

Petaling Jaya, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Twelfth Newsletter School Year 2020/21

### Important Dates:

Until 07.06.2021	:	School is closed - teaching via e-learning, Kindergarten is open
<b>Wednesday, 26.05.2021</b>	:	<b>Public Holiday – Wesak Day</b>
Saturday, 29.05.2021, 7.00 pm	:	Prom for Abitur graduates, JW Marriott Hotel – <b>will be postponed to the week after June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>
Tuesday, 01.06.2021, 6.00 pm	:	Online information evening for the parents of the new first graders via Google Meet
<b>Monday, 07.06.2021</b>	:	<b>Public Holiday – King’s Birthday</b>
Sunday, 13.06.2021	:	Written DELF exams at the Alliance Française
Monday, 14.06. – Friday, 25.06.2021	:	Internship for Year 9 students
Sunday, 20.06.2021	:	Oral DELF exams at the Alliance Française
Wednesday, 23.06.2021	:	Report card conferences
Wednesday, 30.06.2021	:	Report card distribution
Wednesday, 30.06.2021	:	Last day in school and KiGa before the summer holidays, 11.00 am: end of lessons
<b>Thursday, 01.07.2021 – Friday, 13.08.2021</b>	:	<b>Summer holidays</b>
Thursday, 12.08.2021, 10.00 – 11.00 am	:	Orientation day for new families at kindergarten
Friday, 13.08.2021, 2.00 – 4.00 pm	:	Orientation day for new families at school
Monday, 16.08.2021	:	First day of school after the summer holidays
Friday, 20.08.2021, 10.00 am	:	Enrolment celebration for the new first graders

**All dates are available in our Online Calendar on the DSKL website.**



Dear Parents and Teachers, dear Students,

Some time has passed since our last newsletter, as we have communicated the current events and the resulting announcements for the DSKL in our info-mails at short notice.

Here is a brief overview of the events of the last few weeks: At the end of April, our students received their performance reports and many parents took advantage of our offer of an online parents' consultation day. The last day of school for our class 12 was on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the weeks after the Easter holidays were used to prepare for the oral Abitur exams. Despite the school being closed again, we were able to hold this year's oral Abitur examinations in the school under strict hygienic measures. Our candidates were all well prepared and the examinations were of a high standard. I am proud to announce today that this year all students of our class 12 passed their Abitur exams brilliantly. It should also be mentioned here that this year's class achieved the second-best Abitur average mark in the history of the DSKL with 2.0. Congratulations to all the Abitur students!

A big thank you also to the colleagues who successfully prepared and guided our students through the exams despite the challenges caused by the ongoing pandemic. Special thanks go to Mr. Zärl - Upper School coordinator and class teacher of class 12 - who organised and prepared the exams in a perfect manner.

Unfortunately, we had to close the school again from May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 onwards for face-to-face lessons and we are currently forced to conduct e-learning up to and including June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It remains to be confirmed if and when we will be allowed to return to face-to-face teaching.

Fortunately, the kindergarten is not affected by the closure and our youngest children were able to celebrate Hari Raya in the kindergarten last week.

#### New SOPs for travelling to school and entering the school premises

We ask all visitors to the school to follow the following rules and SOPs necessary for travelling to school and when entering the school grounds:

- For final year students taking examinations or written examinations, a pass from the school is sufficient for travelling to school. This must include the time of the examination. This also applies to inter-state and inter-district travel.
- A letter of permission from the police is necessary for the return of materials and for pick-ups by parents if an inter-state or inter-district travel is necessary for the journey to school. In this case, please contact the school for the issue of a letter confirming the exact date to request a permit from the police.
- Everyone present at the school - with the exception of students - must log in using the MySejahtera app. Only persons with "Low Risk" and "Casual Contact - Low Risk" status are allowed to enter the school premises.
- Temperature must be checked at the entrance.
- All persons must wear a mask in the school at all times.

#### Jörg Hilbert's book workshop at the primary school

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 a special event took place in the primary school: Jörg Hilbert, the author of many children's books, explained to us in an online event how he creates his books. He also read a short Ritter Rost story to the children and answered many questions from our interested students. Everyone had a lot of fun with this activity and all are now eager to start writing their own stories.

#### DSKL Website

Unfortunately, our website has been unavailable for quite some time due to technical difficulties. It was necessary to rebuild the website and we are working hard to provide you with the usual information again as soon as possible. A first version of the new DSKL website is expected to be available next week. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding. For the latest announcements, please refer to our newsletters and info-mails. Further information will also be posted on Facebook.

#### Winners of the DSKL Art Competition 2021

From the end of March to the end of April 2021, the creativity of our students was once again in demand: by participating in the Art Competition 2021, they were able to send in their works and thus design the cover of the new homework booklet or the cover of this year's yearbook.

This year, unfortunately, fewer artworks were submitted than in previous years, and only by students from the Primary School and classes 5 and 6. Therefore, all participants this year automatically applied for both covers. Nevertheless, we are very excited about the proposals, we thank all the students for their contributions and congratulate the winners!

#### The winners of the cover for the next homework booklet:

1st place: Eva, Aliyah, Leonie and Elisa (Grade Z(4)), 2nd place: Melina (Grade 6) and Sienna (Grade 5),  
3rd place: Alastair (Grade 5).

#### The winners of the cover for this year's yearbook:

1st place: Cedric (Grade Z(4)), 2nd place: Addeen (Grade 5), 3rd place: Celina (Grade 5) and Katelyn (Grade 6).

The small prizes for the winners will be presented by the class teachers as soon as the face-to-face lessons are back and eight of the nominated pictures will be featured in our yearbook (e-book).

### Prom for Abitur graduates 2021

Due to the current MCO, the Abitur Ball cannot take place on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as planned. We will try to make up for the ceremony in the week after June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and will inform you accordingly. Of course, all tickets purchased will be refunded if the ceremony cannot be made up or if guests are unable to attend the event on the new date. We will inform you immediately as soon as there are any news in this regard.

### Online information evening for the parents of the new first graders

On Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, an online information evening for the parents of our future first graders will take place via Google-Meet at 6.00 pm. Parents have already received an invitation. The corresponding link for the meeting will be sent out in the coming days.

### School books for the new school year

As described in the last newsletter, the school books can be passed on to the following classes in the next school year.

During the week of June 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 you will have the opportunity to distribute your old books in the respective classrooms. If you wish to donate your books, you do not need to mark them separately. In case you would like to sell the books, the Parents' Council asks you to mark the book with your name and the desired price (on a sticker). For further organisational reasons, please contact your parent representative.

The "book bazaar" will be staggered for the collection so that we can comply with the SOPs. A parent representative from each class will be on site for this. Books for the next school year can be collected from 2pm on as follows:

<b>Thursday 24.06.2021</b>	<b>Friday 25.06.2021</b>
Class 5	Class 8
Class 6	Class 9
Class 7	Class 10
	Class 11

Furthermore, we would be very happy to receive donations of reading books for the primary school (Zebra reading book for classes 1 - 4), as these will be provided to the students as class sets in the future.

If you need more book lists of different classes, please send us a short email to [public@dskl.edu.my](mailto:public@dskl.edu.my) . We look forward to your support so that as many books as possible can be reused in the new school year.

### Toy donations for the primary school

The primary school is looking for donations for the toy box in the playground. If you have balls, skipping ropes or similar outdoor toys that you no longer need, we would be delighted to receive your donation. We are also very interested in board games for the primary school to offer more varieties during the breaks in the classroom. You are welcome to hand in your contributions to Ms. Lee Li at the reception.

### De-registrations at the end of the school year

Please inform us as soon as possible of any de-registrations of your children at the end of the school year so that we can take them into account when planning for the new school year. Please find attached the de-registration forms for the DSKL and the School Association (DSM). Thank you very much.

Best regards and stay positive

Konrad Menne, Principal

**Next newsletter : on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**