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Khmer Festivals and Events

This year as part of the Assemblies Rota it has been decided to include and recognize significant events from the Khmer Festivals and Events Calendar. We feel that it is important that all students develop a strong understanding of the significance of these events in Khmer culture. Presentation on these events are given by the Principal, teachers and students who study the Khmer programme and it hope by doing this that we forge closer links between the two sections of the school.



CIE November Examinations 2018

From the 11th October to 16th November 14 students have been sitting for AS and IGCSE Examinations in the November Session. For many of the students these examination were retake examinations where the student has chosen to retake the papers in chosen subjects in order to improve their original grade. For other students it a choice to take their examinations in the November session in order to reduce the number of examinations they need to take in June. We wish all students success and we look forward to getting their results in the New Year.

October Field Trips

Whenever possible teachers try to take their classes on field trips to help reinforce the work they have been doing in class. By applying their knowledge to the real world it is hoped that students gain a better appreciation of the value of studying these subjects at school.

Year 9 Science

Grade nine has recently studied two biology units: one on photosynthesis and plant growth and the second on sexual reproduction and flowering plants. As a class we have spent some time observing pollen, ovules and the structure of flowers through microscopes. We have designed several practical experiments, looked critically at sources of secondary data and compared the results and methods used by others. All of these activities prepared the grade nine class for a large scientific enquiry project at a local garden centre.

Before the garden centre visit, we planned out how we would explore the theme of pollination. The class decided to study the factors attracting pollinators to flowers. When we arrived at the garden centre we were all amazed at the diversity of flowers and pollinators. There were all types, colours and sizes of flowers and we immediately saw butterflies, ants, flies, beetles, bees and spiders busy pollinating. The class self-organized into small groups to observe what was happening in different sections of the garden. It was the first time for many students to observe a flower closely for a long period of time. It was a great morning of exploration that ignited the students' curiosity.

A preliminary analysis of the data has shown that white flowers attract the most pollinators and that ants are very active in the pollination of ground level flowers. The data also revealed that dark coloured and unscented flowers are the least frequented, while strongly scented flowers have significantly more pollinators visiting than those that are unscented. The class has successfully completed the first-step of their scientific enquiry and they will soon follow-up by presenting results, describing correlations and drawing conclusions. Mr. Jonathan



Here are some quotes from the class about the visit:

I got to see nature's beauty through the pollinators. - Oggy

It was delightful - Kwangjin

I got to see amazing flowers and ones I'd never seen before - Justin

It was interesting to see which pollinators were attracted to different types and colours of flowers. - Sophea

It was very hot! - Namyoung

The garden was very pretty and colourful. – Kimwey

Year 8 and 9 ESL

ESL students from Year 8 and Year 9 enjoyed a field trip to Footprint Cafés in October, a non-profit Café offering shelves and shelves of second-hand books to its customers. A passion for reading has been encouraged throughout the School, and the ESL classes are no exception.

Year 8 students Vanata and Sreynich chose the book 'A Proper Woman', a book written by Thavry Thon, the true story of a young Cambodian woman who has challenged her country's social and cultural norms throughout her life and as a consequence has become an ambassador for female empowerment. Just two weeks after purchasing the book, Vanata excitedly shared 'I'm over half-way through!'.

Ms. Gemma, ISSR's ESL Teacher, believes that a passion for reading has so many advantages, from vocabulary expansion to widening students' knowledge of the world around them. Nowadays, with modern technology, many students may turn to their phones or laptops, and not experience the pleasure of reading. Ms. Gemma remarked how nothing gives her more satisfaction than seeing her students browse the shelves to select the book they wish to read, "reading has taught me so much, not only about the world, but offered me chances for reflection on my own life, I hope these students find that reading gives them these same opportunities!"

Ms. Gemma



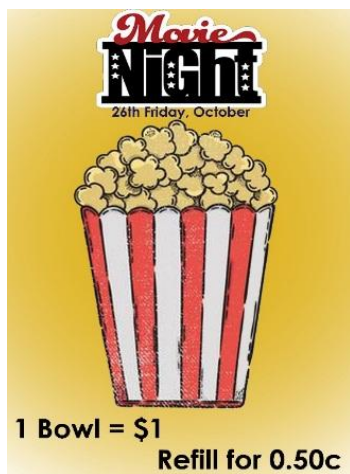
Year 9 Business Enterprise Project

Business is life, it's all around us. This year's year 9's have embarked on the perilous journey of understanding the business world. In Business and Enterprise, our key objectives are to get our students to realise the differences between profit and revenue, to work together in departments and teams, to be independent and to manage milestones and deadlines.

So far this year we have undertaken 2 market days where students have been asked to invest, plan, supply and run a business at school. First we made and sold hot dogs. We worked well as a team and efficiently met the demand. Last week we sold snacks and drinks. We even catered to Vegans! We had some problems but overcame them and learned from our mistakes. I am happy to report we are 'in the black' and in a great position to repay our investors fully, as well as funding further market days.

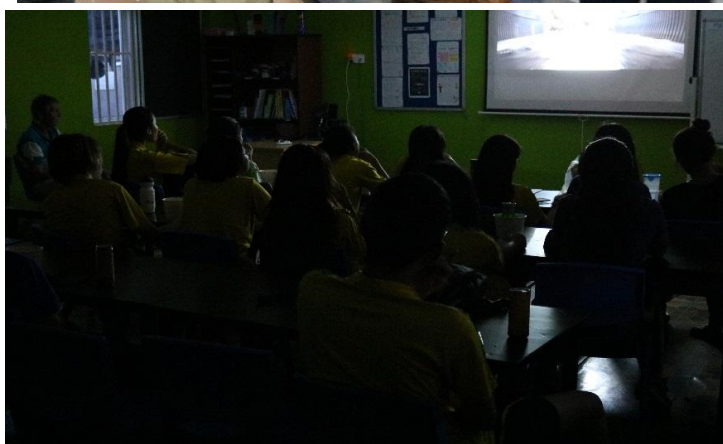
Mr Michael Tait





Movie Night Fundraiser

Ms. Aurore and the Charity work extracurricular groups successfully organized a movie night to raise funds for local non-profit organisations on the last Friday of October. The members of the ECA club advertised the event so well with their creative posters that a total of 45 students attended and watched films in 3 different screening rooms. Thanks to Mr. Michael, Ms. Jane, Mr. Joseph and the International Cookery ECA, pupils were able to enjoy popcorn and other delicacies during the film. The event ran smoothly even though Mr. Michael had a good time making the older students jump off their seats in the horror film room. We raised 147 dollars in one night. Well done ISSR!



After School Tournaments – VOLLEYBALL & BADMINTON

VOLLEYBALL 27TH Oct. – After having practiced their volleyball skills in PE and after school, it was time for the year 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students to play some competitive volleyball games on a full sized court. Saturday afternoon a volleyball tournament took place at Chun Lung Sports Centre and the ISSR students competed against Hope school. The games were exciting to watch and the students demonstrated a good set of skills.

It was impressive to see that all the signed up students were participating and that every student showed a high level of respect and fair play on the court.

Congratulations to ISSR team 1 for coming first place and well done and a big thank you to all the students involved!



BADMINTON 3rd Nov. – The following Saturday the year 7 and 8 students were invited to compete against Hope school and ISSR Primary school, but this time they played a game of Speed Ball and a badminton tournament. Speed Ball was a new game for our students, but they picked it up quickly and played some tough, but good games.

The badminton double games were fun to watch and there were some long rallies going on. The students were great players on the court and great referees off the court. Well done to all students involved and thank you for participating!

HOPE school have invited us for a Cross Country Run on Saturday the 8th of December, so sign up for the next after school sport event!



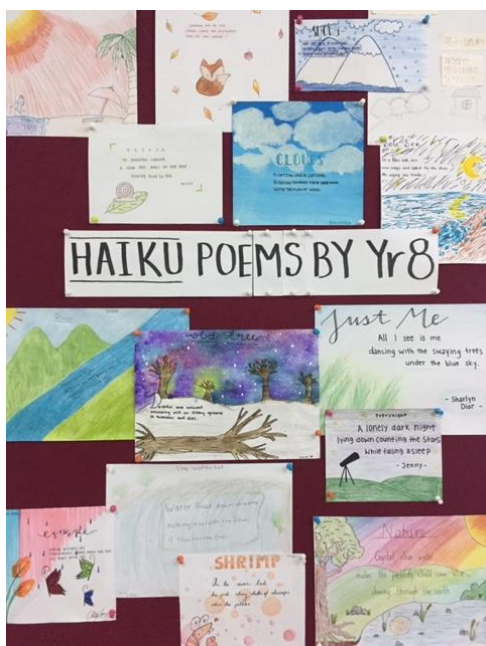
English Department

Haiku

Year 8 students have been learning about Haiku poems and they have really enjoyed it. For some extra information, I will be explaining how you can write your own Haiku poems, all the features they contain and their history.

Firstly, Haiku poems are originally from Japan, they contain only 17 syllables. Japanese people have written Haiku poems since the 9th century! After then, people have really started to recognise them. Year 8 students in ISSR High School are writing their own. Haiku poems only have three lines, the first line contains five syllables, the second line contains seven syllables and the last line contains five syllables so in total there are only seventeen syllables throughout the whole poem. The whole poem is just like one sentence so it starts with a capital letter in the first line, not the second and the third.

As part of learning, Year 8 students have created their own Haiku poems. Here's a picture of all the poems. (Picture of the poems). Thank You! Ms. Jane.



Drama

The first few weeks of school possibly had Shakespeare turning in his grave... Or, we could assume, that as he was the original master of wordplay, he would have been extremely proud of our year 10's.

They demonstrated the many similarities that rap shares with Shakespeare, particularly in the rhythm, themes and use of language. The students were required to research and analyse the plot, before transporting Macbeth into the 21st Century. In a humorous and amazingly accurate rap performance, they skillfully showed us the parallels between the world of the plays and our contemporary experience.

We were further entertained by our year 7's with delightful mimes with scenes from Harry Potter and Cinderella. The audience was invited to guess the scenes which allowed for all to join in the fun.



Puppet Theatre

As part of an integrated English language and drama project, Year 8 and 9s devised and performed a shadow puppet theatre production last term. Two groups were given an opportunity to perform their finished work in front of the whole school during the English department's assembly.

Year 8's group retold the classic Grimm's fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel with an original twist that outrageously turned the juveniles into criminal cannibals. Hansel and Gretel didn't stop at eating the gingerbread house – they ate the witch as well! With some superb voices and dexterous stage management the audience were taken by surprise as the credits rolled alongside a police car escorting the youngsters off-stage.

A more traditional approach was taken by Year 9s who created their shadowy Cinderella on a beautifully crafted set supported by intricately fashioned outlines of the characters and settings. Snappy dialogue added to the spectacle which was well received by the intrigued audience.

In addition to the excellent planning and execution of the presentation the English department would like to commend all the performers on overcoming any stage fright in order for us all to enjoy the fruits of their labours. A massive round of applause to everyone!



Halloween

This year on November 2, 2018, students of ISSR celebrated Halloween with the long established school wide tradition of wearing Halloween costumes and doing Halloween activities. This year's Halloween was late because many students had tests so we moved the dates so that everyone could join and enjoy.

The High School Council organised various activities throughout the morning to celebrate this day. From 8:00 a.m~9:00 a.m there were fund raising activities conducted by the council and all students helped the decoration of the school. From 9:00 a.m~ 9:30 a.m we had the costume parade to choose the winner of the best costume. Finally there were a series of team challenge games for 2 hours.



The Halloween games consisted of many exciting activities. The games organised were the Scavenger Hunt, Pictionary (it's a game where you guess words), Mummy Wrap (2 teams wrapped a student each in toilet paper and unwrapped them), Tag Rugby (to simplify the game its rugby with tags on players), Tug of War, Limbo, Musical Chairs and Dragon's Tail. It was a great morning and everyone had a great time. Chan Woo.

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