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Dear Parents,

Thankfully, the weather remained friendly last Sunday for the Panaga Football Tournament and we were able to complete all of the matches. Children from across Brunei shared some great performances; all students looked extremely happy to be competing and enjoyed the concept of teamwork. It was great to see our younger children get involved as much as their older peers. The mud added to the occasion and brought with it extra challenges for everyone. Special thanks to all of the organisers for making sure the event ran so smoothly. Thank you also to all of the other teachers, parents and other community members who got involved to support the event. Last but by no means least, well done to all of our Panaga students who performed extremely well on the day - coming 1st or 2nd in 9 out of the 11 categories.

Head Teacher of Teraja appointment

Andy Winder has recently been interviewed and appointed as the Head Teacher of Teraja. He will be taking over from Andy Ryan, who will be commencing his new position as Head of the British Embassy School, Ankara, in August. We will be offering a more detailed thanks to Andy Ryan at the end of the year for his wonderful dedication to the school. To facilitate a smooth transition, Andy Winder will be working with Andy Ryan over the next few months to familiarise himself with operational procedures on Teraja. We wish both Andys every success in their new, upcoming roles.

Panaga Football Tournament success

Our Panaga football teams performed beyond expectations at the football tournament on Sunday. Of the 11 trophies up for grabs, Panaga were victorious in 5 categories and were runners up in 4, representing a tremendous result. Well done to each and every student who participated and thanks to all staff and parents who assisted to make the day another huge success.

Please return football kit

A reminder that all kit lent out for the Panaga Football Tournament should be returned in a named plastic bag to Mr Nathan in the Teraja PE office. It would be appreciated if kit could be returned as soon as possible so that it will be ready for use at the next sports event.

Sports training

The schedule for sports training **next week** is:

Sport	Year Group	Where	Time
Girls swim training (by invitation only)	P5-P7	Meet at Teraja Hall	Monday 2.30pm-3.15pm
Boys swim training (by invitation only)	P5-P7	Meet at Teraja Hall	Tuesday 2.30pm-3.15pm
T-ball training	P5-P8	Meet at Teraja Hall	Monday & Tuesday 2.30pm-3.15pm
Running club	P4-P8 (P4 & P5 students must be accompanied by an adult)	Meet at Teraja entranceway	Friday 6.25am-7am

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PTA Science Fair - volunteers needed, urgently!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with the Science Fair. We have approximately 30 people who have indicated an interest so far. We need at least a total of 80 volunteers to make the event happen. This means we are still looking for around 50 more people to help if we want to replicate last year's success. Please consider being a part of our team (again) this year. The role you will play need not be a huge time commitment.

Please get in touch with Rachel Marsden: rachelmarsden@panagaschool.com, or Tom Savels: tsavels@gmail.com, to find out how you can help.

If you have expressed interest and not heard back from us, please get in touch again in case we have overlooked you. Thank you for your support!

International Day 2017: P1 to P8

International Day for P1 to P8 families takes place next Thursday 9th March on Teraja. Children will be visiting International Day at the times below. We hope you can join us again to celebrate our diverse school community.

From 7.40am	Teraja Parade (P4 – P8)
From 8.00am	Rampayoh Parade (P1 – P3)
8.00 - 8.30am	P4
8.30 – 8.45am	P6
8.45 - 9.15am	P1
9.15 - 9.45am	P5
9.45 - 10.15am	P2 (P7)
10.15 – 10.45am	P7
10.45 – 11.15am	P3 (P8)
11.15 - 11.45am	P8

Please encourage your children to come in their national costume for the day, or colours representing their national flag.

Mendaram's International Day: Friday 10th March

International Day will take place for Pre-Nursery and Nursery families in the Mendaram foyer and the Nursery covered area, from 8am to 10am, next Friday 10th March. Parents are welcome to stay with their child or drop in to school at any point during this time. Please note, for security reasons, the main entrance to Mendaram will be closed all morning. Parents will need to access Mendaram via the Rampayoh entrance and use the Nursery back gate. Please support us by not attempting to access the Mendaram front entrance at any time.

As mentioned, parents are welcome to stay with their children at drop off time. Mendaram's International Day will commence with a parade in the Nursery garden (weather permitting). Please can your child come to school wearing clothes that represent their home country or countries. Also, if possible, please bring their country's flag for them to wave during the parade. After the parade, parents and children will be able to visit the stalls to sample the international food and activities on offer.

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School Questionnaire

At the latest count, we have had only 57 people complete our school survey. This is just a very small part of the community. The School Questionnaire is important as we rely on your feedback as stakeholders. It should take only 10 minutes to answer the questions, indicating what you like in school and where you would like to see further development.

Feedback from all stakeholders is an essential part of our strategic planning. We take note of responses from parents to investigate and explore how we can provide a better level of service. Over the last few years, we have acted upon feedback linked to assessment/reporting and Mother Tongue programmes - areas we are still continuing to develop.

To open the questionnaire, please click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Panagaparents2017>
The password is: **SchoolQ**. Many thanks for your support.

Home language and literacy research project

One of our parents, Abby Aubin, is a Speech and Language Therapist, currently studying through the University of Sheffield, UK. A relevant ethical clearance has been approved for her research to take place at Panaga School. She is offering a survey that parents are invited to complete. The survey forms a part of a larger project looking at language and literacy within multilingual and multicultural educational environments. In order to gain insights into the home languages and literacy practices of children attending English speaking schools in Brunei, questions relate to children's languages and types of literacy activities. The survey should take only 5 to 10 minutes.

Thank you very much in advance for considering your contribution to this study. You can find further information and full instructions on how to be involved here: <http://tinyurl.com/homeliteracy>. For further information on how the information will be utilised, and any questions relating to confidentiality, please contact Abby directly: akaubin1@sheffield.ac.uk

Teraja Student Council

Yesterday, the Teraja Student Council explored some new playground equipment, purchased with money raised at their successful **Cent Challenge**, held earlier in the school year. Recently purchased Takraw or Chinlone (cane balls) provided much amusement and awe, especially after exploring instructional videos online of Malaysian and Myanmar games. The Student Councillors will be rolling out these games in future playtimes, including some variations of their own to ensure to be as inclusive as possible. If parents have experience at either Sepak Takraw or Chinlone and would be interested in helping to develop student interest, please contact the Student Council Leader, Matthew Hunt: matthewhunt@panagaschool.com



Also, a small number of skipping ropes were recently purchased and will be trialled with each year group. If they prove to last, additional ones will be bought. If anyone in the community is a performance skipper, like [the Blue and White Rope Skippers from UK](#), please contact Mr Matthew at the above email address.

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P6 KK Trip

A new approach that we are taking on school residentials, is for all students to be involved in a level of 'service' (Where this is practical). This involves involving themselves within a community and engaging and supporting communities with projects. P6 will be working on this on the trip to KK. Some of the students have written a piece that is attached requesting your support over the next few months.

Calendar dates

March

9: International Day: P1-P8

9: ASAs Cancelled

10: Mendaram's International Day

17: Term 2 ends

April

3: Term 3 commences

15: PTA Science Fair

Flags and Flowers Sponsored Quiz

Do you want to help children learn? If so sponsor us as part of our P6 quiz! All the money raised will go to Tombung Kindergarten in Kota Kinabalu that P6 will visit and work with as part of our residential.

So come on now! Choose to sponsor a fixed amount for the whole quiz or an amount for every question a competitor answers correctly. All of P6 are already working really hard to prepare our general knowledge brains!

We are trying to raise \$900 for the local school in Kota Kinabalu

The 'Flags and Flowers' project:

- Painting the school
- Fixing holes in the roof and walls
- Repairing a shoe rack
- Making sure the children can learn in an inspiring environment

This event will take place in our P6 classrooms on Thursday 9th March. So help us raise money.

The quiz will include:

- 50 general knowledge questions of different levels
- A specific time limit in which we need to answer

Support us now!!!

The local school that we are funding for, are not as lucky as us so help them now.

Safie of the week

03/03/17



Safie of the Week:

This week Ella from IP6R was wearing a helmet while skateboarding.
Well done for being safe.



Please send in a *Safie* photo of someone practising a safe act either at school or in the community. This could be wearing a helmet, seatbelt, crossing the road safely or parking in designated places. Please make sure that the person is aware of you photographing this positive act as it will be featured in our weekly newsletter. Please note the new email address for photo submission:

rachelmarsden@panagaschool.net

All Safies will be published however it may be in later weeks. Please email Rachel with any queries.

