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2019**

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Carnival**



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Happy New Year 2019! We would like to thank the parents, students and Kingston staff who made all of the activities during the first half of the year successful.

Semester 2 has started and been filled with exciting events such as Sports Carnival, Language Week, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Celebration among others. One of the most anticipated activities in this semester is our annual Open Day on 23rd March 2019. The students are gearing up for the Open Day. There is another awesome Learning Journey not only from Primary, but from Preschool and Secondary as well. It is the time for the students to showcase all of their hard work that they have been putting in over the past few months.

For some students this semester signals external examinations such as UN and Cambridge International Exams. The mocks and other internal examinations are an essential part of their preparation for their actual examinations and should be taken with a similar degree of effort and seriousness. Everyone at Kingston School would like to wish all students taking exams the very best of luck and we are confident that all of them can make it.

THERE ARE NO SECRETS TO SUCCESS.
IT IS THE RESULT OF PREPARATION,
HARD WORK LEARNING FROM FAILURE.”
~ COLIN POWELL ~

Warm Regards,
Ms Jenny Jingga (JJ)
Head of Pre-school & Kindergarten Division



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>Welcome to Kingston School





Kingston's 1st Sports Carnival by Orlando

25th January 2019 – Kingston School held its first Sports Carnival here at Graha Metropolitan Complex.

The Ceremony of Kingston School's Sports Carnival 2019 started with the lighting of the torch that symbolised harmony and goodwill, which was led by Mr Neoh, the School Principal. Students dressed in sports uniform demonstrated yells possessing a commitment to winning with luck and effort.

In this event, students competed in various activities. Preschool and Kindergarten had a Zumba exercise – a special kind of exercise originated from Colombia. Years 1 and 2 took part in Dodgeball Competition where both teams dodged each other while tagging them with a ball. Years 3 and 4 were in a Relay Run where runners passed sticks to their teammates after every station. Years 5 and 6 were in an Obstacle Run where runners eluded used car tires by leaping over them while sprinting.

The secondary students participated in Marathon Relay Run wherein each station runners needed to retrieve ropes and pipes to be used in creating a stretcher for the injured at the last station.

This event lasted for a short amount of time but it was a lively and inspiring experience. Here is the list of winners in the events.

Dodgeball Competition:

- P1NM (P1 Category)
- P2NY (P2 Category)

Relay Run:

- P3IL (P3 Category)
- P4MA (P4 Category)

Obstacle Run:

- P5RS (P5 Category)
- P6JK (P6 Category)

Marathon Relay Run:

- Y7CM (Y7-Y9 Category)
- Y12RC (Y10-Y12 Category)



What's going on in Nursery class???

Baby shark doo ..doo ..doo.. Nursery students are completing the shark's teeth.



The jellyfish have missing tentacles , so Nursery students help them find and stick the tentacles! There are so many tentacles of jellyfish.



Cow's body has black spots. They are so excited to stick the black spots.



The nursery students are sticking cotton as the wool of the sheep.



Pre-Nursery, Hula Hoops and Balls!!

Pre-Nursery pupils enjoy their PE time with hula hoops and balls. They crawl through the hula hoops and bounce balls. These activities help develop their gross motor skills.

Kindergarten 1

BUBBLES!!!



Yay, bubbles everywhere!
We like blowing, chasing
and catching bubbles.



The *little scientists* from Kindergarten 2

Science is always fun to learn. The pupils can explore a lot of new experiments. They are always amazed to discover the “magic” that happens around them.



K2 pupils have learnt about Air Content. They made their own inflated balloons as a part of their weekly science experiments. They added a spoon of baking soda into a tube of vinegar to produce Carbon Dioxide (CO₂).

They also have learnt about growth, one of characteristics of living things. They planted seeds to see the progress of the plants.



2 - in- 1 Celebration

by Orlando

The Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival is a tradition in China where people celebrate by spending five days with their family, without cleaning or throwing garbage. They are also giving out red pockets, eating dumplings and desserts, sending out greetings such as 'Xin Nian Kuai Le' and 'Gong Xi Fa Cai', praying to the Gods to fight off monsters, and setting up the fireworks display for the Lantern Festival. It is the longest holiday that lasts for 15 days.

In Kingston School, the Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day Celebration were held last 14th February 2019.

The celebration started with a chocolate exchange that symbolises love and kindness. Students dressed in either Traditional Chinese clothing or anything that comes in a red colour.

At the same time, primary students celebrated Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day with some activities such as making love cards to be stuck on a Giant Heart. There was also a lion dance (**Barongsai**) with **Chai Sen** (known as Chinese god of prosperity worshipped in the Chinese folk religion and Taoism).

The Pre-school and Kindergarten students had fun with chocolate exchange activities. They also sang Mandarin songs. Can you imagine how cute they were?



Kingston Wins at World Scholar's Cup



The World Scholar's Cup is an international team academic programme with students participating from 82 countries. It is an annual competition with different events such as debate, collaborative writing, and quiz bowl. This year, three of Kingston's secondary students accepted the challenge and joined the Medan round last 28th February and 1st March at Chandra Kumala School. Bernice Laitly, Tyvla Abidin and Vivian Aurelia Yap triumphed by ranking second in the senior division and by taking home silver and gold medals both for team and individual categories.

For Bernice, getting the alpaca stuffed toy was her main goal when she joined. However, she realised that owning that doll was not that easy. The training was very overwhelming since there were many topics to review. In addition, they met so many prodigies during the competition that they felt intimidated. Vivian, on the other hand, thought the experience sounded scary and nerve wracking in the beginning. However, as she competed on those days, she met new friends and just enjoyed the ride. Her most unforgettable moment was when she and her teammates debated for the first time. She remembered feeling so nervous that she felt like puking. Tyvla agreed but said it felt exciting as well. For her, the World Scholar's Cup offered them a new perspective on how contests can be a good opportunity to hone their skills even while having fun with her newfound friends.

The winners not only brought pride to Kingston, but also set a record since it is the school's first time to join such prestigious competition. At this time, they are still deciding which global round to choose since they qualify to the next round.





Kingston
Idol



HIGH GOT TALENT



Bahasa Assembly - reading poetry competition

On 28th February 2019, the secondary division had their Bahasa poetry competition where students not only read the text, but also expressed it. Some of the judging criteria are articulation/pronunciation, intonation/emphasis, gesture, creativity and cognition.

Each class was given 5 minutes to perform where some of them combined acts and a song to show the emotion. At the end, Year 10 NJ won the first place, Y7 CM as second and Y10 EG as third. It turned out that everyone performed at their best on stage with "Kepada Kawan" poem by Chairil Anwar.

Chairil Anwar (1922-1949) was an Indonesian poet and writer. His poems were often constructed irregularly, even he used everyday language in his poetry. His works dealt with various themes, including death, individualism and existentialism and were often multi-interpretable. One of his famous poems was titled "Aku".



Language Week 2019

In Pre-School and Kindergarten Division, they celebrated Language Week by doing some fun activities in Bahasa and English. They had story telling, puppet shows, reading and writing activities. Students enjoyed wearing the costume of their favourite characters such as Captain America, Elsa Frozen, Snow White and many more.



Students enjoy English Day Celebration

by Charlene Lee

On Friday, 8th March, Kingston School celebrated English Day with the theme, "Expand your world through English". The event was organised by the English teachers and was hosted by Ms Gezela. They prepared few activities for the day which included a fashion show for the primary students who wore costumes of their favorite book characters.



After the fashion show, primary students went downstairs for their activities like Amazing Race and Caption it! while the secondary students stayed in the hall. They played a series of ESL games like Paint Me A Picture, forming a shape, and answering ESL trivia questions.

After snacks, both primary and secondary students went up to the hall to continue the next activity-- Spelling Bee! Each grade level had 5 representatives for the competition and competed against another level through written spelling.

After the Spelling Bee competition, Y7 to Y9 students had another competition called Ad Attack. There were 2 groups from each class who had to present their advertisements on stage. There were several awards such as Best Poster, Best TV Commercial and Best Advocacy. The overall champion was won by Y9 AZ's "Obesity" which aims to encourage students to live a healthy lifestyle.

After all the awards were given, everyone went back to their respective classes feeling tired but satisfied with the events of the day.

Here is the list of winners :

Best in Costumes, Literary Character Parade

- P1- Bennet Liao (1VE)
Cynthia Slamet (1VE)
- P2- Kayden (2NY)
Kimberlyn (2NY)
- P3- Hugh (3DF)
Stephanie Aurelia (2NY)
- P4- Richard (4RE)
Devina (4RE)
- P5- Shayne A. J. (5ZJ)
Scarlett C. T. (5ZJ)
- P6- Steven Yansen (6MT)
Sophie C. T. (5JK)

Spelling Bee Champions

- Category A (P1-P2):
Falerie Japordana (2RH)
- Category B (P3-P4):
Valensya (3DF)
- Category C (P5-P6):
Millie E. Wirawan (6MT)
- Category D (Y7-Y9):
Felice A. Thomas (7CM)

Ad Attack Competition

- (Advocacy Campaign)
- 1st Place:
Obesity (9AZ)
- 2nd Place:
Inner Beauty (9AZ)
- Best Poster:
Inner Beauty (9AZ)
- Best TV Commercial:
Academic Pressure (7CM)



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Natural Beauty

"BEAUTY IS BEING COMFORTABLE IN YOUR OWN SKIN"



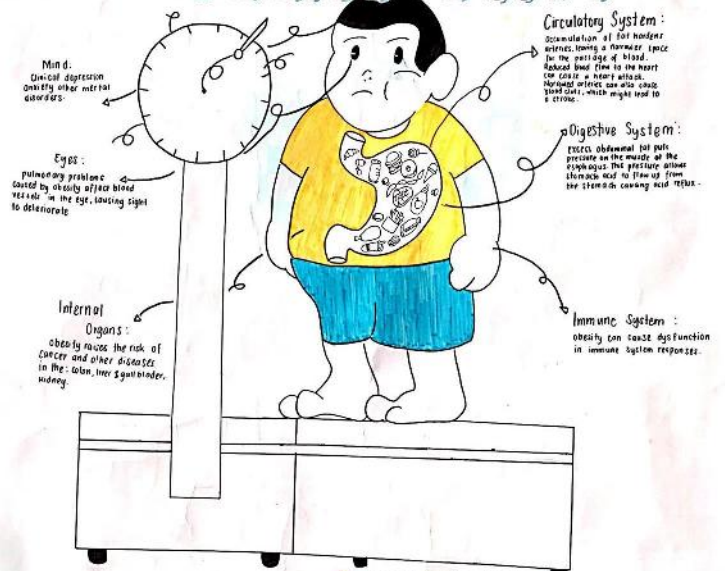
Natural Beauty helps you judge right from wrong.

AD Attack Posters

EXPAND YOUR WORLD THROUGH ENGLISH



DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S SAD? BEING FAT!



Obesity is generally caused by **EATING** too much and **MOVING** too little. If you consume high amounts of energy, particularly fat and sugars, but don't burn off the energy through exercise and physical activity, much of the surplus energy will be restored by the body as fats.

CAUSES

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| <p>DIETARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Eating more amount of processed food in diet instead of home cooked food. → Drinking sugary / sweet soft drinks frequently & in large quantity. → Lack of foods rich in fibre in regular diet. → Excessive use of vegetable oil in regular cooking having high Omega-6 fatty acids level. | <p>NON-DIETARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Lack of sleep or oversleeping. → Insufficient water intake over prolonged time. → Lack of exercise with sedentary lifestyle. → Wrong eating habits like eating too rapidly, eating without proper chewing. |
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SOLUTION!

- * Eat more FRUITS, VEGETABLE, NUTS and WHOLE GRAIN
- * EXERCISE / WORKOUT every day.
- * CUT down consumption of energy and fatty food.
- * Follow a HEALTHY EATING plan.
- * Drink more WATER (at least 8 cups / day).

Poster by Ads Attack's winner

TERRIFIC TRASH.

get rich from... TRASH

Myths and Legends

What is the difference between a myth and a legend?

Myths

The word 'myth' comes from the Greek word 'mythos', which means story, fable or word. Myths usually contain imaginary characters, gods and supernatural beings, and deal with themes such as creation, death, afterlife and the universe. Myths offer explanations to important and complex questions.

Legends

The word 'legend' comes from the Latin 'legere' – to read. A legend differs from a myth in that the stories feature real people, locations and events. However, the stories have become exaggerated or had sections added to them, so it is difficult to tell which parts of the story are fact and which are fiction.



*I am Athena, goddess of wisdom and the one who sprouted out of the head of Zeus in full body armor.
I never married anyone but I raised Erichonius.
I turned the weaver Arachne into a spider after the mortal woman insulted me and the Olympian Gods.*



*I am Anubis, the God of Death.
I am the oldest god from Egypt.
I have strong Army.
I can destroy anything easily.*



Can you name all of the Greek mythology's gods and goddesses here??

Team Building

by: Sebastian Adam Ongdy



“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” - Henry Ford

Year 11 went on a field trip to Taman Edukasi Medan near Johor on 22nd February 2019. This field trip was held in relation to our Bahasa topic about making proposal of an event. We started with dances and ice-breaker games. Then we were divided into three teams which were Ding Dong, Kita Pasti Menang and Nama Groupmu. We were also given a task to create and perform a jingle for our team within a 15-minute preparation.

Coordinated by professional trainers from Bumi outdoor, we did many activities which included teamwork and cooperation as vital components for our team’s success. Some of the activities were Archery, the Ring, Rolling

Ball, Carry the bottle and Powder Trap.

In archery, instructed by our trainer, we were taught about concentrating and focussing, while we also needed to balance our body and put our strength together before shooting the arrow.

In playing rolling ball and carrying the bottle, all members of the team really had to cooperate and had synchronised movements to achieve the goals. The task looked easy, but we really needed teamwork to finish the games. In the Ring Game, we had to think hard about a strategy to make sure everyone can complete the ring in time. My team even had to carry me to reach the tallest stick. We have learnt about trusting each other in playing Powder Trap. In this game we have realised that if our teammate takes a wrong step, a bunch of powder will fall on us.

We were bathed with sunlight and was bitten by mosquitoes throughout the day, but we all had fun. Next, our homework is making proposal for Kingston School events. Another team building activity maybe?



“The hot weather didn’t stop everyone from having a great time during the activities. This trip really built our cooperation, concentration and creativity as a team. This kind of field trip should be often held”, Monica (Ding Dong Team)

“Playing archery taught us new skill and a new type of sport to try on. Overall this field trip was fun and really helped the class to bond. I really appreciate what the teachers and the trainer had done for us.”, Fettysia (KPM—Kita Pasti Menang Team)

“I bonded a lot with my friends, know them better although I am a new student. They were able to accept me through this field trip”, Melyssa (Nama Groupmu Team)



World Economic Forum predicted net loss of more than 5 million job across 15 developed nations by 2020 due to robots.

International Labor Organisation stated that 137 million workers across Cambodia, Indonesia, Phillipines, Thailand and Vietnam are at risk of displacement by robots.

These disruptions will have a severe impact on the workforce.

General Paper Output by: Florencia Monica Hansen

PROS and CONs of

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

FEARS an AI DEVELOPER HAS ABOUT AI

Impacts of system failure includes disasters such as sinking ships, spreading radioactive contamination and blowing up shuttles.

Causes :

→Designers may have known well how each element worked individually, but not how they all worked together.

→AI developers tend to engineer AI without understanding intelligence or cognition first.

e.g : The HAL 9000 computer dreamed up by science fiction author Arthur C. Clarke and brought to life by movie director Stanley Kubrick in 2001 : *A Space Odyssey* , is a good example of system failure due to unintended consequences.



AI DRAFTING TOOLS



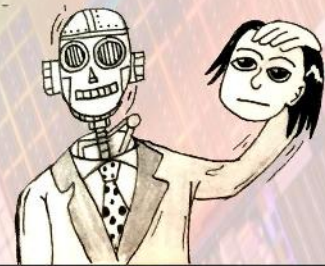
By using AI drafting tools, lawyers are able to decrease errors and streamline repetitive tasks.

e.g. : state and county document in California turned into intelligent forms, which can be signed, populated, edited and filed easily.

Deloitte's study stated that more than 100.000 legal jobs-will-be replaced in the next 20 years.

According to two-thirds of Americans, robots will inevitably perform most of the work currently done by human during the next 50 years/
e.g. : Hadrian X- a robot developed by Fastbrick Robotics is able to lay one thousand bricks per hours, which will take 2 human brick layers part of a day or longer to complete.

ROBOTS TAKE JOBS



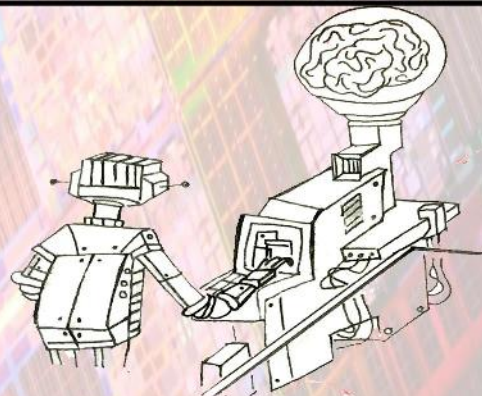
WEAK AI : The most advanced AI platforms today are still examples of weak AI

STRONG AI : Equipped with consciousness similar to human beings.

AI still requires regular check-up to avoid malfunctional situations, such as the exhibition of racist behavior due to the input of racially prejudiced datas.

No evidence to prove that weak AI could spontaneously transform to strong AI, even if AI platforms become more complicated and bigger.

LEVEL OF MATURITY OF AI



The Most Lavish and Instagrammable Café

Y7 English Output, Medan Food Blog by Krystal Lee

The Harvest is a casual dining type of café located in Jln. Dr Cipto No. 8, Anggrung, Medan Polonia, Medan city, North Sumatra 20152. This café is a place for family, friends, tourists, travellers, and kids. This café is suitable to everyone for having a good time. Harvest opens every day from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.



Harvest is decorated with vintage pictures, a ballerina statue, and a stylish chandelier all around it which creates a cozy atmosphere to chit chat and enjoy its good food, beverages, and desserts. You can try their best-selling food which is the Aglio Olio Spaghetti served with mushroom, olive, and parmesan cheese. They also have Pasta, Chicken and Mushroom Calzone Pizza. And their favourite menu of all is their flavourful macarons with over twelve flavours. And don't miss their coffee too! They serve Americano, Espresso, Cappuccino, and so many more. There are also non-caffeine drinks like green tea. Harvest also gives a soothing atmosphere which relaxes you and makes you want to stay longer.

Harvest is a good place to visit because it brings you the American lifestyle. They also comfort you with the biggest and softest sofa which you won't find in other cafés in Medan. You can find many beautiful and gorgeous spots for instagrammers to take pictures and post them. This café is quite pricey but it's really worth the try. Harvest also has chocolate gifts that are wrapped in gold-coloured detailed box and real-life stuffed toys for your loved ones! So what are you waiting for? Try the most lavish and instagramable café in Medan now!





Introducing Kingston's new
extra-curricular activity...

KARATE

Karate is an Asian system of unarmed combat using the hands and feet to deliver and block blows, widely practised as a sport. It was formalised in Okinawa in the 17th century and popularised via Japan after about 1920. Karate is performed barefoot in loose padded clothing, with a coloured belt indicating the level of skill (Google definition).

According to the World Martial Arts Center, the standard belt colour system is white, yellow, gold, orange, green, blue, purple, brown, red and black. Due to the dying process, it was only practical to increasingly use darker colours.

This martial art involves training not only the physical being of the student but also the mind. In fact, when you are in a Karate Club there are certain rules that you need to follow.

Self-discipline is a must. You cannot just blow someone with your power kicks just because you learn Karate.



Karate learners from the secondary are just a few but serious ones. They're getting the right form and later on they need to perform Taikyoku Shodan.

In fact, you're not allowed to use the skill in school fights or other fights. The skill will be used to defend oneself in times of danger. Want to know when to use your skill!? Join Karate!

In most cases, a karate student learns to respect and care for others because these are just a few of the disciplines they learn in this martial arts.

Take a look at our Karate Club here in school !!



These are our karate students at the primary level. Kata 1 on the go!

