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Mr Roland Bucknill and Mr Andrew Malcolm visited Hornbill in June to carry out a joint moderation visit and to support the leadership and staff on the school's development journey.

This has been an historic visit for our school as this is the first DCYP School Improvement Partner visit since we opened in 2003.

Additionally, the last Link Inspector Advisor visit was in 2013 so we had a lot to catchup

on!

Our visitors were with us for just under two weeks. They spoke to a range of children and parents about the education on offer here in Brunei as well as carrying out a combined Moderation and Quality Assurance report on the whole school. This included visiting every classroom and observing the great teaching happening in every class.

The full report is due early next term.

## DCYP visit by our Link Inspector Advisor and the School Improvement Partner.

### In other news...

As the year draws to a close we must say a huge thank you to Riz Merchant at the NAAFI and



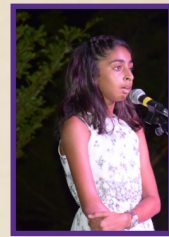
his staff for supporting Hornbill School in so many ways this year.



# Glastonbill Review

Glastonbill - a festival of The Arts - was such a huge success. So much so, people are already thinking about their acts for next year.

The weather for the evening was perfect and the atmosphere so lovely with families enjoying their picnic dinner and the wonderful entertainment which consisted of performances by very talented children (past and present), parents and staff. Well done to all and thank you to all the children and adults for a brilliant evening. A very special thanks goes to Mr Simon Brown - Arts Leader - for organising the event and pulling the acts together.



The evening also had its very own Battle of the Bands. The girls and boys in Year 6 each set up their own bands with the help of Mrs Brown (girls) and Mr Gill (boys).

Each group performed a medley of songs and dances and both were very well cheered on by the audience. So who won? Well, we will leave that up to you...



*Glastonbill will be back...  
currently planned for April 2019*

Leading us through the evening was Nana and Rehan from Year 6 who were fantastic Masters of Ceremony.

*What will you be performing?*



# Parent Questionnaire - 3 Answers

Thank you to all parents who were able to fill in and return the parent questionnaire. It is always good to hear your thoughts and ideas about how our school can develop further.

There are a number of themes coming from your responses. Each month we will be sharing with you how we are going to respond to your very valuable comments in order to further improve our outstanding practices.



## School Holidays

**Question:** A number of parents are asking if we can move our holidays to match UK schools.

**Answer:** Hornbill School tries, where possible, to match its holidays with JIS and ISB as a number of parents have children both at Hornbill and at these secondary schools. As most of our Year 6 children move on to JIS, we try to match JIS first. Additionally, not all schools in the UK break at the same time with different counties having their own start and finish dates. While the majority of our children came to us from Kent, we actually have up to 64 different feeder schools from all over the UK - to match all of these schools would be impossible.

Hornbill School is a Rest of the World school and, like other MOD schools, term dates do not match the UK.

the school community when the original schools merged in 2003.

As a large number of uniforms in the UK have white polo shirts and grey shorts / trousers / skirts, it was decided that to help parents our uniform would be similar.

Originally, this was to stop parents having to buy new uniforms when they first arrived in Brunei or if their tour of Brunei was going to be short. This is also why we sell sew-on badges - so uniform brought from the UK can be adapted for Hornbill School.



## Homework

**Question:** A number of parents have asked us what our homework policy is.

**Answer:** The Hornbill School Homework Policy was developed so that every child in Key Stages 1 and 2 has a standard set of regular homework each week. This includes:

- **Reading at least 3 times a week - if possible to an adult.**
- **Weekly spellings.**
- **Weekly times-table work.**
- **Theme work based on a unit of work in class.**

Homework is added to Google Classrooms so that it is accessible to everyone at home without the need to print out worksheets.

In the next academic year we will be sharing a more concise homework policy - watch this space.



## Uniform

**Question:** A number of parents have asked why our uniform is white and grey.

**Answer:** Hornbill School uniform was developed by staff, parents and



**Friday 13th July**

Last day of term.  
School closes at  
1200hrs  
(1045hrs for FS1)

**Monday 27th  
August**

Staff INSET day. The  
school is closed

**Tuesday 28th  
August**

School reopens for  
Term 1  
(FS1 does not start on  
this date - see below)

**Friday 21st  
September**

Nepali Evening & Pop  
Up Restaurant  
Charity Event

**Week of  
22nd October**

Mid Term Break

## Foundation Stage 1 - special notice

Term start date for Foundation Stage 1 is different to the rest of the school to allow essential staff training and orientation.

Foundation Stage 1 will begin on:

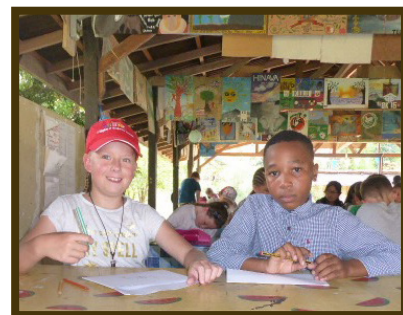
**Monday 3rd September**



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**Photographs will be  
on display during  
Open Day**



**Working together to help others**





Set in the shadows of the mighty Mount Kinabalu, Children in Years 5 & 6 visited Camp Bongkud as part of their values - based residential.

The camp is surrounded on all sides by lush picturesque scenery. Its hillside location gives it a pleasant breezy climate which makes it the ideal hillside retreat after a hard day's project work.



**Values in action.**



**Supporting a local community**





# SPORT June Round-Up

## Competitive Swimming - Fun in the Sun!

**2018 Inter-year Swimming Gala:** Staff, children and parents alike thoroughly enjoyed our recent Inter- year swimming gala for Years 4, 5 and 6.

Children were divided into mixed ability teams called; Sharks, Jellyfish, Whales, Dolphins and Octopus. They competed in a variety of traditional races as well as fun obstacle races to suit all abilities.

The leading teams changed throughout the competition but, following the relays, it was the **Jellyfish Team**

who took the main trophy with the Whale team coming in as runners up.

The highlight for many children was watching some of the teachers and other adults compete in the 'Donut Derby' not to mention Mrs Hunter being 'persuaded' to jump off the high board to close the event.

Bearing in mind that many children only began swimming lessons at Hornbill this year, phenomenal progress has been made resulting in 98% of children in Years 4 - 6 being able to swim 25m

unaided and 100% have knowledge of how to self-rescue.





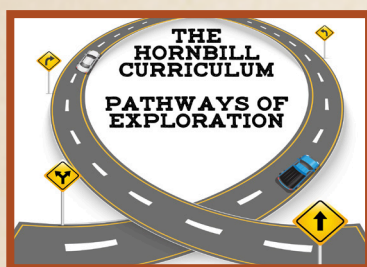
**Uniform Badge Sashes** Part of our school uniform is the badge sash which is available in both orange and blue.

At Hornbill School, our pupils enjoy wearing their hard earned badges but we understand that taking the badges on and off polo shirts causes quite a lot of wear and tear. To help with this, the badge sash was developed.

Badges can be pinned onto the sash where they can stay without the need for continued removal for washing.

The badge sash can be worn at any time during the school week but Friday is officially Badge Day.

Badge sashes are available from the front office at \$11.00 each.



The way in which we deliver the National Curriculum is under a complete review and is almost ready to be rolled out across the whole school.

We will be sharing our new Pathways of Exploration Curriculum with all Stakeholders in September at a family Learning Programme.

## READY TO FLY

We Learn as a Community

Hornbill School is a **Learning Community** where all members of the community are learning and developing together. All learners are taught how to be powerful through dedicated lessons planned throughout the academic year. These lessons are entitled **Flying Lessons** in which children will learn how to be a powerful learners:



Powerful learners are **curious** & **creative**  
 Powerful learners have **courage**  
 Powerful learners are **energetic**  
 Powerful learners like to **explore**  
 Powerful learners are **reflective**  
 Powerful learners are **resilient**  
 Powerful learners can **communicate**

## GROWING LEARNERS



## BREAKING NEWS

Two aspects of our Pathways of Exploration will be the introduction of Learning to Learn lessons for all children. In these lessons we will teach children how to become better learners.

The Powerful Learners Logo above will help children deepen their knowledge of how to make the most from their learning journey.

The 'tree' on the left will form our new aims as a school as we move forward into the 2020s!



A DRAMA AND MUSIC  
WORKSHOP PRODUCTION

# 0008 - Secret Agents

**Review of 0008 by Jessica  
and Natalie in Year 6**

0008 was based on 8 agents trying to solve a mystery about the prime minister and her entourage being hypnotised. Their mission was to find out who did it and to save everyone from the most devious villains yet. As the clues were solved, more people went missing. They found a shiny scale, the chef heard a rattle and a piece of glass was found stained with green slime. All of these

clues led to only one answer - snakes! Led by the evil Snake Queen, the plan was to take over the world using hypnovenom. Thanks to the bravery of the 0008 agents, the bodyguards and X, the snakes were discovered and captured before their evil plot could be played out.

Everyone had fun doing the performance and the audience enjoyed it too. It was a brand new story that hadn't been told before



Huge Congratulations  
go to William Brown  
for the successful  
creation of his first  
stage play

