



Issue 1

September 2015

APS NEWS

Welcome to the first issue of APS News! This monthly bulletin, together with the weekly email from the Principals, aims to keep you updated on all activities taking place both inside and outside the classroom, including trips overseas! At APIS, saw the start of the new academic year and we hope everyone has now settled into the school routine. A special welcome to all new parents and students. At APSS, exam season kicked off with UPSR, to be followed by PT3 and SPM in the coming months. We wish all our students every success and look forward to celebrating your achievements. Due to the haze, we unfortunately had to postpone several sporting events, and school had to close for two days. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this difficult period and we hope for brighter days ahead... The sun will come out, if not tomorrow, then definitely in time for the upcoming APSS Primary production of the musical 'Annie'. Be sure to save these dates: either Saturday 24th or Sunday 25th October at 2:30pm-4:30pm in the MPH. See you there!





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On the 15th September, APS officially became part of the ILMU Educational Group. The APSS Choir gave a wonderful performance at the launch ceremony, officiated by the Minister of Higher Education.



ILMU Education Group is the largest integrated private education group in Malaysia.

ILMU is a group of learning institutions, spanning all segments of K-12 and tertiary education. Today, we have more than 35,000 students in our network of institutions across Malaysia and Sri Lanka. Here at ILMU, we believe in learning for the real world. We invite you to find out more about what we do to provide great learning experiences, and our deep commitment to lifelong learning.

This is an exciting development for APS and we are proud to be a member of this unique network of educational institutions:



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ASIA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
OF TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION



Kuala Lumpur Metropolitan
University College

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ASIA PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (APIS)
ASIA PACIFIC SMART SCHOOL (APSS)
APSS PRESCHOOL



For more information about ILMU and what this means for APS please visit their website

www.ilmuedu.com



Malaysia day celebrations

Malaysia day was full of celebrations within APS. It was lovely seeing the students and teachers all dressed up wearing their traditional dress and seeing all the activities organised. There was a great atmosphere we had colouring competitions, Poem recitals and Patriotic song performances. For more pictures please check out our Facebook pages listed at the bottom of the newsletter.





APS Open Day

We had another successful APS Open Day on Saturday 19 September. The day started with talks from both Principals, Mr Neil and Ms Chee. In APIS we had guest speakers - our own Head boy and Girl Mustaqim B Mohd Iqbal and Yong Aishah Bt Meor Amri. They spoke about life at APIS from a student's perspective. Their confidence and delivery were fantastic - thank you and well done to you both.

At the main entrance, staff and students welcomed visitors and guided them through the school, while our Admissions team were busy advising perspective parents. We also had homemade food and cooking demonstrations by the APSS Home Economics Department.

Open days would not be a success without the help and support from all our staff, students, teachers and parents. We would like to thank you, and all the pupils, prefects and scouts who helped out on the day.





APSS 9th Annual Swimming Gala

Asia Pacific Smart School hosted their annual swimming gala with 31 competitive events. Everybody had lots of fun and the day was a huge success. Below are a few pictures from the day but to see more great photos, please check out and LIKE our APSS Facebook page.

The award for Best female swimmer was Ho Kit Yiing from 4A2 and Best male swimmer was Ariff Iskandar from 5S2.

Well done to everybody involved and we look forward to the re-scheduled APSS Primary Swimming Gala on Saturday 10 October (haze permitting)!





Sharing our success

During this month, between the two schools, there have been many competitions, events and exams that we would like to share...



Congratulations to Bavita Rames who was awarded 2nd champion for the U8 category at the Star Selangor Tournament 2015



*Well done to Atticus
In the 50m
Breaststroke at the
Pesta Renang MBPJ
10th Swimming
Gala.*





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Merdeka 58 short video competition.

Two teams from APSS submitted their entries to the competition organised by IACT collage. One team was selected as finalist and won First Runner Up.

Congratulations to Natalia Bong Sue Yin, Natasha Bong Sue Yan, Aysha Fateeha Binti Ahmad Sharudin, Nur Diyana Binti Kamaruddin and Nurul Anisah Binti Salleh.

The other team won 2nd prize with RM500 cash and MTV World Stage Malaysia 2015 tickets.

To watch the videos please follow the links below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HXTYbQFFeo>



Sharing our success.



Students from APIS making Moon cake for the Moon cake festival during their Mandarin class with Ms. Blanche. They all look like they had lots of fun.



Congratulations to Yuki Sakai 9B and Ryota Sakai 6B who won first place in the 1st Malaysia open Kyokushin-Kan bare knuckle karate tournament.

Well done to you both.



Exchange Programme to Adelaide, Australia



This is our 2nd Educational & Cultural Exchange programme, to Adelaide, Australia.

A total of nine students accompanied by one teacher went on a cultural and educational trip to Adelaide, Australia from 14-23rd September. They had a taste of Australian school life and stayed with Australian families as part of a Home-Stay program. Each of our students was paired off with a buddy from Henley High School. They had a thoroughly enjoyable time getting to know not only the sights and sounds of Adelaide but more importantly, making lasting friendships.





Exam Season

August and September are important months at APSS with many students taking exams.

Well done to everyone who has sat their UPSR exams and good luck to everyone sitting their upcoming PT3 and SPM!

Here are some of our pupils preparing for their next papers:





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Orientation Day

APIS welcomed their new students on Orientation day. The first day of school is always a daunting one and some find it easier than others. All students were given a tour of the school and Mr Neil briefed parents on what to expect, before being shown the classrooms and being introduced to their homeroom teachers.

A big warm welcome to all our new students.





ECA Fair

APIS held an ECA fair on the 21 September in the MPH showcasing a wide selection of extra-curricular activities. The event drew a great response – with lots of demonstrations and students and parents checking out the different ECSs on offer.

Well done to Ms Joanne who coordinated the event and Ms Amina for her help and support





Principal's Blog

Mr Neil has started a Principal's Blog via the App Tumblr.

This is a great resource easy to access - all you need to do is download the Tumblr app via all app stores and register (its free).

Once you have accessed the app you just need to search for principalsmessagesapis2015 and follow it.

This is another great platform for us to communicate quickly and effectively, although the weekly messages will continue to go out via email.



You can also visit the Tumblr website and sign up that way. <https://www.tumblr.com/login>

Mr Neil regularly updates this blog with announcements and pictures although he is still waiting for the kind person who left cake on his desk to come forward so he can thank them personally!



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Message from our Councillor



Asia Pacific Schools has been engaging People Development Consulting (PDC), an external and independent professional for all the students' emotional and psychological needs. Mr. Nicholas' from PDC is a registered and licenced counsellor, specializing in family therapy and also the impact of technology on child development. Meanwhile, Miss Sannujah has experience in supporting children with peer challenges and career planning.

Since 2010 students, teachers and many parents have utilised this professional support system here at APS. Their services are available to all members of our learning community 3 times a week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). Please feel free to contact Mr. Nicholas Wong at 0193618977, if you require further details.





Meet the Staff

This piece is coming soon.

Every month we will interview a member of staff from each school and ask them insightful questions about APS.

Look out in next month's issue to see who is in the hot seat.





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APIS - Asia Pacific International School (Malaysia)

APSS - Asia Pacific Smart School (Malaysia)

Asia Pacific Schools

I hope you have all enjoyed our first edition of APS News coordinated by Ms Sam, a volunteer at the school.

Moving forward we want the newsletter to evolve and contain as much information as possible. Next month we plan to launch a 'Shout Out' page: an area for recognition for pupils and staff. If you have any small shout outs you would like me to add to this page please email Ms Sam at: sjcrossie31@gmail.com.

You can also email her with any pictures you have taken and she is also available to visit classrooms and take photos of your activities.

I look forward to hearing from you.

