



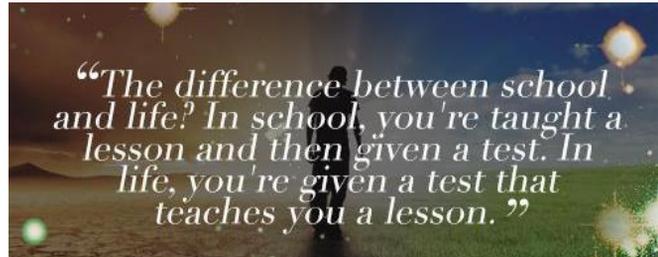
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From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Students:

Warmest Greeting & Welcome to UIS monthly Newsletter.



Our 4th term started on 11th September 2017, after a 10 days of school holiday together with Malaysian Independence Day and Hari Raya Haji public holidays. Formative assessments at all levels were conducted before the school holiday.

Independence Day was celebrated with students boasting patriotism towards their respective countries celebrating Independence Day in the month of August 2017, which were inclusive of Singapore, India and Korea.

On 29 September will be the Annual Sports Day with students, teachers and parents participating in some of the activities. Also not to forget, the Mid- Autumn Festival (also know as Moon Cake and Lantern Festival) will be celebrated on 4 October.

From 3 October till 15 November, we will be conducting the IGCSE October/November 2017 examination,

Forging a strong relationship between the school and home is beneficial to student performance and academic growth.

Please take advantage of the upcoming opportunities that you will have to become involved at UIS as parents and students. We appreciate your feedback at all times to make better developments and improvements at all levels.

Eastern Values,

Western Education,

Global Citizen



Student's Articles

Independence Day of Malaysia

An Independence Day is an annual celebration observing the anniversary of a nation's independent statehood, usually after ceasing to be a colony or part of another state. All countries honour their respective independence days, celebrating it as a national holiday. The independence of Malaysia is different from that of the independence of other countries. It was a peaceful independence attained by holding talks with the British. Thus, on 31 August 1957, Malaysia got its independence from the United Kingdom.

The first Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj spearheaded the effort for independence, leading a delegation of ministers and political leaders of Malaya (now Malaysia) in negotiations with the British in London for "Merdeka" which means independence in Malay language. Just when it became clear that the Communist threat posed during the Malayan emergency was getting out of hand, agreement was reached on February 8, 1956, for Malaya to gain independence from the British Empire. But for some reason, it was decided that the official proclamation of independence would be made the next year, on August 31, 1957, at Stadium Merdeka (Independence Stadium), in Kuala Lumpur.

On this glorious day Allahyarham Tunku Abdul Rahman proudly declared the independence day of Malaysia by shouting out "Merdeka" seven times at the Merdeka Stadium. Hari Merdeka meaning the Independence Day is the national day of Malaysia commemorating the independence of the Federation of Malaya from British colonial rule. In a larger perspective this day celebrates the formation of Malaysia.

By Dang Chee Kuang

Secondary 4



Student's Articles

Rainwater Harvesting System

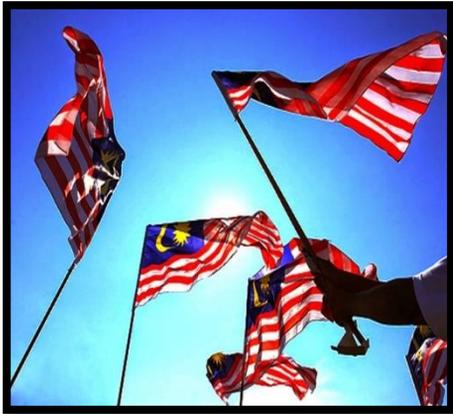
In an effort to conserve water, UIS will be installing rainwater harvesting system on the school ground soon. This project will be closely supported by Kerry Ingredients (M) Sdn Bhd as their CSR program towards the community. They will also assist us towards achieving Green Flag in Eco School Program.

The systems will capture rainwater runoff and divert it through pipes and a filter to the holding tank. This feature will not only save water but also teach students the importance of water conservation. Reusing rainwater in their garden is beneficial to our water supply, especially in times of drought.

The quality of rainwater is unsurpassed when it comes to watering plants and landscapes. Captured rainwater is free of the salts and pollutants associated with ground and surface water. In urban areas, the natural acidity of rainwater is good for soils that have become alkaline from cement-leached lime. The natural temperature of rainwater doesn't shock plants with cold the way tap water can. Rainwater contains no chlorine, a chemical added to drinking water that inhibits plant growth. Best of all, rainwater is free!

By Lee Jinyong
Secondary 1





Student's Articles

Inilah Hari...

Inilah hari, kita raikan kemerdekaan kita.
Inilah hari, kita bangkit tinggi dengan penuh bangga.

Inilah hari, kita kibarkan jalur gemilang dari timur ke barat,
Inilah hari, yang membangkitkan keberanian, kedaulatan,
kesucian,
ketabahan and keadilan ke minda kita.

Inilah hari, kita mengungkap kembali perjuangan menuju
kemerdekaan
yang disertai dengan tumpahan darah mereka yang suci.

Inilah hari, kita berdoa agar kemakmuran dan kemajuan tanah air
kita.

Inilah hari, kita sampaikan kepada dunia
yang kita hidup dengan aman, damai dan persaudaraan yang erat.

Translation in English:

This Is The Day

This is the day we celebrate our independence.
This is the day we stand up high in pride.

This is the day we fly our flag or freedom from east to west,
That brings courage, liberty, purity, perseverance and justice to our
mind.

This is the day we remember those who fought for independence
Without shedding a drop of blood.

This is the day we pray for the prosperity and progress of the
nation

This is the day we tell the world
That we live in peace, harmony and brotherhood.

By Amirrah Iman
Secondary 1



Student's Articles

Should Mobile Phone Be Allowed in Schools?

Mobile phones today have become such a necessity in everyone's lives. Whether mobile phones should be allowed at school has become a very hotly debated topic nowadays. Although there are quite a few advantages of bringing mobile phones to school, the disadvantages of doing so surely outweigh them.

Allowing mobile phones to school would be equivalent to giving an open invitation to distraction. With so many activities in a single gadget, students are bound to be tempted to indulge in them, hence deviating from the main objective of coming to school. Their concentration towards studies would deteriorate as they would be busy fiddling with their mobile phones.

Many people argue that a mobile phone allows parents to stay in touch with their children. They provide their children with mobile phones to remain informed about their children's whereabouts as well as know what their children need. However, this is also possible without a mobile phone, as schools have phones. Any important information can be conveyed through school telephones.

Bringing mobile phone to school would also pave way for theft. With expensive mobile phone in every student's bag, anyone could just steal a mobile phone, disrupt discipline and make school a very unsafe place.

The aforementioned points clearly establish the fact that the reasons for not allowing mobile phone in schools are based on clear reservations and not on flimsy grounds. Hence mobile phone should not be allowed in schools.

By Sugendren

Secondary 3



Other Articles

Do You Know What Video Games Your Children Are Playing?

It's a tireless task parents have keeping their kids safe. Today, parents must add another challenge to their list: video games.

Parents don't know that the content of certain games could affect the social and emotional development of their child. It may even be hazardous to children's health. Violence is the most prevalent health risk for children and adolescents. Homicide, suicide and accidents are the top causes of death for 10 to 24-year-olds. In some games, depictions of violence that are realistic, portrayed without pain and suffering, and experienced in the context of good feelings are more likely to be emulated.

Parents do know that children learn by observing, imitating what they observe and acting on the world around them. Now, they must be aware of the content of the video games their children play at home and via mobile phones.





Students' Activities

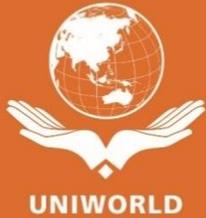
Hands-on Activities in Science

Children learn best when they are engaged in hands-on activities. Science is a subject where students can contextualise what they learn in the classroom and apply it in real-life experiments. Our state-of-the-art lab facility offers ample opportunities for our students to engage in a large range of experiments and activities where they can engage with the curriculum content.

“Science classes for our Primary 5 students are interesting and fun. They are learning about photosynthesis. The familiar equations for photosynthesis is “carbon dioxide + water” and “oxygen + glucose” . In one of their class experiments, students soaked the leaves in boiling water for a minute. And then, they filled half of the boiling tube with alcohol and put the leaf into the tube. They put the tube of alcohol into a beaker of very hot water and boiled it to remove the chlorophyll from the leaf. After this, the students lifted the leaf out of the alcohol, dipped it into the hot water to soften it, spread it out on a white tile and covered it with iodine solution. Finally, they observed a blue-black colour developed on the leaf which indicated the presence of starch. Through this experiment, they discovered that plants change sugar produced by photosynthesis into starch.

Besides that, the students were also given the chance to observe an animal cell and plant cell under a microscope. They prepared a slide of cheek cell and elodea leaf for observation under the microscope. By doing this, they learned to identify and compare the different parts of animal cell and plant cell.





Students' Activities

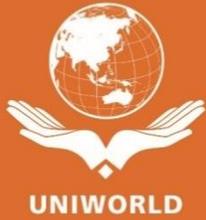
The Wonder of Play Dough

Our Kindy darlings love to play with play dough. We all know that play dough is fun and popular among young children. But apart from making a mess, what is it really good for?

Play dough is beneficial to young children in so many ways. The malleable properties of play dough make it fun for investigation and exploration as well as secretly building up strength in all the tiny hand muscles, making them ready for pencil and scissor control later on.

As part of simple, tactile play it can be squashed, squeezed, rolled, flattened, chopped, cut, scored, raked, punctured, poked and shredded. Each one of these different actions aids fine motor development in such as eye-hand coordination and general concentration. Here are some art interesting objects made by our Kindy children.





Other Activities

National Day Celebration in UIS

Malaysian Independence Day was celebrated in a unique style in UIS this year. As we commemorated the 60th Independence Day of Malaysia, we have also honoured the Koreans and Indians who were also celebrating their countries' Independence Day.

Various activities were carried out to promote patriotism. Most of our students wore traditional costumes to school to mark their nationality and culture. Our students not only sang the national anthem of Malaysia but also showed respect as the foreign students from Singapore, Indonesia, India, South Korea, Japan, Vietnam and Philippines also sang their national anthems.

After an informative power point presentation, there was a quiz to test the students' knowledge about Malaysian, Korean and Indian Independence Days. Next, each class had a flag making activity using recycled materials. In the afternoon, the students were introduced to some of the Malaysian traditional games such as marbles, Congkak, Chaturangam and Batu Seremban.





Others

Sports Day Invitation

It's finally time to warmly invite you to attend our Sports Day which will be held this year on 29th September. The event will start at 8:30am. Students represent their house Neptune (Green), Venus (Yellow), Uranus (Blue) and Mars (Red). Each team would compete with each other through races and physical challenges. Parents and guardians are welcome to move around the activity stations to support your child.

We ask that children come to school in their respective team colour t-shirt on that day. For instance, if the student is in the red team, then he or she needs to wear a red t-shirt on that day. They are also advised to bring a hat, sun cream and water bottles. The event is scheduled to finish at around 3.00pm. Parents and guardians will be allowed to take their children home as soon as the event ends. We're all really looking forward to it. I hope you are, too.

Our Sports Day preparations bring together the students' learning in the Physical Education curriculum and Sport program. The programme involves maximum participation with a team and together focus on House and School Spirit. Our senior students are playing major roles in the preparation of sports day. They not only act as team captains but are helping prepare team chants, mascots and assist the younger students in the practice of events.





Announcements

September and October

EVENT	DATE
UIS Sports Day	29 September
IGCSE examinations	03 October till 15 November
Mid Autumn (Moon cake and Lantern) Festival	04 October

