

# Panaga School

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## Parent Information Letter; Issue 314

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Dear Parents,

International Day was another amazing experience, without doubt for me, the highlight of the calendar year! Our whole community came together once more to enlighten us all. So many acts of kindness in supporting the event, helping us to all to gain a deeper insight into our diverse community.

So many people to thank - the list is endless. Thanks to all of you for organising, baking, cooking, sticking etc. The preparations for the whole day were immense and the result was a wave of colour and positivity that rolled through the school.

So many personal favourites to mention – again, a long list. The looks on the children's faces when they tried all of the new tastes and textures of international food is such a positive experience to offer our children.

International Day again this year really was a trip around the world in a day. Many thanks once more to all children, teachers and parents who made it such a special day.

The Pre-Nursery and Nursery International Day, held this morning, was again a kaleidoscope of nationalities, colour, tastes and fun for our youngest students. Thank you to all children, teachers and parents of Mendaram for creating new memories.

### Digital diary

This week sees the launch of Mr Neil's Digital Diary. A school website to promote fun, free digital resources and tools. This week's featured resource is the HTML coding game, 'Erase all kittens' - a fun place to learn how to code a website: <https://sites.google.com/panagaschool.net/digitaldiary/>

### Sports training

The schedule for sports training **next week**:

Sport	Year Group	Where	Time
T-Ball training	P5-P8	Meet at Teraja Hall	Monday & Tuesday 2.30-3.15pm
Running Club	P4-P8 (P4 & P5 students must be accompanied by an adult)	Meet at Teraja entranceway	Friday 6.25-7am

### BJSL Swimming

Congratulations to all of the students who participated at yesterday's BJSL swim meet at ISB. Our swimmers came home with lots of ribbons, as a result of their success. Overall results have not yet been published. Thanks to Andy Vele, and swim coach Gianfranco for coaching the team in preparation for the tournament.

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## **Kit return**

A reminder that all kit lent out for the Panaga Football Tournament should be returned in named plastic bag to Mr Nathan in the Teraja PE office. It would be appreciated if kit is returned as soon as possible so that it can be ready for use at the next sports event.

## **Student Council News**

The Student Council will be selling popcorn on Teraja at break time on the last day of term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please bring in a dollar so we can raise money for more balls and skipping ropes for play times!

## **PTA Science Fair - volunteers needed, urgently!**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with the Science Fair. We have approximately 30 people who have indicated an interest so far. We need at least 80 volunteers to make the event happen. This means we are still looking for around 50 more people to help if we want to replicate last year's success. Please consider being a part of our team (again) this year. The role you will play need not be a huge time commitment.

Please get in touch with Rachel Marsden: [rachelmarsden@panagaschool.com](mailto:rachelmarsden@panagaschool.com), or Tom Savels: [tsavels@gmail.com](mailto:tsavels@gmail.com), to find out how you can help. If you have expressed interest and not heard back from us, please get in touch again in case we have overlooked you. Thank you for your support!

## **Home language and literacy research project**

One of our parents, Abby Aubin, is a Speech and Language Therapist, currently studying through the University of Sheffield, UK. A relevant ethical clearance has been approved for her research to take place at Panaga School. She is offering a survey that parents are invited to complete. The survey forms a part of a larger project looking at language and literacy within multilingual and multicultural educational environments. In order to gain insights into the home languages and literacy practices of children attending English speaking schools in Brunei, questions relate to children's languages and types of literacy activities. The survey should take only 5 to 10 minutes.

Thank you very much in advance for considering your contribution to this study. You can find further information and full instructions on how to be involved here: <http://tinyurl.com/homeliteracy>. For further information on how the information will be utilised, and any questions relating to confidentiality, please contact Abby directly: [akaubin1@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:akaubin1@sheffield.ac.uk)

## **P6 Kota Kinabalu trip**

A new approach we are taking to school residentials, is for all students to be involved in a level of 'service' (where this is practical). This involves immersing themselves within a community by engaging in and supporting local projects. P6 will be engaging in community service on their upcoming trip to KK. Some of the students have written a piece, attached, requesting your support over the next few months.

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## Calendar dates

### March

10: Mendaram's International Day

10: Challenge Day

17: Term 2 ends

### April

3: Term 3 commences

15: PTA Science Fair



YOU AND I  
**WILL**  
GO HOME SAFELY



A world united in learning



## *Flags and Flowers Sponsored Quiz*

Do you want to help children learn? If so sponsor us as part of our P6 quiz! All the money raised will go to Tombung Kindergarten in Kota Kinabalu that P6 will visit and work with as part of our residential.

So come on now! Choose to sponsor a fixed amount for the whole quiz or an amount for every question a competitor answers correctly. All of P6 are already working really hard to prepare our general knowledge brains!

We are trying to raise \$900 for the local school in Kota Kinabalu

The 'Flags and Flowers' project:

- Painting the school
- Fixing holes in the roof and walls
- Repairing a shoe rack
- Making sure the children can learn in an inspiring environment

This event will take place in our P6 classrooms on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. So help us raise money.

The quiz will include:

- 50 general knowledge questions of different levels
- A specific time limit in which we need to answer

**Support us now!!!**

The local school that we are funding for, are not as lucky as us so help them now.



# Safie of the week

## 10/03/17

### Safie of the Week:

This week Clothilde from IP2R got off her bicycle and walked it into the school entrance area to avoid collision with other cyclists and pedestrians. Well done for being safe.



Please send in a *Safie* photo of someone practising a safe act either at school or in the community. This could be wearing a helmet, seatbelt, crossing the road safely or parking in designated places. Please make sure that the person is aware of you photographing this positive act as it will be featured in our weekly newsletter. Please note the new email address for photo submission:

[rachelmarsden@panagaschool.net](mailto:rachelmarsden@panagaschool.net)

All Safies will be published however it may be in later weeks. Please email Rachel with any queries.

