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GOING BACK TO SCHOOL FACE TO FACE

When all of us got the announcement that we were coming back to school we were all filled with mixed feelings. Some were happy, others were nervous, and a few others were even sad.

July 25. First day of school. After more than two years of remote learning due to the pandemic, we can now see students busy finding their classrooms, new teachers joining the school, activities starting to be held on-site and exams being held at school. All of these changes seem alien to us now.

For Grade 6 students, it is our first year in middle school which makes us have a new principal, a new schedule, new subjects, a new set of teachers, and new classmates. We are all excited to meet our friends, but we still have to follow Covid-19 protocols, keep our distance from

each other, constantly wash our hands, and always wear our masks whenever possible. It is important to follow these protocols, as the school also strives to provide a safe place for us to learn.

Aside from that, can you believe that it has been two years since we've all stayed home? Time flies indeed. Perhaps, these changes have overwhelmed some of us, but we should be grateful that we can now go back to on-campus learning. After all, nothing beats learning together, in the flesh!

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THE DAY OF

Red & White

Even under the hot, blazing sun, most students stood still throughout the Upacara. Columns among columns of students were the scene at the basketball court. The event celebrating the 77th Anniversary of Indonesia was held just a day after the actual holiday.



Line by line, the grades 6-12 (partly) sang the national anthem, Indonesia Raya, and the BTB School Hymn. The grades 6 and 7 also sang Hari Merdeka. The flag-bearer and other personnel were represented by a selected group of high schoolers. Marching straight in a coordinated fashion, they presented the book from where Ms. Williana, standing tall, gave a patriotic speech on the pride of being Indonesian.



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After all the singing, came the highlight of the celebration, the flag-raising ceremony. Three high school girls marched towards the bare flag pole and fastened the flag while Indonesia Raya was being played. Towards the end of the Upacara, the Student Council Investiture was held.



Meanwhile, the Primary School celebrated Independence Day differently. They held on the 19th of August which lasted the entire day. The Upacara took place in the morning; everyone had to deal with the heat, but they all patriotically stood tall.



Then, it was followed by a bunch of traditional games for all students, teachers, and staff.



The games played were ping-pong ball relay, rubber band relay, moving flag, ball-throwing in basket relay, and a game where they moved plastic bottles using a rope. The students enjoyed and were delighted and inspired by the games and celebrations.



For both middle-high schoolers and primary students, the celebration was a day well enjoyed and remembered.

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STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION AND INVESTITURE



The BTB Family started the new academic school year 2022-2023 with a new student council team that is ready to further unite the school community.

Unlike the previous school years that had two teams running for president, this year, there were three teams joining the election – Angela & Leannah, Anjarico & Jin Yang and Xavier & Bryan. All three teams started recruiting team members, laying out their visions and preparations and plans for future events since the first



week of school.

Although the Student Council's election is an annual event, this year's election is the first one that is held physically since the pandemic.





The voting session for the new team was held online via Google Forms on 15 August 2022, and the winning team, with Angela & Leannah's team being the newly elected student council was announced on the school basketball court on Thursday, 18 August 2022, along with the flag-raising ceremony to celebrate



Indonesia's 77th Independence Day.

Candidate 1's campaign video was very engaging, packaged in the theme of Mission Impossible. The team emphasizes on their vision of providing students with memorable



post-pandemic learning experiences, followed by their mission to support students adapting to physical learning, prioritize mental health, and to maximize satisfaction procured in students' school life.

After the proclamation of winners, the rest of the Student Council members, including the class presidents of each class from Grade 6 to Grade 12, were called to receive their special pins and ties from



A turn-over speech was then delivered by Jonathan and Madeline, the 2021-2022 Student Council President and Vice President which was followed by Angela's acceptance speech and lastly, the other two teams' speeches.



Ms. Namrata Paul, the Principal of the school, assisted by Ms. Wini, the School's Vice President and Discipline Master.



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THE RED, GREEN, YELLOW AND BLUE COLOURS ARE BACK ON THE COURT

The Middle and High School Sports Day

Sports day is a fun day where students and teachers are put into different teams and compete in various games.

The teams are Green Dragon, Red Eagle, Blue Sharks and Yellow Tigers. For this year's Sports Day, the games held were dodgeball, tug of war, balloon relay, basketball and futsal.

Before the Final Rounds which was held last August 26, a Preliminary Round was held to determine the qualifying team for the Finals. Students wore their house colour shirts and played the games.



The announcement of the winners was nerve-wracking. Ms. Wini announced the third-runner up which was the Red Eagles led by Bryan of Grade 12 Newton, then Blue Sharks led by James of Grade 12 Einstein, followed by Yellow Tigers led by Jonathan of Grade 12 Newton, and the champion of the Sports day which was led by Owen of Grade 12 Newton are the Green Dragons.

"The Sports Day was a true success, and we are thankful to all of those who organized, and helped and to all the students who were able to join," announced Ms. Paul during the awards ceremony.

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The Primary School Sports Day

A week after the Middle and High School put the fun-filled competitions of their Sports Day to an end, the Primary School also made the basketball court alive again with the sound of voices and laughter last Sep 9, 2022.

Throughout the hours of their Sports Day, the students who wore their house colours were put to test with the games they had to play in pursuit of being the champions.

Like the Middle and High School, the Primary School opened the event with the lighting of the torch led by the team captains and Ms. Meliana, the Primary School principal. A dance performance from the teachers followed as well.

All students across grade levels competed in a wide variety of events. The Grade One and Two students played ball pass relay, obstacle race and run relay. Grade Three to Five students played mattress relay, basketball treasure and run relay too with dodgeball as an additional game for Grade Five students.



It was a day of joy and pride throughout the event for the students as they cheered each other on.

The Yellow Tigers, led by Bennet of Grade 5 Topaz, drew the Primary School Sports Day to a close in victory followed closely by the Red Eagles, led by Moises of Grade 5 Ruby as the 1st runner up. The Blue Sharks, led by David of Grade 5 Sapphire and the Green Dragons led by Raphael of Grade 5 Emerald ranked second and third runner ups respectively.

By: Celyn - 8 Newton





Sports Day

A personal experience

Green Dragons, Yellow Tigers, Blue Sharks, and Red Eagles. These were the teams - or what was called in our school the Houses. As a first-timer of Sports Day, I did not have any idea about it since I've only got to experience it virtually the past two years. Also, I was not interested in the mentioned sports to be played on that day. I was fond of Taekwondo, but it wasn't on the list, so I thought I would be lonely and sulking when the day came. However, after I experienced and realized how fun it was, I stopped dreading Sports Day.

The game that I participated in was Dodgeball – also the first game of the event. During the first round, the Green dragons attacked continuously, so some of my team members were hit. My team did our best to eliminate our opponents and kept our eyes alert to avoid being hit. During the second round, our team became more competitive until I was the only one left on the team. I was feeling happy and excited at that moment. Unfortunately, we still lost.

We also competed in tug of war, balloon relay, and lastly, basketball. Everyone was competitive as we were all aiming to be this year's champion. Despite the tough competitions, we all enjoyed ourselves and surely everyone's looking forward to next year's Sports Day.

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ALPACA ADOPTION

Many people have problems with anxiety in general, but events and competitions that are as fun as the World Scholar's Cup, help us forget about it. With just the mascot, you can 100% relate and become interested in joining.

Alpacas. "Why alpacas?" you might ask.

The 'Alpaca-in-chief' introduced us to it as the symbol for modesty, humility and humbleness; but there's one thing that alpaca stands for, that everyone could relate to... "AWKWARDNESS!" Despite the feeling, the whole hall broke into giggles as we met with other participants from different schools.

I knew that a debate consists of arguments and rebuttals. However, the competition was more like a social event instead of a fierce and aggressive one, especially with the hilarious chiefs and chairs. So I thought WSC has a different atmosphere than a real formal debate.

The debate was fun, but I held another event at heart. It was Collaborative Writing. Unlike its name, you and your teammate(s) will only collaborate during the research and feedback session. I wrote a play script on something related to "reading the book then watching the movie," or "watching the movie then reading the book" while my teammate, Danna wrote an article on how the pandemic has changed our social language.

Besides collaborative writing, we also had the Multiple Choice Question events where the Scholar's Challenge made everyone sick while the Scholar's Bowl made everyone's voice hoarse. In my perspective, the challenge was a challenge. Almost nothing made sense, except the special area and social studies, which were logic. The bowl was a fun event. All around every corner of the auditorium you would hear screams of joy and cries of despair. Whether you got the question right or wrong, the last round could save you 2000 points if you get the question right with the system of gambling. Danna and I played it safe and gambled 0 points as the questions were not hard at all. We still got a silver for it.

As we reached the end of the event, we all were rewarded with a little alpaca plushie - one that I'd cherish. Many got up to trade theirs, but Danna and I kept our orange & peach coloured alpacas. With all the alpacas, the only next best thing was the main event - the awards. All the medals we got made me feel proud of our school, and all of us for our achievements. But In the end, WSC is all about making new friends and celebrating life-long learning!

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