



A Note From the Head Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

Another week has gone by and what an exciting and busy week it has been!



The students and teachers are busy preparing for an important event this Saturday - MIS annual International Day! This is a day to celebrate rich cultural diversity of MIS. Students, parents and visitors will have a chance to learn about a variety of cultures represented at the school. There will be country displays, samples of food, and cultural performances.

The programme will begin at 10:00 am for the Primary, there will be a parade of nations at 12:00 and the Secondary performances will start at 1:30 pm. We are looking forward to celebrating the International Day with you.

See you all tomorrow!

And, as always, here at MIS, **We Are Student Centered.**

Kind Regards,

Anna Prieto

Upcoming events:

February 20	MIS International Day	
February 22	U-15 Boys Football MIS vs Network	(Network, 3:30pm)
February 22	U-15 Boys Football MIS vs YA	(YA, 3:30pm)
	U-11 Football MIS vs British School - Y5,6	(Yangon United)
February 25	Canadian Open Maths Contests	(8:30, MIS Hall)
February 27	U-19 Boys Basketball Tournament	(ISM)
February 29	Year 11-13 Final exams	
-March 11	Quarter 3 tests (March 7-11)	

Movie-Making Contest

- by International Day Committee

We are excited to announce the first International Day movie making contest! The participating students would have to film all 18 booths, create a movie and submit it to the ICT coordinators. These submissions will then be uploaded on the MIS Facebook page. The winners will be determined by the number of likes gained on the MIS Facebook page (50%) and by the panel of judges (50%). Three winning films from the Primary and three from the Secondary will be awarded special prizes. Please see the ICT coordinators or Homeroom teachers for the detailed information and the contest rules. The purpose of the contest is to encourage the creative expression and we are looking forward to viewing great student productions. Happy movie making!



MIS GRIFFINS IN ACTION

- by Charles Vernon, U19 Girls Basketball Coach

We had a very eventful week with our student athletics. Our U-15 boy's football team had two games and went undefeated for the week. They started by defeating Yangon Academy 8-3 and finished with a close 3-2 win against ILBC. Coach Emmett did a great job and the boys have three more games before the final tournament.

On the basketball side, the U-19 boys and girls teams each had two games as well. The girls played very well and are improving a

lot but lost to ISM in one game and lost an overtime thriller to Yangon Academy.

The boy's team played very well both games. Their half-court trap defense, led by Coach Michael and Max, led them



Boys football vs. ILBC



Boys basketball vs. MISY

to a victory over Yangon Academy and a very close loss to a top ISM team. Both the boys and girls teams will be playing in the MISAC tournament next Saturday. Keep up the Griffin pride!

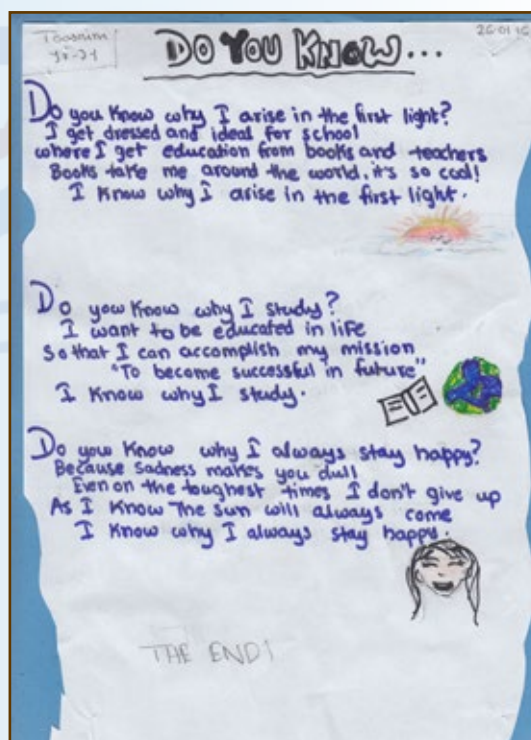
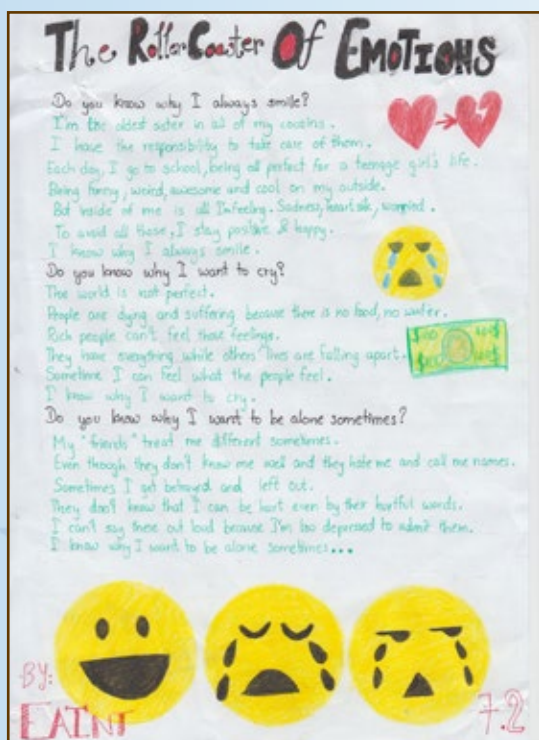


Girls Basketball vs. ISM

Poetry highlights: "Do you Know Why?"

- by Patrick Saint, MS English Coordinator

Our MIS students in Years 7, 8, and 9, routinely read selections of poetry from a variety of cultures and write their own poems in similar styles. One such exercise for Year 7 focused on the poem "Why the Old Woman Limp" by Lupenga Mphande, a poem telling the joys and struggles of the life of an elderly African woman. Students were then required to write a poem speaking of their own lives. Here are 2 examples of our student's work:



Important reminders:

- All the Checkpoint, IGCSE and AS entries have now been submitted and you will be receiving the detailed exam timetable next week. Please stay tuned to this very important guidance document.
- As our Year 11 and 12 students are preparing for their mock exams, please help them by ensuring that they stay on track at home. Getting enough sleep and a healthy diet will be very helpful in keeping their attention and focus during this important period of time.
- Please check (and like) the official MIS Facebook page. This page is designed to keep you informed of the school life events as they happen. www.facebook.com/myanmarinternationalschool/
- Please keep your e-mail address and phone numbers up to date and inform the office in case of any changes. This is important as we are working toward closer communication between the school, students and the parents.



8 Reasons Why Reading Aloud to Your Child Is so Important

Linda Caradori – Secondary ESL Coordinator

There are many benefits to reading to your child on a daily basis.

Here are a few:

- Reading to your child, in any language, will improve their grades - even through secondary school.
- They will learn new words more quickly: up to 40% more vocabulary!
A large vocabulary is the best predictor of academic success.
- Children learn language from their family members, not TV, electronic devices and toys.
- Reading aloud improves fluency (which means how quickly they can read and understand they are reading).
- It makes reading fun! Reading aloud teaches kids to pay attention longer.
When parents read to kids it makes them want to read more on their own.
- Reading time is a great time for bonding and intimacy. As children get older it gives both of you more opportunities for deeper and more meaningful thinking and conversations.
- Even older children, up to the age of 13, benefit from being read to by a parent or family member. This gives them a chance to access books that would otherwise be too difficult for them to read on their own.
- Reading is beneficial in English OR in your native language. Reading in any language makes kids stronger readers. When kids are strong readers in their first language, they become stronger readers in their second.



Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.
- Emilie Buchwald

Reading to your children daily is the very best thing you can do to help them achieve the most academic success possible.

"There is no substitute for books in the life of a child."

- May Ellen Chase