

From the Principal

Mr Simon Leese

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Intelligence for Education”: An insight into how modern communication is no longer ‘modern’: Sir Tim Smit, environmentalist and creator of The Eden Project, on ‘The issue is not what sort of planet we are leaving our children, it’s what type of children we are leaving our planet.’) I also used the opportunity to meet with Mr Abel Cambra, who will be joining us in September as a Deputy Principal. He is introduced elsewhere in *The Pulse*.

Resonating with Tim Smit’s theme, last weekend was also the AIMS Annual Conference (held at Nexus) with the theme of Sustainability. Whilst planned for over a year this has coincided in the last few weeks with an intense focus on matters of climate change, bio-diversity and our impact on the planet. The extraordinary Greta Thunberg appears to have prompted an outpouring of international awareness and sense of urgency; Sir David Attenborough shows no sign of slowing his relentless encouragement to us all to be aware of the impact we are having on the Earth’s ecosystems, and it is clear the next generation has environmental activists ready and able to sustain his remarkable work.

Driving to work one morning last week, I was listening to an environmental programme from the BBC (broadcast in the middle of

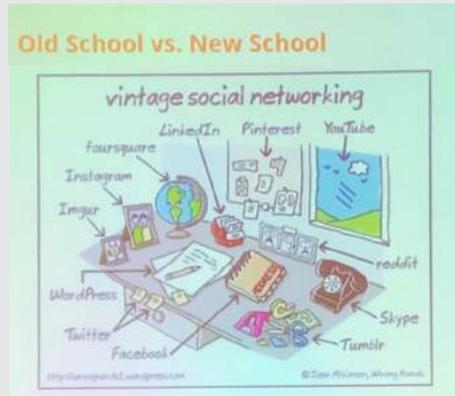


the night) from which one phrase caught my attention. It was ‘consumption without consequences’, a focus on our expectation of abundance in everything we might desire, without concern for the environmental cost of our choices. Data abounds - the environmental impact of eating meat, the amount of energy consumed by the fashion industry, or destruction of natural forest for palm oil production, everywhere we are confronted with indisputable detail. We want rather than being content with what we need. At the same time we do not know how we can individually make any difference.

Electric cars are certainly part of the future. Technologies associated with them are advancing rapidly - the environmental and practical implications of building them and running them are being addressed; as renewable energy generation also accelerates, the improvement in air quality in urban areas need no *(continued on pg2)*

For much of the last week I have been in London attending the annual COBIS (Confederation of British International Schools Conference) which provides a unique opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the world. (See Photo Gallery: Professor Rose Luckin, University College, London School of Education “Realising the Potential of Artificial

Photo Gallery



(From the Principal Cont.) longer be at the high cost of pollution through fossil fuel generation elsewhere. So it's not all gloom. The excitement for the future is that our young people are aware, they are challenged, and they do care. Interest in the environment and in engineering may never have been higher; we should listen to our young people. They will be the ones finding the solutions to the problems we have so energetically created.

Shorter term, examinations are now underway for IGCSE and A level subjects - for many the first steps on their qualification adventure, on the distant horizon of which may well be the opportunity to make a real difference. We need them to succeed.

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2nd Hong Kong International Music Competition 2019

Mr Ben Lim Teng Aik



Congratulations to Year 10 IGCSE Music student, Joshua Lau who won the Gold Prize at the Malaysia round of the 2nd Hong Kong International Music Competition 2019 under senior class category. He will be representing Malaysia and competing with gold prize winners from other countries in Hong Kong at the end of July 2019. Joshua is also one of the Young Rising Stars of Steinway & Sons Malaysia. ◎

PSAC U15 Football Tournaments

Mr Liam Streat



A busy weekend for POWIIS football as we had our annual PSAC U15 football tournaments with the girls playing on Friday and the boys on Saturday at Uplands school.

The girls were extremely unlucky to come third as they were actually on course to win the tournament with a couple minutes to go but one goal conceded and it all came down to goal difference. A great effort by all.

We took two boys' teams on Saturday and both performed very well with some of our U13's playing up an age category in one of the teams. Our 'A' team were exceptional all day and a true squad performance led to the team being crowned champions. Some top football played and some good sportsmanship shown. Well done and thank you to everyone involved but the biggest thank you to Mr Eccles who works and has worked tirelessly with all of these young footballers. ◎



Sylvia Michael Trophy

Mrs Rachel Edwards

This week, on her anniversary, we remember Ms Sylvia Michael, who taught ESL at POWIIS and was a member of our boarding team. Ms Michael touched the lives of many at POWIIS and indeed Penang; she was the kindest soul and also a force to be reckoned with, but above all, she was a friend to many. Last year the Sylvia Michael Trophy was created in her memory for public speaking, a skill which Ms Michael

was very passionate about developing in young people. This year House debating will soon begin, culminating in an award for the outstanding junior and senior speaker. The junior speaker will receive the Sylvia Michael Trophy. With great success and interest in the World Scholar's Cup at POWIIS we are definitely looking forward to a lively competition. ◎

MSSM (Majlis Sukan Sekolah-sekolah Malaysia) Achievements

Successes for POWIIS students in recent state and national level competitions in sports.

National Level

Girls U18: Rachel Poh Yee Shing (3rd place in Squash, team event)

Girls U12: Qiao En Kau (4th + 3rd places in Golf, individual and team events), Girls U18: Debbie Low Yi Xuan (3rd place in Swimming for 4x100m mixed relay)



State Level

Girls U18: Min Shuen Yap (2nd place in Shotput), Atalanta Sherwood (2nd + 3rd places in 800m+1500m respectively) 📍



Meet Our New Staff



Mr Abel Cambra

Abel joins POWIIS from ACS Egham International School just outside of London, where he has spent four years in his role as Assistant Middle School Principal,

having previously been a full-time teacher of Physical Education. Abel's teaching philosophy is that education should be a holistic process that leads to a lifelong love of learning and builds the skills, dispositions and resilience that students need so that they can navigate the challenges that will come their way in an ever-changing world with confidence, knowledge and open-mindedness. He brings a wealth of experience and a record of successful transformational initiatives to his new role and is very much looking forward to helping drive the culture and values of the POWIIS community.

Outside the classroom Abel enjoys playing football and cricket (when the British weather allows!) and is a keen landscape and sports photographer. 📍

Kangaroo Maths Problems

Mr Martin Clarke

There was only one correct solution to last issue's problem - well done Mr Simon Leese! He is a regular reader and normally one of the first to submit a solution. The puzzle is best solved with a drawing to spot the overlap showing a maximum of 4 candles.

Bad luck to all of those that submitted wrong answers. This issue's puzzle comes from a Benajin paper for 11-12 year olds. If you have a solution, please email it maths@powiis.edu.my. 📍

15. John does a calculation using the digits A, B, C and D . Which digit is represented by B ?

John membuat suatu pengiraan menggunakan digit A, B, C dan D . Digit apakah yang diwakili oleh B ?

John 用 A, B, C, D 四个数字做了以下的算式。请问 B 代表什么数字?

$$\begin{array}{r} ABC \\ + CBA \\ \hline DDDD \end{array}$$

(A) 0

(B) 2

(C) 4

(D) 5

(E) 6

Sixth Form 'Futures Week'

Mrs Adele Roberts

Are you free during the dates of 17-21st June? Do you work within a company that accommodates student visits? Do you wish to come and share your experience of working or studying with the current sixth form?

Mrs Roberts is looking for help with the sixth formers' 'Futures Week', a week set aside to start students exploring their options for next year. Please contact Mrs Roberts: ab@powiis.edu.my if you feel that you are able to help. 📍

Important Dates for May & June 2019

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15th - 18th May	DofE Bronze Qualification
18th - 22nd May	Half Term Break
19th May	Wesak Day
22nd May	Nuzul Al-Quran
24th May	Entrance Assessment Day
25th May	Ryder Cup
1st June	Open Day
1st June	Year 10 Parents' Reception
4th June	SCIPS Transition Day
5th - 6th June	Hari Raya Puasa
14th June	Entrance Assessment Day
17th - 21st June	Internal Examinations Week
25th June	Year 9 Habitat Penang Hill Trip
25th - 29th June	DofE Silver Qualification
30th June - 7th July	DofE Gold Practice and Qualification

Entrance assessments are still possible by special arrangement and subject to available spaces. Please mention to friends and contacts who may wish to be included.

Contact Michelle Goh at admissions@powiis.edu.my

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