

One World International School Middle School Newsletter



Message from the Head of School

Our Middle School students have continued to take a very active role in our school and proved themselves to be excellent role models for our younger students. The Grade 6/7 production of *The Wicklin Smiths* enthralled our younger children and parents alike. Well done to all students who sat their first exams without any undue stress and determination to do their best. Happy Christmas to all students and teachers who deserve a well earned break.

Ms Elaine Goddard-Tame



Term 2 Middle School Moments

To prepare for the Christmas Bazaar, students gave up their own time to make cards and gift tags to sell on the Middle School stall. Some were created as part of a production line system and others were personally handcrafted from start to finish by individual students. All the cards and tags were sold at the Bazaar and we raised \$97.00 towards the OWIS final total of almost \$1000 donated to Sanctuary House.



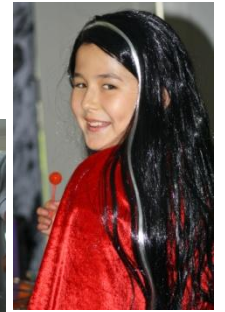
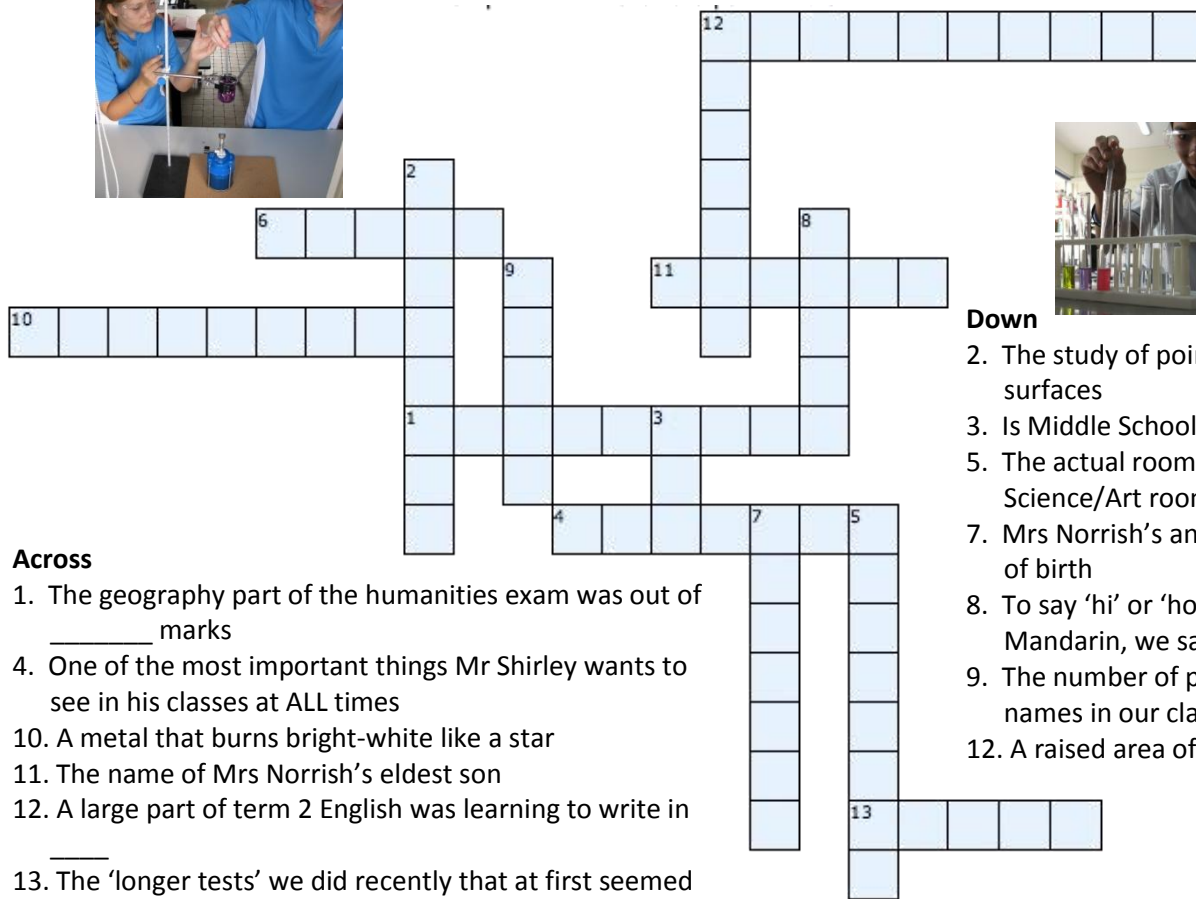
The Halloween disco was a time to dress up, eat, dance and try out the various party games!



Middle school students once again proved how talented they are when they danced, sang and acted in the Christmas Concert. Their form presentation was an adaptation of the Dr Seuss story "How the Grinch stole Christmas".



Middle School Crossword Puzzle



Down

2. The study of points, lines, curves and surfaces
3. Is Middle School a cool place to be?
5. The actual room number of the Science/Art room
7. Mrs Norrish's and Mrs Shirley's country of birth
8. To say 'hi' or 'how are you?' in Mandarin, we say _____
9. The number of people with hyphenated names in our class
12. A raised area of land that has a flat top

Across

1. The geography part of the humanities exam was out of _____ marks
4. One of the most important things Mr Shirley wants to see in his classes at ALL times
10. A metal that burns bright-white like a star
11. The name of Mrs Norrish's eldest son
12. A large part of term 2 English was learning to write in _____
13. The 'longer tests' we did recently that at first seemed scary but turned out to be fine

Message from the Deputy Head of School

Our school offers a great opportunity for younger students to have positive interactions with older ones. This places a great responsibility on our Grade 6 and 7 students. At times I observe them at playtime and think it must be a bit like having eighty plus younger siblings! However our current group of Grade 6 and 7 students do a great job. They interact with the younger students in a really positive way, whilst still managing to retain their own group identity. Their example really helps us reinforce our behavior policy. These relationships make being part of a small school very rewarding.

Mrs Alyson Rees

Equipment Reminder

Please take time during the holidays to re-stock pencil cases and other supplies. Students will receive a new diary, but are responsible for having the following items with them at all times at school:

Dictionary, scientific calculator, 30cm ruler, pens (black, blue and red), 2 highlighters, HB pencils, sharpener, eraser, coloured pencils, thumb drive (2gb with tie/strap), scissors, padlock.





Ancient Civilisations

This term in History we finished off political systems and have begun looking at ancient civilisations. Students will be researching and presenting a report on a specific civilisation of their own choosing. They will be looking specifically at how ancient civilisations still have an impact on modern society. Students seem to be very keen about this topic and I am expecting some excellent reports after the Christmas break.

Mr Paul Reardon



Our first Middle School adventure outing found us trekking all the way to the Singapore Expo to view the "Moving Masterpieces" exhibition.

In the pre-show hall we experienced features of Ancient China, showcasing elements of life of the Song Dynasty. Listening to information via a personal headset we were guided around the exhibition where there were things to read, touch, look at and be photographed with.

Moving in to the main hall we were amazed by the 128m x 6.5m digital painting, which moved through periods of day and night and included 1,068 animated characters. The painting tells the stories of the daily lives of people, both rich and poor, moving from the rural farm land with its abundance of crops and animals, through the grand City Gate and into the marketplace. The audio guide pointed out characters and happenings in the painting, really bringing it to life and making it more meaningful.

Our visit ended with a quick walk around the post show hall where we had the opportunity to buy souvenirs to remind us of our visit to the exhibition.



3 Amazing things that you didn't know about China

- Over 4000 babies in China were named "Olympic Games" whilst the country was getting ready for Beijing 2008**
- Ice Cream and Pasta may have been created in China**
A frozen mixture of milk and rice was invented in China around 200 BC, giving birth to ice cream. Also, a 4,000-year-old bowl of noodles was discovered at an archaeological site in western China, possibly demonstrating that China invented pasta before Italy.
- China uses 45 billion chopsticks per year**

In China, an estimated 45 billion pairs of disposable chopsticks are used and thrown away annually. This adds up to 1.7 million cubic metres of timber or 25 million fully grown trees every year.



Ms Cindy Chen



Science Department

Practical Science



Testing the melting points of metals.
Students took a 'sprig' of four metal types and held them in a Bunsen burner and observed the order in which the metals melted.



Measuring the temperature of ice/water/steam when heat is applied. Students saw water change through its 3 states and observed how the temperature changed over this period. We got sore arms!!!

Fish Tank Stuff

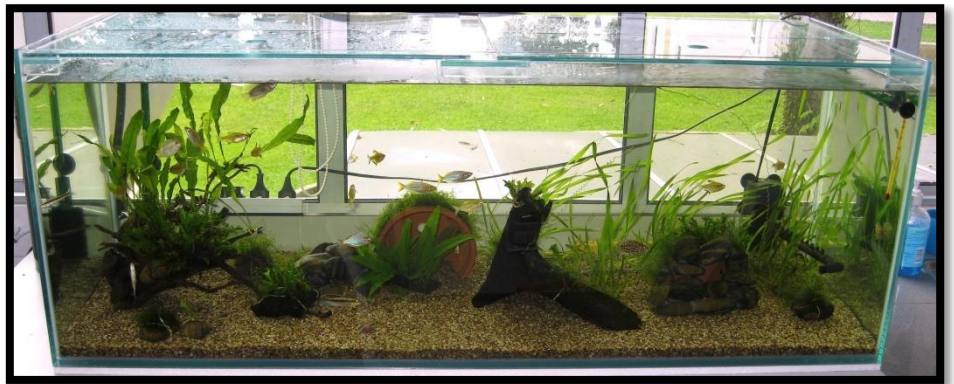


Before and After Photos

Above: The initial set-up of the tank

Below: How it looks now (total 3 months).

There is still a fair bit of plant-growing to do, but all the fish are finally in (the last ones went in a week ago), though most of them are still juveniles.



One of our favourite fish, the Leopard-spotted Bushfish, up close and personal. Will be the biggest (15cm) and longest-lived (approx. 10 years) fish in the tank, assuming we look after the pair of them! Currently they are only 4cm long – little babies!

