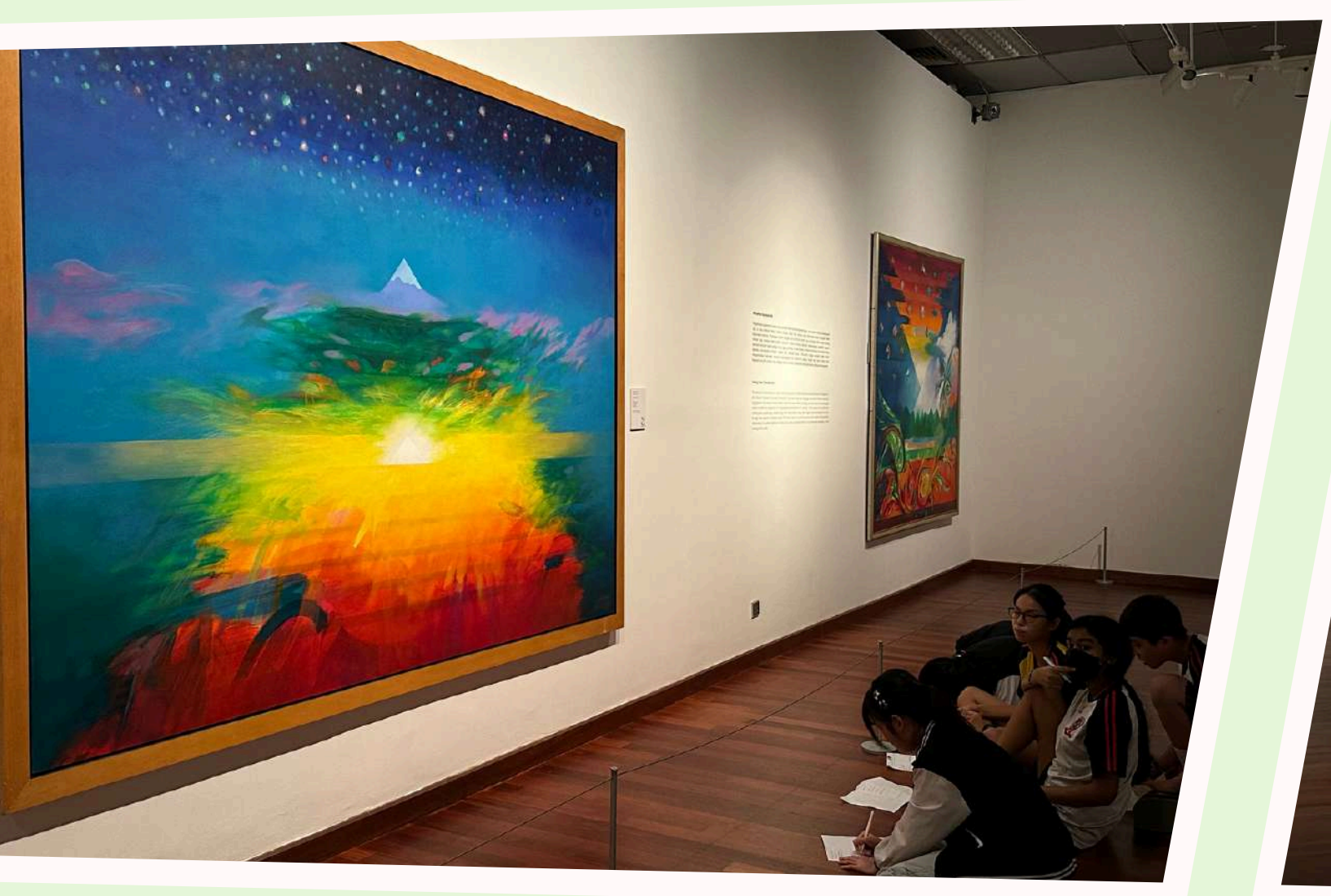


AISS'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# THE ASPIRANT



"THE NEWSLETTER OF THE STUDENTS, BY THE STUDENTS, FOR THE STUDENTS"



JUNE EDITION



# **MESSAGE FROM MANAGEMENT**

A serious job function?!

Relax 😊

Bridge to Connection...

Bridges are iconic. Bridges exist to serve. Bridges bring people and things together.

Of course, I track each student's progress.

Observing, meeting and giving advice to students.

And give warning! Sound serious. Yes, it is.

I do listen to students.

Thank you for trusting me, and sharing your thoughts.

The lovely moment is YOU, who shares your achievements.

Not only in your academics...your positive thoughts, small little targets...etc

Happy to see the little two stars (eyes) shine with confidence!

Besides, I do keep a good relationship with parents.

We believe

Good two-way communication between families and schools is necessary for students' success.

Making mistakes is a natural and common part of the human experience.

Everyone, regardless of age, background, or profession, is bound to make mistakes at some point. Mistakes are a fundamental aspect of learning and personal growth.

“A smart man makes a mistake, learns from it, and never makes a mistake again.

But a wise man finds a smart man and learns from him how to avoid the mistake altogether.”

**By Roy H. Williams**



*Ms Thong  
Student Progress Manager*



# CELEBRATING THE LEARNING WITH IBMYP



Celebrating the Learning was held at AISS on the 31st of May 2024 (Friday) from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Celebrating the learning is an event at the end of every academic year where the teachers select a handful of students from each year to work on one subject. The teachers ask each year's students to work together and create a collage of a few of the best projects from each unit they covered. The goal is to showcase the students' unique projects in every unit to the parents to show them what their children have done throughout the year.

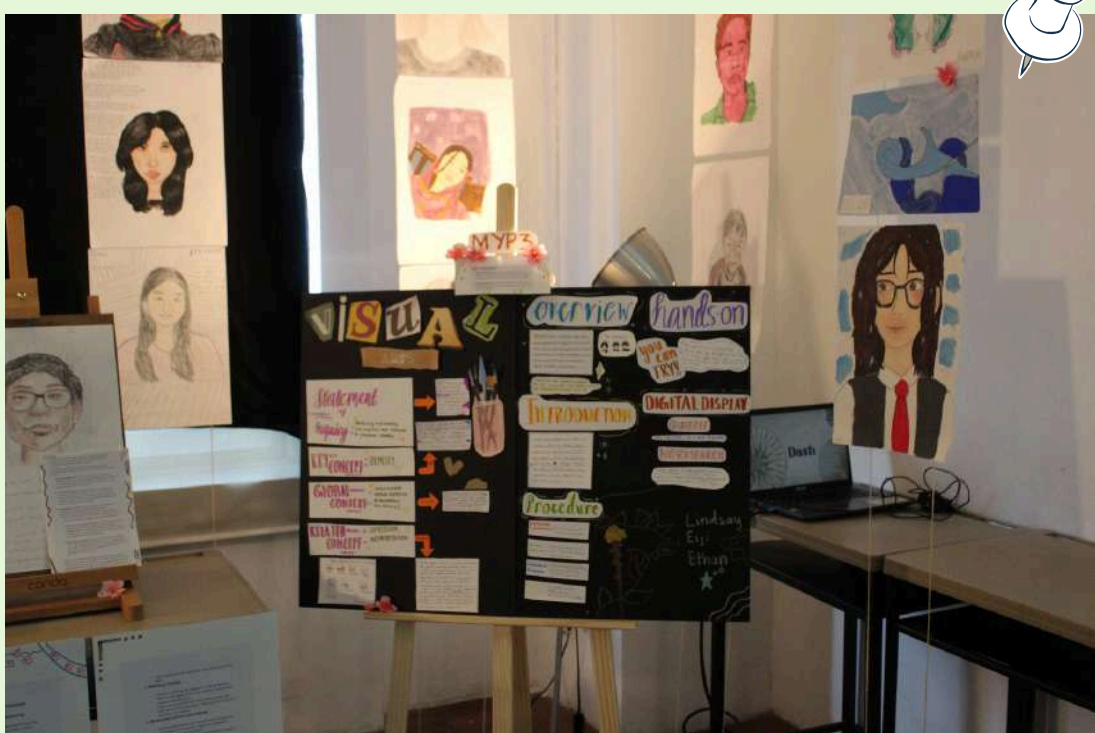
On the day of the event, the 31st of May 2024 (Friday), students arrived at school by 9 am and were briefed by Miss Frauline and Miss Bhuvana. The students worked on their presentations from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.



During the event, there were time frames for students to perform their choir, band and ensemble performances. Choir students sang **“Like I’m Gonna Lose You”** by Megan Trainor and John Legend. The band played ‘Ode to Joy’, ‘Hard Rock Blues’ and ‘Aura Lee’. The ensemble played ‘Chariots of Fire’, ‘Shake it Off’, ‘Can-can’ and ‘Can you feel the love tonight’. The first performance was at 3:00 pm along with some advertising for some subjects and the second performance was at 4:30 pm.

Miss Qysha said this about the exciting event ‘I was really excited for the event because we put a lot of work and effort into it and it was nice seeing all the students excited to showcase their work. I think that students can benefit from this event because they know their work is going to be showcased so they will put more effort into it. I really liked the amount of creativity being put into the works but I think there wasn’t enough time to showcase the works to the parents. Overall, I would definitely want to do this event again.

Student and class representative Aurora Corredu of Y7A says “ I liked the event a lot, I got a better understanding of the subject I was assigned to. I really enjoyed talking to the parents and explaining what we had learnt through the school year. The event itself was stressful but it was indeed fruitful.”



Clodagh  
Year 7 Affection



# MANDARIN TRANSLATION



在2024年5月31日（星期五）下午3:00到5:00，AISS举办了一场庆祝学习成果的活动。庆祝学习成果是每学年结束时举行的活动，老师们会从每个年级挑选一些学生，专注于一个学科。老师们让每个年级的学生共同制作一个拼贴画，展示每个单元中学生们最好的项目。这个活动的目的是向家长展示学生们一年来的独特项目和成果。

活动当天，所有学生在上午9点到校，并由Frauline老师和Bhuvana老师进行简报。从上午9点到12:30，学生们准备他们的展示项目。午饭后，就是学生们参加课外活动时间。课外活动结束后，所有学生回到指定的教室。

在活动期间，有特定的时间段让学生表演合唱团、乐队和合奏团的节目。合唱团的学生演唱了Meghan Trainor和John Legend的《Like I'm Gonna Lose You》。乐队演奏了《欢乐颂》、《Hard Rock Blues》和《Aura Lee》。合奏团演奏了《Chariots of Fire》、《Shake It Off》、《Can-Can》和《Can You Feel the Love Tonight》。第一场表演在下午3点开始，并伴有一些学科广告，第二场表演在下午4:30开始。

Qysha Nagalingam老师对这次令人兴奋的活动说道：“我对这个活动感到非常兴奋，因为我们付出了很多努力和心血。看到所有学生兴奋地展示他们的作品，我觉得非常高兴。我认为学生们会从这个活动中受益，因为他们知道他们的作品将会展示出来，所以会更加努力。我非常喜欢这些作品中展现出来的创意，但我觉得没有足够的时间向家长展示这些作品。总的来说，我肯定还想再举办这样的活动。”



7A班的学生和班级代表Aurora Corredu说：“我非常喜欢这个活动，我对我负责的学科有了更好的理解。我很享受与家长们交流，向他们解释我们在学年中学到的东西。不过，这个活动确实给我带来了相当大的压力，我想我并不是唯一一个有这种感觉的人。”



Celine  
Year 10 Strength



# ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA



The Aspiration International School's annual Swimming Gala took place on Saturday, 8th of June 2024 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm at the University Malaya Swimming Pool. The Swimming Gala is an event every year where students showcase their swimming talent in an inter-house competition. The goal is to gather as many points as possible for your house and help your house achieve victory.

Before the event, training was carried out over several Fridays to teach the students what to do on the actual event. Because of this event, the swimming CCA was cancelled for this term. The swimming training was every Friday from the 3rd of May to the 24th of May. During this training, the students learnt how to dive because, during the swimming gala, students were only allowed to dive into the water. After the intense training, students participating in water polo also attended the training every Friday from the 31st of May to the 7th of June. During the training, they learnt the techniques, rules, and regulations of water polo.



On the day of the event, students and parents arrived at the swimming pool at 6:45 am. Some of the parents brought food for the potluck hosted by Lulu's Parents. At 7:30 am, the students were briefed by Mr. Mark and Mr. Dylan on the safety and rules of the swimming pool.

Gabrielle O'Carroll from Y10S said this about the event. "The event was amazing, I had a great time with my fellow competitors. My favourite part of the event was when I won a few medals. I was able to go to sleep straight away when I got home that night because I was really exhausted from giving my all during the competition. I really enjoyed this event and I hope to participate again".



Mr. Ervin, a PE teacher at AISS said "This event was quite new for me. I don't swim much because it isn't my favourite sport but organising this event as a PE teacher was quite nerve-wracking. My favourite part of the swimming gala was the water polo and my least favourite part was the relay because it took a long time and changed the planning of the event. I think students could benefit from this event through exposure because not everyone has the chance to become a part of the school team but through this event, they can experience a simulation of a real-world swimming event. Through this event, I gained more planning experience and learned more about water sports".



Clodagh  
Year 7 Affection



# VISUAL ART FIELD TRIP

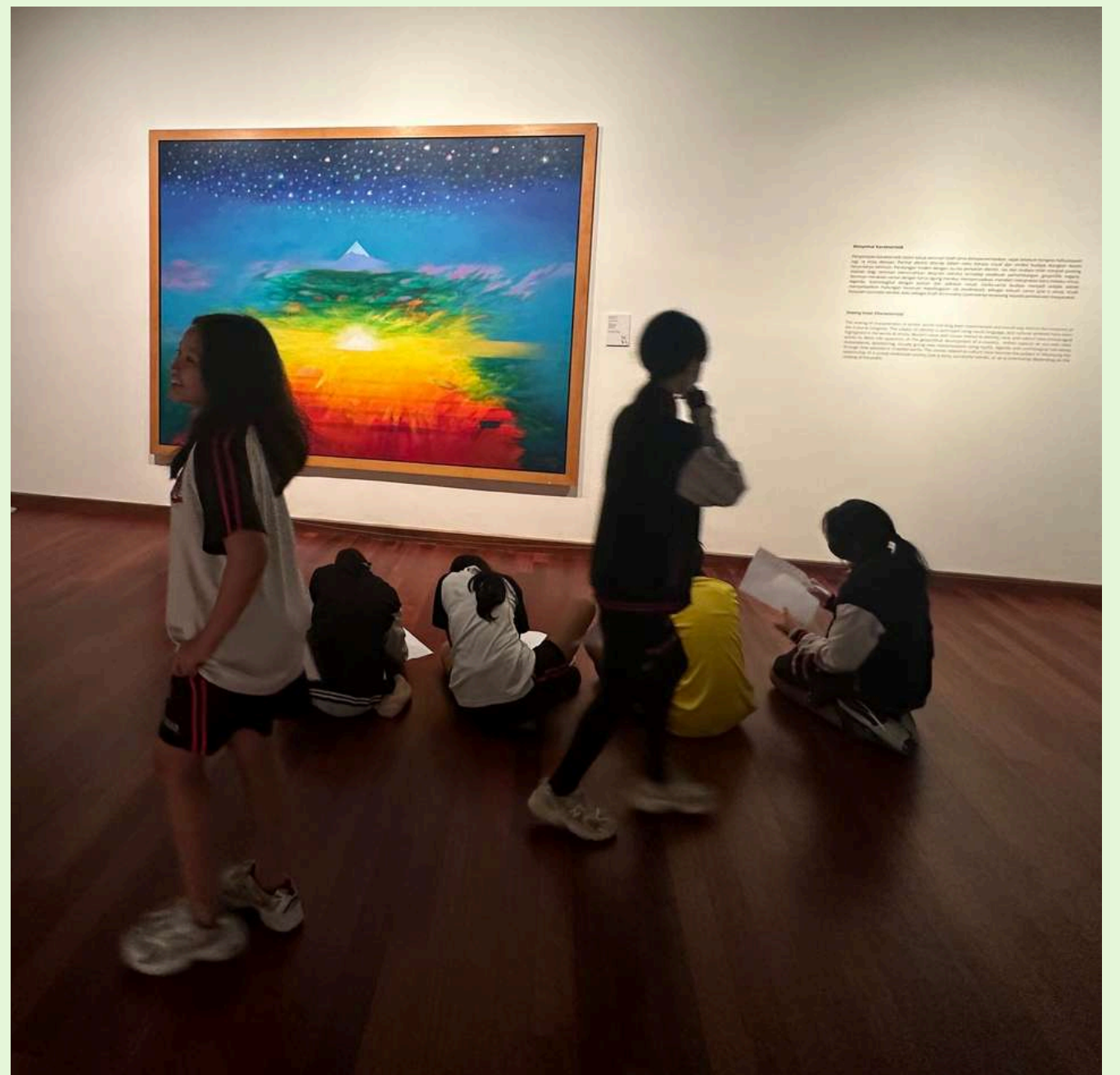


The recent visual arts field trip was a vibrant and educational experience for Year 7, 8 and 9 students, offering them an opportunity to explore and appreciate the world of fine art. The students, accompanied by their teachers, embarked on this cultural journey via bus, each year group visiting different renowned galleries to enrich their artistic understanding.

Year 7 students visited the GMBP on the 24th of May. The gallery, known for its diverse collection, provided the students with a rich tapestry of artistic expressions. Each student was tasked with finding five paintings they liked and delving into various aspects of these artworks. They discussed the artists, the mediums used, descriptions of the paintings, their personal opinions, and the dimensions of each piece. This exercise allowed them to engage deeply with the art, fostering a greater appreciation and understanding of different artistic styles and techniques.

Year 8 students had their turn on the 16th of May, visiting the National Art Gallery. This venue, famed for its extensive collection of classic and modern masterpieces, provided a different yet equally enriching experience. Like the Year 7 students, they also selected five paintings that resonated with them. Year 9 students visited the GMBP on the 13th of May. They too were tasked with finding five paintings that caught their interest.

These field trips not only allowed students to see famous artworks in person but also encouraged them to engage critically with art, understanding the historical and cultural contexts behind each piece. Travelling by bus, the journey itself became a part of the learning experience, as students discussed their expectations and reflections on the trip back. The art trips were a successful blend of education and inspiration, leaving a lasting impact on the budding artists and art appreciators of Years 7, 8, and 9.



*Katrina*  
*Year 10 Strength*



# ***HARI RAYA HAJI***



Here at Aspirational International Secondary School, there was a one-day holiday on the 17th of June for Hari Raya Haji. This holiday allows us to celebrate Hari Raya Haji and have a splendid time celebrating with our families and loved ones during this festive season.

Hari Raya Haji is a festival celebrated by Muslims around the world. It honours the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his son, Prophet Ismail, as an act of obeying the command of Allah SWT. This significant event is a testament to the values of faith, sacrifice, and devotion that are central to Islamic beliefs.



During Hari Raya Haji, Muslims engage in various rituals and traditions that enhance the spiritual significance of the festival. One of the most notable practices is the act of Qurbani, or animal sacrifice, which is performed following the Eid prayers. The meat from the sacrificed animal is then distributed among family, friends, and the less fortunate, symbolising charity and community solidarity.

In addition to the ritual sacrifices, the festival is marked by special prayers, communal gatherings, and festive meals. The days leading up to Hari Raya Haji are often spent in reflection and prayer, with many Muslims participating in the Hajj pilgrimage, should circumstances allow.



The cultural and familial bonds strengthened during Hari Raya Haji are profound. Families come together to remember the teachings of Islam and to express gratitude for their blessings. The celebration fosters a sense of unity, not just within individual families, but across the broader Muslim community.

Ultimately, Hari Raya Haji serves as an effective reminder of the importance of faith, sacrifice, and community in the lives of Muslims. It is a time for deep spiritual reflection, acts of charity, and joyous celebration, reinforcing the core values of the Islamic faith and bringing people closer together in the spirit of togetherness and compassion.

In conclusion, Hari Raya Haji is more than just a public holiday; it is a deeply significant event that brings the Muslim community together to honour tradition, faith, and the principles of charity and sacrifice. It enriches the cultural and spiritual lives of those who observe it, making it a cherished occasion for Muslims around the world.



*Josephine  
Year 7 Strength*



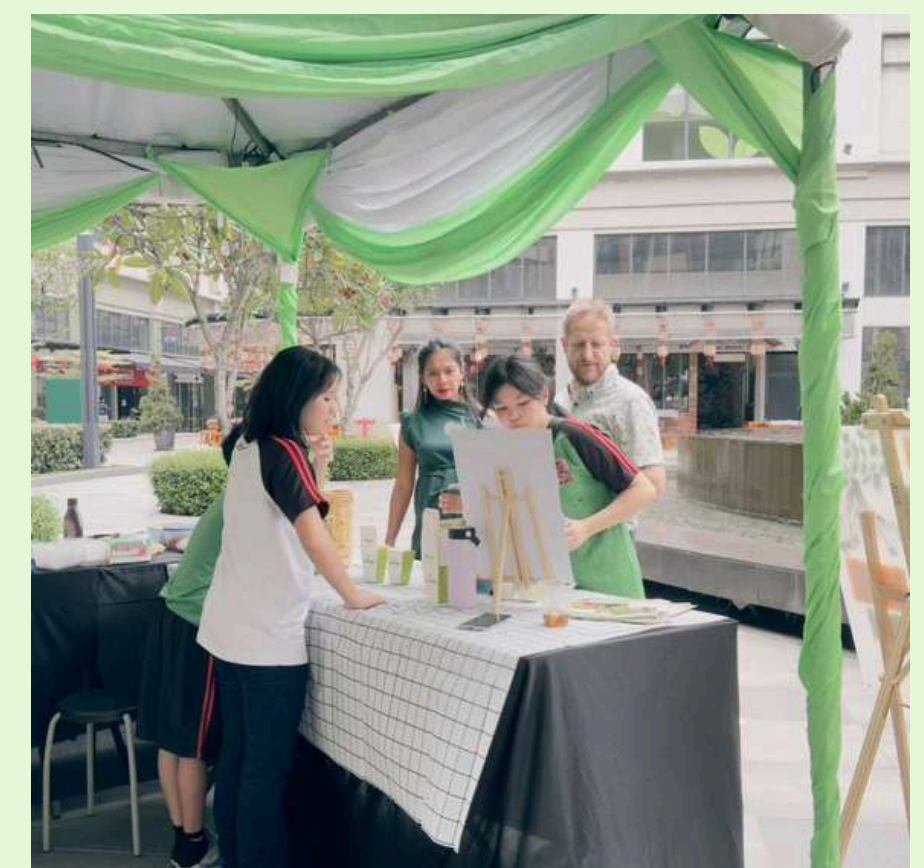
# ***SERVICE AS ACTION WITH YEAR 9 AFFECTION & STRENGTH***



Carmen and Jiawei from Year 9 held their Service as Action this month at Arkadia Farmers Market selling various foods and raising funds. Their project had the goal of contributing to preserving the mangroves in Malaysia and also seeking awareness as mangroves not only play a large part in Malaysia's ecosystem but also prevent floods and save us from erosion.

While working and selling things at their booth, they managed to raise up to RM 1000, which also meant they reached their goal! Using this money after hours of hard work, they contributed it all to the Mangrove Organization - Kuala Selangor National Park under the Malaysia Nature Society (MNS). Despite the success of this project by themselves and the teachers who helped, the process was nonetheless still a whole obstacle. From a timeline's worth of planning, having sponsorships cancelled last minute, and an unresponsive organisation. Yet despite these challenges they had faced, the booth still stood strong and taught them how to deal with last-minute problems and to cooperate.

It is no hard task for someone to understand their concerns for our country's nature, having such a meaningful contribution to preserve our country's roots can show how dedicated they were to let this project go successfully. Based on an interview with Carmen herself stated that the whole project felt like community service and it was nice to connect with the community to help out. She felt accomplished for helping the mangroves raise awareness, helping the mangroves made her realise how important they were to our ecosystem.



*Zi Rong  
Year 9 Strength*



# MSSD BASKETBALL ZON BANGSAR 2024



After years of effort, AISS has finally formed a proper school basketball team with enough players to represent the school in the Majlis Sukan Sekolah Daerah (MSSD) Basketball Tournament for Zone Bangsar. MSSD provides a great platform for students to assess and develop their strengths and weaknesses in sports. From May 13-16, both the girls' and boys' basketball teams gained valuable experience and learned significantly from competing against other school teams.

The school basketball team, consisting of 10 players each for both girls and boys, demonstrated exceptional effort, remarkable skills, and teamwork throughout the tournament. Despite their tireless efforts in training, they tried their best and gave their utmost effort in every match. AISS is certainly proud of the team for showcasing such dedication and hard work during the competition. Competing against other school teams was undoubtedly a significant challenge for them, but they acquired invaluable experience and are eagerly looking forward to future competitions.

Everyone was exemplary displays of sportsmanship and skill, embodying the essence of fair play. Although our teams faced defeats, the spirit of competition and mutual respect was shown throughout. Despite the losses, the enthusiasm and effort shared by everyone ensured that the matches were not only well-played but also memorable and fun.



*Elwyna  
Year 10 Affection*

## Boys Match

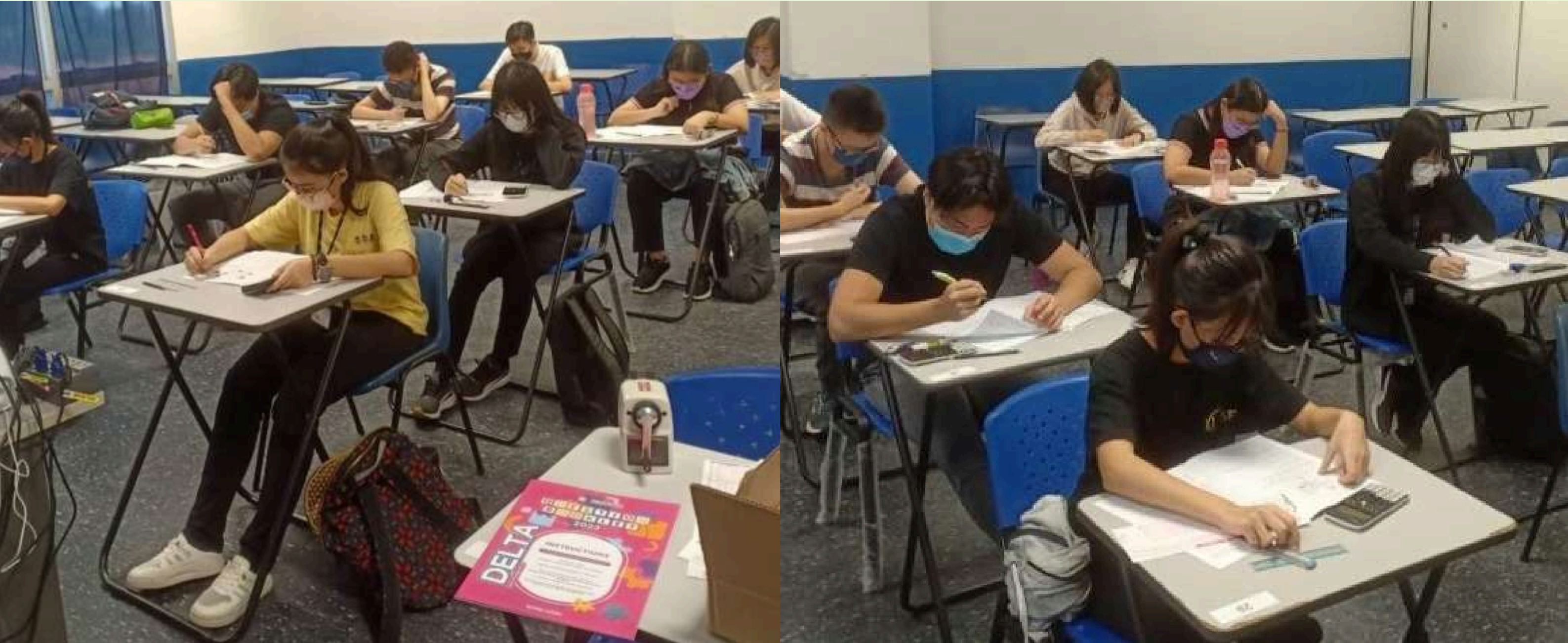
Match 1		Match 2		Match 3	
<b>AISS</b>	SMK Bandar Baru Seri Petaling	<b>AISS</b>	SMK Taman Desa	<b>AISS</b>	Maktab Tentera Diraja
<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>

## Girls Match

Match 1		Match 2		Match 3	
<b>AISS</b>	SMK Desa Petaling	<b>AISS</b>	SMK Seri Sentosa	<b>AISS</b>	Tzu Chi International Secondary School
<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31</b>



# KANCIL SCIENCE COMPETITION



The Kancil Science Competition at Aspirational International Secondary School is an important event that highlights the school's dedication to science education. Named after the clever Malaysian mouse deer, the competition aims to spark creativity, critical thinking, and a love for science in students.

Students from different grades participate in a variety of science-related activities. These include quizzes, experiments, and project presentations. The competition is designed to test their knowledge and skills, but also to inspire them to understand and appreciate science more deeply.

Teachers and mentors helped students through training sessions covering subjects like physics, chemistry, biology, and environmental science. Students are encouraged to go beyond their textbooks by doing hands-on experiments and working on group projects.

On the competition day, the school is buzzing with excitement. Students, dressed in their school colors, feel a mix of nervousness and determination.

The competition itself included several rounds. Quizzes test the student's quick thinking and knowledge. Practical experiments check their problem-solving skills and how well they can apply what they have learned. This is where students show their creativity and propose solutions to real-life problems using scientific ideas.

At the end of the day, there is a bundle of relief that all the stress is over. But the most valuable part is the experience and knowledge gained. The Kancil Science Competition at Aspirational International Secondary School not only helps students grow in their scientific abilities but also builds a community of young scientists eager to make a positive impact on the world.



*Josephine  
Year 7 Strength*





# ***YEAR 11'S GRADUATION DAY***



The Year 11 graduation ceremony of Aspiration International School was a memorable event held on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024, at PDU. The celebration marked the end of an important chapter for the Year 11 students of 2024, as they prepared to embark on new journeys.

Ms. Pushpa, the Year 11 homeroom teacher, played a significant role in the event. She delivered a heartfelt speech. Her words reflected a mix of sadness and happiness, as she expressed how proud she was of their achievements while also acknowledging the bittersweet feeling of seeing them move on.

The ceremony was well-attended, with family members, friends, and faculty gathered to celebrate the graduates' accomplishments. There were also refreshments, allowing everyone to mingle and share their memories and hopes for the future. The atmosphere was filled with a sense of accomplishment and anticipation, as students looked back on their school years and forward to new opportunities.

The event was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Year 11 students, as well as the support and guidance they received from their teachers and families. It was a day of reflection, celebration, and looking ahead, marking the end of one journey and the beginning of another.



*Katrina*  
*Year 10 Strength*



# THE FUTURE PATHWAY: IBDP TALK



The IBDP talk was definitely an important talk to the upper secondary students and the Year 9's, this talk worked as a solid guide for those who were still confused as to what career path they should take or what DP route they should follow to fulfil their ambition.

The IBDP talk elaborated more on the flow of the programme, giving clearer directions and more structure to the information that students may already have known about this programme. Mr Isaac, the presenter, was the one who brought the students along with his presentation. He talked further about the programme, highlighting the flow, benefits, and downsides of the IBDP course.



Mr Isaac, being the interactive presenter that he is, entertained all questions asked by the students. Despite this talk being relatively short, it was still memorable to the students who had not thought of structure in further studies. Based on Valerie of Year 9 Strength, after the talk she was excited about the subjects in the programme, looking forward to this course of study and enthusiastic to know even more about this programme.



Zi Rong  
Year 9 Strength



## Diploma Programme



# BIRTHDAYS IN

# July



***Putera Malik Bosco Al-Rodie Bin  
Roedy Koerniawan***

***01-July-2009***

***Andrea Amanina Bt Muhammad  
Amar***

***01-July-2010***

***Ezra Lye Zhen Ue***

***4-July-2009***

***Jayden Singh Mangat***

***7-July-2012***

***Cheryl Faith Choong***

***08-July-2010***

***Jared Goh Han Quan***

***10-July-2011***

***Alexandria Cheah Jia Min***

***13-July-2010***

***Liu Shao Yong (Sean)***

***15-July-2011***

***Kong Will***

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***Giunta Abdul Wahab Kimora***

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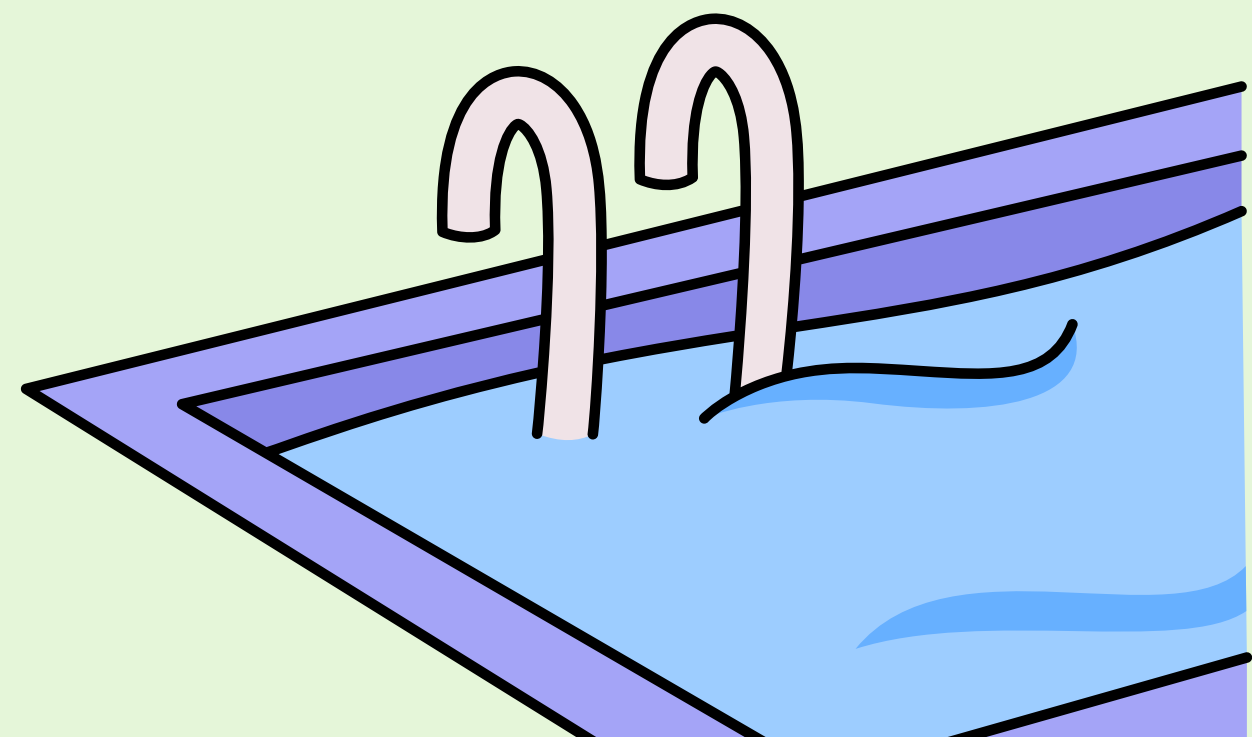
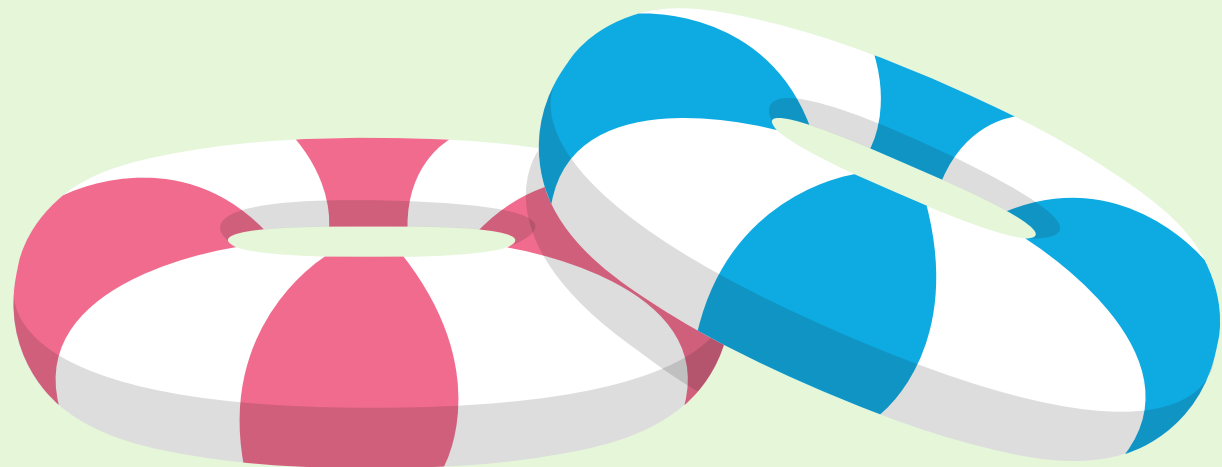
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***Hayley Wong Xii Yii***

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***Alessandra Ain Amanina Bt  
Muhammad Amar***

***23-Jul-2011***





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*Wo Li Wen*

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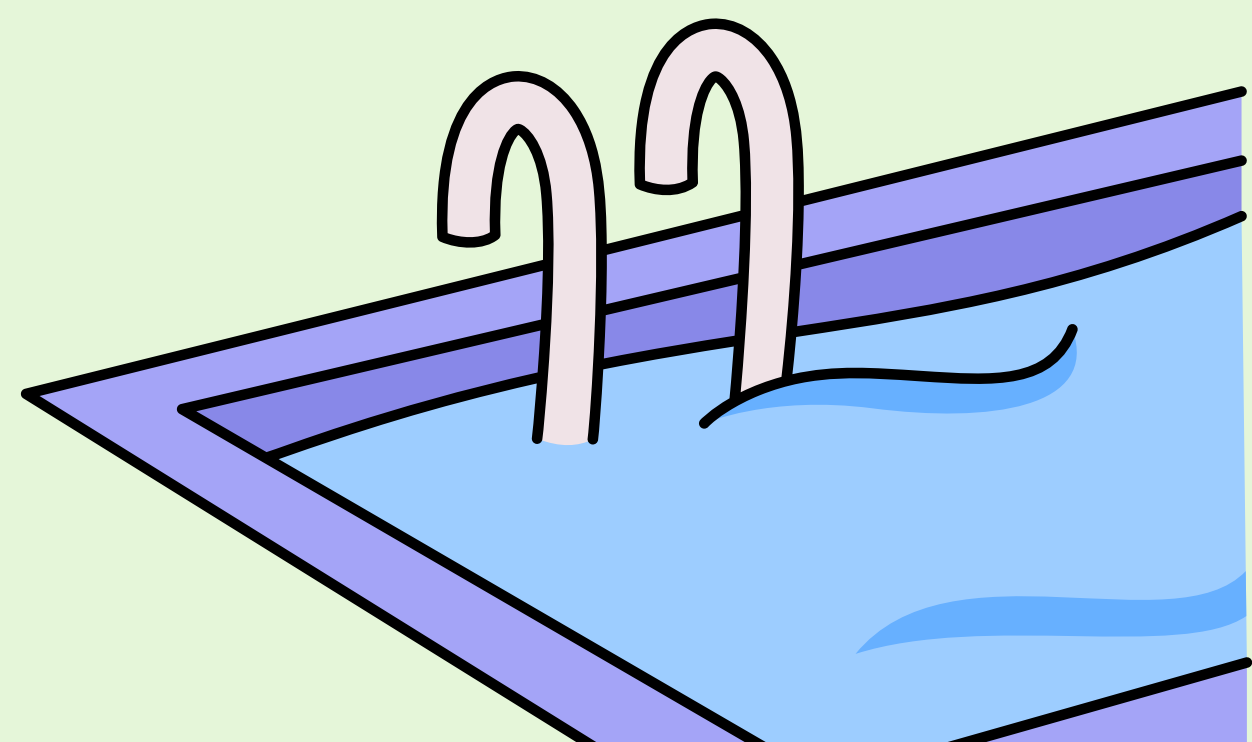
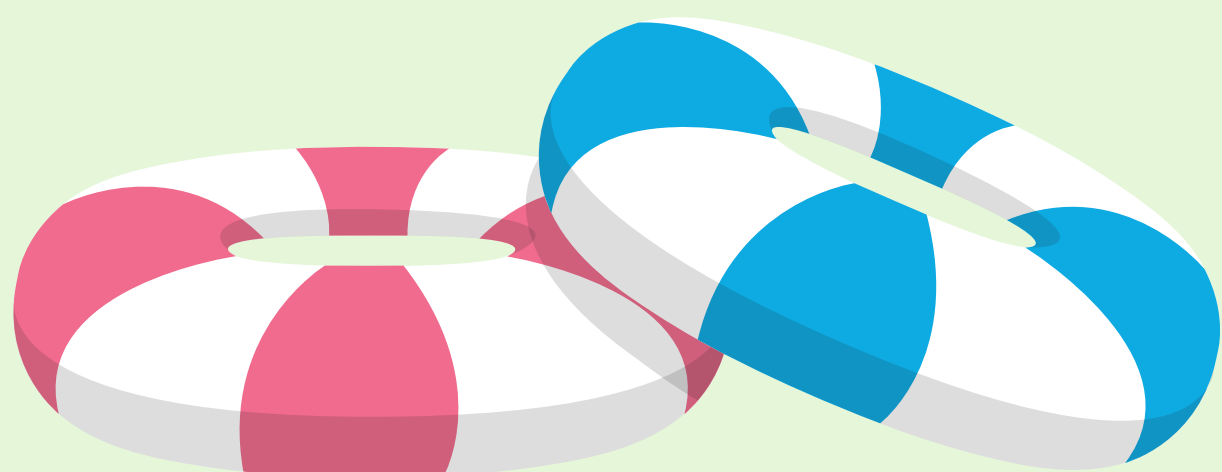
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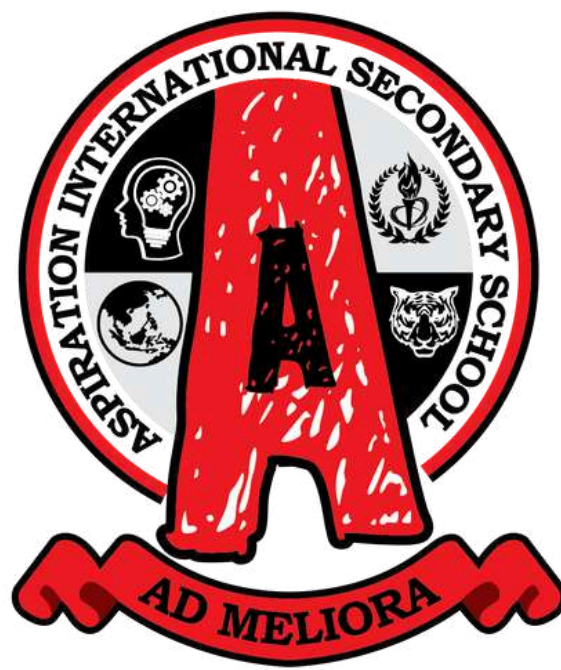
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