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Spreading Kindness: Planetarium International School's Food Drive & Fundraising for Kechara Soup Kitchen

In conjunction with World Food Day (16 October 2025), the Student Council of Planetarium International School successfully organised a Dry Food Drive and Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser in support of Kechara Soup Kitchen (KSK) — a non-profit organisation dedicated to assisting underprivileged communities in Melaka.

Over the course of three weeks, students, teachers, and parents came together to donate non-perishable food items at the school reception area. The collection tables piled high with contributions, serving as a constant reminder of the power of compassion and community spirit. All donations were handed over to KSK for distribution to families in need, helping to ensure that no one in the local community went hungry.

To take their service a step further, Student Council members visited the KSK Food Distribution Centre in Melaka on 8 November 2025. During the excursion, students assisted in packing food items into donation bags and gained valuable insight into the importance of empathy, teamwork, and volunteerism.



As part of the fundraising efforts, the Student Council also hosted a Non-Uniform Day, where students donated a minimum of RM5 to participate. In return, they were allowed to dress in smart casual attire, adding a fun and vibrant atmosphere to the school day while supporting a meaningful cause.

Funds collected during this event were used to purchase additional dry food items for donation to KSK, amplifying the school's collective impact.

The campaign was a heartwarming success, reflecting Planetarium International School's commitment to fostering kindness, generosity, and community engagement among students. Through these initiatives, our young leaders proved that every small act — whether donating, volunteering, or raising awareness — contributes to a larger movement of care and compassion.

"When we give with open hearts, we feed not just bodies, but souls."

by Ms. Faye



RECYCLE

FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

The Recycling Club organised the “Recycle for a Better Tomorrow” campaign from 27 to 31 October 2025, aimed at promoting environmental awareness and cultivating responsible recycling habits among students. The initiative encouraged both primary and secondary learners to take an active role in caring for the school environment through meaningful and engaging activities.

Throughout the week, informative materials prepared by the committee were shared with all classes and displayed across the school lobbies. These resources helped students better understand the importance of recycling, proper waste segregation, and how daily habits can contribute to long-term environmental sustainability.

A key component of the campaign was the Bottle Collection Drive, where students deposited clean, empty plastic bottles into designated recycling bins located around the school. This simple yet impactful activity encouraged students to practise cleanliness and responsibility while reinforcing correct recycling behaviour.

Students also participated enthusiastically in the Mini Recycling Sorting Game, designed to reinforce proper waste segregation through hands-on learning. The activity provided a fun and interactive way for students to develop practical recycling skills while fostering teamwork and healthy competition. The campaign concluded with a Recycling Quiz, where students demonstrated their understanding of the content shared during the week.



The Recycling Club remains committed to promoting sustainability within the school community and looks forward to organising future initiatives that inspire students to take continuous, meaningful action for the environment.



Deepavali Celebration 2025 at PISM

PISM celebrated its Deepavali Festival on 17 October 2025 (Friday), an event organised by the Deepavali Committee. It was a joyful and meaningful occasion that brought the school community together in the spirit of culture, learning, and unity. The celebration focused on helping students understand how Deepavali is observed in Malaysia for the international students, exploring the legends and traditions behind the festival, and encouraging cultural appreciation among students of all backgrounds.



The day was filled with colourful activities, vibrant performances, and friendly competitions that showcased the richness of the festival. The programme began with class photos and a briefing on the day's events. Primary students then took part in creative sessions where they decorated paper diyas and designed Deepavali greeting cards. These thoughtful creations were exchanged among classmates and proudly displayed around the classrooms, adding a festive and welcoming atmosphere.



In addition to the primary school activities, secondary students participated in a special rangoli art session. They were provided with coloured rangoli rice and were tasked with designing and decorating their own rangoli patterns. Their beautifully crafted artworks were later exhibited in the school lobby, where they attracted the admiration of parents and visitors. The exhibition became a standout feature of the celebration, showcasing creativity, patience, and cultural appreciation.



The celebration continued with a lively Opening Ceremony, with the lighting of the "Villakku" to symbolise prosperity and happiness. The event then continued with a striking fashion show where students confidently modeled traditional Indian attire. The Early Years students participated enthusiastically in the catwalk, dressed in beautiful traditional attire. They were well-prepared for the occasion, and their presentation was both charming and delightful. The Atrium Hall was filled with excitement and colour as students walked the runway, reflecting the diversity and beauty of Deepavali clothing.

The cultural performances of the event included a Drama Club presentation on the Origins of Deepavali, which added a meaningful and entertaining touch, allowing students to learn about the festival through storytelling and performance, a graceful dance performance by the Year 6 girls, and a lively Year 7 cultural dance and not forgetting "Urumi" performance by Madhanraj Year 7.

One of the most anticipated parts of the day was the Inter-House Competition, featuring the houses: Saturn, Mars, Neptune, and Venus. Students competed enthusiastically in a Deepavali-themed quiz, putting their knowledge of traditions, stories, and cultural practices to the test. The activity promoted teamwork, sportsmanship, and house spirit, making it one of the highlights of the celebration.

Everyone left with smiles, excitement, and a small laddoo treat, adding a sweet end to a memorable day. With colourful outfits, joyful performances, and hands-on cultural activities, this year's Deepavali celebration created lasting memories for all who attended.

Many Cultures, One Humanity

On 7 November 2025, Planetarium International School Melaka (PISM) came alive with a kaleidoscope of colours, music, and cultural celebrations for its International Day, themed “Many Cultures, One Humanity.” The event offered students a unique opportunity to explore diverse cultures, collaborate creatively, and embrace the values of peace, unity, and global awareness. Each homeroom proudly represented a different country, from Italy and Mexico in the Primary years to Japan and the United Kingdom in Secondary. Guided by their Homeroom Teachers and Assistant Homeroom Teachers, students transformed classrooms into vibrant exhibits showcasing their chosen country’s culture, traditions, and cuisine.



The day began with a Parade March, as a flag bearer from each homeroom waved the flag of their country with pride and enthusiasm. Led by the Student Council President and Vice President, the parade wound through the school corridors before arriving at the atrium, bringing a sense of pageantry and excitement.

Once the parade concluded, the Opening Ceremony commenced with the Malaysian National Anthem and School Song, followed by an inspiring speech from Mr. Paul, Head of School, and a dazzling digital fireworks projection celebrating International Day. The Preschoolers then enchanted everyone with a lively performance, and each homeroom gathered on stage for group photos by country — capturing lasting memories of this special day.



PISM Celebrates International Day 2025



After the Opening Ceremony, students divided into groups to visit each country's exhibit, exchanging knowledge and enjoying hands-on activities. A rotation system ensured that all students had the chance to host and explore, fostering collaboration and cross-cultural appreciation. Later, parents joined the celebration, exploring the exhibits alongside their children, which added an extra layer of excitement!

International Day 2025 at PISM was more than a celebration — it was a living lesson in global citizenship, respect, and empathy. From the parade march to the classroom exhibits, students demonstrated creativity, teamwork, and pride in learning about cultures from around the world. The event concluded with smiling faces, enriched minds, and a renewed commitment to celebrating diversity. Truly, PISM showed that even in a world of many cultures, we are united as one humanity.

"Unity in diversity is not just a concept — it is a celebration we live every day."



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Celebrates International Day 2025

by Ms. Faye



Student Council Election and Inauguration Ceremony 2025–2026

The spirit of leadership and student engagement came alive once again at Planetarium International School through the Student Council Election and Inauguration Ceremony 2025–2026. The event, guided by Ms Reena, Student Council Advisor, and Ms Faye, Co-Advisor, was a vibrant showcase of democracy, teamwork, and school pride as students eagerly stepped forward to take on leadership roles.

The election process was carefully designed to ensure that every step encouraged student participation and fair representation. It began with an official announcement during the school assembly, where students were introduced to the election procedures and given an overview of the available positions. This marked the start of an exciting journey for aspiring student leaders who were eager to contribute to the school community.



Following the announcement, interested candidates received application forms and were required to submit them along with their prepared speeches to the Student Council advisors. This step was crucial in ensuring that each candidate's message reflected the school's core values of respect, integrity, and responsibility. Once the applications and speeches were reviewed and approved, the campaigning period officially began.

The campaigning days were filled with enthusiasm and creativity. Candidates expressed their ideas through posters, presentations, and personal interactions with fellow students. The campaign period not only allowed candidates to demonstrate their leadership qualities but also gave the student body an opportunity to reflect on the kind of leaders they wanted to represent them.



After the campaigns concluded, the much-anticipated voting session took place. Conducted under the supervision of Ms Reena, Ms Faye, and members of the outgoing Student Council, the voting process was carried out in a structured and transparent manner. Students cast their votes during homeroom time, exercising their right to choose representatives who would embody the collective voice of the student body. This step served as a practical experience in civic responsibility and the principles of democratic decision-making.

Once all votes were counted and verified, the results were announced in a special assembly. The outgoing Student Council members, proudly passed on their responsibilities to the newly elected council. The moment was both emotional and inspiring, as it symbolised growth, continuity, and the trust placed in the new student leaders.

The inauguration ceremony marked the official commencement of duties for the new council. During the assembly, each newly elected member was called upon to receive their badge of office, signifying their commitment to serve with integrity and dedication. The new President then led the Student Council Pledge, promising to uphold the school's values and work diligently for the betterment of the student community.

Under the guidance of Ms Reena, the Student Council continues to play a vital role in bridging communication between students, teachers, and school administrators. The council also takes the lead in organising events, fostering school spirit, and promoting a sense of belonging among students.

The entire election and inauguration process once again reflected Planetarium International School's commitment to nurturing responsible, confident, and compassionate leaders. It was more than just an election, it was a meaningful learning experience that reminded everyone that leadership begins with initiative, respect, and the willingness to serve.



Peace

by Ashton Ng Wen Xuan (Year 11)

The hurricane roared.

I stood in the rapid currents, watching as the trees and the grass bend, like servants bowing down to revere the emperor of the wind. Shards of glass cut my face as I walked through the storm, eyes half closed and hair violently thrashing in every which way.

And then, I saw it.

A single hibiscus, standing in an open field. Despite the howling winds engulfing it, the blossom stood strong, like a sanctuary for the refugees of the wind.

Life, like a wave, has its ups and downs. In some moments, you feel as if you're on top of the world, when the world is a melting pot of colours and joy. But in other times, life appears as a pit of darkness, where flowers wither and colours die.

And it is in these very moments of despair and sadness in which we seek an anchor. Someone or something to face the storms of life with us.

You may not be able to tame the storm. But you don't need to face it alone.

Suddenly, the storm stopped.

For a moment, the sky was blue and the grass was green. The grass stood tall, and the tree was their leader watching over each blade.

A moment of serenity in what seemed to be the sea that was my chaotic life.

A moment of... Peace.

In the vast woods of life, you will encounter treacherous terrain. Steep drops, difficult ascensions. But it is a quiet moment, standing in a lone clearing in the forest, which feels ethereal. It is this calm, fleeting moment that juxtaposes the violent whirlwinds of life.

The wind picked up speed again, now from the other direction. The trees began bending, and each blade of grass waved in the gale.

The hibiscus still stood.

It's alright to be mad at the storm. It's alright to miss the times when you were happier. It's alright to be frustrated by the lack of control you have.
"But what you cannot control, you must accept."

So take the storm with grace. It is in these uncontrollable storms in which you face the challenges of life that let you flourish. And by doing so, you will find your own hibiscus of strength, and...

Peace.

Peace

by Sebastian Tay You Jia (Year 10)

*Our world is a safe haven for all,
But what did our ancestors trade for peace? Reign of empire often led to fall,
Our land, our soul, ended up being seized.*

*Varying cultures and blood spark dispute, For satisfaction one has to be gone.
Different ideologies called for feud, There goes the end of the leaders' bonds.*

*Racism, how diversity is tackled, Resorting to classic moves in the book. Do we need impossible
miracles
To retrieve our rights, what they took?*

*The fearless people called for stability, Declared cruelty should be eradicated. Mourned over grieved
lives, the ones we pitied, Harmony for all, we protested.*

*Changes were indeed necessary,
Swept away the filth with new brooms. The pain was only momentary, Looking forward to the day it
blooms.*

*Travel to the future we'd waited for, Our dreams of equality for all.
Out of the time machine, open the door, But be in accordance with the law.*

*Opened my eyes, chandeliers in terraces, Sparkling rivers with picturesque views. Everyone together in
these places,*

Our dreams did come true, stoked at this news.

*No more quarrels among neighbours, Became so heavenly, our society.
Children in schools, no longer feel sombre, Growing up with bright minds and clarity.*

*Veterans in streets begin new era,
The army dissolved, no more fears of war. Taking a stroll, putting on mascara,
Wounds cloaked in dresses — gorgeous what they wore.*

The only thing's left — eternal harmony, Let trauma be bygones, grant a closure.

*The years passed, but let the pain be phony,
What they all strived for, this precious treasure.*



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