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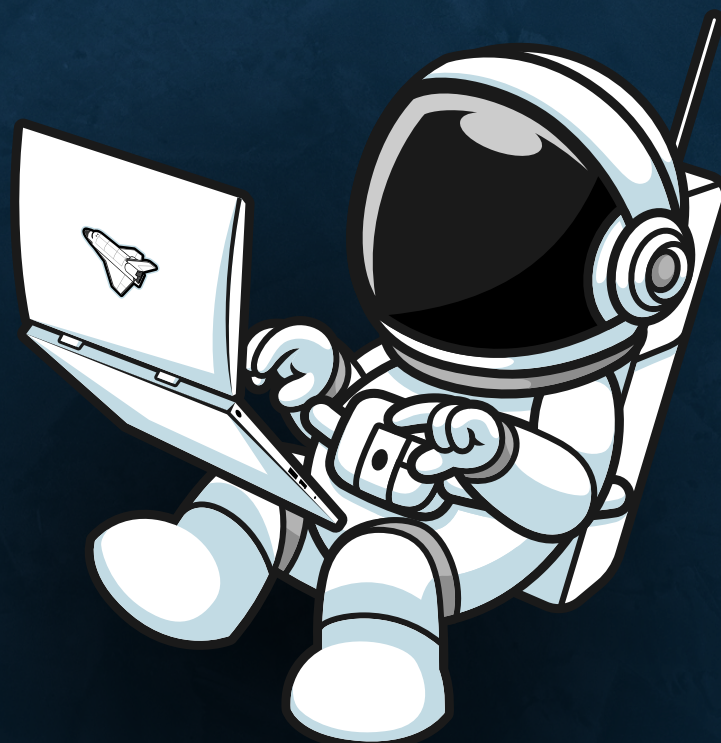
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Little Baristas in the Making!

On May 28, 2025, twenty-five enthusiastic Year 1 students went for a field trip to Starbucks at Malim for an exciting “Little Barista” workshop. The visit, which took place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., was designed to give students a hands-on and engaging experience that would spark creativity, encourage teamwork, and allow them to learn in a real-world setting.

Upon arrival, the Starbucks staff greeted the students warmly and cheerfully placed name tags on each of their uniforms, giving them a true barista feel. The day began with a fun dance session to the energetic “Move It Move It” song, which got everyone moving and smiling.

The staff then told a delightful story about how coffee beans were discovered, using a storybook to capture the students' imagination. After the story session, students were invited to answer questions, and those who answered correctly were rewarded with small gifts—making the session both educational and exciting.

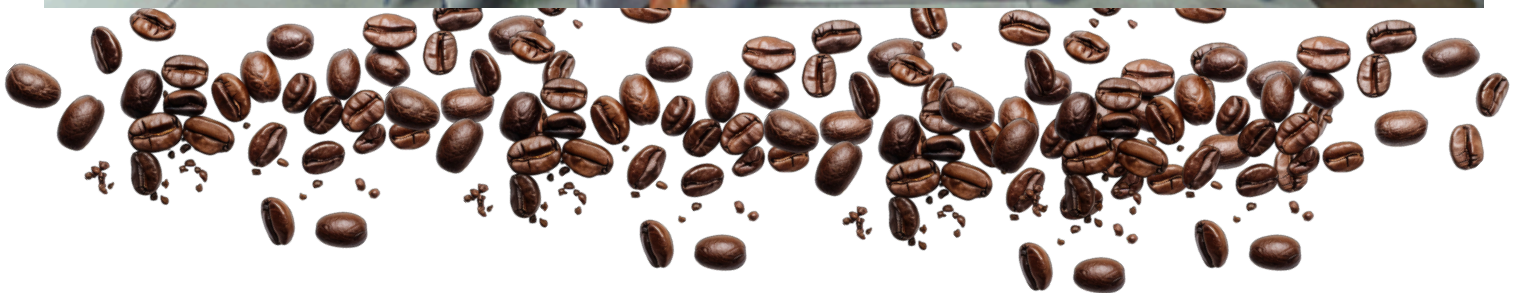


The hands-on activities began with students grouped and given containers filled with different types of beans and pasta. Each group had to search for specific items—a task that encouraged focus, cooperation, and communication. Then came a creative twist: students were given adorable animal drawings and asked to paint the outlines using coffee, exploring a unique and aromatic art technique.

Students were treated to iced chocolate drinks and guided on how to add whipped cream and choose their favourite toppings. Sprinkles, marshmallows, chocolate syrup, and caramel syrup were all on offer—and the students delighted in decorating their drinks. They also decorated their own donuts with just as much enthusiasm.



Once the decorating was complete, everyone sat together to enjoy their delicious creations. The day ended with the presentation of certificates to each student and a group photo to commemorate the wonderful experience.



Trip to Bake For Fun

On Wednesday, 28 May 2025, 18 excited Year 2 students, accompanied by 3 teachers, went on a fun and educational trip to Bake For Fun (BFF) at Taman Kota Laksamana, Melaka. The visit was designed to introduce students to the world of baking through hands-on experience. The students were accompanied by Ms. Emy, Ms. Nasha and Ms. Leann.

At the baking studio, students learned how to decorate a cake and pipe cream over the cake using piping bags and different techniques. Each student had the chance to decorate their own mini cake, allowing them to express their creativity and practice fine motor skills.

One of the highlights of the day was tasting the freshly made vanilla sponge cake, which everyone enjoyed. The session also helped students understand the importance of cleanliness and following steps carefully while baking.



The students had a fantastic time and described the trip as fun and exciting. Many were proud of their decorated cakes and said they would love to go on another baking trip in the future.



It was a sweet and memorable day for Year 2!



By Ms. Emy Noorafida

A Flavourful Journey to the World of Mamee!

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On May 29, 2025, a total of 33 students from Year 3 and Year 4, accompanied by 4 teachers, went on a flavourful learning journey to the Mamee Gallery and Mamee Jonker House in Melaka. This exciting trip offered a perfect mix of fun, discovery, and creativity outside the classroom!

The students arrived at the Mamee Gallery at around 10:00 AM, full of enthusiasm and curiosity. The visit began with a short video sharing the story of how Mamee started as a small family business in Melaka and grew into a globally loved brand. Students were amazed to learn that over 1 million Mamee snacks are made every day!



To reach the Mamee Gallery, students climbed a staircase lined with vibrant wall displays filled with Mamee's history, milestones, and fun facts. It felt like walking through a timeline, building up excitement as they headed toward the gallery.

At the gallery, they observed the snack production process up close — from mixing and steaming to seasoning and packaging. It was a fascinating experience to see how their favourite noodles are made step by step.

After the tour, everyone was treated to a delicious chicken rice meal, which students enjoyed happily with their friends and teachers.

The excitement continued at Mamee Jonker House, where students took part in the “Little Mamee Chef” workshop. They designed and coloured their own noodle cups and selected flavours to create a one-of-a-kind souvenir. The room was filled with smiles, laughter, and bright colours!



Student Feedback:

- “I loved making my own noodle cup!” - Asteen Y3
- “It was so cool to see how Mamee noodles are made!” - Eason Y4
- “I found it amazing that 1 million products are produced every day!” - Ethan Y4

Before returning to school, students took joyful photos with the iconic Mamee Monster and received a Mamee goodie bag packed with tasty treats — the perfect ending to an unforgettable day.



By Ms. Daavena

Leadership and Teambuilding Camp at Botanical Garden Melaka : A Day of Growth and Adventure



On 19th April 2025, the Year 6 Prefects and Student Council members embarked on an unforgettable leadership and teambuilding camp at the scenic Botanical Garden Melaka. The excursion was filled with excitement, personal development, and hands-on learning experiences designed to help students grow as individuals and as future leaders.

The day kicked off with a series of fun and challenging teambuilding games that encouraged communication, trust, and collaboration among the participants. These activities laid the groundwork for the day, helping students build camaraderie and understand the importance of working together effectively.



One of the highlights of the camp was the adrenaline pumping zip lining session. Students got to test their courage and enjoy a thrilling ride through the treetops, pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones. It was an activity that not only brought joy but also reinforced the value of facing fears and supporting one another.

As the day progressed, students embarked on an immersive jungle trekking experience. Guided by experts, they learned essential survival skills, including how to make fire, set simple traps, and identify edible plants in the wild. These practical lessons taught students how to stay calm and resourceful in unfamiliar situations—key traits of a strong and capable leader.

Throughout the day, the young leaders demonstrated tremendous growth. They learned what it means to be a team player and what qualities make a great leader—such as empathy, initiative, communication, and resilience.

The leadership and teambuilding camp was not only educational but also incredibly fun. It was a memorable day filled with laughter, learning, and lasting bonds. The experience will no doubt leave a lasting impression on all who took part, inspiring them to lead with confidence and compassion in the years to come.

By Ms. Faye
Student Council Advisor

PISM First-Ever School Camping Experience: A Memorable Outdoor Adventure



On the weekend of 31 May to 1 June 2025 (Saturday and Sunday), a group of 27 enthusiastic students from Year 4 to 8 took part in our school's first-ever overnight camping experience, held on the school field. This exciting initiative, in collaboration with PRISMA Outdoor Recreation, provided students with a unique opportunity to learn survival skills, build teamwork, and enjoy the great outdoors—all within the safety of the school grounds.

Under the guidance of five experienced facilitators from PRISMA and the dedicated supervision of our teachers—Ms. Faye, Ms. Jamuna, Ms. Atiqah, Ms. Reena, Mr. Kelvin, and Mr. Paul—students were divided into three groups: Blazing Sunlight, Ferocious Phoenix, and Chocolate Champions. Each team created a unique name and a spirited war cry, fostering morale and a strong sense of team identity. Notably, Atif Haq from Year 6 applied his learning from a recent English lesson to craft his team's war cry—an excellent example of learning in action and the meaningful transfer of classroom knowledge to real-life experiences.





Throughout the two days, students participated in a variety of engaging and practical activities. They learned essential survival skills, such as pitching tents, cooking rice and sardines over an open fire, and fire-starting techniques using basic tools. One student, Kingsley from year 5, even managed to start a fire using a magnifying glass—an impressive display of patience and focus.

Students also took part in constructing a forest gadget designed to keep items off the ground and away from animals, testing their teamwork, perseverance, and communication skills. Another highlight was the “leaky pipe” water challenge, where students had to cover holes in a pipe with their fingers while teammates poured in water—resulting in lots of laughter, teamwork, and some very wet campers!

Meals were generously provided by our cafeteria operators, and students enjoyed scrumptious food throughout the event, especially after working hard to prepare their own simple meals. Sleeping in tents with friends added to the thrill, and many students expressed joy at the experience of sharing space, telling stories, and bonding under the stars.

The camp concluded with a certificate presentation ceremony by the Head of School, Mr. Paul recognising outstanding effort and team spirit.

- Best Male Camper: Mok Jia Xu
- Best Female Camper: Eunice Toh
- 3rd Place Team: Chocolate Champions
- 2nd Place Team: Ferocious Phoenix
- Champion Team: Blazing Sunlight

The event was a resounding success, leaving students with valuable life lessons, stronger friendships, and countless fond memories. Many have already requested a longer camping experience, even beyond school grounds, eager to further build their confidence, patience, and collaboration skills.

This inaugural camping adventure has certainly set the bar high—and we look forward to more outdoor learning journeys in the future!

HARI RAYA CELEBRATION 2025 AT PLANETARIUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

On 29 April 2025, our school came alive with colours, music, and cultural pride during the Hari Raya celebration. The day was filled with exciting performances, festive bonding, and a heartwarming display of unity among students and staff.

Performance Highlights

The celebration kicked off at 8.30 a.m. in the Atrium with a vibrant series of performances by our talented students:



- **Putera Puteri PISM Fashion Show**

A stunning display of traditional Malay attire by selected students.

- **Preschool Performance**

Our youngest learners charmed the audience with their adorable act.

- **Pantun Recital**

A creative showcase of traditional Malay poetry by Nur Qaisara and Azizi from Year 2.

- **Dikir Barat by Year 3**

An energetic performance that brought rhythmic beats and harmony.

- **Singing Performances**

Featuring the school band and choir, filling the hall with festive tunes.

- **Student Council Dance Performance**

A lively and graceful cultural dance.

- **Hari Raya Drama by Drama Club**

A meaningful skit capturing the spirit of forgiveness and togetherness.



A special highlight of the morning was a surprise performance by two of our teachers, Ms. Idah and Mr. Kelvin, who sang a festive Raya song that had everyone smiling and clapping along. Their performance added a heartwarming and joyful touch to the celebration, reminding us of the strong bonds within our school community.

After the performances, students took part in bonding sessions where they played some traditional games together. Later in the morning, the celebration continued with external performances by invited guests. Students were thrilled by a traditional tarian (dance) performance by Sekolah Kebangsaan Bachang and an impressive silat (Malay martial arts) demonstration that captured the spirit of Malay heritage.

While students enjoyed the cultural showcase, teachers participated in their own bonding session to mark the occasion. The event concluded with a prize-giving ceremony at 12.00 p.m. recognising outstanding efforts and performances from the day. The Hari Raya celebration at PISM was a joyful and meaningful experience for the entire school community, reflecting the values of togetherness, respect, and cultural appreciation.



Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Maaf Zahir dan Batin!

By Ms. Nasha bt. Mohd. Rozy

PISM ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2025: A DAY OF SPIRIT, STRONGER TOGETHER, FASTER FOREVER!



The much-anticipated PISM Annual Sports Day 2025 took place on 25th April 2025 in the grounds of Planetarium International School Melaka (PISM), drawing an energetic crowd and thrilling performances across all age groups.

With 234 participants proudly representing their houses – Mars, Venus, Neptune, and Saturn – the day kicked off with a vibrant parade march, showcasing team colours, creative banners, and enthusiastic chants. The opening ceremony was graced by our esteemed CEO, Miss May, along with Mr. Paul (Head of School) and Miss Manisha (Head of Primary School), officially launching the day's events.

Selections for the events were made through PE lessons and house training, ensuring all athletes had the opportunity to qualify based on skill and commitment. Participants were grouped into six main categories:

- Early Years
- Year 1 – 2
- Year 3 – 4
- Year 5 – 6
- Under 15 Boys & Girls
- Under 18 Boys & Girls

A total of 90 track and field events were contested, including 10 events for Early Years, 4 track events and 5 field events per age group, providing a full day of athletic excitement.

Despite the scorching heat, the school ground was buzzing with excitement, cheers, and house spirit. Students gave their best on the track and field while parents and teachers cheered with unwavering support. The house decoration competition added vibrant colour to the event, and the breaks in between allowed everyone to recharge and reconnect.

The event concluded in a prize-giving ceremony, awarding medals to individual winners and house points contributing to the final standings. A special thank you to our generous sponsors – Yakult, Aik Cheong, Mamee, Vitagen, J Style, and Efast – for supporting this year's Sports Day with refreshments and gifts.



HOUSE WINNERS

- 🏆 Champion: Neptune
- 🥈 1st Runner-Up: Venus
- 🥉 2nd Runner-Up: Saturn

Feedback from students and parents was heartening, with many praising the high level of participation, the positive atmosphere, and the smooth coordination of events.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all students, staff, and parents who made this event a grand success. Let's continue to celebrate sportsmanship, teamwork, and PISM pride!

TEACHER'S DAY 2025

There are few words strong enough to express what a teacher means to a student. To the world, teachers might just be another profession, but to us, they are the ones who help shape who we become – not just through lessons in books, but lessons in life.

When I think about my teachers, I remember more than just the hours spent in class. I remember the quiet encouragement when I doubted myself. I remember the patient explanations when the world felt too confusing. I remember the smiles after small victories, and the gentle guidance after mistakes.

Some of my hardest moments in school were lightened because a teacher noticed. Sometimes, all it took was one kind sentence to remind me that I was capable. Teachers may not always realise how deeply their words can touch us, but to many of us, they are a lifeline when we feel lost or small.

Teacher's Day is a chance to say thank you. Thank you for believing in us when we didn't believe in ourselves. Thank you for showing up every day with dedication and care, even when the days were long. Thank you for seeing us not as just students, but as people with hopes, worries, and dreams.

No gift, no words can truly measure the gratitude we feel. But today, I hope every teacher knows – they have made a difference. They have shaped lives. And in our hearts, their impact will remain, always.



By Jeslyn Teng Pei Lyn (Year 11)

A Memorable Celebration: Graduation & Concert 2025



PISM proudly hosted its Graduation & Concert 2025, a vibrant and heartwarming event held on 29 July 2025, bringing together students, parents, and staff to celebrate a year of growth, achievement, and unity.

The school was honoured to welcome distinguished guests, including Mr. Jegaynsan Gopinathan, Member of the Governor's Council, alongside the school's leadership team—Ms. May, CEO, and Mr. Paul, Head of School. Their presence added significance to this special occasion.

The morning began with a warm opening address, followed by the singing of the national, state, and school anthems, performed by the school choir and band, The Symphonia. The event embraced the theme of "One World", celebrating diversity, harmony, and shared global values.



A key highlight of the day was the Early Years Graduation Ceremony, where our youngest learners confidently marched in and received their certificates. Their delightful performances, including a lively multilingual showcase and the enchanting finale "Under the Sea," captured the joy and creativity of early learning.

The celebration continued with the Primary and Secondary Award Ceremonies, recognising students for their academic excellence, consistency, and personal growth. Special awards were also presented to students who demonstrated outstanding character, leadership, and perseverance throughout the academic year.



Significant milestones were marked by our Year 6 and Year 11 graduates, who received their certificates and shared heartfelt reflections on their school journeys. The Year 11 farewell segment, including a touching student council video, was especially meaningful as it honoured their time and contributions to the school community.

Adding colour and energy to the event were the student performances across all levels. From patriotic songs and traditional dances to drama, poetry, and contemporary music, each performance showcased the talent, confidence, and cultural appreciation of our students. Highlights included the Year 4 original piece “One World, Many Stories,” the Year 6 drama presentation, and a range of dynamic secondary school performances.

The event also recognised the invaluable support of parents through special appreciation awards, reinforcing the strong partnership between home and school. The celebration concluded on a high note with a powerful musical finale by The Symphonia, featuring songs from The Greatest Showman, leaving the audience inspired by messages of hope, courage, and self-belief.

The Graduation & Concert 2025 was truly a day to remember—filled with proud moments, joyful performances, and a shared celebration of our students’ achievements and bright futures.

by:

Ms. Manisha Kaur (Head of Primary)

Mr. Kevin Chua (English Coordinator)

EMPOWERING INNOVATION IN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



We are proud to share that our team—comprising Nurul Atiqah binti Zulkifle (teacher), Mah Hau Vin, Jerad Lee Zhee Yueh, and Declan Pang Zhee Heng—was recently awarded a Bronze Medal (Professional Category) at the Virtual Innovation Competition 2025, an international-level event organized by Digit360 and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Kelantan Branch.

Our winning project, titled "ECONnectED: Empowering ADHD Learners in Economics through Smart Supportive Tools," addresses the unique learning challenges faced by students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in Economics classrooms.

ECONnectED is a student-driven innovation that transforms traditional teaching approaches into multisensory, gamified, and interactive learning experiences. The tool simplifies abstract economic concepts using flashcards, animated videos, real-world case studies, and personalized dashboards—enhancing focus, engagement, and academic confidence for neurodiverse learners.



This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to promoting inclusive education through practical, tech-enabled solutions.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported us throughout this journey

By Ms. Nurul Atiqah bt. Zulkifle

Book Review Competition

PISM had its inaugural Book Review Competition this year. The main aim of the competition is to encourage students to read, as well as to comment on what they had read. In this competition, students are given the opportunity to share their reviews to the whole school at the end of the term. Students in Year 2 to Year 11 are eligible to participate in this competition, while those in Year 1 are encouraged to participate as an in-class activity to help them get the feel of reading and reviewing books.



To kick start this termly competition, students are required to read as much as possible, and write a review for each book in a Reading Log. Their English teachers will give a score for each review. The reviewer with the highest score in each class will win the Best Book Reviewer award.

The Best Reviewers for 2025 are:

1. Year 2 - Tan Zheng Tao
2. Year 3 - Riya Ashwina
3. Year 4 - Lim Ke Tong
4. Year 5 - Calysta Chan Xhin Rhui
5. Year 6 – Sumayyah Adedigba Solarin
6. Year 7 - Eshly Sor
7. Year 8 – Caelyn Koh
8. Year 9 - Pritika a/p Jayasilan
9. Year 10 - Ng Ming Shane
10. Year 11 – Shanique Tiew

They each received a plaque, a Popular Gift Voucher of RM5 (Year 2 and 3) and RM10 (Year 4-10), as well as a Certificate of Achievement for their effort and excellence in reading and writing reviews.

On top of that, this competition also gives students a chance to win the Most Books Read prize, so the more they read, the higher their chances of winning. Each winner will receive a RM10 Gift Voucher and a Certificate of Achievement.

We encourage parents to keep encouraging their children to read a variety of genres to enhance their English proficiency, their general knowledge while earning themselves prizes.

By Mr. Kevin Chua
(English Coordinator)



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