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School Anthem

From the mountains and the islands,
 From the cities and the towns,
 Different families, different races,
 No two people quite the same,
 Our difference is our richness,
 For there's still one thing we share,
 In Genting and across the world,
 We'll always be Highlanders

Chorus:

Highlanders,
 We will explore, enrich,
 Excel together strive for honour,
 Seek for truth and go forth,
 To serve our nation and the world,
 Give our best in all we do,
 As together we go forward,
 Highlanders!

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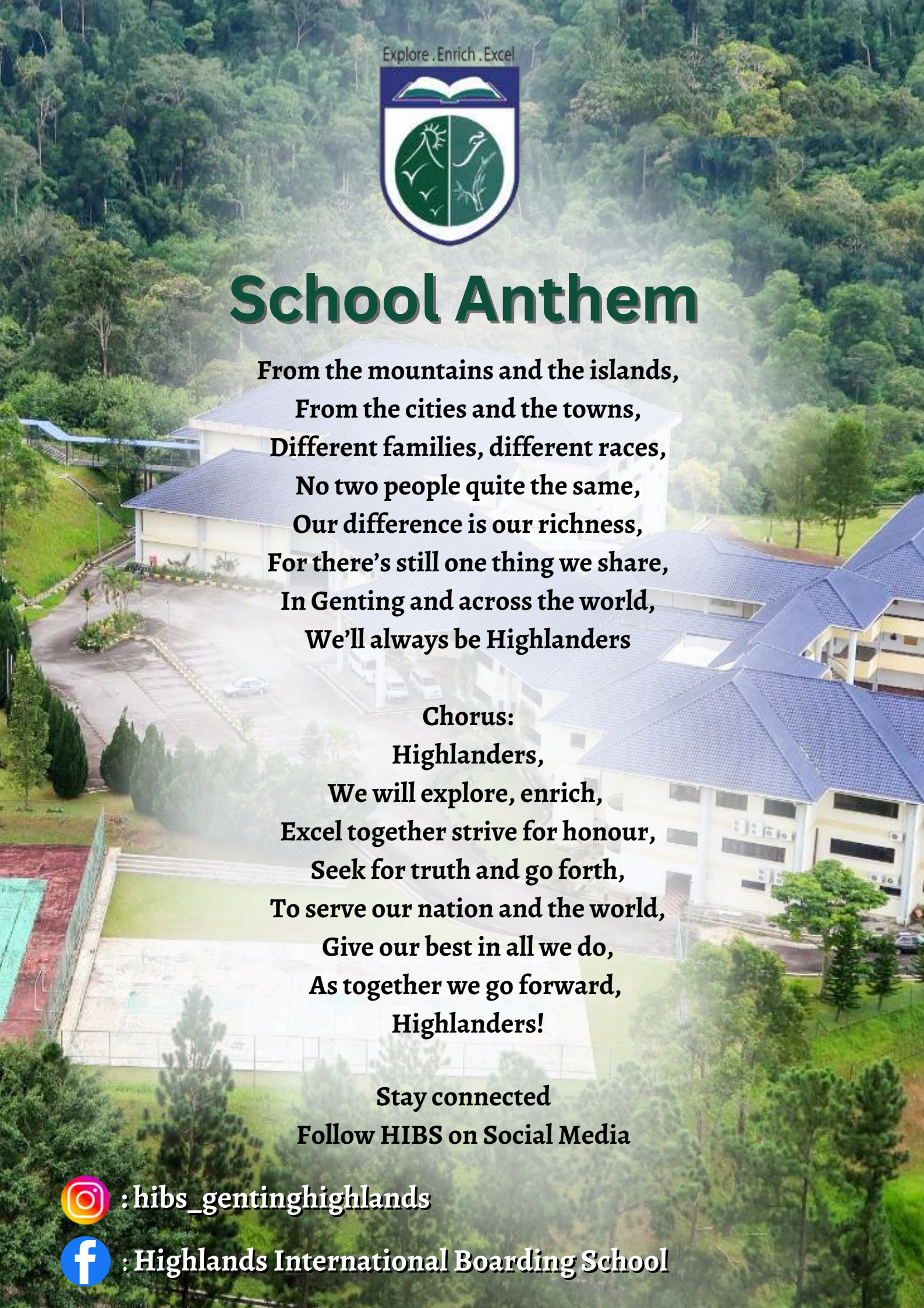
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CHALK TALK

TORCH OF WISDOM

NOOKS BETWEEN BOOKS

BREWING HOT



TORCH OF WISDOM

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the new school year.

It is my great pleasure to write the introduction to our first Highlander Review for Academic Year 2023-2024.

Everyone has been working very hard since September. We have had many exciting school events, starting right away in September and culminating in the Deepavali Celebration at the beginning of December. It has also been the start of academic programmes, particularly the IGCSE courses for Years 10 and 11, and it has been a great testament to the ability of both staff and students to be able to work diligently both in and out of the classroom.

As always, there are changes to life in school for the new academic year. In the Boarding House we now have Floor Tutors to help with discipline and an earlier time for lights out, so that students are encouraged to develop better sleeping habits. For the academic side of the school, the WiFi system has had a complete overhaul and upgrade.

This is to allow us to develop the use of more online resources in all classes, but with particular emphasis on improving the students' English Language attainment, and therefore better prepare our students for study after HIBS.

There is some sadness this term, as a number of staff will be leaving our family, to move on to pastures new; but the silver lining to this is that we will be able to welcome new teachers, and new students, for the New Year next term.

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday, have plenty of rest and be ready for a productive year next month.



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Negaraku
Tanah tumpahnya darahku,
Rakyat hidup
bersatu dan maju,
Rahmat bahagia
Tuhan kurniakan,
Raja kita
selamat bertakhta,
Rahmat bahagia
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Raja kita selamat bertakhta

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023

Bullying is an issue that affects countless students across the country, leading to emotional distress, decreased academic performance, and long-lasting psychological scars. As educators, we have a responsibility to address this problem head-on and provide our students with the tools and support they need to stand up against bullying.

At Highlands International Boarding School (HIBS), our comprehensive Anti-Bullying Week is one of the initiatives aimed at creating a school community where every student feels safe, valued, and free from the harmful effects of bullying.

The Anti-Bullying Week was celebrated from 25th September 2023 to 30th September 2023. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2023 at HIBS is 'Make a Noise About Bullying'.

This theme empowers students, teachers, and school staff to take a collective stand against bullying.

It emphasizes that they have the power to silence the bullies by amplifying kindness and support for victims.

Besides, the theme stresses the importance of addressing the root problem, which is the bullies themselves. It encourages a zero-tolerance approach towards bullying behaviors, aiming to create an environment where bullies face consequences for their actions.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023

The "Make a Noise About Bullying" aspect emphasizes the necessity of open communication. It encourages students and staff to voice concerns regarding bullying incidents, report them, and seek assistance when necessary. The theme underscores the significance of educating individuals about bullying, encompassing its diverse forms, including cyberbullying, and its repercussions. It offers information and resources to aid students and educators in comprehending and addressing bullying more effectively.

At HIBS, all teachers and school staff wore attire in the theme colors, which were Maroon, Red, and Pink, as a sign of their support for the event.

Activities conducted during the Launching of the anti-bullying week were a motivational speech by the Principal, followed by an interesting presentation by Mr Patrick, Quiz Time with Mr. Arif, engaging skits by students, and the reading of the anti-Bullying Pledge, led by Jun Hao.

"Pass the Positivity" is a wonderful activity for Anti-Bullying Week in school, as it promotes kindness, empathy, and positive interactions among students.

This simple and engaging activity encourages students to share kind and uplifting messages with their peers, with the goal of creating a chain of positivity within the school community and reinforcing the values of respect and kindness during Anti-Bullying Week.

The official launch of Anti-Bullying Week was conducted in our unique style. This involved every teacher and student placing their thumbprint and signature on the Anti-Bullying Board, which was already adorned with the Anti-Bullying Pledge. The thumbprint and signature symbolized an agreement, signifying that all students and teachers who added their mark were committed to upholding the principles outlined in the pledge and pledged to combat bullying. The event ended with a group photography session inclusive of our guests, staff and students.



HIBS CROSS COUNTRY 2023

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NO	NAME	YEARS	FEEDBACK
1	Lim Ji Yun	Y11 Sc	Good experience and good opportunity for sightseeing outside the school.
2	Low Yu Fay	Y10 Sc	Get to explore out of the school and exercise at the same time. Teachers' interaction were amazing.
3	Pavitran	Y10 Arts	A great chance for students to release their study pressure. It also helps the students to be happy.
4	Kkritisha Devi	Y8	It was a great experience for the students who never did cross-country. It was a day where all students were able to go out.
5	Xin Zhi Yu	Eng. Prog.	It was an interesting activity. It was a good experience for students to exercise.



HIBS held its Cross Country on 30th October 2023. The event was divided into 3 categories, namely boys under 15, boys under 18 and girls open. The morning of the big event started off with a healthy breakfast at 7.30am. Students and staff gathered at the school foyer for a Zumba session led by Miss Genevieve followed by a quick briefing by Mr. Afandie. Teachers were sent to their respective checkpoints before the students began the event.

The event started at 8.45am with boys under 18 followed by girls open and boys under 15 with a delay of 10 minutes between each category. The Principal, Deputy Principal and the Director of Studies did the honor of starting. Throughout the event, there were no problems and it ran smoothly. It took 45 minutes to complete the 4km, as the route was rather challenging with uphill and downhill sections, uneven surfaces, traffic and road crossing. Thanks go out to our local Police Department, in giving us a hand in controlling the traffic and ensuring the safety of our students and staff throughout the event. A lucky draw was conducted once all participants were back at the school, while waiting for the final results to be announced.

The overall champion for HIBS Cross Country 2023 was Blue house, Green house came in second place and Red house in third place. The event ended at 12.30 pm. A scrumptious lunch was served in the dining room for the tired students and staff.



ECA

HIBS proudly offers Various types of Extra Curricular activities for our Highlanders.
We have three categories of activities which are the Club & Society,
Uniform Body and Sports. Below is the schedule for the activities for every Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

NO	ECA COMPONENT	DAY/TIME	ACTIVITIES
1	CLUB AND SOCIETY	Wednesday 4.00pm-6.00pm	1) ART AND CRAFT 2) NATURE CLUB 3) TAEKWONDO
2	UNIFORM BODY	Thursday 4.00pm-6.00pm	1) FIRE BRIGADE 2) SCOUTS
3	SPORT	Friday 4.00pm-6.00pm	1) FUTSAL 2) BADMINTON 3) SWIMMING

1. CLUB AND SOCIETY

● ART AND CRAFT



● NATURE CLUB



● TAEKWONDO



ECA

2. UNIFORM BODY

● FIRE BRIGADE



● SCOUTS



3. SPORT

● FUTSAL



● BADMINTON



● SWIMMING



LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

1. SCAVENGER HUNT - OCTOBER CHALLENGE



2. FICTION VS NON-FICTION - NOVEMBER DOUBT

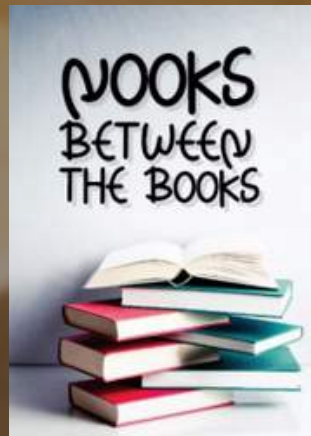


STUDENT LIBRARIAN INSTALLATIONS

27th November 2023 was a historical day for HIBS Library as the inauguration of our HIBS Librarians was carried out. Five students, from the English Program Class to Year 10 students, were appointed to be HIBS official School Librarians.



From left: Cheah Chin Xuan, Yong Shu Qi, Mr. Mohd Syaiful Shah (Librarian), Dr. Richard Clarkson (Principal), Chang Jing Han, Lee Bin Song & Loo Weng Yan.



LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

It was a proud moment for all the school's prefects as they were officially installed in a brief but meaningful ceremony on the 9th of October 2023. All the teachers and students gathered in the conference room to celebrate his event. The school principal, Dr Richard John Clarkson, inaugurated the ceremony with a beautiful speech and presented the prefects with their name tags, ties and certificates of appointment. The deputy head prefect, Jun Hao, spoke on behalf of Low Yu-Fay, the newly appointed head prefect, who could not attend the ceremony as she was finishing her advanced diving course in Maldives.



Dr Richard John Clarkson presents a prefect with a name tag, tie and certificate of appointment.

The appointed Prefect Board for 2023/2024 are:

1. Low Yu-Fay (Year 10) - Head Prefect
2. Jun Hao (year 11) - Deputy Head Prefect
3. Pavitran A/L Munikrishnan (Year 10) - Secretary
4. Ashley Lim Ai Png (Year 11) - Treasurer
5. How Yu Ze (Year 10) - Head of Disciplinary Bureau
6. Li Jia Wen (Year 9) - Head of Control Bureau
7. Lim Ji Yun (Year 11) - Head of Boarding Bureau (G)
8. Tang Xiang Seng (Year 9) - Head of Assembly Bureau (B)
9. Abby Yap Qin Ling (Year 8) - Head of Assembly Bureau (G)



Prefects wear their new prefect's ties, with the teacher's help.

The remaining new prefects, who were installed for 2023/2024 are:

1. Lau Sew Wei (year 11)
2. Wei Yucong (year 11)
3. Sia Hanrik (year 11)
4. Poy Eunice (year 9)
5. Krritisha Devi (year 8)
6. Sharon Yee Xin Yen (year 7)

Once again, we congratulate all our appointed prefects. May their tenure be marked by success and positive impact. Best wishes to their duties ahead.



Prefects take the prefect's oath, led by the deputy head prefect.



Photo session for the newly appointed prefects and prefects' teachers.

Yummy without mummy

Mesmerising HIBS Deepavali Night: A Celebration of Light, Culture, and Culinary Delights

DEEPAVALI NIGHT

Introduction to Deepavali Night

Deepavali, the festival of lights, took on a vibrant and meaningful celebration at HIBS.

Rooted in the rich tapestry of Malaysian culture, this event transcended boundaries, uniting students in a joyous celebration of traditions. It was officiated by Mr. Haridas after lighting the oil lamp.



Students' Performances

The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the mesmerizing performances by HIBS students.

From traditional dances that echoed the spirit of Deepavali to modern interpretations that seamlessly blended culture and contemporary elements, the stage came alive with energy and talent.

Each performance was a testament to the dedication and passion of our students, showcasing not only their artistic prowess but also their deep understanding of the cultural significance of Deepavali.

This is further exemplified by the students' performance on how Deepavali is celebrated in Malaysia.

From waking up to going to the temple and welcoming the guests on the auspicious day.

One standout feature was the incorporation of storytelling into the performances, bringing to life the essence of Deepavali in the Malaysian context. Through expressive dance and captivating narratives, students conveyed the profound meaning of the festival, making it a truly immersive experience for the audience.

Teacher Azrul and his team stole the day's highlight by winning the best "sari" tying competition.



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Mesmerising HIBS Deepavali Night: A Celebration of Light, Culture, and Culinary Delights

DEEPAVALI NIGHT

Awesome New Lighting Display and Decorations

Taking the stage show to new heights was the introduction of an awe-inspiring decoration by Mr. Hafizul our Art and Design teacher and lighting display by our HIBS electrician Mr. Logan.

The fusion of traditional elements with modern technology created a visual spectacle that captivated the audience. The intricate play of lights symbolized the triumph of good over evil, adding an extra layer of symbolism to the festivities. This innovative approach not only showcased the creativity of our students but also emphasized the relevance of ancient traditions in a contemporary setting. Mr. Logandran played his role as the sound technician



Excellent Food Spread

No celebration is complete without a delectable feast, and Deepavali Night was no exception. The culinary delights on offer reflected the diversity of Malaysian cuisine, with a special emphasis on traditional Deepavali treats. From mouth-watering vadas to savoury delights such as mutton curry and biryani, the food spread was a gastronomic journey that left everyone satisfied and delighted. In addition to the exquisite taste, the presentation of the food was a visual treat in itself. Elaborate decorations and thematic arrangements added to the overall festive ambiance, creating an immersive experience for attendees.



Conclusion

Deepavali Night at HIBS was a resounding success, blending cultural significance with contemporary flair.

The students' performances, the mesmerizing lighting display, and the delightful food spread created an unforgettable evening that celebrated the spirit of Deepavali in the Malaysian.



Yummy without mummy

A Festive Fusion: Celebrating Christmas and New Year in Harmony

"In diversity, there is beauty and strength." – Maya Angelou

NEW YEAR & CHRISTMAS DINNER



The 2-in-1 Dinner event at Multipurpose Hall (MPH) on February 2nd, 2024, was a joyous blend of Christmas and New Year celebrations. From heartwarming moments to captivating performances, the evening embodied the beauty of diversity and the joy of shared festivities.

VIPs and guests, including Mrs. Kim Krispina and esteemed Korean teachers, graced the event, setting the stage for an evening filled with camaraderie and togetherness. Dr. Richard John Clarkson, our Principal, delivered an opening speech filled with sincerity, setting a tone of excitement for the night ahead. As the event unfolded, a jolly "Ho Ho Ho" echoed through the hall, signalling the arrival of Santa Claus himself, spreading cheer and laughter among attendees. Highlighted by birthday celebrations, guests enjoyed a culinary feast, savouring delicious dishes and engaging in lively conversations. Attendees were treated to captivating performances, from soul-stirring carolling to mesmerising musical acts, celebrating cultural diversity and festive joy. The Secret Santa exchange added warmth and generosity to the evening, fostering a sense of community and goodwill. Korean Sports Camp Certificates were awarded, recognizing dedication and teamwork, emphasising the importance of collaboration. As the event concluded, attendees departed with cherished memories, celebrating the richness of diversity and the joy of shared festivities.



Yummy without mummy

Prosperity and Joy: HIBS Chinese New Year Celebration 2024

"As we celebrate the dawn of a new year, may prosperity and happiness fill our hearts." – Mo Yan

CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

On March 2nd, 2024, from 07:00 p.m. till 09:30 p.m., Highlands International Boarding School (HIBS) hosted a vibrant Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebration dinner event at the multi-purpose hall. The hall was transformed with intricate decorations featuring fans, flowers, and symbolic lanterns, creating an atmosphere of festivity and prosperity. The colour scheme of black and red adorned the space, symbolising good fortune and abundance. The evening commenced with an electrifying lion dance performance and the crackle of firecrackers, captivating students, guests, and staff. Former students of HIBS were also welcomed to join in the festivities. At 07:00 p.m., the dinner began with welcoming speeches by Dr. Richard John Clarkson, the school principal, and Mr. Leow Kim Hin, the guest of honour. A graceful fan dance added a touch of elegance to the official proceedings before the Yee Sang ceremony commenced at 07:40 p.m., signifying prosperity and abundance. The Yee Sang ceremony was followed by a sumptuous buffet of delicacies, enjoyed by all in attendance. From traditional favourites to delectable treats, the feast delighted the senses and brought everyone together in celebration. Throughout the evening, talented students took centre stage with captivating performances, including dynamic dances, heartfelt storytelling, and soulful musical renditions. Their talents illuminated the event, filling the air with joy and excitement. As the event drew to a close, Mr. Leow was honoured with a token of appreciation, followed by an ang pow giving session and a joyous photo-taking session. These traditions symbolised gratitude, blessings, and the spirit of togetherness that characterised the celebration.



HIBS BOARDING ACTIVITIES 2023

All events and activities are structured and lined up in the HIBS yearly boarding activities calendar which runs from September till December 2023 as term one. Overall the boarding activities encompassed 4 main pillar or domain namely

1. Sports Recreational and Games,
2. Cultural and Arts,
3. Social Development Responsibility
4. Community/ Global Awareness

The main objective is to keep the boarders occupied with activities which presumably are designed to nurture skills outside the classroom as well as to have fun learning and acquiring it. Furthermore, the students will spend much of their young life entirely at this "Boarding Environment ". Let's make the time worthwhile and valuable.

Sports Recreational and Games

Mainly covers futsal, swimming, badminton and Golf (basic skill) where by HIBS is blessed with state of the arts facilities and cool environments added bonus to spurs boarders to highest level attainable. An example of sports played at fun and leisure turned into almost seriously ready for competition per say. Having said that, so much to acquire and still a long way to go as we start at the local/ district level.

First test game was played against the Women Under 20 Malaysia which gave us an unexpected outcome, whereby our newbies fought hard and managed to draw 4-4 recently.environment where bullies face consequences for their actions.



Golf was offered to the students as we were fortunate to have built a driving range by our Business Partners. As our Motto goes "Explore, Enrich, Excel" HIBS decided to explore putting the 9 holes' greens.



The apprentices @ the boys versus the master @ teachers in play caught by camera on cosy Sunday evening.

HIBS BOARDING ACTIVITIES 2023

The Malaysia @ women under 20 Futsal Team Coaching staff from Football Hub.

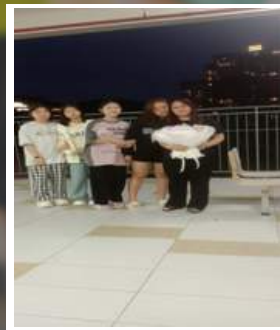
The futsal team had the rare opportunity to fellowship and to motivate oneself. We were honoured to join in the training session with International Coaching from Southampton as they were here to conduct a coaching clinic for the Football Hub skyway@ Genting. The HIBS students were given a glance of actual futsal and football professional hold in the future and the reality of where we are amateurs. nonetheless.



Swimming lesson was introduced with a game plan and a catchy phrase 'Everyone Can Swim' is still gaining momentum and interest especially among the students. Water Polo has become one of student's favourite water sports.



Badminton is popular among the students especially when the weather doesn't permit outdoor activities at times. Students are trained for singles and doubles. HIBS participated in the recent MSSD Badminton 2023.



Lantern festival was observed by carrying the lighted lantern around the school compound. Birthdays are celebrated with cake cutting and refreshment on the 30th of every month. As of Term 1, 10 students had their birthday celebrated among friends and staff..



Social Development and responsibility

An outing to Genting Premium Outlet was organised on the Sunday @ 1st of October 2023 From 1:30pm till 5:30pm with 21 students accompanied by 6 teachers. Overall, the students enjoyed the time and money spent as the objective of the outing was on 'Money Management' .

INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

International Peace Day, also known as World Peace Day, is observed on September 21st each year. It was a day dedicated to promoting peace and raising awareness about the importance of peaceful coexistence among nations and individuals. The day aimed to reduce violence and strengthen the ideals of peace worldwide. The International Day of Peace was not solely about ending international conflicts; it was also about changing our behavior toward each other and our environment. For instance, we could seek peace in our personal lives by apologizing and reconciling with those we knew. Individual actions could lead to significant changes when they were multiplied by millions of people all over the planet. We could all contribute to making the world a more peaceful place.

At Highlands International Boarding School (HIBS), we celebrated International Peace Day on September 18, 2023. The theme for International Peace Day in 2023 was 'Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals.' This theme acknowledged our individual and collective responsibility to promote peace. At HIBS, we felt grateful for the peaceful and safe environment that allowed us to study, work, and carry out our daily routines without the threat of war or danger. Although the people at HIBS came from different backgrounds, races, countries, and religions, we always strived to understand each other to maintain a peaceful environment. To celebrate this day, we at HIBS had several activities beginning with a presentation by the Year 10 Science students, observed 'The minute of Silence', Video interview led by How Yu Ze, Paviran and Sia Hanrik and the Bird Releasing Ceremony at the HBS Peace Pole where 15 birds were released by the staff, teachers and students. The Act of Peace Challenge was the activity held for International Peace Day 2023, aiming to encourage students and staff to actively engage in acts of peace, kindness, and positive change. The teachers and office staff wore blue-colored outfits to show support for the event.



INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

