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Hornbill Pupils are Totally Connected

Check out our website to hear the interviews between BFBS radio presenter Chris Pearson and children from across the school as part of the Totally Connected radio program.

It is hard to believe that a large proportion of our school has only been at Hornbill School for 1 term. But what do children think about our school? How different is it from the UK? Here are some answers from the children:

'We love the DT kitchen and all the types of food we can try.'

'There are so many plants here and the pagoda is a great place to sit - but it needs a fan!'

'The high tables are great and they take up less space.'

'It is so much bigger and better than schools in the UK.'

Our playground is buzzing with the sound of laughter and fun as the children enjoy some of our new resources which have arrived since Christmas. The most popular items on the playground are the go-karts -

which are not as easy to steer as they look! These are the first of a fleet of go-karts.

Eventually we hope to be able to create a new kart track in the near future.





Launch Pad Focus

Our Launch Pads are unique to Hornbill School, but why do we have Launch Pads? Some of the best learning occurs through an emotional response i.e. if a child is excited and happy about the activity they will remember it.

Launch Pads are a way of creating an exciting entrance into a new

themed piece of learning and help children become excited about what they are doing at school. They take charge of their learning journey and set their own targets. It gives children a chance to explore learning in a different way - often outside of the classroom. More importantly, it gives children the chance to ask questions about what they are going to learn during the term.

From the sea



To our plates



To the fishmonger



Drawing activity in class



The images above are from Year 2. During their Launch Pad the children learnt about the process from Sea to Plate. This included a visit to the fish market and then to the Cookhouse to taste fish. The final image shows children drawing fish from images captured on their iPads.



Year 6 took their Launch Pad to Bandar where they spent the day exploring the sites of the capital. As well as looking for proboscis monkeys in the mangrove swamps and visiting the Jame'Asr Hassanil Bolkihah Mosque, they also tasted some traditional Malay food and visited the water village.

Participating Parents

Our Launch and Landing Pads are not just for children... parents are welcome to join in the learning fun as well.

We know it is not always possible for parents to attend curriculum events

in school but those who are able to come really enjoy spending that time with their children, learning together and sharing their ideas.

We look forward to seeing you at the Term 2 Landing Pads in March.



& Participating Parents



Following a round of internal interviews a number of temporary teaching posts have now been filled. These include positions on the Strategic Leadership Team which is shared here for your information:

Acting Headteacher, Mr Craig Gill
Acting Deputy Headteacher, Ms Terri Turton

Learning Phase 1 will now be led by **Acting Assistant Headteacher,** Mrs Janine Maxwell

Learning Phase 2 is being led by **Assistant Headteacher,** Mrs Liz Measom

Learning Phase 3 is being led by **Assistant Headteacher,** Mr Tim Lynch.

School Business Leader, Mr Kenny Laurie

School Uniform. We have had a number of enquiries about school uniform and in particular the school logo. Whilst we would encourage all parents to purchase our new stock of uniform embroidered with the new logo, children are more than welcome to continue wearing uniform with the old logo on.

Eco Warriors Join Force with Panaga School



During the last academic year, the Eco Warriors made a presentation to Panaga School regarding the global waste problem and what we were doing in school to combat this problem.

Panaga School were so impressed with our presentation, they decided to implement the Eco Schools Program. To get started with their organic garden project, a selection of children and adults decided to visit our Eco Garden to see what we were doing and to get the feel of organic gardening.

The Eco Warriors from Years 5 & 6 showed the Panaga School children around and explained what we were doing. They were very impressed with what we have



achieved and how confidently the children were able to explain their gardening experience.

The Eco Club members had their first experience at harvesting and selling produce from our organic garden last week. They were able to harvest and sell a substantial amount of spring onions to members of staff during club time. They have thoroughly enjoyed this experience.





Panaga Cross Country Championships

January

Our first sports event

of 2018 was the Panaga Cross Country Championships held on a very wet, boggy field at Panaga Club. Twenty seven children from Years 4-6 rose to the challenge of running a route between 2.5 and 3.5 km long, depending on their age, which included running on a variety of surfaces such as grass, road and beach.

True to form the children were a credit to our school with everyone completing the course to the best of their ability. It was a pleasure to see Hornbill values in action with many cheering their friends on to keep going and looking after them as they finished.

For more photos of our sports events please see the Hornbill School website

Well done to all who took part in the Brunei heat with a special mention to our medal winners;

Year 5 Girls 3 km: **Chloe Clarke** 1st place

Year 5 Boys 3 km: **Warrick Colvin** 3rd place

Year 4 Girls 2.5 km: **Jade Manderson**
2nd Place

Year 4 Boys 2.5 km: **Joshua Brown** 1st Place



PE / Sports Kit

At Hornbill School we take pride in our uniform and PE kit. Please ensure your child comes to school with the correct school PE kit for all PE lessons and after-school sports clubs. If your child is participating in a lot of sporting activities, requiring kit to be regularly washed, it would be advisable to purchase a second set.

We would be grateful for donations of unwanted swimming shorts and costumes particularly in sizes suitable for Years 1 and 2.

Please pass all spare kit to the front office staff or the PE staff who are on duty at gate 2 each morning.

