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**Dedication Service
30 AUGUST 2024**

A new academic year began on Monday, August 26, 2024, and that very first Friday assembly of the brand new school year was spent in dedication to God, asking for His guidance and blessings throughout the year. May teachers, staff and students alike all work hard in doing their parts to fulfill their responsibilities to God, the Almighty.



**SELAMAT HARI
MERDEKA**

31 AUGUST 2024



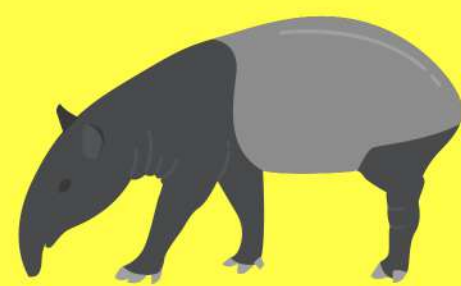
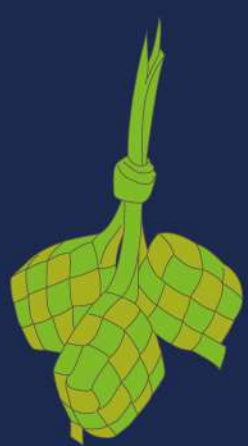
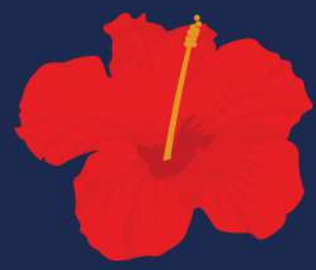
**Independence Day and
Malaysia Day Celebration
13 September 2024**



Assembly on Friday, 13 September 2024, was a special one to jointly celebrate Independence Day and Malaysia Day. Among the presentations were a pantun recital and video from the junior school, and songs, dances and a traditional outfit fashion show from the senior school.

Independence and Malaysia Day Celebrations

13 September 2024





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Chapel Enablers' Retreat
13 - 14 September 2024



A retreat was organized for Chapel Enablers over a weekend in mid-September. The purpose of the retreat was to help students understand the importance of conducting praise and worship sessions as a team, and to show them the correct way of doing this. It was also organized to guide students in their spiritual growth, encouraging them to apply worship in their daily lives. 21 students attended the retreat held on school grounds under the chaperon of Mr Samuel Zane, Mr Joshua Tan and Ms Nishabel Anbalakan. Among the activities organized were a presentation session by guest speaker Mr Lim Shimron, team-building tasks, instrumental workshops, a band coordination workshop and of course, worship and prayer sessions.



West Malaysia Girls Brigade Drill Camp

14 – 16 September 2024



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Joint Reflection by Teachers

Ms Amber Marissa Anthony and Ms Joanna Sandra Dass

Being fairly new to Girls Brigade ourselves, something we accompanying teachers had in common with our students was that this was our first time attending a drill camp of this scale. Despite the initial nervousness on both sides, we would say that the experience was a net positive overall.

The growth that we witnessed in our students, both juniors and seniors, within the span of three days, was truly something to be proud of. In terms of discipline, we observed them gradually grow to be more punctual, organised and neat, as they adhered to the rules of the camp. Beyond that, we watched them adapt and rise to the occasion as they were continually thrust into new environments, applying themselves diligently to learning new skills, all while opening up and making new friends from across the country, along the way.

As teachers, we got the chance to see up close the discipline, practice, and hard work required to master drills, as was required of our students. We even got the opportunity to participate in a few drills ourselves. This gave us a better understanding of our students' experiences and taught us how to better assist and support them in various environments. Working alongside other officers, trainers and teachers to help the camp run smoothly also allowed us to build connections with people from all walks of life, and learn from those with more experience.

After completing this drill camp with our students, we're reminded of the incredible growth that can happen when we push ourselves and our students beyond their comfort zones. The collective benefit is clear: students gained discipline, teamwork, and resilience, while we teachers, deepened our relationships with them and saw their potential in new ways. It wasn't just about the drills or the exercises, but about building a community that values hard work and perseverance.

For future camps, we hope we continue to foster this spirit of mutual growth. We envision camps where we not only focus on physical or academic skills but also on personal development, leadership and empathy. These camps are more than just practice, they're opportunities to shape future leaders, and we look forward to seeing how they continue to inspire both our students and ourselves.

West Malaysia Girls Brigade Drill Camp

From the 14th to the 16th of September, Wesley's 2nd Ipoh Girls Brigade participated in the West Malaysia Girls Brigade Drill Camp 2024 that was held at H.E.L.P. University, Kuala Lumpur. We had girls of different age groups who joined the Junior Section and the Senior Section of the drill camp.

The girls who joined the Junior Section thoroughly enjoyed themselves, both in the new environment and the drills. They also forged new friendships with girls from Petaling Jaya.



The food they served was really nice! They had hot showers too!

I like that I got to spend the whole day with my friends (rolling on the grass /rolling down the hill). The teachers there were also really nice.

At the camp, I got to learn all sorts of different drills. I liked the Dismissal part most of all. It was really tiring but I got the hang of it!

I would go again because it was educational and fun.

- Hew Charis, 7 Grace

As for the Senior Section, their sessions were more in-depth on drill theory and focused on sharpening new as well as the skills they currently possessed.

I really had fun at the camp. Learning drill was especially fun with Ms.Michele. Even though it was tiring it was worth it.

The 5 flights of stairs would have been good to slide down with a skateboard.

I got to learn more about the technicalities - I never knew that there were so many icons for the different ranks - as well as the spirit that drill should be practised with.

Apart from that, I'm very happy that I got to see friends from other companies and make new ones too. (P.S. the food was tasty). Would go again.

- Leanne Trisha Bartholomew, 10 Grace

I love that I made many new friends even though I'm an introvert. They were all so kind and nice towards me and I didn't feel left out at all.

There is nothing much I dislike about this camp but I was very lazy to climb up 5 storeys just to go down again and the fan in the Cafeteria was broken so I was feeling very hot there.

I learnt more drills and managed to improve my old skills too. I also learnt more about teamwork as it is a priority for drills. I also learnt some drills theory I never knew before until that day.

I would be very happy to go again so I can meet my friends again and do drills with girls from all over Malaysia. It was a very fun experience and I don't mind doing it again.

- Anissa Teng, 10 Purity



The girls were also given the opportunity to display their skills in the Drill Showcase event that was held on the last day of camp. It was an overall enriching (and fun) experience for the girls. However, all of us gained a new enemy that weekend: the 5 flights of stairs.



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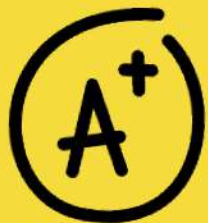
Honours Day
28 September 2024

Saturday, the 28th of September was a day set aside to honour the students for their excellent performances during the previous academic year of 2023/2024. Awards were given not only in acknowledgement of academic excellence, but also in recognition of other achievements such as being helpful, improving of self and showing positive transformation.



Honours Day

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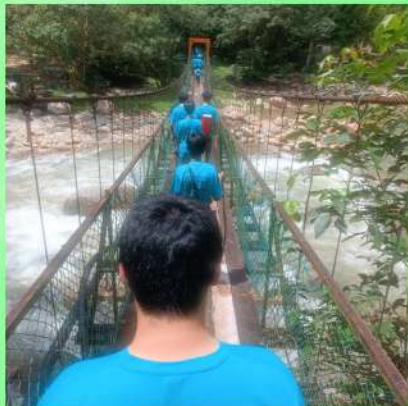


Boys Brigade Nature Awareness Camp

From the 11th to the 13th October 2024, forty-six members of the Boys Brigade participated in a Nature Awareness Camp. They were accompanied by seven officers – Mr Benjamin Yong, Mr Reuben Chan, Mr Jonathan Mosiun, Mr Alex Yong, Mr Choong WS, Mr Raymond Tan and Mr Russell Tan (WMSI alumnus). The camp site was the SUFES site in Tapah. (SUFES is the acronym for the joint organizations: Scripture Union & Fellowship of Evangelical Students.)

The purpose of the camp was to encourage BB members to appreciate and enjoy God’s creations in nature and the world at large. Structured activities were also carried out so that the boys could fulfil criteria for obtaining the Boys Brigade **Nature Awareness Award**, the **Expedition Award** and the **Camping Award**. Among some of the highlights of said activities were the setting up of tents to live in, a 4-hour jungle trek in the Kuala Woh Recreational Forest, and the cooking of two meals (breakfast and dinner).

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BB Nature Awareness Camp



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16th Annual
Sports Day
26 October 2024



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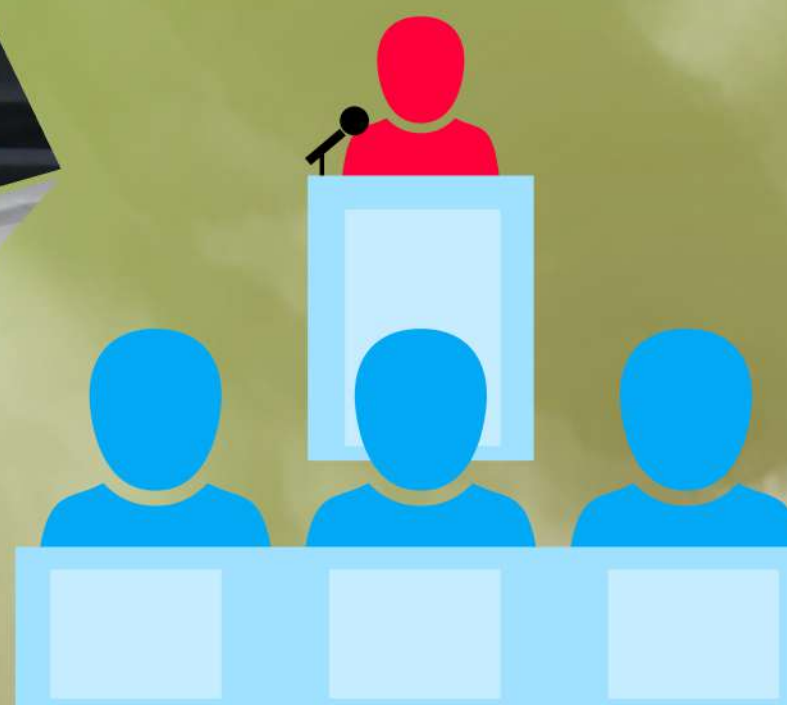
Inter-WMS Athletics Meet – 23 November 2024

On Saturday, the 23rd November 2024, Wesley Ipoh sent thirteen student athletes to take part in the Inter-WMS Athletics Meet (held in conjunction with WMS Penang International Sports Day) at the City Stadium in Penang. Both the boys and the girls teams won the Bronze medal in their respective 4x100 meter events.



Toastmasters Club – Public Speaking workshop

On Tuesday, 26 November 2024, students of Years 10 and 11 participated in a Public Speaking workshop given by representatives of the Toastmaster Club of Ipoh. Wesley students got the chance to use what they had learnt, presenting to their peers in the audience on a variety of topics.





Junior School's Care Project

Junior School students organized a bakesale this year for their usual Christmas season Care Project, and for two weeks in the second half of November, collected money from the sale of cakes, muffins and cookies (in addition to other goodies) with the purpose of sharing their proceeds with deserving folks in the Ipoh community.

On the 4th December 2024, the students had the privilege of hosting representatives from an old folks home – Pusat Jagaan Rumah Orang-Orang Tua Simee – to hand over their monetary collection, handmade cards, and supplies bought with part of the money.

Non-Fiction Writing

Report of a Visit from a Famous Person: Avery Averglade

byline: Cornelia Stones

aka Yip Wen Xuan (Year 8 Grace)



On May 12th, Wednesday, the world famous author, Avery Averglade, arrived at Wesley Methodist School.

Avery Mainfield Averglade, who is known worldwide as the legendary author of '*The Magic Well*' series, rose to the top of the charts as New York Times #1 Bestseller. Ever since then, she has been recognized globally, inspiring others through her own work.

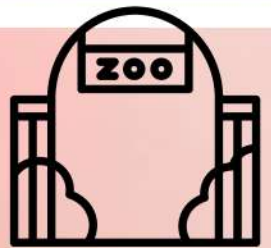
Recently, Avery had been travelling to different schools to discuss the importance of reading. Our school was on the list of her schools to visit. Sharing about the benefits of reading, Avery talked about how books aren't only a free time hobby, but also a vessel of knowledge for all of us to discover and use.

Much can be learnt from Avery's inspirational sharing. Students learnt that by reading, they can fill their vaults of knowledge with news topics and experiences. Not only that, reading can benefit too by giving us a wider range of vocabulary, ideas and techniques that can be used in story writing. As said by the author herself, "Writing gives practice, but reading sprouts ideas."



Do Mini Zoos have a Place in Theme Parks?

byline: Alessandra Wong (Year 10 Love)



Although mini zoos originate from the concept of regular zoos that are a very common attraction, they do not hold up to the same standards whatsoever. Some people argue that there is no longer a need for any type of zoo. A point often raised is that the educational factor of zoos is now not required with the increase of nature documentaries that are supposedly a better alternative to seeing animals in 'prison'. Arguments such as these are often brought up by those against the idea of animals being kept in confinement with no freedom and becoming depressed. They also disagree with the hypocrisy of zoos that encourage helping and saving animals only for these zoos to enslave the animals to perform for entertainment.

All of these claims, however, are not necessarily true. Zoos play a part in preventing the extinction of some endangered species. They provide optimal conditions for breeding to stabilize certain populations of animals. Dedicated zookeepers take care of all the animals in the zoo. They make sure animals are fed and safe at all times, tending to those with special requirements as well. The same cannot be said for mini zoos in theme parks, however.

Theme parks are loud and chaotic settings with the purpose of entertaining people for profit. A portion of this profit would go toward maintaining all of the rides and various attractions. This would mean not nearly enough money would go into caring for the animals being confined in a mini zoo within the theme park. Without a strong focus on the mini zoo, it would be impossible for the theme park to maintain a mini zoo ethically. Such a place does not even have the capacity to properly house any animals. This leads to animals being trapped in unnatural environments that can cause deterioration of their mental health. Mini zoos in theme parks do not offer the same benefits that a regular zoo would to the animals, thus making it harmful for the animals in a mini zoo.

Non-Fiction Writing

Advice for My Future Son/Daughter



Remember, don't pick up any bad habits!

No smoking, no drinking, no gambling and no drugs!

To live a long and perfect life, have self-respect. Reject when you feel it is wrong. Be confident!

Never clam up. Have discipline!

Remember, life is not easy.

Your life is as long as a highway; you never know what will happen in your future.

Tan Joe Wee (9 Grace)



Any chance or opportunity that comes your way, just take it. You will never know if it is going to be good or bad. If it is bad, you can learn from it, and next time, you make it better. Face it. Fix it. Do it better. You won't have to fear once you face the same situation again, and you will be more confident in what you are doing.

Ho Wen Wei (9 Grace)



Everyone's life is short. So grab the opportunities that come your way. Take the opportunity to study well in your academic years. Good grades don't matter, but effort is a must. Don't ever lose interest in studying every subject because they can all be interesting. I hope you can also take this chance to learn some life skills like cooking, knot tying and others. Having these skills could improve your life's quality and experience.

Chai Li Hui (9 Grace)



Fiction Writing

Lost

Story by: Hew Charis (7 Grace)

The mall was full of people. I looked desperately around in search of my mother as I ran. The cold air made me shiver. I had nearly bumped into strangers in my search for my parent as I went to every corner of the mall.

Going to the shop employees for help came to my mind although I didn't know what they could help me with. What could a stranger possibly do to help a little girl find her mother? I had no idea at that time because my head only told me to go find my parent, and so that's what I did.

After minutes of searching at every corner of the mall (at least, that's what I thought), I sat in a corner beside a toilet where no one went. I looked around for the last time, hoping that all of this was a dream and that my mother would come and get me, but she wasn't there. Suddenly, my sight started to become blurry and watery, then I released the nervousness and fear with a soft sob, until ...

A blurry figure began to walk towards me. I stood up and tried to run but it was too late. The figure caught me and rubbed the tears off my face as it picked me up. My vision was clear now, and I stopped sobbing.

"I just went away a few meters from you and you are already crying?" my mother asked while shaking her head and sighing.

"Let's go get ice cream ...", my mother sighed as she took me to the dessert shop nearby.