



Ms Sylvia Bernadette Michael



She was proud of her local roots; she often described herself as 'a Penang girl, born and bred' and she had been a part of the POWIIS community since 2015. Her main roles had been teaching English as a second language, as well as taking a pivotal lead in our debating and public speaking activities. She was due to lead a new beginners' English programme from September, and was looking forward to that new challenge. A mainstay of World Scholar's Cup, she has helped many students to success in this rigorous and high profile activity. She was also a permanent and much loved presence in our boarding community, sharing her life generously with our appreciative young people. She could be firm when she needed to be, able to express displeasure with a look all understood, but was known to all as an approachable guide and mentor who always made time for you when needed.

She was keen to receive feedback and advice, and constantly sought to improve the experience of the students with whom she interacted. She was also a charming and gracious host, liking nothing more than a tea party with friends at home. Her Christian faith guided her life, and her observance of Christmas went beyond her spiritual commitment as she annually transformed her home with an astonishing array of decorations and seasonal furnishings all meticulously stored year by year, and always being added to with great enthusiasm.

This week has been overshadowed by the sudden death of our colleague Ms Sylvia Michael, who was discovered at home when she failed to appear for work on Monday. Despite a number of health concerns, her sudden passing due to a heart attack was a shock to us all.

Sylvia was a sincere and reflective person; she looked for the best in people, and was never heard to criticise or complain. She was always

Her funeral took place yesterday, and was attended by a large number of boarders and her tutees, as well as colleagues from the school. We have lost a gentle, kind and caring woman who brought colour and individuality to POWIIS; her sudden passing has greatly saddened all who knew her. .

Simon Leese
Principal

From the Principal

Mr Simon Leese



To other things.

If the last fortnight gap between editions

was remarkable internationally with developments on the Korean peninsula, the most recent interval included the Malaysia general election which made news headlines around the world. I would not presume to comment on the outcome, or what it might mean for the future, but one simple matter struck me. The inking of fingers is intended to prevent fraudulent multiple voting, but is also creates a participant's 'badge' of participation. UK elections often suffer significant 'voter apathy' with low turnouts; the lack of a stained finger might be sufficient embarrassment to encourage more to exercise their democratic responsibility.

We decided to work through the declared holidays. It is unclear whether the Thursday was in fact in the end a constitutional award, since the new coalition had not that day been formalised, but it was ironic that the IGCSE



Bahasa was scheduled on that day and had to go ahead. School attendance was nearly 90%, indicating great support from the majority of our families for which I thank you.

I am writing this from England, whilst attending the COBIS annual conference in London. COBIS (Council of British International Schools) will be conducting our full school Patron's Accreditation inspection in October. This rigorous process looks at all aspects of our school, and will provide us with very useful insights into our strengths and, if any, weaknesses. It is a process we have requested, and I look forward to keeping our community abreast of our preparations.

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While the inspection will be a major focus in Term 1, we are already well advanced in more general planning for the new school year. During my stay in London, I met our new Head of Design and Technology in company with the founder of an organisation which provides exciting new programmes which may be attractive to our students in addition to the wide range of opportunities already offered in that area. I have also recently appointed a new teacher to join our Mandarin department, and our staffing for next year is almost complete. As always, I am delighted with the calibre of staff we have been able to appoint, and the next academic year will get off to a flying start. ☺

New Prefect Team

Miss Adele Bowden



Miss Bowden is delighted to announce the POWIIS new Prefect team.

Head Boy: **Maxwell Ong**
Head Girl: **Ming Min Teh**

Prefects: **Chester Yeo, Jaslyn Chia, Pavithra Manivannan** and **'Tip' Ploypen Pojchanakarn** (Head Boarder) ☺

U15 Girls' Basketball Tournament

Miss Sarah Hardman



The U15 girls travelled to Phuket to play in a 3 on 3 basketball tournament hosted by the British International School. Against some tough and experienced opposition, the girls had an excellent first day, winning all their games to finish the pools stage at the top.

On the second day they went into the

cup competition and were defeated by St Andrews and BISP Stars. To add to a tough day, the girls then narrowly lost to the English School of Mongolia - ESM, making it close for who would get through. The next game was against BISP Suns, who the girls had narrowly beaten the day before. They pulled off an impressive win earning their spot in the 3rd place final.

The girls played ESM again in the bronze medal match and completely dominated the game to win 3rd place overall.

It was a great couple of days for POWIIS basketball, with many coaches from other schools commenting on the movement and natural play the POWIIS girls produced. Very well done to Zijun Low (captain), Ziyi Low, Kanako Shimobuchi, Serena Ng and Zining Low. ☺

U15 Boys' Football

Mr Liam Streat



The POWIIS under 15 boys football team have had a busy time recently and have played two games at Uplands school in a week. They narrowly lost the first to the 'A' team 1-0 even though they had the majority of the play and missed a penalty. They made up for it a week later beating the 'B' team with a convincing 5-0 victory. Great performances from all of the players and we now look to the PSAC football tournament at Penang Sports Club. Well done to everyone involved! ☺

Photo Gallery - Open Day



Kangaroo Maths Challenge

Mrs Wendy Clarke

Earlier this year 70 students from Years 7 to 13 took part in the Kangaroo Maths Challenge. This is the largest global maths competition with over 6 million participants from 75 countries. Medals are awarded to the

top 10% of participants from each category, with the top 1.3% receiving Gold, the next 3.3% Silver and the remaining 5.4% getting a Bronze medal. The next 40% of participants will receive an Honourable Mention and the

remaining 50% are awarded a Certificate of Participation.

Well done to our Medal Winners:

NAME	YEAR	CATEGORY	AWARD
JUN NIAN CHEAH	7	BENJAMIN	SILVER MEDAL
YUE WEN CHAN	7	BENJAMIN	BRONZE MEDAL
RIKU GODA	7	BENJAMIN	BRONZE MEDAL
ABIGAIL PHUAH	7	BENJAMIN	BRONZE MEDAL
YANG ZHOU SOON	7	BENJAMIN	BRONZE MEDAL
ETHAN CHAN	7	CADET	GOLD MEDAL
GRACE LIEW	7	CADET	SILVER MEDAL
AO TAHARA	8	CADET	SILVER MEDAL
RYAN LEE	8	CADET	BRONZE MEDAL
YUE LYNN CHAN	10	JUNIOR	GOLD MEDAL
YIFEI LI	10	JUNIOR	GOLD MEDAL
SEIN AMY PARK	10	JUNIOR	SILVER MEDAL

NAME	YEAR	CATEGORY	AWARD
JIA JU YANG	10	JUNIOR	SILVER MEDAL
CAROLYNN GIT	11	JUNIOR	BRONZE MEDAL
JIA YING LIM	11	JUNIOR	BRONZE MEDAL
WEN CHI NG	11	JUNIOR	BRONZE MEDAL
DARRYL NG	11	JUNIOR	BRONZE MEDAL
ZIMO FANG	12	STUDENT	GOLD MEDAL
MING MIN TEH	12	STUDENT	GOLD MEDAL
YI WEN LIM	12	STUDENT	SILVER MEDAL
PLOYPEN PO-JCHANAKARN	12	STUDENT	BRONZE MEDAL
DE JUAN TEH	12	STUDENT	BRONZE MEDAL
WEI YI TEE	13	STUDENT	BRONZE MEDAL

All awards and certificates will be passed on to participants when they arrive in school. Congratulations to all KMC 2018 participants! 🎉

Kimchi Making

This term we welcome a new student led initiative called DO12. This allows students to do 12 different things a term, from sports to games to organising workshops. It is a new addition to the very many things happening in school. Each week DO12 Sessions are led by different members

of the group. These sessions are run all through lunchtime each week and are designed to accommodate students from all year groups and houses.

Last week's DO12 Session was Kimchi making, led by Elyss Chan of Year 12. Students got to take home their own creation. Yummy! 🎉



Theatre Workshop



The Year 9's and 10's had a chance to participate in a theatre workshop by Shakespeare Demystified, a Malaysian theatre company, where they learned more about actor's physicality and about different techniques to use. 🎉

Meet Our People



Miss Nursyazwani Abdul Majid

Miss Wani is a Penangite who attended St. George's Girls School in Georgetown and then went on to pursue her studies in Food Science and Technology at MARA University of Technology, from which she graduated with a first class honours in 2013. She decided to join ONI Global Malaysia and was a part time tuition teacher before joining the POWIIS community in September 2013. Miss Wani has been with us for almost 5 years teaching Bahasa Malaysia and being a Durham tutor. She has also taken on roles assisting the LEO Club, Year 7 Extended Project and assisting in the Outreach program where she is glad to be supportive of the wider community. She feels she is responsible for developing

understanding and appreciation of cultures and languages and she does so by developing activities where students are given the opportunity to practise their language skills in a meaningful context.

She thoroughly enjoys watching staff and students practising their Bahasa Malaysia skills and the extra effort that students put in to master their language. This is why she loves working in Penang, as it is diverse in culture which includes the food as well, of course. Miss Wani is impressed and proud of the solid reputation that POWIIS has in education and looks forward to see the school grow and develop her teaching career. In her spare time, she loves trying out new recipes, drawing and spending time with her family. ☺

Mr Hamidi Ibrahim

Mr Hamidi joined us back in 2011 when the school first opened as a part time teacher of Bahasa Malaysia and Religious Studies. He has been a full time teacher since 2016. Prior to this, Mr Hamidi obtained his teaching certificate from the Malay Teachers' College (TESL) in Gelugor, Penang. He taught Science and English for 11 years in a government primary school. He then went on to work as a Line Supervisor in an international company for 5 years.

He says that the best part of his job is

that he is able to make students have an understanding of the language so that they are able to actively use it for communication. He thoroughly enjoys teaching, and what makes it better is that he enjoys the environment and surroundings of the school as well. Mr Hamidi has seen the school develop rapidly along with other significant changes but the world class achievement of obtaining International School of the Year from the TES Awards stands out to him and he is proud to have been part of it. In his free time, he enjoys travelling which allows him to enjoy the beauty of nature, food and culture of people in different countries. ☺



Cooking Club

The Cooking Club is a new activity this term where students have the opportunity to plan their own menu consisting of a starter, main and dessert. We featured 3 of the yummy looking mains: Fried Rice with Beef Bacon, Chicken Alfredo and Mac and Cheese with corn! ☺



Plastic Recycling

Miss Anna Glossop



Last week Miss Glossop went to St Christopher's International Primary School to speak with the students as part of their Materials Science Assembly. POWIIS has a fantastic new machine that enables us to recycle plastics and re-use them in students' projects. It is said by the year 2020, there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish in weight, a shocking statistic and a terrible legacy to pass on to our students and their future children.

In Design and Technology, we are keen to teach the importance of sustainable design and manufacture and encourage all students to appreciate and take care of the world around them.

The poster below shows the kinds of plastics that we can recycle, it is important that they are cleaned and the labels removed first and then the plastic can be collected and brought into the school Design and Technology Department.

The video link is to an excellent short film made by Christopher Lim in year 12 which shows exactly how the machine at POWIIS works and gives an example of what we can produce from your old detergent and shampoo bottles here at POWIIS.

https://youtu.be/F2bQ9p9QH_s

Help save your planet !

We have a new Recycling Machine POWIIS !

Please help us to save our planet by collecting the plastics with a tick below so that we can recycle and re-use them!

Plastic Resin Identification Codes							
1 PETE	2 HDPE	3 PVC	4 LDPE	5 PP	6 PS	OTHER	
Polyethylene Terephthalate	High-Density Polyethylene	Polyvinyl Chloride	Low-Density Polyethylene	Polypropylene	Polystyrene	Other	
Common products: soda & water bottles, crates, jugs, trays, containers	Common products: milk jugs, detergent & shampoo bottles, flower pots, grocery bags	Common products: clothing, ropes, shower caps, pipes, vinyl siding	Common products: shopping bags, plastic bottles, tubes, shampoos, medicine bottles, plastic caps, containers	Common products: bottle caps, paper bowls & plates, straws, yogurt containers, margarine tubs, food trays, ice cream trays	Common products: yogurt tubs, margarine tubs, margarine containers, CD cases, margarine containers, margarine tubs	Common products: Styrofoam cups & containers, margarine tubs, margarine containers, margarine tubs, margarine tubs	Common products: margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs
Recycled products: clothing, ropes, shower caps, pipes, vinyl siding	Recycled products: margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs	Recycled products: pipe, wall ceiling, gutters, support, roofing, flooring	Recycled products: food trays, plastic bottles, margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs	Recycled products: margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs	Recycled products: margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs	Recycled products: margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs, margarine tubs	

Important Dates for May & June 2018

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23rd May	Penang Teachmeet
24th to 27th May	POWIIS at Gurney Plaza
26th to 30th May	Half Term
5th June	Year 9 Penang Hill Trip
7th June	Year 6 SCIPS Transition Day
15th to 16th June	Hari Raya Puasa
17th to 24th June	World Scholar's Cup Global Round in KL
18th to 22nd June	Internal Examination Week
22th June	Entrance Assessment Day

Watch for future Pulse editions!