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Message from the Principal

This past year has been a truly exciting chapter in the history of Panaga School.

The children have worked very hard under the guidance and encouragement of a skilled and enthusiastic team of teachers and teaching assistants. All the children, from Nursery to P8, should be proud of their academic and personal accomplishments.

Already the biggest Shell school, Panaga has continued to grow. Now with over 580 children on roll - from 33 different nationalities - learning together harmoniously within a warm and supportive atmosphere, the school truly encapsulates all that an international educational experience should be. Next year, the school population will exceed 600.

Looking back, there has been a range of activities that have extended and enriched the children's learning experiences: Book Week, Sports Days, Milepost productions, class assemblies, HSE Week, cultural assemblies, day trips, Exit Points, residentials, theme days, ASAs, football tournaments, visiting speakers...the list goes on!

Special thanks go to the parents of Panaga whose strong support in a variety of ways has benefited the children tremendously.

At the end of this year we say farewell to our P8 students. A very mature and sociable group, they leave us fully equipped for the challenges of secondary school and we look forward to hearing from them in the future.

We also bid goodbye to four members of staff: Miss Monique in Nursery, Miss Hanneke our EAL Teacher and, in the Dutch Stream, Miss Mieke and Mr Holze. All at Panaga express thanks to them for their contributions to the school. They will be missed.

There will be several new teachers joining the school next year: we look forward to forging a new staff team to take Panaga into its next stage of development.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year.

Richard White
 Principal

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Panaga School Newsletter

THE MILEPOST 3 CONCERT

Teraja Classes P6-P8 recently performed the Milepost 3 concert 'Safari'. Even though it was postponed by a week, it turned out to be a magnificent show.



Safari is based on all the creatures of the world (including trees). The production gives us the message that habitats are to be preserved and treasured.

All parents that attended the two shows were extremely awed at how much work had gone into it.



All Milepost 3 classes had put in a lot of effort to collaborate for our concert.

Most of the students made their costumes themselves with of course some help from parents and teachers.



THE CLASSES AND THEIR ROLES WERE -

Mr Damian's class (IP6DB) - Mini beasts and Microorganisms

Mr David's class (IP6DM) - Birds

Mr Robert's class (IP7R) - Trees & Plants

Mr Simon's class (IP7S) - Sea creatures

Ms Helen's class (IP8H) - Creatures of the Land.

Each class presented their special message through songs and dialogues.

All in all, the hard work paid off! It was a mind-blowing experience for the children and their audience!

By Annika, Gayatri & Jamie

Editor's note: Special thanks and praise goes to Mr Robert for his wonderful organisation, choreography and inspiration!

"It's not what is poured into a student, but what is planted." - Linda Conway



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P3 IPC Entry Point “Structures”

P3 had fun exploring different materials to build strong and secure structures. In doing so, they displayed many of the IPC Personal Goals including Cooperation and Resilience. Perhaps a few of them will be ‘real life’ engineers and constructors one day.

By Miss Imogen



Energy Conservation Roadshow

In late May, the Brunei Shell Petroleum Energy Conservation Team brought their energy conservation message to Panaga School. The team was set up in BSP three years ago with the objective of enhancing the community’s awareness of energy conservation.

Each person in Brunei uses about 7 MWh of energy each year, which is 15 percent more energy than people in the countries around us (except for Singapore) and is comparable to highly industrialised Japan, according to statistics released by the International Energy Agency. However, it is everyone’s responsibility to use the nation’s energy in a sensible and non-wasteful way.

BSP has determined that 26% of its annual electricity consumption is by the BSP camp and is 57% higher than for the average Brunei home. When we waste energy by leaving the TV on instead of turning it off at the switch on the wall or, by leaving lights on in the house during the day, new energy has to be generated. Energy generation by burning fossil fuels like oil, gas & coal produces emissions that pollute the environment.

The Roadshow consisted of a presentation by the Energy Conservation Team on the various forms of energy that provides all the power that we use in the world today. This was followed by an interesting presentation by Peter Engbers that showed important facts about man’s impact on the environment and how these actions are changing the climate.

The team also tested everyone’s knowledge of ways to save energy and introduced five tips that each one of us can do to help save energy. The five tips are:

- Switch-off lights after use. Utilise natural light during the day.
- Switch-off AC when room is unused.
- Switch-off electrical appliances rather than use the Standby function.
- Use reusable bags for shopping.
- Recycle plastic, paper, glass & tin cans.

Everyone was given a Go Green card with these five energy saving tips and a reusable shopping bag at the end of the Roadshow.

Mr David’s and Mr Damian’s IP6 classes had also produced a number of posters on the theme of ways to save energy. The posters were on display during the Roadshow and were very impressive. The posters were so good that the Energy Conservation Team took them away to see if any of the ideas on the posters could help BSP’s energy saving programme. Some posters that stood out were by:

Agung Owen Bate (IP6DM) - Even by complying with one of the five tips, you can make a difference.

Md Adeel Kauthar (IP6DM) - The clear actions everyone can do i.e. Stop, Look, Think.

Jack Breeze-Lamb (IP6DB) - The focus on energy saving at school.

Melati Wisnu, Hannah L’Herpinierie & Alexandra Bacirea (IP6DB) for their joint effort which combined Dos & Don’ts with great artwork

The Energy Conservation Team returned to Panaga School on Friday 10th July to award certificates of achievement to Agung, Adeel, Jack, Melati, Hannah & Alexandra. Banners with all four award-winning posters were presented to the school for display. The banners will also be displayed at the BSP Head Office. Congratulations to everyone.

By Mr Kevin Bate





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One Small Step for Man, One Giant Leap for P3

Last week, children in P3 were invited over to the Teraja building by the older and more experienced veterans of the big school, the P4s.



It was a wonderful insight for them into what life will be like, learning in Milepost 2. As they were ushered around the school by P4 and introduced to the various classrooms, their confidence began to grow and pretty soon there was not a glimpse of trepidation or fear in sight.

One not so small member of P3, Mr David Kanani, will also join the Teraja site next year and already he too has made a new friend (*see below left*).



It is traditionally a big move for children to go from infants to the junior level, but through initiatives such as this it makes the transition a whole lot easier.

By Damian Brady

FAREWELL, GOOD LUCK, WE WILL MISS YOU!



Mr Hotze, Miss Mieke, Miss Cindy, Miss Monique and Miss Hanneke are all leaving Panaga School this month after collectively teaching here for over 20 years. They will be sorely missed by children and staff alike. All have been inspirational in many ways and Panaga will certainly not be the same without them. We wish them every success for their next journey and hope they can keep in touch. **By Damian Brady**

PANAGA FOOTBALLERS TRIUMPH AGAIN

On Sunday 28th June, Panaga School attended the first RBRC football tournament in Bandar.

The children from Panaga had an early start with the buses leaving the school at 6:30am to arrive in time for the tournament kick off. The mood on the bus was buoyant and the children, who had been practising throughout the year after school, were keen to show what they could do.

There were three categories, U13, U11 and U9 with Panaga represented in all competitions. The teams of Panaga battled very hard and after the group rounds found themselves represented in the finals stages of all three categories. After some very close fought matches Panaga Came out with winners of the U13 and U9 competitions and runner up in the U11 competition.

It was a great day for everyone who attended and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks goes out to the parents who helped organise the Panaga teams, in particular, Richard Sanders who put in considerable time and effort to this end.

By Mr Paul Creaton

