



Mt Zaagkam International School Kuala Kencana, Newsletter

December 13, 2011

From Ms Patricia

Dear KK Parents,
Well....what a week!

I am sitting at my desk with a belly full of good food and feel thankful to the PTA for providing us with such a wonderful Christmas lunch.....yet again!

It was this time last week we all waited with anticipation to hear the joyous sound of our school choir, hosted at the Klub Rimba. Needless to say, I thoroughly enjoyed our student's voices and the instrumental work they presented. Ms Anita prepared the choir so beautifully.

The night was a great introduction to the 2011 festive season. As usual, we had strong support from our school parents and the Klub Rimba staff members, not to forget our every dutiful teachers. These occasions emphasize how wonderful it is to be part of the MZIS KK Community.

This term saw three families leave us to explore work commitments in other lands. We will miss Nova, Jet, Phoenix, Isabella, Miguel, Eva and Abigail. Additionally, we will miss the consistent support of their families.

As we break for the December holidays, the staff of MZIS-KK wish you a happy and safe festive season. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year, sporting cheer-filled stories of your holidays.

We will see you back in KK on the 18th of January, 2011, when school resumes.

Safe Travels :->



Being BALANCED

Yoga For The Grade 2/3 Students

The grades 2/3 students completed their unit of inquiry on the human body. During these studies the children learned about the importance of daily exercise, nutritious food, healthy mind, good relationships with friends, etc. One of the activities the students became engaged in, was yoga. Ms. Ang Martinez came to class to teach how to stretch the muscles, how..... through the poses, internal organs get massaged, how to inhale oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide, how to keep both sides of the brain engaged and active, how yoga makes us feel energized and happy, and how to relax our whole bodies in 'Shavasna'. We would like to thank Ms. Ang Martinez, our yoga instructor and parent volunteer, for her valuable contribution when teaching through yoga how the organs and systems are connected to assist in the functioning of the human body. After experiencing the benefits of yoga instruction twice a week for three weeks, the children are more aware of what is needed in terms of responsibility in order to keep their bodies healthy. Namaste Ang!



Christmas Gifts for the Hospital

Thank you to all families that donated a gift for a child, in our 'Christmas Hospital' offering. It was lovely to see our Christmas Tree full of gifts that will make many children happy over the festive season. Thank you to Rose for coordinating this project. Yet again, another example of the valuable members we have in our community :->

School Reports

Please remember that this semester, your child's school report will be sent via email as a PDF document. If you wish a printed version, this is available on request. Thank you for your support in saving our trees.

Fun In Our K-G1 Classroom

This week KG - Grade 1 celebrated Sinterklaas in style. They had a visit from 2 special friends who brought a wonderful letter and a big bag of special Sinterklaas treats. They also got to work on following a procedure by making their own pepernoten. All of the families agreed that we have wonderful cooks in our room.



Visitors Sharing their Family Histories

Last Friday, Grade 4/5 were extremely lucky to have Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Ms. Kerry's parents, come and tell us some very interesting information about their ancestors' reasons for migrating to Australia.

The students were fascinated to learn how petty some of the "crimes" were that resulted in thousands of young men and women being punished and "transported" to Australia. Imagine that you are starving, so you go hunting and shoot a pheasant on a Lord's land, then get caught; You might have been deemed a "convict" and sent to Australia for a life sentence. Or another scenario is: You work at a fabric mill and you take home three ends or scraps of cloth that have been left folded in a corner; For this crime, you are "transported" to Australia to be a worker on a farm, for seven years. We decided that those were hardly what we would call crimes, maybe wrong things to do, but the two men did not deserve to be shipped away from their families and the only country they knew; Never to return.

Walk past our classroom and view the super Family Trees that each grade 4/5 student has made. There is much to learn from them. Do read the Reflection that is attached to each one for a summary of the fascinating facts and observations the student made.

What do you know about the past three generations of your family?



A little Secret.....

Thank you, Pat! I truly enjoyed your performance during one of magical school events. Ssshhhhh!

Have a special Christmas From MZIS—KK community



Our PTA
Christmas
Lunch, at the
Klub Rimba

