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Precious Plastic Assembly

On Monday 30th April an assembly was taken by Dr. Len Rodgers our AS Level Science teacher in which he further explored the theme of the Earth Day Assembly the previous week.

There are many environmental problems in the world today. One of those problems is the rapidly increasing amount of micro-plastics in the ocean. It is easy to talk about problems like plastics in the environment, however, often we stop at talk. Often our conversations about problems like these are focused on subtly, or not so subtly, blaming 'others' for the problem. In order to begin solving these problems each of us as individuals must start to change the way we think and behave. The problem with plastic is not that it is 'bad' or 'evil' but that individually we treat valuable recyclable plastics as 'disposable', 'worthless' trash. In fact, plastics are a precious limited resource that has had many profound and positive impacts on human society over the past century. Vast amounts of resources and energy are used to create plastics. It is only when we do not recognize how precious plastics truly are and treat them as garbage that problems begin to accumulate for the environment.

Rather than focus on what the 'other' person is doing wrong, it is important to first change the way each of us thinks about and uses plastic. I am powerless to force others to change, but I full control of how I think and behave. Change starts with me. I should not wait for others to solve the problem of how plastics are used thoughtlessly. I can start by changing the way I reduce, reuse and recycle plastic. I would like to demonstrate one way I have learned to convert single use plastic bags into useful plastic fabric using only an iron and some parchment paper. Be proactive and learn to do things that will change the way we think of and use our precious plastics.



Merit Awards

As reported in previous newsletters the academic Merit/House Point system has proved very popular with students and it has motivated students to work hard to gain merits for their house. On Monday 7th May an assembly was held to honour the most recent awardees of Bronze (50 Merit) and Silver (100 Merit) totals. There has been a significant increase in the number of students receiving these awards and this is a good indicator of the improvement of the academic standards of our students and sends the message that if you work hard and do your best during the academic year, then all students can gain a merit award.

50 Merit Awards:



Year 7:

Daniel Bae, Dame Kim, Jun Woo Shin, Visa Heng, Ethan Ilott, Bunlong Tang, Rizky Budiman, Sonita Dyna, Shotaro Watanabe, Kongkea Say, nata Ky, Sokunthea Yem.



Year 9

Pauline Ferry, Elsa Bourdonneau



Year 8:

Oggy Chang, Elliott Barrett, Annan Balch, Mahe Leclerc, Han Taeyoung, Kalyane Dumas, Pierre Hely, Sophea Turner, Sophia Himm



Year 10:

Yuvan Dumas, Noheul Kim, Hayden Ilott, Sanya Yang, You Jin Choi, Andy Hahn Kang Chen.



GOLD MERIT AWARD

Year 7: Sharlyn Dior

Year 8: Pierre Hely, Kalyane Dumas, Sophea Turner, Sophia Himm

Clothes for Charity

During the month of May the Charity ECA has been running a clothes donation drive where students can bring in their unwanted clothes which then be used to either donate or raise money for charities.



International Cooking

The International Cooking ECA has proved popular with students this year and low cost easy to prepare dishes that students have learnt to make have been warmly received by the chief taste tester Mr. Peter! Mr. Joseph has demonstrated his excellent range of culinary skills and has produced representative dishes from a number of countries from entrees to salads and main courses to desserts.



Dance Crew

The 9 members of the Dance Crew ECA did an incredible performance during assembly on Monday 28th June. The Dance ECA is lead by the very talented Gaeul Kim (Year 12) and the students had learnt four different dances which Gaeul had carefully choreographed. The students are now working on a very exciting performance that they hope to perform at the end of year show! Watch out for the Dance Crew!



Dance Crew members: Year 7: SonitaDyna, Nith, Sreynich, Jenny, Vanata, SonitaSor,
Year 8: Justin, Chavelli, Chakriya

School Band

The following students were involved in the musical performance on Monday 28th June:

Yr9: Christine (Vocals), Pauline (Piano), Nann (Guitar/Vocals), Peace (Guitar)

Yr 8: Pierre (Beatbox), Leaksmy (Guitar)



They performed 2 pieces:

- 1) Location - Khalid
- 2) I Hate you I Love you - Gnash

Well done to the School Rock Band for putting their own spin on these two songs and for playing so well as a new group. The school community look forward to hearing more performances from them in the near future!

Year 8 Site Specific Art

As part of the Art program at ISSR students are given opportunities to express their creativity in public spaces. This term the Year 8 worked on Site Specific art. In groups of 3s and 4s they chose sites in the school ground and created art works that would enhance or complement the surroundings. A group made a tie-dyed tent and the others made a small house of twigs that they suspend from a tree. Another created more than 100 butterflies out of aluminum tins that were hung around a mango tree. The last group painted van Gogh's *Starry Night* on a wall. *Starry Night* won the teachers' choice for the best work by just a single vote with The Butterflies coming in second.



ISSR Swimming Gala and Fundraiser

The annual ISSR Swimming Gala was held on Saturday 5th May, 2018. This is a charity fund raiser for Angkor Hospital for Children and Kantha Bopha and invites school students from schools in the Siem Reap area to participate in a competitive swimming event in the U7, U11 and Over 11 age groups. Most of the older high school students were unable to take part in the event as they were studying for their Cambridge Examinations but the school was represented by several students from Year 8 and 9 who performed very well on the day.



In the Over 11 Age Group the following students made it to the finals and placed:

Sopheha Turner: 1st place in Medley and 2nd place in Breaststroke and 3rd place in Freestyle.

Elliott Barrett: 1st place in Backstroke, 2nd place in Freestyle and 3rd place in Medley.

Thanks to all the students who turned out to represent the school and thanks also to the staff who volunteered their time to act as officials at the event.

Keys Dates for June 2018

4 - 11 June	Regular classes Year 7-10
7 June	Year Level Camp Meetings (4 – 5 pm)
8 June	Reports Issued Year 7-10
11 June	Parent-Teacher Interviews (4 – 6 pm)
12 – 15 June	Year 10/11 Camp Regular classes for Year 7-9
16 – 19 June	Year 8/9 Camp
18 – 20 June	Year 7 Camp
21 June	High School Farewell Assembly
22 June	School Concert (school finishes 1200)



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