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Editor's Note

Ladies and gentlemen, the peaceful month-long mornings have ended — the hectic days of waking up to the annoying beeps of the alarm commences.

Welcome back to school!

This A.Y is a tad bit more special — some of us are finally inhabiting our new Pluit Putri campus! Though most people find the lift the most fascinating part of the new campus (oops!), we're refreshed by the new environment that is sure to boost the school spirit!

Speaking of special, we've had countless memorable events this term — from the customary sports day, fun celebrations, or even school life in general — all were definitely jam packed with joy, allowing us to start this A.Y. with a bang!

With that, this issue covers snippets of these events through our journalists', photographers', as well as special contributors' lenses, reminding you of the excitement and glee throughout the past two months in BTB, both Pluit Timur and Pluit Putri campuses.

Therefore, we proudly present: Spotlight Term I Issue A.Y. 2023-2024:
 Building my character, building my future. Enjoy!

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL: Launching the New Academic Year 2023-2024

by: Novrelya Clara Sidik (10 Curie)

RING! RING! The sound of the bell chimed sharply on the morning of July 26, 2023 as Bina Tunas Bangsa School (BTBS) initiated the beginning of the new school year. There we were—students of various classes and grades—inhaling the atmosphere of the new adventure while endless thoughts and visions of the upcoming year flashed through our minds. Reunions with friends and teachers warmed the air, and brand new friendships and relationships were established through the vast number of new members of the BTB family.

After more than a month of holidays, the school returned with its lively nature. BTB had commenced the year with full of enthusiasm and excitement which marked the opportunity to foster the school's education in a more engaging and enthralling way. On the first day, we were warmed up with orientations regarding the teachers, classmates, subjects, and policies, which were followed by roll calls and individual introductions led by our respective homeroom teachers. This shaped the foundation to embark on fascinating journeys and cooperatively work as a class for the upcoming future events.

The palpable atmosphere that surrounded the air originated from the optimistic emotions of both students and teachers. Students granted the comeback of anticipation and bewilderment at the outdoor areas, specifically the sports court and the canteen during breaks. The hallways of all floors have now begun to buzz again with laughter and diverse conversations, and the classrooms are, once more, engulfed in amusing topics and themes. Teachers, armed with fresh ideas and innovative strategies, are eager to guide and motivate the students towards achieving their full capability.

The potential for success, friendship, and pursuit of knowledge is promising and prosperous. It's time to wipe the slate clean and approach challenges with a fresh perspective. For students, it offers a chance to excel academically, engage in extracurricular activities, and develop valuable life skills. For teachers, it's a platform to implement new teaching methods, collaborate with colleagues, and make a lasting impact on their students' educational journeys. Four terms and twelve months of inspiring discussions and cooperative actions are definitely what everyone is looking forward to this academic year.

BTB School Pluit Putri Campus Inauguration

By: Jocelyne Suryadi (9C)

BTB Pluit Putri Campus – finally opened. Last July 27, 2023 (Tuesday) the school held an inauguration ceremony of a new building attended mainly by the teachers, staff and visitors to celebrate this momentous occasion. After 2 years of anticipation, the gates of the BTB new campus are now widely opened to welcome, accommodate and serve both old and new students.

Students of Grade 9 to Grade 12 of the academic year 2023–2024 were the first amongst all the BTB students to experience using this new building. Students brimmed with eager anticipation, with some even starting to explore the building days before the term started.

With all the excitement around the school, students have naturally developed favoritism towards the new building. From strolling around, exploring the school, to quickly discovering their favorite hangout spots; students have a lot of enthusiasm towards the new environment. Here's a glimpse of BTB Pluit Putri:

Interactive Stairs

The interactive stairs on the second floor serve as the location for various purposes. Religion classes, CAS projects as well as school assemblies take place here. It's our go-to collaborative space for a quick chat, makeshift picnics, or to work together.



Library



Another sensation on the second floor is the amazingly designed library. It has glass walls, making it see-through from the lobby. Books that are in the library intend to assist students through their learning experience, with an extensive collection of both nonfiction and fiction books, as well as educational resources.

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Welcome back, beloved garden. This time in the new building, it is about the size of 2 classrooms, and is located on the 5th floor. Magnificent scenery and refreshing atmosphere beyond classroom walls (in contrast to Jakarta's pollution) often lures students to visit this area, strengthening their spirit and reenergizing themselves. This rooftop garden also serves as a great photoshoot place for students and even teachers!

Rooftop Garden



Outdoor Canteen



Just like every other school around the world, outside of Indonesia, our school finally has an outdoor canteen with tents! There is nothing like a group reunion while eating lunch al fresco. The outdoor canteen has around 15 tables and 5 tents, with 3 tables under each tent. This has also been one of the students' favorite hangout spots.

Student Leaders: A New Era

by: Sammie Tabita Koka (9D)

As we welcome a new academic year, Student Council Officers of academic year 2022–2023 need to say their final goodbyes, and to greet the new Student Council Officers of the academic year 2023–2024.

Every year, campaign and election season commences just weeks upon the opening of the school year. This year, two teams ran for the student council the first team led by Gwen & Edric, and the second team led by Gloria & Annabella, each running for the position of president and vice-president respectively with their teams.



On 8 August 2023, students were given the opportunity to vote for their choice. The voting was done in the interactive stairs, with students taking turns. They then folded the paper in half and secured their votes. Finally, students dip their pinky finger in blue ink as an indication for completion of voting.

Even with their president only being within the school grounds for 1 year, Gwen and her team have promised to bring more events to life. Not only that, but they plan on bringing up the school reputation like other schools. "Being in different schools in the past, I take inspiration from them to accomplish all that we have planned." Gwen stated.

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Although their defeat was unfortunate, team 2 were still grateful for their participation in the election. "This experience has made me a better leader," said Team 2 president Gloria. "Even if we are not leaders of the current council, we will still support and take part as team members."

Following the student election, comes the student council investiture, held on 18 August 2023. As a wave of goodbye, the 2022–2023 student council members shake hands with the current student council and receive their certificate for their participation throughout the previous academic year.



Election of New Student Council Leaders and Investiture (MS)

by: Danna (8N) & Joanna (7G)

To continue leadership and be role models of fellow students, the Middle School Student Council was assembled for the new academic year at BTB School Pluit Putri on August 4, 2023.

For this year, there are 2 parties who competed for the title. 1st team lead by Michelle & Kenneth and the 2nd team lead by Stephen & Jason Luo. Both teams have strong arguments and precise goals to make changes and improvement for the school learning system. On election day, the voting was finally held offline after almost 3 years of pandemic. Michelle and Kenneth's team was declared as the Student Council.



August 18, 2023, after the Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony, the official Middle School Student Council Leaders and Members finally received their special pins and ties, followed by reciting their vows, giving their speeches, and picture taking. Ms. Paul, the Middle and High School Principal, then congratulated the newly-formed Student Council and looks forward to new and upcoming plans and ideas.

"We plan to keep the promises that we have made in our speech. Our goal is to make this school year more enjoyable for us all. We are young leaders with a vision."

said Michelle (Middle School Student Council President)

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Indonesia's Independence Day: Celebrating a History of Freedom

by: Jennifer (8E) and Hayden (8E)

What is Independence Day?

Indonesia's Independence Day, also known as Hari Kemerdekaan Indonesia, is a significant national holiday that marks the country's liberation from colonial rule. Celebrated on August 17th each year, this day holds a special place in the hearts of all Indonesians. It serves as a reminder of the relentless struggle for independence and unity that brought the nation together.

The Celebration

On August 18, 2023, BTB school celebrated Independence Day to commemorate the 78th Independence Day celebration. The school started with a gathering in the court. After everything was prepared, the principal started with an opening speech. Students and teachers then sang the national anthem, 'Indonesia Raya', and a few other songs.

After that, it was time for the flag-raising ceremony. A couple of volunteers approached the pole and started raising the flag while the other students sang a song about the fallen heroes of Indonesia. After the flag was raised, everyone saluted the flag to represent our fallen heroes who sacrifice their lives. The ceremony came to an end. Everyone went back to their respective classes in an orderly manner.



In conclusion, Indonesia Independence Day is a time to celebrate freedom, diversity, and unity. It's a day that we honor past struggles and look forward to a brighter future. In BTB School, we hold this flag-raising ceremony to show that we care and to celebrate the Independence Day of Indonesia, honoring the outstanding heroes who sacrificed everything for the glory of our country.



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"I don't expect much as they are still middle school students, but I do expect them to do the best they can. I've been in a class with all the grade 7's and as far as I know they are the best of the best." said Abigail (7E Student)

To the Student Council who chose to serve BTB Pluit Timur this academic year, the student body hopes for innovative and successful events. We're looking forward to new opportunities and experiences, and a great year ahead for all of us. Congratulations and good luck team!



INDEPENDENCE DAY: FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

by: Nadine and Davin (9C)

The 17th of August marks the Independence Day of Indonesia. To commemorate Indonesia's Independence Day, schools across the country raise the red and white flag as it signifies the rise of our nation, bravery, and peace. Our school was no exception, as we raised the flag in honor of the day on August 18, 2023.



PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS

Matthew (8C), the commander, and the flag bearers— Felisha (8C), Abigail (8C), and Michelle (8C), raised the flag to begin the event. Ms. Paul then read the Proclamation of Indonesian Independence, which marked the start of the diplomatic and armed resistance to the Indonesian National Revolution. As soon as Wellington (8C) finished reading the Indonesian Constitution (UUD 1945), the band—Matthew (8D), Kenichi (8C), Theresia (8G), Kenji (8N), and Moizes (6N)—began playing two Indonesian folk songs, Hari Merdeka and Indonesia Pusaka. Lastly, Darren (8C) conducted the final prayer before the ceremony ended.

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HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

Preparation for the high school's flag-raising ceremony started less than a month before, with Grade 11 and 12 students who volunteered for the event rehearsing three times a week in order to guarantee that their performance was flawless. The ceremony opened with the Commander's, Anjarico (12E), salute and the flag bearers – Gloria (11C), Annabella (11C), Sophie (11C), Lianne (11C), Keyshia (11C), and Farren (11C) – marching in sync towards the flagpole and raising the red and white flag with Indonesia's national anthem, Indonesia Raya, playing in the background. Students saluted at the sight of their country's flag rising as it conveys a significant meaning: red represents blood and courage, while white symbolizes purity and spirit. Soon after the prayer, Celine (10C) sang two Indonesian traditional songs, Hari Merdeka and Yamko Rambe Yamko.



HS SPORTS DAY



High School Sports Day

IN FOR THE WIN!*By: Dominique A.S.C*

Sports Day is not just about winning, but rather, this annually-awaited event is all about experience. Students build teamwork skills by competing in various sports accordingly, playing for their designated house teams. This year, the high school students were finally able to participate in this year's Sports Day held in the new Pluit Putri campus. Excitement built up previous days before, with discussions erupting among students about how Sports Day would unfold at the new building.

On the 22nd of August, preliminary rounds kicked off with a speech from our principal, Ms. Paul, followed by a game of basketball. With great enthusiasm and pride, the players received thrilling support from their respective teams, quickly bringing the atmosphere to life. The day proceeded with several other games such as Futsal and Tug of War.

Meanwhile, students organized a fundraising bazaar at the canteen as part of their CAS initiatives. The four groups sold snacks,



Winning smiles. Team leaders proudly display their plaques alongside Ms. Paul at the Award Ceremony.

beverages, and accessories like friendship bracelets and hats.

These stands helped tired players recharge and provided a refreshing break for supporters, making them essential in Jakarta's hot and humid conditions.

On the day of the finals, August 24th, students were assembled by the interactive stairs for a special performance prepared by teachers. With charismatic charm, they showcased their unmatched skills of dancing, otherwise unseen within classroom walls. As always, this anticipated segment of Sports Day brought smile

and laughter echoing throughout the whole school.

In the afternoon, all teams gathered for the winners' announcement, creating suspense and anticipation. The Green Dragons were crowned champions once more, followed by the Blue Sharks, Yellow Tigers, and Red Eagles. Regardless of the outcome, the first event of the academic year was a resounding success, ensuring that Sports Day will be a cherished memory for BTB high school students as they embark on a journey filled with more adventures to come.

Middle School Sports Day

Sports (Fun) Day!

By: Adriana Flo (6D) and Catherine (6D)

The middle school celebrated Sports Day with enthusiasm and various activities. Students and teachers came together to participate in a range of sports events, promoting teamwork and healthy competition. We had four teams: Red Eagles, Yellow Tigers, Green Dragons, and Blue Sharks. It's an annual event, and this year it happened on August 23 and 25.



There were five events: Relay Race, Basketball, Futsal, Balloon Relay Race, and Tug Of War, with separate games for girls and boys, allowing everyone to showcase their skills. The students showed their talents and had a great time. But the highlight of the day was when teachers joined in the fun, competing against students in basketball and futsal.

Throughout the event, participants and spectators enjoyed a lively and supportive atmosphere, creating lasting memories. Ultimately, the Red Eagles were declared overall champions, followed by the Yellow Tigers in 2nd place, the Blue Sharks in 3rd, and the Green Dragons in 4th. Sports Day was indeed not only about physical activities but also about building friendships and teamwork within the BTB community.

UNIVERSITY FAIR

By: Lianne (11C)

Every year, the anticipation of the future fills the hearts and minds of students as they approach their final years of high school. Questions about higher education choices, career paths, and academics pursue a great importance or influence. As of 2023, there were more than 29,000 Universities around the world. Understandably, finding the right university, and in the right country, can be very stressful. To assist students in making informed decisions about their academic journey, BTB hosted a remarkable University Fair on September 16, 2023.

The fair included 18 different international agencies, 380 universities from 25 countries, such as Hong Kong, United States, United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Japan, Netherlands, Germany, Spain, New Zealand, Malaysia and Turkey. From the University Fair, students were provided with more information about the universities, different admission requirements, studying and working in different countries, as well as different majors and courses for hundreds of different career paths.

When I entered the university fair, I was overwhelmed by the vast array of institutions, each offering a unique opportunity to shape one's future. As a student with a keen interest in the field of healthcare, I was on a mission to find a program that would align with my aspirations and provide the basis for a meaningful career. The Monash University booth was characterized by the warm and welcoming staff who greeted me. As I approached him, I asked about the school's Health Programme including its scholarships, campus life, living expenses, and accommodations. What truly made my experience at the Monash University booth were the engaging conversations I had with the representative. His enthusiasm in clarifying the Health Program was infectious, and he took time to address all my queries with patience and expertise. He explained the structure of the program, the opportunities for practical experience and the wide support available to students. As I dive deeper into the specifics of Monash University's Health Program, I realized that it offered a perfect blend of theoretical knowledge and practical experience.

As the event drew to a close, the sense of optimism and determination in the air was felt. The University Fair was a resounding success, leaving students inspired and well prepared for the journey ahead. Each student walked away with not just brochures and pamphlets but with a clearer vision of their academic goals and a newfound motivation to reach them. I would like to thank BTB for the support that has contributed significantly to shaping our academic aspirations and future goals!



The High School English Day

BY VERNESSA GRACEANNA (11N)



What comes to mind when you think of English? Is it essays, papers or even debates? But worry no more, the recent English day proved us that we are able to look forward past academic limits, unleashing our imagination and expectations to this specific language. But how?

First of all, let's tap into interactive story writing. For this year, the school had assigned the 12-Graders to make an interactive adventurous story writing, for their interests, of course. An example would be that a group of 12-Graders had made an activity relating to Naruto. The design, story plot and even our decisions were up to our imagination with no limits. Not only do these activities encourage us to hone our creative skills, they also enhance our linguistic skills. The incorporation of imagination and passion had inadvertently increased our deftness in the English language and literature. After all, what can be more effective than repeated practice?

For Grade 11, students had a "Finding out more regarding Infographics!", activity where they were required to create an infographic based on a certain topic. The creation of these infographics were entirely up to the students' skills and creativity, from designing to presenting. The infographics revolve around the topics of pollution in Jakarta, Game Addiction, Consumerism, and Slow Poison. With artistic activities such as painting, it increased teamwork skills within the classroom and provided a break from laptops and screens. The infographics can also be seen on the bulletin board at the 3rd Floor.

For Grade 10, there was the "battle of wits", where representatives of each class answered questions surrounding the English Language & Literature. We all have been in a battle of wits before, even out of academical circles. Such as in playing chess, the whole game is a big battle of wits between the players. It trained students to be able to think clearly under immense pressure and time limit. There are no definite techniques in beating the nervous feeling, and that will be where students' creativity takes place, using familiar situations, logical reasoning, and critical thinking in their respective way!

For a more direct approach in Grade 9, we had an Asian parliamentary debate. Obviously, no one is going to act the exact same way as others will, therefore the infinite number of ways students were able to act out and bring up their argument showcased their wits, creativity, and also intelligence. Picture yourself being a politician and argue regarding the rule you want to implement, like "no homeworks!", or "no tests!". These requires a deep understanding on the topic they are debating on.

Overall, it was yet another successful English Day for BTB and we would like to thank all teachers, especially the English Department, as well as students for taking part in this event!

Middle School English Day Celebration: Strengthening Creativity Through Communication

By: Adelynn (6E), Adeline (6D), and Rei (6E)



Fruit of their labor. The winners of the Readers Theater competition proudly flexed their certificates during the closing program.

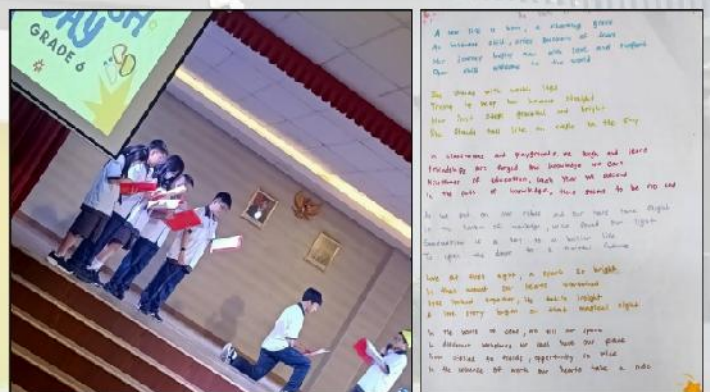
On September 13, 2023, middle schoolers at the BTB Pluit Timur Campus celebrated English Day while showcasing their inventiveness and linguistic prowess. The celebration's subject this year was "Communicating Your Creativity," and students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 eagerly took part in a variety of competitions aimed at improving their communication skills.

In a captivating Reader's Theater competition, sixth-grade students brought Aaron Shepard's story "Forty Fortunes" to life. After an impressive performance by each group, the results were revealed: Group 1 from 6 Curie took first place, followed by Group 2 from 6 Newton in second, and Group 1 from 6 Newton in third.

Grade 7 students exhibited their creativity in the "Communicating Your Creativity" competition, which included song and poem composition. The imaginative pieces created by these young talents left the judges, Mr. Donal and Ms. Nathania, in awe. The winners of Grade 7 were: 1st Place, London, Jennifer, Kenzie, Alvina, and Nicholas from 7 - Einstein, 2nd Place, Rhenalt, Richelle, Shannon, Cheryl, and Dylan from 7 - Newton, and 3rd Place, Nathaniel, Giselle, Emily, and Olin from 7 - Darwin.

Grade 8 students, on the other hand, took the stage for a captivating Speech Choir competition, where they masterfully conveyed the profound verses of "Seven Ages of Man" by William Shakespeare. The powerful delivery and artistic interpretations of this classic work left a lasting impression on the audience. The Grade 8 winners included 1st Place for Einstein, 2nd Place for Curie, and 3rd Place for Galileo.

The Middle School English Day Celebration not only showcased the students' language skills but also their ability to communicate and express their creativity. It was a day filled with learning, inspiration, and appreciation for the English language as a tool for artistic expression.



Finally Out! - IB Diploma & Cambridge IGCSE Results 2023

By: Deanna Keisha (II Einstein)

Can you imagine if a single click of your mouse revealed the results of two years of hard work? Our Cambridge IGCSE and IB Diploma candidates recently received their official examination results. Both curricula were compared and described by the examinees as a rollercoaster ride – with ups and downs, with certain days that seemed to zoom past and others that crawled at a snail’s pace. After an endless stream of papers, students could finally release the tension from their shoulders. No more frayed nerves, no more restless nights, and no more incessant worrying. The end of exams allowed students a blissful reprieve from these feelings – feelings which returned one last time in full force for one special occasion – Results Day.

Congratulations to all our 2023 IB Diploma Graduates



BTB School's IBDP Average Score:

34 out of 45

WORLD AVERAGE SCORE : 30.24 out of 45

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On July 6th 2023, the IB Diploma results were released and sent through the school email. Our 2023 graduates had an average score of 34 out of 45, with the global average being 30 out of 45! Spectacularly, 14% of graduates scored 40 and above. In an impressive feat, our recent graduates achieved scholarships from many prestigious universities, namely: University of California, Berkeley; Chinese University of Hong Kong; Hong Kong University of Science & Technology; University of New South Wales; Bina Nusantara University. They really did their best and ended their high school journey with a bang – A huge congratulations to all our IB Diploma graduates for a job well done!



Score above the world average **69%** of the class



Score above 40 out of 45 **14%** of the class



Admission offers from more than 45 universities in 12 countries worldwide

The University Admission Offers for Our 2023 Graduates

University of Manchester | University of California, Berkeley | University of Toronto
The University of Melbourne | University of Hong Kong | Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology | The University of Sydney
University of New South Wales | University of Queensland | City University of Hong Kong

University of Sheffield | National Taiwan University | University of Adelaide
Monash University | Hong Kong Polytechnic University
The University of Western Australia | RMIT | University Technology of Sydney
University of Wollongong | Universitas Airlangga | Waseda University | Curtin University

Queen's University Belfast | Macquarie University | Taylors University
National Taiwan Normal University | Deakin University
Singapore Management University | Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
University of West England | Universitas Bina Nusantara | Fu Jen Catholic University

Tsinghua University | Tokyo International University | Handong Global University
Chinese Culture University | Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen | ESOMU
Singapore Institute of Management | Le Cordon Bleu | Universitas Pelita Harapan
Universitas Tarumanagara | Universitas Tricaki | Prasetya Mulya University
Indonesia International Institute for Life Sciences

Countries where our students have been offered to study



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On August 16th, the air was filled with trepidation. Grade 11 students constantly peeked at the clock, simultaneously dreading and impatient for the hands to reach twelve. When the time came, students logged onto the candidate results page using the given username and password. That one single moment completely transformed the atmosphere. The class air rippled with cheers and tears. Friends tightly held hands and fiercely hugged each other. To many students, the experience – looking at their laptop screens and scanning through the grades that they had worked tirelessly for – felt surreal.



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CONGRATULATIONS

to our students for achieving outstanding results in



IGCSE June 2023 session

										
Straight 8A*	Straight 8A*	Straight 8A*	6A*, 2A	6A*, 2A	6A*, 1A	6A*, 1A	6A*	5A*, 1A	4A*, 3A	4A*, 2A
Alvin	Wilbert	Deanna	Casey	Ernest	Annabella	Aurielle	Elron	Audrey	Kaylee	Clavio

										
3A*, 4A	3A*, 4A	3A*, 3A	3A*, 3A	3A*, 3A	3A*, 3A	2A*, 4A	2A*, 4A	1A*, 5A	1A*, 5A	1A*, 5A
Eveline	Gloria	Calvin	Christopher	Edward	Annolin	Victor	Dylan	Vincentyus	Edric	Vania

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Regardless of what the results were, every candidate should be immensely proud of themselves. To have gone through and completed so many papers is worthy of commendation and admiration. Remember, Results Day does not signify an ending, it marks a new beginning. With that said, we wish our Grade 11s and our 2023 IB Diploma graduates the best of luck on their next thrilling journey!

BTB School New Subjects

By: Lakeisha and Jennifer (7 Einstein)

Welcome to the new school year—a chance to begin anew, set fresh goals, and acquire new skills. The school has introduced exciting new subjects: arts, manners and etiquette, aiming to improve students' abilities and instill good manners in their daily lives. Learning new skills encourages students to face challenges, boosting their confidence and self-esteem.

For art enthusiasts, get ready for an enjoyable journey! Art lessons teach various techniques and how to express ideas and emotions through artwork, guided by our new art teacher, Ms. Nathania. With two dedicated art rooms and excellent art supplies, students can have the best learning experience. "I'm so happy the school added art to our subjects," shared a 7th grade student.

Furthermore, there's a newly introduced manners and etiquette class aimed at teaching children proper and respectful behavior, contributing to their personal growth and development. This class is scheduled every Friday morning and is led by their homeroom teacher.

The students are looking forward to more vibrant and enriching days ahead, thanks to the addition of these subjects in their daily routine.

Building My Character; Building My Future: A Guiding Principle for Students Success

by: Cordy F.C. (9C)



As BTB School begins a new academic year, a new subject is as well introduced to give constant guidance to students and help them become a more holistically developed individuals. Consequently, holding this year's theme: 'Building My Character; Building My Future'.

'Manners and Etiquettes' is an exclusive subject which is centered on honing the students' attitude and behavior, propriety of action and decorum, and refinement of manners and etiquettes during socialization and communication whether they are inside or outside of school. The subject is aiming not only to teach students intellectual concepts but also to teach students how to apply these guiding principles in their daily life – to behave as a morally upright and considerably mature individuals.

The implementation of this programme in the school curriculum received different reactions from the students. Here are what some students have responded:

"This subject is genuinely helpful."

"The lessons here can teach students to eventually become kinder and more respectful towards people in general, and would have better communication skills, which most students lack."

"The lessons taught in this syllabus are also mostly already known by the students as it was already taught by parents and teachers in the past; therefore, making it basic knowledge to students. Thus, served as a reminder to everyone"

"Manners and Etiquette period should be replaced with the assembly period and should be taught by our school psychologist, Ms. Retha, instead. A psychologist would be better at analyzing the way students think and finding the core problem in the student's heart and mind. We are grateful that we have one in our school."

Aside from having this new subject, to reinforce students in learning how to manage themselves and behave properly, the school has also invited a group of psychologists headed by Ms. Retha, to make a regular visit to each class and to talk to students.

With all these assistance, every student would have a chance to experience and feel a strong support system and foundation in building their character and future.

Take a look at BTB Knights!

BY: VERNESSA GRACEANNA (11N)



Practice makes improvement. High school students fully engaged during their ball-handling drill.

BTB clubs aim to enhance, improve or even introduce new skills and talents that are useful in your future or now. From ranges of sports to more academic ones, BTB School is currently participating in a number of competitions, leagues, tournaments and friendly matches, this will be a new door for students who are looking to pursue specific activities for a profession.

I am sure everybody has their own respective passions, from the more sportive ones to the academical ones, such as maybe basketball or even having an interest in Science. To maximize your passion for the most benefits for yourself, it'll be better to join a club specific to your passion. Having a recognizable result in your passion will increase your chances in entering a profession of that passion or related to them. Such as being interested in Science, you might want to join the Science club, where they train you to join prestigious competitions, which will open new possibilities for you, increasing your experience and potential.



Clubs

Joining a club can also work as a backup plan, if you were to score less than expected in your academic subjects, pursuing a sport profession can be a choice. However, this does not mean you can just give up on your academic scores completely; rather, it is more like having another lifeline to hold onto. To consider this path, you must be adept in the sports area, having quality performance and having a healthy body.

Now, you might be wondering about the types of clubs available. Currently, BTB offers various clubs in both sports and academic fields; such as Basketball, Soccer, Badminton, and Golf for the sport enthusiasts and Science, Mandarin, Public Speaking and Math Clubs in the academic fields. However, BTB also offers more clubs, which emphasize creativity and the arts, such as the Orchestra club, Choir club and Dance Club. Orchestra club offers concert shows for their students and members, this will allow students to display their musical abilities and be recognized, while the Choir club will increase your deftness in your vocal ability and the Dance club, which offers dance practices and lessons to increase dancing abilities (in mobility and versatility). BTB clubs allow students to explore their passion and provide a broader range of possibilities, opportunities and choices for the path which they have chosen or yet to choose.



BEWITCHING SCENERY

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The sun was engulfed in the furious-looking cotton that roamed the endless heavens. The light no longer shined towards the earth, dimming the streets and citizens that resided in the local town. My room was slowly darkened as the sound of the raging thunder stormed through the bricks of my once warm threshold, and by then, the sensation of peace invaded my hollow soul.

I decided to sit by my window. It wasn't too big but it also wasn't too small. It was in a perfect size of perfect perimeter, area and clarity which was placed in the perfect position. Usually, the scorching rays of the large star would infiltrate my quarters to agonize me in sweat and blindness. But today, the weather had decided to be on my side.

I witnessed the tiny droplets that drizzled across my cold glass window which soon began to pour over the neighbor's outdoor items. Cars, plants and sidewalks became covered in rainwater. Additionally, adults were yelling from their porches to their children who were still busy playing in the wet roads. The sky flashed with yellow lights which were followed by grumbles of the thunderous clouds. The sounds echoed past the entire lands, reflecting back and forth like a never-ending conversation.

As time flew, I froze. I isolated myself as my tongue grew dry from dehydration and my stomach ached from hunger. But despite all that, the view that my beloved window had provided me resisted my every move to drink and eat. By then, the world had completely turned pitch black, and only the lighted bulbs of the neighbors' houses brightened the atmosphere. I could smell the diffusion of various warm delicacies past my transparent furniture, and that only motivated me to move again. However, I couldn't. I wouldn't. I would stay until the raging sky was calm and the colorless tears were at halt. I would stay forever, looking out in the serene environment of silence and sadness. I would stay bewitched by my window, in this memorable state and time, as long as life said I could.

Upcoming Events on TERM 2:

There will be more exciting and momentous school events for students to enjoy in term 2. Here are some of what to expect:

Grade 12 Assembly Programme

National Batik Day Celebration

UN Day Celebration

Career Day 2023

National Teachers' Day

Retreat Programme for Grade 9 & 11

Digital Literacy Day

Christmas Celebration

Term 2 Break: December 18, 2023 - January 8, 2024

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