



MIS WEEKLY

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A Note From the Head Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the first edition of our weekly newsletter. This publication is designed to give you a brief overview of the activities of the past week as well as a sneak-peek into the week to come. I hope the Weekly will help bring us closer and make you feel much more a part of the school life.

We are all very excited to be back after our Winter Holidays. Looking at MIS second semester, we have many challenges to accomplish but at the same time, fun activities that will bring life to the School. Staff and I will have to keep working very hard with the WASC accreditation. A group of expert educators will visit the school during the first week of May. We also continue to work very hard in following the International Cambridge Curriculum and Programmes.

On the other hand, the International Day is coming soon, an art exhibition, sports tournaments and many other activities where the students will show their talents and abilities. MIS stands for believing in "A Child Centered Education". As I always say to everyone, students come first and we are here because of them.

Finally, do not hesitate to contact me if needed or just come by my office to say hello. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,
Anna Prieto

Upcoming events:

January 23	U16 SEA Football Tournament, Bangkok, Thailand
February 1-5	Secondary Week Without Walls trips
February 8	Chinese New Year (no school)
February 12	Union Day (no school)
February 20	MIS International Day
February 29	Year 11-13 Final exams
-March 11	Quarter 3 tests (March 7-11)

YEAR 2B ZOO EXCURSION

Children never get tired of a Zoo! There is always something new to learn! We all have seen a giraffe, an elephant and a tiger. But as 2B class has found out during our recent trip on January 13, Star Tortoise and Hoolock Gibbon are critically endangered! Star Tortoise can be found near Mandalay and Gibbons live in the jungles of Rakhine, Kachin and Shan states.



Sun Bear can be found in Tanintharyi division. Otters are not seals and they live in Bago, Taungoo and Kachin state. And the awesome Burmese Python even found its way to the US! In fact it found Florida Everglades to be a very favourable environment, similar to tropical climate of Myanmar.

It is fun to read a book about animals but somehow we remember more what we see and experience firsthand. One of the follow-up activities helped the students apply their technology skills -they opened their ipads and marked where in Myanmar these rare species can be found. I feel it is very important for the children to learn about fauna of their own country, and this trip made us appreciate the rich biodiversity of Myanmar.



- by Elena Meteleva, 2B homeroom teacher



SECONDARY WEEK WITHOUT WALLS

The Week Without Walls preparation is well underway with all itineraries finalised and flights and hotels booked. There are four trips within Myanmar - Mandalay, Bagan, Hsipaw, Kalaw/Inlay and two international trips - Sri Lanka and Bali. Please contact your trip leader if you haven't received a confirmed itinerary.

Included with that will be some important paperwork, showing that your child has permission to travel with us and also denoting your instructions regarding any special issues your child may have (such as allergies or dietary restrictions). It is very important that you complete the forms and return them to us. The wellbeing of our students is always our highest priority and we want to be certain we can care for them in the best manner possible.

The students who are staying in Yangon will need to come to school daily and we will have a structured study hall programme for them which will include English, Mathematics, Art/Music, PE, IT research and exams preparation. Please contact us if you need any additional information about the programme.

Science Lessons are Colourful Lessons

Transpiration is the removal of water from the surface of a plant through evaporation, and when this occurs a stream of water is pulled up through the length of the stem. When dye is added to water feeding the base of the stem the coloured



water travels up xylem vessels to reach the top and changing the colour of the petals. This week Year Ten Science groups used this principle to transform white flowers into a variety of colours.

- by Stuart Lloyd, HS Biology

International U16 Football Tournament

The MIS Boys U-16 football team has been invited to play in a U-16 tournament in Bangkok. MIS hosted this tournament last year and it proved to be a great success. This year, the tournament will be held on Saturday, January 23rd at Concordia International School in Bangkok. Our team will consist of ten players and will be accompanied by coaches Mr. Alessandro Retondini and Mr. Emmett Grogan. This is a great opportunity for our students to not only show their prowess but to also make new friends and connections with other international schools in the region. Go Griffins!

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Primary
Checkpoint

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A Level