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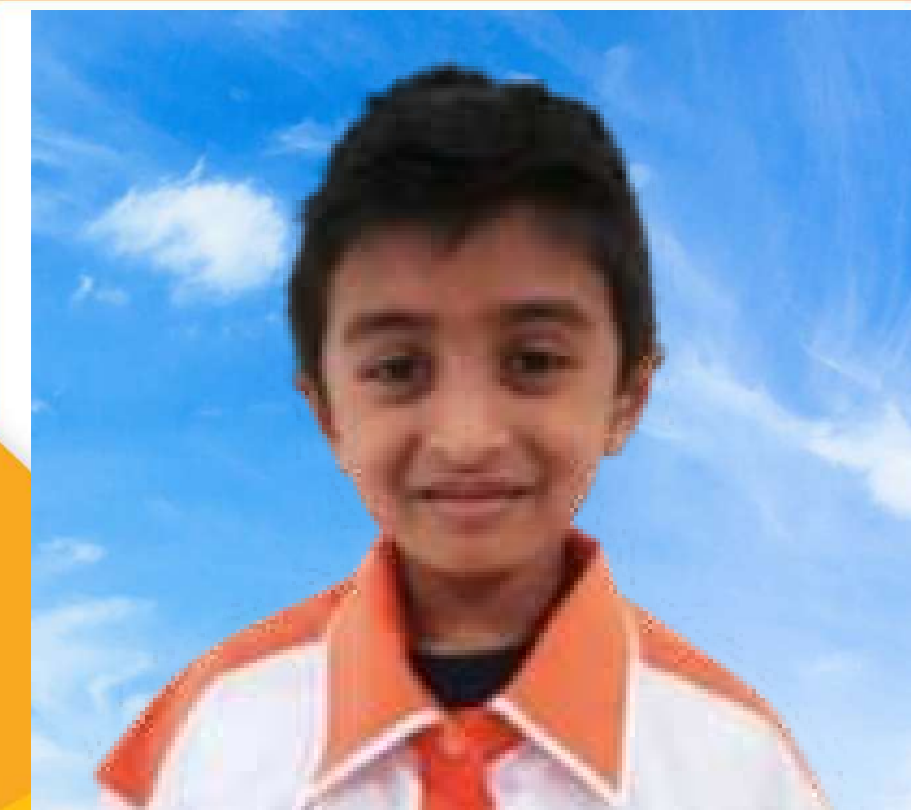
Newsletter

Primary Star of the Week

Even though he has just joined the school this term, Aaryan has already impressed his teachers with his enthusiasm, his thoughtful approach to learning and his politeness. We look forward to seeing his progress in the weeks, months and years ahead!

Rafflesia International School, Kajang

STAR OF THE WEEK



Aaryan Rham A/L Roshen Dev, Year 1

Term 1, Week 2, September 12th 2020



Newsletter

Secondary Star of the Week

Boh Yee is a polite and active student. She participates purposefully in her lessons and is assertive with her learning. She is also a kind and friendly classmate to new students at the school. She always makes sure that new students are comfortable, feel welcomed and are happy to be in school. Well done Boh Yee!

STAR OF THE WEEK



Hee Boh Yee, Year 8

Term 1, Week 2, September 12th 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In Week Two of our academic year, we have settled into a fluent, upbeat rhythm of learning. Two strong attributes of the Rafflesia International School, Kajang, identity are our promotion of a global consciousness and our focus upon literacy skills. This week we have combined these two elements with our recognition of the **United Nations International Literacy Day**. Across the curriculum and through the full age range, our students have participated in literacy-focused activities that have developed their skills of active listening, confident speaking, thoughtful research and fluent writing. You can read about these activities in this week's newsletter - and there are also some highly engaging contributions from our young learners too.

In the year ahead, our specific theme will be *Humanity in our World*. This will involve an exploration of the distinctive, beautiful features of different cultures, a recognition of the difficulties faced by different groups of people and a consideration of the collective, universal challenges that we seek to overcome together.

Wishing you a happy, safe time with your families.

Andrew Crompton,
Principal.





PREFECT LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS 2020

With a new year comes a new Prefect leadership team and this week candidates for the President and Vice President of the Prefect team were campaigning in different classrooms. At both the Primary and Secondary level, students have the choice between an experienced incumbent and an energetic first timer. The election was held online this Friday for both roles; be sure to follow the newsletter next week to learn of the successful candidates!



As a former Prefect and Duty Manager, I have the experience and leadership to make tough choices with conviction

As a happy member of the school community for several years, I understand our identity and how we can progress together



As I was Vice President last year; I have experience, passion and a desire to progress social issues

I am very passionate and want to hear everyone's voice in the school so I can make a difference



PREFECT LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS 2020



Active English



Students were asked to make words that have only one vowel and define the words using gestures to their classmates. Students had a great time participating in this activity and learnt some new words.

Vibrant Vocabulary



In celebration of International Literacy Day, students were challenged to make short silly stories using some recently-learned vocabulary words from our first unit of study in English. Apart from promoting the love of writing, this activity offered an excellent opportunity for students to use new words learned in meaningful and creative ways.

Natural Understanding

This week Year 3 students conducted a plant study of specific plants on the school grounds. These young scientists recorded details of their plant by drawing and writing about what they observed, such as the plant parts, shape of leaves, approximate height, and presence of insects. We also learned the names of some of the plants that grow at the front of our school - the Pinecone ginger, Japanese rose, and Madagascar Almond Tree!"

"I liked this task because it is fun and we went outside to study a real plant!" - Keith Ang

"I used to think Japanese roses only come in one colour, but now I know that there are pink, white, yellow and magenta ones" - Ang Lee Loo



Year 3 IPC

Natural Understanding



MEDIA WATCH

Year 4 DEAR time

*By Alyssa Dhanya Tan,
Year 4*

A screenshot of a BBC Newsround video player. The main video shows a male news anchor in a dark sweater sitting at a desk with papers. In the background, a large screen displays a man in a suit and tie smiling, with text behind him that includes '2017 BRIT AWARDS' and 'Mastercard'. To the right of the video player, there is a dark blue sidebar with white text.

Watch Newsround
🕒 10 Sep 2020
Martin has your Thursday Newsround with the latest lockdown news for England, what's been causing wildfires in the US, and a powerful message from Stormzy.

Also take a look at:

- [Newsround's big stories and what the words mean!](#)
- [Nasa releases new images of stars and galaxies](#)
- [One million species facing extinction in next 100 years say WWF](#)
- [Vote: Has your footie club started training yet?](#)

Note: Due to sports rights we can't always show the full programme online. You can watch the full version, with optional subtitles, on [BBC iPlayer here](#).

Every morning when we come to class, we first do a morning challenge. It means we do a small quiz to get ready for class. After 10 minutes, we watch Newsround which is a news video in the U.K. that tells what is happening every day. For example, they talk about animals in different countries, people around the world and tips on things to keep you organised and calm whilst also giving you facts. With these activities everyday it makes learning fun and interesting. *By Alyssa*

Dhanya Tan Year 4

MEDIA WATCH

By Alyssa Dhanya Tan,
Year 4

Year 4 DEAR time

Good morning! – It's 11th September

Leo's word of the day:

enthral

To captivate or charm and capture attention.

i am sure that that the trip to the zoo will excite and **enthral** the children!

(Think about changing the suffix!)



Today in history:

In 2001, the september 11th attacks take place in the USA, killing 2996 people, using four aircraft hijacked by 19 members of the al-Qaeda terrorist group.

Mountain of the day

Hoverla

Located in Ukraine – 2,061m

Q Which disaster took place in Ukraine in 1986?



Today's challenges

Write down three synonyms for each of the following words:

SAD **HAPPY** **BIG**

LITTLE **HOT** **COLD**



Use Leo's word of the day in a new sentence.



Can you spot the mistakes?

Quick Maths

What's the value of the Roman Numerals?

$$IV + _ = XVI$$

$$XXII - _ = I$$

$$_ \times V = XCV$$



Year 5R

"Colourful Leaf"



Learning Heroes



Year 6 students took the opportunity of the International Literacy Day to discuss the topic 'Heroes'. This topic is important as it provides young children with hopes and aspirations. Many shared how their parents are their heroes.

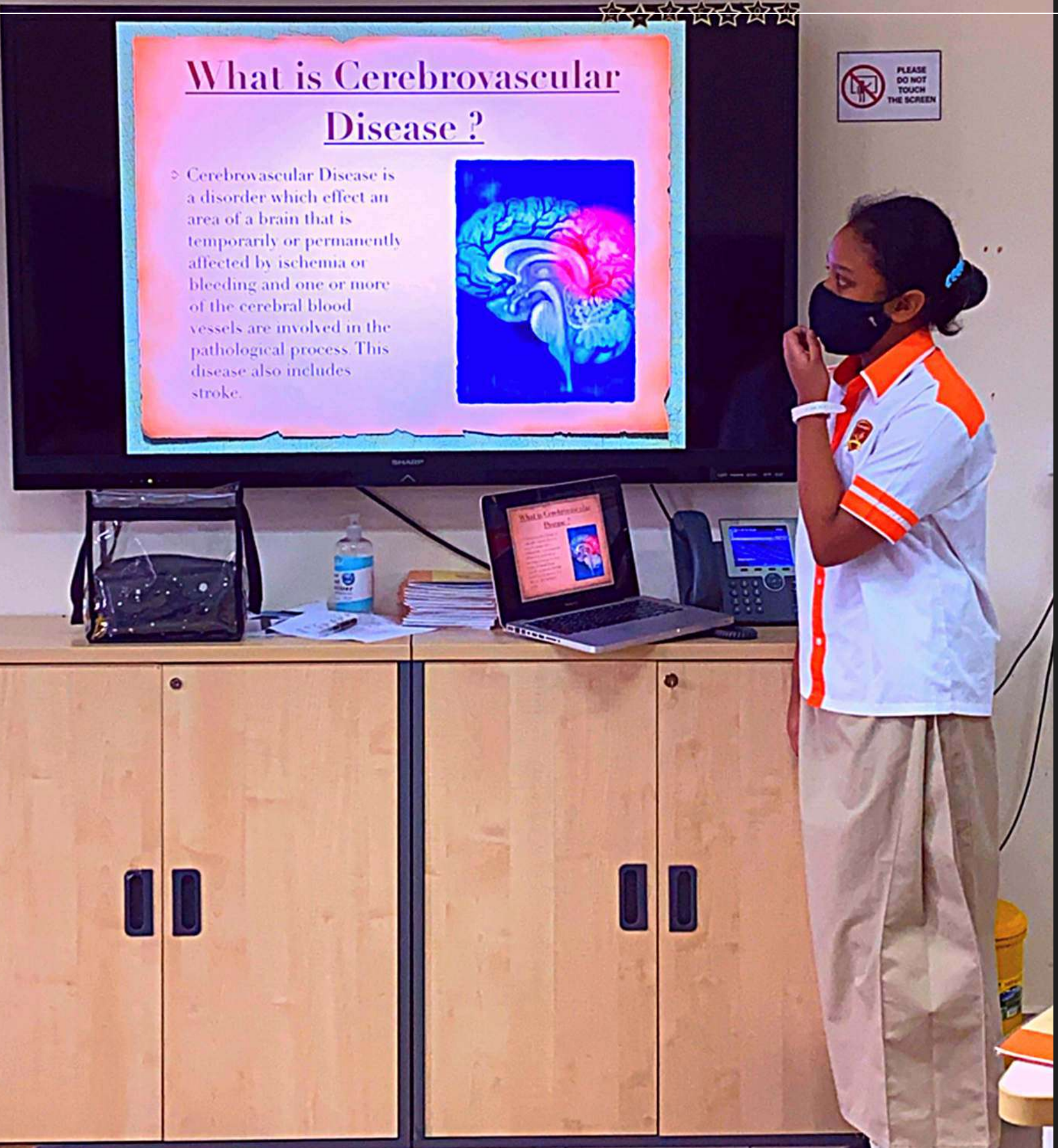
"I learnt how to describe a hero and I enjoyed sharing in class why my mother is my hero," said Wendy Lim

Literacy in Science

For Year 8 Science, the students were asked to prepare a Powerpoint presentation on a disease that they had selected for their research. As for Year 10 and Year 11, the students were required to produce an A3 size poster on the disease that they had selected.

In connection with International Literacy Day, this was an excellent way to develop students' research and presentation skills.

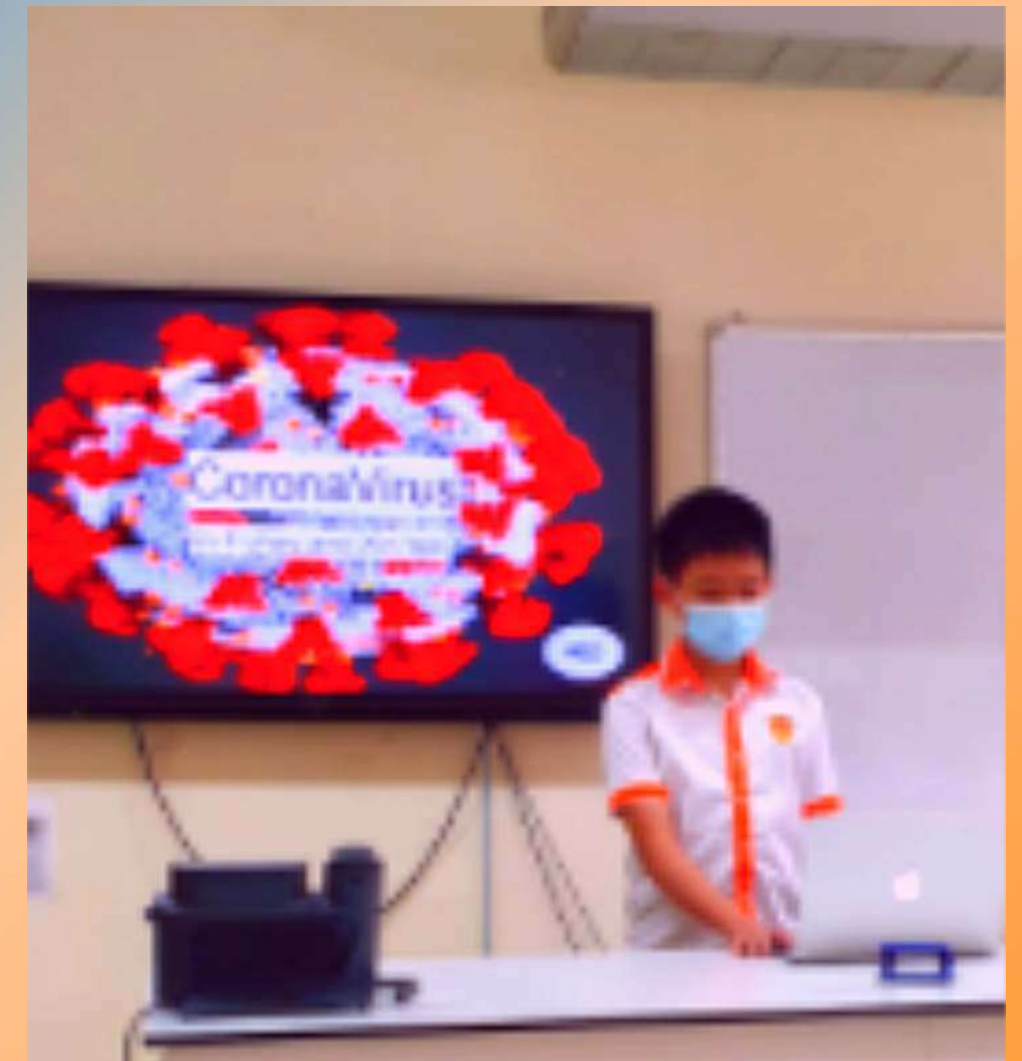




Literacy in Science

Developing Research and Presentation Skills

By Amanda Chin Yung Yee Kwan Zhen Yin-7R



Our experience today was very interesting because we learnt a lot about the diseases. The slides were informative as we learnt about the spread, prevention, cures, facts, causes and more! There were different diseases like Rotavirus, Sars, Coronavirus, Influenza and Ebola. Making the slides was very fun and tough at the same time. It was because we got assigned partners which we usually don't work with much. We really enjoyed it!

QUESTION TIME

To celebrate International Literacy Day, the Year 9 students created two sets of Kahoot! quizzes. They did quite a bit of research prior to creating the quizzes from scratch. The content of their quizzes was well-thought out. This included questions about languages (as pictured), knowledge and facts about the world. The team spirit and individual contribution from each student was truly apparent in the course of creating the quizzes.

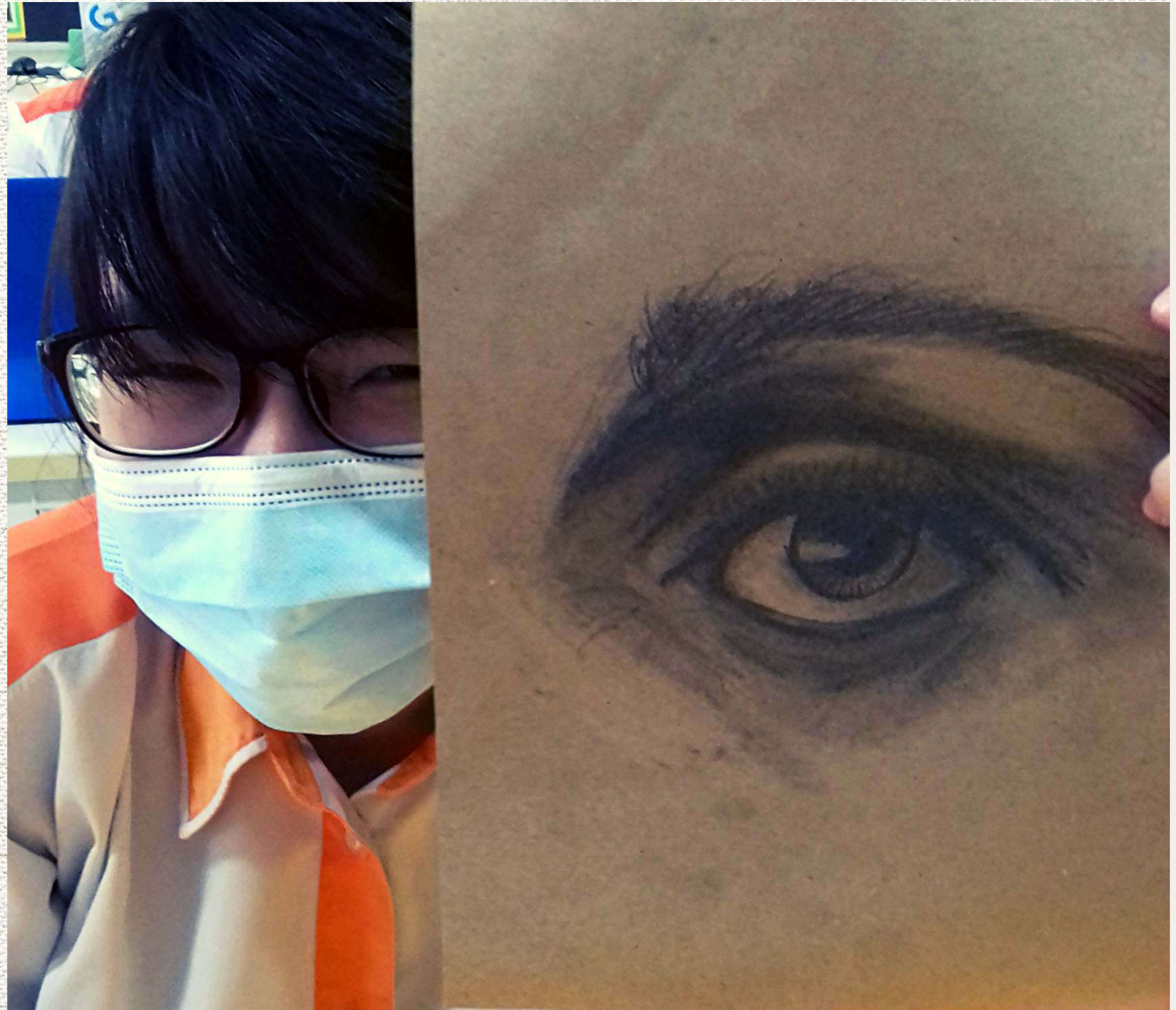


Year 9 Art



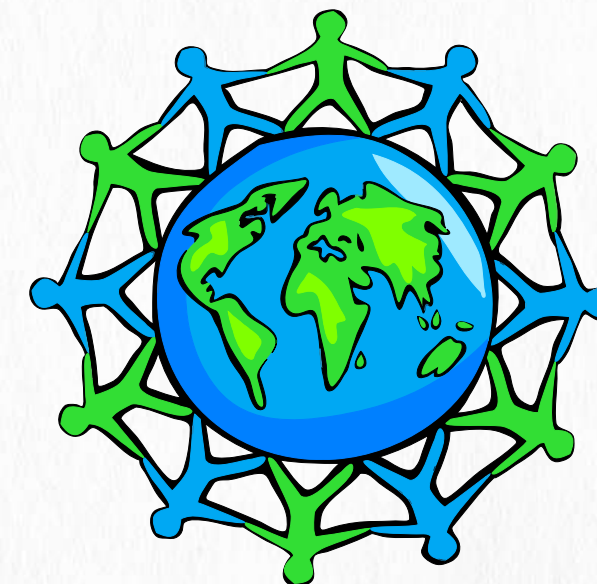
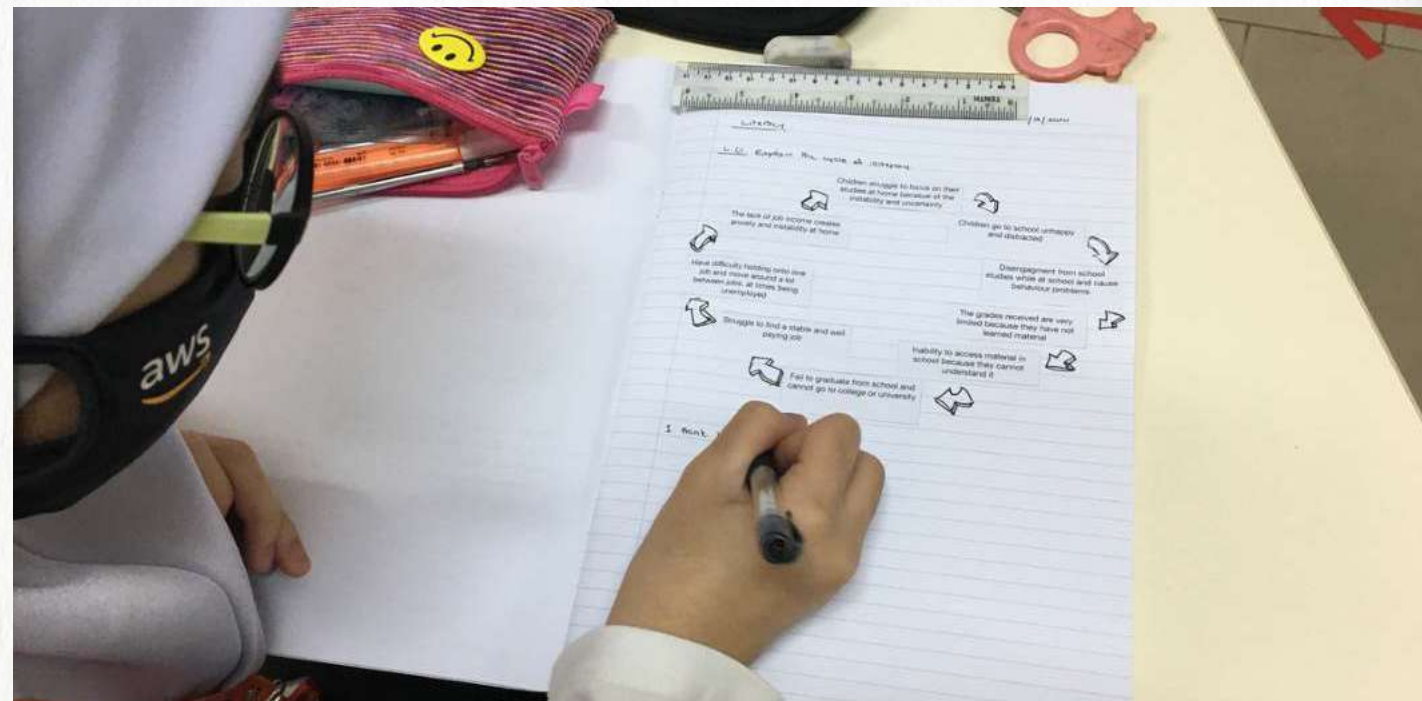
AWE- INSPIRING ART

*Drawing of an eye
by Tan Li Xin,
Year 9*



Learning about Literacy

As Friday was International Literacy Day, the Year 10 Global Perspectives class this week looked at the importance of literacy in one's life from school into adulthood. The students learned about the cycle of illiteracy and how it can be so difficult to break out from. In these photos, we can see a student completing the cycle of illiteracy and we also captured a couple personal perspectives from students about the cycle of illiteracy.



Language for Learning



For Biology in Year 10, we have learned about the Dichotomous key. The Dichotomous key is a set of instructions used to identify unknown organisms by using descriptions of observable features. For the paper attached, there are several animals included, for example, butterfly, frog, snake, newt etc. We attempted to make a dichotomous key on our own with the animals in the paper, which most of us succeeded to do so. In the end, our teacher corrected some of our mistakes made while creating the key and we were able to learn something completely new. *Kwan Wei Cheng, Year 10R*

THOUGHTS OF YEAR 11

Elise Wei Sin Lau



What subject do you feel confident about and why?

I am particularly confident in Maths because I don't need to memorise a lot of points and knowledge to score.

What subject do you feel less confident about and why?

I am not so confident about Economics as there are a lot of key points and terms that I have to be extremely familiar with. I may achieve better grades by doing past year papers, revising and reading more news articles related to Economics

Junior 1

$$\text{🦉} + \text{🦊} = 7$$

$$+ + = 9$$

$$= =$$

$$10 \quad 6$$

$$\text{🦊} + \text{🦉} + \text{🦉} = ?$$

Junior 2

$$\text{🎱} + \text{🏈} = 11$$

$$+ + = 11$$

$$\text{🏐} + 7 = 11$$

$$= =$$

$$10 \quad 12$$

$$\text{🏈} \times \text{🏐} + \text{🎱} = ?$$

HOW TO PLAY?

Find the value for ? based on the values of the different emojis on the puzzles. You must follow the rules of BODMAS.

WEEKLY MATHS CHALLENGE

Senior 1

$$6 \times \text{🏈} = 60$$

$$+ + = 38$$

$$\text{🏈} + \text{🏐} = 32$$

$$= =$$

$$22 \quad 32$$

$$\text{🏈} + \text{🏈} + \text{🏐} = ?$$

Senior 2

$$\text{🌿} + \text{🦊} = 21$$

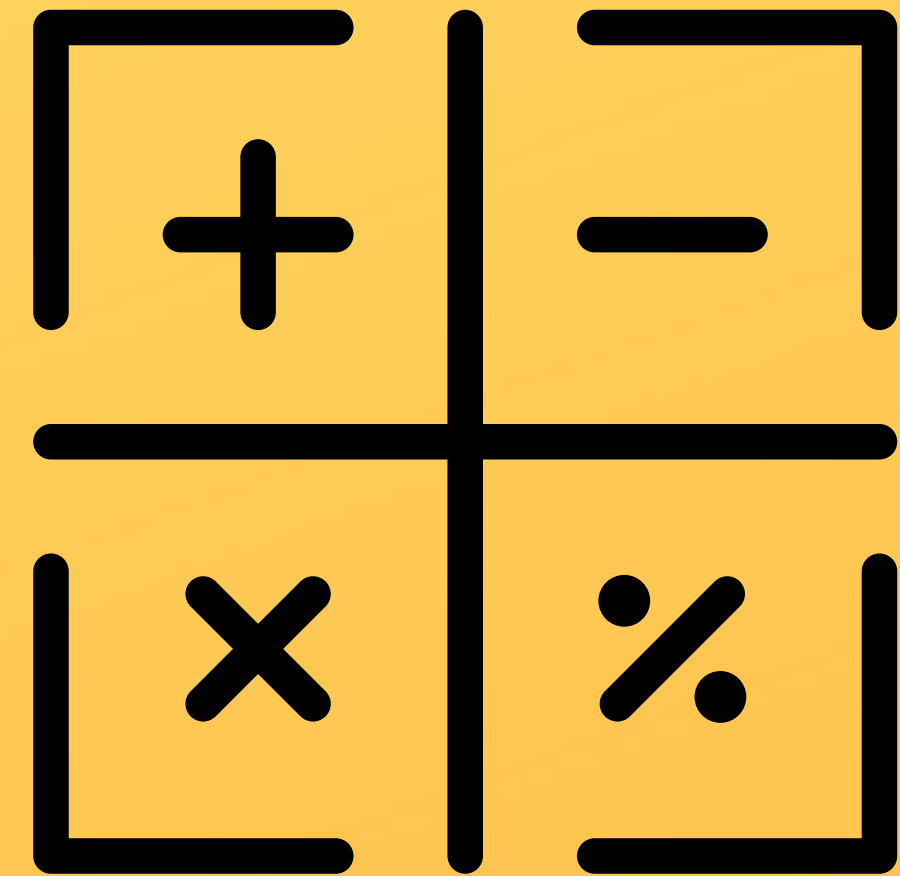
$$\times + = 154$$

$$\text{🦊} \times 22 = 154$$

$$= =$$

$$112 \quad 27$$

$$\text{🌿} \times \text{🦊} + \text{🦊} = ?$$



Answers will appear next week

[Answer for weekly challenge will be revealed next week]

WEEKLY MATHS CHALLENGE

Junior 1

$$3 + 7 = 10$$

$$+ +$$

$$8 + 4 = 12$$

$$= =$$

$$11 \quad 11$$

$$6 \times 8 + 4 = 52$$

Senior 1

$$13 \times 24 = 312$$

$$+ \times$$

$$14 \times 6 = 84$$

$$= =$$

$$27 \quad 144$$

$$6 \times 12 + 26 = 98$$

Junior 2

$$8 + 5 = 13$$

$$+ +$$

$$6 + 2 = 8$$

$$= =$$

$$14 \quad 7$$

$$8 \times 6 + 10 = 58$$

Senior 2

$$8 \times 14 = 112$$

$$+ \times$$

$$12 + 8 = 20$$

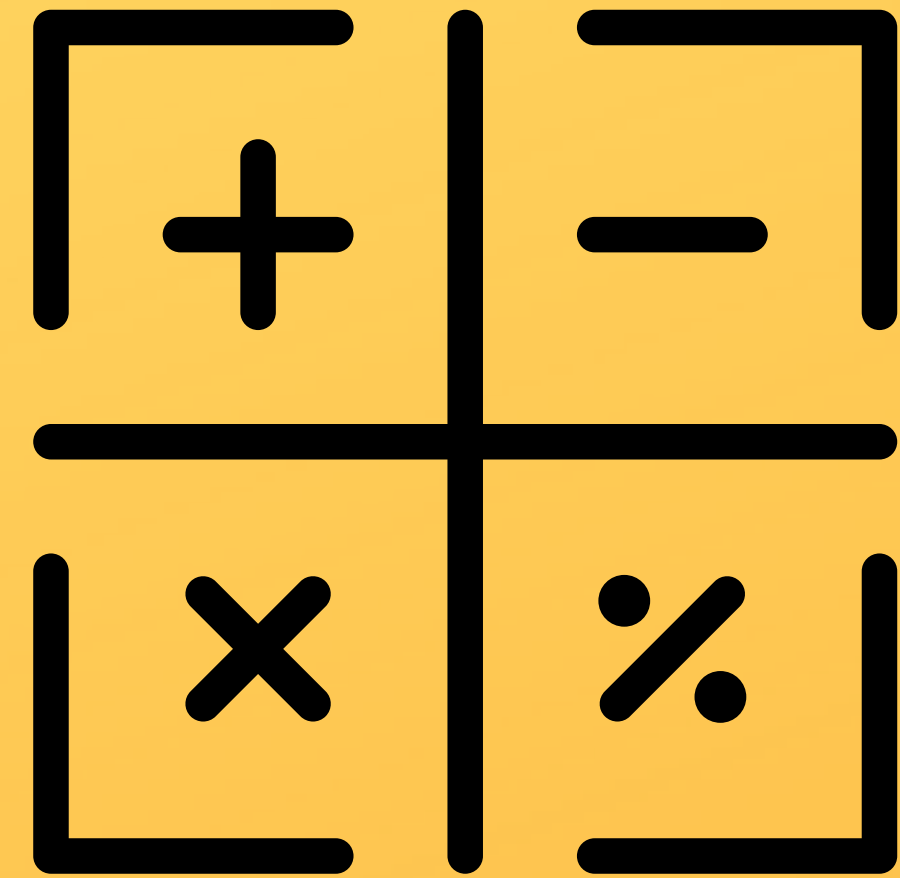
$$= =$$

$$20 \quad 112$$

$$6 \times 16 + 8 = 104$$

HOW TO PLAY?

Find the value for ? based on the values of the different emojis on the puzzles. You must follow the rules of BODMAS.



Answers to the last challenge

Upcoming Events and Activities

Monday 14th September

- Term 1 CCA starts

Tuesday 15th September

- Secondary Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September

- Mid-Autumn Festival

