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Monthly updates from the

Cambridge International Fellowship Centre at Taman Rama School

A Celebration of Indonesia



Kartini Day is a day in which Indonesians honour an icon of the women's emancipation movement. It is celebrated all over Indonesia on the 21st of April, and last week our school celebrated it with the theme of Indonesia.

The students attended many activities such as Barong, Wayang, a Bazaar, dancing, singing, batik, ceramic and science exhibitions and a documentary film. Parents were invited as the special guests and they were very excited to see their children performing.

Hands-on demonstrations provided everyone with the opportunity to try traditional Indonesian handicrafts. Grade 1 students couldn't wait to get their fingers into clay and start creating shapes under the guidance of senior students. A Batik demonstration was demonstrated by some teachers near the badminton hall. Students and teachers were wearing Batik outfits, giving a touch of Javanes.

Guests were treated to a performance in the Badminton Hall. The show started with a Balinese song and suddenly Rangda just came out of nowhere and shocked the audience. The show then continued with a poetry reading. Three poets were involved and the topic was about Kartini and Indonesian heroes. They exaggerated a bit but that's what makes the audience impressed. Indonesian songs were performed by students from the national section and the instrumental version of the 'Kartini' song amazed the audience. Overall, the performance gave us the feeling of being a true traditional Indonesian and the show introduced us to different aspects of Indonesian culture.

The Barong is a form of traditional entertainment as well as wayang which is adapted from the stories of God with traditional music during the performance which enhances the atmosphere. The performance was impressive considering it was performed solely by students and everyone was entertained by the humorous antics of the Barong.

The Bazaar, was part of the school Bake Sale Project and was catered by the grade 8 students. The aim was to raise charity funds for donation. The bazaar started at 9:30 and as soon as it started, groups of eager students filled the basketball hall. Many varieties of food were sold ranging from Indonesian, Japanese to European foods. They sold the food with fascinating marketing tactics and reasonable prices which attracted more people to buy them. The grade 8 students worked with enthusiasm and responsibility. We could see their sweat was pouring through their hard work. Their effort, however was worth it. They were successful in raising funds and serving the hungry customer well.

- article written by Year 12

Important Advice For Examination Candidates

The May / June international examination session begins on Monday 9th May 2011.

- make sure that you know the date, time and location for each of your examinations. Do not rely on others passing on this information to you – look for yourself on the Examination Notice Board and write down all the information in your Student Diary. And familiarize yourself with the Notice to Candidates regulations – found on the back of your Statement of Entry.

- You should arrive in school thirty minutes before the start of your examination. When travelling to school allow time for possible traffic congestions. Do not arrive late!

- On arrival in school you must switch off your hand phone and leave it in the Director's office. Phones are not allowed in the Examination Hall or Key Supervision Room.

- If your examination starts later in a morning or later in an afternoon – remember you still need to be in school before the KEY TIME. Do not arrive late for the Key Time otherwise this could result in you being disqualified.

- Full uniform is to be worn for all examinations but you must remove your school tie. Pencil cases, dictionaries and calculator cases are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

- Fifteen minutes before the examination start time you must be seated and waiting in silence. Your candidate number will be on the desk in front of you. This candidate number will be used for all examinations during the May / June 2011 session. Taman Rama School's centre number is ID048.

- For Mathematics examinations your calculator must comply with the regulations. Please check with your Mathematics teacher if you are unsure.

Good luck to you all!

events

9/5 Cambridge Examinations begin for Year 10, 11 and 12

17/5 Wasiak holiday

2/6 Ascension Day holiday

23/5 - 3/6 CIPP Exam period

8/6 - Class Parties

9/6 - Grandparents' Day

10/6 - Report Cards

10/6 - Graduation Ceremony Year 12

13/6 - Graduation Ceremony Year 6

Making A Splash... Santhi Weiss interviews Natasya & Sam

"Swimming is a great way to exercise. It's really challenging but it can also help release stress, like when you're busy studying," says Natasya Candra Prameswari, of grade ten. She is a very accomplished swimmer even though she only started swimming in the sixth grade. Her mum had encouraged her to join the extra-curricular activity. However, she soon realized how much she enjoyed it and joined a local swimming club.

"The best competitions are when you compete outside of Bali because you can meet foreign swimmers!" Natasya was recently in Perth, Australia where she represented Indonesia in the Indian Ocean All Stars, where she received five gold, one silver and one bronze medal. She is aiming to become an international swimming athlete, and it seems that she might be achieving that in the near future!



At the mere age of eight, Samuel Prestone White (grade nine) realized his potential in swimming. He felt that he was actually good at it, in comparison to some other sports. Although the long hours of training may prove to be rather boring and not to mention very tiring, the competitions are always a lot of fun.

Like Natasya, Sam was recently in Perth, Australia for the Indian Ocean All Stars where they competed for Team Asia at the Challenge Stadium.

"My goal is to become the best I can possibly be." Bringing home five gold and two silver medals, Sam was clearly at his best and did his country proud. Although his favourite stroke is freestyle, it is obvious that he excels in all fields.

Sam hopes that swimming will get him places in life, starting with getting a scholarship to a good university, where he can then pursue his other passions in photography and arts.



During April, the Grade 10 Geography Class had a chance to visit Padma Beach in Legian, to conduct an IGCSE, interactive case study concerning materials along the beach. The fieldtrip, led by the Geography teacher Mr. David, is based on the hypothesis that during storms, the waves become more frequent and stronger, causing materials at the back of the beach to be larger than at the water's edge. Students are expected to prove this based on investigation and observation.

The moment the group arrived at the windy beach, they immediately settled to work. Their job involved taking pictures of the investigation site, locating the low and high water mark, and drawing a rough sketch map of the coast. It went on further to recording the overall number of materials for every twenty paces along the shoreline.

Although the waves are high due to storms occurring recently, the students were able to perform the case study completely. They were able to see the different materials scattered around the beach, and develop an interpretation of the information gathered. This helps sharpening their observation skills required in many fieldworks. The case study also aids in preparing the students for their upcoming IGCSE examinations, which will be held in May/June.

It has been a pleasurable, fun experience to learn outside of the classrooms and perform the ideas learned from the student's textbook. We hope that these fieldtrips will continue in years to come, and benefit students taking part in the IGCSE. - Elgine Grade 10



Gardening Competition Results

Results from this year's Gardening Competition, part of the school's Kartini Day / Earth Day celebrations, were judged by Mr. James early morning on 21st April. Nine weeks earlier Year 7 students had been challenged to grow long beans, Year 8 - tomatoes, Year - 9 Chili, Year 10 - Ginger, Year - 11 Eggplant and Year 12 - Rosella. Back in February each Grade was allowed to enter two teams comprising of three students. The teams were then given seeds, plastic bags and an allotted space beside the football pitch and asked to research the best soil and growing conditions for their fruit or vegetable.

All Years managed to grow plants except for the Year 12s who struggled with the exceptionally wet weather we experienced during these past few months.

Well done to all the gardeners. The winning plants were those which looked the healthiest (and kept to the competition rules). Winning teams will all receive certificates.

Students are encouraged to keep tending to their plants, see the fruits and vegetables develop and let us know how they taste!



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