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We feel great excitement in this joyous month leading up to the celebration, Eidul Fitr. We would like to wish all Muslim brothers and sisters in our school community 'Selamat Hari Raya Aidil Fitri'. We hope in this festive season, you will enjoy your time with family and friends. Don't forget to visit your neighbor and extended family for the gifts exchange.



The end of the school term is approaching, and it has been a very busy and successful term indeed. It has been so good to see students enthusiastically involved in school activities. The school's program for this term has been impressive, with various classes and activities like cooking, life skills, drama and plays, golf tournaments, camping, classroom Raya decorations – and of course, lots of lessons and great learning experiences crafted by our dedicated teachers.

That said, we hope all our students will come back to school with new energy and hope!

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"We have been so preoccupied with social media and the internet that hardly anyone contemplates reading books. While some maybe too busy to read, others merely don't care to read".

Why You Should Read Every Day

There are many benefits to reading, from making you smarter to improving your reading and writing skills. If you want to understand what benefits one could reap from developing the habit of reading, we have listed the top 3 benefits here.

Stimulate Your Brain

When you read every day, you stimulate your mental activity. Numerous studies have been conducted to understand the benefits of reading. As per one study, one of the prime benefits of reading books is slowing the onset of mental disorders such as Alzheimer's and Dementia. This happens since reading stimulates the brain and keeps it active, which allows it to retain its power and capacity.

Good Habits for Stress Reduction.

Everyday concerns will keep bothering you unless you do something to divert your mind. Reading gives you that mental space to occupy yourself with something more interesting. When you read a great story, all your stress seems to slip away and relax you since you tend to travel mentally in a different realm. Sometimes while reading, you come across valuable advice or solutions to your problems.

Knowledge Enhancement

Not everything is available in online listicles or on TikTok. There are numerous ways to learn more about life, from self-help books to reading fiction. Even when you feel demotivated, you can read an inspirational biography to lift your mood. One of the great benefits of reading books is that the knowledge you gain from them can never be taken away from you. Unlike worldly possessions, your knowledge will stay with you till the end of time.



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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Two separate Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs) were held on 17th and 24th March 2023. The first was for the Year 11 students who completed their Mock IGCSE papers in January. This was an opportunity for parents to discuss their children's progress extensively. Besides, it was also carried out earlier so that parents would have ample time to mould and guide their children to do better in the IGCSE Examination later in May.

However, the PTC for the Year 7 to 10 Mid-Year Exams was held a week later, from 3pm to 5pm. Many parents turned up and collected their children's report cards from our Vice Principal, Ms. Roquia, and discussed the overall behaviour of the students. Then, they proceeded to meet all the subject teachers for a detailed discussion on how to make improvements for the students. Finally, the homeroom teachers gave their general comments. It was encouraging to hear that parents were generally happy with the school.

The PTC event was definitely a success with cooperation from teachers and parents alike. We are certain our next PTC after the End-of-Year Exams will also be a success and demonstrate the students passing their examinations with flying colours.





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FESTIVE SPIRIT

All our PSHE students of various faiths and Islamic Studies students joined hands to decorate the school and usher in Hari Raya, this holy month of Ramadan.

Students were exposed to the festive season so they could feel the spirit of Hari Raya Eid al Fitr, celebrated in the month of Syawal, which sparks joy among all in our multicultural nation.

Students of various faiths made beautiful cards to exchange with Islamic students to convey their Hari Raya greetings, as Malaysia is a beautiful country that celebrates all festivals together.

This unity is one of the beautiful strengths shown by UUMISM students in all festive occasions.



DEBATE CLUB TRIP TO PJ



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On the 25th of March, five UUMISM Debate Club members attended their very first tournament as spectators: the Malaysian Schools Asian Parliamentary Open 2023, organised by Intertext Education and hosted by Beaconhouse Sri Inai International School, Petaling Jaya.

Our students got up early to leave UUMISM at 6:30 in the morning so they would be on time for the start of the tournament in PJ. Two hours and a rainy, albeit music-filled car ride later, they arrived at the tournament venue.

The trip exposed the Club to the excitement (and mild chaos) of in-person debate tournaments. They watched several teams debate various topics after just thirty minutes of prep time and discussed how they might have approached things differently had they been debating.

Afterwards, our students - three of whom were fasting - bonded over iftar dinner, before the sleepy ride home. All in all, it was a tiring but educational day that left our budding debaters inspired to participate in upcoming tournaments themselves.



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Labour Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labour history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages. People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks.

Labour Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 1. Labour Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of workers all over the world and is traditionally observed on the first Monday of May. It was created by the American labour movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in the US in 1894. Labour Day also marks the end of summer for those living in temperate countries in the northern hemisphere, and can be celebrated with parties, street parades, and athletic events.

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labour Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labour Day has yet to be identified.

Many credit Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others have suggested that Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, first proposed the holiday.



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