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STAR OF THE WEEK

Tan Kim Guan is very responsible and disciplined. He always completes his homework on time. He participates actively in class discussions and performs excellently in all the class activities. He always tries his level best to attempt a question even though he might be wrong. We are proud to name him the Star of the Week for all the exemplary qualities that he possess. Keep it up!

> Rafflesia Private Schools Semester 1/21 Week 3 and 4

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Tan Kim Guan

Form 5 Respect



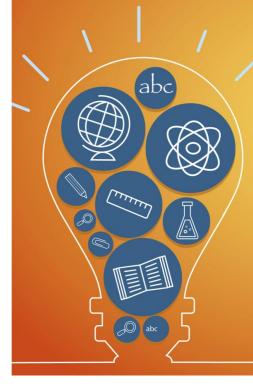
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

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Dear Parents and Guardians, Greetings, from Rafflesia. I hope everybody is staying safe at home or at work.



This is the last week of January and we are moving forward very quickly. The weeks in January are filled with interesting activities due to the diverse methods of online teaching by our teachers. Clearly, an excellent achievement to both our students and teachers. We will continue to provide the best solution to support our students' online learning.

As we all know, the MCO 2 is extended and should end by 4th February. The school will continue to update parents with the latest news on related matters. In the meantime, we look forward to planning a Virtual Chinese New Year Celebration amidst the lockdown; a celebration that has been a tradition at Rafflesia. This is the year of the Metal Ox. Let us all pray the Metal Ox year will bring us peace, health and wealth.

On behalf of Rafflesia, we wish you a Happy Chinese New Year. Do take care, stay healthy and enjoy some quality time with your family.

> Madam Zainab Batin Principal Rafflesia Private Schools Kajang

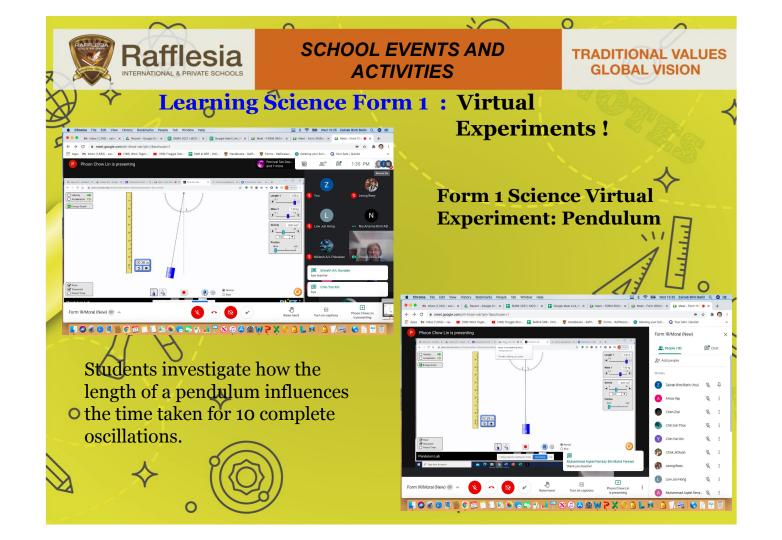
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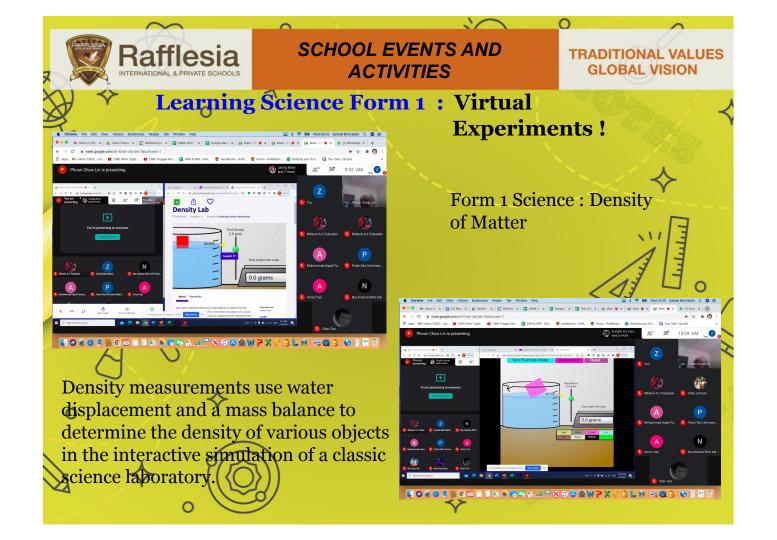
Learning Science : Virtual Experiments !

Science is a subject related to laboratory activities. It is a knowledge of natural phenomena involving inquiry and discovery through hands-on activities and experiments under the guidance of the teachers (Copriady, 2014).

Studies show that Virtual Laboratories or virtual experiments are o able to enhance students' problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, conceptual understanding, science process skills, lab skills, motivation, interest, perception and learning outcomes (Ramadhan & Irwanto, 2017).

Conducting virtual experiments during online lessons can support learning if it is conducted in a proper manner. At Rafflesia, teachers are taking a bold step to teach their students scientific concepts using virtual experiment applications.





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Exciting Learning Tools : Mathematics

Research shows that teachers can integrate technology to help students grasp mathematical procedures and develop advanced mathematical proficiencies.

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) added that technological tools are necessary for engaging students.

(https://www.educationworld.com/node/45806)

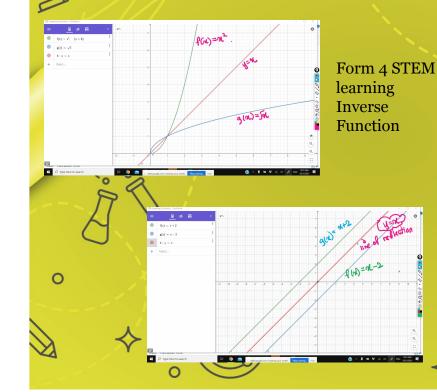
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At Rafflesia, teachers are very resourceful in providing tools for deeper understanding, especially for online learning.

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Exciting Learning Tools : Geogebra



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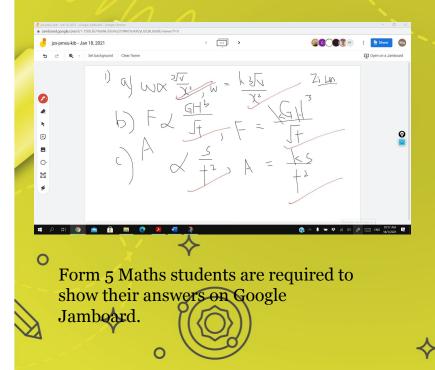
It is a dynamic mathematics software that brings together geometry, algebra, spreadsheets, graphing, statistics and calculus in one easy-to-use package.

Students can have a better illustration to further understand Maths, especially for graphs by using Geogebra software.

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Exciting Learning Tools : Google Jamboard



Jamboard is an interactive whiteboard system developed by Google as part of Google Workspace. Students and teachers can interact through Google Jamboard real-time

The teacher will correct students in real-time if there are any mistakes.

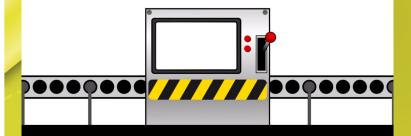
Teachers monitor students' progress and assist instantly just like in traditional physical lessons.

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Exciting Learning Tools : You Tube Educational Video

if a function = f(x)

the inverse function is determined algebraically

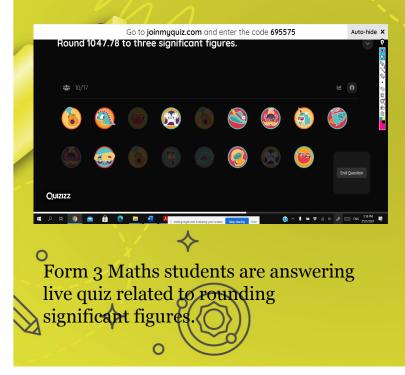


Form 4 Add Maths students learned the properties of inverse functions by watching a YouTube video shared by the teacher.
 Students now have a clearer understanding of inverse functions.

An eLearning videos can be a very powerful learning tool, as they add a dynamic element to your eLearning courses, improve knowledge transfer demonstrate complex? procedures, and help explain difficult topics. They can also be particularly entertaining and re-watched as many times as your learners wish. (https://elearningindustry.co m/8-important-reasons-youtu <u>be-part-elearning-course#:~:t</u> ext=You%20can%20use%20Yo uTube%20videos,has%20a%20 voice%20in%20YouTube.)

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Exciting Learning Tools : Online Quiz using Quizizz



Assessment of learning is a very important component in teaching and learning.

There are many ways of assessing learning. Simple and quick assessments can be used to gauge students' understanding.

Quizizz is one of the best quizzing tools recommended for teachers o and students.

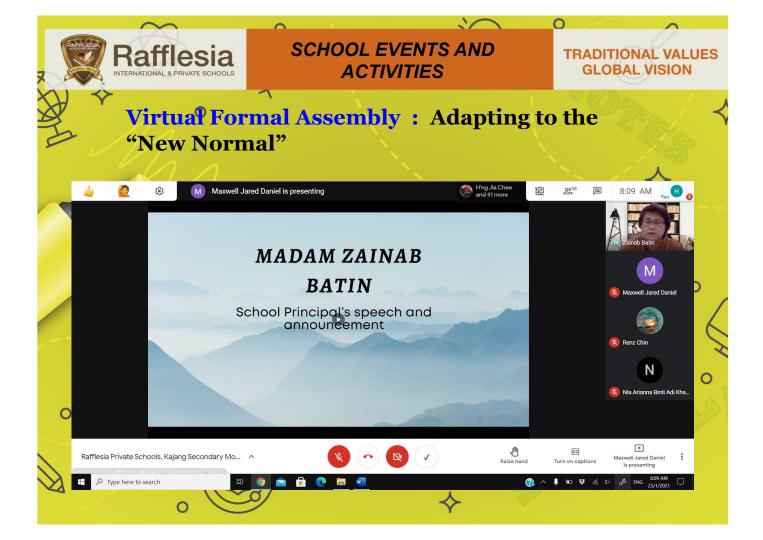
(https://www.commonsense.org/ education/articles/the-best-quiz-a nd-game-show-apps-for-classroo ms)

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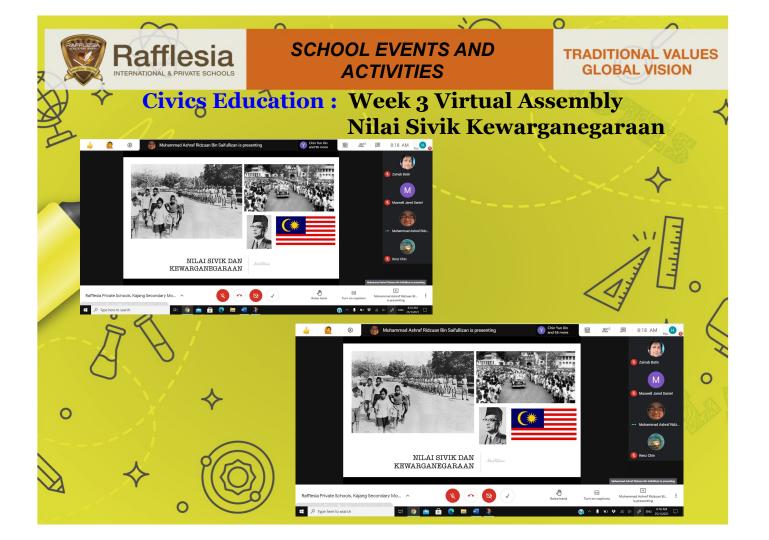
Virtua[®] Formal Assembly : Adapting to the "New Normal"

Adapting to the new normal is not an issue at Rafflesia. Every Monday morning, all students will join a link to attend a Formal Virtual Assembly. Certainly an event not to be missed as everybody must listen to the Principal Address and Important Announcement.

Morning assemblies are important. A school is an institution and like any institution, everyone needs to assemble and meet up regularly to carry out all their duties and be well informed about the school happenings. School is the foundation of a student's life and it helps them to maintain their focus and motivation for learning. The activities carried out during assemblies has the potential to nurture and maintain a positive, healthy school culture which binds everyone together. It is a routine that helps build a good culture of communication.







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Visual Arts : Chinese New Year e Card Design



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Form-3 students applied their skills in digital graphic design by producing Chinese New Year e-Cards,

They practice their (proficiency in Canva software by organising o and composing the visual elements into one cohesive design.









Important Reminders

- Classroom Based Assessment 1
 Classroom Based Assessment 1 will be conducted during Online Class Hours, 1st - 5th March, 2021
- Coffee Morning Session 2 Virtual Coffee Morning will be conducted on Thesday, February at 8.00 am. Stay tune for the Google Meet Link which will be shared via email.
- Virtual Chinese New Year Celebration is scheduled on Monday, 8th February, 2021 during our Special Assembly. Google Meet Link will be shared via email. All are invited to join and celebrate the new year of the Metal Ox!

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Important Reminders

- Study Skills Camp for Examination Classes
 (Form 3 and 5) 23rd 26th February.
 A special programme to equip exam class students with study and time management skills: this prepares them for their upcoming public examinations in October and November 2021.
- School Holidays

School will be taking a short break to celebrate • the Chinese New Year. Virtual School will be closed 11th - 19th February and will reopen on 22nd February. Happy Holidays!

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The Digital Leader Guide to Being Safe Online

SAFE: keep your personal information safe

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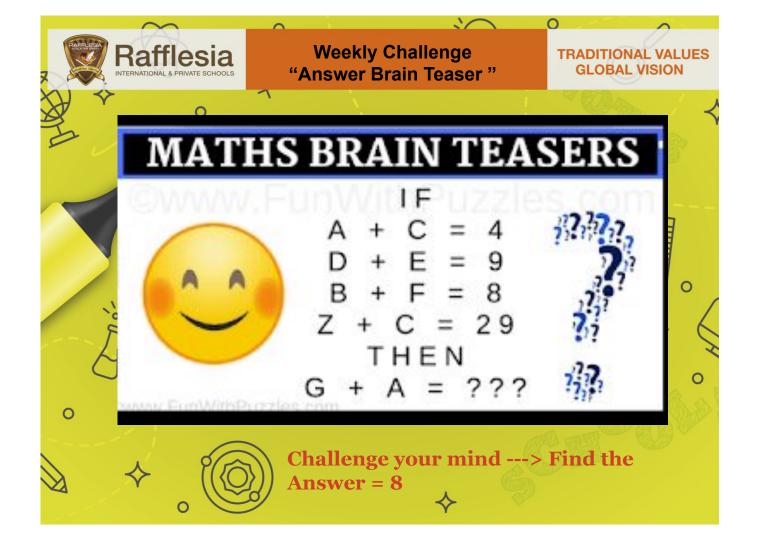
- **MEET:** do not agree to meet anyone you only know online
- ACCEPTING: think carefully before accepting anything online!
- **RELIABLE:** you cannot trust everything you see online
- **TELL:** tell an adult about anything which makes you unhappy
- **BE SMART WITH A HEART:** treat everyone with respect

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Reminder of essential items for students during Online Classes

• Online Class Timetable

- Google Meet Links Subject/Homeroom Teachers posted on Quickschools.
 - Google Classroom (Subjects) Online Resources@ Digital textbooks and other materials.
 - / Laptop and a good internet connection.
- Conducive Room/Area for Online Class (Good lighting with less disturbance and noise), a chair and a study table.





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