korea, Malaysia, Japan, Pakistan, China, Australia, India and America

Class 3J  
2017/2018

Year Group  
3



**Form Tutors**

Mr Jack (front centre)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Zoe Yichen Liu, Zhi Hong Pieng, Lakshana Prabakaran, Jarrell Yu Heng Khoo, Elisa Zi Yinn Chan, Arshitha Ranjith, Thulasi Lingam

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Austinn Ng, Roy Sung Hyun Kim, Darsh Kashyap, Osama Alasmari, Sandrick Khor, Jason Qi Hui Cui, Kaelyn Ong, Vern Zuo Ng

**Front row standing position from left**

Asuka Inada, Tarun Srinivasan Muthumari, Trisheeka Shivdasani, Mahitakiran Sathish Kumar

**Sports**

football, swimming, basketball, badminton

**Hobbies**

watching movies, using my iPad, colouring and drawing

**Food**

fried rice, nasi lemak, chicken, apples, sweets

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Table Tennis, Computers for Fun, Maths, Music, Mandarin

**We are from**

England, Malaysia, India, South Korea, and the UAE

Class 3S  
2017/2018

Year Group  
3



**Form Tutors**

Mr Scott (left), Mr Dennis (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Ryan Tze Xuen Hooi, Yuiin Khei Teoh, Humna Gohar Saeed, Abhinav Ranjith, Xandria Xi Ru Ng, Junie Jun Hee Won, Ming Xuan Ng

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Aarav Mohapatra, Lucas Low, Sunny A Yoon Kim, Rouis En Zhao Tang, Siddhraj Bijaintheran, Charvi Ekambaram

**Front row standing position from left**

Khanh An Tran Vu, Natalie Xuen Ni Tan, Aidan Nicholas Srichai, Gervaise Zhi Qi Ching, Rania Razali, Eun Seo Kang

**Sports**

football, swimming, bowling, running, basketball, badminton

**Hobbies**

watching movies, playing computer games, going to the park, using my iPad, colouring and drawing

**Food**

fried rice, lamb, any Korean food, nasi lemak, chicken, apples, pudding

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Film Club, Table Tennis, Computer for Fun, Mathematics, Music, Mandarin

**We are from**

England, Malaysia, USA, India, Vietnam, South Korea, and UAE



Class 4D  
2017/2018

Year Group  
4



**Form Tutors**

Ms Linh (front centre)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Iris Zi Qi Loh, Hui Shi Ho, Alicia Jing Hui Chin, Brenda Xuan Jin Ong, Sammy Zhan Xun Yin, Alfred Kai Jen Low, Jordan How Yu Ong, Darrence Jun Kiat Tan

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Wern Han Lee, Owen Ern Jeit Lee, Darrel Yu Ler Khaw, Corlissa Xuen Thin Hooi, Leah Mengqi Shi, Sher Lynn Lim

**Front row standing position from left**

Vishal Sivakumar, Swetha Kolasani, Mrityika Vijayanand, Trisha Bhattacharyya, Carmen Kai Wen Siew, Yi Feng Ooi

**Sports**

football, badminton, tennis, floor ball, basketball, squash, swimming, baseball, cricket, flying fox, scuba diving, ice-skating, tree climbing, running

**Food**

nasi lemak, ais kacang, chicken rice, satay, tom yum, hokkien mee, tosai, wantan mee, roti canai, fried rice, char kway teow, curry mee, teh tarik, mee goreng, cendol, sushi, pizza, laksa, ramen

**Hobbies**

gaming, sleeping, drawing, painting, chess, writing, reading, experiments, studying

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Science, Maths, Bahasa, English, Humanities, Art, PA, PE, ICT, Futsal, Computers, Table Tennis

**We are from**

Singapore, Malaysia, India, China, and Thailand

Class 4L  
2017/2018

Year Group  
4



**Form Tutors**  
Ms Linh (left)

**Shadow Teacher**  
Miss Sasi (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Yang Jing Lim, Ying Han Tang, Hariharan Jayasugunthan, Si Han Chen,  
Muhamad Ummar Adam Sazali, Ashlyn Shu Ern Ho, Nathan Yiu Jie Ooi

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Zhen Yee Heng, Sonakshi Srivastava, Jonys Ann Tan, Chen Chen Zi Chen Lim, Abdullah Alasmari,  
Kesaveeghna Vedachellam, Eleana Elynn Gan

**Front row standing position from left**

Ling Siew Choong, Wynne Yirui Chin, Gracelyn Yi Ying Kiew, Jayden Zi Chen Lim,  
Yoshitoki Okuno

**Sports**

basketball, badminton, swimming, football,  
track and field

**Hobbies**

cooking, playing games, ice skating, reading,  
drawing, shopping

**Food**

pizza, sushi, kimchi, hamburgers, pasta,  
ice cream, chicken rice, fried chicken

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

English and Maths

**We are from**

Malaysia, India, China, Saudi Arabia, and Japan

Class 5B  
2017/2018

Year Group  
5



**Form Tutors**

Miss Ahreum (left), Miss Yi Chin (right), Miss Rowan (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Ruey Xuan Lok, Jessica Jina Kim, Vivian Jing Wen Chin, Alyssa Khai Ying Tan, Khai Qian Teoh, Masato Inada

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Zer Khai Tang, Kywen Tan, Kai Jeong Uk Kim, Sudaish Kader Ali Khan, Cheng Xin Lee, Gareth Jing Zhe Lim

**Front row standing position from left**

Yong Sen Tan, Lucas Ee Joo Loh, Kenji Lee, Hashim Siddiqui, Daniel Irfan Srichai, Fredrich Wai Weng Khow

**Sports**

floorball, basketball

**Hobbies**

football, playing ball games, sleeping

**Food**

pizza, fried chicken, burgers, sushi

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

ICT

**We are from**

Malaysia, Japan, Saudi Arabia, and South Korea

Class 5R  
2017/2018

Year Group  
5



**Form Tutors**

Miss Ahreum (left), Miss Yi Chin (right), Miss Rowan (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Yi Lingg Tan, Alex Hayun Chung, Andrew Jun Hyuk Won, Deseree Mun Hei Ho, Joshua Kang Xuan Chai, Chauthi Pratham Panchakshari

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Jeong Bae Kong, Fuga Murakami, Sheng Yang Saw, Chloe Gahyeon Jeoung, Jayden Jie Ren Choong, Jia Jie Khaw

**Front row standing position from left**

Eugene Lim, Rachel Rui Qi Lai, Alex Canal, James Jun Rui Tan, Allie Seo Yeon Yoon, Ram Karthiegeyan

**Sports**

football, floorball, swimming

**Food**

banana split, pizza, pasta, brownies, gelato

**Hobbies**

PS4, computer games, mobile games, ball games, sleeping

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**  
PE

**We are from**

, South Korea, Japan, India, Bali, and the Philippines

Class 6G  
2017/2018

Year Group  
6



**Form Tutors**

Mr. Gwyn (front centre)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Sajev Sathish Kumar, Keith Yenn Hau Loh, Sally Yevin You, Wei Jian Boey, Lina Yelim Kim, Justin Han Yang Goh, Irfan Rasheed Ahamed, Aashna Patel

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Nicholas Minchern Neo, Ken Hyi Lee, Steve Xuan Yang Lee, Irvin Poh, Sean Phin Goh, Sabrina Pei Wen Khor, Patris Phalan, Jocelyn Sze Thing Hooi

**Front row standing position from left**

Elvin Yong Bin Tan, Venus Ong, Grace Yi Xin Wong, Brendan Wern You Ong, Ying Jun Tan, Eugene You Jing Kong

**Sports**

football, swimming, basketball, tee-ball, badminton

**Hobbies**

reading, computer games, chess, drawing, collecting currency, trading cards

**Food**

sushi, nasi lemak, char koay teow, fries, hokkien mee, spaghetti, pizza

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Futsal, Humanities, Basketball

**We are from**

Malaysia and South Korea

Class 6W  
2017/2018

Year Group  
6



**Form Tutors**

Mr. Gwyn (front centre)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Isaac Hon Jac Loh, Aidan Rui Kai Ho, Tamem Matakah, Kate Qi Ong, Thinash Thayalan, Alvin Kuan Yu Kee, Aiden Hao Keane Lee

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Amira Suddozai, Clara Si Yeon Kim, Noel Kai Han Gooi, Ravivarmen Ravichander, Harry Jeong Woo Han, Arthur Wen Xing Foo, Ha-Yeon Shin

**Front row standing position from left**

Seng Keat Ho, Dhruv Bhardwaj, Alyssa Sridharan, Vaishnavi Prabakaran, Harry Zheng Yao Foong, Sang Hong Cheow

**Sports**

football, swimming, golf, badminton, basketball, athletics, cricket

**Hobbies**

singing, playing musical instruments (piano, guitar, drums, flute, violin), collecting cards, video games

**Food**

sushi, ramen, French fries, burgers, bananas, chicken chop

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Hip-Hop Dance, Maths, English, Art

**We are from**

Malaysia, South Korea, Jordan, India, and Australia

Class 7D  
2017/2018

Year Group  
7



**Form Tutors**

Ms Maryam (left), Mr David (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Alvina Jia En Khor, Arshanya Parameswaran, Daric Tze Yang Wong, Yu Heng Chong, Samantha Tan, William Kah Liang Wong, Lionel Jian Xuan Wong

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Zi Xuan Teoh, Felicia Qi Ying Seow, Gomez Alexander, Suhyeon Jeoung, Brian Yi Kai Tay, Noel Yew Chung Leong, Jing Xuan Tan

**Front row standing position from left**

Isaac Zhen Wei Heng, Jia Le Lee, Mahadevan Jayasugunthan, Kean Eu Choong, Yu Yang Hor, Yike Loh, Ye Jing Tan

**Sports**

football, table tennis, badminton, swimming, basketball

**Hobbies**

computer games, watching television, playing the piano, bowling, board games

**Food**

pizza, sushi, burgers, green vegetables, ramen

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

History, English, and Horrible Histories

**We are from**

Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, and South Korea

Class 7S  
2017/2018

Year Group  
7



**Form Tutors**

Mr Shahrul (left), Ms Haniza (Right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Kennie Zhan Ken Gin, Denis Sim, Jie Yuee Ooi, Men Yi Khoo, Tammy Shien Tan, Min Eeo, Bareesh Amit Sanghavi, Choon Cen Yeoh

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Sher Rene Yong, Aishani Suman, Jin Yi Nya, Jihwan Kim, Wei Hom Tan, Abedalaziz Matakah, Isaac Zhi Kang Puah

**Front row standing position from left**

Leroy Liang Han Sio, Angel On Kei Choi, Zi Feng Lim, Ruvendaslu Naidu, Wan Jing Guan, Jia Xuan Pang, Shi Ying Ang

**Sports**

basketball, badminton, football

**Hobbies**

games, watching TV and movies, playing the piano

**Food**

pizza, burgers, sushi, kimchi, satay

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Mathematics, English, History, and Music

**We are from**

Malaysia, South Korea, Indonesia, and Singapore



Class 8E  
2017/2018

Year Group  
8



**Form Tutors**

Ms Ellie (left), Mr. Vinod (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Jonathan Khai Yang Tan, Dick Son Wong, Satoyoshi Takahashi, Ning Ern Ong, Cassandra Lim

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Muhammad Danish Bahurdin, Yenjoe Ng, Alvin Ka Wen Cheah, Wyai Hon Lye, Yik Zhong Lau

**Front row standing position from left**

Javier Zhi Ji Yeoh, Aliah Amran, Renee Mun Wei Ho, Cindy Hang, Miyu Ikeda

**Sports**

football, taekwondo, wushu, badminton, floorball, basketball, netball and swimming

**Hobbies**

computer games, drawing, playing musical instruments, Rubik's cube

**Food**

sushi, onigiri, tempura prawns, kimchi, roti canai, nasi lemak, spaghetti, pizza

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Sports Activities, Performing Arts, Art, History Bee and Bowl

**We are from**

Malaysia and Japan

Class 8J  
2017/2018

Year Group  
8



**Form Tutors**

Ms. Jacee (left), Mr. Jeff (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Deborah Liu Jie Tan, Dhiikshaa Devadass, Reena Ravisangar, Dao En Ding, Shiwaanee Jaga Jeevan, Yan Xun Cheah

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Elson Yong Wei Tan, Kai Jun Siaw, Ethan Adam Wen Zun Cheong, Jeffrey Ilhan, Calleigh Ting Qian Khor, Jan Tsern Teh

**Front row standing position from left**

Si Heng Ooi, Tze Shien Khaw, Jing Yi Chuah, Shyuan Rhui Chang, Yi Chen Tan

**Sports**

swimming, football, badminton, squash, basketball, floorball, baseball

**Hobbies**

computer games, drawing, chess, music, competitive debating, dancing, reading, watching football

**Food**

ramen, takoyaki, platter, pizza, pasta, Thai food, Starbucks, curry fish balls, enoki, Tealive, sushi, nasi kandar, loh mee

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Olympiad Maths, Art, and PE

**We are from**

Malaysia, Canada, China, and India

Class 9H  
2017/2018

Year Group  
9



**Form Tutors**

Mr Hasfis (left), Ms. Lily (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Joseph Chai, Jie Ying Kong, Shi Min Ooi, Vaidehi Panchal, Megan Xuan Le Foo, Daren Tze Yong Wong, Zi Yao Goh

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Cheuk Man Choi, Desmond Yan Min Voon, Meong Yeon Yun, Khye Hong Fong, Jia Shen Pang, Indeshwararaj Vijayanand, Pui Ern Won

**Front row standing position from left**

Shi Yue How, Zi Ching Ooi, Wan Ting Guan, Vishnupriya Siva Guru, Gabrille Cheng Yee Loo, Ivan Wong

**Sports**

tennis, swimming, frisbee, netball, basketball, volleyball, football, badminton, dancing, squash, table tennis, floorball, dodgeball, darts

**Food**

potatoes, sweet and sour fried oyster mushrooms, eggs, cheese, nasi kandar, carrots, apples, garlic, cookies, fries, pizza, spaghetti

**Hobbies**

reading, watching movies, listening to music, drawing, knitting, cooking, talking with friends

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Business Studies, Science, Performing Arts, PE, Mathematics, Model United Nations, History, and Art

**We are from**

Malaysia, Hong Kong, South Korea, Vietnam, and India

Class 9HY  
2017/2018

Year Group  
9



**Form Tutors**

Ms Hui Yen (left), Mr John (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Xin Yan Sio, Yan Ru Lim, Yen Nee Woo, Jayne Wei Xin Lim, Nhehasyini Baburau, Wen Yuie Chua, Tien Ee Soon

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Zhu En Nga, Jie Yu Chen, Joe Hun Tan, Ren En Kong, Chia Ee Mak, Kok Chin Ooi, Ayush Patel

**Front row standing position from left**

Xuan-Hua Wong, Kon Nie Lee, Yu-Ming Wong, Joel Jin Ern Ong, Zhen Shen Goh, Zhen Hao Wong

**Sports**

football, badminton

**Food**

cookies, kimch jigae

**Hobbies**

chess, reading books, online games, board games, e-sports, drawing, using social media

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Science, Maths, Art, and PE

**We are from**

Malaysia and China

Class 10M  
2017/2018

Year Group  
10



**Form Tutors**

Ms. Pang (left), Mr. Mike (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Gabrielle Shuen Lin Tan, Vikaash Devadass, Zac Kuan Hong Lee, Jia Jie Sim, Charlotte Chandaleka Caris Phalan, Jun You Tan

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Kwan Yang Goh, Wee Shawn Tan, George Arthur Brown, Andrei Mikhael Dimalanta Bayani, Kai Wen Goh

**Front row standing position from left**

Elly Xin Yin Cheong, Yi Xuan Ng, Muhammad Firdaus Bin Mohd Farid, Amanda Hong Thing Hooi, Gayaathri A/P Govindasamy

**Sports**

table tennis, tennis, netball, basketball, football, futsal, badminton

**Hobbies**

watching anime, video games, fishing, listening to music, making animations, sleeping

**Food**

mother's cooking, sushi, Thai food, ramen, chocolate, rib-eye steak, Spicy Chicken McD Deluxe, kimchi, pizza, kare-kare, laksa

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

English, Maths, Science, Business Studies, Add Maths, Art, Form Time, Biology, Global Perspectives, Netball, Table Tennis

**We are from**

Malaysia, and the Philippines

Class 10S  
2017/2018

Year Group  
10



**Form Tutors**

Ms. Soon (left), Mr. Jeff (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Jemerine Zhi Qian Chan, Tapasya Suman, Regin En Qi Tang, Terence Zhen Khai Lee, Ezra Lim

**Middle Row Standing position from left**

Adrian Xu Shen Quah, Owen Wong, Yong Jin Lee, Dylan Khor, Ivan Ka Sheng Cheah

**Front row standing position from left**

Shareenaz Salim Khan, Xiang Fei Heah, Shi Yi How, Gloria Wai Yan Leong, Yi Ern Chan

**Sports**

football, badminton, swimming, basketball, ping pong

**Hobbies**

eating, watching television, playing the piano, watching movies, reading

**Food**

chicken, cheese, soya, pizza, vegetables, soup, Korean food

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Mandarin, PE, Science, and Mathematics

**We are from**

Malaysia

Class 11A  
2017/2018

Year Group  
**11**



**Form Tutors**

Ms Gowri (left), Mr. Anthony (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Wong Yu Fai, Lim Jing Xiang, Elijah Bayani, Yeoh Choon Hong, Emmanuel Gooi, Khoo Chen Jun, Brandon Lim, and Hew Zheng Yang

**Front row standing position from left**

Cheah Nian Jie, Yong Yi Rene, Ranice Mah and Luvlynn Kaur

**Sports**

basketball, football, swimming, races

**Food**

vegetables, rice, KFC, McDonalds, noodles, fruit, curry, chocolate, pizza, juices, milk, Starbucks, steamboat, sushi, haute cuisine, fusion dishes, eggs, all Japanese food

**Hobbies**

painting, reading, writing, playing with phones, football, swimming, running, singing, manga drawing, doodling, hair brushing, hanging out with friends, dancing, chatting, doing crosswords

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**  
Science

**We are from**

Malaysia, England, South Korea, the Philippines, and the USA

Class 11Y  
2017/2018

Year Group  
**11**



**Form Tutors**

Ms Rabiah (left), Ms Yoges (right)

**Back Row Standing position from left**

Andrew Lee, Chuah Wei Yang, Danny Yeoh, Jack Guan and Ryan Puah

**Front row Seated position from left**

Fariheen Sheikha, Sae Takahashi, Michiko Yoshida, Tan Pei Yu and Daphne Yap

**Sports**

basketball, badminton, football, athletics,  
e-sports, netball, cricket

**Hobbies**

sleeping, dancing, computer games, watching anime,  
singing and watching Youtube

**Food**

sushi, carbonara, durian, ramen, pizza,  
steak, fried chicken, cup noodles

**Favourite activities and subjects to do at school**

Additional Maths, Extended Maths, Self-Study, PE  
and History

**We are from**

Malaysia and Japan



# STAFF PROFILES Photos



## STAFF PROFILES KINDERGARTEN & KS1

### Arlene Binger

Teacher of Reception

Straits Since *April 2016*

#### Best memory of Straits

My best memory is watching our school grow and moving campus. We are given the gift of teaching and learning by watching our students grow. The children are very enthusiastic to participate in different activities, events, trips, assemblies and celebrations. One of my favourite was "Mother's Day".

I like working at Straits because I like working in Straits because everyone works so hard. My colleagues are friendly and supportive. The parents are always willing to participate in our school events and support their children when needed. It is nice to teach students who are enthusiastic and keen to learn.

### Katie Wawro

Teacher of Year 2,  
Head of Primary Foundation Subjects

Straits Since *August 2017*

#### Best memory of Straits

My best memory of Straits has to be the Deepavali celebrations. It was amazing seeing everyone dressed up in fantastic, colourful outfits. The assembly was brilliant for Deepavali too - a lot of dancing and colourful decorations. I loved the atmosphere in the school that day!

I like working at Straits because I like working at Straits because the students are enthusiastic about learning and always really willing to get involved in lessons. The events throughout the year are also great and very unique.

### Kavitha Muniandy

TA of Year 2

Straits Since *2018*

#### Best memory of Straits

Teacher's Day celebration. The student committee worked exceptionally well to honour us. I thoroughly enjoyed the activities and had a great time playing giant snakes and ladders game with my class.

I like working at Straits because The students!! They are always engaging and enthusiastic during lessons which makes the lessons lively and enjoyable. They are also curious to learn something new every day and when they do, their expression is simply priceless.

### Hannah Warlow

Teacher of Year 2 and Head of Primary Science

Straits Since *August 2016*

#### Best Memory of Straits

There are so many! I would have to say our challenge week in 2017 when we had the KS1 sleepover. We had pizza and watched movies. The children were so excited!

I like working at Straits because I like working at Straits because every day is different. The students are always willing to try something new and to challenge themselves. Also, the teachers are so friendly that it makes coming to work so pleasant.

## STAFF PROFILES KINDERGARTEN & KS1

**Lisa Wishart-Terry**  
Teacher of Year 1

Straits Since *October 2017*

Best memory of Straits  
Going on an exciting and adventurous school trip to the Batik Art Factory!

I like working at Straits because I have the opportunity to work with wonderful children and watch them grow over the academic year as well as watching my daughter in the same school learning and thriving with her teacher.

**Myron Mikulin**

Teacher of Year 1, Assistant Head of Primary, Pastoral and CPD

Straits Since *September 2017*

Best memory of Straits

My favourite memory of working at Straits was International Day. I loved getting to learn about all the different cultures within our school, learning about different student's families and of course, the delicious food!

I like working at Straits because all the staff, families and of course, the students are fantastic people!

**Rukhsana Bt. Mohd. Zubaid**

Teacher of Bahasa and TA of Year 2

Straits Since *2013*

Best memory of Straits

Celebrations at school. Fantastic teamwork by colleagues. Awesome Teachers' Day.

I like working at Straits because I have a great time at school with supportive colleagues especially, with my Bahasa team. The staff at Straits are very friendly and caring.

**Mohana Sundri Rajah Morgan**

TA of Reception

Straits Since *May 2018*

Best Memory of Straits

They are just too many but being with the students are amazing and interesting.

I like working at Straits because kindergarten is highly focused on quality teaching and learning, and teachers are encouraged to deliver learning in creative ways. Straits also encourages students to participate in extracurricular activities.

## STAFF PROFILES KINDERGARTEN & KS1

**Shantilecumi Sellapa**

TA of Year 1

Straits Since *21<sup>ST</sup> August 2017*

Best memory of Straits

Spice Garden trip and Deepavali Celebration

I like working at Straits because learning and teaching are fun. Every classroom comes with the latest modern facilities to help us become better teachers.

**Sri Kamini Santhansamy**

TA of Nursery

Straits Since *January 2017*

Best memory of Straits

2016/2017 International day

I like working at Straits because teachers and students are from different countries and backgrounds. This gives me a chance to appreciate other cultures. Also, great colleagues too.

**Serene Tan**

Teacher of Reception and  
Head of Kindergarten

Straits Since *January 2013*

Best memory of Straits

Working seven days a week to prepare for our grand opening and production. It was memorable as everyone worked to make sure the events run smoothly.

I like working at Straits because it allows me to work with people from different backgrounds. Not only that, we are able to learn new teaching methods from each other by sharing ideas.

**Sri Devi Narairai**

Teacher of Nursery

Straits Since *April 2016*

Best Memory of Straits

Working with children in Kindergarten and with a good Kindergarten team.

I like working at Straits because my students trust me and follow my instructions well.

## STAFF PROFILES KS2

### Gwyn Warlow

Teacher of Year 6,  
Head of Primary Mathematics

Straits Since *August 2016*

#### Best memory of Straits

The first International Day that I attended. I was representing Jordan, having visited there on holidays once. I ended up being in the parade on my own as the students did not turn up for it.

I like working at Straits because Straits is a small enough school to give the feeling of 'knowing everybody well'. It is also a school that is developing and changing all of the time. I also like working here because of the island itself – I love living here.

### Jack Beattie

Teacher of Year 3

Straits Since *August 2017*

#### Best memory of Straits

My best memory of Straits was being able to experience the Lion Dance in our Chinese New Year assembly. It was my first time seeing such an event and I cannot wait until next year's assembly.

I like working at Straits because of the caring and kind nature of both the students and the staff. The school is a community with each day bringing me a smile and laughter. I never struggle to wake up and come to work in morning.

### Pavithra Sinnanan

Teacher of Science and Year 4 Co-tutor

Straits Since *November 2013*

#### Best memory of Straits

Teachers' Day as this was the first time students planned the day for us.

I like working at Straits because Teachers are some of the most important professionals in the world. We are responsible for preparing future generations to become productive and upstanding citizens who will contribute to society. Straits has given me an opportunity to achieve my potential as a teacher.

### Linh Dang

Teacher of Year 4,  
Head of Primary English

Straits Since *August 2014*

#### Best Memory of Straits

Seeing students come dressed up in costumes for our first Halloween Party. It was wonderful to plan alongside parents who had put in such a great effort with the decorations.

I like working at Straits because: our small community and leadership team allows for ideas to be presented and often, implemented with little fuss, to the benefit of both staff and students.

## STAFF PROFILES KS2

**Qairul Jayakesuma Afendi Bin Desa**  
TA of Year 3

Straits Since *21<sup>st</sup> August 2017*

Best memory of Straits  
Goat farm and bowling trip with year 3.

I like working at Straits because the children make me smile and laugh. The staff are very friendly and the working environment is so comfortable and joyful. It feels like a big family.

**Pang Yi Chin**  
Teacher of Mathematics,  
Year 5 Co-tutor

Straits Since *22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016*

Best memory of Straits

Leading the CNY Celebration Assembly and Activities for this year. It was a huge responsibility to make sure everything went smoothly on the actual day, and yes, it happened as I had planned.

I like working at Straits because: I like working at Straits because I enjoy teaching and lesson planning. I like being in charge and knowing what is going on in my class to monitor behaviour and support my students. Most importantly, I have great colleagues!

**Scott Wallace**

Teacher of Year 3,  
Assistant Head of Primary Academics

Straits Since *September 2017*

Best Memory of Straits

My best memory of Straits was our trip to the Goat Farm and having a great time with Year 3 and the goats!

I like working at Straits because the children are amazing! We always have a lot of fun coming up with great ideas especially, in English. A lot of fantastic imaginative ideas!

## STAFF PROFILES Arts

**Carrena Tung**  
Teacher of Music

Straits Since *September 2016*

Best memory of Straits

My proudest moment is the Penang Arts Carnival. Our students practiced their performance to perfection and participated in many workshops. They were wonderful and presented themselves very well. They also developed confidence in their music ability. Our students truly shone that day! I was very proud of our students!

I like working at Straits because the students are energetic and their inquisitiveness is what makes teaching worthwhile.

**Mohd Shahrul Hasfis bin Mohd Zainuddin**  
Teacher of Art

Straits Since *2013*

Best memory of Straits

When I am doing the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award because I like outdoor activities.

I like working at Straits because people are very friendly and willing to help. This is helping me become a better teacher. I have learned a lot about different cultures and celebrations.

**Ellie Saunders**  
Head of Arts

Straits Since *August 2014*

Best Memory of Straits

Having the privilege to teach pupils who want to learn and take the initiative to extend their learning. This means that many activities are now pupil-led such as informal ensemble groups and theatre technician roles.

I like working at Straits because the pupils and staff are willing to try something new and have fun together.

## STAFF PROFILES English and EAL

**Ahreum Han**  
Head of EAL

Straits Since *August 2016*

Best memory of Straits

Every moment I spend with my adorable Year 5 is pure joy.

I like working at Straits because I love my Year 5 students who are smart, honest and funny. I also enjoy working in Malaysia. I can't complain about all the holidays we get and celebrations we do.

**Michael Hayes**

Teacher of French and English

Straits Since *2014*

Best memory of Straits

My first Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Expedition with the incredible sunset at Teluk Kampi showcasing Penang's beauty. The faces of the students were those of pure happiness and it made all of the planning worthwhile.

I like working at Straits because each student is treated as an individual who can achieve not only academically but also holistically. We also have many opportunities for student leadership and development outside of the classroom which help students become better equipped for later life.

**Nurin Najmina**

Teacher of EAL

Straits Since *2013*

Best memory of Straits

When my students thank me for teaching them new things.

I like working at Straits because everyone here is helpful and sweet

**Leanne Evans**

Head of English

Straits Since *2017*

Best Memory of Straits

All the great special assemblies we have had! I loved getting dressed up for Deepavali!

I like working at Straits because supportive colleagues and hard-working students. My Year 9 students are very bright and well-behaved. They are such a lovely bunch of people!



## STAFF PROFILES Humanities

### David Geary

Teacher of History and English  
Head of Humanities

Straits Since *August 2016*

#### Best memory of Straits

When our History Bowl team were crowned Penang Middle School Champions in our first year entering the competition.

I like working at Straits because the pupils never fail to entertain me (whether they intend to or not!)

### Jeff Elliott

Teacher of Geography and Head of Pastoral

Straits Since *September 2016*

#### Best memory of Straits

Enterprise Day 2017 is my best memory. Everyone, staff and students, really came together to put on a great event and the students showed so much leadership and independence.

I like working at Straits because of the culture and the climate. Penang is a gorgeous place to live and the people are so warm and friendly. Being able to work in this environment with these students is a true pleasure.

### Maryam Wallace

Straits Since *September 2017*

#### Best memory of Straits

Trip to the goat farm with Year 3.

I like working at Straits because the staff, students and work I get to do are amazing. The pupils are hardworking, diligent and respectful. The staff are hilarious and supportive, and the work I get to do is forward thinking. I also like working at Straits because my opinion is valued and respected. The school has a great ethos of supporting staff to develop their skills.

### Jacee Chioh

Student Welfare Officer

Straits Since *August 2016*

#### Best Memory of Straits

Everyone I work with is nice and they are like my second family.

I like working at Straits because great colleagues and a great place to learn.

### Lily Ho

Teacher of Business Studies

Straits Since *August 2017*

#### Best memory of Straits

My best memory at Straits is watching everyone participate, with a lot of enthusiasm, in the first ever Enterprise Day. The students had to learn real life skills of collaboration and be proactive in what they were trying to make and sell. It was brilliant to see what selling pitches the students used to persuade the customers to buy their goods. It was great fun, and even better - we made some profit which went to buying play equipment for the children.

I like working at Straits because the students are keen on learning. They are also inquisitive, hardworking and fun which makes my job easier. The parents are great in supporting their children and the staff are friendly and helpful. This makes Straits International School a fun place to be.

## STAFF PROFILES Languages

### Heng Yue Shi

Teacher of Madarin and TA of Year 2

Straits Since *March 2017*

#### Best memory of Straits

Those cute and lively Early Years students always greet me by shouting out my name when we meet.

I like working at Straits because the staff are enthusiastic and willing to work together to make the school a better place for students.

### Pang Sook Yee

Teacher of Mandarin

Straits Since *August 2012*

#### Best memory of Straits

Straits is connected to the great changes in my life. In the last 6 years, I went from single to married, and a mother of two children.

I like working at Straits because students and staff are friendly. I also enjoy working with my colleagues.

### Pattmagowri Muniandy

Teacher of Malaysian History and Bahasa Malaysia

Straits Since *September 2015*

#### Best memory of Straits

My best memory at Straits was when my Year 11 Second Language Malay students scored excellent grades in their IGCSE Malay paper in 2017. I was very proud of them.

I like working at Straits because everyone is supportive and always willing to provide their help to reach our goals. I also get great satisfaction from being a teacher who can make a small difference in someone's life.

### Rabiahtul Bazariah Binti Mohd Makthum

Head of Languages

Straits Since *2014*

#### Best Memory of Straits

Production performance

I like working at Straits because it has a fantastic and amazing team. Everyone is responsible and performs well.

### Soon Saw Imm

Teacher of Mandarin

Straits Since *September 2013*

#### Best memory of Straits

The smile on every person when the first Chinese New Year celebration was held in the old campus.

I like working at Straits because the students and colleagues are helpful. They are willing to share expertise and skills.

## STAFF PROFILES Mathematics and ICT

**Haniza Bt Hussin**

Teacher of ICT

Straits Since August 2017

Best memory of Straits

Teacher's Day celebration is my best memory. Thank you for all the wishes and gifts.

I like working at Straits because I get an opportunity to try different teaching methods and explore diverse issues in regard to learning. Straits also provides its staff a healthy and positive work environment.

**Shahrul Afzanizam**

Teacher of Mathematics

Straits Since 2012

Best memory of Straits

Successfully appointed as IGCSE Add Maths (0606) Examiner

I like working at Straits because I like the support from the parents in helping their children to excel especially, in Maths.

**Yogeswari Boghan**

Teacher of Mathematics

Head of Mathematics and ICT

Straits Since 2012

Best Memory of Straits

Seeing students' happy faces when they get good result in Checkpoint and IGCSE Maths.

I like working at Straits because I can try different teaching methods or strategies without restrictions and proudly I can say I have found successes.

## STAFF PROFILES PE

### Dennis Lee

Straits Since *The very beginning*

#### Best memory of Straits

The many festive celebrations that show the diversity of the school and tolerance towards others culture and practises.

I like working at Straits because good colleagues and awesome students

### Vinod Khanna

Teacher of Mathematics

Straits Since *2016*

#### Best memory of Straits

Teaching my first PE lesson for Nursery/Rec and Year 1 at Straits and our first win with U13 /U15 Football Team

I like working at Straits because I have gained a lot of experience in these few years. Every day is a new learning day for me and I enjoy teaching PE.

The staff are friendly and I get inspired by the students every day.

### Rowan Barrow

Straits Since *April 2016*

#### Best Memory of Straits

Watching the students performing with excitement in sports events at the end of a teaching unit (especially, Swimming and Gymnastics). However, by far, my most favourite moment was going to Gopeng last year; whitewater rafting, extreme swimming, caving and learning outdoors. The students gained so much from being in a jungle environment and the scenery was spectacular.

I like working at Straits because I enjoy working at Straits because it gives me the opportunity to implement a teaching program from the grassroots upwards. Many students have not tried the new games we have made part of a 3-year program. It is wonderful to see them blossom and grow with their new-found knowledge. I have really enjoyed setting up the Swimming program, along with introducing Waterpolo, Lifesaving, Dance, Gymnastics, Target Games (bolwing/golf) and Floorball.

## STAFF PROFILES Science

### Anthony Binger

Teacher of Science and Head of Science

Straits Since *January 2016*

#### Best memory of Straits

So many great memories in such a short time! For example, last year's excellent science exam results, moving campus, the field trips, Ocean Commotion, Peter Pan etc. But, if I have to pick one memory as the best I think I would go with the Christmas Assembly, especially all the costumes and performances.

I like working at Straits because so many nice people, students, staff and parents to work with. Everyone works so hard yet we all manage to stay calm, cheerful and supportive. We are determined to be as good as we can be

### Hui Yen Ong

Teacher of Science

Straits Since *2016*

#### Best memory of Straits

The IA camping trips and Challenge Week where I get to see different sides of students. I really enjoy working with students on school productions as well.

I like working at Straits because small class size. My colleagues are really supportive and most importantly, I get to see students of different backgrounds and various personalities grow and develop into young adults.

### John Foo Yook Hon

Teacher of Science

Straits Since *1 Oct 2015*

#### Best Memory of Straits

Receiving great support and guidance from friendly teaching staff during my first term at Straits.

I like working at Straits because students with good learning attitudes, a smaller class size for better management and constructive environment to excel in teaching.

### Nellie Wong

Teacher of Science, Exam Officer

Straits Since *Dec 2014*

#### Best Memory of Straits

I love and cherish the moments of participating in all the school events.

I like working at Straits because I enjoy working in a teaching environment. I like teaching students and making sure that they can understand what is being taught at the end of the day.

## STAFF PROFILES Leadership Team

### **Karlie Walsh**

Head of Primary and Principal

● Straits Since *August 2015*

#### Best memory of Straits

teaching a lot of Secondary lessons!

● I like working at Straits because the children make each and every day positive. I love working with our dedicated staff and watching our students grow and learn to reach their potential.

### **Christopher Terry**

Teacher of Humanities, Head of Secondary

Straits Since *September 2017*

#### Best memory of Straits

My highlights so far have been meeting such wonderfully dedicated students. They performed fantastically in competitions such as History Bowls, the World Scholars Cups and SASMO Maths competitions.

I like working at Straits because the students, parents and staff make it such a wonderful place to work.

## STAFF PROFILES Admin Staff

**Wee Kin Cheong**  
Finance Manager

Straits Since 2014

Best Memory of Straits  
my first day at school

I like working at Straits because I feel young working around children.

**Cheah Bee Theng**  
Senior Finance Executive

Straits Since June 2016

Best memory of Straits  
Nice colleagues.

I like working at Straits because I love to see all the cute and adorable children when I come to work.

**Chan Li Lin**  
Finance Assistant

Straits Since 2014

Best Memory of Straits  
friendship with my colleagues.

I like working at Straits because helpful colleagues and managers.

**Eileen Teh**  
Executive School Secretary & PA to Principal

Straits Since 2014

Best memory of Straits  
meeting my husband here!

I like working at Straits because I get to go home at 4pm every day!

## STAFF PROFILES Admin Staff

**Deevakaran Nair**  
Head of IT

Straits Since 2015

Best Memory of Straits

They come in all forms and the best memory that I would like to share is watching a child accomplish something they could not do before in IT.

I like working at Straits because we help children all day – what could be better!

**Adnan Bin Noordin**  
IT Assistant

Straits Since 3<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

Best memory of Straits

I am most excited about being part of the Straits team. I can help other people with their IT problems and make sure lessons run smoothly.

I like working at Straits because I can work with other people and there is mutual respect between team members. I can also learn from them to better myself.

**Joanne Koay**

Head of Marketing & Admissions

Straits Since December 2014

Best Memory of Straits

The excitement of relocating from a temporary campus to a brand new permanent campus.

I like working at Straits because the good vibes of seeing happy little faces around every day, nice colleagues and the positive growth of the school!

**Daniel Chinery**

Marketing & Admissions Executive

Straits Since February 2016

Best Memory of Straits

Coaching and watching the U15 girls football team improve. They show enthusiasm, dedication and support to each other at every training session.

I like working at Straits because I get to work with some fantastic students who are eager to learn and keen to get involved. I love getting to know the students as they mature into young adults, and being a part of their education here at Straits.



## STAFF PROFILES Admin Staff

**Elyssa Chan**  
Receptionist

January 2016

Best memory of Straits  
International Day

I like working at Straits because there is good teamwork. We are like a family!

**Mohamad Radzi**  
Reprographer

Straits Since *25 March, 2016*

Best memory of Straits  
Celebrations and events

I like working at Straits because flexible working hours, supportive teachers and staffs, and a good environment.

**Saravane Seeneivasan**  
School Nurse

Straits Since *February 2016*

Best Memory of Straits  
International Day 2018 – Happy to see students and parents selling varieties of foods for charity.

I like working at Straits because I feel lucky to take care of students and my colleagues. They are so friendly, cheerful and polite.

**Patricia Wong**  
Librarian

December 2015

Best memory of Straits  
Chinese New Year celebration

I like working at Straits because the students make it all worthwhile because they are nice.



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