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# MICROPLASTIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WITH MANIPAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE MELAKA

UUMISM had the privilege of welcoming a team of distinguished professors from Manipal University College Malaysia (MUCM) for a thought-provoking seminar on Wednesday, 15 April 2026, held from 1.00 to 3.00 pm. The visiting academics – Dr. Sherly Deborah George, Dr. Antony V Samrot, Prof. Sugapriya, Prof. Jamal, Dr. Navaneeth Amin, and Dr. Rajammal – led an eye-opening session on the growing global challenge of microplastic pollution.

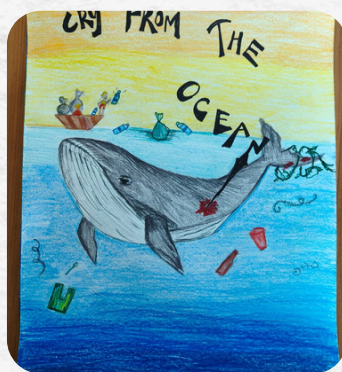
The seminar, attended by all Year 7 to Year 10 students, formed part of MUCM’s ongoing research study on the impact of microplastic awareness campaigns in school environments. Through interactive activities, students tested their knowledge of waste sorting and explored the real-world consequences of plastic misuse. The hands-on approach encouraged students to reflect on their own habits and responsibilities as young stewards of the environment.

## Poster Art Competition: “A Cry from the Ocean”

Following the seminar, UUMISM students from Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 participated in a poster art competition themed “A Cry from the Ocean.” Their artworks were submitted to MUCM for judging, and our students impressed the panel with their creativity and environmental insight.

The winners from UUMISM were, Jiareet Kaur in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Veshnu A/L Chandran in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Yee Xuan Xuan in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, all from Year 8.

Their posters stood out for their artistic expression and powerful messages on ocean conservation.



Veshnu's Poster



Jiareet's Winning Poster



Xuan Xuan's Poster

## Inter-School Debate & Elocution Competitions at MUCM

The partnership between UUMISM and MUCM continues next week as our students take part in two related inter-school events at the MUCM campus on Wednesday, 10 June 2026, from 8.30 am to 2.00 pm. International secondary schools across Melaka will be participating.

For the debate competition, students will explore the topic “A world without plastic – Possible or impossible?” UUMISM will be represented by Alexandre Tee (Year 9) and Veshnu A/L Chandran (Year 8) on the affirmative side, while Adriana Sofia Teh (Year 9) and Ethan Lim (Year 9) will argue the opposing view. Each student will speak for 5 minutes.

In the elocution competition, Macy Tan (Year 7) and Tariq Ziyad Bin Mohamad Nashriq (Year 8) will deliver 7-minute speeches on the theme “The 4 Rs in Plastics.”

The prize-giving ceremony for the poster art, debate, and elocution competitions will take place at MUCM at 1.15 pm the same day.

## ANYTHING BUT A SCHOOL BAG DAY

UUMISM students brought creativity and excitement to school through the Anything But a School Bag Challenge, a fun activity that encouraged students to bring their books and belongings using anything except a regular school bag. From baskets and boxes to suitcases and other creative alternatives, students showcased their imagination while keeping the activity light-hearted and respectful.

The challenge created a lively atmosphere around the school as students shared laughter, ideas, and unique ways of carrying their learning materials. Beyond the fun, the activity also encouraged self-expression, confidence, and participation among students, allowing them to enjoy a different kind of school experience together.

At UUMISM, activities like this help strengthen school spirit and build memorable moments beyond the classroom. The Anything But a School Bag Challenge was a wonderful reminder that creativity can be found in the simplest ideas, and that learning is even more meaningful when students are given opportunities to express themselves.

Imagine walking into school and seeing books carried in baskets, boxes, suitcases, and all sorts of unexpected items – anything but a regular school bag! This was the cheerful scene at UUMISM as students took part in the Anything But a School Bag Challenge, bringing a fun twist to the school day while showing off their creativity and sense of humour.



# TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT UUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MELAKA

15th May 2026 (Friday)

Teacher's Day is always a meaningful occasion that allows students to express their gratitude to the educators who guide and inspire them every day. This year, on Friday, 15th May 2026, the students of UUM International School Melaka organised a simple yet heartwarming celebration to honour their beloved teachers.

The celebration, though small in scale, was filled with joy, laughter, and genuine appreciation. From early in the morning, the atmosphere in the school was lively and cheerful as students arrived carrying beautifully wrapped gifts, homemade dishes, and delicious cakes specially prepared for their teachers. Each gift reflected the students' thoughtfulness and love, making the day even more special.



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Throughout the day, students took the opportunity to personally thank their teachers. Some presented handwritten notes, while others expressed their appreciation through kind words and small gestures. These simple acts of gratitude deeply touched the teachers, reminding them of the impact they have on their students' lives.

The celebration may have been modest, but it was rich in meaning. The teachers felt truly appreciated, valued, and loved, which made the occasion unforgettable. It served as a beautiful reminder that even small gestures can carry great significance.

In conclusion, the Teacher's Day celebration at UUM International School Melaka on 15th May 2026 was a joyful and memorable event. It highlighted the importance of appreciation, respect, and the strong relationships shared within the school community. Indeed, it was a day filled with happiness that both teachers and students will cherish for years to come.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT REMINDER**

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## **JUNE 2026**

- 1) 15 to 19 June – Term 3 Mid Term Break
  
- 2) 23 June 2026 – School Education Trip to Southampton University and Reading University, JB
  
- 3) 29 – 30 June – Career Talk