

### BUZZZ January 2024

#### In Pursuit of Knowledge and Excellence



#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Valued Parents and Guardians,

Welcoming you to another promising academic year! The past month has seen our students diving into learning with enthusiasm. They've set personal goals, showcasing a commitment to growth. It's inspiring to see their dedication to personal development, and I encourage you to engage in conversations with them about their aspirations.

We recently reinforced our anti-bullying stance during Anti-Bullying Week, fostering a culture of cooperation and support. Our holistic approach continues, focusing on life skills, community service, and international certifications.

Congratulations to our 2023 Year 11 students for their exceptional IGCSE results and best wishes to our 2024 Year 11 cohort this year as they aim for academic excellence.

As we gear up for co-curricular activities in February, we look forward to hearing about our students' enriching experiences. Additionally, with Chinese New Year approaching, I wish you a joyous celebration filled with happiness and prosperity with your families.

Your unwavering support means the world to us. Our communication channels remain open, and we encourage you to reach out if there's anything we can do to enhance your experience with our school.

Best regards,

Sharmilla Mohan

#### **School Events**



#### **Orientation Day**



Welcome back, students and a very happy start to the new academic year! We had an amazing first day filled with an orientation which comprised a school tour, "getting to know you" activities, and an assembly where students were briefed about our school, its rules and code of conduct, amongst others.

It's official – the 2024 school year has begun, and we're all ready for an unforgettable journey!





















#### **School Events**



#### **Anti-Bullying Week**



Compassion, love, empathy — these are powerful emotions that help lift spirits, create connections and move mountains.

During Heritage's Anti-Bullying Week, we upheld these traits and reconfirmed our commitment to a no-bully culture. There is zero tolerance at HIS for anyone who takes pleasure in victimising and putting down their fellow peers.

Ms. Priscilla and Mr. Justin led the way, championing our Anti-Bullying Week! During the week, students were given a presentation on what constitutes a bully and how we can create a culture free of bullies. They were also asked to pledge to stand up for those who can't do it for themselves and write a personal pledge on socks!

Odd Socks — because we're all unique, different and colourful.











**School Events** 

**IGCSE Results Day** 



18 January 2024 marked a momentous occasion as our Class of 2023 graduates and parents gathered to collect their IGCSE results!

Congratulations once again to all the students on reaching this significant milestone!

We wish each graduate success and fulfillment in their future endeavours. May your journey ahead be filled with exciting opportunities, personal growth, and continued achievements. As you embark on new chapters, carry the lessons learned and the friendships forged during your time with us. Cheers to a bright and promising future!

























#### Building a Greener Tomorrow!



Project Activate Workshop: Empowering young minds for a sustainable future! Dive into environmental awareness with Y5 and Y6 students as they explore climate and plastic pollution. Engaging Young Engineers activities, crafting smart reusable bags – it's a morning of innovation and positive impact.

Let's build a greener tomorrow together!

















Heritage International School's first combined assembly set the stage for an exciting year ahead. From the thrill of Sports Day to fostering a culture of kindness during Anti-Bullying Week and exploring diverse talents in our CCA programmes – this is just the beginning.

Stay tuned for a year filled with learning, achievements, and memorable events. Making 2024 a great year.











Marching into victory! After a fantastic first practice, we're gearing up for the upcoming Sports Day on March 9th. The students and teachers are literally putting their best foot forward to ensure they bring their best game, come the event., come the event. Students, let's ignite the spirit! Go Victors! Go Conquerors!













Lower Primary students learned the proper sequence of folding clothes as part of living skills assignment.

Teaching young children to fold their own laundry instil discipline, responsibility and independence, good groundwork for a neat lifestyle and fostering a sense of accomplishment. Good job, students!









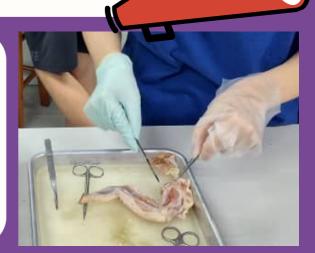








In an engaging science experiment, our Year 8 students recently observed the intricate details of anatomy by skinning chicken wings. The hands-on dissection provided valuable insights into joints, muscles, and tendons, fostering a practical understanding of biology. This immersive experience sparked enthusiasm among our young scientists, combining theoretical knowledge with hands-on exploration.











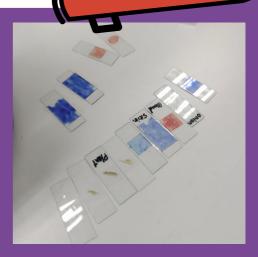




Our Secondary students enjoyed observing cells under the guidance of Ms Priscilla!

They examined a variety of cells with the help of a microscope, including that of leaves, onions, as well as our skin, cheek and red blood cells.

The intricacies of these basic units of life were truly astounding!











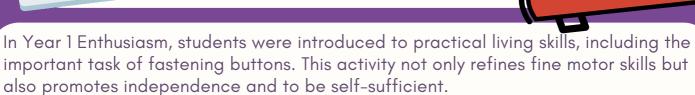












As they mastered this skill, students gained confidence in handling everyday tasks, laying the foundation for greater autonomy in dressing and fostering a sense of accomplishment in their early years of education.



















Students learned crucial living skills such as road safety under the watchful eyes of their subject teacher, Ms Esther!

Students practised lifting a straight arm to be noticed by drivers. This vital skill instills awareness and caution when crossing roads, promoting safety and responsible behaviour. As children develop this competency, they enhance their ability to navigate their surroundings with confidence and awareness, fostering a secure foundation for future mobility.





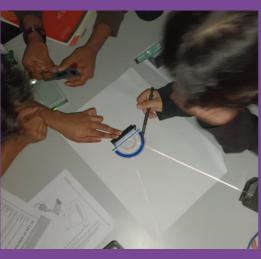




During their Physics lesson, our Year 11 students observed the behaviour of waves using a ripple tank.

With guidance from Mr Thomas, they also conducted experiments on reflection and refraction of light. In so doing, they learned about the phenomenon of total internal reflection that takes place within glass blocks.















Our Year 9 students conducted a starch test experiment on leaves.

First, they boiled the leaves in water. Then they boiled them in alcohol to remove the green pigment, also known as chlorophyll. Lastly, they washed off the alcohol with hot water and applied iodine. The iodine turned the leaf blueblack, indicating that starch is present.















In our Year 2 unit on "Animals and Their Young", our students explored a furry being and its babies!

Their curious minds got a hands-on experience with the hamsters, noting the similarities and differences between a parent and its young. Truly an engaging day for our tickled students!









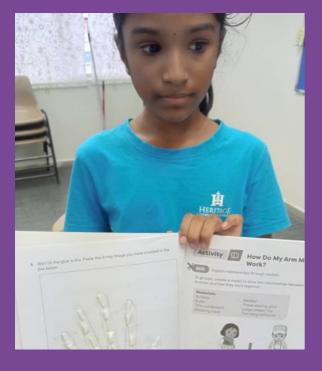


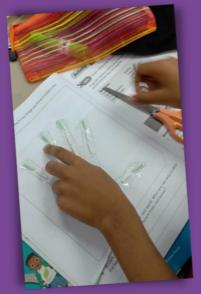
We kickstarted the year with a fantastic and engaging Year 4 Science curriculum! Exploring the human body, particularly focusing on bones and muscles, is a fundamental aspect of understanding our anatomy. The hands-on activity of recreating X-rays using basic stationery made the learning experience both educational and enjoyable for the students.

Such activity not only provided a visual representation of internal structures but also encouraged creativity and critical thinking among the students. Additionally, handson experiences can help make abstract concepts more tangible and memorable.















Now, isn't this something? These intrigued Year 5 science students were engaged in a hands-on learning experience, dissecting a variety of flowers to delve into the intricate details of their reproductive system.

This educational activity provided a comprehensive understanding of both male and female reproductive organs within flowers, fostering a deeper appreciation for the complexities of plant biology among these young learners. What's next?

























Denzell, Pei Nee, Jaeson, and Zia (from Year 2 Attentiveness) enthusiastically shared their favourite things for Show and Tell, during their first week's English lesson.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year as our students usher in the joy of discovery and sharing from one of the many wonderful class activities to come!











Unlocking Nature's Secrets: Witness the captivating journey of our Year 11 students as they delicately dissect lilies, to unravel the intricate layers of petals, stamens, and pistils.

Immerse in the fascinating world of botany, where learning blooms with every petal!











On the unit of 'The Five Senses', students used their sense of smell and taste to determine the characteristics of a variety of foods.

They also learnt how to describe foods as sweet, sour, salty or bitter.











Year 9 ICT lesson delved into the fascinating world of internal hardware devices. From motherboards to graphic cards, our students unraveled the secrets within.

We believe in hands-on learning for a deeper understanding of the technology that powers our digital world!













Embracing Uniqueness, Building Unity: Our 2024 Anti-Bullying Pledge Board!

Each unique shade on this board represents the strength in our differences. Our students colour the odd sock because everyone deserves respect and kindness.

Together, we pledge to be a force of compassion, understanding, and acceptance. No room for bullying in our vibrant community!







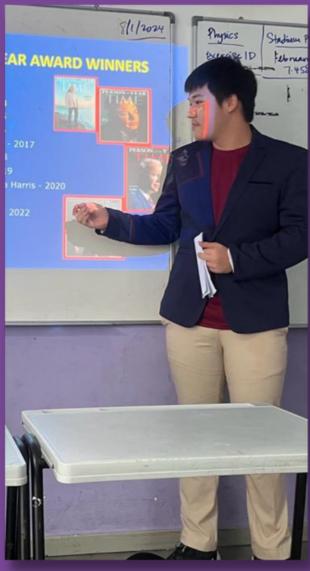


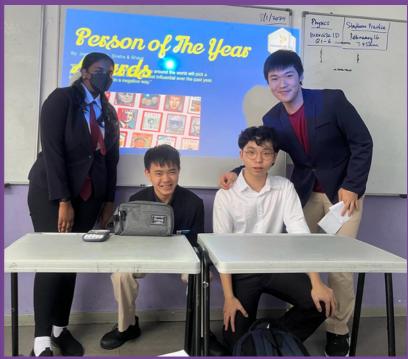




Our Year 10 students proudly presenting international awards of their choice, embodying the essence of becoming advocates for a shared vision on global progress!









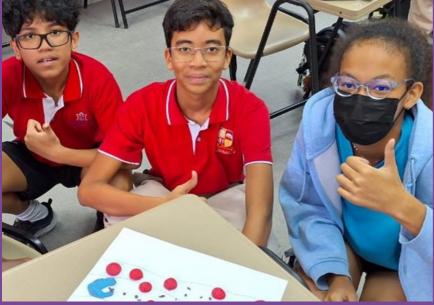


Year 8 students creating a detailed model of blood vessels, showcasing the essential roles of red and white blood cells.

Red blood cells diligently transport oxygen, while white blood cells stand ready to bravely combat pathogens. Science in action!











Anti-Bullying Week emphasises kindness and acceptance. A special activity involved colouring socks, symbolising uniqueness and individuality. By celebrating differences, children learn to appreciate one another, fostering a supportive environment.

This creative exercise encourages understanding and unity, reinforcing the importance of empathy and respect from an early age.











Joel Lim showcased immense strength with a 107.5kg deadlift, securing 3rd place in his category at over 2x his body weight. Ng Je Anne dominated her category, setting national records in three events. Christopher Tim impressed with a 62.5kg deadlift, surpassing his body weight and claiming 4th place.

Join our school's ECA gym for future champions!









DATE	EVENT	SCHOOL
14th - 16th Feb	Mandarin Week	Primary & Secondary
15th Feb	Chinese New Year Celebration	Primary & Secondary
16th Feb	First Sports Day Rehearsal	Primary & Secondary
19th - 23rd Feb	Mock Examinations (Malay & Mandarin - IGCSE Speaking Components)	Secondary



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