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# HARI RAYA

On the 14th of June 2019, our school celebrated Hari Raya in the Wesley Hall. The objective of the Hari Raya Celebration was to allow both non-Muslim students and staff to better understand the traditions and cultures of the Malay community, promote unity as well as to celebrate the Islamic New Year. All the Muslim students and staff wore colourful Malay traditional clothes to add to the festive atmosphere.

The celebration began with the singing of Negaraku, our national anthem and the Wesley anthem, followed by a special prayer spoken in our national language, Bahasa Melayu. A student representative then delivered a short and informative speech about the Islamic Holy Month and the Hari Raya celebration. Shortly after, a video presentation was shown to the school which was about the various traditions and customs of Hari Raya. All class monitors then proceeded to the stage to receive a container of kuih kapit to share with their respective classes. The celebration then came to a close with a traditional Malay dance by Mr Wong and fifteen teachers.





# Interact Famine Camp

From the 14th to the 15th of June 2019, the Interact Club of our school held their semi-annual 30 Hour Famine in collaboration with World Vision. The camp began with a presentation courtesy of Mdm Ninian Tian who addressed the issue of hunger faced by the impoverished and unfortunate of the world. It was after this speech that the 30 hours of fasting for participants officially began.

Ice breakers were followed by Mission Possible, a game which aims to implicitly educate campers about the struggles of pulling oneself out of poverty due to a plethora of disadvantages. Station games were then held tailed by Mystery Night.

This camp's Mystery Night had the unique twist of incorporating two separate sections each representing a point in time. At first participants were offered a glimpse into the events dated a year ago with minimal ability to interact. Following that, participants were split into two groups with one group proceeding to the hall to view the present day as remembered by the main character. Participants had the utmost pleasure of being stuck in a frightening environment as they tried to piece together clues.

The second day involved a dramatic game of capture the flag, movie-watching, prize-giving and last but not least the breaking of a 30 hour fast.







# PREFECTS' EXTERNAL CAMP

From the 5th to the 7th of July, the Prefects held their annual external camp at Tadam Hills Resort in Banting, Selangor. A World Vision team was also invited to speak at this camp to the prefects about their child awareness program. A total of 96 prefects departed from school along with 10 teachers on that Friday afternoon to the resort.

Upon arrival, the organizing committee kicked off the camp with a short briefing of rules and regulations and a fun session of ice-breakers among the prefects' allocated groups. After the prefects settled into the first accommodation (the Hakka Village) and had dinner, the World Vision team held two consecutive sessions. The sessions discussed the reasons behind the mass of under-privileged children, especially those with a lack of proper education. The sessions also entailed fun activities and presentations which allowed the prefects to bond in an enjoyable way. The day ended with instructions to the prefects to create a presentation about ways to tackle the issue of children without a proper education.

The next morning, the prefects were separated into those which went for morning devotion and those who went for a morning game of 'electric fence'. After that, the prefectorial board led a morning exercise session which was followed by breakfast. The prefects then proceeded to the campsite area where the Tadam Hills Resort staff supervised the tent-building session. After the prefects moved their luggage to the tents, the final session by World Vision was held, where the prefects presented their plans. Once they had lunch, the Tadam Hills Resort staff organized a flying fox, abseiling, and Tadam Splash (including bamboo rafting and a water slide) activity session. After dinner, the prefects gathered around a campfire built at the campsite. It was here where there was a skit session and a sing-along, and the custom breakclap was also taught.

The third day started with morning devotion which was followed by breakfast. After that, a 'survival game' was held for the prefects, in which they had to work in their allocate groups to resolve the conflict in a mystery story. After they successfully solved the game, a photo session was held before they returned back to school.

Overall, despite the camp being very tiring, the prefects enjoyed themselves very much during the camp as they forged better bonds with each other. As the camp was aimed at promoting teamwork within the prefects body, it cannot be denied that it was successful in doing so.



<< Prefects in the talk by the World Vision team.



# JOHN WESLEY WEEK

On the 24th to the 27th of June, Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) celebrated its annual John Wesley Week, a week dedicated to commemorating John Wesley, the founder of Methodism and whom the school is a namesake of.

On Monday the 24th of June, a special assembly was held to start the celebration. It was announced that this year, in addition to the usual John Wesley Quiz, the school would be organizing a John Wesley Meme Competition.

The next day, assembly was replaced by a quiz about John Wesley. Each class was given a list of questions, which the class had to work together to answer. Numerous topics were included relating to the life and work of John Wesley. At the start of the first period, all the classes handed in their answer sheets.

The meme competition was held on Wednesday, during the assembly period. Again, the students had to collaborate to brainstorm ideas for John Wesley Memes.

On Thursday, the usual chapel session was replaced by a special John Wesley Week Service, with Reverend T. Jeyakumar as the guest speaker. An opening prayer was said by the school chaplain, Reverend Justin Clarence. Then the school choir performed a song titled 'And Can It Be'. The Lower Secondary Christian Union then led the school in worship. A short documentary about the John Wesley was shown to the school, followed by a reading from the Journal of John Wesley by Madam Doreen Ti, the school's vice principal. Reverend T. Jeyakumar, the guest speaker, then presented his message, after which he received a token of appreciation from Mr Wong Chee Kheon, the school principal, on behalf of the school. Mr Wong remained on stage to give a few words to close the ceremony. A closing hymn - 'How Great Thou Art' was performed by the school choir, followed by a benediction by Reverend T. Jeyakumar

The event ended on Thursday, the 27th of June.





# SPORTS DAY

On 11th of July 2019, our school, Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International), held its annual athletics meet. The event started off with the march past contingent. Following this the event was officiated by our principal, Mr Wong Chee Kheon, and our guest of honour, Mr Dennis Wong Kim Leong, by releasing balloons into the air. After the march past event was our schools inter-house cheerleading competition. All four houses came up with astounding cheerleading routines, despite some technical problems faced. The end of the cheerleading competitions signified the start of the inter-house track events. The event was ended by our principal, Mr. Wong Chee Kheon, who announced the winners the inter-house cheerleading competition, and inter-house March past competition. After the marks had been added up Mr Wong announced that the winners off the 58th sports day were The red House with yellow House coming is second.



# Christmas Service

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Christmas came traditionally early in Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International). On the 25th of July, the annual Christmas Celebration Service was conducted in the Wesley Hall. The event officially began at 7.30 am with a welcome and prelude from the liturgists.

Following the Opening Prayer, Invitation to Confession and Call to Worship by Reverend Justin Clarence, the Upper Secondary Christian Union & Christian Fellowship Worship Team, Boys' Brigade and School Choir presented 'The Drummer Boy' and 'Sing Noel', the latter accompanied by a skit staged by Lower Secondary Bible Knowledge students.

Afterwards, the Girls' Brigade performed 'Mary's Boy Child, Jesus Christ' and 'O Come All Ye Faithful' on the tambourine and angklung respectively.

A Scripture reading took place afterwards, subsequent to the Prayer of Illumination. Pastor Chris Kam, the guest of honour and speaker for the service, then gave a sermon entitled 'You Are NOT A Nobody'. Later, gifts of cupcakes were presented to students and a video documenting the Christmas Giving Project carried out by the clubs and societies was screened to the entire hall.

After a spontaneous dance executed by Lower Secondary Bible Knowledge students to the song 'Born is the King', the Upper Secondary Christian Union & Christian Fellowship Worship Team and School Choir took to the stage again and led a Christmas sing-along featuring classic carols like 'Joy To The World' and 'Feliz Navidad'. The service was formally brought to an end with the Closing Prayer and Benediction once again by Reverend Justin Clarence.







# CROSS COUNTRY

Wesley Methodist School Kuala Lumpur (International) held its annual Cross Country 2019 event on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July at Bukit Jalil Recreational Park. We were gifted with brilliant weather and clear skies throughout the event. The course students would be taking through the park was 3.5 kilometers long. Mr Edan Syah, a world record marathon runner holder, was the guest of honour.

A fun question game organised by the emcees of the event was followed by a lively warm-up session. The guest of honour gave a motivational and inspiring speech, encouraging all those who would be running to do their best. The Cross Country was officiated by Mr Edan Syah by signing the banner.

Everyone participating put in all their effort to complete the race. Refreshments such as bananas, bread and Milo were provided whilst awaiting the announcing of the prize-winners. The categories included were the top five runners in each respective year and lower-secondary and upper-secondary overall champion, male and female. Prizewinners would help their sports house gain points. The house with the most points was crowned overall champion.

The prize-giving ceremony commenced before the school principal, Mr Wong, gave a speech. Yellow House emerged victorious as the overall champion of the event. After the house photography session, the event was dismissed and ended on a merry note.

