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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*BISP Vision – To be a school community where everyone can thrive and meet with success*

Dear Parents and Friends of BISP,

I hope that you enjoyed the long weekend with your children.

### **FOBISIA U15 FRIENDLY SWIMMING & FOOTBALL**

Great to see this friendly event taking place in school today. Go Panthers!

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL HIKE**

It is super to see so many of our students signing up for these sorts of events.

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

These take place on Monday. Make sure you have booked your time slot through Engage.

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

The primary function of the School Advisory Board (“SAB”) is to act as an advisory body which will have an overview of the activities of the School and make recommendations to the Principal and the Board of Governors (BOG). If you are interested in standing for the SAB, please let me know directly [duncan.grice@bisp.edu.my](mailto:duncan.grice@bisp.edu.my).

Full details of the SAB can be seen here. Do note that there is a time commitment with this voluntary position.



## WHY ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN BISP EARLIER HELPS

I have left this in the newsletter this week as I think it is very important for parents to be aware of. Just look at the spike in results from students who have been with the school for more than 4 years. In English, Maths and Physics, over 2x greater their chances of attaining a pass grade. In biology 3x, greater while in Chemistry, there is 4x the chance of attaining a top grade.

Term 2 AY2021-22	Total Y10-12				
IGCSE Attainment : Grade A-C					
Number of Children and time spent at BISP					
Duration at BISP In Years	English	Mathematics	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
less or >1	10	8	7	5	5
>2	11	11	5	7	7
>3	12	14	6	5	8
>4	26	34	18	23	20

## BISP ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on: [Instagram](#) ; [Facebook](#) ; [Twitter](#)  
(@bispenang)

If you want short video snapshots of life at BISP, do follow us on social media. There have been some great posts recently.

## SCHOOL NUMBERS AND REFER A FRIEND

Do not forget that if you should refer a friend who joins the school, you receive RM1500 as a thank you. To find out more, contact Terence Lee [terence.lee@bisp.edu.my](mailto:terence.lee@bisp.edu.my)

## GLOSSY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022-23

Thank you for your input via our parental survey in June. For our 2022-23 Glossy SIP, please click [here](#).

## MASTERS COMMUNITY GOLF SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Please contact Terence Lee [terence.lee@bisp.edu.my](mailto:terence.lee@bisp.edu.my) if interested to play along with your genuine handicap! We are playing at Kulim GC. The price is 125RM based on two people sharing. You will get a prestigious Masters T-shirt and hat. There are gentlemen and ladies jackets to be won.

## COVID

Please do regularly test your children. Let Marlina Sara know [p.marlina@bisp.edu.my](mailto:p.marlina@bisp.edu.my) if positive.

## BISP - Believe, Belong, Become

Warmest regards  
Duncan Grice  
Executive Principal

## Deepavali Assembly Performance Programme

Fashion Show and Dance from Year 2  
(Chogada Tara)

Indian Fusion Dance Year 9

Indian Classical Performace by Mirthana on Veena  
(Sembaruthi poove)

Dance by Year 5  
(Srivalli mashup)

Tamil Beat by KS5

Indian Fusion Dance by Year 11

# SCHOOL UPDATE- RHYS THOMAS, HEAD OF CAMPUS

Dear Parents and Friends of BISP,

It has been another wonderful week as BISP as we approach the Half term break. Since the last newsletter, besides our usual excellent learning, we have hosted swimming and football fixtures, completed our half term reports, and had an exciting adventure through the forest on the Term 1 Secondary School Hike.

## REPORTS ISSUED VIA ENGAGE

Grade reports were released to all parents for all children via the Engage Portal today. Please log in to check your child's report and follow these steps:

The screenshot shows the Parent Portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'My Account', 'My Details', 'Daybook', and 'My Calendar'. Below this is a 'My Calendar' section for October 2022, with a 'View Details' link circled in red. To the right, there is a 'Pupil Details' section for 'Test 125 Samuel Ron', with a 'View Details' link also circled in red. Below the calendar, there is a 'Go back to previous page' link. The main content area shows 'Test 125 Samuel Ron' with details: Year: YEAR 12/13, Form: [blank], House: [blank], Age: 17 years 9 months, Date of Birth: 06 January 2005, and DNINIE: [blank]. On the left side, there is a list of menu items: Contact Details, Pupil Details, Medical Details, Siblings, Attendance, Timetable, Pupil Lesson Plans, Points, and Assessment Reports, with 'Assessment Reports' circled in red.

## PARENTS' DAY MONDAY OCTOBER 17TH

Please note that for children in Year 3 and above, it is recommended that both the child and the parent attend the meeting so that all are fully involved in the discussion. There will be no lessons this day and children should only come into school with their parents for the duration of their appointments.

## DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION

All students, staff and parents are invited to join our Deepavali celebration on Friday October 21st.

The school would like to invite all parents to attend our Deepavali lunch and celebration assembly next Friday.

Parents may purchase tickets for lunch from the main reception in advance of the day and can join for a 12.30pm start.

The assembly will begin as 13.15 - tickets are not required for this but we request that all members of the audience wear facemasks.

**Diwali**  
CELEBRATION  
LUNCH

**Date:** 21 October 2022  
**Time:** 12:30pm - 1:10pm  
**Venue:** School Cafeteria  
**Price:** RM 17

Ticket will be sold at the Reception counter from 17-Oct to 20-Oct-22

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October	Event	Time	Venue
Mon 17	Parents Day	All Day	Arrive at main reception
Wed 19	Parent Engagement Session- Maths and Science in the Secondary School	8.15	Meet at Main Lobby
Fri 21	Deepavali Parents Lunch Deepavali Celebration Assembly End of ½ Term 1	12.30 13.00 14.25	School Cafeteria MPH School

Please note there will be a one-week school holiday from October 22nd to 30th.

# SECONDARY UPDATE

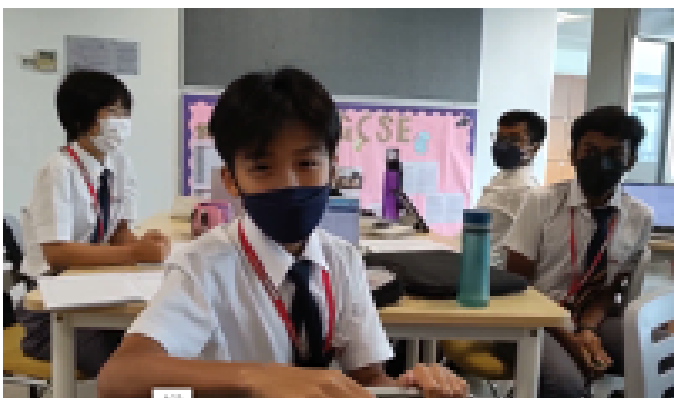
## EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AWARDS

- Year 7 MUHAMMAD - for his positive energy in the classroom and wanting to improve himself  
 RUSSELL - for having a positive learning attitude and giving 100% in all his lessons
- Year 8 MERISSA - for always trying hard and pushing herself to do her very best all of the time
- Year 9 SIVANESH - for his courage and determination to attempt challenging problems; looking at different approaches to factorising quadratics; and leading class discussions with an open mindset
- Year 10 ALIS EMILY - for her extensive effort to ensure she understands the content and her application when solving tricky problems  
 ZEYUAN - for working above and beyond to complete all his Maths tasks and trying his best to contribute to class discussions
- Year 11 XUAN HAO - for his willingness to share strategies and support his peers during class discussion
- Year 12 class discussion
- Year 13 class discussion

## AMAZING LEARNING

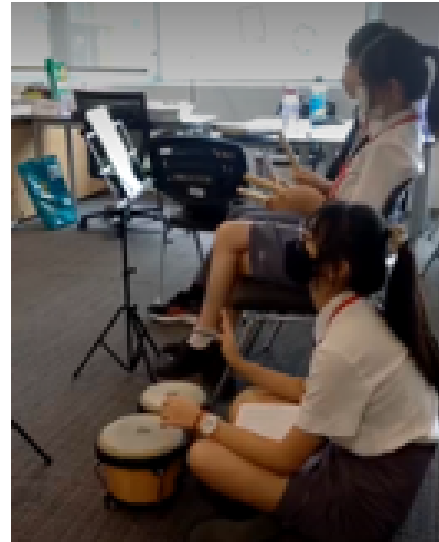
### Year 8 English

After reading Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe, each group had to come up with 3 open-ended questions about the text. We then discussed and debated as a class. A very enjoyable lesson!



## Year 10 Music

Students have been learning to compose rhythms using compositional techniques such as unison, imitation, and ostinato. Students hear their work played live in order to decide on their next steps in their composing journeys.



Year 10 practising rhythms written by Jing Ling.



Jing Ling's work.

## INVESTIN STEM & Medicine Summer Internships: For Ages 12-18

In world-class hospitals and industry sites across London



Rhys Thomas  
 Head of Secondary



# PRIMARY UPDATE

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

We look forward to welcoming parents to Conferences with their child's teacher on Monday. All meetings with class teachers will be in their home classrooms. Specialist teachers will be in designated areas.

There will not be any classes on Monday. Children may accompany parents to the meetings. The Library will be open for siblings for short-term supervision with Ms Farah.

## REPORTS

All FS and Primary reports have been released to parents today. These are snapshot reports with only grades. A full written report will be sent to parents at the end of Term 1.

## HOUSE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The finals for the Year 5 and 6 House Football Tournament were held yesterday. Congratulations to all teams and players. There was some excellent play and some spectacular goals scored.

The results were evenly spread, with each house winning a game each in the final or the play-off for 3rd place.



### BOYS



### GIRLS



## READING ALOUD COMPETITION

Thank you and congratulations to all 15 children from Years 2 to 6 who participated in the final of the Primary School Reading Aloud Competition in today's assembly.

Thank you to our judges, Mr Thomas, Ms Begun and Mr Conway, who needed to make some tough decisions.

Thank you to Jie Ying from 4P, who played the piano between each Year Group final whilst the judges made their decisions.



**Year 2**

- 1st Place - Xin Thong
- 2nd Place - Baasima
- 3rd Place - Pavitra



**Year 4**

- 1st Place - Deephisha
- 2nd Place - Katlynn
- 3rd Place - Anna



**Year 6**

- 1st Place - Nishant
- 2nd Place - Aliya
- 3rd Place - Keshav



**Year 3**

- 1st Place - Annika
- 2nd Place - Junelle
- 3rd Place - Lyvia



**Year 5**

- 1st Place - Hao Bang
- 2nd Place - Ee Gene
- 3rd Place - Isaura



Peter Ferrier  
Head of Primary