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TODAY'S LEARNERS, TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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Upcoming events:

- April 30-May 1 Scholar's Cup conference
- May 1 - 5 WASC accreditation visit
- May 3 IGCSE/AS exams begin
- May 6 Uniform free day
- May 13-15 Middle Years Yangon MUN conference

Shwe Yee ready for Checkpoint Mathematics exam

A Note From The Head Principal

Next week will be a very important week for us at MIS. As you are aware, in order to provide the most valuable education possible, we are currently pursuing accreditation through WASC (the Western Association of Schools and Colleges) to supplement our Cambridge accreditation. Our teachers and staff have been working hard to analyze every area of our school, including: Organization; Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Student Support; Finance and Business Management; and Resource Management and Development.

A visiting committee from WASC will be arriving over the weekend and will be inspecting each of these aspects of our school during the next few days. The visiting committee will meet with the teachers, students, parents as well as the owners of the school. This will be a great time for us to prove just how great we are as a school as well as identify areas where we can grow to be even better.

The following is a brief overview of the scheduled itinerary:

Sunday:

The visiting committee will meet the Leadership Team, parents, and the governing authority of the school.

Monday:

Meetings with the Student Committee, the owners of the school, the principals,

and the focus group for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.

Tuesday: Meetings with the Leadership Team, the focus group for Support for Student Personal Growth, the focus group for Resource Management, Elementary School teachers, Secondary School teachers, and the Finance/Business Manager.

Wednesday:

Meetings with the Early Childhood Teachers, Support Staff, and the English and ESL departments.

Thursday:

Final meetings with the Leadership Team, completion of the Accreditation Status Recommendation, and reports to the staff and stakeholders.

As you can see, every element of what goes into a school will be reviewed. We are very proud of the progress MIS has made in the 7 years since our founding. Not only have we grown in numbers, but we have made great strides in the quality of education that we are able to provide.

This is one more step in our continued pursuit of excellence and we anticipate being able to share the results of this process with you in the near future.

Sincerely,
Anna Prieto

Journey Into the Cambridge International Examinations

by Maria Liza, Exams Officer and Dona Sue-a-Quan Yr 6B class teacher

The month of April marks the start of the school's journey into the assessment world of Cambridge International Examinations. Speaking tests were conducted before the Water Festival and the Primary and Secondary 1 Checkpoint Tests followed right after. It was met with much anticipation by students, parents, teachers, and administrators.

The tests were conducted in an exam-ready hall or classroom with specific environmental requirements and this was a very new experience for students. From our observations, the orderly environment of the exam rooms had the positive effect of all students immediately getting down to task and remaining focused for the entire length of the allotted exam times, demonstrating good habits-of-mind.

The tests were sent from Cambridge, UK and available for viewing only at the start of the exams. This was an assurance to students and their parents that their learning is being monitored by a well-established bearer of educational standards for English-speaking schools and that MIS is committed to providing students with a systematically high standard of education and the knowledge base, as included in the Cambridge curriculum.

When students take external exams, they learn in the process that their best learning takes place when there are clear-cut learning objectives to be met in a non-threatening environment of trust.

One observation we made is that many students came away feeling that they knew more than they actually thought they know. The second observation is that after each exam there were more smiles on students' faces than after regular exams.

Soon, our Years 11 and 12 students will have their turn in testing the skills and knowledge they have learned during the study programmes. We believe that MIS students will be able to produce pleasing results in their final examinations. We wish them all the best!



Primary students are ready for Checkpoint Mathematics

Teachers vs Students Basketball

by Michael Williams, MS Science Coordinator



The Students vs. Teachers Series has become a tradition here at MIS. Toward the end of each academic year, our precocious pupils put their skills to the test against our pedagogical paragons in a sequence of challenges. This past week, we kicked off our series with basketball. The high school girls managed a narrow victory over our teachers' team consisting of

Ms. Brittany, Ms. Kim, Ms. Phyo, and Ms. Lexie. The boys were not quite as lucky. The teachers' team comprised of Mr. Michael, Mr. Max, Mr. Alessandro, Mr. Alan, and Mr. Charlie scored the game-winning basket in the final seconds to fend off a valiant attack from our boys.

The next teachers vs. students event will be chess.



Do you have what it takes to represent the student body against the teachers? Look for details upon our return from the water festival holiday. In the meantime dust off those chess boards and begin sharpening your strategic skills.