

GIP NEWS

GEMS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PEARL CITY, PENANG (GIP)

Welcome from New GIP Principal

By Glen Mundy, Principal

Welcome to the first monthly issue of GIP News! It is with great pleasure that I do this as it means that our new school is coming alive in every sense. GIP News is designed to inform you about our upcoming events and activities, record our highlights, provide topical discussion and communicate directly to our school community.

For example, you will learn that our team at Little GEMS continues to show case the 'GEMS' way and is

the pathfinder for GIP, which will open in style in September. You will see from this issue that the school building is rising fast and taking shape.

It is our hope that within a few months we will be able to show you first hand these exciting new developments. For now I would like to thank all our present registered parents for their patience and to all prospective ones please come and see us or attend one of our special events like 'Meet the Principal'



where I will explain our curriculum and what we offer which is different from other schools in Penang. I look forward to meeting you all.

Next month: parental engagement

Special points of interest:

- **Saturdays April 25 & May 23rd at 10am join our "Meet the Principal" event at the Enrolment Centre**

GIP Building Update !

By S.G. Murali, Head of Operations



The overall construction progress is approximately at 65% with all the structural and most of the Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing (MEP) works completed.

The contractor has now mobilised the Nominated Sub-Contractors (NSCs) for ceiling, floor and wall finishes. We expect to start the Interior Design (ID) works by mid-May, anticipating 8-weeks of on site work.



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GEMS International School of Pearl City, Penang (GIP) will provide an excellent Early Years to Year 13 curriculum programme in the English language to students from Malaysia and around the world through an enriched Cambridge Primary/English National Curriculum. Our staff will teach and inspire excellence in both academic and life-long learning skills by continually reviewing and developing a curriculum promoting student success, modelling integrity and mutual respect, while nurturing a desire for a life-long love of learning.

Little GEMS Corner

By Alise Cook, Head, Little GEMS Penang

We are now entering our eighth month at Little GEMS, Penang and what an exciting time we have had. We opened in September with just a few children in each class and have steadily grown in numbers.

Our environment is set up to encourage children to be independent, responsible learners. Children can access the resources they need when they need them and are responsible for putting them back as well. Tidying up the classroom as well as teaching children about being responsible for their environment is actually quite mathematical:

*children have to consider shape and space when finding enough room for an item

*utilise problem solving when counting out how many pencils are missing or deciding if there are enough scissors, books or paper for all the class. Other everyday experiences like preparing snack or setting the table also give the children opportunities to use their new skills and knowledge.

At Little GEMS we make learning relevant for children helping

them to understand the importance of Maths or creating a need for them to use their English. Children remember things that are important and useful to them, not necessarily something that they are asked to memorise or learn for no reason.

Above all we want to show children that learning is fun and exciting.



Little GEMS students dressing up as Elsa and Cinderella (above) and Jack (left) from Jack and the Beanstalk at the recent Book Week Assembly