



From the Coordinator's desk

Dear Parents,

First of all, on behalf of the TIPS Group, I would like to thank you for choosing us as your partners in this journey of bringing up your child. It is a very big responsibility for us & we are both grateful as well as proud that you chose us.

The very first year of this campus incidentally coincided with one of the most disruptive years for mankind in recent times, at least in the lifetime of all generations around. But probably that's what makes our association all the more special & our bonding stronger than ever. After all, our journey started off by combating a common hurdle, together; COVID-19.

Yes, it has been a tough year - For the students, who had to abruptly recalibrate their learning style & adjust to digital classrooms. For the parents, who had to juggle with their own reset priorities amidst these turbulent months & also to adapt to the new way of education that the children had to abruptly embrace. For the teachers who had to work relentlessly to ensure the highest standards of education being imparted without any compromise on the quality, despite massive challenges and intense re-adjustments in the methods as well as technology of teaching.

Having said that, we are proud to say that we managed to weather the storm. And we want to thank you for it because it would never have been possible without your support and encouragement every single day. We would also like to thank the Government & people of Malaysia, whose timely & responsible efforts helped bring our country back to its feet sooner than many other countries. So we reiterate our commitment as an institution to abide by and adhere to all applicable SOPs as laid down by the Government so as to keep our staff, students & their families safe.

As an institution, we have covered a lot of ground in the past one year and it is very satisfying to see our initiatives take shape. Going forward, we will be keeping you posted on other developments that come up to make us an even sharper institution that would stand shoulder to shoulder with the best in the country. With humility and assertiveness, we look forward to going from strength to strength as a school, together.

Please stay safe & keep writing back to us. Your encouragement & feedback keeps us going !

Regards,

Arunima Banerjee



Welcome Back To School!

Dear students and teachers,

It has been an uphill battle for us for the last 6 months with google classrooms, submission of assignments and sitting for assessments online. Aren't we all glad to be back at our physical classrooms? Meeting the students and teachers face-to-face?

I hope you've made use and enjoyed the past months to strengthen the bond with your family members, rediscover yourself and reconnect with what truly matters. A little time off from the normal routine, especially at struggling times like this makes us value the littlest things in life which we normally take for granted. For instance, our health, families, friends, a day job, the privilege to learn and possibly gestures of love.

Despite the bitter truth of our present global condition, I would like to wish a heartiest welcome to all teachers, staff and students on behalf of Valley International School Management team. It will not be an easy ride, however adapting to the new norm and protocols to fabricate a safe teaching and learning environment for all will make all efforts undemanding. With this, I would like to urge all students, teachers and staff to adhere closely to the guidelines and protocols in hope for a better future for us, as well as the surrounding communities, at the very least.

As the new academic year has just begun and new exciting activities incorporated, let us all take a moment to say our gratitude for having the opportunity to meet once again. On this note, let's cherish the given moment and have more fun in this academic year, so we can create colourful memories together.

"The moment may be temporary,
but the memory is forever." - Bud Meyer

Warmest regards,

Zarith



‘Back to school with the new norms’

Just before the new term began, teachers together with the management finalised the SOP. Teachers were brief thoroughly about ‘strict’ SOP VIS was to follow. The entire VIS team participated in a role play to experience the actual scenario. Parents were emailed and briefed through a virtual session by our coordinator, Ms. Arunima. All doubts were cleared and we were all on the same page.

The first day of the beginning, started on 2nd September 2020. As early as 7.15am, a long queue builds up in front of the main entrance. Temperatures being checked and attendance were being taken by the respective duty teachers. Students walked into their respective classes with a surprise on their faces because of the new classroom setting – social distancing being implemented at VIS.

Just before the MCO, shaking hands and friendly hugs were the norm; nowadays it’s highly frowned about. In acknowledgment of the six month anniversary of the MCO, our students’ creativity demonstrated new ways to revive and awaken these friendly gestures that have been in hiatus.

‘A picture is worth a thousand words.’

Attaching some of our moments at VIS with the new norm.

By us, Ms. Malini & Ms. Shamala



We miss outdoor Physical Education!!!

Physical Education (PE) is back in a new fashion. Parents and guardians can now be at ease following the safe protocols during PE. Proper hygiene practices before and after PE is necessary to ensure the safety of all. Students are encouraged to sanitize their hands when engaging in the activities. The activities comprise of physical fitness and individual sports which do not involve close body contact to maintain safe social distancing.

Regards,
Mr. Colin