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Success Series Programme: Bryan Chin

The Success Series Programme was recently rolled out to invite professionals who have made a name for themselves to share with the students their journey to success. Bryan Chin, the founder of SneakerLAH was our first speaker.

No introduction was needed! I knew who he was because I am into sneakers myself. I had even attended the SneakerLAH events. So, I was very excited when Mr Bryan stepped into our school as it was a rare chance to meet him up-close.

He shared with us how pursuing his passion wholeheartedly brought him to where he is today. Persistence and patience, he said, are important traits. He stressed that developing a positive attitude towards life is more important than the pursuit of material things. We enjoyed having

Mr Bryan here. His words were both inspiring and meaningful.

Saw Ee Zen (Y10)



Bryan taking questions from the floor

HIGHLIGHTS :

- 19 July : National Art Gallery Visit
- 10 Aug : Taman Tugu Visit
- 30 Aug : A Talk on Drug Abuse
- 14 Sept : Robotics Competition
- 27 Sept : Guest Speaker - Bryan Chin
- 24 Oct : Deepavali Community Project
- 26 Oct : Plogging
- 1 Nov : Deepavali Celebration
- 4 Nov : Year-end Play Preparation
- 6 Nov : A Talk on Microbes



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A Visit to The National Art Gallery



Appreciating Art

We visited the art gallery with an assignment and that is to interpret the meaning of an artwork, one that we personally find interesting.

As I walked around the exhibition, one artwork caught my attention. It was the work created by Muhamad Effi Syafiq Jusoh named *Awal-Akhir* (The Beginning-The End). I stood there looking at the different shapes of houses stuck onto the globe. I spent some time trying to understand the artwork. I believe the artist wanted to convey that everything has a beginning and an end, and that is what everyone can relate to. If I could make a change to the artwork, I would add miniature humans to it - to show that there is life on earth.

Chin Tzun Mng (Y9)

Malaysian CARE Drug Talk



Saying 'No!' to Drugs

Representatives from Malaysian CARE were here to give us the lowdown on substance abuse and how a moment of innocent curiosity could cause one's life to spiral downwards quickly and uncontrollably.

The talk was very important as it warned us of the danger of doing drugs. Drugs destroy not only the lives of the users but also the society. Two former drug addicts were present to share with us the normal lives they had before drugs got the best of them. They warned us of the detrimental effects. Although the decision to stop doing drugs lies in the hands of the addicts, the supportive environment provided by organizations like Malaysian CARE eases the journey to a drug-free life.

Aron Goh (Y9)



Managing Microbes

In conjunction with World Antibiotic Awareness Week, Associate Professor Dr. Neoh Hui-min from UKM Medical Molecular Biology Institute was here to talk to us about microbiology, infection and antibiotic resistance.

I found the job of a microbiologist very exciting. I was all ears when Dr. Neoh started her talk. At the end of the talk, to our surprise, she had with her two petri dishes of live bacteria. Needless to say, we swarmed her!

Joshua Hon (Y7)

Plogging in Taman Desa



Picking up a Swedish Fitness Trend

Plogging, an activity which combines jogging with picking up litter, was co-organized by the Embassy of Sweden and Taman Desa Residents' Association (TDRA).

The activity was held after the Year 9 examinations. Curious about plogging, some of my friends and I participated. Here is what some of them had to say:

"After we cleaned up the streets, I was surprised to see the amount of rubbish we collected."
- Tiu Sheng Yang (Y9)

"It was an eye-opening and good experience. I now realized how polluted our streets are."
- Nithya Lakshmii Goban (Y9)

"Plogging benefits us and the environment. It gives us an opportunity to do our part for the environment."
- Nigel Yap Weng Leong (Y9)

Personally, it would be great if plogging is organized regularly. It would help to create a litter-free nation!

Lew Yen Tung (Y9)

Tree-Planting at Taman Tugu



Doing Our Part for Mother Nature

The trip was a great opportunity for us to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city, and to be closer to the nature.

"It was my first time exploring the jungle. Walking among the tall trees made me feel at peace and calmed my mind. Volunteers from Free Tree Society (Kuala Lumpur) were there to educate us on the different types of trees and to show us the right way to plant trees."
Nicholas Yeoh (Y8)

"It was a wonderful experience. Firstly, I enjoyed the green scenery. Secondly, participating in a new activity with good friends made the experience more enjoyable. More importantly, I learnt why we should take care of the environment."

Leong Yong-En (Y10)

Robot Combat!

Sri Desa recently participated in an international robotics competition organized by the International Islamic University Malaysia.

After training for countless Fridays and coming up with different robot designs, we decided on two for the competition. I was nervous when I saw robots that seemed more sophisticated from other teams. Still, we gave it our all! We even spent some time to dismantle and to rebuild a new robot. Although we didn't win the competition, it was a good experience - one that would carve a smile on my face when I reflect on my school life.

Teah Yang (Y8)





Deepavali Celebration

It was another fun celebration! First, we were shown Deepavali videos which reminded us to always remember our roots. After the amazing dance and robotics performances, we savored the traditional Indian delicacies prepared by students of the Masterchef Club!

Khoo Sze Monn (Y9)

Deepavali Community Project

My role was to interview the family members and collect information to help my team decide on the recipients. This year, we raised over RM1,000 to ease the financial burden of three families. This project taught me to not take things for granted and to spend money wisely. I think we can do more to help the needy.

Darren Pan (Y9)



Year-End Play Preparation

The Performance and Awards Day will be held on November 24th, 2019 at Gardens Theatre.

I am assigned the role of the backstage manager. Although there are challenges which I need to overcome, I am enjoying it because it is a whole new experience.

I can't wait for the day to arrive because I am eager to see the final product of our hard work. I believe we will wow the audience. Buy tickets, everyone!

Russell Yap (Y9)



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