

# Newsletter

## German School Kuala Lumpur



Konrad Menne

### Dear school community,

I hope you were able to use the autumn vacation to relax and regain strength for everyday life. The previous weeks were once again very eventful for all of us. On 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022, DSKL was represented with three contributions at the reception of the German Embassy on the occasion of the German Unification Day at Tiffin at the Yard, Kuala Lumpur. Ms. Zander, along with students, prepared an exhibition about sustainability at the DSKL, which can be seen as exemplary for the contribution of public institutions to environmental protection. The administration and school management were represented with an information booth to promote the DSKL, at the same time our new art teacher Mrs. Haße, together with students from Grades 11 and 12 as well as a student from Grade 8 creatively decorated the "East Side Gallery", thus creating a reference to the Day of German Unity as well as to our host country, Germany.

On Wednesday before the autumn vacations, the primary school and the kindergarten celebrated Deepavali in the schoolyard. The celebration was prepared with a lot of engagement by the primary school and kindergarten team along with the parents. The atmosphere was very festive and the children did not want to stop dancing to the sound of the drums.



photo: Birgit Bartz, Excursion of Grade 1 on October 6, 2022

Anja Schupp

## Newsletter with a new look

### More content for the school community

Dear parents, dear students, dear readers!

You have noticed - our newsletter has been modernized and we hope that we can inspire you to read (and thus participate) even more than before! In the future, we want to take you with us visually into our school as often as possible, tell you about excursions and activities and even publish a guest article or two from alumni, students, staff or parents.

Of course, the overview of upcoming events, which is the most important element for many of you will still be there, as well as reports on pedagogical backgrounds and current topics in the school.

And since every beginning is difficult, we also know that there is certainly room for further improvement. So of course, we want to know: how do you like our new concept? Is it an incentive for you to read more from us? Do you have ideas for additional sections? Have you always missed certain information that could now find its place? We look forward to hearing from you and are already eager to hear your suggestions.

With this in mind - make yourself comfortable and look up what has been going on with us lately and what will happen in the future.

Warmly regard,  
Anja Schupp



### Important dates in November

01.	„TAG DAY“ and „Toy Day“ in the kindergarten	16.	4.00 – 8.00 pm Parent Consultation Day (individual consultations for Grades 1 - 12)
02.-04.	Grade 10: Social work	19.	DSKL Football-Cup (Grade 5 - 11)
04.	<b>Pedagogical day - no lessons in school and kindergarten</b>	21. -25.	Development Talks in the Kindergarten
07.	Joint breakfast of the preschool and Grade 1 in the school	24.	Excursion of the kindergarten to the Taman Aman
09.	„TAG DAY“ in school	27.	GSSKL Christmas Bazaar, Glasshouse Seputeh 2.00 – 8.00 pm
09.	Pedagogical class conferences start at 2.00 pm	28.	Visit of the pre-schoolers to the library
11.	Distribution of the first interim report of achievements for the students of Grades 5 – 12	29.	Excursion of the primary school to the skating rink together with Grade 7
11.	St. Martin's Day activities in the kindergarten	30.	Advent afternoon in the kindergarten for parents, children and teachers

### Important dates in December

06.	Visit from St. Nikolaus in the kindergarten and primary school	12.	<b>Public holiday – Sultan of Selangor's Birthday – no lessons</b>
07./08.	6.30 – 8.00 pm DSKL Christmas Concert	16.	Last school day before Christmas vacations
		19.12.2022 – 06.01.2023	<b>Christmas vacations</b>

Or online anytime on our homepage







photos: Eugénie Zander, Sena Ekinici

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# Excursion to Paradise Valley

Team Building

Our team building days for Grades 2-11 took place at Paradise Valley Resort Broga Hill from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 022. The mood was extremely good and everyone was happy to spend time together outside of class - doing various activities.

The children and teachers enjoyed kayaking, climbing and hiking immensely. The students' teamwork skills were put to the test when building a raft, as well as when they had to climb a very high wall as a team. Helping each other and making use of the abilities of everyone in the team was the special challenge here.

Enclosed are some photographic impressions, which shall give you a few impressions.



photo: Thomas Mülle

Thomas Müller

# Jungle Clean-up

Always and everywhere

Raising awareness is one thing, showing commitment is another.

Ms. Zander showed the children just how easy it is to make a small contribution. Collecting trash and disposing of it in an environmentally friendly way is part of it.

Some students from Grade 7 had prepared themselves exceptionally well for the hike and had also thought of garbage bags. Thus, we were able to keep the jungle free of plastic, glass bottles, shoe soles and even a pair of woollen gloves during our descent from Broga Hill. Unfortunately, the garbage bags were filled up way too fast and although it is obviously always a pity to find garbage in nature, we were especially happy about one finding: big plastic bags! Because this way the collecting could continue and, in the end, we had a total of **seven** full bags and made the jungle a bit more beautiful.



Laura Hillert

# Excursion to Paradise Village

Team Building

Around 120 students from DSKL were divided among three buses and headed to "Paradise Valley" at Broga Hills for our team event this year. Grades 2-4 got to try out a variety of activities for one day and Grades 5-11 for two days. Upon arrival, the children first fortified themselves with a hearty breakfast before tackling the subsequent hike up Broga Hills.

All classes set out together to conquer the mountain through the overgrown jungle. The trail led us along stone walls, over fallen tree trunks and we pulled ourselves up steep slopes with ropes. With a lot of sweat and strength, almost everyone made it to the top and was able to pose for the winning picture.

As soon as all the students had arrived back at the valley in good shape, they began to feast at the buffet. The drink dispenser was especially beloved by the elementary school students. With the sugar boost and an ample exercise break, everyone was ready for climbing on the tower. On a timed basis, the children were able to face the tower with climbing safety and climb up to the top. Despite many efforts, they could not surpass the record time from Grade 5. In the meantime, the students could spend their time in the rabbit enclosure and on the swings.



photos: Dorothee Amann



Afterwards, they proceeded to the archery activity, where the children were asked to shoot 10 arrows each at the target after a short introduction. Indeed, some of the children showed unexpected marksmanship and were visibly motivated to surpass each other.

The subsequent break was also used for packing and saying farewell, so that we could make our way back shortly thereafter.

It was an exciting, thrilling and joyous trip with the DSKL, which the children and the teachers enjoyed very much. We are already looking forward to the upcoming excursion!



## Aquaria KLCC

Underwater world

On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022, the entire elementary school went to the "Aquaria KLCC." After a joint breakfast, we headed off toward the city centre. All of us waited excitedly in front of the doors of the aquarium, which at 10 o'clock opened its gates for us. Now we could finally marvel at the underwater world and look into the increasingly eager eyes of the children. In addition to numerous different species of fish, there were sharks, turtles, rays, jellyfish, horseshoe crabs and seals to marvel at. A particular highlight was the underwater tunnel made of glass, where huge sharks and rays swam over our heads.

Afterwards, we went to the adjacent KLCC Park to let off steam on the large playground. Luckily, we made it back to the mall in time before a big rainstorm hit Kuala Lumpur. Happy and (fortunately) dry, we took the bus back to school, where lunch concluded the eventful day and the children were then released contentedly for their vacations.







Fotos: Franziska Gleißner

Suzann Haße

# Art project for Unity Day

The Brandenburg Gate as symbol of Unity

For this year's celebration of German Unity Day organized by the Embassy, our students artistically approached German history and decorated an area in Tiffin at the Yard with typical landmarks. Jaron Stepputat recreated the Brandenburg Gate, which after the fall of the Berlin Wall went from a memorial of division to a symbol of German unity by using Styrofoam. Franziska Gleißner, Johanna Kaiser and Karen van der Waal implemented their own interpretation in the style of Keith Haring and designed four 2.5-meter-high wall stones which will decorate the school's entrance area in the future.

The colourful results of Grade 8 were on display as postcards. They also designed the Brandenburg Gate in accordance with the style of the "Festival of Lights" in Berlin, where every year in October many landmarks, sights and interesting places of recent Berlin history are staged with light installations. Landmarks of other German cities were also put up by the Grade 10's students with vibrancy and colour.



Eugenie Zander

# Sustainability at the DSKL

Exhibition of the DSKL at the Unity Celebration of the Embassy

In response to the Embassy's invitation to jointly design the Unity Day, the DSKL gladly accepted the given theme "Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change".

We asked in our exhibition, "What do you think about Climate Change?" And just answered with ONE word. Varied answers such as "urgent" and "act" were gathered.

Our goal was to attract attention. Then came the questions for deeper reflection.

- Is technological innovation able to save our planet?
- Has sustainability become a marketing tool?
- Can companies be sustainable while maximising profit?
- When consumption increases, the use of natural resources grows. Can we decelerate consumption in a capitalistic economy?

Reflection, debate, critical thinking, this is exactly what we want and promote at DSKL! Through projects such as Environment Day, various exhibitions, lectures and the thematization in class about how we want to live together in the future, we raise our awareness of this issue and promote more sustainable behaviour.

Our exhibition included photos and posters from Environment Days organized in the school, projects on human rights, the Clean-Plate Challenge, Meat-Free Friday, the Run for Peace and other actions.

This led to fruitful and interesting discussions with visitors, such as the NGO Zero Waste, Sunway University. Exchanged with others: "Nature changes anyway!"

It is only a beginning, but every path begins with the first step.

**„Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.“**

U.N. Definition of Sustainability  
Reference: Brundtland (mission), U.N. 1987



Foto: Elisabeth Stuckart



Dorothee Amann

# Deepavali celebration of primary school and kindergarten children

## Colourful Festival of Light

On 12<sup>th</sup> October, DSKL celebrated Deepavali, an Indian Festival of Lights. During Deepavali (or Diwali), Hindus celebrate the festival of lights for their goddess of luck, Lakshmi, as well as the victory of good over evil.

Festively dressed in Indian costumes, both parents and children came to the DSKL which was decorated with lanterns and lights.

The celebration was inaugurated by drummers, creating an atmospheric mood among children and adults with their rhythm and enthusiasm. It was followed by a body percussion by Grades 3 and 4 as well as a dance by Grades 1 and 2 led by music teacher, Mr. Kenny Lee. There was also a beautiful light dance performed by the kindergarten. The Indian dance troupe amazed the audience with their performance and then introduced interested children to their dance art.

Elated by the colourful and melodious opening, the event proceeded with various stations where parents and their children could try out traditional Deepavali customs. Lotus flowers were folded, clay lamps were painted, jasmine necklaces were braided in the hair and those who wanted could have their hands artistically painted with henna. In addition, beautiful Rangoli (mandala of coloured rice) were designed. At one station, the children could observe how the traditional pastry Murukku is made. And of course, they were also allowed to taste it afterwards. Big thanks go to all the parents who provided Indian snacks for the physical wellbeing of the children.

The crowning moment was the joint dance which the children had rehearsed with the dance group. At the end, everyone clapped and danced along. Thus, the colourful festival of light came to an atmospheric moment.



# German Unity Day in kindergarten

## 3<sup>rd</sup> October became a day in black-red-gold

In spite of a few air miles between the two countries, German Unity Day was also vigorously celebrated in Malaysia on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.

Both the kindergarten children and the teachers appeared on this special occasion, dressed in the colours of Germany, and those who wanted to were also given a flag to decorate their cheeks.

During the sports lessons in the Cobra Club, German competition games were played with flags, funny German-coloured hats and wristbands. Upon returning from sports, everyone had a great breakfast buffet with many different (German) treats, cheese, pretzels and rolls, yogurt, blueberries, strawberries, grapes, ..... mmhhhhh that was yummy! Many thanks to all parents for the great German buffet!

After taking a group photo in black-red-gold, the children were able to play extensively in the garden.

The children of the kindergarten were able to experience German history in an action-oriented way during the final circle. The wall was rebuilt with small building blocks and fortunately torn down again afterwards.

After this pleasant and informative morning, the German flags continued to wave gently in the wind on the way home.

## Fire Alarm & Amok-Alarm Drill

### Well-equipped for emergencies

A fire alarm and amok alarm are rehearsed during every school semester. This ensures that everyone is well prepared in case of an emergency. These were held on 3rd and 4th October. It is especially necessary for our new students and staff to practice this on a regular basis. All went perfectly.



photo: Elisabeth Stuckart



photo: Julia Schwehla

We would like to thank the German Embassy for the decorative donations.



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General Meeting of the German School Society  
Malaysia (DSM)

Election of the Board



On 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022, the Board of Directors of the German School Society Malaysia was newly elected during the annual General Meeting. We would like to congratulate the following members of the Board for their nomination or re-election:

- Andreas Winnen, President
- Daniel Bernbeck, Vice-President
- Dr. Torsten Friedel, Treasurer
- Cathrin Sauret, Secretary
- Mikko Gastager, Assessor (1)
- Miriam Shastri, Assessor (2)
- Harald Reising, Assessor (3)

Administration

DSKL Christmas Concert at  
the French School (LFKL)

Oh, you joyful one!

This year, we are planning to hold our Christmas concert in the auditorium at the French School Kuala Lumpur (LFKL). At the moment, we have two evenings planned for this: December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We will provide you with more detailed information regarding this in due time.



Student council

Invitation to the Halloween Party,  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Booh!

On Friday, there will finally be another party at school. The SV cordially invites the students of grades 5 - 12 in their spookiest costumes to the Halloween Party in our theatre room, which will be decorated befitting the occasion. In addition to music and dancing, there will be various games as well as a contest. Many thanks to the SV for organizing this auspicious event, as well as to the teachers who have agreed to supervise that evening. Even though the announcement is a bit sudden, our student council is looking forward to welcoming many party guests on that evening. Students are kindly ad-vised to bring some money for admission (RM5 or RM7 for non-costumed guests) and drinks. Light snacks will be provided free of charge. Also, please remember to pick up children from school on time not later than 10pm. Enclosed you will also find a flyer for the party created by the SV.



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School & Information

Issue of the 1st performance report

In the middle of each school semester, the students in Grades 5 - 12 will receive their interim report of achievements, summarizing their performance so far during that semester. Interim reports will be distributed to the students on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please note that these reports will not additionally be sent electronically.

Parent Consultation Day

On Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we will hold Parent Consultation Day for this school semester from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Starting from Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, you will be able to reserve the desired individual appointments with the subject and class teachers. We will inform you well in advance regarding the method of reserving appointments for the parent-teacher conferences-

DSKL Football-Cup

On November 19<sup>th</sup> 2022, we will have our DSKL Football Cup this year. We will compete in 3 age group (boys & girls). We certainly hope that many international schools will be there despite the local elections that will be held on that day. Our players are yet to be informed through a separate letter to the parents.







Goodness gracious!

Church services of the church parishes

Guests are always welcome to all services!

Catholic church services

„Guter Hirte“

29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022 4.00 pm Eucharistic celebration with Father Sahner from Singapore at CCM

Protestant church services

Community Malaysia (EKM), 11:00 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2022 Family service at the residence of the German ambassador

11<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 Family service with Pastor Happel from Singapore at CCM with confirmation class

29<sup>th</sup> Apr 2023 Family service with Pastor Happel from Singapore at CCM possibly with confirmation classes

24<sup>th</sup> Jun 2023 Family service with Pastor Happel from Singapore at CCM

The services are usually held in the CCM Ecumenical Centre.  
Address: 26 Jalan Universiti, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor (gegenüber vom University Hospital)

Relations & Actions



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Mid of November 2022