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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we come to the end of another incredible year at Straits International School, I want to take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments and celebrate the successes we have achieved together. It has been a year filled with growth, resilience, and unity, and I am immensely proud of our entire school community.

Academically, our students have exceeded expectations. They have demonstrated their commitment to learning, adapting to new challenges with grace and determination. Our teachers' dedication and innovative approaches to education have ensured that our students continue to receive a high-quality education despite the unique circumstances we faced.

Beyond academics, our students have shone in various extracurricular activities. From sports to arts, robotics to debate, their talents and passion epitomized the Straits culture and values. It is heartening to witness the well-rounded development of our students, fostering their skills, teamwork, and resilience.

Our school community has also demonstrated remarkable compassion and empathy. Together, we have organized various community service initiatives, giving back to those in need and making a positive impact on society. The support and kindness we have shown to one another during these challenging times have truly exemplified the strength of our Straits family.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, we are excited to build upon the successes of this year. We will continue to embrace new opportunities, provide a nurturing environment for our students, and foster their growth in all areas of life.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the parents, guardians, and staff who have been unwavering in their support and partnership throughout this journey. Your dedication and commitment have been instrumental in our achievements.

May the coming year be filled with joy, good health, and endless possibilities. Together, let us make Straits an even better place for our students to learn, grow, and thrive.

*S Willoughby*





On Friday, May 5th, the school held a lively Hari Raya assembly to celebrate the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6, Year 8, and Year 10 were among the performers. The secondary students performed a skit titled "The Hari Raya of Bujang Lapok," which had the audience in fits of laughter. Meanwhile, the primary students sang and danced to a variety of Hari Raya songs. The Music department also contributed to the festivities, with a live band playing "Kau Ilhamku." Additionally, the Primary Kpop club put on a lively dance performance to some of the latest Kpop songs. Lastly, the teachers went all out with their own performance, adding to the excitement of the day.

One of the highlights of the celebration was that everyone dressed up in traditional Malay attire. It was a wonderful sight to see the colorful baju kurungs, baju kebayas, songkets, and baju Melayus worn by both students and staff members. The atmosphere was festive and joyous, with everyone coming together to celebrate this special occasion.

After the assembly, the school held a class party, which was filled with delicious food and treats provided by the parents. Although the parents did not join the party, their contribution was greatly appreciated. The students had a wonderful time socializing with each other and enjoying the festive spread. Overall, the Hari Raya assembly was a great success, and the school community looks forward to celebrating this joyous occasion again next year.

Written by;

*Ms. Hafaa*

**Head of Events**



# House Competitions

Written by;  
Mr. Kam

## Head of Houses

During our whole school Hari Raya celebration, we also held a variety of House competitions throughout the school that were planned and organised by Ms. Devi (Harimau House Leader), Ms. Esther (BK House Leader) and Daniel (BK House Captain).

In Early Years, students enjoyed creating Ramadan crafts by sticking various sized and coloured pieces of paper to a lantern template.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 students honed their fine motor skills by skillfully weaving paper together to create their own pattern and colourful pieces of artwork.

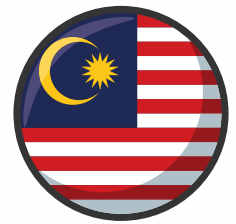
The competitive element to these House activities began in Key Stage 2, where students had to work together as a House (within Year groups) to complete their very own Wau (kite) designs, also remembering to incorporate their House colours into the final product. Congratulations to BK for being the overall winners in KS2.

In Secondary, students were again divided into their Houses, within Year groups, and worked together to design and build their own Kampung houses using recycled materials. This was a great opportunity for them to develop their creative, communicative and collaborative skills. Congratulations to Naga for winning the secondary competition.

I am looking forward to further developing the House competitions and activities throughout the next academic year, especially with our new House Captains in Secondary getting involved more.



# Multilingualism Day



SIS celebrated the Day of Multilingualism on Monday, May 8th, with school-wide activities organised by the EAL Team. Our school has a high percentage of multilingual students and staff, and we believe that it is something to be celebrated and proud of. We dedicated the day to promoting knowledge and understanding of multilingualism. It was dress-up day for all members of the school; they could choose to wear either traditional attire or the colours of their country's flag. I was amazed at the colourful attire everywhere around the school; each looked adorable! This is how our beautiful event kicked off. First, students got to watch a short video about multilingualism and why it is important during the assembly. As for activities, KS1 students coloured their country's flag and counted numbers 1-10 in different languages. KS2 students made posters, bookmarks, Instagram frames, and some group activities within the classrooms about multilingualism. It was a fun-filled day for all. I look forward to more exciting activities in the future.



Written by;  
*Ms. Salya*  
 EAL Teacher





# SUMMER CARNIVAL



On June 17th we had the pleasure of hosting our second school carnival, which was even bigger and better than before! With over 150 children and 70 adults in attendance, it was a wonderful opportunity for our SIS community to take part in lots of games and fun activities. It was amazing to also welcome lots of new and prospective families to our campus, many of whom will be joining us in August. I think the highlight had to be our Petting Zoo, home to not one, but two different snakes, along with a range of other cuddly creatures. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our parent vendors who came to support the event, making it an even bigger success. We are looking forward to the next event already!



Written by;  
*Ms. Nicola*  
**Head of Primary**



Sports days are events staged by many schools in which people participate in competitive sporting activities, often with the aim of winning trophies or prizes. Sports day will encourage young people to stay healthy and avoid unwanted illness. Sports also will help improve mental and physical health. Moving around can improve cardiovascular fitness, and increase bone density. It can also help reduce blood sugar levels, and strengthen lungs.



This year, the Early Years Sports Day programme took place on Friday 7th of April 2023 with parents and family members in attendance. This event was divided into two sessions; in the first session, children were following their house teams to complete a carousel of activities that they have been learning in the Multi Skills unit. In the second session, children were taking part in a house relay race called 'steal the treasure' where the winning team was determined by having the most treasures in their houses. Congratulations to the BK team for winning 1st place in the overall event followed by Naga as the runner-up while Harimau and Rusa came in 3rd and 4th place. It was a day filled with smiles and laughter as our children participated and represented their houses while parents actively followed their child around the activities and cheered them on.



The 2023 Key Stage 1 Sports Day programme was held on Tuesday 16th of May 2023 with the parents and family members invited to this event. The event was a mixture of Multi Skills and Mini Athletics units that the children have been learning in PE. They showed off their sporting skills in various stations such as an obstacle course, 10m run, throwing, jumping, football skill and basketball skill to earn points for their houses. Congratulations to Harimau, the overall champions of the event, followed by Rusa winning 2nd place while BK and Naga secured 3rd and 4th place. Well done to all the children who tried really hard, and we saw some great sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents, family members and also members of the community who came to support and cheer the children on!





For KS2 Sports Day, students performed a combination of two PE units, basketball and athletics, in a total of 5 stations. At station 1, students demonstrated their dribbling skills. In station 2, students completed standing long jumps. At station 3, there was free throw basketball, and in station 4, students showed their strength by heaving the shot putt. Finally, in station 5, students ran a shuttle run relay. The students really had so much fun and enjoyed all the sports day activities. They demonstrated a high level of enthusiasm, teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship. The positive support from parents as spectators also made this sports event an even merrier and wonderful occasion!



In Secondary school we held a whole school Inter House Volleyball event which happened on 15th June. We split the competition in 2 halves and grouped the students into Key Stage 3 (year groups 7 and 8) and Key Stage 4 (year groups 9, 10 and 11). We have been working hard in PE lessons on gaining both the individual skills required (dig, volley, set) and learning how to work really cohesively as a team to apply these skills in a game situation.

Students were divided into equally numbered teams under the name of their house and due to numbers, there were 2 teams representing each house.

In the Key Stage 3 event the 3rd place team was Naga 1 with Rusa 2 finishing as Runner up and Naga 2 as the overall winner

In the key stage 4 event we had a very high turnout of students with some houses having 3 teams! This is the largest number of participants we have ever had and great fun was had by all.

Overall winners of the event were Naga 2 with Naga 1 coming in second and BK 3 in 3rd place.

Overall a very successful and busy and successful year from the PE team.

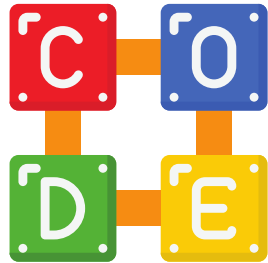
Roll on next year!

Written by;  
The P.E Department

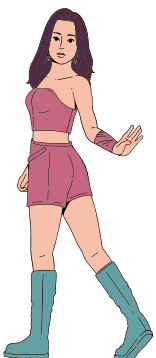
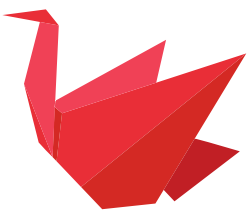
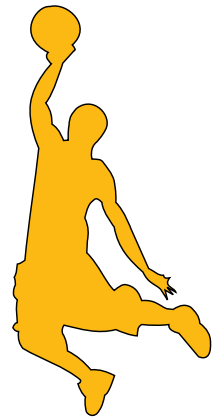




# Co Curricula Activities



Term three of our CCA programme was the perfect platform for our pupils to develop their character, learn values, social emotional competences and many other skills that will support and prepare them for their further challenges. We are very lucky to be associated with a selection of paid vendors that offer expertise and knowledge specific to their activity that have really benefitted the pupils this term alongside the options provided by our own highly skilled staff. Below are pictures of some of the highlights. The CCA programme will begin again at the beginning of the next academic year, so watch out on dojo for more information and to sign up your child for their favourite activities.



Written by;  
Mr. Kam  
Head of CCA



# STRAITS TALENT SHOW



**Group Award**



**Solo Award**



After many months of planning and auditions, Monday 10th of July saw our inaugural Straits Talent Show, and oh wow, what a lot of talent we have here at SIS! The show saw pupils from all ages showcasing their musical, dance, acting, public speaking and many more talents. More than anything it was a great opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate our individual passions and interests that may not always be the focus of an academic curriculum, but deserve an equal level of credit and praise for the effort put in to succeed. A huge congratulations to everyone that took the time to practice, audition, rehearse and to perform. It was a splendid event enjoyed by all. An especially big thank you to Ms. Evelyn for organising the event - a huge talent all of it's own!



Written by;

*Mr. Laurence*

**Newsletter Editor**







# International Learning Opportunities for Students

Written by;

*Ms. Kalpana*

**ILOS Coordinator**

ILOS, International Learning Opportunities for Students, are impactful learning programmes that connect ISP students through unique beyond-the-classroom experiences. As a global group of schools, our students benefit from being part of a wider international community, which provides many additional learning and cultural opportunities.

This academic year, both primary and secondary students took part in a wide range of differentiated ILOS programmes. This year, Straits International School, Rawang, participated in ISP Film which was led by Ms Kanaga, ISP Chess led by Ms Shakila, ISP Future led by MS Sutha and ISP Scientist led by Ms Alissa.

All the ILOS programmes have provided amazing learning experiences that help our students develop life competencies such as language and communication skills, intercultural understanding, presentation and leadership skills which helps them to become responsible global citizens.

We are eager to introduce a few more ILOS programmes next academic year. So, stay tuned!



ISP Scientist



ISP Futures



ISP Chess



ISP Film



# Staffing



As the academic year comes to an end, it is common for existing staff to move on and new arrivals to join our team. This is planned well in advance and we've been working hard behind the scenes, taking time to find the best replacements to support and enthuse our pupils with their learning. With that in mind we'd like to take a moment to thank the staff leaving for their hard work, dedication and effort in supporting our pupils during their time at SIS and also to welcome our new colleagues to the Straits community.



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**Ms. Nicolene**



**Ms. Loges**



**Ms. Paula**



**Ms. Esther**



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**Newsletter Editor**





# CLASS OF 2023



Although the end of every academic year brings joy and excitement as students and teachers look forward to a well deserved summer break, this excitement is always tinged with the sadness that our Year 11s are leaving us to start the next stages of their journeys.

Our Year 11 graduating class of 2023 have been a source of great pride for us throughout their time here as they excelled in their academics, sporting pursuits, creative interests and in their treatment of each other. They are a talented and close-knit group and have been so much fun to be involved with over the months and years.



The teachers here at SIS will truly miss them and are excited to find out where life takes them as they continue to learn and grow.

As we await the release of the IGCSE results for 2023, the teaching staff want to wish them the very best of luck on results day and want them to know that they will always be a part of the Straits family and should come back to tell us all their news as the years go on.

Written by;

*Mr. John*

**Head of Secondary**

# *Congratulations*

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