



AIUISPEAK

A Newsletter of AIU International School

TERM 1
New Academic Year 2020-2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK!

Firstly, on behalf of AIU International School management, I would like to express my thanks to all the teachers, support staff and administrative staff within our schools for the incredible work you are doing in very difficult circumstances. We are all dealing with a rapidly changing and uncertain situation as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

Our heartfelt thanks to all parents/guardians for your continuous support in this challenging time.

On behalf of the school and its administration staff, we would like to bid a very warm welcome to the newcomers who are joining us for the first time, especially those in Year 1 AIUIS and welcome back for our existing students.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR AHEAD.

We have planned a very exciting school academic year ahead to ensure that you have a fun and meaningful learning experience. We look forward to build on the great academic year that we had in previous academic year.



SCHOOL BOOKS



- Please ensure your child have their textbooks and workbooks ready for the new academic year 2020-2021.

SCHOOL HOURS



- **Monday - Thursday : 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m ~~ Friday: 7:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- Students must arrive at the school by 7:45 am. We look forward to your continued support and positivity in our journey towards a healthy and safe learning environment. Do feel free to contact us if you have further queries.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH



- Breakfast and lunch will be provided for students who opted for school meals.
- The school management does not object parents to provide home cooked or purchased food for your child(ren).
- However, the food must be delivered on a personal capacity and not by outsiders.
- Lunch boxes can be dropped off at the guard house or at the canteen between 9:00 am to 12:45 pm.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES



- All students and staff need to necessarily wear mask and practice social distancing while in the school compound.
- Parents who visit school to pick up or drop off their child(ren), will have temperature checked at the security gate.
- Students will have temperature checked at the school lobby and any student with a temperature of 37.5 degree celsius and above will be isolated to allow few minutes to cool off period and if the temperature remain at 37.5 or above, the student will be sent back home.
- Students with symptoms of cough, flu or fever must be kept at home and resume school after recovery.
- Students need to bring their own sanitizer, learning materials and stationeries. Sharing of materials will not be permitted. Thus, parents should prepare a complete stationery set for their child(ren) and LABEL it (STRICTLY NO SHARING).

AIU International School Academic Year 2020-2021 Calendar

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- SEPTEMBER (TERM 1)**
 16th September : Malaysia Day Public Holiday
 17th September : Patriotic Day
 28th September : Beginning of School Academic Year 2020-2021
 28th September - 2th October : Online Class (Year 2 until Year 6 only)
- OCTOBER**
 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th & 14th October : CIPP Exam
 28th October : Maulidur Rasul Celebration
 29th October : Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) Birthday
- NOVEMBER**
 9th-12th November : Language Week
 14th November : Deepavali
- DECEMBER**
 16th - 18th December : Term 1 Assessment
 21st December : Learning Journey
 22nd - 23rd December : Activity Week
 24th December : Parents Teachers Conference / End of Term 1
 25th December : Christmas Day
- JANUARY (TERM 2)**
 1st January : New Year Public Holiday
 4nd - 8th January : Term 1 Break
 11th January : Beginning of Term 2
 25th - 29th January : STEM Week
- February**
 11th & 15th February : Mid-Term 2 Break Holiday
 12th & 13th February : Chinese New Year Public Holiday
 19th February : Walkathon & Cross Country
 27th February : Annual Sports & Carnival Day
- MARCH**
 1st March : Sports Day Special Holiday
 11th March : Israk and Mikraj
 29th - 31st March : Term 2 Assessment

- APRIL (TERM 3)**
 2nd April : Parent Teacher Conference / End of Term 2
 5th-12th April : Term 2 Break
 13th April : Awal Ramadhan
 14th April : Beginning of Term 3
 19th April : Ramadhan Activity Start
 30th April : Iftar Gathering
- MAY**
 1st May : Labour Day
 3rd-7th May : Charity Week
 10th, 11th, 12th & 17th May : Hari Raya Aidilfitri Special Holiday
 13th & 14th May : Hari Raya Aidilfitri Public Holiday
 26th May : Wesak Day
- JUNE**
 7th June : Agong's Birthday
 20th June : Sultan Kedah's Birthday
 21st June : Sultan Kedah's Birthday Holiday in lieu
- JULY**
 16th July : Hajj Programme
 19th July : Hari Raya Special Holiday
 20th & 21st July : Hari Raya Haji
 26th - 29th July : Final Examination
 30th July : Students Special Holiday
- AUGUST**
 2nd August : Learning Journey
 3rd - 5th August : Activity Week
 6th August : Parents Teachers Conference / End of Academic Year
 10th August : Awal Muharram
 7th 31st August : School Holiday
 31st August : Merdeka Day Public Holiday

Class/Homeroom Teacher for Academic Year 2020-2021

YEAR 1	Mdm. Nurul Izati Mohd Fahmi	YEAR 5	Mdm. Shalini Kathamuthu
YEAR 2	Mdm. Erny Nadiyah Mahdan	YEAR 6	Mr. Mohd Zahir Zabidi
YEAR 3	Ms. Nurul Fadhilah Syahirah Ismail	CIPP Examination	Mdm. Umaira Azmi
YEAR 4	Mdm. Syahrina Husna Lubis		

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Water dispenser will not be available for safety measures.
- Year 1 parents are encouraged to provide extra clothes for their child(ren) in case of any emergency.
- For administration matters, parents and visitors are welcome to visit the admin office from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and are required to wear mandatory face mask and hand sanitizer prior to enter the school building.
- Due to social distancing procedures, the school will not be able to conduct "zuhr prayer" for the muslim students during school time, hence they need to perform their "Zuhr prayer" at home.
- School co-curricular activities will return to normal by abiding to the SOP from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

IMPORTANT

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT

School fees are mandatory to sustain our school operation, parents have been invoiced accordingly and invoices are due and payable within 14 days from the invoice date. We seek parents kind understanding and support to pay school fees on time to avoid unnecessary action to be taken by the school management.

School F E E S

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY PROGRAMME (CIPP) EXAM

Primary six (6) students Academic Year 2019/2020 will be sitting for their CIPP exam from Monday - 12th October 2020 to Friday - 16th October 2020. The school management, teachers and staff would like to wish all of them best of luck in the upcoming CIPP exam.



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COLLECTION OF TEXTBOOKS FOR AY 2020/2021

- We would like to remind parents/guardians that based on the school policy and procedures, textbook for AY 2020/2021 can be purchased only after all outstanding payment for AY 2019/2020 has been settled.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 1 AY 2020/2021

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
INNOVATION & CREATIVITY	CLUBS (Students Choice)	SPORTS & GAMES (Students Choice)
Year 1 to 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Skills • Drama & Public Speaking • IT (coding and video editing) • Smart Club • Tahfiz/Quran • Story telling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karate • Football • Frisbees • Badminton • Indoor Games

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

AIUIS spends its first day, Monday, for its special FDOS (First Day of School) programme. It is a specially designed programme to ensure that we have the right start to the school year. FDOS will focus on:

- **Target-setting** : Students will receive a dose of motivation that culminates in an individual goal-setting exercise.

- **Bonding and teamwork** : We will build team and school spirit through fun activities. Students will build rapport with their peers and teachers.
- **Organisation and discipline** : Classroom and school-wide procedures are instilled. School rules are also explained to make students understand their rationale and importance.



LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Greetings and a very warm welcome from the Language Department,

Let's flash back to a few months ago, or to March 2020 to be precise. Schools have been forced to adopt online learning by the Novel Coronavirus. Clearly, the language department is no exception. Our most critical change last academic term, was teaching a complete catalogue of classes remotely, in which there was a rapid shift from in-person to online learning.

The response of the language department to this huge, short-order shift has been impressively careful, ethical, and effective. It really was a "all hands on deck" scenario.

We have been working in countless ways to support the students academically during this crisis, with online learning. We are also working on creating a detailed plan for the upcoming academic year to provide additional supports by applying new techniques, creating novice ideas and providing limitless activities when the school resumes.

Let's all hope for a BETTER TOMORROW!



STEM DEPARTMENT

Greetings from the S.T.E.M department,

Throughout the ups and downs of the previous academic year, we from the S.T.E.M department have analyzed our strengths and weaknesses. We are now more motivated and committed in improving student's academic performance.

In this upcoming year, we will include more fun and interactive activities in our lessons. We will have integrated learning with ICT and involve instructional technologies such as

online simulation and virtual applications.

Additionally, students who need extra support will be subjected to individualized intervention activities including remedial classes. We will also collaborate with the Language department to improve students' S.T.E.M literacy.

With these approaches, we hope that students can improve tremendously as well as enjoy the lesson better.



SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

We have ended our academic year 2019/2020 with a tremendous experience where we were exposed to a new method of teaching and learning. The pandemic season has driven us to have the most challenging academic year. However, we came up with a solution that benefits every student, which is having the classes virtually and of course successfully.

Now, we have reached a new academic year 2020/2021. We do have a plan that designed to bring out our students potential to the best. We will ensure the objectives are achieved and students will benefit from what they will learn later in the

class and bring it into practical and make it useful for daily life. We will shape our students to be virtuous and be responsible towards the Creator. We will also work hand in hand with all school community to instill the values in our school. We hope this year will be a wonderful year for the students to fill up with joys and memorable experience.



PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES FLASH BACK



Students' Football Competition
Score : Star City 4 - Dragon FC 1

STEM Department had the opportunities to do hands-on activities that apply the knowledge and skills from the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.



AIUIS Cross Country



AIUIS Walkathon



Netball Competition
1st Place: AIUIS Parents
2nd Place: AIU Students Team A
3rd Place: AIU Students Team B



5th Annual Sports & Carnival Day 2020

VACCINATION



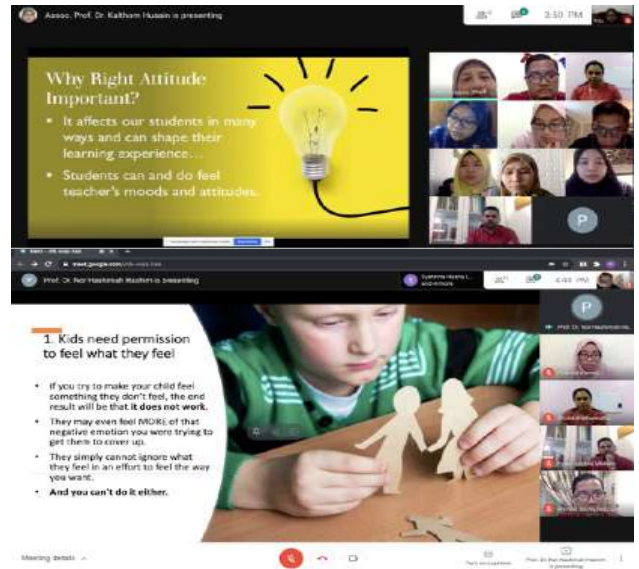
It is always better to prevent a disease than to treat it after it occurs. Immunity is the body's way of preventing disease. When your baby is born, his/her immune system is not fully developed, which can put him/her at greater risk for infections. Vaccines reduce your child's risk of infection by working with his/her body's natural defenses to help safely develop immunity to disease.

Wednesday, 24th June 2020, marked our AIUIS students visit Klinik Kesihatan Alor Setar to take the vaccination during MCO. The vaccinations included Difteria Tetanus and Measles Rubella. Parents please do check and follow up on the pediatrician report given to your child. The health check up is done once a year.

TEACHERS' TRAINING

Effective teacher learning and professional development is important for student achievement. Teacher learning is a continuous process that promote teachers' teaching skills, master new knowledge, develop new proficiency, which in turn, help improve students' learning.

The teachers' training conducted by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kalthom Husain with the topic of discussion "Framework of Mind" and followed by "Understanding Emotional Need of the Child" which was elaborated by Prof. Dr. Hashimah. This training was part of the teachers development program for the Academic Year 2020.



ONLINE AWARD CEREMONY

Recognizing students for other qualities like effort, improvement, and cooperation as well, can increase self-confidence, offer a sense of accomplishment, and generate respect in a peer group. Having such a sense of accomplishment spurs improvement.

On Friday, 28th August 2020, the school has organised an award ceremony to appreciate students participation in online lessons as well as to celebrate students' achievement during the Movement Control Order (MCO).

Excellent students have been chosen in the following categories:

1. Best online class attendance.
2. Most active participant.
3. Best video.
4. Outstanding students' performance.

The awards ceremony lasted for 45 minutes and about 50 parents and students have joined us during the ceremony. Hopefully, this award

ceremony inspires students to be more committed towards their studies.

