



ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

I am sure we were all disappointed, but not surprised, by the MCO extension until Thursday 18th February. I hope that this additional time will further reduce the number of cases and enable the school to reopen and welcome all the children, back after the Chinese New Year holiday.

It is worth noting that engagement online by all students across the school is impressive, with year groups reporting that a very high level of work is submitted and attendance in the online meets is around 95%. This is excellent news, and high praise is given to the children themselves and parents who ensure that their child comes online. This engagement means that the children's learning and progress continue uninterrupted whilst not in school.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As recently published, the 58th AGM has been postponed until the current MCO has ended. I will inform the school community when a new date is scheduled.

Chinese New Year Activities

With CNY fast approaching, I would like to inform everyone that this year, we will be celebrating the occasion online with optional activities to welcome in the Year of the Ox, on Wednesday 10th February.

On this day, there will be no support, phonics or guided reading sessions. Regular Class and Specialist teaching will run as usual, and every year group will have a CNY assembly. The Heads of School will send out a timetable of the changes and the optional CNY activities and meet codes, early next week.

For Nursery and Reception children who come into school on this day, they will be able to dress up and participate in special CNY activities.

Please Note - The school will be closed for half term on Thursday 11th February to Wednesday 17th February.

Federation of British International Schools In Asia (FOBISIA)

We are pleased to announce the annual FOBISIA Short Story Competition 2021. This year's theme is 'Spark', and students in Years 3-6 will be able to take part by writing their story at home and submitting them to their class teacher.

Please be aware that students will need to write their stories independently. You can learn more about the competition and suggestions for story content in Ms Reeve's [video](#). The guidelines for the competition are attached [here](#). Stories that do not adhere to the guidelines cannot be submitted. The closing date for submitting is Friday 19th February.

Below is their latest newsletter and further details can be found on the [FOBISIA](#) website.

Enjoy the weekend and Stay Safe.

Martin Towse



Enriching teaching, learning, and the student experience through collaboration and support



- FOBISIA started as a small group of headteachers working in SEA over 30 years ago.
- We are now a diverse and inclusive community of 79 Member Schools and growing.
- We connect teachers to share best practice and access leading educational thinkers.
- We bring students together for enrichment activities across a range of learning areas.
- We represent an important educational link between Asia and the United Kingdom.
- Our reach extends from Mongolia to Indonesia, and Kazakhstan to Japan.

UPCOMING Student Events

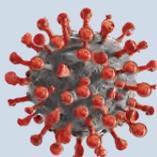
- ✦ Virtual Swimming Championships
- ✦ Online Short Story & Art Competitions
- ✦ Online Strategic Plan Cover Design Competition
- ✦ Primary Maths Challenge
- ✦ Race4Good, Race 1 2021

Student Event HIGHLIGHTS

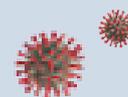
- ✦ Virtual Dance Competition
- ✦ Drama Monologue Challenge
- ✦ Online Design & Technology Competition
- ✦ Virtual Film & Animation Festival
- ✦ Online English and Languages Competitions

Surviving the Pandemic

Schools are experiencing many challenges, such as mobility restrictions, isolation, financial hardship, and exam cancellations. **FOBISIA Member Schools have all:**



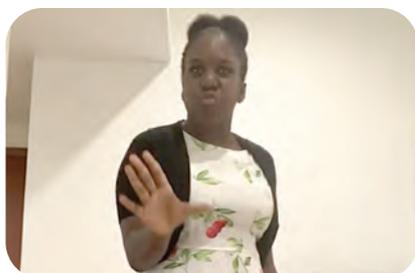
- Demonstrated remarkable compassion and resilience in the face of a global pandemic;
- Successfully transitioned from classrooms to online learning within weeks;
- Collaborated on their responses to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students; and
- Maintained teacher motivation and welfare by sharing their experiences during the pandemic.



Online Design & Technology Competition



Virtual Dance Competition



Drama Monologue Challenge



In-country Gymnastics Invitational

DID YOU KNOW?



FOBISIA just held its first ever virtual conference over 2 days, with a line up of 11 expert speakers, 48 live sessions, 69+ schools, enriching 500+ Sport & PE teachers!

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