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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Valued Parents and Guardians,

It has been a month since we started our new academic year! We are happy to see our students excitedly engaging with our committed educators, all of whom strive to provide valuable and creative learning experiences for our students. On our first day of school, students were also taught goal-setting and were asked to reflect on their goals for the year. In addition, we held our Anti-Bullying Week to reinforce our school's zero-tolerance stance on bullying and foster an environment of mutual cooperation and support.

This year, we continue to facilitate a holistic educational programme for our students through the teaching of life skills like emotional intelligence, discipline, interpersonal skills and leadership. We are also pursuing community service efforts, students' international certifications such as the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and participation in international-level competitions. Our co-curricular activities, to commence next month, will provide yet another avenue for holistic learning and creative development. We are certainly excited to hear from our students about their experiences of these activities!

A special mention goes to our 2022 Year II students and teachers, whose hard work culminated in another year of excellent IGCSE results. We achieved a 100% passing rate and about 60% of A*/As in the overall subjects taken across the board. Almost 20% of our students achieved straight As. Our heartiest congratulations to them! We wish our 2023 Year II cohort the very best as they seek to continue our legacy of academic excellence.

As always, we appreciate your unstinting support of our school. Our communication channels are always open. Please let us know if there is any way we can serve you better.

Happy reading!

Sharmilla Mohan

MEET OUR NEW JOINERS!



MS PAVETHIRA WIJAYA SANGAR

YEAR 2 / SCIENCE / HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY / MALAY

Hi everyone. I'm Ms Pavethira. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Indian Studies from the University of Malaya. Before joining Heritage International School, I worked in the corporate sector – but earlier on found my passion in teaching. I love having this chance to teach Science, History, Geography, and also Malay to my students. It pleases me to be part of the Heritage family and I can't wait to contribute more throughout this year!

MS GAYATHRY

YEARS 3 & 5 / ENGLISH

Hi there! I'm Ms Gayathry. Having completed my Foundation in TESL and a Bachelor of Education degree majoring in Language and Literature, and with my many years of experience teaching both government and international school children, I have found that helping students excel in their language skills, moulding them to be confident, life-long learners is where I find my joy and fulfilment. Here at Heritage International School, I teach English to our primary learners and I am enjoying every minute of it!





First Day of School!

Students and teachers alike were excited to commence our new academic year on 3 January 2023.

We were equally excited to welcome new students into our fold.

Orientation sessions were held for our Primary and Secondary students at Jubilee Hall, in order for them to be informed of our School's rules and plans for the new year. Our Secondary students also undertook a goal-setting exercise to prepare them for their important assessments.

Wishing all students the very best for the year ahead! May this year allow you to shine in academics, sports and character.













Saying No to Bullying



Our School firmly believes that bullying has no place in a civilised society.

To drive home our stand, we held our Anti-Bullying Week from 9 to 13 January 2023, where our teachers made several presentations to raise awareness of the various forms of bullying and remind everyone to treat others with respect and kindness.

Our Primary students also took part in class skits to explore this theme. They were then made Heroes of Heritage, where they pledged to put on Masks of Attentiveness to bullying, stretch out Hands of Kindness for those in need, wear Capes of Inclusiveness in the spirit of loving others, and Boots of Peace wherever they go.

Our Secondary students took the Anti-Bullying Pledge, where they officially committed to take a stand against bullying. They also created the Tree of Kindness by penning on "leaves" their thoughts on how they can be kind to others in any situation.





















We are proud to be Malaysians and we naturally love our national language!

We made Fun Friday on 13 January 2023 our very own Malay Language Day to celebrate the beauty of Bahasa Malaysia. Our students put up engaging acts that helped renew our appreciation and love for our national language.

As it was also Anti-Bullying Week, our Years I and 6 students had the opportunity to perform a skit that reinforced our stand against bullying.









IGCSE Results Day



Our Year II graduates returned to school on 18 January 2023 to receive their results for the Oct/Nov 2022 sitting of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education!

Our Secondary Principal Ms Sharmilla Mohan, together with Ms SuYan and Ms Zhi Ling, were on hand to welcome our graduates and their families. They congratulated the graduates on their academic achievements and encouraged everyone to keep improving themselves and make the most of the opportunities that come their way.

We rejoice with our graduates for achieving a 100% pass rate. Over 91% achieved all credits, whilst close to 58% achieved all A*s/As.

























Pictures

It was a day of excitement of seeing exclassmates, as students came to collect their IGCSE results.

We are more than proud to know that everyone made it through and many with flying colours too.

Well done, Class of 2022!



Teachers' Early CNY Celebration



Our teachers had an early Chinese New Year celebration at The Well on 6 January 2023!

The simple get-together over "yee sang" was also held to celebrate the success of our first week of school.















RECRUITING FIRST AIDERS

Our First Aid committee of 2023 had their inaugural meeting on 13 January 2023!

Henry and Raphael of Year II, as Director and Assistant Director respectively, introduced the committee to the students and briefed everyone on how to be a school First Aider.

LEARNING ABOUT PERSONAL SAFETY

Our English Teacher Ms Esther regaled her Year 2 students with an engaging and practical lesson on personal safety during Library Time.

Students were taught to stay close to their parents/guardians especially in crowded spaces, and to be aware of their surroundings at all times.











WHAT'S IN A CHICKEN WING?

A lot, as our Year 8 students discovered!

Under the tutelage of Science Teacher Mr Nicholas, students dissected chicken wings during their Science lesson to observe the intricate web of muscles, tendons and joints that enable the chicken's movement.





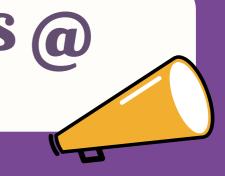














NO PAIN, NO GAIN

Our Year 10 students giving their utmost as they prepare for the Physical Education module of the IGCSE in May 2024!

Under the supervision of our Coach Gee, the boys are guided on how to progressively improve their strength and stamina whilst safely utilising their equipment.













Ari Lala

MARI LAKONKAN! (COME AND ACT!)

Acting convincingly is not easy for many – especially in a second language – but our Year 4 students took on the challenge with aplomb!

With our drama coach, performing arts and BM teacher chugging ahead at full steam, students eagerly and quickly learned that they have what it takes to make a good reader.



Pictures

Scripted or not, acting can be made fun with a little imagination and a whole lot of heart.





HEY, MACARENA!

Born in the 90s? Then you will definitely know how to dance the Macarena, or would have at least seen how it's done.

Our Primary students were introduced to the dance, keeping in time to the beat and the grooves! A fun Friday, indeed!











"I WANNA BE A PODCASTER!"

Our budding podcasters from Year 9 excitedly learned how to use podcasting software in our ICT Lab to create engaging and informative content.





LOOK MA, MY HAND!

Our Year I students traced their little hands and filled them in with a myriad of colours!

Through this exercise, they learnt how to freely express their creativity as they coloured within the shape of their hands.

















ARTFUL STROKES OF THE BRUSH

In conjunction with Chinese New Year, our Years 7 and 8 students taking Basic and Advanced Mandarin under the tutelage of Ms Lily experienced the joy of Chinese calligraphic writing!

Students were guided on how to write "玉兔迎春" (Jade Rabbit welcomes spring) and "四季平安" (peace in all seasons). Ms Lily also gave them tips on how to hold their brushes for optimal comfort, as well as how to start and finish their strokes properly.























BLOSSOMING TALENT FOR CHINESE ART

Our Year 7 Advanced Mandarin students tried their hand at Chinese ink-blowing!

Ms Lily taught them the art of blowing ink across the red paper to form the branches of the cherry blossom tree. They then dabbed red, orange, pink and yellow paint onto the edges of the branches to represent blossoming flowers.









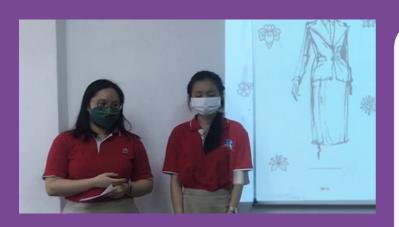


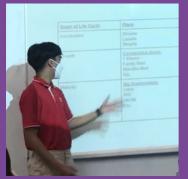
MAKING BIOLOGICAL DRAWINGS

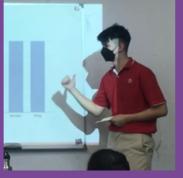
At Science class, our Year 7 students learned how to make drawings of biological specimens like leaves and plants!

Students drew detailed pictures of the specimens and labelled the parts accordingly. They also included a size indicator in order for viewers of their drawings to have a better gauge of the specimens' size.













DOING BUSINESS IN THE REAL WORLD

Our Year II students undertaking Business Studies had a taste of what it takes to do business in the real world.

They were segregated into groups to come up with marketing proposals for new offerings in areas such as fashion, F&B and sports energy drinks.

They then presented their work to our adjudicators, primary Principal Mr Calvyn and secondary school teacher Ms Priscilla, who gave them useful insights on how to further strengthen their proposals.







DATE	EVENT	SCHOOL
30 January – 3 February	Mandarin Week	Secondary
3 February	Chinese New Year Celebration	Primary & Secondary
7 February	Prefects & Librarians Selection	Primary
13 February	Prefects Installation Ceremony	Secondary
20 - 24 February	English Week	Secondary
27 February - 3 March	Continuous Assessment I	Secondary

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