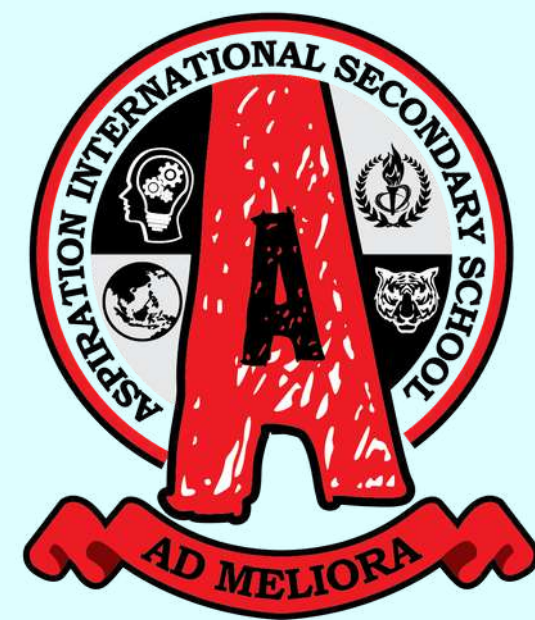
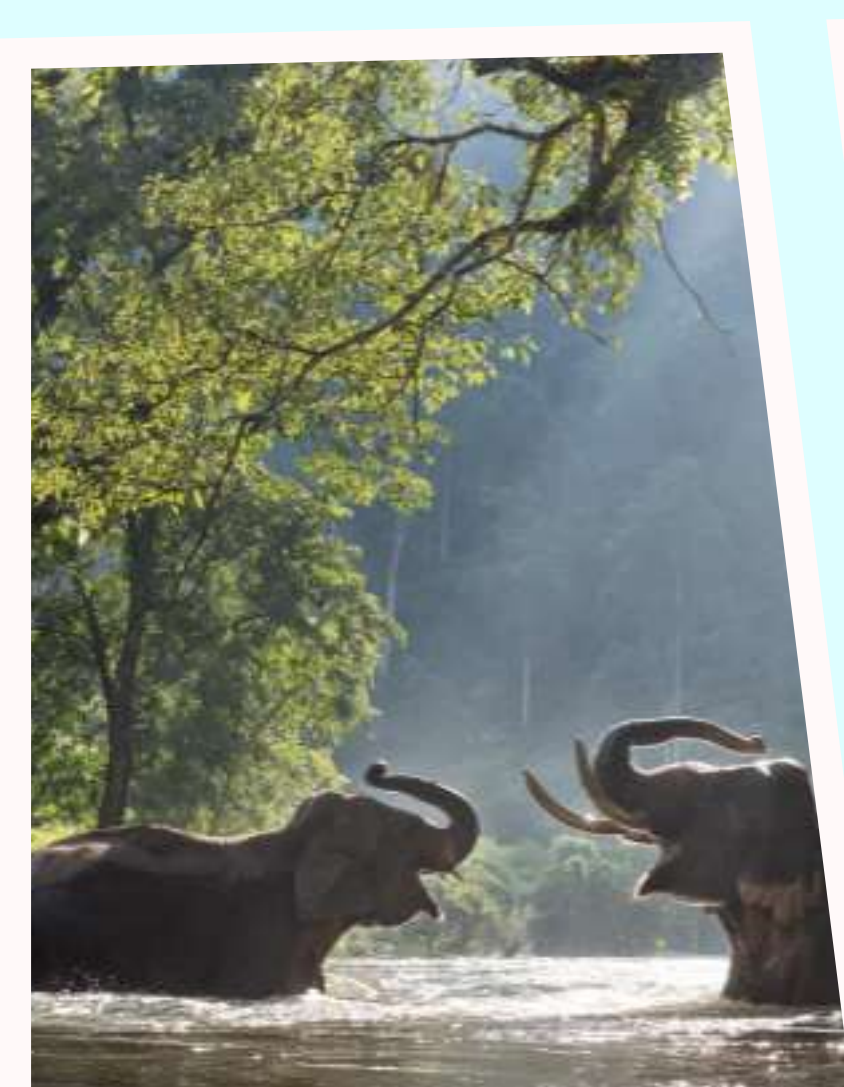
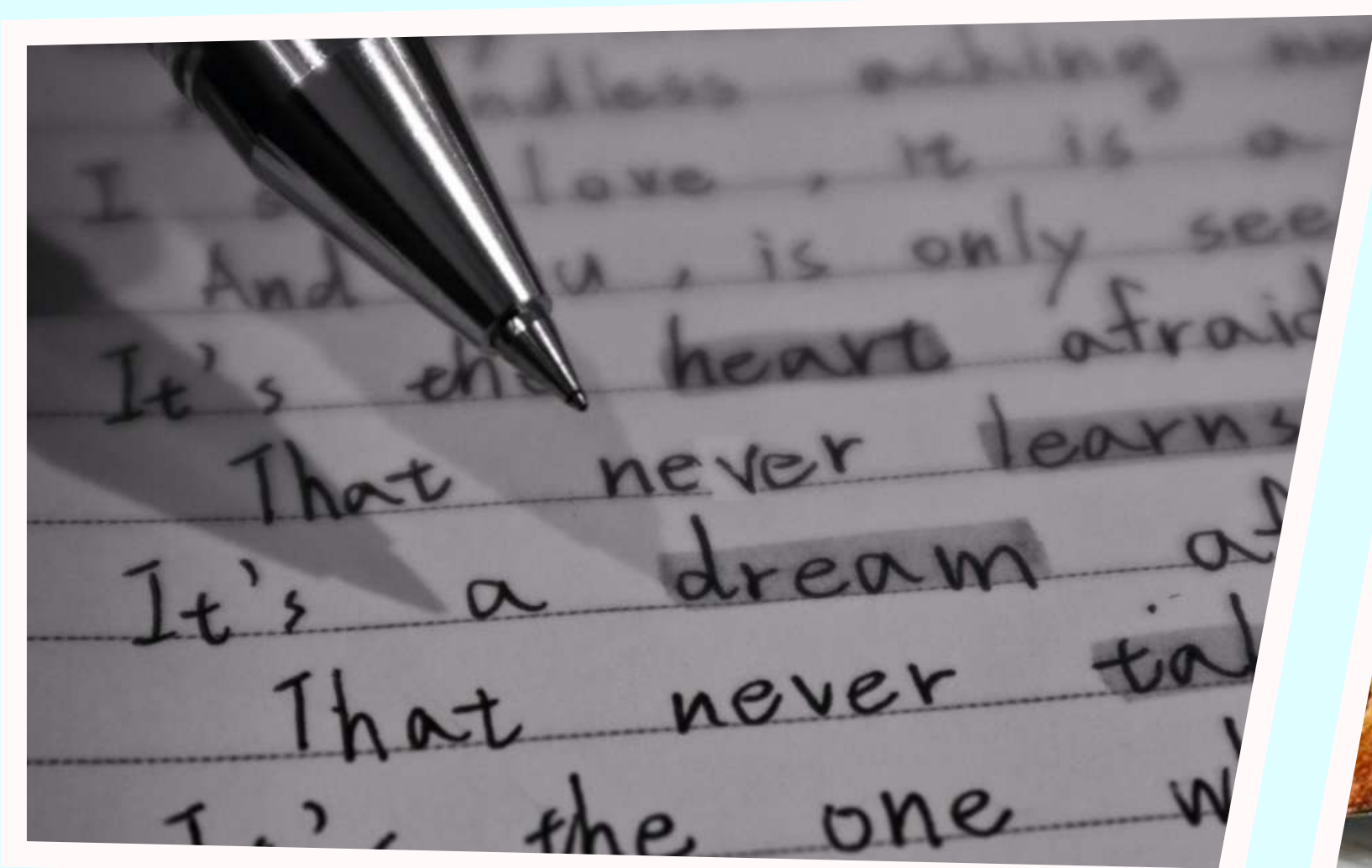


THE ASPIRANT



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



MESSAGE FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

TIMES TO COLLECT YOUR PHONE



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After 3.30pm

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Year 7 - 9:

After 5pm

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WORLD POETRY DAY

On Tuesday, March 21st, The Library Society hosted an event to celebrate World Poetry Day with the theme of "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants". Across continents, poetry is a universal language; it fosters new emotional connections among diverse communities. With this, poetry has stayed relevant and as a significant art form, enabling us to explore deeper feelings through writing. The Society wanted the students to have this exposure. Hence, this day was held to enhance students' writing skills, while learning varied cultures and literature.



The day commenced as we declared the event at our school assembly. As an opening, a few librarians were chosen to recite poems about achieving dreams and goals in different languages such as Malay, Chinese, and English. We librarians had a goal to encourage students to think creatively and to understand their native languages better. Consequently, we decided to host a poetry competition with a special prize given to the winners! A fixed number of people were chosen each year to use their creativity and imagination to compose a wonderful poem of their own using a specific language, with the following week as a deadline.



Another way to encourage students was to plan and decorate the information board in the common area. It was very safe to say that we librarians were very excited to showcase this brilliant day with different ways how to celebrate. We also added literary devices such as alliteration, oxymoron and many more to help the participants of the competition to improve their poems. With different coloured markers, we decorated the board with mind maps and small drawings to capture the eyes of the students and teachers, promoting the competition and World Poetry Day itself. This was also something new we learned, as we all took part in researching the celebration and its purpose.



Marissa
Library Society

WORLD POETRY DAY

As the day of the competition arrived, the chosen students were called to one of the rooms. Each student was given two topics to write about: 'Friendship' and 'Dreams'. The participants were given some time to think, and it was very much needed as they had the freedom to write anything they wanted. Once time was up, all of the participants left with beautiful poems that were difficult for us librarians to choose as the winners. It was very pleasant to see that most students had a deep passion for poetry and writing that they were once not aware of. In my opinion, this competition opened up many minds of students in terms of literature and it was a perfect way to practise their writing skills for the future.

In conclusion, World Poetry Day is important to encourage reading, writing, and teaching of poetry. It also reminded us students about the enduring legacy of not just poetry, but literature as a whole. This special day also serves as a practice for those who dream of becoming writers or journalists in the future and highlights that the spirit of poetry will always continue to live on, one stanza at a time.



Marissa
Library Society

WORLD POETRY DAY TRANSLATED

3月21日星期二，图书馆员协会举办了以“站在巨人的肩膀上”为主题的世界诗歌日庆祝活动。诗歌作为一种普遍的语言，跨越了各大洲，它在不同的社区之间建立了新的情感联系。因此，诗歌一直是一种重要的艺术形式，使我们能够通过写作探索更深层次的情感。协会希望学生们能够有这样的机会。因此，我们举办了这一天的活动，旨在提高学生的写作技能，同时学习不同的文化和文学。



当天，我们在学校的周会上宣布了这项活动。作为开场，选出了几位图书管理员，用马来语、华语和英语朗诵了一些关于梦想和人生目标的诗歌。我们协会的目标是鼓励学生进行创造性思考，并更好地理解自己的母语。因此，我们决定举办一场诗歌比赛，并为获胜者颁发特别奖！每个年级选出了一定数量的参赛者，让他们发挥自己的创造力和想象力，用特定的语言创作一首属于自己的美妙诗歌，并设定了下周作为颁奖日期。



另一种鼓励学生的方法是设计公共区域的活动板。我们图书馆管理员都感到非常兴奋，因为我们可以以各种方式来庆祝这个特别的日子。我们还在诗歌比赛中引入了拟人、反语等文学手法，以帮助参赛者提升诗歌水平。我们用不同颜色的记号笔在活动板上绘制了思维导图和插图，吸引了学生和老师的目光，宣传了比赛和世界诗歌日。通过这个过程，我们也学到了很多关于诗歌创作的新知识。



Gene
Year 10 Strength

WORLD POETRY DAY TRANSLATED

比赛当天，参赛者们聚集在一间教室里。每位学生都被赋予了两个写作主题：“友谊”和“梦想”。在正式开始前，他们被给予了一些时间来思考。这段时间非常重要，因为它让他们能更好地思考和表达自己的想法。比赛结束后，我们面临着一个头痛的难题：如何选出优胜者。因为参赛作品都太优秀了，我们很难做出决定。但是，我感到非常高兴，因为我们发现大多数学生对诗歌和写作都充满了热情，这是我们以前没有意识到的。这次比赛开拓了许多学生的文学思维，为他们未来的写作能力提供了一个绝佳的机会。。



总的来说，世界诗歌日不仅在鼓励我们阅读、创作和教授诗歌方面发挥着重要作用，更在提醒我们诗歌只是整个文学遗产中的一部分。这个特殊的日子为那些怀揣着成为作家或记者梦想的人提供了一个绝佳的锻炼机会。它将诗歌的精神传承下去，一代又一代，延续至今。



Gene
Year 10 Strength

ASPIRATION'S ANNUAL OUTBOUND TRIP

Aspiration International School (AISS) is gearing up for an extraordinary educational adventure, set against the picturesque backdrop of Lake Toba, Indonesia. From Monday, December 9th to Friday, December 13th, secondary school students will embark on a five-day, four-night expedition to this captivating destination. This overseas trip promises to be a transformative experience, blending cultural immersion, service learning, and adventurous exploration in one of Indonesia's most stunning locales.

Destination: Lake Toba, Indonesia

Nestled amidst the lush landscapes of Medan, Indonesia, Lake Toba stands as one of the world's largest volcanic lakes, renowned for its breathtaking beauty and rich cultural heritage. The journey to Lake Toba isn't just about visiting a scenic locale; it's an opportunity for students to delve into the heart of Indonesian culture, history, and environmental stewardship.

Educational Highlights and Activities

This expedition isn't your typical school trip. AISS has meticulously curated a diverse array of activities designed to engage students in experiential learning and meaningful cultural exchange. From exploring traditional villages to participating in service projects, here's a glimpse of what students can expect:

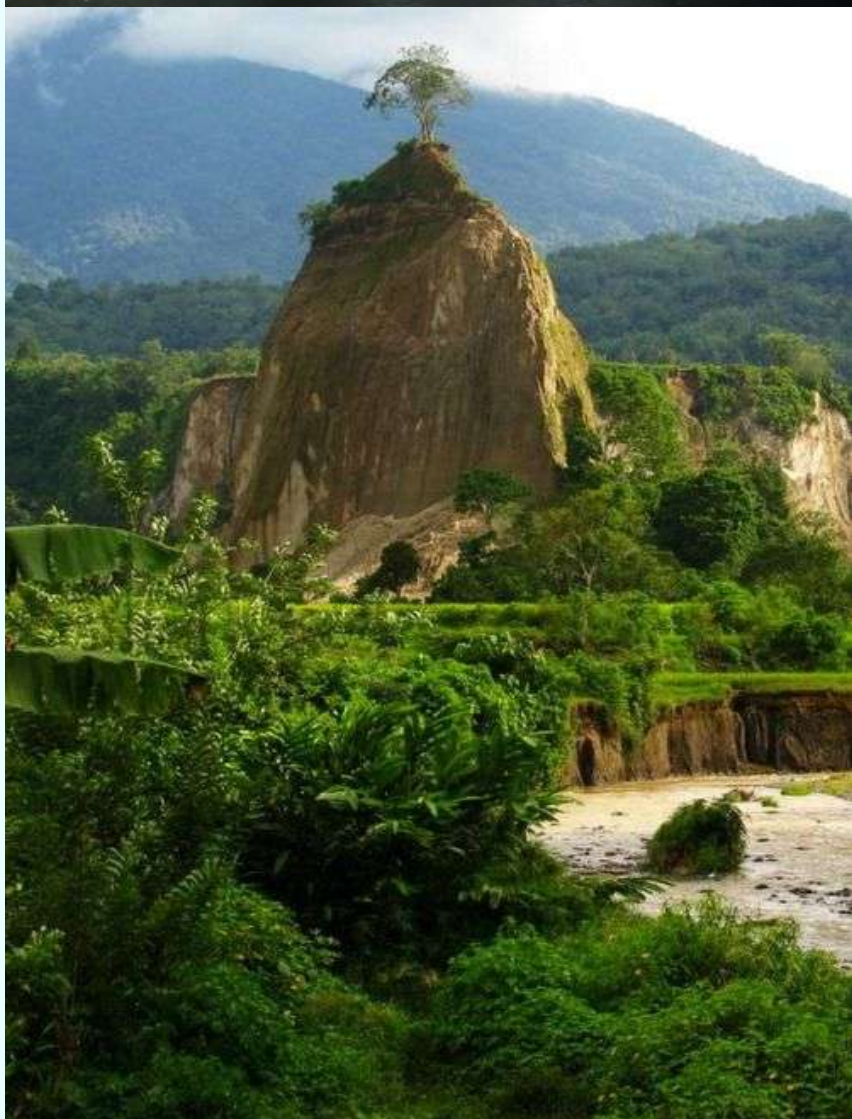
- **Tour of Ambarita Village, Samosir Island:** Students will immerse themselves in the vibrant culture of the Batak people, witnessing ancient traditions, rituals, and captivating performances of traditional Batak dances. This firsthand experience will offer insights into Indonesia's rich cultural tapestry.
- **Service as Action:** AISS places a strong emphasis on service learning, and this trip provides students with opportunities to make a tangible impact. Through initiatives like the Go Green Program and Fish Release program into Lake Toba, students will explore environmental conservation and the consequences of fish farming while actively contributing to local sustainability efforts.



Natalie
Year 10 Strength

ASPIRATION'S ANNUAL OUTBOUND TRIP

- **Adventure and Exploration:** From trekking up One Tree Hill for panoramic views of Lake Toba to embarking on a jungle trek to Twin Waterfalls, students will satisfy their adventurous spirit while discovering the natural wonders of Indonesia. A visit to a Coffee & Tea Plantation and Processing plant will also offer insights into the region's agricultural practices.
- **Cultural Exchange:** In the spirit of cultural exchange, students will participate in Indonesian Traditional Games competitions, showcasing their skills in Enggrang, Terompah Bakia Lingka Sepeda, and Lomba Karung. Additionally, a visit to Alfa Omega Orphanage in Kabanjahe will provide students with an opportunity to engage with and support children with Down Syndrome.



Why This Experience Matters

At AISS, international travel isn't just a leisure activity; it's a vital component of the school's educational philosophy. By exposing students to diverse cultures, environments, and perspectives, these experiences foster empathy, cultural competence, and global awareness. Moreover, international travel provides students with opportunities for personal growth, self-discovery, and the development of essential life skills such as adaptability, resilience, and independence.

A Compulsory Learning Experience

This overseas trip isn't optional; it's an integral part of AISS's curriculum and educational framework. Normal teaching will be suspended during the trip dates, and students will receive formal recognition of their participation through attendance records and certificates. While parents have the right to withhold participation, AISS encourages all eligible students to seize this unique learning opportunity.

As we eagerly anticipate this unforgettable journey to Lake Toba, AISS remains committed to providing students with transformative educational experiences that extend beyond the classroom. Through cultural immersion, service learning, and adventurous exploration, students will not only expand their horizons but also forge lasting memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

In the words of Helen Keller, "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." With this ethos in mind, let's embark on this remarkable journey together and embrace the boundless possibilities that await us at Lake Toba.



Natalie
Year 10 Strength

ASPIRATION'S INBOUND TRIP

Aspiration International Secondary School is dedicated to providing students with educational experiences that go beyond traditional classroom learning. With a focus on real-life situations and hands-on learning, the school aims to develop critical thinking skills and promote personal growth outside of textbooks and lectures.

One such opportunity for immersive learning is the upcoming trip to Taman Negara, scheduled from Monday 22nd of July to Thursday 25th of July. Available to all secondary students, this excursion offers a variety of activities designed to broaden horizons and deepen understanding.

In Pahang, Taman Negara offers a glimpse into the breathtaking beauty of a 130-million-year-old rainforest. Students will embark on thrilling jungle treks, immersing themselves in lush foliage and encountering the diverse flora and fauna. The canopy walk will provide a unique perspective, while riverboat rides offer moments of serene appreciation.

Beyond adventure, the trip includes educational and service opportunities. Students will learn about elephant conservation efforts in Malaysia, gaining insights into the delicate balance between human activity and wildlife preservation. They will also experience the vibrant culture of the Orang Asli community, learning traditional survival skills passed down through generations.

Recognizing the importance of parental involvement, an initial briefing session was scheduled on Friday 22nd March 2024, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at the school's auditorium. This briefing was aimed to provide parents with an overview of the trip itinerary, safety protocols, and educational goals. A Zoom link was provided for those who were unable to attend in person.

By embracing these new experiences, students will enhance their academic knowledge and develop life skills that will serve them well in the future.

As excitement builds for this unforgettable journey, students and parents are encouraged to embrace the spirit of adventure and discovery. Together, let us embark on a voyage of learning and growth, where every moment becomes a lesson and every experience leaves a lasting impact.



*Nina & Inaiya
Year 10 Strength*



YEAR 7 SERVICE AS ACTION



From the 4th of March till the 8th of March, Year 7s did a Fundraising called "Operation Clean Up" to clean up Gasing Hill. They needed to earn RM650, for buying supplies such as trash bags, gloves, sticks/grippers, and mainly transport. The rest of the money went to charity.

They sold accessories, snacks, drinks, and food. They made a total of RM1600+, and RM950 will go to charity. The funds will be donated to "My Clean Beach", an organization that helps clean beaches.

On Tuesday, 19th of March, the Year 7 students went to Bukit Gasing to clean up the rubbish on the hill. The Year 7 students were accompanied by Ms. Qysha, Ms. Zaity, Ms. Efa, Mr. Aferin, Mr. Dylan and Mr. Ervin. They were there from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. cleaning up the rubbish.

In the morning, the Year 7 students gathered in the common area for a briefing on what they were going to do at Bukit Gasing and took attendance to make sure that no one was left behind. At 9:00 a.m. the students left the school for Bukit Gasing. When they arrived at a playground near Bukit Gasing, they did some warmups to ensure they didn't get hurt and also put on some sunscreen and mosquito repellent. The students and teachers walked to the gates of Bukit Gasing. The students were split into 3 groups, each group was assigned 2 teachers to look after the students.



Josephine
Year 7 Strength

YEAR 7 SERVICE AS ACTION



Upon arrival, they took photos at the gate of Bukit Gasing and then headed in to start cleaning up. They hiked through the trail led by the PE teachers and picked up rubbish along the way. Additionally, they took a break to drink water and rest. The teachers brought Milo and bread for the students.

In the end, with teamwork and dedication, the Year 7 students managed to collect 4 bags of rubbish. Everyone was dripping with sweat from hiking and picking up the rubbish, but they all had fun and enjoyed themselves.



Josephine
Year 7 Strength

YEAR 9 STRENGTH SERVICE AS ACTION

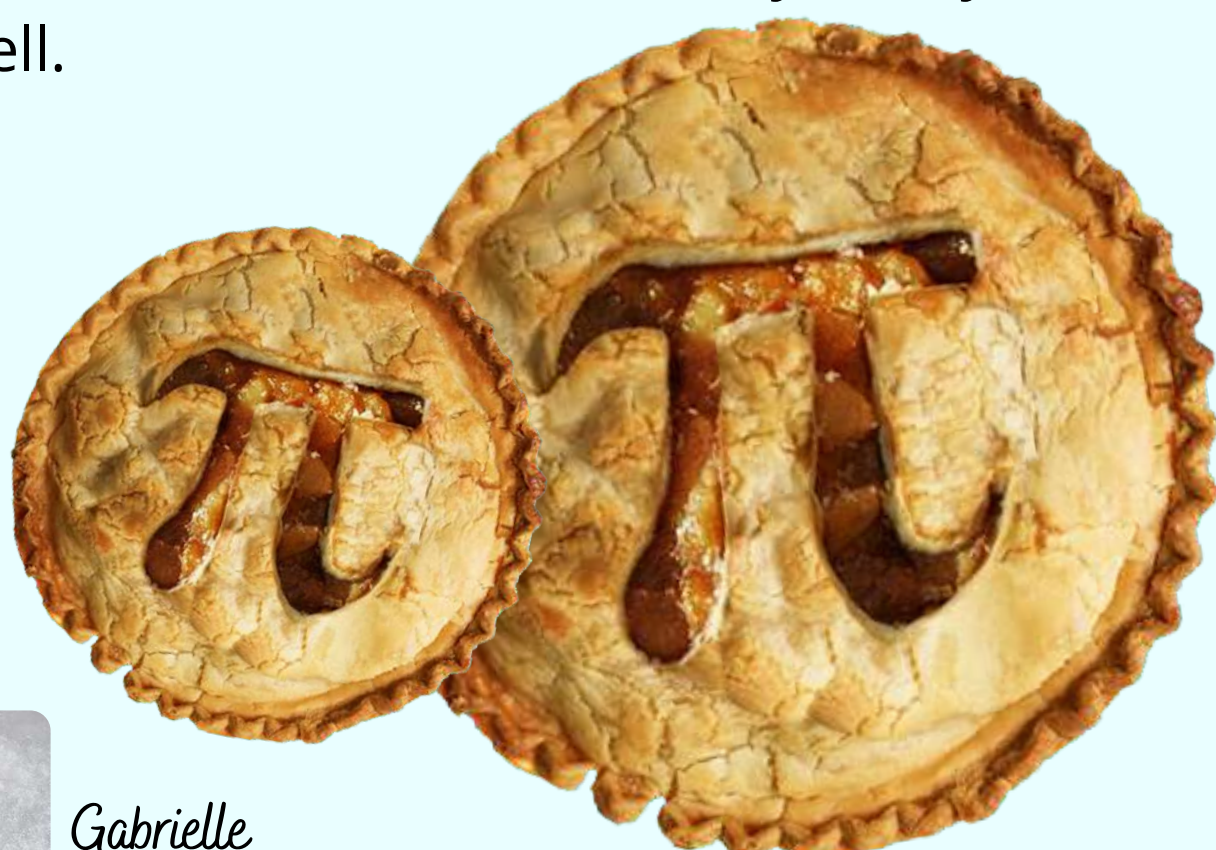


Larry Shaw, the father of Pi Day, leads a pi parade at the Exploratorium science museum in San Francisco on March 14, 2008.

As many of us know, our school is dedicated to not only providing a well-rounded education but also giving back to the community. Service as action or SAA for short is our school's attempt to give back to the community. This time around, Year 9 Strength sold pies and drinks in the school's common area to raise funds for Anak-Anak Yatim TTDI, a local orphanage.

Year 9 Strength's Service As Action is related to their Mathematics curriculum and is to celebrate International Pi Day, which took place on the 14th of March 2024. Some of you may be wondering what International Pi Day is; International Pi Day is the annual celebration of the Mathematical constant Pi, which was discovered in 1888 by an employee of the San Francisco Science Museum, the Exploratorium, Larry Shaw. Shaw's Discovery has been the foundation for many fields like architecture and engineering.

The class sold pies on the 11th, 14th and 15th of March in the school's common area during lunchtime, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. On the 11th of March, apple pie was available for purchase. On the 14th, blueberry pie was being sold. To add more excitement to the mix, Year 9 Strength sold a mystery flavour of pie on the 15th. Furthermore, on all of these days, they sold drinks as well.



Gabrielle
Year 10 Strength



YEAR 9 SUBJECT SELECTION TALK

On the 4th of March 2024, Aspiration International Secondary School organized a captivating career talk tailored specifically for the Year 9 students. This session featured an engaging speaker, Ms. Jessie, representing Sunway University, who adeptly guided the students through various career options and subject selections pertinent to their ambitions.

Ms. Jessie's presentation was not only informative but also interactive, incorporating dynamic elements such as fun career tests and lively engagement activities. Throughout the talk, students were encouraged to actively participate, ensuring that the session was both educational and entertaining.

One highlight of the talk was the inclusion of career-oriented quizzes and assessments, aimed at helping students identify their strengths and interests about different professions. By analyzing key characteristics and aptitudes associated with various careers, Ms. Jessie provided valuable insights to students who may still be undecided about their future paths.

Moreover, the visual aids utilized during the presentation played a crucial role in enhancing students' comprehension and retention of the information. Vibrant slides featuring relevant images not only served to reinforce key concepts but also sparked curiosity and further exploration among the students.

Perhaps the most memorable activity of the session was the music test, which added an exciting twist to the proceedings. Ms. Jessie invited three volunteers to the front of the auditorium and presented them with a unique challenge. Each volunteer was tasked with selecting a photo from a set of six, after which an audio clip corresponding to the chosen image was played. These audio clips encompassed a diverse range of musical genres, including KPOP, R&B, Hip Hop, and more.

The objective of this activity was twofold: to assess students' musical acumen and to provide direction for those inclined towards careers in the music industry. By gauging the volunteers' ability to identify songs based on audio cues alone, the test offered valuable insights into their potential talents and interests. For students who demonstrated a keen ear for music, this served as an affirmation of their abilities and may have sparked aspirations for future careers in the field.

Overall, the career talk led by Ms. Jessie was a resounding success, equipping Year 9 students with valuable insights and guidance as they navigate their academic and professional journeys. Through a combination of informative presentations, interactive activities, and thought-provoking assessments, students were empowered to make informed decisions about their future paths and pursue their passions with confidence.



*Zi Rong
Year 9 Strength*

YEAR 10 & 11 TALK : HOW TO ACE INTERVIEWS



On March 18, 2024, Monday, Year 10 and Year 11 students of Aspiration International School gathered in the Auditorium for a talk on “How to Ace Interviews”, delivered by the esteemed speaker, Ms. Phyanne Tan, the Education Director of SUCCESS Students Services. This talk was sponsored by HELP University and SEGI University.

The session, which lasted from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., aimed to equip students with valuable insights and guidance on interview preparation techniques and avenues for securing scholarships. With Ms. Tan at the helm, renowned for her expertise in student services, the event promised to be enlightening and beneficial for the attending students.

During the talk, Ms. Tan addressed common pitfalls and challenges encountered during interviews, shedding light on the importance of thorough preparation. She outlined various scenarios where students may falter, including lack of preparation, irresponsibility, neglecting self-care, and inappropriate behaviour. By highlighting these issues, students gained a deeper understanding of the critical factors contributing to interview success.

Furthermore, Ms. Tan provided practical tips and strategies to help students navigate interviews effectively. Emphasizing the significance of honesty, preparation, and respectful conduct, she encouraged students to engage in meaningful conversations, acknowledge their thought processes, and articulate their experiences confidently. Additionally, Ms. Tan underscored the importance of sourcing information from reliable sources, maintaining professionalism in behaviour and language, and avoiding the temptation to exaggerate knowledge or achievements.

This talk served as a testament to Aspiration International School's commitment to providing holistic education, encompassing not only academic excellence but also essential life skills and career readiness. By facilitating such informative sessions, the school continues to nurture well-rounded individuals prepared to thrive in an ever-changing world.

With gratitude to Ms. Phyanne Tan and SUCCESS Students Services for their invaluable contribution, the students eagerly anticipate applying their newfound knowledge and skills as they navigate future interviews and pursue scholarship opportunities.



*Natalie
Year 10 Strength*

BASKETBALL FRIENDLY MATCH AISS VS EATON



On the 16th of March 2024, a friendly basketball match transpired between Aspiration International Secondary School and Eaton International School, hosted at Eaton International School in Kajang. The school encourages friendly matches as they provide students with valuable exposure to external environments while instilling values of teamwork and sportsmanship. Participating athletes from Aspiration were able to experience the intensity and determination of the match but also the opportunity to engage in newfound competition. Moreover, they benefit from observing diverse tactics and skills demonstrated by peers from other schools. It is hoped that in the coming years, there will be more friendly matches with different schools!

“Overall, the friendly match was entertaining and exciting. It was our first time participating in an outside competition as a team and we made minor mistakes out of nervousness, however, we managed to find our pace after the first few minutes of struggling. The match was very intense but enjoyable too as we were trying our best. It’s fun as it’s our first time and I look forward to participating soon in another match and hope to earn a victory. As a team, we are eager to improve our skills and train more often together in the future. After the match, all of us conclude that team spirit and communication are the most important aspects of a match.”

- Lucas Chin, Year 10 Affection



“The friendly match was a blast, especially since it was our first time playing outside our usual setup. We were a bit nervous at the beginning and made a few small mistakes, but we quickly got back on track. Despite the intensity, we had a lot of fun and gave it our all. I think we should focus on getting better as a team through regular practice, knowing that teamwork and communication are crucial in every game. Looking ahead, we're excited for the next match and hope to win.”

-Jerome Ong Ming, Year 10 Proactive



Megan
Year 10 Affection

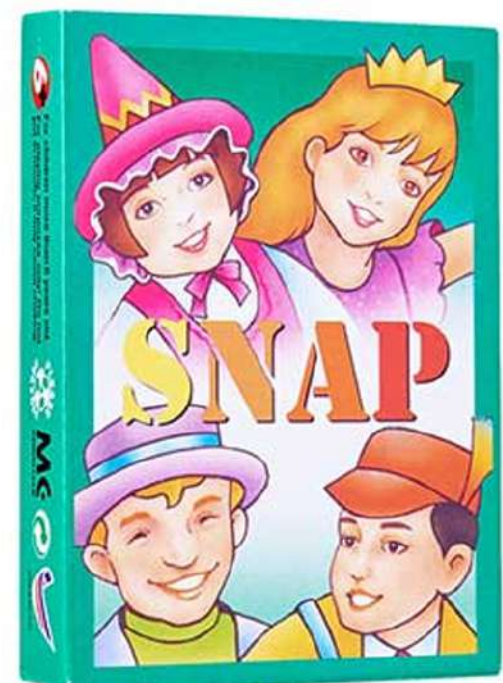
BOARD GAMES BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL

To celebrate the closing of the end of term 2 , the student council of AISS hosted its very own Board Game Week. Board games are an act of joy , it brings friends together and that was the main objective of this event. In the past , board games were a source of entertainment and social interaction.

Board Game Week was held from the 25th of March to the 27th of March. Not to mention , the games available were : Uno , Jenga and some other old childhood games such as Snap , Happy Family , Old Maid and Donkey. Students also had their own option of bringing their own card/board game too.

During the planning process , members of the student council had to discuss and decide the venue which the event was going to take place , types of games , the dates , registration form layout and when students would be able to sign up to play.

In order to sign up , students had to register into the form during the 10:45 a.m. break in the common area before playing the board game at 12:30 p.m., lunch break. Everyone enjoyed playing board games and it was a memorable experience.



*Leanne
Year 9 Strength*

ANNUAL CHOIR



On the 25th of March 2024, Aspiration International Secondary School (AISS) held its annual choir. The choir consisted of students from Year 7 to Year 9, each with more than 2 different songs from well-known musical movies. Furthermore, there was also a special performance by the school's official band and a self-made band by the year 10's.

AISS is known to not only focus on academics but on arts as well. This can enrich the experience of studying and create a safe environment where all students can express themselves freely. It cultivates creativity and builds one's confidence. Arts education improves leadership, teamwork and self-reliance. Students can be more self-reliant when they start depending more on their strengths, knowledge and skills rather than the strengths of others. Creating art can confirm one's uniqueness while also providing one's sense of accomplishment and self-esteem.

During the showcase, the auditorium where it was held was filled with positivity. While the academic term came to an end, the showcase brought out an unmatched energy.



"When Ms Frauline invited my friends and me to perform for this showcase, I felt nervous about my bass-playing skills. We were in a rush to prepare as we were notified quite late and could only meet up with my band members and practice once. However, after we performed, we were all filled with accomplishment and happiness. Overall, this showcase was memorable and a great way to end this term."

-Mia, Year 10 Strength



The school invites all students to participate in these activities and work hard to integrate art into the school's curriculum. We hope that all students can join the upcoming annual choir, whether as performer or spectator.

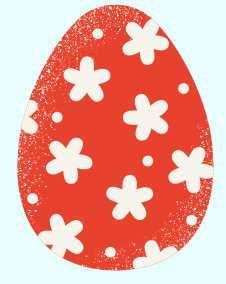
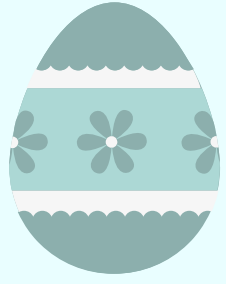
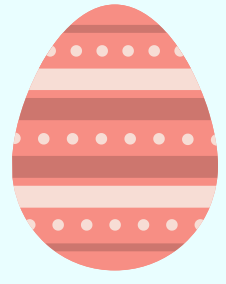
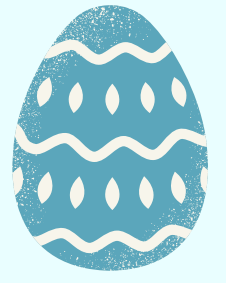
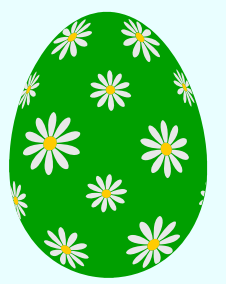
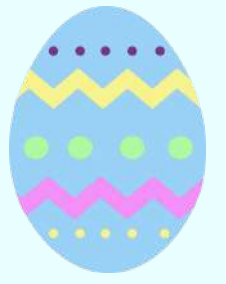
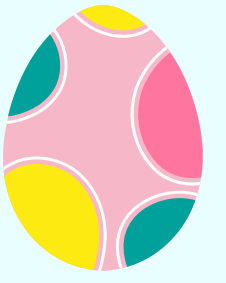
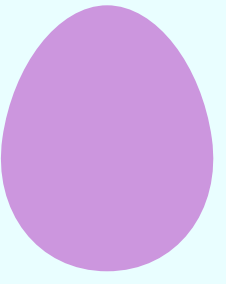
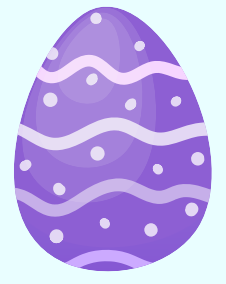
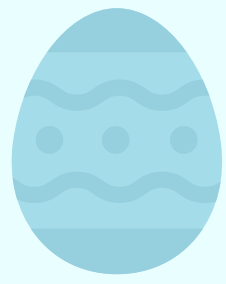
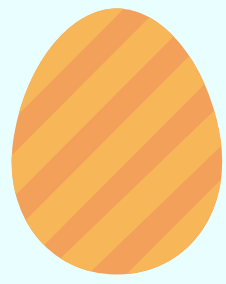


Janelle
Year 10 Strength



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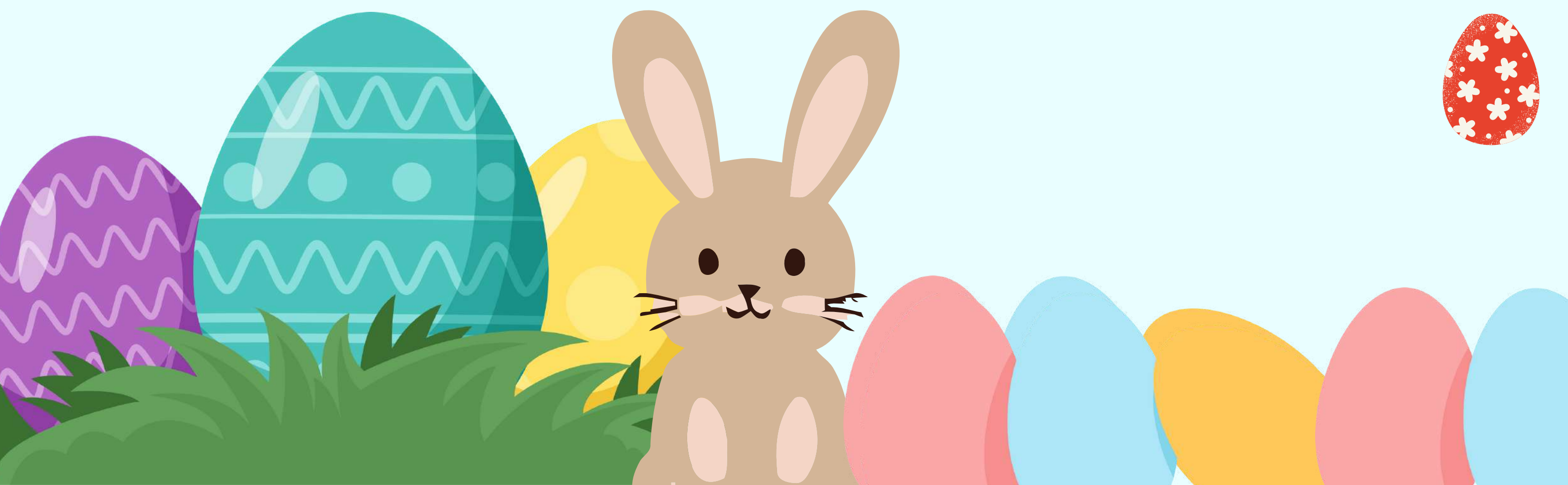
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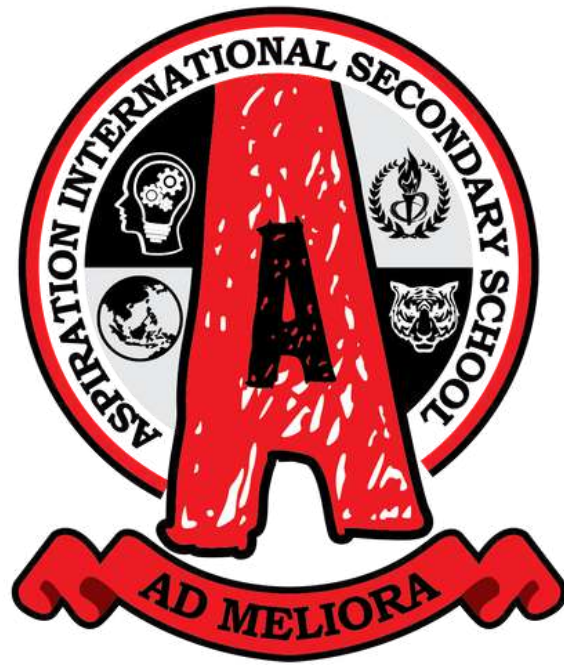
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